



# IN BLACK & WHITE

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## FROM THE HEADMASTER

We have just under two weeks to go, to the end of this extraordinary year. For some the start of a rest period, but all sorts of activity will break out on the campus. We are hosting a number of school Prize Givings and carol services, junior schools will be visiting the Chapel to leave Christmas gifts at the Cathedral's usual Christmas tree, and we have a number of other public functions using our facilities. At the same time, floor levellers are moving into (or rather under) the dining hall to lower the floor so that dropped apples will no longer roll briskly to the side walls as they have done since February. Most of Harper/Julius is now stripped out ready for repairs once all consents are in place, and that project is proceeding well. Accelerated progress should be visible from now on. I am told the builders have found some interesting antiquities, not all of them worthy of public exhibition. Archaeology in a boys' school is always going to be 'interesting', and rightly so. The Chapman Block is also, of course, on its way to the history books straight after the end of term.

All will notice the changed 'look' of the school when you come in the gates. I hope you have the chance to admire the restoration of School House – the rebuilt stonework visible is remarkable, and our new 'picture' concealing the top floor support woodwork has been much admired. On the other gable (less visible behind Jacobs) we have decided to simply paint the wood structure, so that all can see the engineering involved. This timber work will support the renovations,

with the new reinforcing within the masonry, until the lime mortar is fully cured and we can be sure the local geology has exhausted itself completely. Fine work can not be rushed – I hope all can appreciate the quality of the work being executed on our beautiful buildings, ensuring they will continue to be enjoyed and admired by future generations. The remaining scaffolding will be down very soon, and the grounds facing the river restored. Less interesting perhaps, but nevertheless evident progress, three of our quad classrooms are on the way over the road to the staff car park, and the quad will take on a much more open look for the new year.



It was good to meet our new boys again, and their parents, at our new entrants' barbecue, held in lovely weather. There was a great sense of anticipation for next year. I am often asked about our roll for next year, and am pleased to say we will be down around thirty overall in the school, a smaller percentage reduction than happened during major economic downturns of the past. Considering what we have been through, the unprecedented impacts on people's lives and finances, and ongoing uncertainty for the future, it is humbling that the vast majority of the school community continue to see their sons' educations as such a priority. We will certainly live up to that confidence.



## CAROLS ON THE & QUAD

THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2011, 6.00PM

A large number of parents were at the CPIT marae for the Powhiri in conclusion of our Te Ao Maori programme for Year 9 and 10 last week. The boys seemed to get a lot out of it once again and we are always looking to develop related activities further. The Year 10s have set off for camp this week, and I will escape from the desk for a few days to enjoy some decent tramping with them. I am quite immune, incidentally, to comments about my pink tent. The following week, off again with Year 9 for what will be, sadly, a truncated camp after the necessary cancellation in Term 1. I missed that early opportunity to get to know some of our new entrants a little better, so hope to make up for it. Then we will hold our two Prize Givings, and then end the school year as ever with our final Chapel service. I am delighted that our Prizes this year will be presented by Mrs Marie Utley, mother of our Head Boy Will Utley, for the juniors, and the Very Reverend Peter Beck, Dean of Christ Church who has been a most welcome lodger, with the rest of the Cathedral 'family', with us this year.

The biggest challenge this year is our 'Carols On the Quad' event, to replace our hugely popular and always memorable carol service in the Cathedral. The replacement temporary cathedral, hopefully going ahead in due course, will not have the previous capacity, and so we need to look ahead to some years without the event we had grown so accustomed to. This year will be an experiment – and I am grateful to the Chapel and music staff, and particularly to Rob Donaldson for driving the arrangements towards what we hope will be a collective celebration of our safe arrival at the end of the year. It is weather dependent of course – and Christchurch is notably fickle – so we will make a final decision on the morning of the event. If the weather is dreadful, we will simply cancel and there will be a 'plan B' for the House events around it. If the weather is just not particularly good, we will invoke my grandmother's maxim - 'no such thing as bad weather, just unsuitable clothing'. Anything up to light drizzle, bring an umbrella and a flask of tea. As I commented the other day when asked by a weather pessimist what we would do if it rained, at least black bin liners with head and arm holes cut out will be College colours. Parents are invited to come early for a seat, but we have been used to 'standing room only' in the Cathedral for some years. The service will be shorter than previously. We have revised the start time – please note it is now 6.00pm.

As you will know, for the first time ever our 1st XI is through to the national finals of the Gillette Cup, one of six regional winners joining the round robin competition this year at Lincoln. Unfortunately, the competition has been moved a week earlier than usual, and our team are due to play their first match on our last day, creating a disappointment for the players and their parents. However, this is a great opportunity for the team, and we will do what we can to compensate for effects of the clash for them.

During Term 1 of next year, we will be holding a major parents' evening to look once more at the school's position on, and advice about, access to alcohol by students outside school, across the whole school community. We are hoping that many parents, particularly those in the younger years, will make an effort to attend. The date will be published in the next calendar.

Very soon into next term, we will be signing off the functional requirements for our new 'West End' building before the intensive period of design work begins. Shortly thereafter a more firm impression of our wonderful new facilities will be shared with you. The attached picture (following page) was taken on Sunday, and may be the last aerial view of the school before the Chapman block disappears. We are also beginning preparation for the next five year plan for the College, as part of which a survey of all parents will shortly be going out, as previously advertised. It will be on-line, and I do very much hope as many of our community as possible will be able to help us in this very important review of all aspects of College life.

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## CALENDAR EVENTS

### Week 5

- F 25 Year 10 Camp returns, 4.00pm  
 Sa 26 Final Saturday activities for Years 9 & 10  
 Weekend programme available for boarders  
 Ashburton rowing championships Lake Hood  
 College v CCOBA polo match, Sefton, 2.00pm  
 Su 27 1st Sunday in Advent  
 Holy Eucharist, 9.00am  
 CSS polo tournament, Sefton, 11.00am

### Week 6

- M 28 Year 10 normal routine Mon, Tu & Wed  
 Year 9 SI cricket tournament begins, Blenheim  
 Year 9 OE camp departs  
 W 30 NCEA Level 1, 2 & 3 & Scholarship examinations end  
 Year 9 camp returns, 7.00pm

### DECEMBER

- Th 1 Year 9 cricket tournament ends  
 Year 9 & 10 Prizewinners' rehearsal, Assembly Hall, 8.30-9.15am  
 Year 9 & 10 Congregational Practice, Chapel, 9.15-10.00am  
 Break, 10.00-10.30am  
 Period 3 classes, 10.30-11.20am  
 Choir sound check on Quad  
 Period 4 classes, 11.25am-12.15pm  
 Lunch, 12.15-1.15pm  
 Choir sound check on Quad, 12.30-2.00pm  
 Period 5 classes, 1.20-2.10pm  
 Music rehearsals for Year 9 & 10 Prize Giving, Assembly Hall, 2.15pm  
 House roll calls for Years 9 and 10, 2.30pm  
 Year 9 & 10 Prize Giving, Assembly Hall (Dress Uniform), 3.00-4.00pm  
 Refreshments in Dining Hall for prizewinners & their families, 4.00-4.30pm  
 Day House functions, by arrangement, 4.30pm  
 Boarders' dinner, Dining Hall, 5.00pm  
 Chapel Choir & 2012 Prefects meet in Chapel, 5.30pm  
 House roll calls, in Houses, 5.40pm



This is the last *In Black & White* of 2011. We have had the September anniversary, and early next year we will have the same for February 22nd. Hopefully by then, some sense of the future for the city and for individuals will have emerged. The College will be firing on all cylinders, capitalising on the opportunities so unexpectedly presented, and continuing to do whatever we can to support other communities and organisations sharing our facilities and resources. The recent past, and the future created for the city, challenges the College to have an even greater impact in the collective rejuvenation. Providing a much needed architectural visitor attraction is fine – being an integral part of the reviving city is so much more. Our current students will be driving the future of the region – a challenge for them, and for us.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

## FILM WINS AGAIN

'Wahrheit' - Truth, a film written as part of a Year 13 German class project, has won the Goethe Institut Year 11-13 section of the national German film competition.

The story is that a political party wins the election, but then a member of the party (Harry Tohill) overhears the leader (Campbell Beulink) saying that they had rigged the vote. A party henchman (Callum Haynes) sees Harry eavesdropping on the info, and they have him killed, but not before he writes what he has discovered in a code for someone to find and publish. The other henchmen are played by Sam Parkin and Jack Sissons. The detective (Andrew Carrell) finds the code during his investigations, and has it deciphered by his French code-breaker friend (Jan Dierickx). But then Jan is shot by the henchmen and a chase ensues - the detective jumps out of the window, runs through a wood (as the henchmen fire shotguns at him - this really happened out at Campbell's place!), bursts into a house and writes the information on a computer to publish it on a website, the henchmen rush in and get to him just as he pushes 'send.....'

It was written in German by the class after a lengthy joint effort on the storyline. The theme this year was rather obscure: "ABCDE". We used these letters as the name of the political party and the website to which the detective sent the info.

'Wahrheit' was brilliantly directed and filmed by Michael van de Water of Somes House and also won the Best Film and Best Director Awards at the Christ's College Interhouse Film Festival.

Andrew Moore, Modern Languages

## CALENDAR EVENTS

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- Th 1 'Carols on the Quad', 6.00pm  
Boarding House suppers, 7.30pm
- F 2 Years 9 & 10 boarders in houses, 8.30-11.00am  
New prefects' meeting, Hall foyer, 8.45am  
Senior Prizewinners' rehearsal, Assembly Hall, 9.00am  
Music Rehearsals, Assembly Hall, 9.45am  
House Assemblies & roll call - all Year 11, 12 & 13 dayboys due at school, 10.30am  
Years 11, 12 & 13 Prize Giving, Assembly Hall, 11.00am-12.30pm  
Year 9 & 10 boarder activities, 11.00am-12.30pm  
Boarders' lunch for Years 9-12, 12.30pm  
Leavers, leavers' parents & staff lunch on Quad, 12.30pm  
Year 9 & 10 dayboys due in houses, 1.30pm  
Chapel choir (Years 9-12 only) meet in Chapel, 1.30pm  
Leavers' service, Chapel, 2.00pm  
Leavers join parents on Quad, 2.30pm  
House clean-up, 2.45pm  
Canterbury/Otago rowing championships begin, Twizel
- Sa 3 Term ends after sport  
Year 13 Leavers' function, CBS Arena, 7.00pm
- Sa 10 NZSS athletic & road race championships begins
- Su 11 NZSS athletic & road race championships ends
- F 16 Marlborough rowing championships begin, Blenheim
- Su 18 Marlborough rowing championships ends, Blenheim

## CONTRIBUTIONS

To share news of boys' achievements or contribute to this newsletter, or other Christ's College publications, please contact Jacq Gilbert, Ph 03 364 6803 or email [inblackandwhite@christscollge.com](mailto:inblackandwhite@christscollge.com)



# RIP CHAPMAN BLOCK

In February 1962, 576 boys returned from their holidays to what the Editorial in *The Register* called "surely the College's most beautiful building – the four storied Chapman block". Boys will return from their summer holidays in February 2012 with a view from Big School that has not been seen for fifty years.

The Chapman Block is named after Thomas Chapman who had donated money for the construction in 1939 of the fives and squash courts, which were partially demolished during the building's construction. He was at College from 1863-1869 and captained the First XI and First XV. He also won the Open Fives competition in 1868. A President and Life Member of the Christ's College Old Boys' Association, he was a generous benefactor not only to College, but to other organisations within Christchurch.

The building, as Sir Miles Warren records in his autobiography, was his first sizeable commission for Christ's College. He describes it as a "severe, no-nonsense, diagrammatic design that was stark and uncompromising". The engineer, Lyall Holmes, produced a structural design which was innovative using load bearing masonry of concrete blocks with aggregate faced walls to link in with the surrounding buildings. It was built by Fletchers and survived three major earthquakes and the associated aftershocks. Yet it is the design which has been its undoing. The Headmaster in a previous edition of *In Black and White* described it as having the equivalent of architectural scurvy, with the result being that the Board has decided it will be demolished.

Initially the Chapman Block housed Art, Geography, Biology, Physics, the Common Room and workroom, toilets, a changing room, the Pottery Room and Press Club. Over the years History, Social Studies, Divinity and Media Studies and more recently Harper House and Julius House, have also made use of the space. The Common room was expanded, and a workroom created downstairs, with facilities for the increased numbers of female staff. Remodelling provided studies for senior staff and an office for the Common Room Secretary. The interior walls in the stairwell told the story of the First XV and the large windows overlooking Upper witnessed many an Athletics Day and rugby match.

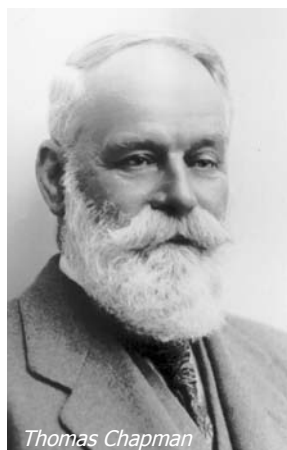
The building completed the fourth side of a smaller quad, later named Upham Quad. It is a building of its time, and in this context was much visited by architectural students. Its time has ended.

J Teal, Archivist

Sources:

*Miles Warren An Autobiography*, Miles Warren

*The Buildings of Christ's College*, Don Hamilton and Rodney Wells



Thomas Chapman



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

When my wife, Helen, and I were in Palestine-Israel on Christmas Eve we joined the community at the Anglican Cathedral in Jerusalem.



Anglicans have a special relationship with Armenians who are one of the denominations that are in charge of the Bethlehem Church complex.

That evening, the Anglican congregation took busses from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. While thousands were gathering on the square in front of the Bethlehem Church for Midnight Mass, the Armenians let us in through a little-known entrance to spend a moment in a cave under the church, praying at the "actual place" where Jesus was born.

Returning back to the Jerusalem cathedral for our own Midnight Mass, the Dean, who was preaching, discovered that somewhere he had mislaid his sermon text; disaster, for him, on this central occasion. In actual fact, it led to him preaching one of the best sermons I have ever heard. Disaster transformed to positive.

Saint Augustine and others have, throughout history, spoken of the story of Adam and Eve's disobedience as being a "happy fault", *Felix culpa*. That story is about the origin of evil, pain, and death. Yet, *Felix culpa*, that disaster led to the glory of the incarnation, God becoming human, celebrated at Christmas time.

In essence, when all goes well, it takes little to make a positive life. Suffering is not good in and of itself, but stories of overcoming adversity inspire us. The real skill and glory is weaving disaster into an even-better, unplanned-for future.

This year we have all been part of disaster, with destruction, pain, and death.

In our resilience, in our care for each other, in our focus on people, may we, with God with us (the meaning of Emmanuel), observe this Christmas as a celebration of our hope and determination for a better future.

Blessings  
Bosco Peters, Chaplain

# CAREERS

## Thank you

Thank you for reading the Careers section *In Black & White* this year. I am pleased when parents, and people not associated with College, comment on the information provided. Thank you also to the tertiary providers who have provided information to be included. There have been many cases this year when parents have reminded their sons about information in this publication. The link and communication between school, you (parents) and your son is vital. Please let me know if there is anything extra you would like to see included in this Careers section in the future.

## 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.	<a href="http://www.careers.govt.nz">www.careers.govt.nz</a> 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.	<a href="http://www.careers.govt.nz">www.careers.govt.nz</a> Jobs database and Education and training section.
Tools to develop and save CVs.	<a href="http://www.careers.govt.nz">www.careers.govt.nz</a> CV4ME, My Career Space
Personal assistance with career options and questions.	<a href="http://www.careers.govt.nz">www.careers.govt.nz</a> 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](http://www.breakout.org.nz) or [www.fis.org.nz/databases/BreakOut.php](http://www.fis.org.nz/databases/BreakOut.php)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### University Halls/Colleges Applications

Universities will have by now posted out their offers of a position in a hall. I

# THE COLLEGE CLOTHING SHOP

## MADE TO MEASURE UNIFORMS

Any student who requires a specially made uniform must have the order placed by 9 December 2011. A tailor will be in the Uniform Shop on 2 December 2.30pm-3.30pm to take measurements.

From 21 October 2011 there will be no refunds or exchange of school uniforms without a Christ's College Uniform Shop receipt.

### TERM TIME HOURS

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

### EXTENDED HOURS FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 5 December-Wednesday 21 December 10am - 5pm.  
Closed 12 - 12.30 for Lunch  
Closed Saturdays

10 Gloucester St Christchurch  
Phone 03 3648613

Email [uniforms@christscollege.com](mailto:uniforms@christscollege.com)  
Shop Manager: Ann Shaw  
Assistant: Ang Bosworth

# 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.

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.

### **Dates**

23 November: Careers Advisers Conference in Rotorua

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

### **School's Out for ever!**

Before your break, there's one important thing to do...

If you're going on to tertiary study next year, remember, if you have not done so already, to get your Student Allowance or Loan application started. [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz)

There are 7 steps

1. Apply at [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz)
2. Study Link start processing your application
3. Study Link will contact you
4. You can track your application status online with MYSTUDYLINK
5. Study Link will track your details with your education provider (university, polytechnic etc)
6. Study Link will finish processing your application and send you a letter indicating when payments will start
7. Your payments can start (second week of your course)

Note: Study Link did visit College in Term 3 and the initial steps should have been done by now. Kyle Anderson-Wey was the study link presenter.

Chris Sellars, Careers Adviser



# STUDENT LEADERS 2012

Patrick Wynne has been named Head Prefect for 2012, with Alexander Gregory as the Deputy Head Prefect.

School Prefects and Heads of Houses for 2012 are:

**Wynne PJ, Patrick** Head of School (Harper)

**Gregory AM, Alexander** Deputy Head of School (Julius)

**Choi S, Samuel** Prefect & Head of House (Condell's)

**Faulstich FJC, Freddy** Prefect & Head of House (Corfe)

**Lawrence HTG, Humphrey** Head of House (Flower's)

**Close EM, Edward** Prefect & Head of House (Harper)

**Earl JD, Joe** Prefect & Head of House (Jacobs)

**Barlow TJ, Thomas** Prefect & Head of House (Julius)

**Wright TP, Thomas** Head of House (Richards)

**Reid HS, Harrison** Prefect & Head of House (Rolleston)

**Northcote JM, James** Head of House (School)

**Renwick LO, Laurie** Prefect & Head of House (Somes)

**Wood JM, John** Prefect (Condell's)

**Wadsworth JR, Jared** Prefect (Flower's)

**Leggat BJ, Ben** Prefect (Harper)

**Moulden KM, Kip** Prefect (Harper)

**Newman APH, Alex** Prefect (Harper)

**Southby WT, Willy** Prefect (Jacobs)

**Aldridge MJ, Matthew** Prefect (Rolleston)

**Hall MO, Michael** Prefect (Rolleston)

**Clay DJC, David** Prefect (School)

**Andrew ZWQ, Zach** Prefect (Somes)

**Donaldson MR, Michael** Prefect (Somes)



2012 College Leaders: Alexander Gregory (Deputy Head of School) and Patrick Wynne (Head of School)





# SCUBA TRAINING

Early in November, seven boys took part in their final training for the PADI Open Water dive course at South Bay near Kaikoura, putting into practice the skills they had been learning in the pool over the six weekends prior.

Mr Martin Hayes, Head of Science at Christ's College and a qualified PADI dive instructor said, "The boys all performed well, and enjoyed unseasonably good visibility for the ocean training." Most of the group are now expected to complete their course after a final multi-choice examination. Those involved were Ben Anderson, Campbell Denham, Charles Pears, Harrison Reid, Henry Hurst, Jack Batchelor, and Thomas Guy.



*PADI dive group heading for the reef, South Bay, Kaikoura*

# SCIENCE COMPETITION FOR YEAR 7

On Wednesday afternoon 17 November, Christ's College hosted pupils from a number of primary and intermediate schools around Christchurch for its annual Year 7 Science competition. Teams of four rotated to take part in tasks involving biology, physics and chemistry, with scores tallied to find the best team in terms of their scientific skills and teamwork. This year the event was won by Redcliffs School, beating Heaton into second place.



*Seungjun Bang and Connor Nisbet from Heaton Normal Intermediate*



*Rosie Jerram from Redcliffs School*



*Megan Eustace, Cobham Intermediate School*



*Samuel Gamble, Brooke Fleck and Emma Palmer, Kirkwood Intermediate School*



*Sophie Field, Ben Bowen and Hannah Dent, Halswell School*



# PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association Bursary has this year been awarded to musician Nick Dow (Richard's House) and fencer Julius Herzhoff (Julius House). Each received one thousand dollars. Ceridwen Fowler and I had the pleasure of interviewing the boys. This year's candidates were of a high standard and it was soon evident we had a rather daunting task ahead of us and a very difficult decision to make. Nick will be using the fund to help purchase a new keyboard to support him in his music studies next year at a tertiary level. Julius has been selected for the NZ Junior Commonwealth team for fencing and competes in the UK early next year. He will use the bursary to support his travel to Germany in advance of the event for some intensive training. We wish Nick and Julius well in their endeavours. We would encourage boys to apply for this in the future as it is for boys who wish to pursue a sporting or cultural interest.

On Thursday 10 November the Parents' Association had the opportunity of hosting at the New Entrant BBQ. This was a lovely chance for us to mingle and chat to the New Parents and boys commencing in 2012.

On behalf of the Parents' Association we wish you all a safe and happy holidays with your families and friends.

Nicci Wyllie, Parents' Association President



Nick Dow



Julius Herzhoff

# CRICKET FUNDRAISER

Cricket at Christ's College is on a high after the recent success of the 1st XI who have reached the national finals for the first time.

In 2012 College is touring England with two development teams. The fundraising effort has seen College commission a unique 1st XI tie that will be available for any former 1st XI player to purchase. There will be only 100 boxed and certified 'Century Club' ties. They can be ordered for \$100 by contacting Mr Rob Clarke [rclarke@christscollege.com](mailto:rclarke@christscollege.com)



And just confirmed ... a fantastic opportunity to hear two world class international sports coaches speak at the Christ's College England Cricket Tour Dinner. John Wright (New Zealand Cricket Coach) and Robbie Deans (Australian Rugby Coach) will be guest speakers at this fabulous evening. Please mark Thursday 22 March in your diaries as a night not to miss.

Warren Lidstone, 1st XI Coach



Matt Harris reads the 1st lesson (Lamentations 3:17-24) at the deconsecration of ChristChurch Cathedral on 9 November 2011



# STEVE JOBS AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUSIC

Following the passing of Steve Jobs, we can look back on his life and see how he changed *our* lives. Allied to this is his contribution and impact on the music industry, and how he changed our cultural understanding of music.



As the Internet took hold, Jobs had his eye on the music industry and early on recognised that technology could influence culture to reach consumers. From his creative mind has spawned iTunes, the iPod, Airplay, iPhone, iPad, iTunes, Garage Band, even Apple TV, and of course podcasts and apps. And it wasn't just the technology he was concerned with. It was having access to the content that created the greatest impact. The result of having access to a vast selection of music was a means of shifting control away from the radio stations and recording companies into the hands of consumers, who could choose what they listened to and when. Of course, for decades we have been able to listen to what we choose via LPs and CDs, but now we have a portable option through iTunes via the iPod.

Not that the iPod was the first mp3 player on the market, but it was the sleekest, and the most user-friendly. I have a few portable mp3 players, but the iPod is the easiest to use and I think that this ease-of-use is one reason for its popularity. They also have a clean lines look. In a recent *Time* magazine Harry McCracken and Lev Grossman pointed out that, 'even the white iPod earphones themselves became a fixture in American society.'

But Jobs' contributions to music are larger than that. While the iPod had important ramifications for music lovers - the decline of the CD, the physical condensing of the music collection, the general mobility of music - the major long-term change of Jobs' neat little device is the way we now think about music.

Consider how the iPod has made music become an instant reality. Millions of people walk from one place to another with those distinctive iPod earphones in their ears, (and other types of course - headphones are less damaging to your ear drums, as the sound is a *little* further away). But, how disconnected these people become from their surroundings. In some ways, one can view this use of music as imposed self-isolation.

Another way to look at this practice is to note its effect on the way we value music itself. Has the *mobility* of music changed the *value* of music? Music now becomes just a part of everything else we hear, just above the sound of rustling leaves or of the passing cars as we take a walk or jog. And we don't have to talk, or even think, any longer as we take our walk, we can just plug in! I have created my own little world. It's all about me - or should it be; it's all about i?

Yet another way in which Jobs has changed our thinking in music is what we now *call* music. All tracks are now referred to as 'songs' and my iPod can store, I don't know, 250 songs to the gigabyte. But what is a song? Traditionally it is words set to music, but Apple refers to *any* piece of music as a song, instrumental or otherwise. Referring to music as songs has now become part of our vocabulary. Incidentally, how long is a 'song'? The average song length is 3 to 4 minutes long and your iPod can store x many. Really? The longest piece of music is Beatus Vir by Jacob Mashak - coming in at 11 hours. So, stick that in your iPod!

And of course, we can. Steve Jobs has revolutionized the way we interact with music. Gone are the days when I had music stored on compact discs, or even, cassette tapes. So, we can thank Steve Jobs for making the lives of music teachers, and others, a little easier. His innovative and creative mind has started something big. And to think he did it without wearing a suit, blazer or tie!

Nick Coxon, Head of Instrumental Music

## END OF 2011 EVENTS AT CHRIST'S COLLEGE

Junior Prize Giving takes place on Thursday 1 December at 3.00pm in the Assembly Hall. Parents and families of Year 9 and 10 boys are welcome to attend. Please be seated by 2.50pm. The prize giving will be about 50 minutes long. Following this event, afternoon tea is provided for prize winners and their families, in the Dining Hall

Day house functions start at 4.15pm (Day Housemasters will confirm details) and finish by 5.40pm.

The Carol Service takes place on the Quad this year, on Thursday 1 December at 6.00pm. If the weather is awful we will cancel the event – a notice will appear on our College website by 2.00pm on Thursday if cancellation is necessary. Seating will be provided for parents and families but since we have no indication of how many will attend, we cannot guarantee a seat for everyone. You are advised to be on the Quad by 5.50pm. The service is about an hour long. Following the service, boarding houses will run house functions.

On Friday 2 December, our Senior Prize Giving takes place at 11.00am in the Assembly Hall and usually takes an hour and a half to complete. Please be seated by 10.50am if you wish to attend. Following the Senior Prize Giving, there will be lunch on the Quad for Year 13s and their parents (leavers' parents only on this occasion please – tickets are available from the Headmaster's secretary, Mrs Lindsay).

The Leavers' service in the Chapel is at 2.00pm. The service is for students only but parents of leavers' are welcome to stay on the Quad to listen to the service, relayed via speakers. Leavers' will then join their parents on the Quad at 2.30pm.

RAS Donaldson, Deputy Headmaster



