



IN BLACK & WHITE

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

The term is now well underway; the new members of the school look chirpy enough going about their business, with the seniors having taken over their responsibilities impressively. Whilst we still wait for what we believe are going to be excellent scholarship results, we can indeed be delighted with our NCEA outcomes. Please digest our results – no sugar or artificial additives are needed:

Excellence Endorsements (%)

Level 1	39.4	National	13.3
Level 2	38.9		7.9
Level 3	25.7		7.3

Merit Endorsements

Level 1	47.0	National	33.6
Level 2	25.7		21.8
Level 3	37.2		23.7

Combined Merit and Excellence

Level 1	86.4	National	46.9
Level 2	64.6		29.7
Level 3	62.9		31.0

91.9% of Christ's College Year 13 students achieved UE (65.1% nationally).

(These are not cumulative results – ie these are results achieved in 2011 by students in years 11, 12 and 13 and do not include those who have achieved the levels in a previous year.)

It is well to remember we do not have a highly selective academic entry; we certainly have an intake skewed towards the more able, but we embrace the full spectrum of abilities and potentials. These sorts of results are only achieved by ambition across the board, and hard work by both staff and boys. I referred in the last *In Black & White* to the recent parents' survey which has yet to be considered by the Board, but I can add a little more to the picture. By some margin, the school's academic focus and expectation was reported to be the most significant reason for enrolling in the school, and

all can be confident that expectation will always be central to our culture, across the whole ability range.

The year got off to a spectacular start with the athletics meet held at College last week – it was wonderful to see so many who may not have been here before at College enjoying the marvellously orchestrated event, and I know there has been much positive feedback about it around the town. With the usual venue QEII stadium ruined, we may be approached in the future and if so we will certainly help again. Valerie Adams was a tremendous draw, and she encouraged a friendly and engaged crowd nearer to the action than I have ever seen before. I did not have a chance to meet her in person, but certainly now understand why she is always looking down to off-camera interviewers on TV.



Immediately before the school year started, our engineer specified some further strengthening of our Open Air Block after reassessment of some aspects of its design. This was done, in very quick time – a massive effort by our contractors, the manager of whom declared he had completely lost track of the materials going into it. He did, however, know that they stopped counting ammunition for the nail guns when the tally was 19,000. The additions to the building are reassuringly solid, and the building is stronger now than at any time before the earthquakes began - but they are not particularly pretty. Originally, we had anticipated a full renovation and comprehensive upgrading after the new West Wing was completed, but frankly I found that rather a depressing prospect. Once we have opened our magnificent new building, it would be disappointing to still be a building site, some three years on. So we are currently looking at the window of opportunity we have now, both in time and space, to tackle it before the end of the year. We will then look forward to starting 2013 with Harper/Julius restored to its former glory, the Open Air Block fully upgraded, renovated and modernised, and 'just' our new building rising up. 'We have a plan' and expect to shortly explain how it will be done.

Our architect, Alec Bruce, has been developing the new 'West Wing' concept, and has received feedback about layout and facilities from staff during a series of consultation meetings.

The final design will be before the Board this week, and the next issue of this newsletter will share what lies ahead!

The Lantern Festival in Hagley Park at the weekend was another great success – a colourful, safe and vibrant atmosphere enjoyed by all ages. The festival is arranged by Asia New Zealand, with whom we have some links already and with whom we are discussing further initiatives to broaden the school's involvement with economic, social and cultural opportunities in Asia, particularly the Pacific Rim countries. Both the Chairman and CEO of Asia New Zealand are distinguished alumni of College, and I look forward to a renewed focus which was encouraged by excellent presentations to our Year 12 General Studies programme on Friday, and also to a well attended staff session after school.

Another event already signaled is our parents' drugs and alcohol forum on Friday 2 March at 7.00pm. I will be asking Housemasters to collate attendance numbers in due course. We have confirmation now that attending to answer parent questions will be Professor Mike Ardagh (emergency medicine) for all matters medical, Helen Smith (from Duncan Cotterill) for legal issues, and from the police, Detective Sergeant Mark Worner who has had wide experience working with drug use and young people in Christchurch. The main presentation will be a description of the school's policies and practices which I will give, with some examples of responses and outcomes, followed by a question and answer session. Prior questions will be invited with the next *In Black & White*.

The master of Eton has recently proposed that examination at Year 11 (GCSEs in the UK) be abandoned – and instead a more all embracing 'School leavers' certificate' be instituted. He suggests academic students should not be burdened by examinations before they are 18.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/eton-head-axe-gcses-and-leave-all-exams-until-pupils-are-18-6699886.html>.

Whilst we may have some sympathy with the suggestion, those who went through the previous New Zealand system might wonder whether anything is ever 'new'. What is more important, is his emphasis on a balanced education – sufficient opportunity for cultural exposure and participation etc. We would like to think our New Zealand system offers greater breadth already (six or five subjects as opposed to four or three); whilst a substantial volume of internal assessment is burdensome, it is also flexible and schools can adapt their assessment methods to suit their own priorities. Another interesting contrast is what happens when students sit examinations provided by multiple examination authorities (where New Zealand has one) – students frequently have clashes meaning papers have to be written at non scheduled times, with close overnight supervision. I know of one school which had to arrange 70 such supervisions, involving going home with teachers, or in isolation in boarding houses, confiscated cell phones etc. Some things we actually do rather well!

Discussion of uniform issues is imminent, and I will be advising how to participate in the next *In Black & White*. Meanwhile we await our Scholarship results, and will publish these as soon as they are available.

Today's Swimming Sports has been the one event we have been unable to relocate after the demise of QEII. International quality 50m pools are in short supply. Nevertheless, with some restrictions and creative organisation, our pool was in full swing today – competitive swimming and enthusiastic crowd participation! Sadly the athletics heats were a victim of today's weather – rescheduled for Thursday.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

CALENDAR EVENTS

Week 3

- W 15 CSS sport begins
Year 12 biology field trip departs for Temple Basin, 8.00am
- Th 16 Year 9 geography field trip, Lyttelton, 8.35am-3.30pm
Selected athletics heats, 12.45pm
- F 17 Year 13 General Studies, OBT, 1.15pm
Senior rowing crew attend training camp, Twizel, 3.00pm
Year 12 biology field trip returns, 3.45pm
- Sa 18 Weekend programme available for all boarders
- Su 19 7th Ordinary Sunday
Holy Eucharist, 9.00am
'Shake, Ripple & Roll' rehearsal, OBT, 6.00pm-8.30pm

Week 4

- M 20 OBHS summer tournament (home)
Congregational Practice, Chapel, 8.45am
Selected athletics heats, 1.20pm
- Tu 21 CSS triathlon
OBHS summer tournament (home)
Selected athletics heats, 1.15pm
- W 22 Ash Wednesday
Ash Wednesday service, Chapel, 10.20am
Interhouse senior cricket, first round, CCCG, 3.00pm
- Th 23 Athletic Sports, Upper, 2.00pm
- F 24 Athletics Sports, Upper, 9.30am
House lunches
CCOBA Reunions cocktail party, Dining Hall, 5.30pm-8.00pm
- Sa 25 Weekend programme available for all boarders
CCOBA Reunion lunch, Dining Hall, 1.00pm
- Su 26 1st Sunday in Lent
Choral Evensong, 7.00pm
CCOBA Reunion Service
Preacher: The Headmaster

Week 5

- M 27 Year 13 geography field trip departs for Kaikoura, 8.00am
Interhouse junior tennis prelims, Hagley TC, 4.00pm

CAREERS

Please spread the word to other parents about reading, *In Black & White*. The careers information here is not only for Year 13 boys and their parents, but for all year groups. Careers education begins in Year 9 and the earlier the boys know what information is available, the better.

Dates

TERM 1	Important Dates:
	17 February: GAP presentation by Mr Donaldson (Year 13)
	2 March: University of Canterbury, liaison visit
	9 March: General Studies Year 12, career profiles, Workchoice day (May)
	15 March: Lincoln University – Careers Advisers seminar
	23 March: University of Otago, liaison visit
	30 March: General studies Year 12, Lincoln University liaison visit
HOLIDAYS	9 April: Navy Adventure Challenge
	16 April: Navy Adventure Challenge
TERM 2	30 April: Otago Tertiary study Open Day. Dunedin
	11 May: Victoria University (Wellington), liaison visit
	13–15 May: Careers Expo, Year 12 to visit
	15 May: Work Choice Day, Year 12
	18 May: General Studies Year 12, AUT (Auckland University of Technology) liaison visit
	25 May: Lincoln University, liaison visit (Year 13)
	11 June: University of Otago, Law Seminar, Years 12 & 13

Otago Tertiary Study Open Day – 30 April, Year 13

This day is on the first Monday back in Term 2. At this stage it is my intention to organise a bus to take a group of genuinely interested boys to Dunedin on Sunday. We would stay in backpackers accommodation that night and travel back on Monday evening. Some parents may wish to take their sons themselves. We are not allowing boys to travel to Dunedin in their own vehicles. Please can you let me know if you would like your son to travel with me in the school group.

Navy Adventure Challenge, 9–13 April & 16–20 April

The objective is to challenge 40 high profile students (for each week) from New Zealand secondary schools that have been identified for potential leadership positions within their school. The event will be held at Devonport Naval Base. The Navy will cover all travel, accommodation and meal costs. Participants are required to enter into all activities and be physically prepared for the programme. Only boys with a genuine interest in the Navy should think of applying. All applicants must be NZ citizens. Any boys who are interested in applying are to collect forms from Mr Sellars by 24 February.

Latitude – Global Volunteering/GAP

Latitude Global Volunteering has been offering international volunteering and GAP year projects for 17–25 year olds. They offer a diverse range of placements in 12 countries with Malawi and Costa Rica being new for 2013. Latitude volunteers are not tourists. They immerse themselves in the local culture and become members of that community. They learn about a country from within and step outside their comfort zone to achieve something unique.

If any boy and his parents are interested in hearing more please contact Mr Sellars. The coordinator will be in Christchurch between 21–24 February and 6–9 March.

Engineering Degrees

The University of Canterbury and University of Auckland are the two universities that offer a wide variety of Engineering degrees. For example, are you aware that the first year of the BE(Hons) degree, the Engineering Intermediate Year, consists of core courses essential for all Engineering specialisations plus further specific courses? The specialist areas at Canterbury are: Chemical & Process Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Forestry Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering and Natural Resources Engineering.

Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor



SHAKE, RIPPLE AND ROLL



Our combined junior production with Rangitiki Girls' School will be performed on 21–23 March in the Christ's College OBT. This musical is set in an ice-cream parlour of the fifties and has a rock and roll theme. Save the dates! More info soon.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Confirmation Preparation

Is your son in Year 12 or 13, or a mature Year 11 student (who might realise other years may be too busy for him)?



Confirmation preparation commences on Wednesday 29 February in the evening (and Wednesday evenings following as per the Calendar). This will again be with St Margaret's College students. Old Boys who have been part of this group in years past talk about it as one of the important highlights of their senior years.

Coming to the group is not necessarily a commitment to being confirmed – it begins as an exploration into what this might mean. Those to be confirmed need to have been baptised (christened). But that will not be a problem as a baptism service is planned for early in Term 2.

Other things happening

We commenced the year with our usual Chapel service, followed three days later with the induction of the prefects. The first Sunday Chapel service had a wonderful attendance from parents, family members, and visitors. I remind you that you are always welcome to come and join us at Sunday Chapel services. Preparations have begun for this year's major production, *Jesus Christ Superstar*. As mentioned in the last *In Black & White*, the Ash Wednesday service will also have a component remembering the anniversary of the earthquake last year.

I am always very happy to talk about anything written here, or in fact any aspect of our school community life.

Blessings

Bosco Peters, Chaplain



GOLD BADGE AWARDS

Badges, for academic excellence, were awarded to fifty one Christ's College senior boys last week. These are awarded annually and are based on results from the previous academic year.

Year 11 boys (in 2011) to receive this award were: Jonathan Abbott, Quinn Angus, Tim Bennetts, Edmund Chang, Hamish Clay, Jack English, Conrad Fleischmann, Jonathan Fowler, Charles Fraser, Nicholas Ganly, Samuel Johnson, Vinura Karunasekera, Louis Loader-Horncastle, Henry Manson, Jonty Natrass, Kieren Roe, Ben Satterthwaite, Elliot Scholz, Henry Shaw, Andy Yeomans and Jason Yoo.

The criteria for the award at Year 11 is a minimum of 90 credits at Excellence achieved in Year 11 at NCEA Level 1 or above OR a minimum of 100 credits at Excellence at Level 1 or above achieved by the end of Year 11.

Year 12 boys (in 2011) to receive the award were: Zach Andrew, Matt Baker, Thomas Barker, Jake Campbell, Edward Close, Ben Coffey, Chris Ding, Michael Donaldson, Freddy Faull, Alexander Gregory, Robert Heslop, Rupert Hobson, John Kwak, Philip Lee, Nicklaus Liu, Tommy Loeffen-Gallagher, George Mander, Kip Mouldey, Nathaniel Seddon-Smith, Willy Southby, Sam Thomas and John Wood.

Matthew Aldridge, Samuel Choi, David Clay, Rufus Manji, Alexander Newman, Austin O'Brien, Min Chan Park and Richard Park were awarded Gold buttons as this is the second time they have met the Gold Badge standard.

The criteria for the award at Year 12 is a minimum of 70 credits at Excellence achieved in Year 12 at NCEA Level 2 or above OR a minimum of 80 credits at Excellence at Level 2 or above achieved by the end of Year 12.

CENTURY CLUB



A unique opportunity
for 1st XI Cricket
Old Boys.

This boxed and certified tie is
limited to 100 only.

\$100 each

Funds raised are in support of the 2012
Cricket Development tour of England.

Contact Mr Rob Clarke
rclarke@christscollege.com

CURRICULUM NOTES

An aspect of NCEA that is often not well understood, and yet is probably of most concern to parents, boys and staff alike, is that of the literacy requirements that surround the qualifications. The requirement for a specific literacy component in qualifications was not well established prior to the introduction of NCEA, and so NCEA itself has created a positive benchmark in this regard.



There are two separate contexts in which students must pass a literacy requirement within NCEA and these are often confused.

In order to gain Level 1 NCEA students must meet both literacy and numeracy requirements. During the course of the standards alignment review that is currently underway, two aspects of the literacy requirement were considered. The number of credits was increased from eight to ten credits.

Previously literacy credits were taken exclusively from English (or Te Reo) at Level 1 or higher, but from 2012 literacy may be gained from a wider range of standards covered by many subjects, at both Levels 1 and 2. The aim is for students to be able to demonstrate functional literacy. It is worth noting that with the standards alignment reviews that are taking place, the styles of questioning have changed significantly. This means that the writing demands across almost all subjects have increased significantly.

The other literacy context that students confront is the literacy requirement to gain University Entrance. This is quite separate from the Level 1 requirement that I have described above. Students must currently gain eight English credits at Level 2 or above, including at least 4 reading credits and 4 writing credits. The distinction between reading and writing credits is made within the standards themselves. I have heard a great deal of talk of 'literacy rich' subjects counting in place of these, but this is incorrect.

The University Vice-chancellors' committee is currently reviewing all of the UE requirements, and these are likely to be increased from 2014.

R Sutton, Senior Master Curriculum

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Christ's College Open Day will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 13 March. We would like to advertise with some signage out in the community and I would appreciate hearing from anyone who feels they have a prominent site (e.g. gate, fence, business premises) where they are happy to have a sign displayed. Please call me on 364 6836 or email registrar@christscollege.com



Wanaka Show - Christ's College will once again be 'on show' at the Upper Clutha A&P Show, to be held on 9 & 10 March. Please be sure to come and visit us at site K49 if you are in the area.

Sandy Scannell, Registrar

LAWRENCE RICKARD

Mr Lawrence Rickard, an Old Boy and retired Deputy Headmaster of Hereworth School, died suddenly at his home in Christchurch on Saturday 28 January 2012.

For many years he had been the keeper of the John Harris Collection, an adjunct to the School Library. The collection of books by Old Boys and Staff has been built up over many years, most recently by Mr Rickard who had his sights set on a thousand copies on the shelves by the end of his lifetime; sadly his reign ended with about nine hundred books in College's possession.

He will be sadly missed by all bibliophiles and sticklers for the correct use of language.

JS Harwood

FOUNDERS' DINNER 2012

The 2012 Founders' Dinner, an occasion for our Year 13 boys and academic staff to acknowledge the contributions of all who have attended College throughout its long history, was also an opportunity to celebrate the beginning of the boys' final year at College.

Retired Deputy Headmaster, and old boy, Mr Richard Bromley was the guest speaker for the evening, recounting his time spent as a pupil of College, and as a master before offering the boys some insight towards making the most of their final year. "Enjoy your last year at school," he told them, "Don't be in a rush to get to the next stage of your life. As the song goes, for everything there is a season. And even if you feel you might have outgrown school, these days of structured, unthreatening, easy opportunities will not come again."

The event included a Loyal Toast, offered by Nicklaus Liu, and toasts from Head Prefect Patrick Wynne and Deputy Head Prefect Alexander Gregory.



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

It has certainly been a 'hit the ground running' first few weeks with many athletic and swimming heats being run, Year 9 groups to orientate into College sport and the beginning of summer sport competitions for many of our boys.



Prior to this busy start to the term, there was also plenty of sport occurring over the summer. The rowing club has spent many days at Twizel training, and participating in a number of regattas. Despite some poor weather, preparation is going well as they head towards the South Island Secondary Schools' rowing champs and then the Nationals in late March. The 2011 1st XI cricket side completed their year with a Silver medal in the Gillette Cup. The new 2012 1st XI had a very successful Trans-Tasman tournament in Sydney in January, and has started well in its first two matches this term.

Over the summer the two 2011 Sportsman of the Year recipients have continued their success. Connor Heap (junior winner) won the NZ U14 tennis singles title and was runner up in the doubles, while Cameron Clemence (senior winner) has won a rowing scholarship to Harvard University. Well done to both boys on their achievements.

The year began with an amazing International Track Meet being held on Upper and some outstanding athletes on show. Some of the students were privileged to listen to Nick Willis speak frankly about his career and the trials and tribulations he went through to get to where he is now. It was a shame that more boys were not present for this presentation as he offered some key messages, such as ensuring you keep a balanced life, have time for relaxing and fun between the seriousness of training, and more importantly, go out and pursue what you enjoy and not simply follow others.

Hosting a meet of this calibre has lifted the profile of athletics in the school and the participation rates in our school heats have been outstanding. Last week we had around 150 boys, over four grades, run the 1500m race at lunchtime. A superb effort. This week we have our final sessions of heats before we enter into finals next week culminating in Athletic Sports on Thursday afternoon and Friday. The track is still in great condition after last week's meet so we look forward to a number of parents and extended family making the trip to College for this great annual event. All are welcome.

With the closure of QEII, the school is running its annual Swimming Sports in the College pool today, Tuesday 14 February. From this event a team will be selected for the Canterbury Secondary Schools' meet, to be held at Wharenuhi pool on 22 March.

On Monday and Tuesday of next week the College hosts the annual summer tournament with Otago Boys' High. The schools will compete in cricket, tennis and golf. The 1st and 2nd XI cricket sides will play at the College Cricket Grounds, while the tennis will compete at the Hagley Tennis Club in North Hagley. The golf teams will play at the Christchurch Golf Club, Shirley, with two rounds on Monday and the final round played Tuesday morning. Can I please thank in advance those families who will open their home up to host students from Otago Boys' High.

RA Clarke, Director of Sport



Olympic Silver Medalist Nick Willis running at the International Track Meet on Upper



Will Utley in action at the Gillette cup

BOARDING PROGRAMME UPDATE

An action packed Waitangi weekend was on offer for the Year 9 and 10 boarders as the 2012 Boarding Programme was launched. On the Saturday afternoon the entertainment came to College with the boys able to attend the International Track Meeting, held this year on Upper. The track meet featured New Zealand athletics stars Valerie Adams, Nick Willis and Jacko Gill.

The Year 10 group visited the Burnham Military Camp on Sunday to complete a High Ropes course, while the Year 9 boys travelled to Hanmer Springs in North Canterbury for a fast action day of jetboating, paintball and hydro-sliding.

This past weekend was also busy with fifty boys heading to Garden City Bowl on Saturday night to try their hand at bowling. On Sunday the Year 9 boys took to the Rail Trail, cycling from Motukarara to Little River return. Despite some tired legs and behinds, the boys appeared to enjoy the day and the experience. Also on Sunday twenty Year 10 - 13 boys headed to Sumner for a morning of surfing.

Please note that next week there will be a programme change. We have swapped the Horsepower trip for a trip next Sunday to Motordrome Go Karting at Templeton. Saturday night is still a trip to the Golf Driving Range as planned.

DJ Thatcher, Boarding Programme Coordinator



PREFECT INDUCTION

A special chapel service was held at Christ's College Friday 3 February to induct the 2012 prefect group. Head Prefect, Patrick Wynne made a pledge to the College on behalf of the new prefects following an address from Headmaster, Mr Simon Leese.

Christ's College Prefects for 2012 are:

Head of School Wynne PJ, Patrick Head of School (Harper)
Gregory AM, Alexander Deputy Head of School (Julius)

Aldridge MJ, Matthew (Rolleston)

Barlow TJ, Thomas (Julius)

Clay DJC, David (School)

Donaldson MR, Michael (Somes)

Faull FJC, Freddy (Corfe)

Leggat BJ, Ben Prefect (Harper)

Newman APH, Alex (Harper)

Renwick LO, Laurie (Somes)

Wadsworth JR, Jared Prefect (Flower's)

Andrew ZWQ, Zach (Somes)

Choi S, Samuel (Condell's)

Close EM, Edward (Harper)

Earl JD, Joe (Jacobs)

Hall MO, Michael (Rolleston)

Mouldey KM, Kip (Harper)

Reid HS, Harrison (Rolleston)

Southby WT, Willy (Jacobs)

Wood JM, John Prefect (Condell's)



SWIMMING SPORTS

The first of what will become the new standard for our swimming finals over the next few years was successfully completed this morning, with thanks to the staff and the cooperation of all the competitors.

Unfortunately the results of the championship at each level are yet to be confirmed. We hope to have these results shortly. The House championship also remains undecided as they depend on the result of the House relays, which are likely to be completed in Week 5 of this term.

To set the scene for those relays, however, we have had a very closely fought morning, with results looking as follows:

Harper	235
Julius	230
Condells	163
Somes	153
Rolleston	132

Congratulations to all who took part and we look forward to the standards set this year becoming the records or the times to beat in future years.

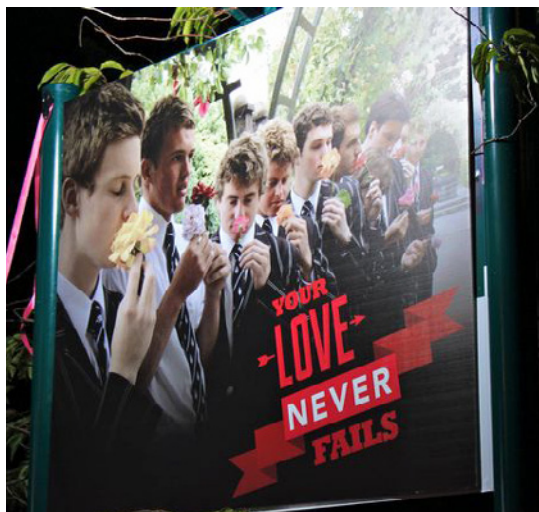
MR Hayes, MIC Aquatics



VALENTINE'S DAY



Combined Valentine's Day breakfast this morning in the Dining hall



The sign outside St Margaret's College

ASSEMBLY NOTES

Tuesday 14 February 2012

PRAYER: Chaplain

MUSIC:

'Autumn Leaves' played by Ailyas Bunyasakdi on the piano.

NOTICES:

From Mr Clough

All boys who wish to compete in the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Triathlon competition must return their forms to Mr Clough by Wednesday morning this week.

From Mr Wood

All boys who want to play rugby for the 1st & 2nd XV teams this year must meet in OA7 after boarders' lunch today at 1.15pm. If you are unable to attend please excuse yourself to Mr Wood prior to the meeting.

From Mr Christey

Senior Hurdles will be set up at the start of Big Tuesday to run the event. Junior and Intermediate Hurdles will be run during Thursday lunchtime and the backup day of the Friday if needed.

From Mr Holland

All boys who selected surfing lessons as their Saturday activity must meet with Mr Holland in the foyer at the end of this assembly. Boys who have indicated that they play club tennis on Saturdays must provide a note from their club verifying this. These may be left at the library or forwarded to Mr Holland.

From Mr Sellars

General Studies for Year 13 on Friday. Please be seated in the OBT by 1.15pm.

From Mr Johnston

All Year 9 tennis players must report to Biology lab B1 at 1.30pm today for team allocations for the Wednesday competition. It is vital that everybody is there.

PRESENTATIONS TO:

Cricket certificates:

George Blake – 105 not out against St Bede's College. **Mac Bolderston** – 7 for 22 against Shirley Boys' High School and for scoring 5 for 15 against St Bede's College. **Harry Bonifant** – for scoring 105 against Christchurch Boys' High School. **Harry Chamberlain** – 100 not out against Shirley Boys' High School. **Chris Ding** – 6 for 16 against Christchurch Boys' High School. **Daniel Freeman-Greene** – for claiming 5 for 20, including a hat-trick, against St Bede's College. **Ben Morris** – for scoring 120 against Riccarton. **Sam McGuire** – for scoring 100 against St Bede's College. **Damian McKenzie** – for scoring 111 not out against NWC. **James Southby** – 5 for 26 against Lincoln-Ellesmere

ACTIVITY REPORT: Read by Willy Southby

It has been a particularly busy week with the last of the swimming heats being completed, and there has been great

attendance at the athletic heats that have been held. Today we see the culmination of the swimming heats with the finals taking place in the school pool. Good luck to all boys swimming in finals. This afternoon is a whole school event with many athletic heats being run in preparation for our Sports Days at the end of next week.

Over the weekend there was a full round of cricket with all 12 College sides playing. Eleven of the twelve games were limited over matches with College recording eight wins, one tied match and two losses. The 1st XI played the first day of its two day match against St Bede's. Batting first, St Bede's were eventually dismissed for 125 with **Mac Bolderston** claiming 5 for 15. In reply College ended the day at 121 for 6 having lost a number of wickets late in the day. **James Southby** took 5 for 26 and scored 78 not out to help the 2nd XI record a one day victory over Lincoln-Ellesmere. **Karmen Singh** took 4 for 17 for the 3rd XI, **Fergus Gunn** hit 55 not out for the Youth A side, while **Harry Bonifant** scored 105 for the Colts to help their teams win their respective matches. **Benji Cornish** scored 81 and **Jacob Kerr** 86no for the Year 10A side but it was not enough to defeat Weddons. The 10B side had a thrilling tie by creating a run out to take the last St Bede's wicket with the scores level. The Year 9 teams had a very successful day with all four sides claiming victories. The A side posted a competitive 210 with a number of batsmen contributing and then dismissed St Bede's for 181. **Daniel Freeman-Greene** was wicketkeeper for the first part of the innings and then took the ball for a bowl. In a spell of only a few overs, Daniel claimed a hat-trick, and then the last two wickets to finish with 5 for 20. **James Coull** took 3 for 10 for the White side while **George Blake** and **Sam McGuire** scored centuries each for the Black side to help each side to very convincing wins.

Last night was the first round of Volleyball with four of College's five teams having matches. In their first match for College, the Year 9 side lost a close match to St Andrew's by two sets to one, while the Senior A side lost to St Thomas by two set to love. The Junior and Senior C had default wins over their oppositions.

The 1st XI hockey played late last night in the second round of the Super six competition. Playing with very good pace and control the 1st XI hockey team beat a strong High School Old Boys men's team 6–5 after a bit of **Jack Silvester** and **Kip Mouldy** magic.

A reminder of today's swimming sports. All finalists to be at the pool after assembly, along with all Year 9 boys who will spectate. Year 13 will be down at the pool from the end of interval. A decision on the Big Tuesday Athletic Heats will be made later this morning. If postponed they will occur on Thursday afternoon.

GOOD LUCK FOR SWIMMING SPORTS THIS MORNING – change of venue from QE2 to our own pool means the whole school cannot fit into the venue at any one time.