



IN BLACK & WHITE

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

The 'Drugs and Alcohol' talk was supported by about 150 parents, and feedback from it has been positive. The difficult line between confidentiality and community reassurance was explored, and I believe those attending may now have a better insight into the issues involved. All school communities have to accept a 'rumour mill' is inevitable, and even that some members of any school community may enjoy oiling it rather than picking up a phone and asking the right questions! The whole focus of the evening was on open and transparent discussion. Our small panel of available experts added significantly to the value of the evening; my thanks again to Helen Smith, Mike Ardagh, Mark Worner and our counsellor, Allen Pyke. Annotated notes on the presentation have been passed to all Housemasters and are available for those unable to attend.

Buildings. Over the last weekend, our contractors have rearranged their site facilities and the centre of operations has moved, literally, to Harper/Julius. We are STILL awaiting some rubber stamping action from the council, but hopefully by the time you read this someone will have summoned the required energy. In the meantime, work is moving ahead at a pace in preparation for the 'consentable' activity. We do, however, now have the required piece of paper for the demolition of the maths block, and that will start on the last weekend of this term and be completed over the Easter break. At the same time our latest 'subdivision' will offer delightful views of Upper

for (some of the) ten new mobiles we are installing so that the Open Air Block can be upgraded before the end of the year. It will be good to start 2013 with the ground cleared for the 'West Wing' and to watch our new facility rise up. The project is still at a Board discussion and sign-off stage, but the proposed interior layout has been finalised, and some indication of the final appearance can now be shared with you. Impressions of the interior are being prepared – it has some stunning features.



Old Boys' Theatre
21-23 March 7:30pm
Tickets: 366 8705

We are in testing times with building design. Whatever we build will, of course, be to at least 100% of the new code (it is possible to exceed the requirements) but the insurance landscape has moved dramatically; whereas in the past when most have been solely focussed on safety and preservation of life, many may now need to consider asset protection as well. That is, reducing building owners' liability for large repair bills with dramatically reduced insurance benefits. Does this mean we will compromise architectural flair and excitement? Are we in danger of producing strong, flexible boxes from which nothing will fall off? Suppose we wait five years, and the shaking has clearly stopped – will we then be just as conservative? It is a dilemma; whatever we build now will be with us for many years, and we need to make sure we create structures and spaces which will really enrich the lives of those who use them. A high level of risk aversion at present, be it physical or financial or both, is absolutely natural, but sooner or later a more 'actuarial' perspective has to return. The chances of another big earthquake are getting smaller by the day – the readiness to have a more adventurous vision for the buildings of the future in Christchurch needs to be going up at the same time. It is a matter of cost too; anything is possible, with sufficient resources. Buildings built down to a budget so often earn the 'while they were doing it they should have.....' commentary a few years later, even if at the time there was no real choice. Safety of people will never be compromised; sacrificing architectural excitement to save a few superficial wounds to the building – I rather hope not. We are determined not only to replace our stock of classroom spaces with modern and highly effective facilities, but also to have a building which will add something significant and dramatic to the experience of being at the College.

This edition will reach you on our annual Open Day. As I write on Monday afternoon, a degree of sprucing up is going on outside, and weather permitting the vast range of activities which makes up our College life will be available for all to enjoy. We have had a couple of day visits and information evenings for our major prep-schools, and more to come. Last weekend we were represented at the Wanaka Show by Sandy Scannell, our Registrar, and Deputy Head Rob Donaldson. They reported a high level of interest, with visits from many parents, old boys and prospective parents, (though Mr D absented himself briefly to watch the annual Jack Russell dog race, which will be well known to those familiar with the show....) At this time of year, when families are giving serious consideration to a choice of school for their son, their situation was elegantly encapsulated by a parent I was talking to at Twizel last weekend. He said, if you need a new roof on your house what do you do? Do you get on the internet and start researching all the technical details, or do you talk to someone you trust who has been pleased with their new roof, and ask them who they used? Without any doubt at all, our current community are our most effective advocates. Do encourage any you know who may be undecided at this stage, to take a small amount of time to come and meet with us.

The Board have graciously granted me a sabbatical break during term three. My wife and I will be travelling to a conference in Australia, and then on to Europe. They have asked me to research some exciting strategic possibilities for College during that time, and I will also be looking at how UK independent schools have responded to the challenges set down by the Charities Commission, in demonstrating the 'public benefit' of the schools' charitable status. It is a matter which should exercise any responsible school – we should constantly be looking, not only to maximise opportunity and personal development for our own members, but also to build into them a sense of ownership of the wider well-being of society. We do a great deal for others, both charitably, through sharing our facilities and capabilities,

CALENDAR EVENTS

Week 7

- W 14 Interhouse senior cricket semi-finals, CCCG, 3.00pm
Confirmation preparation group, 7.30pm
- Th 15 Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym, 12.45pm
Interhouse junior tennis semi-finals, Hagley TC, 4.00pm
- F 16 Year 12 General Studies, OBT, 1.15pm
Boarding houses 'Crazy Legs Running Relay', Quad, 4.00pm
'Shake, Ripple & Roll' technical rehearsal, OBT, 7.15pm-9.45pm
- Sa 17 CSS athletic finals
Weekend programme available for all boarders
- Su 18 4th Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist, 9.00am
'Shake, Ripple & Roll' technical rehearsal, OBT, 10.30am-1.30pm
Senior rowing crews return, 6.00pm
'Shake, Ripple & Roll' first dress rehearsal, OBT, 6.00pm-9.00pm

Week 8

- M 19 CSS golf strokeplay championships
CSS volleyball ends
Interhouse junior tennis final, Hagley TC, 4.00pm
'Shake, Ripple & Roll' final dress rehearsal, OBT, 6.00pm
- Tu 20 Year 11 geography field trip, Hanmer Springs, 8.00am-5.00pm
Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym, 1.15pm
Year 13 mathematics internal assessment (Group 1), ICT1/2, 2.00pm-3.50pm
Information Evening, OBT, 7.00pm
- W 21 CSS sport ends
Junior mathematics competition for selected Years 9, 10 & 11 students, Assembly Hall, 8.30am-10.00am
Interhouse senior cricket final, CCCG, 3.00pm
Confirmation preparation group, 7.30pm
'Shake, Ripple & Roll', opening night, OBT, 7.30pm
- Th 22 CSS swimming championships
Year 10 geography field trip, Selwyn River, 8.35am-3.30pm
Year 11 biology field trip, Wainui, 8.45am-3.15pm

and through our contribution to the educational landscape in New Zealand. But our real challenge is to add value to the quality of the young men who pass through the school, so that their 'public benefit' later is obvious.

I have been sent one piece of correspondence from an elderly lady who writes about her estimate of the College's past success in that regard, I estimate about sixty years ago. She was responding to an old boy of College who thought she may have been interested in his most recent book, based upon his experiences here as a boy. Her reply:

I will decline your offer – it was not really a happy time for Bob. In fact it took quite some time before I even found out he had been to Christ's College. Since I had sworn never to marry somebody who had been there I suppose it was just as well! Hawke's Bay snobby young louts at dances, when I was attending as an ordinary Napier Girls' High girl, made it fairly clear where I fitted in. I'm sure very good graduates came out of Christ's and probably still do, but it is not a great interest of mine.

I am pleased to confirm it IS a great interest of mine!

Simon Leese, Headmaster

PS – Page 1 of The Press today (Tuesday) suggests not everyone feels the same way as the good lady from the Hawke's Bay!



INFORMATION EVENING

FRANCE ART AND LANGUAGE TOUR 2013

An information evening will be held in the Staffroom (next to Upper, opposite the Library) at 7.30pm Wednesday 28 March for interested students and their parents.

The trip is open to Year 11-13 boys who will be studying French or Art History in 2013. Mr John Reece of 'France the French way' will be available to answer questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Susan Harding, HOD Modern Languages and Ms Robyn Peers, HOD Art History

CALENDAR EVENTS

cont.

- Th 22 Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym, 12.45pm
Year 13 mathematics internal assessment (Group 2), ICT1/2, 1.45pm-3.30pm
'Shake, Ripple & Roll', performance, OBT, 7.30pm
- F 23 Year 13 General Studies, Otago University liaison visit, OBT, 1.15pm
Rowers depart for Maadi Cup Regatta, Lake Ruataniwha, 3.00pm
'Shake, Ripple & Roll', final performance, OBT, 7.30pm
- Sa 24 Weekend programme available for all boarders
- Su 25 5th Sunday in Lent
Choral Evensong, 7.00pm
Preacher: The Chaplain

Week 9

- M 26 Summer tournament week begins
Maadi Cup Regatta begins, Lake Ruataniwha
Sheilah Winn Festival begins
Year 9 OE camp departs for Peel Forest, 8.00am
Waihi School Year 8 visit, 10.00am

SELECTION UPDATE

Richard Park (Julius) has reached the final 20 in the selection of a New Zealand team to attend the International Chemistry Olympiad. The top four from this group of 20 will attend the Olympiad at Washington DC in July.



Richard, who has been working extremely hard over the summer holidays and during this term, has made this final group based on the results of completed assignments and tests. He will travel to Auckland during the next holiday break for the last selection camp. Thomas Fellowes (Harper) was successful in this process last year and travelled to Ankara, Turkey where he earned a Bronze medal. The year before, David Bellamy (Julius) was also a team member and won Bronze at Tokyo.

CAREERS

Events since last *In Black & White*

- Condell's, Corfe, Harper, Julius and Some Houses have seen Mr Sellars in House groups
- Year 13 individual interviews are taking place
- University of Canterbury Liaison visit (Year 13)
- General Studies Year 12, career profiles completed



Dates

TERM 1	Important Dates:
	15 March: Lincoln University – Careers Advisers seminar
	16 March: University of Canterbury, liaison visit (Year 12)
	22 March: Massey University presentation - lunchtime. Massey University presentation 3.00–7.00pm, Addington Event Centre, Metropolitan Room (see below)
	23 March: University of Otago, liaison visit
HOLIDAYS	30 March: General studies Year 12, Lincoln University liaison visit
	9 April: Navy Adventure Challenge
	16 April: Navy Adventure Challenge
TERM 2	29 April: Year 13 group travel to Dunedin for Otago Open Day
	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)
	8 June: CPIT liaison visit
	11 June: University of Otago, Law Seminar, Years 12 & 13
	1 August: University of Otago, Law Seminar, Years 12 & 13
	31 August: Study at Vic Day Open Day, Victoria University, Wellington

Otago Tertiary Study Open Day – 30 April, Year 13

Urgent: boys need to collect Parent Permission forms from the Careers room in Richards House. The following have indicated they will be travelling: Jun Ho Jin, Laurie Renwick, Philip Lee, Sam Choi.

Engineering Degrees

The last edition of *In Black & White* mentioned Engineering at Wellington - Victoria University and Welltec. This week includes information on Engineering at CPIT (Christchurch Polytechnic

Institute of Technology). While many of our students follow a career in Engineering at either the University of Canterbury or Auckland there is another option which is more suitable for some boys. CPIT has Engineering Trades, the 2 year Diploma in Engineering (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical) and the 3 year, Bachelor of Engineering Technology. Both the Diploma and Degree at CPIT can lead on to further study at the universities. This CPIT pathway would be the best option for those who are not especially strong in mathematics and physics. They will have a greater chance of success and be better equipped to then continue with university work if so desired.

Massey University Seminar

March 22 Addington Event Centre

3–7.00pm	General Course planning
4–4.30pm	Aviation
5–5.30pm	Veterinary Science
6–6.30pm	Design & Fine Arts

careersnz

Cantabrians looking for information on career, work and learning options will now find it all available in one convenient place, thanks to an initiative developed by Careers New Zealand. For the first time Cantabrians of all ages and stages can get, from one site, all the information they need on education, skills, training, future job opportunities, and where the regional economy is going.

Browse the site at <http://canterbury.careers.govt.nz>

Educating Adventures (EA)

Instructor Internship Opportunity. There are a limited number of places available for Ski & Snowboard Instructor Internship Programmes for the 2012/13 winter season in Canada, United States and Japan. The programme is offered in conjunction with top ski resorts. Interested students should contact EA directly for access to their online instructor starter kit by emailing: ssstraining@educatingadventures.com

Latitude - Global Volunteering/GAP

Latitude offers a diverse range of placements in 12 countries. Latitude volunteers are not tourists, they immerse themselves in the local culture and become members of that community. Please contact Mr Sellars for further information.

Queenstown Resort College

Recently College has had boys attend QRC. The courses offered there include; Diploma of Adventure Tourism Management, Diploma of Adventure Tourism specialising in Snowsports and the Diploma of Hospitality Management. They have Career Weeks in the holidays for students to experience QRC. 10–13 April, 3–6 July, 2–5 October. The programme is \$350 for the 4 days (this includes accommodation, food and activities) plus flights. Information evening 13 September. There is a National Scholarship available to a Year 13 student valued at \$25,600.

Airways – Air Traffic Controller

What do I need to succeed? People are needed with the ability to visualise and react to situations in the right kind of way. Graduates receive a Level 7 Diploma for their efforts. You will need Level 1 mathematics, Level 2 English and 42 other points at Level 3. You will find some quick ways to test your skills on their website, so check it out under 'practise tests and games' at www.airways.co.nz/atccareers

Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

CURRICULUM NOTES

I have had occasion to raise a smile several times already this term (usually never before Easter, they say) as boys have suggested that there will be Earthquake Impaired Derived Grades for NCEA candidates this year. Unless we have another 'event' (and we are all hoping not), there won't be.



However, it is worth reminding everyone that there is the normal derived grade process in place to allow for those unfortunate things that happen immediately prior to or during the NZQA examinations in November.

There are several things worth noting this early in the year. Derived Grades only apply to externally assessed standards (the examinations held during November), not those that we assess internally within schools.

Students can only apply for Derived Grades when something has happened immediately before, or during, the examination season, so longer term illnesses for example are not acceptable criteria for applying for Derived Grades.

Finally, schools cannot invent grades to give boys when they apply for a Derived Grade. We must have valid assessment data gathered using standards based assessment, and

this is used to establish a grade for that student for that standard. If we had no data, we could not give a grade. This is particularly important because it means that class tests, and trial examinations in August, are important as sources of valid assessment data. When your son has tests coming up, or faces those trial examinations in August, you can genuinely say that these matter. It is important for all boys to give every practice assessment their best effort.

Applications are made to Mr Porter in November, and if the issue is one of illness, then there is a form that needs to be downloaded from the NZQA web site and signed by a medical professional. If you do this before coming in to see Mr Porter you can speed up our processing considerably. We all hope that this won't happen, and students like to think of themselves as 'indestructible' and assume that it won't be them, but every year up to twenty boys are likely to find themselves in this situation.

Finally a reminder that we publish an assessment calendar on the College website that tells you when assessments for our internally assessed standards are due. Go to the College website, click on the 'Information' tab, and choose 'Assessment Planner'. The planner is amended as assessment plans change (as they sometimes must because of unexpected events.)

R Sutton, Senior Master Curriculum

ICE CREAM AND MILKSHAKE SHOW OPENS NEXT WEEK!

The musical sensation that is Shake, Ripple & Roll opens next Tuesday. The musical is a combined production with Christ's College and Rangī Ruru Girls' School.

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

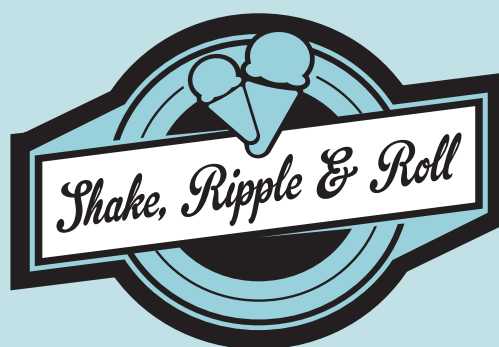
Book your tickets this week to see this colourful, energetic and fun look at 1950's American ice cream culture.

The Year 10 and 11 cast, from both schools, have learned rock and roll dancing, singing, acting, and what it means to be part of a performance ensemble. Director Ms Robyn Peers has co-ordinated the many hours of rehearsals. Other staff members: Mr Robin Sutton, Mrs Lisa Banks, Mr Pat O'Connor, Mr Nick Coxon and Mrs Anna McDowall have worked alongside her, with senior boys from the Drama Club.

There are three performances: Wednesday 21 March, Thursday 22 March, and Friday 23 March starting at 7.30pm in the OBT. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. Bookings can be made on account at the Christ's College reception. Ph 03 366 8705

Ice creams will be on sale at half time. Boys attend the production in tidy mufti.

D Chambers, Director of Drama



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

The end of the summer season is drawing to a close, and our sports move into the business end with many College teams preparing for end-of-season matches, finals, tournaments and regattas.



February is a busy month with the running of both the Swimming Sports and the Athletic Sports. I would like to personally thank Mr Martin Hayes (swimming) and Mr Graeme Christey and Ms Helen Chileshe (athletics) for their work towards each championship, and their ongoing work with the Canterbury Interscholar Athletic and Swimming Championships which are about to take place. Congratulations to our individual champions from each event. Patrick Wynne claimed this year's senior swimming cup, and the senior athletics title was a three way tie between Freddy Faull (field specialist), Sam Gilchrist (sprint specialist) and James Sandston (middle-distance specialist). Flower's House claimed the overall House trophy for athletics. The House Swimming Cup is to be decided after the completion of House relays. These will be run before the end of the term.

A number of our College athletes and swimmers have done well in regional and national events. In the recent Canterbury Athletics Championships Sam Gilchrist (Mens 17 400m) and Tom Cresswell (Mens 20 Pole Vault) claimed Gold medals while Angus McKenzie and Toby Franks won Bronze in the Mens 17 Pole Vault. At the recent National Age Grade Swimming Championships Patrick Wynne won two silver medals as part of his club and regional relay teams, while Jed Smith claimed two bronze medals for his age group relay teams.

February also sees some of the top College teams compete in annual Summer fixtures. This term's annual fixtures were against Otago Boys' High School and Christchurch Boys' High School. In the OBHS exchange College was defeated in both cricket matches, while the tennis fixture was closely fought with College eventually winning 12 matches to 10. Jason Yoo was dominant in the golf exchange winning all his matches but it was not enough to help the team to victory. In the annual CBHS exchange the cricket sides were again defeated with the 2nd XI competing well but losing their match in a closely fought affair. The tennis fixture doubled as a South

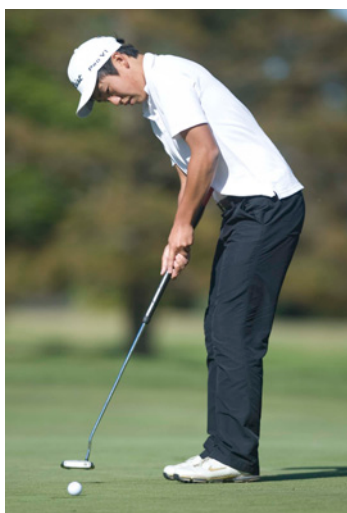
Island qualifier. Connor Heap and Ben Johnston both won their singles matches but were unable to pick up any doubles to lose 4-2. In the afternoon the College side reversed the result in the reverse singles and doubles fixture. The loss in the morning meant the tennis side had to play Grey High to qualify for the South Island tournament. In a one sided affair, College won 6-0 and now travel to Timaru this weekend for the South Island tournament, where they will attempt to make top two in order to qualify for the Nationals.

Sam Thomas placed second at the recent New Zealand Yachting National 420 Open Championships, as reported by Mr Everingham elsewhere in this newsletter. The event was also a selection opportunity for the 2012 World 420 Championships to be held in Austria. We are pleased to have a College representative amongst the New Zealand team this year.

The rowing club is nearing the end of another long season. The final regatta is the National Secondary Schools' Championship, which culminates with the race for the Maadi Cup. In recent weeks crews have raced, firstly, in the Canterbury Secondary Schools' regatta, and more recently, the South Island Secondary Schools' regatta. The top under-18 eight won Gold at Canterbury and Silver at the SISS regatta and continue to build towards the Maadi Cup. The under-17 and under-16 eights have also had podium finishes at both regattas. The four boats at each age group also enjoyed success and the lightweight under-18 four boys are the new South Island champions. The Maadi crews will complete their two week camp at Twizel at the end of this week. The National regatta begins at Lake Ruataniwha on 26 March.

As the term draws to an end, focus shifts towards the Winter season. Over the next few weeks, boys will begin the organisation for Winter sport, with the last week of term being set down for trials and meetings. At present I am beginning the process of staffing coaches for each sport. If there are any parents who would be keen to assist, either as managers or coaches in particular areas then I would welcome talking to you to see if there is a vacancy where we could utilise your skills and time.

RA Clarke, Director of Sport



Images from the Otago Boys' Summer Tournament (From left Jason Yoo, Jack Silvester and Jeremy Duncan)

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Baptism (Christening)

Is your son not baptised (christened) and possibly interested in baptism? ("Baptism" and "Christening" are two words for the same thing.) On the first Friday of Term 2, 4 May at 6:45pm, there will be a simple baptism service in the presence of the choir and any family, friends, and supporters who would like to be there.



All the different mainline denominations accept that we are all administering the same baptism. (Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox...) So baptism in our Chapel doesn't make someone "an Anglican" – it simply makes a person "baptised".

Please talk to your son about this offer. He is old enough to make the promises for himself. He would need to have a sponsor who presents him (this has some similarities to a godparent for a baby).

All Year 9 students are studying baptism in class, and, if your son is in another year here, he will have done this earlier. I will meet with each student interested in baptism and go over what it means to them as well as the details of the service.

If your son is interested in being confirmed, he needs to be baptised first. At the service new choristers will also be inducted as full members of the choir.

Please can you or your son get in touch with me about this.

Confirmation

The confirmation preparation group has started. It has a good number of Christ's College and St Margaret's College students. We understand that some have been unable to come to the first couple of meetings, and may not be able to come to all sessions – it is often those who are busiest who take on confirmation preparation. So there is still the chance to join in for those who have missed sessions so far.

Get your son to speak to someone taking part to find out how it has been going so far. Or just come along. Those who have been part of this, find it one of the best things they do in their senior years. Those who will be confirmed, if they have not been baptised, need to be baptised at our 4 May baptism service.

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

NAVY LEAGUE CANTERBURY

Myles McMillan (Year 12 Corfe) has been awarded the inaugural John Pallot Memorial Scholarship by the Navy League Canterbury. The scholarship was established to recognise a sea cadet in the Christchurch/Canterbury area between 16 and 18 years who has made a significant contribution to their unit and demonstrates leadership potential. Part of the award was a place at the Outward Bound Leadership course which Myles attended at the end of 2011. He was also the winner of the Navy League Essay competition, and spoke on Sunday night at a special dinner held by the Navy League Canterbury where his scholarship was formally presented.



SWIMMING CHAMPS

Results from National Age Group Swimming Championships

Four Christ's College boys travelled to Wellington last week for the National Age Group Swimming Championships. Their results were as follows:

Brendan Chin (Corfe) – was attending his first national meet and swam a number of personal best times, including reaching the final of the 15 years 100m butterfly event.

Jed Smith (Julius) – reached six finals in the 14 years group, with a best placing of 5th. He also won Bronze medals in the 15 and under Club and 15 and under Regional freestyle relay events.

William Hurst (Jacobs) – reached the final of the 16 and over Club medley relay.

Patrick Wynne (Harper) – was battling injury but made four finals with a best result of 5th in the 17-18 years 50m backstroke. Patrick also picked up two Silver medals for the 16 and over Club freestyle, and Club medley relays.

NM Porter, Senior Master



HOUSE MUSIC

All are welcome

Our annual House Music evening is at 7pm on Tuesday 3 April at the CBS Arena. This is a great night of entertainment so put it in your diary. There will be plenty of seating for parents and family members of the boys.

There is no charge for the evening and tickets are not required. Parking at the CBS Arena will be free of charge. The Humanitarian Committee will be running a collection for their charity, the Child Cancer Foundation, so please support this worthy cause.

NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Year 13 Drama, Art History and English students made the bi-annual trek to the international arts feast in Wellington at the beginning of March. Leaving at 6.45am on Friday, returning 8.15pm Sunday, the 15 strong team soaked up eight theatre events and two exhibitions.

First to the Opera House to discover Shakespeare's **A Winter's Tale** through the physical style, inventive staging engrossing interpretation of the British all male theatre company, Propeller.

Down to the City Gallery to investigate the meaning and integrity of sculptural works at **The Obstinate Object** – where interactive bouncy castle art was compared with the magnetic force of art to draw crowds.

Then to the Big Top to enjoy the family Ronaldo from Belgium. **Circensius** stripped away all circus's spangles and cheesy smiles to reveal the ego, struggle, danger and heat of this ancient art form, first from a backstage view, and then from the supposed public ringside.

Saturday began with the weather bomb. Undeterred, we visited the PageBlackie Dealer Gallery (directed by Old Boy James Blackie) to take in a new portrayal of Sam Hunt's poems by artist Dick Frizzell.

Then two NZ plays, both focussing on NZ's war experience, through the eyes of New Zealand families. **TU** brought Patricia Grace's award winning novel to life in an extraordinary juxtaposition of time and space, using minimalist theatre techniques with haunting effect. **Michael James Manaia** demonstrated the huge skill and determination of the solo actor (Te Kohe Tuhaka) as he portrayed multiple characters each in conflict with a central character at odds with himself and his memories following the Vietnam War.

TeZuka was a ground-breaking breathtaking multimedia dance/music/Manga animation

compilation from Tokyo, Antwerp/London, in the St James Theatre, and fifteen minutes later we were in the Festival Club to see the Australian **Cantina** – spectacular acts of physical strength, endurance and anatomical unlikelihood.

On Sunday we attended the National Theatre of Scotland's production of **Beautiful Burnout** – another physically brutal and technical knockout which brought to life the sweat, poetry and danger of professional boxing.

Finally, there was an easing of tension as we attended a music and poetry performance of **Words in Motion** by Apirana Taylor and friends.

We each have our own favourite performances. The trip has enriched the lives of the people who went and has created a deep foundation upon which the senior students can build for the end of year Scholarship examinations.

D Chambers, Director of Drama



CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Three College fanfare trumpeters travelled to Twizel over the weekend to help with the local Cancer Society sponsored relay event. This coincided with the South Island Secondary Schools' Rowing Championship held at Lake Ruataniwha.

The Headmaster met with the Cancer Society volunteers during a previous regatta weekend, and offered our services. Ramses Hunt, Nick Edmundson and Felix Ellerm Norton spent the weekend at the regatta specially to add their expertise on Saturday. In addition to College getting the 'survivors' opening lap underway in grand style, the Headmaster presented the organisers with \$1000 donated by the Parents' Association from the proceeds of last year's Pink Lunch.



Felix Ellerm Norton, Ramses Hunt and Nick Edmundson

TRIATHLON RESULTS

Christ's College's under-14 triathlon team finished in second place at the Canterbury Secondary Schools' event held at Corsair Bay recently. The team of Henry Idiens, Angus Gray and Callum Long have had a short wait while this result was checked and confirmed.

College travelled to the event with four individual competitors and two teams. The under-14 team completed the event in a time of 37.25 for their second placing, while the under-16 entry of Brendon Chin, Nicholas Ganly and Sam Doyle finished in 4th place overall.

In the individual competition, Joe Hutchinson finished 8th overall as a junior, intermediate Rory Swanson was 7th overall, while William Hurst, competing in the discipline for the first time, finished 12th as a senior competitor.



Intermediate competitor, Rory Swanson, emerges from the swim at the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Triathlon

RUGBY AWARENESS DAY

Canterbury ITM rugby representatives visited Christ's College Friday 9 March, and put our junior sportsmen through some pre-season skills during their lunch break. Tabai Matson, the Crusaders and Canterbury rugby backs coach, lead the programme with help from Patrick Osbourne and Joe Moody. The junior boys played Offside Touch and Kick Tennis with the Canterbury representatives, as well as spending some time learning scrum techniques.

Patrick Osbourne is the top try scorer for the Canterbury ITM team, and Joe Moody, who is a former College pupil, plays prop for the side. Tabai Matson also attended College as a Flower's House boarder.



Prop Joe Moody coaching Year 9 players



Joe Moody with Patrick Osbourne offering tips to Daniel Harnett



Offside Touch

JACOBS HOUSE NZ ROWERS

Matthew Trott, an old boy of Jacobs House (1994-98), has been selected into the New Zealand Olympic Rowing team to compete in the men's quadruple sculls event. Matthew will be the second College and Jacobs House old boy to row at the Olympics, following Donald Leach (1994-97) who competed as part of the men's straight four at Athens in 2004.

Two more Jacobs House old boys are still hopeful of qualifying for this year's Olympics. James Lassche (2003-07) and Duncan Grant (1994-98) will race as part of the lightweight four in what is known as the Last Chance regatta at Lucerne. To qualify the lightweight four will need to finish in the top two at the regatta.



GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

Last week 30 Year 12 geographers, five teaching staff and two GAP students travelled to the Forest Lodge at the foot of the Mt Cheeseman ski field road to complete field work for the annual study of the South Island High Country.

From the lodge boys were able to study the elements of the landscape and how they interact. Soil profiles were recorded, climate measurements made, plots analysed and river flows measured. From the top of Mt Cockayne on the Craigieburn Range to the short tussock grasslands in the basin floor, a range of environments were studied. Three rivers were measured to find the discharge - something of a challenge on the Waimakariri River with its swift snow-fed water.

All boys worked well in their groups, both in the field and when required to help out in the kitchen. A research report worth five NCEA credits will be written up back at College.



Soil samples in the Craigieburn beech forest



Valley transect



Fluvial processes in the Waimakariri River

NEW ZEALAND YACHTING NATIONAL 420 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

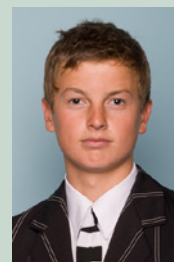
Yachtsman Sam Thomas (Rolleston) has earned the outstanding result of second place at the 2012 New Zealand Yachting National 420 Open Championships. The Year 13 boy competed at the event, held over four days at the Naval Point Club on Lyttelton Harbour, in highly variable conditions ranging from extreme gusts up to 26 knots with huge swells, to light flukey winds.

Enjoying the result with skipper Sam Lee (STAC), this is the culmination Sam's commitment since before Christmas to be at the top of the class. On most days training occurred for several hours and regular boat tuning was required in order to get the smallest possible advantage for the Christchurch pair. The event doubled as a national selection event for the 2012 World 420 Championships so it is wonderful to have a College representative amongst

the New Zealand team this year, thanks to Sam's high national ranking. The World Championships are to be held in Austria.

Three other College boats also entered the two day non-spinnaker event and were well tested by the extreme conditions on the first day of racing. They all completed the third race to gain valuable experience amongst the best of the class in very tough conditions. On the second day, a long day on the water with three more races, the team saw first hand the incredible effort, concentration and technical knowledge that is required for success at the top. The best College boat was skippered by Lloyd Ashbey and his crew was Simon Hanger.

SE Everingham, MIC Sailing



Christ's College

INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS

Tuesday 20 March 7.00pm Old Boys' Theatre

Headmaster's Address | staff presentations | tours | information | refreshments

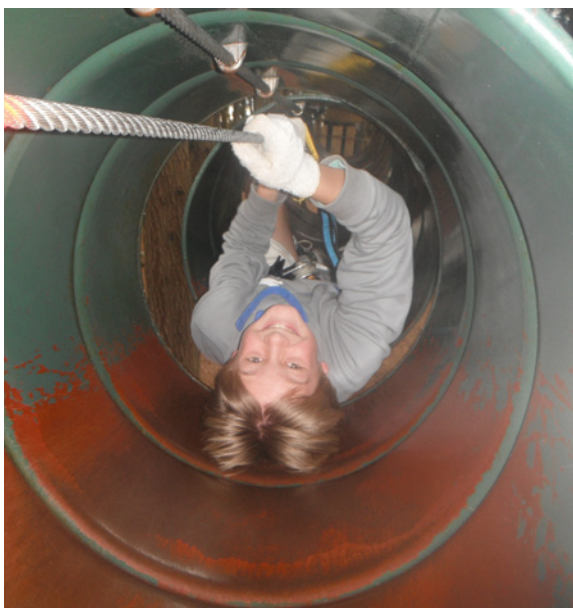
BOARDING PROGRAMME

The past two weeks have seen the boys involved in some action packed activities. On Sunday 4 March 33 boarders headed south to raft the Rangitata River. After some poor weather beforehand, the day was fine and sunny with good river flows. Having worked up an appetite on the river, the boys were treated to a BBQ lunch before heading back home.

Last Saturday night saw Richards House hosting an interhouse Quiz Night. Deputy Housemaster of Richards House Mr Matt Cortesi ensured the questions were fun but challenging, while Matron Mrs Melva Brown made certain that tummies were kept full with the kiwi classics of chips & dip and sausage rolls. A Richards House Year 12 team, aptly named the '3rd XV wider training group', were the overall champions. On Sunday 19 boys headed to Adrenalin Forest to challenge themselves on the high ropes course. While many have been there before, the boys are always trying to achieve at a higher level than their previous visits.

This week sees all four Boarding Houses competing in the Crazy Legz Relay on Friday evening. This is a fundraiser for Lent where each year group in each House run the marathon distance as a relay. This Saturday night will be Mini Golf at Caddyshack Golf and Sunday will see the boys heading to Kamikaze Paintball.

DJ Thatcher, Boarding Programme Coordinator



ASSEMBLY NOTES

Tuesday 13 March 2012

MUSIC: The Assembly music will be a fanfare be played by three fanfare trumpeters - Ramses Hunt, Nick Edmundson and Felix Ellerm Norton

PRAYER: Chaplain

NOTICES

From Mr Thatcher

A training squad for the 2012 2nd XI hockey team is up on the sports whiteboard. If your name is on the list please see Mr Thatcher at break outside Jacobs House to confirm your availability for training and to receive more details. Any Year 9 hockey players who represented a province at the Hatch Cup Hockey Tournament last year please see Mr Thatcher in the Hall Foyer straight after assembly.

From Mr Clough

Last chance for any Year 10 boys interested in going on the Spirit of Adventure at the start of the July holidays to register their interest. Please see or email Mr Clough by Wednesday.

From Ms Peers

Tickets for 'Shake, Ripple & Roll' are on sale from the College office, and can be purchased on account. This is the Years 10 & 11 combined production with Rangi Ruru and all Years 9, 10 and 11 boys should attend. The tickets are \$15 for students and \$25 for adults. The show opens next Wednesday evening and runs on Thursday and Friday nights as well starting at 7.30pm.

From Mr Sellars

General Studies this Friday is for Year 12 – please be seated in the OBT by 1.15pm.

ACTIVITY REPORT: John Wood, Prefect Condell's House Weather played its part once again by cancelling all tennis last Wednesday, with the only game in the week occurring on Thursday when the College A side played Grey High School in a South Island qualifying match. In a one sided affair, College won the fixture 6 nil to now advance to the South Island tournament this weekend in Timaru. The goal for the team is to finish in the top two and win a place at the Nationals later this term.

In Twizel over the weekend the College rowing club competed in the South Island Schools regatta. This is the last regatta before Nationals and Maadi Cup in two weeks. After finals were completed on Sunday, College had collected two titles. **Jack Caulton, George Perkins, James Chapman, Sam Doyle** and cox **Brad Faul** won the under-15 four, while the under-18 lightweight four of **Timothy Carey, James Russell, James Sandston, James Luxton** and cox **Sam Bosworth** were also crowned South Island champions. Other podium finishes were silver for the under-18 eight, under-18 four, under-17

eight and under-17 four. The under-16 eight and under-16 four collected bronze medals from the regatta.

Last week a number of College swimmers travelled to Wellington for the National Age Group Championships. **Brendon Chin** swam a number of PBs and made the final of the 15 years 100m Butterfly. **Jed Smith** made six finals in the 14 years category with a best placing of 5th and collected bronze medals in the Club, and then Regional freestyle relays. **William Hurst** swam in the final of the 16 and over Club Medley relay while **Patrick Wynne** battled injury to make four finals with a best result of 5th in the 17–18 years 50m backstroke. In relays, Patrick picked up two silver medals.

The 1st XI cricket side were back in winning ways on Saturday when they restricted Christchurch Boys' High School's 2nd XI to 151 in their 50 overs. **Jeremy Duncan** (82 no) completed a five wicket win. The 2nd XI won a thrilling one run match over St Thomas. Needing 11 runs off the last over, St Thomas scored 9 runs off the first three balls before **Chris Ding** bowled three dot balls to complete the innings and win the match. **George Fitzgerald** took 5 for 28 for the Colts in their two day match while **Bob Trolove** took a hat trick for the Youth A side in their won over North West cricket. The Youth B side had a good 8 wicket win over South West, while the Year 10 A completed an extraordinary 284 run win over Lincoln-Ellesmere. The team scored 310 with Benji Cornish 114 no, then bowled the opposition out for 26 with **Ollie Macfarlane** and **Ben Loeffen-Gallagher** taking three wickets each. The Year 9A had a very comfortable 199 run win over the top St Andrew's College side, with **Ben Thompson** taking 3/12 and **Ben Chamberlain** 4/7. **Angus Porter** took 4/12 to help the Year 9 Black team win a close match over Riccarton while the Year 9 T20 side continued good form with a win over CBHS Orange. **Matt Cooper** scored 47 no and Isaac Hobson 43 no.

Last night the 1st XI Super Six squad played their best match of the season to beat Harewood men 7-4 and win the final of the Division 2 men's competition. Some superb goals were scored by **Kip Mouldy** (2), **Dominic Newman** (2), **James Kean** (2) and **Luke Cracroft-Wilson** (1). Co-captain **Harry Fairgray** was impressive in defence.

PRESENTATIONS TO:

Cricket certificates:

Benji Cornish – scored 114 not out for the 10A's against Lincoln-Ellesmere.

George Fitzgerald – claimed 5 for 28 for the Colts against St Thomas of Canterbury.

Bob Trolove – claimed 4 for 5, including a hat trick, for the Youth Open A's against North West Cricket

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Sailing

Sam Thomas achieved an outstanding result placing 2nd

with his skipper **Sam Lee** (STAC) in the recent New Zealand Yachting National 420 Open Championships held over four days at Naval Point Club on Lyttelton Harbour. (Medal to present)

The winners of the senior internal scholarships for 2012. These awards are based on their NCEA Level 1 or Level 2 results from 2011

The TR Moore Scholarship for Year 13
Matthew Aldridge

Sam Choi
Edward Close
Alexander Newman
Richard Park

The Senior Somes Scholarship

Jonathan Abbott
Conrad Fleischmann
Louis Loader
Kieran Roe

The TR Moore Scholarship for English
Quinn Angus

The Ralph Barnett Award for Science
Vinura Karunasekera

The Ralph Barnett Award for Mathematics
Nicholas Ganly

PRESENTATION BY:

The Christchurch City Council and the Crash Bash team.



Boys outside the Assembly Hall as part of the Crash Bash presentation

IMAGES FROM THE TWIZEL TRAINING CAMP

