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FROMTHE BOARD CHAIRMAN

The West Wing development is a major undertaking for the College. We had been committed to a redevelopment of English and Chapman, but the circumstances of the last two years have taken us back to the drawing board with literally a clean sheet of paper. The result is a stunning design by Alec Bruce, of connected structures but with individual characters. They will stand together in a cohesive precinct which complements the range

of architecture around them, whilst providing stunning accommodation for the school. We believe this will be a landmark project, not just for the College, but for the city as a sensitive new complex arises amongst our beautiful historic campus. Construction is expected to begin at the start of 2013.



Mr David Barker



FROM THE HEADMASTER

Last week was our Entrance test day, which went ahead despite the previous day's snow fall. The weather forecast was exactly right, and we were expecting the weather; the previous day in assembly I had encouraged the boys to prepare, and come to school dressed appropriately. On Wednesday, the snow was even more than expected, but I am grateful to the Housemasters in particular for managing the early close of play.



On the same day, I was already two appointments down by then. The first was our buildings

consultants' meeting, at which was explained some unanticipated construction issues with Harper Julius, but after further discussion I have been reassured some slippage in the schedule can be recovered. Unseen from the quad, the stonemasonry on the south side is well advanced (see picture). I am delighted the Board has signed off the design for our new West Wing complex. We will be presenting more detailed plans in due course.



The second appointment included sitting in on a Year 13 English class, where the subject was dystopian literature; a collection of quotations was provided, in which I reminded myself of Aldous Huxley's comment that "Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted. That men do not learn very much from lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons of history." I am sure we have all learned a little about taking things for granted in the last couple of years, but the real challenge remains to learn from the experience. We learned that under pressure, we could do things differently and very effectively, and now keeping that focus and creative energy is important.

The government pronouncements about class sizes got the new Minister into hot water, and caused many to write to the papers about 'the lessons from history'. The lessons they usually referred to were in primary schools 50 years ago, where a class of 40+ all learned the rudiments of reading and writing very effectively. I went to one of those — with 44. Every Friday afternoon we had a test, after which you picked up your belongings and moved desks according to the results, from top achievers front left by the teacher's desk, down to the far corner (which ironically was where you would find 'the sink'). I apologise for immodestly noting that the four of us jousting for the teacher's pet menagerie, probably didn't think too much

ASSEMBLY NOTES

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2012 CHRIST'S COLLEGE COLOURS AWARDED TO DATE

Athletics

FJC Faull Corfe
SG Gilchrist Julius
LO Renwick Somes
BR Timperley Somes

Athletics/Harriers

AM Gregory Julius

Cricket

JM Duncan School

Drama

FJC Faull Corfe
AM Gregory Julius
MO Hall Rolleston
ASB Port Julius

Harriers

T Guy Somes

Polo

JC Jones Flower's HCM Wood School

Rowing

TM Brand School SEC Bosworth Corfe TM Carey Condell's Jacobs JD Earl WHW Heap Corfe JWC Luxton Julius JTG Macfarlane School JA1 Russell Julius JJP Sandston Jacobs

Sailing

SH Thomas Rolleston
DA Wylie Corfe

Swimming

PJ Wynne Harper

Tennis

JD Silvester Rolleston

how life looked from the sink end of the room. At the end of that year, a drafting gate called the 11+ sent part of the class off to a 'Grammar' school, and the rest to a 'Secondary Modern' – and that for many largely set the compass for their lives. I hope it worked for them; I can't help thinking some in the middle of that classroom might have made the cut with a little more teacher attention.

The class size debate is one which has immediately brought criticism of the small grant given to independent schools, and why that was not being used instead to maintain teacher numbers. This is not a discussion we should engage with. Where there is no disagreement with the government, is the focus on teacher quality; we all know poor teachers will achieve less with a small class than a very capable individual will with a bigger one. This, one hopes, is what was behind the strategy – a modest increase in class numbers, to redirect funds towards higher level training. Despite the opposition leader's challenge, a couple of senior state school Principal colleagues in Christchurch tell me they have done their sums and found the formula provided for an increase in their staffing ratio, not a reduction.

As always, the education portfolio is picked up and dramatic impacts are promised. Education is not the whole story, and addressing the key central issue will not be achieved with simplistic approaches to teacher quality. The PISA test results for literacy provide some basis for discussion. New Zealand as a whole ranks 7th in the league table of developed nations for literacy not bad at all. If only pakeha are included, 2nd. If only Maori are compared, then 34th, and for Pacifica, 44th. These blunt facts are well known in the Ministry, and indeed came from them. It is a national disgrace that basic academic achievement is clearly linked to ethnicity, and all sectors of the educational community should commit to impacting on it. The government, instead of high-handedly defining yet another impotent strategy with inept finger pointing, should ask for help.

I felt a little remiss in not encouraging a more conspicuous recognition of the Diamond Jubilee. I think I was in denial that (very) early in my career I organised a huge carnival for Her Majesty's silver jubilee – I am sure she would understand. But what a marvellous spectacle the water pageant was (which included two of our students with the Sea Cadets, pictured top right), not to mention the St Paul's Cathedral service and the concert. It helps to be able to get an equivalent population to the whole of New Zealand on the streets at once, but what the events created was a collective celebration, a conspicuous demonstration of mutual enjoyment, beyond politics and monarchy/republicanism debates. A sixty year reign is remarkable - Prince William is thirty this month, and might just make it if he started now. His father would need to be one hundred and twenty-four.

We have looked at the Easter break in 2013, which occurs during Term 1; we have consulted with other schools, who are following the state schools in including the Tuesday after Easter in the break. We will be doing the same. The school will be closed from Friday 29 March, and reopen on Wednesday 3 April. The end of term is Friday 12 April.

The weather sadly put paid to viewing the Transit of Venus – a once in a lifetime event. It is a wonderful opportunity to realise how small our planet is – the small dot moving in front of the Sun is only slightly smaller than Earth, and just under a third less far from the Sun than we are. We could be looking at ourselves. We might however opt to keep our weather. A few centimetres of snow are preferable to raining sulphuric acid. But I had to laugh about a small boy who came into my wife's classroom and said, 'This snow is just the icing on the quake'.

Simon Leese, Heademaster



Myles McMillan and James Keleghan participate in the Jubilee water pageant

FOR YOUR



Boys' Ball - 15 September

THE COLLEGE CLOTHING SHOP

HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday 2 July - Friday 6 July, 10.00am-4.30pm, Saturday 7 July CLOSED Monday 9 July - Friday 13 July, 10.00am-4.30pm Saturday 14 July CLOSED Monday 16 July - Friday 20 July 10.00am-4.30pm Saturday 21 July CLOSED

TERM 3

From Monday 23 July, 10.00am-5.00pm

10 Gloucester St Christchurch Phone 03 3648613 Email uniforms@christscollege.com

CALENDAR EVENTS

Week 7		
Th 14		NZCT Chamber Music contest begins
	8.45am-3.30pm	Year 9 Biology field trip, Mt Oxford
	9.00am	NZ Blood Service, Assembly Hall
	12.45pm	Interhouse senior basketball, Gym
	12.45pm	Interhouse junior debating semi-finals
	1.45-3.30pm	Year 13 Statistics NCEA internal assessment, ICT1/2
F 15	1.15pm	Year 12 General Studies, OBT
	1.15pm	Interhouse junior basketball, Gym
	7.00pm	College v King's College debate, Auckland
	7.30-10.00pm	Year 9 dance, Gym
Sa 16		Weekend programme available for all boarders
		NZSS cross-country races, Auckland
Su 17		11th Ordinary Sunday
	7.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Preacher: Rev Philip Lyes
Week 8		
M 18	4.00pm	Interhouse senior football prelims, CCCG
Tu 19	1.15pm	Interhouse junior hockey semi-finals, Upper
	1.15pm	Interhouse senior basketball, Gym
	4.00-6.00pm	Duke of Edinburgh training session, Q6/7
Th 21	8.35am-3.30pm	Year 13 Physics NCEA internal assessment day
	9.30am-2.30pm	Year 12 biology field trip, Lincoln University
	12.45pm	Interhouse junior debating final
	12.45pm	Interhouse senior hockey semi-finals, Upper
	6.00pm	College Old Boys v St Margaret's Old Girls debate, SMC
F 22	1.15pm	Year 13 General Studies, OBT
	1.15pm	Interhouse junior basketball, Gym
Sa 23		Weekend programme available for all boarders
		Final Saturday activities for term
Su 24		12th Ordinary Sunday
	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
Week 9		
M 25		Leadership Week
	4.00pm	Interhouse junior rugby first round, CCCG
Tu 26	9.00am-12.30pm	Year 13 Biology field trip to Lincoln University
	10.00am-4.00pm	Year 12 Emerging Leaders' Conference
	1.15pm	Interhouse junior basketball, Gym
	4.00-6.00pm	Duke of Edinburgh training session, Q6/7
	5.00-7.00pm	Years 11, 12 & 13 parents/staff interviews

CURRICULUM NOTES

In May we hosted two study skills workshops for boys in Year 11. Karen Boyes of Spectrum Education ran our regular annual workshops, each two hours long. I have continued to receive great feedback from boys who found Karen's study and memory tips to be very helpful. Karen will be offering her full day workshop on Tuesday 10 July (during the term



break) from 9am to 3pm, at a cost of \$149 (and boys can take a friend for free). I have posted registration forms on the Pupil Notices for boys who are interested.

Over the coming weeks full reports will be issued for all boys. These will include some achievement data but, as is usual in these mid year reports, the achievement data is likely to be pretty 'thin' in some cases. This happens in some courses because many of the achievement standards that make up courses will not yet have been fully assessed. Often standards cannot be properly assessed until all associated work has been completed. The reports will, however, offer full comments on your son's progress in each subject. These comments often contain advice, and it is always helpful if you can discuss the comments, and the advice, with your son.

I'd like to remind you all again of the coming parent teacher interviews during the last week of term (Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 June between 5pm and 7pm, and Friday between 4pm and 6pm). As these meetings are learning conversations about your son, please feel free to bring him with you.

The fast-approaching end of Term 2 means that we are over half way through the academic year. Term 3 is nine weeks long. Term 4 is now a week shorter, as NZQA has brought the start of external examinations forward a week to reduce the number of examination clashes. These examinations start on the Saturday before Show Weekend, leaving us with only

three and a half weeks in the term. It is important that boys make sure that they maintain regular revision programmes throughout the year. This should include revision over the term breaks (this year they are each three weeks long).

Here is a very useful and effective study tip. A revision pattern that seems to be very effective is to revise new content after one day, one week, and one month.

Take a pack of small index cards (or cut up sheets of A4 card into quarters – or even use the cardboard from your cereal boxes). At the end of each day, take a card for each subject, and summarise the key points from that lesson on one card. The size of the card is important, as the object of this stage of the exercise is to force you to summarise the content. If you can't write the summary of the lesson in five minutes you are probably writing too much. The following morning take the cards and read through each of them (perhaps over breakfast, or on the bus in to school), and then file them in order, with a separate 'box' for each subject. Revisit the week's cards at the end of the week, and again at the end of the month.

I have seen this simple discipline transform boys' performance. The emphasis in today's NCEA environment is on thinking. We need a knowledge base to do this; it is difficult to think in a vacuum.

Finally, Terms 2 and 3 are the most intensive terms for internal assessment. I try to maintain a calendar of assessments for boys in Years 11 to 13 completing NCEA assessments, and this is available on the College website under the Information tab, labelled Assessment Planner. Your involvement in this process is enormously powerful. I recommend that you discuss upcoming assessments with your son.

Mr R Sutton, Senior Master Curriculum

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Tuesday 26 June, the last week of this term, Christ's College will be hosting the 4th Annual Emerging Leaders Conference. This one day conference is fully funded through a recent legacy to the College allowing delegates from schools around the Canterbury region to attend at no cost. It is presented in association with The Sir Peter Blake Trust with the aim of developing an awareness of leadership (in all its forms) amongst Year 12 students.

This year will see over 400 students from 25 schools around Canterbury attending, including all of our Christ's College Year 12 boys.

We have been fortunate to be well supported by people willing to take plenary sessions and workshops.

The keynote speakers in the morning will be Roger Sutton (CERA) and Rachel McNae (University of Waikato).

In the afternoon the students will be split into groups for some practical-based leadership workshops. Workshop presenters include the Army, Airforce and Navy as well as David Goodman (Goodman Tavendale Reid), Sam Johnson (College Old Boy and Young New Zealander of the Year) and Dallas Seymour (NZ Rugby Sevens Player).

The day promises to be exciting and worthwhile. Hopefully all delegates will gain something out of the experience in terms of who they are and what leadership attributes they possess.

Darrell Thatcher, Conference Convener

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

On Monday a representative from the Child Cancer Foundation spoke at Chapel. Raising funds for that worthwhile charity is an initiative from the Humanitarian Committee, led by the students. The energy that students bring to raising funds is significant. This is not only raising important funds currently, but students are setting up a pattern of caring that will endure into their adult lives.



We are now looking for a new Synod representative from amongst the Year 11 and 12 students. Currently George Mander holds that position, and someone has to take this on as he leaves the school at the end of the year. This student would attend the September meeting of synod with George and me and have speaking but not voting rights, picking up the right to vote in 2013 when George hands on this position at the end of the year. Synod functions like the parliament for the Anglican Church in Canterbury and the West Coast.

In weekday Chapel services we are systematically reflecting on the school's values: honesty, learning, respect, spirituality, justice, compassion, and stewardship. Discussions at home could easily dovetail into these reflections at school as I am sure that these are the same values you hold in your home. There was considerable consultation in the preparation of this list of values - they are consistent with all the world's great religious and humanitarian traditions.

Bosco Peters, Chaplain



Clare Wilkinson of the Child Cancer Foundation speaks during Monday morning's Chapel Service

TRES BONNE

Year 12 French students recently took their learning beyond the classroom and visited Simo's Café in Addington for a taste of authentic French/North African cuisine. Having recently read about tagines, harira and couscous it was great to try the real thing. The cuisine was judged to be "tres bonne" and plans were made for further investigative culinary adventures.

Pictured from left Jonathan Fowler, Andy Yeomans, Thomas Mohammed and Conrad Fleischmann.



BOARDING PROGRAMME

It has been a quieter time for the Boarding Programme over the past two weeks.

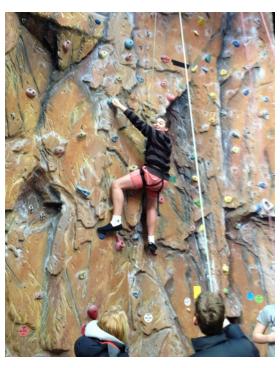
The programme took a break over Queen's Birthday but was back up and running in this past weekend with a group of boys trying their rock climbing skills at The Roxx in Waltham.

One of the positives of the snow arriving last week is that the Mt Hutt Ski Field is now open. So, from this coming Sunday, the ski bus will be heading up from College.

If boys intend to go skiing they need to do the following:

By Wednesday lunchtime of each week boys need to complete the 'Christ's College Ski Club Booking' form on the Intranet (under Student Workroom). The cost is \$80 per trip, including lift passes and gear hire. For boarders the cost of the bus each week is covered by the Boarding Programme. For dayboys the cost of the bus will be \$40 per trip. These costs will be charged to your account.

Mr DJ Thatcher, Boarding Programme Co-ordinator



CARFFRS

Events since the last In Black & White

- Otago Polytechnic visit
- University of Otago, Law Seminar, Years 12 and 13
- Workchoice Day Year 12/13, Tait Electronics, Jade Software



Dates

TERM 2	Important Dates:
	15 June: Monash University Liaison (Melbourne)
	20 June: University of Otago Information Evening
	21 June: CPIT Open Day, 2.00-6.00pm
	26 June: Leadership Day, Year 12 - for Christchurch Schools
HOLIDAYS	4 July: Youth Forum, University of Canterbury, "Building a Model City"
	5-6 July: University of Canterbury Open Day
TERM 3	1 August: Victoria University, Christchurch Information Evening
	7 August: Year 9-12, Course Options/ careers evening
	31 August: Study at Vic Day Open Day, Victoria University, Wellington
	5 September: Swiss Education Group, Swiss Hotel Management School, Chateau on the Park, 7.00pm
	13 September: Queenstown Resort College Information evening

Otago Polytechnic - Bachelor of Culinary Arts

The Bachelor of Culinary Arts is a world-leading, advanced qualification that aims to take New Zealand's food culture to new heights. It is designed for those who wish to pursue advanced, applied study in culinary arts and food production. It will open up a range of career paths. Students in this programme may choose to focus on one of the five speciality areas: Restaurant/Hotel Chef, Artisan Producer, Management, Media & Technology or Tertiary Teacher.

CPIT (Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology) **21 June**

Open Day

Broadcasting, CPIT TV Block, corner Madras Street & Southwark Street, 7.00pm

Computing & ICT, Madras Street campus, 2.00-3.00pm Laboratory Technology, Madras Street campus, 2.00-3.00pm

Medical Imaging, Madras Street campus, 3.00-4.00pm, 4.00-5.00pm

Sports & Exercise Science, Madras Street campus, 5.00-6.00pm

2 July

Broadcasting, CPIT TV Block, 7.00pm

Year 10 Careers Unit

Year 10 boys are having five careers classes during their Health programme this term. They will look at their personal qualities, areas of interest, work values, and subject choices for 2013. Parents may be interested in the following site:

www.kiwicareers.co.nz and focus on 'Jobs by Interest'. They will complete a questionnaire which may help future subject selection by looking at topics in the Year 11 syllabus.

The Arrow Foundation 2012 Leadership Scholarships

This Leadership Scholarship will consist of 2 x \$5,000 and 4 x \$2500 scholarships – allocated across the regions of New Zealand. This year they are looking for students who have grown as a leader and demonstrated great leadership both at school and in the community. Schools have been asked to select one student for consideration. See Mr Sellars if you wish to be considered.

Queenstown Resort College – National Scholarship

For students enrolling in either of the diploma programmes (Diploma of Hospitality Management or the Diploma of Adventure Tourism Management). Open to Year 13, New Zealand citizens and permanent residents. Covers 50% of the full tuition fee for the duration of studies. To apply collect application forms from the careers room. Applications close Friday 3 August at 5.00pm

2013 MESNZ Engineering Scholarship

A scholarship worth up to \$5,000 is being offered for the specific purpose of covering tuition fees in 2013. Available to those studying towards an IPENZ accredited engineering degree, diploma or certificate through a New Zealand University, Polytechnic or Industry Training Organisation. Applications close on Friday 31 August. Further details on MESNZ website http://www.mesnz.org.nz/scholarship/

Camp Counselors USA

The programme CCUSA offers a gap year for hardworking and energetic potential Camp Counselors. Applicants are sent to a summer camp in the USA that suits their skills and personality. I can organise a visit from them if there is interest from anyone. www.ccusa.co.nz

University of Otago Information Evening

Wednesday 20 June, Silks Lounge, Addington Events Centre, Twigger Street, 6.30pm-8.30pm. This is a good opportunity for students and their family to ask questions and hear what the university has to offer.

Victoria University Wellington – Excellence & Achiever Scholarships

500 Excellence and Achiever Scholarships were awarded for 2012. The application form for 2013 is available on their website at www.victoria.ac.nz/scholarships

Key points to note: Applicants for the Excellence Scholarship must have NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Excellence or equivalent. Both Scholarships will be awarded on the condition that the students achieve at a certain level in Year 13. There are five categories for the Achiever Scholarship. The value of the Scholarships are \$5,000. Closing date: For both scholarships 1 October 2012.

Study @ Vic Day (Victoria University) Friday 31 AugustTraditionally, boys have attended this day. They can either organise a flight on Thursday evening or Friday morning. It

is a chance to see the campus, visit the Halls of Residence, attend lectures and look around Wellington. This is not a school organised trip but I will be attending and will be in Wellington on Thursday night and Friday. Flights will be quite cheap at this stage of the year. In the past parents have visited with their sons. Some boys have stayed with friends.

Mr CP Sellars, Careers Advisor



LIBRARY MATTERS

"... school library collections inform, educate, entertain, and enrich students at all levels ... When students are able to ... explore information that is meaningful to them, they not only learn faster but their literacy skills grow rapidly; they learn how to learn.'

C. Beth Fitzsimmons, Ph.D., Chairman, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) in School Libraries Work! (2008, p.5)

The library staff are very happy to help boys find novels that are to their taste. Above is a photo of boys viewing some of my favourite books. All the 'customers' left the library with a book in their hands; one boy even took out 'Wuthering Heights', much to my delight. I spend much of my day helping boys to find a book to read and I having a growing list of young men who come for guidance to extend their reading. Please direct your son to me if he is unable to find something in our collection of over 10,000 titles!

I help whole classes, I help individual boys and even sneak books to those who don't want their friends to know what they are reading.

We are also happy to purchase any novel that your son would like to read that we do not stock - providing, of course, that it is appropriate!

Mrs LD Banks, Teacher/Librarian

BOARDING PROMOTION AT **FIELDAYS**

Continuing on with our extensive programme of boarding promotion this year, Christ's College will be exhibiting at this week's Mystery Creek Fieldays for the very first time. Senior Master (Boarding), Mr Neil Porter will be in attendance along with me, and we look forward to seeing any current or past College families who happen to be visiting, as well as talking to those who might be considering boarding for the future. Please help us to spread the word!

Mrs SJ Scannell, Registrar







The regional Big Sing this year was two weeks earlier than we had normally had it, and so hard on the heels of the successful season of Jesus Christ Superstar, it was time for some hard rehearsing for both the Chapel Choir and Schola Cantorum to put the finishing touches to their programmes. Both groups presented as part of the Combined Concert with St Margaret's choirs, which was an excellent indicator to the members of what they had to do to lift their performance to the next level.

A new venue at St Mark's Presbyterian Church in Avonhead saw choirs and audiences packed in. However, the acoustic space suited the choirs and they performed exceedingly well. Many thought the Chapel choir was the best they had heard them and, combined with their choice of works, they provided a fine opening to the afternoon programme.

2012 has seen the introduction of a number of awards to the regional competition in line with other centres in the country, and to be awarded the Most Outstanding Boys' Choir was a great recognition of the journey the boys had taken in getting their work to that outstanding level.

Schola performed towards the end of the afternoon and sang some of their best work to date. Their demanding programme held the audience, finishing with a stunning spiritual that our organist/pianist Edward Picton-Turbervill had transcribed for us, featuring a brilliant jazz piano part really bringing the work to life.

After the national tour of adjudicators has finished at the end of this week, they will announce on Monday 18 June the 18 choirs to go forward to the National Finale in Wellington on 16-18 August. This year some 8,500 singers in 250 choirs from 150 schools have entered the competition. This is the highest level of participation in the 25 years the competition has been running.

Mr RJ Aburn, Director of Music



CANTERBURY SECONDARY SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY

The weather was near perfect for the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Cross Country. There were some close finishes amongst the team – a few seconds separating some of them. The boys threw their all into the race trying to gain one more place before the finish line. A few boys were suffering/recovering from the flu so places may not have been as high as some expected but I was very pleased how well they acquitted themselves against the best runners in Canterbury.

Results of the Secondary Schools Cross Country

U14 Boys 3km		
Callum Long	11th	9.53
Jeremy Penrose	12th	9.54
Hunter McKenzie	33rd	10.43
Ben Smith	34th	10.44
Liam Savage	37th	10.46
Hamish Penrose	47th	11.11
Tom Botting	49th	11.16
Team Result	5th	
Junior Boys 3km		
Bryce Park	29th	10.39
Nick Stewart	30th	10.42
Fraser Horton King	51st	11.26
Sam Walker	53rd	11.36
Mathew Currie	54th	11.38
Team Result	5th	
Intermediate Boys 4km		
Hamish Clay	13th	13.03
Sam Doyle	18th	13.22
Andrew Ford	34th	14.11
Frazer Densem	38th	14.18
Emmerson Cosgrove	53rd	15.11
Olly Bailey	55th	15.37
Nick Gemmell	56th	16.08
Team Result	5th	
Senior Boys 4km		
Tom Guy	10th	12.44
Andy Yomans	24th	13.36



Fraser Horton King



Andrew Ford

FROMTHE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Winter has certainly had an affect on sport over the week with both indoor and outdoor sports falling victim to the weather. With only a few weeks left of the term, hopefully the weather will allow for a less disruptive conclusion.

Winter Sports Exchanges

Mr GG Christey, MIC Harriers

It has been a busy few weeks for our top sporting sides with the College's two traditional winter exchanges being played within a week. The first exchange was against Otago Boys' High School, where the group travelled to Dunedin, with the exception of the 1st XV rugby

side. There was a late change of venue for this match due to Otago BHS inviting College to play their annual rugby match next year as part of the school's 150th anniversary weekend, which we certainly accepted. Otago BHS proved too strong in the exchange this year, winning all fixtures. The 1st XV match was a close affair until a 95m intercept try to Otago BHS took the game away from College. The 1st XI hockey side drew their match but lost on penalty strokes.

Five days later, Rathkeale College flew into town to play in the annual interschool. Played over two days, matches were evenly fought with College golf, hockey, and rugby winning their matches, football drew 2-2, while squash was won by the visitors. I would like to thank the College families who opened up their homes to our visiting sportsmen during the exchange.

New College Sports Website

Over the past few months I have been working with Jacq Gilbert, our Publications Manager, on a new College sport website. I am very pleased with what we have currently developed and would invite you all to have a look. You can enter the site by going to the school's website homepage and finding a link at the bottom of the page or you can go directly to it on www.allteams.co.nz/christs-college/ Currently we are only operating winter sports to launch the website and will add summer sports next term.

Each winter sport has an individual homepage which will have details of the sport, including photos and video, weekly draws, news stories and upcoming events. In some cases there will also be individual team pages within a sport. These pages should provide you with the information you require about your son's team and sport each week. There is also a section dedicated to House Sport, which is a very busy part of College life.

Become a Supporter!! On the website parents, grandparents, extended family, in fact anyone interested in following College sport, has the ability to sign up to the College sport website and specific codes, which your son(s) are part of. By doing this you will receive weekly email updates of what has been happening and have the ability to make comments and upload photos to team pages.

Hopefully the new website will allow the school to profile not only the top sporting codes and sides but also all those others competing and working hard in their sporting areas. Also, we will be able to keep the College community up-to-date with the latest happenings in College sport, upcoming fixtures, and use the website as a point of notification for all.

Hope you enjoy it. It is a work in progress and will continue to develop as we move forward.

July Holiday Sport

Last week an email was sent to all rugby, football and hockey parents and also to parents of the two top basketball sides. The letter gives details of matches and fixtures in the upcoming July holidays for all these sports. If you did not receive the email letter and your son is a member of one of these sports, then please email me on rclarke@christscollege.com and I will reply with the letter attached.

Upcoming Events – Term 3

During Term 3 the school is hosting two major sporting events. Firstly the College is hosting the 86th annual Quadrangular rugby tournament between Christ's, Nelson College, Wanganui Collegiate, and Wellington College. This occurs between Sunday 29 July and Wednesday 1 August. A few weeks later we co-host the South Island Under-15 Invitational rugby tournament with Shirley BHS and this occurs during winter tournament week. College will be hosting Marlborough Boys', Waitaki Boys', and Southland BHS during the tournament.

As part of running each event, the College is required to host the three visiting schools for the duration of the tournament. Therefore, I am sending out an early invitation for College families to assist us in hosting our visitors. As we only have one team involved in each tournament we rely on other College families to open up their homes. Could you please consider helping us as many College students each year rely on being hosted during our many sporting trips.

Mr RA Clarke, Director of Sport

STOP PRESS

Results for this afternoon's Christchurch Boys' High v Christ's College Press Cup fixture. Half time score 5-0 to CBHS and full-time score 22-0.



Ben Leagat



James Northcote

FIRST SNOW 2012



Gym – Thursday morning



Upper - Thursday morning



Boarders walk to breakfast



Mr Clarke working his way into his office

