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#### FROM THE ACTING HEADMASTER

Despite the wintry gloom, sniffles and frosty mornings, I am feeling a surge of optimism as we prepare for Term 3. The sun will shine more often and we look forward to an action-packed term, full of fun and challenges for the boys, with a few highlights for parents too.

The Calendar, once again, is testament to our busy lives at College and to the range of opportunities available to boys at this school. We anticipate, amongst other events, the Quadrangular rugby tournament, Big Band performances, International Languages week, Cantamath, the Year 11 semiformal, leadership events for boarders and Year 12s, winter tournament week, house drama, the school ball, the Festival and numerous interhouse events. The Black and White ball for parents will be a top-notch occasion and I encourage parents to support it. We will also be inviting parents to the Festival on the penultimate day of term.

Of course, in this flurry of activity, we will need to remind the boys of their academic priorities. This is particularly important for boys undertaking NCEA courses. In a nine-week term they will need to adopt that 'culture of urgency' that paid such good dividends in 2011. The senior trial examinations in weeks five and six are crucial. The boys know by now how important it is to do well in these examinations, especially in the light of last year's events. Academic urgency is also important because Term 4, for seniors, is very brief. The Year 13s for instance

will have three weeks and two days of classes before they depart for examination leave. If the academic challenges seem daunting for the boys at times, they need to fall back on basic principles and develop good habits. These are, chiefly: pay attention in class plus revise notes and resources regularly.



It is a great pleasure to welcome new members of staff to College.

Ms Chris Rayward has moved from St Margaret's to be the HOD of English. Chris is an experienced HOD and is looking forward to teaching our boys. She will be running debating and MUN. Mr Andrew Levenger joins the mathematics department from Repton School Dubai. He was a boarding housemaster and is a keen hockey coach. I am confident that Chris and Andrew will enrich this school in many ways. We have a new mathematics tutor, Ben Calverley, a graduate of Oxford University and a new English tutor, Finola Holyoake, also ex Oxford. We are also fortunate to have secured the services of a music tutor and organist, Nicholas Sutcliffe, a graduate of Auckland University. Finally, we welcome a GAP tutor from the UK, George Beale, ex Bromsgrove. George looks like a front rower – that's because he is one (an English age-group rep).

## **BECOME A SUPPORTER**

All parents and players are invited to join our sports website.
Click below to get involved www.allteams.co.nz/christs-college/



Finally, educational issues are getting plenty of coverage in the media, perhaps even more so than usual. Topics of late, relevant to secondary schools, have included class sizes, a dearth of science education, league tables, charter schools, bullying and cyber bullying. Cyber bullying is insidious and the government is planning some legislation to combat it. Regardless of the outcome of this intervention, it is important for schools, students and parents to work in partnership to tackle this issue. College is committed to reducing the incidence of bullying and thus if parents have concerns about harassment and bullying, cyber or otherwise, I encourage them to contact their son's Housemaster.

Rob Donaldson, Acting Headmaster

#### INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS

Visiting Scholar, Rev Dr Richard Leonard 4.30pm Thursday 9 August Atrium, Selwyn House School No charge

The World In Our Face: how to help our young people download the best and leave the rest. Many people now spend more time looking at small screens than they spend looking at trees and books combined. Many of us have friends we have never even met; our big stories are often on discs.



Rev Dr Richard Leonard is one of Australia's leading media commentators and film critics, whose keynote address at last year's ISNZ annual conference attracted much acclaim. In response to numerous requests from the ISNZ membership following his 2011 visit, ISNZ is delighted to bring Dr Leonard back to New Zealand as the 2012 Visiting Scholar.

His presentation style skilfully combines entertainment and anecdote with scholarly research, sobering statistics and a highly relevant view of a topic that will resonate with every family.

Dr Leonard's presentation addresses the positives and negatives of the role the internet plays in the lives of children, teenagers and adults. In Dr Leonard's own words, he has a "vigorous relationship" with the popular culture which does so much to shape us. He is an insightful and thoughtprovoking speaker.

## CONGRATULATIONS JED

Jed Smith competed very well at the South Island Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships last term. Held in Invercargill, the Year 11 Julius pupil won the 50m freestyle, the 50m butterfly, the 50m backstroke and 100m backstroke in the boys 14 and under grade. He also finished second in the 50m breaststroke and, not surprisingly based on these results, was named the South Island Boys 14 and under Champion.



#### ASSEMBLY NOTES

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#### CALENDAR CHANGE

The times of Quadrangular tournament games as they appeared in the printed calendar last term have changed. Game times are now:

1.00pm Wellington College v Mon

Wanganui Collegiate

2.45pm Christ's College v

Nelson College

Wed 12.10pm Minor final

1.45pm Major final

The calendar on our website and in this newsletter have the correct times.

## NZTITLE FOR MATT HARRIS



Matt Harris attended the New Zealand Brass Band Championships in Timaru from 4-8 July.

He won the New Zealand title in the under-19 (junior) Bass (Tuba) Solo competition and was awarded the David Johnson Shield by the NZ Brass Bands Association.

This qualified Matt to contest the Junior Champion of Champions against the other section winners in the Junior competition, where he received high praise from the judges and was awarded a Very Highly Commended.

In other instrumental news from during the holiday break, the Big Band and Jazz Combo played in the CPIT Jazz Quest and both were awarded Silver Medals. Ramses Hunt and Quinn Angus were highly commended for their trumpet playing.

## CALENDAR EVENTS

Week 4		
Week 1	12.4Epm	Interhouse conjer haskethall Cum
Th 26	12.45pm	Interhouse senior basketball, Gym
	12.45pm	Interhouse junior hockey final, Upper
	2.30pm	1st XV v St Bede's (away)
	4.30pm	College v St Margaret's College debate, SMC
	6.00pm	CSS junior interschool debating
F 27	1.15pm	Interhouse junior basketball, Gym
	1.15pm	Year 11 subject options, OBT
	1.55-5.00pm	Year 12 Accounting field trip
Sa 28		Saturday activities begin
		Weekend programme available for all boarders
Su 29		17th Ordinary Sunday
	6.30am	Boarders' ski bus to Mt Hutt
		Teams arrive for Quadrangular Tournament
	10.30am-3.30pm	Big Band & Combo rehearsal, Music School
	4.00pm	Quadrangular Tournament Chapel Service
	7.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Preacher: The Chaplain
Week 2		
M 30		Quadrangular Tournament begins (home)
	1.00pn	Wellington College v Wanganui Collegiate, Upper
	2.45pm	Christ's College v Nelson College, Upper
	4.00pm	Interhouse junior football first round, CCCG
Tu 31		CSS skiing and snowboarding championships, Mt Cheeseman
	1.00pm	Big Band leaves for Blenheim
	1.15pm	Interhouse chess, first round
AUGUST		
W 1		Southern Jam Big Band festival begins, Blenheim
		Victoria University information evening
	12.10pm	Quadrangular minor final, Upper
	1.45pm	Quadrangular major final, Upper
Th 2	8.35am-3.30pm	Canterbury Model European Union conference for selected students, UofC
	8.45-10.00am	Australian Mathematics competition, Assembly Hall
	12.45pm	Interhouse senior debating, first round
	6.00pm	CSS senior interschool debating
F 3	1.15pm	Year 12 subject options, OBT
	1.15pm	Interhouse junior basketball, Gym
	4.00pm	Year 12 boarder development evening begins
Sa 4		Weekend programme available for all boarders
	2.45pm	1st XV v Timaru BHS (home)
Su 5		18th Ordinary Sunday
		Year 12 boarder leadership day
	6.30am	Boarders' ski bus to Mt Hutt
	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
		Big Band returns from Blenheim
Week 3		
M 6	4.00	International Languages Week begins
	4.00pm	Interhouse junior rugby semi-finals, CCCG
	4.00pm	Interhouse senior football, first round, CCCG
Tu 7	1.15pm	Interhouse senior basketball semi-final, Gym
	1.15pm	Languages' waiters race, Upper
	4.00-6.00pm	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh first aid training session, Q6-7
	7.00pm	Years 9-12 course options/careers evening, Assembly Hall

#### **CURRICULUM NOTES**

Term 3 is a very demanding one. A great deal of internal assessment is undertaken in terms 2 and 3 as courses arrive at those points where they have offered enough content to assess. Remember to keep an eye on the internal assessment planner on the College web site to check out the assessments that are coming up for your son. www.christscollege.com/information/calendar



This is also the term in which we complete trial examinations. As mentioned previously, these are important not only for the more traditional purpose of practicing examination technique, but also as a means of generating assessment data that can be used for those boys who need to apply for derived grades at the end of the year. It is important therefore that boys give these examinations their best shot. As I've said before, we are often asked "Do these grades count?" and the answer has to be a resounding 'Yes!'

In this regard, perhaps one of the most useful 'study skills' is the creation of a study timetable. There are probably as many different approaches to creating a study timetable as there are students who write them. In my opinion perhaps the most significant issue is simply having a study timetable and, of course, sticking with it. Regular revision, fifteen to twenty minutes per subject per night on a scheduled basis, with three or four subjects covered each night, might be the best starting point.

In learning, as in any occupation skilled, practitioners understand that it is important to use the right tool for the job. There are times when this right tool is a pen and an exercise book or a piece of paper, a white board and marker, or a textbook. Equally there may be times when the right tool for the job is a piece of electronic technology such as a laptop or an iPad.

There is research evidence to support the belief that when writing electronically people write more, and write better. The issue of the validity of this evidence continues to be debated of course. In educational research (as in so many other fields) there is still much to be learned.

My own experiences with boys certainly support this. My classes make extensive use of Googledocs as a medium in which to write, and I have found that boys write more, and they write better material, using this electronic tool. For me personally there is another benefit. My own handwriting is challenging for readers (to say the least) and so when I give feedback to boys in Googledocs like them I write more and give better quality feedback, and of course the boys can actually read it.

A student survey on the use of ICTs by our boys indicates that already a significant proportion of boys use Googledocs to write and store material for their learning. This has the added advantage of avoiding the heartache of lost work when hardware fails as their work is saved 'in the cloud'. This survey also indicated that a significant proportion of boys spend over half an hour of their prep time each evening working in an electronic medium.

Of course it is important to be aware of the potential for 'distraction' when using these technologies. In the classroom context this is partly a matter of staff professional development, but equally we all have an obligation to help our boys to learn how to use these technologies in ways that avoid distraction and promote their focus on their work and their learning.

Mr R Sutton, Senior Master Curriculum

### FROM THE CHAPLAIN

We have just received photographs of the Christ's College Chapel cross which is now at King's College. The cross came off our chapel as a result of earthquake damage. Our headmaster gave the cross to King's College after they provided a place for some of our students for a period following the quakes.

There is a new Chapel Close at King's College. As you can see in the photo, they have had a plinth specially made so that the cross is mounted on an angle to show that it had fallen.



This cross is in an alcove facing the entrance to the Little Chapel and is adjacent to the Memorial Courtyard.

I wish you all a wonderful term.

Bosco Peters, Chaplain





#### CARFFRS

#### **Events since the last In Black & White**

- Halls of Residence & confidential reference forms explained to Year 13
- Leadership Day, Year 12 for Canterbury Schools
- University of Auckland, course planning, catch up session



#### Dates

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TERM 3	Important Dates:
	25 July: Parents as Careers Educators, University of Canterbury
	27 July: General Studies – Year 11 subject options talk
	1 August: Victoria University, Christchurch Information Evening
	3 August: General Studies – Year 12 subject options talk
	6 August: ICHM (International College of Hotel Management) at College
	7 August: Year 9-12, Course Options/careers evening
	10 August: Study Link – Student Loans & Allowances, Year 13
	16 August: Massey University Information
	evening - College of Creative Arts (venue & times to be confirmed)
	17 August: University Halls, Confidential
	forms handed into Mr Sellars
	20 August: New York University Abu Dhabi
	– Information evening at College
	21 August: University of Melbourne, Information evening, George Hotel
	25 August: University of Auckland, Courses & Careers Open Day, Auckland
	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
	12 September: University of Otago, Course Planning, 2.30pm
	13 September: Queenstown Resort College Information evening
	14 September: University of Otago, Course Planning, 1.00pm
	2-5 October: Queenstown Resort College

#### Year 13 University Halls/Colleges 2013

Career Week

Year 13 have received information about Hall applications. They apply online from Wednesday 1 August and collect a confidential form from Mr Sellars, handing it back to him by August 17. Housemasters will then complete the remainder of the form. They can apply online for several universities.

## College House – Accommodation, University of Canterbury

Students who are serious applicants for a place at College House should have an interview.

Application information: Online forms – available 1 August. www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/halls/apply\_steps.shtml

Interviews: Monday 1.00-4.00pm, Tuesday-Friday 10.00-12.00pm & 1.30-4.00pm. Last day for interviews, Wednesday 19 September

#### **University of Auckland Open Day**

25 August, 9.30am-3.30pm. All faculties will have lectures and displays for prospective students. www.coursesandcareersday. ac.nz. An event programme will be available in early July. There will be a Travellers' Breakfast in the morning from 7.30am-9.30am. There will be free Airbus tickets for those requiring transport to the university. For both of these services, students and their families must register and then details will be sent to them regarding these events. To reserve your place for breakfast and the bus, email spo@auckland.ac.nz

## University of Canterbury – Parents as Careers Educators, July 25

Guiding teenagers through the various career and study options available to them in the modern world can be a challenge. UC Career Consultant Dave Petrie will talk about how you can support your child's career decisions. It will cover: Career Pathways, Supporting your child with career decision making, Choosing tertiary options to suit your child, Communicating effectively with your child. Please register to reserve your seat. alumni@canterbury.ac.nz

## International College of Hotel Management (Adelaide) ICHM

On 6 August ICHM will visit College and talk to Commerce and Language classes. ICHM prepares students for a successful career at the top end of the international hotel industry. It is the only Swiss Hotel Association (SHA) school outside of Europe. It offers the Bachelor of Business (Hospitality Management) and the Bachelor of International Hotel Management (Swiss Hotel Association). A world wide internship programme is part of the course. It has strong industry links. A career week 24-28 September allows students to experience first hand the hotel/hospitality industry and ICHM. There is an ICHM New Zealand Scholarship. Closing date: Wednesday 17 October 2012.

#### **Victoria University Information Evening**

Wednesday 1 August from 6.00pm

Venue: Canterbury Horticultural Society, 57 Riccarton Avenue, Addington.

6.00-6.30pm Accommodation seminar & light refreshments
6.30-7.00pm General information about studying at Victoria
7.00-800pm Split into two groups to hear faculty presentations
8.00-8.30pm Faculty expo and opportunity to chat with Victoria staff

## University of Canterbury accommodation scholarships application form

This is available for those intending to stay in University Hall (their premium first year residence), Ilam apartments and Sonoda

#### **University of Melbourne Evening information session**

Tuesday 21 August, 7.00-8.30pm, The George Hotel, Parkview Room, 50 Park Terrace

Speak one-on-one with university staff, undergraduate

courses and pathways into graduate programmes, admission and selection for New Zealand and International students, scholarships, accommodation options, student services and transition to university, career and graduate outcomes.

The event is free. However, places are limited. Please register online at: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/newzealand

Massey University - Captains' Club Leadership Award Sports Captain? Prefect or House leader? leader of a cultural or elite group? plus a high achiever in the classroom.

Valued up to \$5,000, this award will assist full-time business degree students to develop their leadership and career potential. Forms from the careers room or contact C.Carruthers@massey.ac.nz Applications close 31 August.

#### **Dairy NZ Scholarships**

Each year, bright young students have the opportunity to apply for their share of more than \$300,000 worth of scholarships on offer from the dairy industry. Annual tuition fees to the

value of \$5,750 are funded for up to four years. Recipients are also supported and mentored throughout their time at either Lincoln or Massey Universities as well as being given opportunities to network with industry leaders.

Tyler Koning, a recent old boy, is a current recipient of a Dairy NZ Scholarship. He is one of 35 students at Lincoln University on the scholarship. Applications for 2013 close 7 December. Recently Dairy NZ in partnership with CAEP NZ, announced Gap Year Scholarships will be available to New Zealand school leavers in 2012 and subsequent years.

#### **Subject Options**

When I see Year 11 and Year 12 in week 1 and week 2, I will be giving them a booklet which will help with subject selections. Although it is mainly to do with university courses, the areas of interest and suitable subjects would also apply to the polytechnics. I would recommend that you ask them to show you, and explain it to you.

Mr CP Sellars, Careers Advisor

#### NZIC CHEMISTRY COMPETITION AT PALMERSTON NORTH

Last month the College Year 13 Chemistry quiz team blitzed the local opposition to dominate the Canterbury round of the NZIC National Chemistry Quiz. This victory earned them a place in the national finals, held in Palmerston North during the last week of Term 2.

The team of Nathanial Seddon-Smith, David Clay, Sam Choi and Richard Park enjoyed an afternoon in the labs at Massey University before the quiz. In the lab they made a magnetic liquid – a ferrofluid whose nanoparticles become highly magnetised when under the influence of a strong external magnetic field. The process of making the ferrofluid entailed adding about 50ml of a liquid drop by drop to ensure the iron particles formed were of a small enough size. This took over an hour of patient dripping, and really tested the boys' concentration skills!

After managing to amaze the staff of Massey University with the amount of pizza they could eat, the quiz itself was blessed relief after the cramping caused by the afternoon's lab. The College team started very well as the questions challenged their extensive Chemistry knowledge. The middle part of the quiz strayed into questions with a more tenuous link to Chemistry and the music round was a particular weakness. The team rallied strongly at the end as the questions resumed a more traditional approach and they managed to finish in a credible third place.

The next day opened with the awards ceremony and the boys were pleased to realise they would take home \$75 each as their prize. All the quiz competitors were then taken for a tour of New Zealand Pharmaceuticals where they were pungently shown how the company manages to chemically change the bile from cow's stomachs into bear bile- a prized commodity in the Asian marketplace. It is a far smellier process than it sounds.

The final excitement was the rush to catch our flight and the astonishment we would have to pay \$5 each just for the privilege of leaving Palmerston North airport.



David Clay (obscured), Nathaniel Seddon Smith, Sam Choi, Richard Park



Sam Choi, David Clay, Richard Park, Nathaniel Seddon-Smith and Quiz organiser Dr Mark Waterland from the Chemistry department of Massey

The boys represented College, and themselves, with maturity and aplomb, and have blazed a trail for future Year 13 Chemistry students to follow. A win next year would be nice.

Mr CH List, HOD Chemistry

### SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

On the first Sunday of the holidays ten Year 10 College boys jetted off to Auckland to board the *Spirit of New Zealand*. Here they took part in the Spirit Challenge, a five-day voyage involving four schools competing against each other in a series of on and off board competitions.

As well as the competitions, the boys would also have to challenge themselves. The start of the boat's generator signalled to all aboard that a 7.00am swim in the dark and cold awaited them. Living quarters were at a minimum, with twenty bunks for twenty boys in close surrounds ensuring there was no individual time. Kitchen duty was also a testing time. Cooking and cleaning for the fifty-five people on board, and having to keep Freda (the cook) happy, made for a long day! The weather was not particularly kind on the first two days, but sheltering in the lee of Waiheke Island out of the wind and swell kept the seasickness down to a minimum.

However, as the voyage progressed, the weather improved and the boys enjoyed the company of the thirty other Year 10 students on board. Sailing stations were learnt, night watches were undertaken, working as a team became more natural and the rope swing off the yardarm meant actually getting into the water was a pleasure.

Competitions started to come thick and fast. Knot tying, flag making, and trying to parachute an egg safely were just a few of the many activities that were set up to challenge the intellect. The College team was particularly happy when they used their wild card for double points to win the raft race! The boys came back tired and happy, but looking forward to some well-earned space and solitude.

Mr QC Clough, Teacher in Charge



Luke Austin and George Yeoman



From left: Sam Hargreaves, Chris Cornell, Louis Talbot, Max Smith, Lachlan Stark and Luke Austin. Other boys in attendance were Jakob Kerr, Thomas Nye, Samuel Wilson and George Yeoman

### MODEL UNITED NATIONS

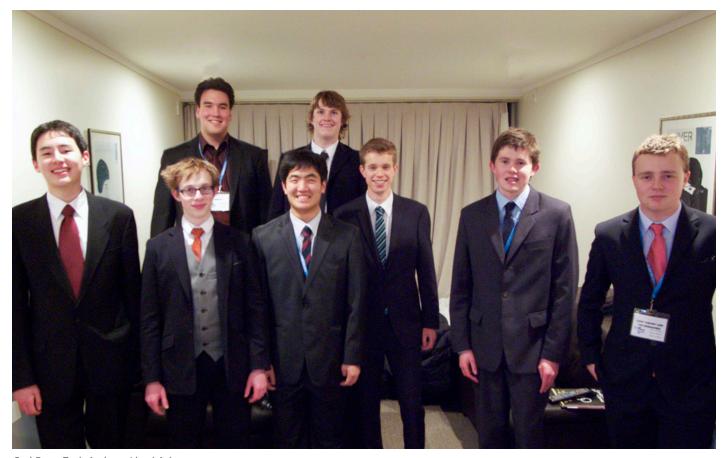
One of the public purposes of education is to develop citizenship. In the 21st century, we are all, whether we like it or not, global citizens. We all have a duty as global citizens to meet the challenges of our times and these challenges demand that the people of the world work together. Arising from the desolation following two world wars, the United Nations was the world's first organisation in international understanding and co-operation. With the values of the United Nations in mind, the United Nations Association of New Zealand emerged.

The United Nations Association of New Zealand (UNANZ) is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation with hundreds of adult members, established in 1946. In 1999 UNANZ established UN Youth to further inspire, engage, and educate young New Zealanders. Since then, UN Youth has expanded to involve young people in topics at a regional, national, and international level. The annual New Zealand Model United Nations conference (NZMUN) attracts 240 high school students from around the country and, from there, a talented few are selected to travel to The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) in the Netherlands.

Each year, NZMUN is held at Victoria University in Wellington around June/July and gives students the chance to assume the roles of delegates to the UN, and seek solutions to global

concerns through diplomacy and negotiation, while speaking from the viewpoint of their member state. This year, from 5 - 9 July, Christ's College sent to Wellington a delegation of eight. On the first day of the conference, we were sent off around Wellington providing hands on volunteer service to non-governmental organisations such as IHC, Save the Children and the SPCA. We were all well received and the knowledge that we were making a tangible difference in the community for these beneficiaries was invaluable. This year was also the first year some of these non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were represented at the conference, acting in largely an advisory manner. For the next three days, we debated questions in the General Assembly such as the continued use of child soldiers, the use of the death penalty, and the question of gender equality and the empowerment of women. For those in the Security Council, we debated and negotiated to form an appropriate response to the situations in Afghanistan and Syria, and what to do about armed African rebel groups.

Interspersing the intense debating and lobbying were many social events such as quiz night, regional grouping dinners and the NZMUN ball. Each member state of the UN is unofficially divided into five regional groups: the African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, Eastern European Group, Latin American and



2nd Row: Zach Andrew, Lloyd Asbey Front Row: Vincent Curd, Austin O'Brien, Sam Choi, George Fitzgerald, Simon Hanger and Aengus Port

Caribbean Group (GRULAC), and the Western European and Others Group (WEOG). The idea of the regional grouping dinner is to travel to a restaurant in Wellington that serves dishes pertaining your regional group. Naturally, WEOG went to Little India.

The NZMUN ball was held this year at the Amora Hotel (formerly the Duxton). As always it was a hugely successful event. However, the floating floor did not lend itself well to the 240 delegates all dancing at the same time, and one could watch as a glass of water moved from one end of a table to the other.

On the final day, the plenary session was held in Massey University's Museum Building, The Great Hall. Here we got to see two old boys of College fight for the chair. Harry Tothill of Condell's House (2010) came back to haunt the College delegation as the Dark Lord Voldemort, overthrowing Anton Smith of Somes House (2008), who chaired the first debate. Despite the brush with death, Anton will step in to power as the next National President of UN Youth NZ in the upcoming months.

#### Congratulations Austin

As is routine at the conclusion of the conference, the delegation to THIMUN was announced. These candidates were interviewed and examined thoroughly for debating prowess and negotiation charm throughout the duration of the conference. We are very proud to report that Austin O'Brien was selected to travel to THIMUN in January 2013 along with 21 others. Congratulations Austin, we wish you all the best.

UN Youth NZ can take you all around the world. Austin is off to the Netherlands in January; last year I travelled to Australia with the NZ delegation to the UN Youth Australia National Conference. This year, UN Youth combined the UN Youth Australia National Conference with the Pacific Project; a new initiative in 2012 where the delegation engaged in local volunteer work in Vanuatu for a week, before flying to Melbourne to attend the week-long UN Youth Australia National Conference.

If you want a taste on what these phenomenal events are like, be sure to sign up for the Canterbury Model European Union Conference; held at the University of Canterbury in August.

More info on these, and many more exciting events can be found here: unyouth.org.nz.

#### Zach Andrew, Year 13 Somes

The 2012 Christ's College delegation: Zach Andrew (Germany)

Lloyd Ashbey (San Marino)

Sam Choi (Burkina Faso)

Vincent Curd (Amensty International) (NGO)

George Fitzgerald (Togo)

Simon Hanger (Maldives)

Austin O'Brien (South Africa)

Aengus Port (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

## THE QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Next week will be the eighty sixth time Wanganui Collegiate School, Wellington College, Nelson College and Christ's College First XVs have met in the Quadrangular Tournament. Only two years, 1942 and 1943 (due to travel restrictions ) have not seen games played since 1925.

Matches between Christ's College and Wellington College began in 1884. The Games Committee Minutes of 24 July 1890 record the further development of a tournament; "the trip to Wellington was discussed, as Mr Hare had given his consent. It was decided to play Wanganui Collegiate School, Wellington College and Nelson if at all practicable. All three matches to be played in Wellington". In the end Nelson College was not invited.

The game against Wanganui Collegiate School was played on Newtown Park, Wellington, in slippery conditions with a "fierce wind" which prevented good passing. Christ's College scored a try which at that time was worth one point, and that was the final score 1-0. The game against Wellington College, two days later was "fast and exciting" and the final score was 20-1 to Christ's College.

In 1925 Nelson College was added and it became the Quadrangular Tournament. The hosts were Wellington College, and again the wind and the rain were a factor in all the games. Christ's College did not adapt to the conditions and lost 3-18 to Wanganui Collegiate School and again 0-3 to Nelson College. Wellington played Nelson in a southerly gale and won. Their forward play outshone that of Wanganui with a score of 17-13.

It's a long time to be regularly playing the same teams and their fortunes have waxed and waned. Wellington College has tended to dominate overall, particularly since the 1990's. Nelson College was strongest in the 1940's and the 1960's while Wanganui Collegiate School and Christ's College are on an equal footing. Based on the statistics, if the result this year is drawn it is most likely to involve Nelson College.

Playing in those early games had the added difficulty of heavy clothing. Long sleeved knitted cotton tops, that were either laced or buttoned, and knee length shorts absorbed moisture and there were no polyprops to keep out the cold. Although the boots supported the players' ankles, they also decreased flexibility. Balls were leather, and to kick a goal another player either lay on the ground and held the ball up, or a



Christ's College v Wanganui Collegiate, 1914



Christ's College first on their way to the 1943 Tournament in Nelson



Christ's College v Wellington College, 2000

mound of sand was brought in from the sideline in a bucket. Alternatively an indentation in the ground was made by the heel of a boot.

Today the Quadrangular Tournament is only a plane ride away for the visiting teams. In the past it took many hours to get to the ground on time with a complex inter-connection of trains and ferries. Prior to the game it really didn't matter what you ate or at what time you ate it either.

Whatever the year, the passion is still always the same from the players on the field or the spectators on the side line. All we want is some decent weather!

J Teal, Archivist

# BOARDING PROGRAMME TERM THREE, 2012

## **ACTIVITIES**

WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION	SUPERVISING HOUSE
1	Sat 28	Ten Pin Bowling	7.00pm	Garden City Bowl	Jacobs House
(July)	Sun 29	Ski Trip (weather permitting)	6.30am	Mt Hutt	Jacobs House
2	Fri 3	Year 12 Programme	6.30pm	OBT	Flower's House
(August)	Sat 4	Movies	7.00pm	Hoyts@Riccarton	Flower's House
	Sun 5	Ski Trip (weather permitting) Year 12 Programme	6.30am 8.30am	Mt Hutt	Flower's House
3	Sat 11	Mini Golf	7.00pm	CaddyShack City	Richards House
	Sun 12	Ski Trip (weather permitting)	6.30am	Mt Hutt	Richards House
4	Sat 18	Action Kart Raceway	7.00pm	Harewood	School House
	Sun 19	Ski Trip (weather permitting)	6.30am	Mt Hutt	School House
5	Sat 25	All Blacks vs Australia	7.30pm	OBT	Jacobs House
	Sun 26	Ski Trip (weather permitting)	6.30am	Mt Hutt	Jacobs House
6	Sat 1	Golf Driving Range	7.00pm	Ferrymead	Flower's House
(Sept)	Sun 2	Ski Trip (weather permitting)	6.30am	Mt Hutt	Flower's House
7	Sat 8	School Based Activity	7.00pm	Christ's College	Richards House
	Sun 9	House Claybird Shoots	9.00am	Various Venues	Richards House
8	Sat 15	School Based Activity	7.00pm	Christ's College	School House
	Sun 16	Kamikazi Paintball	9.30am	McLeans Island	School House



	OPTION	PROVIDER	DURATION	LOCATION	COST
	Diploma in Agriculture	National Trade Academy	2 years - 2 hours per week during term time plus practical days in holidays	College & various venues	\$350 per year
	Defensive Driving	AA Driver Training	4 sessions of 2 hours plus 1 hour practical	College	\$170
	PADI Open Water Dive Training	Mr MR Hayes (qualified PADI Instructor)	Varies according to qualification	College & various venues	\$350
	Cooking Classes	St Margaret's College	4 sessions of 2 hours	St Margaret's College	Free
	Duke of Edinburgh's (Young New Zealanders Challenge) - This is compulsory for all Year 10 Boarders	Joshua Foundation & Christ's College	Depends on level	College & various locations	Minimal

These are extra-curricular courses and qualifications provided exclusively for boarders.

Further information on each course is available from Mr Thatcher.

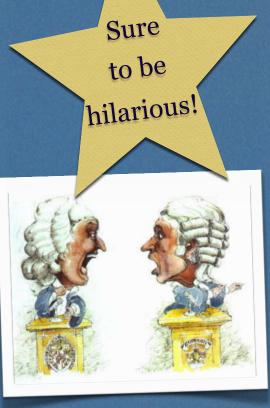


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