



# IN BLACK & WHITE

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## FROM THE HEADMASTER

You might not have been aware that **Heather Roy, former deputy leader of the ACT party**, held in her portfolio responsibility for independent schools. In that role she made herself widely available to the sector, and oversaw the roll-out of the government 'Aspire' scholarships and a modest funding increase. These were the realisation of pre-election support for our schools promised by the National Party. With the unanticipated economic downturn in the meantime, it was reassuring that this pledge was realised, albeit modestly. We would be naive to expect much more in the future, under current conditions and government cutbacks.

Heather Roy's relationship with the **Minister of Education, Anne Tolley**, crossed political and philosophical divides. Whilst it was reassuring to at least have an anchor for independent schools in government, the seabed has always been soft. Rather like any dragging anchor, you may not be aware you are drifting until you suddenly become aware of grinding noises, or a disappeared horizon. My expectation is our sector is likely to drift further out to sea in government priorities.

Meanwhile, the state teaching profession is once more going in the other direction and heading for rocks of confrontation. **Industrial action** is planned over pay and conditions claims, attributed by a union negotiator I recently heard on the subject to government ineptitude and disinterest in education. Whatever the position, damaging times are ahead. Our staff members are not members of the PPTA.

I referred to our ISNZ membership in the last '*In Black and White*'. Recently issued **statistics for 2010** may be of interest:

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| Schools in ISNZ                       | 43                                     |
| Overall student numbers               | 23,731                                 |
| % change in over previous year        | 2.1% decrease<br>(2009 2.58% decrease) |
| % change in boarders                  | 1.19% decrease                         |
| No of boys boarding in ISNZ schools   | 2161 (girls 905)                       |
| Total grants to schools (government)  | \$39.5m                                |
| Total GST government income from fees | \$46.5m                                |

In summary, the sector is contracting slightly in the current recession. Past experience would caution that this contraction

tends to continue even when the economy is in recovery, as those who may once have been independent school families become used to alternatives. I am naturally pleased our roll continues to edge upwards, with no compromise in the quality of our entrants, in contrast to the national trend.



We are also members of the IBSC, the **International Boys' Schools Coalition**. This is the biggest organisation dedicated to the interests of boys' schools in the world. We are one of the participant schools in the latest research project, following their successful study of what makes for effective learning. This project looks at social structures and successful school cultures.

I have had a number of confused members of the school ask me about antelope. The species in question has a large white posterior, an affliction shared by some of our number whose shirts, apparently, have minds of their own. I hope the shop charges extra. I do worry though that living with an errant shirt is stressful for the boys – the shock of discovering their shirt has spontaneously rebelled again, is clearly distressing.

'In Black and White' has been very well received – thank you for your **feedback**. We will be developing further ways in which it is accessible. We have been discussing the future shape of College which will have the potential for more 'journalistic' pieces covering aspects of the wider community, to complement the records of, and features about, boys' activities. On the subject of our published material, those of you who travel with Air New Zealand will be familiar with Kia Ora magazine. In October each year we place an advertisement prior to our information evenings for the next year's entrants. Our last two have had an 'airport' theme, the first showing an aircraft apparently in the quad featuring 'boarding', and the second showed the baggage weighing machine screen with modified text. Look out for this year's – we hope you like it.

Each year we look critically at our **camp programmes** for Year 9, in Term 1, and Year 10 in Term 4. The 'base camp' arrangements work well, with catering and logistics all

covered, and outdoor specialists accompany all activities. In recent years, staff members to accompany some of the outdoor activities have been hard to find, and I would be delighted to hear from any enthusiastic parents who might like a night, or two, away under 'canvas'. We could arrange any part of the weeks involved, just one night or more to suit. These are great weeks – well organised and resourced, and a chance to be with boys en masse. They will be more than ready to upskill any parents interested in studying their habits in the wild. There are a whole range of activities available for parents to enjoy, who might have a little longer to spend with us. All activities contain a ham-string warning for those who may revert too carelessly to being 14 (from recent personal experience). Please email [headmaster@christscollege.com](mailto:headmaster@christscollege.com) if interested – no commitment, of course.

It was pleasure to host the **British High Commissioner to New Zealand**, Mrs Vicki Treadell at College recently. We talked about matters of comparison between the UK education system, and that of New Zealand. I expressed the view that the UK had a lot to learn from us, not the other way round. A current controversy is about 'adjusting' A level statistics to ensure the expected number of students achieve the new A\* grade at A level (Year 13, University Entrance requirements). The HMC (the Heads' organisation for independent schools) described the revelation as 'cryptic at best'. The 'objectivity' of precisely graded terminal examinations is once again showing itself to be fragile.

Finally, a potential problem for the Chaplain. A telephone contact was being given the College email address by my secretary to send us some information. As always, she helpfully emphasised the 's' in the middle of 'christscollege' because it is often omitted. 'Ah' said the caller, 'it's plural is it?'

Simon Leese, Headmaster

## GERMAN POSTERS

Ms Tang and Mr Moore's Year 9 German classes were given the task of designing posters about Germany. The quality of the work produced, showing original design and outstanding presentation, has impressed the teachers. Some of the best posters are shown in the photo below.

From left to right: Frazer Densem (Rolleston), Boris Marinov (Corfe), Vincent Curd (Julius), and Matt Harris (Julius).



## CALENDAR EVENTS

### Week 7

Tu 31 Year 13 Biology lab, Lincoln University, 9.00am

### SEPTEMBER

Th 2 Interhouse chess, 2.45pm  
CSS intermediate inter-school debating competition, 5.30pm-8.30pm

F 3 Year 13 General Studies, OBT, 1.15pm  
NCEA Music performance assessments, Music School, 1.30-3.30pm  
Richards House dinner, 7.00pm

Sa 4 Interhouse tug-of-war competition, Upper, 10.30am  
Interhouse 7s rugby tournament, CCCG, 1.00pm  
40 Years On Reunion dinner, Dining Hall, 6.00pm

Su 5 23rd Ordinary Sunday  
Boarders' ski bus to Mt Hutt, 6.30am  
Interhouse claybird shoot, Nth Canty Clay Target Club, 9.00am  
House plays technical rehearsal (C, H, So), OBT, 2.00-5.30pm  
Choral Evensong, 40 Years On Service  
Preacher: The Headmaster, 7.00pm

### Week 8

M 6 University of Otago course planning, Library Conference Room, 3.45pm  
Interhouse senior football first round, CCCG, 4.00pm  
Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh training session, Selwyn Room, 6.45-8.30pm

Tu 7 Year 11 Biology field trip to Estuary, 9.00am  
Interhouse senior basketball, Gym, 1.15pm  
University of Otago course planning, Library Conference Room, 4.00pm  
House play dress rehearsals (C, H, So), OBT, 4.00-9.30pm

W 8 Interhouse senior football semi-finals, CCCG, 3.00pm  
House plays (C, H, So), OBT, 7.00-9.30pm

Th 9 CSS orchestra festival and gala concert, Town Hall  
Year 10 Biology field trip to Wainui, 8.45-3.30pm  
Interhouse junior debating final, 12.45pm  
Interhouse senior basketball final, Gym, 12.45pm  
Interhouse table tennis, Cranmer Gym, 3.45pm  
Interhouse senior rugby semi-finals, Upper, 4.00pm

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# CAREERS

## The Martin Jetpac

The IPENZ Pickering public lecture series takes place in September each year and is named in honour of Sir William Pickering, a Wellington-born engineer, who earned a reputation as one of the titans of the US space programme. This years free public 'Pickering' Lecture will be given by the 'Jet-Pac Man'. Here is an opportunity for students, teachers and parents to hear Glenn Martin's story.

Tuesday 14 September, 7.30pm Aurora Centre for the Performing Arts, Burnside High School. For more information about the jetpac, including video clips of it flying, see <http://www.martinjetpac.com/the-martin-jetpack.aspx>

## YMCA

The YMCA is looking for volunteer leaders for the 2010 Holiday Programmes. Many Christchurch secondary school students have been involved with this programme over the years. Volunteers receive full training, leadership opportunities, a reference for their CV and full support and mentoring from their staff. This is another excellent opportunity for boys to do community service which would also contribute to their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Ph 963 2822 or [youth@ymcachch.org.nz](mailto:youth@ymcachch.org.nz)

## Waikato University - Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme

This is available to students who excel academically and in sports or creative and performing arts. What do you receive? Full fees to study at Waikato University, personalised academic support, leading coaches/tutors in your area of sports/arts, a Leadership and Personal Development Plan, free gym membership and more.....

## Top 10 Skills/Attributes sought after in University Graduates

What employers look for:

1. Strong interpersonal skills
2. Strong verbal communication skills
3. Strong written communication skills
4. Flexible and adaptable 'can do' attitude
5. Sound academic achievement
6. Self-motivated/self starter
7. Team player
8. Energy and enthusiasm
9. Problem solving skills
10. Analytical and conceptual skills

| TERM 3 | Important Dates:  |
|--------|---|
|        | 6 September: Queenstown Resort College (QRC) information evening, Hospitality Management, Adventure Tourism Management & Adventure Tourism specializing in Snowsport Business - 6.30pm, the George Hotel. |
|        | 8 September: New York University Abu Dhabi & global network university - information evening, The George Hotel, 6.00 - 7.30pm   |
|        | 10 September: University of Auckland Scholarships, application closing date   |
|        | 14 September: IPENZ presentation, Burnside High School, The Martin Jetpac   |
|        | 15 September: University of Canterbury, Performance Music applications due  |
|        | 16 September: Diary NZ, seminar for Science/Geography students. An awareness of Agriculture and Land based career opportunities   |
| TERM 4 | Future Dates:   |
|        | 19 October: University of Auckland Liaison visit. 1.00 - 1.45pm   |
|        | 21 October: Course planning - University of Canterbury, 3.40pm  |

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# CALENDAR EVENTS

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- Th 9 House play technical rehearsals (F, J, Ro), OBT, 4.00-9.30pm  
CSS senior inter-school debating competition, 5.00-8.30pm
- F 10 Year 12 General Studies, OBT, 1.15pm  
Winter sports photographs, 1.15pm  
House play technical rehearsals (Cf), OBT, 5.00-6.30pm  
College v King's debate, Auckland, 7.00pm  
Black and White Ball, Upper, 7.00pm
- Sa 11 Final Saturday activities for the term  
SISS skiing and snowboarding championships, Mt Dobson  
House play dress rehearsals (Cf), OBT, 11.15am-1.00pm  
School Ball, Upper
- Su 12 24th Ordinary Sunday  
Boarders' ski bus to Mt Hutt, 6.30am  
Holy Eucharist, 9.00am  
Year 11 Boarder team challenge day, Godley Heads, 10.00am-5.00pm  
House play technical rehearsals (Ja, S, R), OBT, 2.00-5.00pm  
House play dress rehearsals (F, J, Ro), OBT, 5.00-9.00pm

## iPhone APPLICATION

The Christ's College iPhone application 'CCAT' (developed by Michael van de Water) is available for download from iTunes. This free application, designed for tour participants and their parents, includes an itinerary, a biography of each boy and contact information for staff. Once the tour is underway, a regular newsfeed will be available through the iPhone application. Or, you can follow preparations on twitter @ccat2010. The group departs on September 14th 2010.





## Career Prospects during a recession -Some thoughts from Dr Ganesh Nana (BERL chief economist)

Dr Nana says the most important aspect of planning your career in a recession is to keep focussing on longer-term issues and not be diverted by the short-term focus.

Keep an eye on labour market information which indicates job areas that are growing or shrinking and what types of skills are in demand. There are definite skill shortages in NZ in very broadly defined areas such as: construction, engineering and science-related areas like biotechnology. In the longer term, issues like food production, climate change and land and resource use will create a range of opportunities.

CP Sellars, Careers Adviser

## CHARITY HOSPITAL

Dr Randall Allardyce joined Christ's College at Chapel last week and was presented with two cheques for the Canterbury Charity Hospital. Each cheque was the result of fundraising undertaken by College boys recently.

The 2010 Lent appeal raised a record total this year, half of which was directed towards the Haiti relief efforts earlier this term. The remaining \$8,897 was presented to Dr Allardyce by Deputy Head Boy, Alex Donaldson. These funds were raised by all ten of the College houses through sponsored team runs, work days and dances.

Head of the Chapel Choir, Elliott Botting then presented him with a further cheque for \$8000.00. This money was raised by the annual charity concert of the Chapel Choristers 'On a High Note'.

Dr Randall spoke to the congregation and reminded them that learning to be kind is done by observing and by doing. He said 'Once you see the results of your kindness you carry it on for the rest of your life. It makes a profound impact on your view of yourself, your role in your community and what goodness can actually accomplish.'

The Canterbury Charity Hospital provides day surgery treatment and medical treatment to people who have dropped off the public health waiting list, and who do not have the means to pay for medical treatment privately.

Dr Randall explained that 41% of the people treated at the charity hospital are able to fully participate in employment again following the treatment. "It is very, very important to realise that the relief of pain, the giving back of mobility, the return of sight to a patient has a profound effect not only on that patient but also on their family and it actually affects society as well" he said.

He also reminded boys of an earlier invitation to visit the Canterbury Charity Hospital and 'go into and out of the operating theatres vertically rather than horizontally' and thanked them and the College for their 'leadership in the teaching of kindness and their generosity of spirit'.



Deputy Head Boy, Alex Donaldson and Dr Randall Allardyce



Head of Chapel Choir, Elliott Botting



Alex Donaldson, Dr Randall Allardyce, Rev. Bosco Peters and Elliott Botting

## CURRICULUM

Senior students have now finished their examinations and will have received their grades. These examinations are set to allow the boys to get a good grasp of where they are academically at the present time.

All boys should be seriously reviewing their results to understand the improvements that may need to be made in examination preparation, self-management, examination technique as well as particular areas of strength and weakness in each subject. I would encourage all parents to have an open discussion with their sons as the examinations provide an excellent opportunity to re-evaluate academic progress and goals.

WC Lidstone, Acting Director of Curriculum

# METHCON PRESENTATION TO YEAR 9 AND 10 PUPILS

Last Friday afternoon all Year 9 and 10 pupils attended a presentation on Methamphetamine Awareness. This was organised as part of the Health curriculum.

The presentation, delivered by Dale Kirk, a former policeman, was hard hitting and comprehensive. A clear message of 'not even once' was repeated throughout the presentation as boys were shown how addictive and destructive a drug 'P' is.

Mr Kirk travels the country making this presentation to companies and schools with the aim of providing audiences with the knowledge and strategies to reject drug use.



Mr Dale Kirk

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## YEAR 12 LEADERSHIP DAY

On Thursday of last week, all Christ's College Year 12 pupils travelled to Burnham to participate in the annual Year 12 Leadership Day.

Organised and run by the Joshua Foundation, this day has been a part of the Year 12 Leadership programme for several years. The group was split into three and they spent two hours each at three different stations.

The first station involved a ropes course, the second was referred to as 'Leadership' where boys were given tasks to problem solve as a team, and the final station was the Confidence Course made famous by the 1980s show 'The Krypton Factor'. The NZ Army was responsible for teaching the boys the required skills to successfully negotiate the Confidence Course.

Housemasters present and the Deputy Headmaster, Mr Rob Donaldson were able to observe how the boys interact and work together and look for potential school leaders in 2011. The boys were able to gain insight into their own leadership styles and the responses of others.





# MUSIC RECITAL EVENING

An appreciative audience was entertained last Friday evening to a short recital in the Music School. The music ranged from rock and jazz, taking in Baroque, an operatic arrangement for double bass and songs. Opportunities afforded by this type of informal setting give performers the confidence to play in front of a smaller audience, without the pressure of an examination or formal criticism.

Performers were:

Alex Kilday, Oscar Talbot & Oscar Smith, Band  
Nicholas Ganly, Luke Mannis & George Win, Cello Trio  
Matt Harris, Double Bass  
Danial Bunyasakdi, Guitar  
William Briscoe, Voice  
Haydon Baddock, Cello  
Nick Dow, Jazz Piano  
Oliver Simmonds, Voice  
Bradley Wood, Piano

Thanks must go to Miss Nikola Eckertova, Mrs. Shelley Spang and Mrs. Jacqueline Baddock for their piano accompaniments and to Mrs. Alison Hanson for her support of the cello trio.

Mr N Coxon



Bradley Wood performs in the Music School earlier this year.

## ALL WELCOME!!

Two interhouse sports contests will take place this Saturday, Sept 4th - the tug of war competition and the House Rugby Sevens.

The tug of war event, beginning on Upper at 10.30am is a highlight of the interhouse sporting calendar and includes three grades: Junior (under 55kg), Intermediate (under 65kg) and the Open grade.



There are ten boys in each team and each House enters one team per grade. In this competition House loyalty is fiercely evident to all making it an excellent competition for spectators. Last year Richards House were the Junior grade winners, Harper the Intermediate grade winners and the Open grade was won by Somes House.

The annual Interhouse Rugby sevens competition is played at the CC grounds in North Hagley on Saturday afternoon. The first games will kick off at 1pm. Five grades compete: Senior A, Senior B, Year 11, Year 10 and Year 9. Last year Julius House won both Senior competitions, Flower's House won the Year 11 and Year 9 competition and School House had the winning Year 10 team.

Families are welcome at both events. A sausage sizzle will be available to all during the afternoon's rugby fundraising for the Tongan project.

## THEATRE SPORTS

The Senior Theatresports Team competed on Sunday night in the semi finals of the Secondary Schools' competition. Will Anderson, David Bellamy, Jordan Faulkner, Guy Goodwin, and Oliver Robertson played strongly against the other four teams but in the end Rangiora High School and St Thomas's proved the winners and will go forward to the finals in three weeks time. It was all great fun team - thank you for the hard work.

RM Peers, MIC Theatresports

## THE COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP

The School Shop is now selling College ties at \$25 each.

HOURS TERM 3

Monday to Friday: 12 noon - 2.30pm

Saturday: 9am - 12 noon



## SENIOR BALL SUIT HIRE

Sergios will be coming in to school on Thursday lunchtime to accommodate anyone who needs to hire a suit for the ball.

For every suit hire, they will donate money back to the ball, and give you a free movie ticket. You will be fitted out on the spot and Sergios will then collect the suit from College on the Monday after the ball.

They will be in the assembly foyer, this Thursday Sept 2nd.

# ASSEMBLY NOTES

Tuesday 31 August 2010

**PRAYER:** Chaplain

**GUEST:** Mr Ian Yorston – from Radley College in the UK

## **NOTICES:**

### **From Mr Sellars**

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

Could all boys going on the rugby Tour next year meet in OA7, at 1.15pm today. Attendance is essential

### **From Mr Clarke**

Course 2 of the Red Cross first aid course for Duke of Edinburgh students has its next session this Friday after school in the Health room under the gym.

The next session for winter cricket squad training is this Sunday. Group B at 9.30am, Group A at 10.45am.

Year 10 students who have enrolled this year for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award have their first evening training session next week on Monday at 6.45pm in the Little Theatre. All boys enrolled this year must attend

### **From Mr Longley**

I would like to meet with Mrs Lonsdale's Year 9 English class in the foyer following assembly

### **From Mrs Chileshe**

Sergios will be coming in to school on Thursday lunchtime to accommodate anyone who needs to hire a suit for the ball. They will fit you out on the spot, and will collect the suit on the Monday following the ball. They will give a free movie ticket to anyone that decides to hire from them, and they will also be donating money towards the ball for each suit hired. They will be in the assembly foyer, this Thursday, at lunchtime

### **From the Humanitarian Committee**

There will be a sausage sizzle at the House 7s tournament this Saturday with sausages being \$2 each

### **From Mr Chambers**

House plays start in just over a week. There needs to be a greater commitment from each and every member to turn up and rehearse on time. There are still plenty of rehearsal opportunities that can be booked.

You can check when your house is rehearsing by looking at the booking sheets located inside the OBT foyer. House plays usually reach a very high standard, and year by year the overall standard lifts. Get organised, honour the commitment to your House and to your mates. All boys must attend their own house play and one other. All boys must wear stripes to the house play performance.

## **PRESENTATION TO:**

Music Honours Tie – **Nick Dow**

Nick has been a member of the Chapel choir for four years and a member of Schola Cantorum since its inception in 2008. He is also a member of the NZ Secondary Schools choir who recently returned from the Canada.

## **ACTIVITY REPORT: Zach Smart Prefect Richards House Hockey**

The 2nd XI finished their local season with a 2-1 win against Christchurch Boys' High School 2nd XI. **Robbie Harper** and **Callum Haynes** were goal scorers.

In the Youth section the Colts team had a convincing 6-1 win over Shirley Boys' High School.

The 3rd XI played Selwyn and won 4 -1 with goals scored by **Ben Thatcher**, **Tom Hill-Taiaroa**, **Tim Blackett** and **Andrew Hargen**. Most valuable player was **Peter Glasson**. They are now in the final of Division 3 this weekend.

The Youth Black and Youth White teams both had losses but the Youth Black will be playing off for 3rd and 4th in Division 2 this weekend.

## **Football**

Last Wednesday the 2nd XI black team played Shirley Boys' High and lost 2-1.

On Saturday, the 1st XI played Burnside and won 3-0. This result sees the 1st XI finish the competition in 3rd place, one place better than last year.

The 2nd XI white team played Burnside and drew 0-0.

The U15As played Mid Canterbury and won 3-0

## **Table Tennis**

The B1s beat Papanui 9-0 and the C3s were too strong for Kaiapoi winning 8-1.

## **Debating**

In the junior grade, two Year 9 teams traveled to St Margaret's College on Thursday to debate the moot that 'Women should not enter the workforce'. Both College teams successfully negated this moot and won their debates.

## **Badminton**

On Sunday at the Canterbury Badminton school champs **Vinura Karunasekera** and his partner won the Year 9/10 Doubles competition.

## **Squash**

The C1s beat Christchurch Boys' High School 8-2 to finish their season in a very creditable 3rd place.

### **Tournament week – Day One**

#### **Rankin Cup Hockey**

College beat Rotorua Boys' High School 4-0.

#### **U15 Rugby**

College beat Southland Boys 15-14.

#### **1st XI Football**

College won 11-1 against Greymouth High School and won 6-0 against South Otago High School. **Reagan Sherriff** has been in good goal-scoring form scoring 2 hat-tricks.

#### **2nd XV Hockey**

Had a narrow 3-2 loss to Burnside High School.

## MASTER CLASS

Jazz legend Rodger Fox will be taking the Christ's College Big Band through a one hour masterclass workshop this Thursday Sept 2nd at 3.45pm in the Assembly Hall.

Anyone interested in observing this class is most welcome and is invited to contact Mr Nick Coxon [ncoxon@christscollege.com](mailto:ncoxon@christscollege.com) for more details.

# ONstage twentyten

## CHRIST'S COLLEGE INTERHOUSE PLAY FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 2010 IN THE OLD BOYS' THEATRE

|                |        |                                    |
|----------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| WEDNESDAY 8TH  | 7.00PM | HARPER, SOMES, CONDELL'S           |
| MONDAY 13TH    | 6.30PM | FLOWER'S, ROLLESTON, JULIUS, CORFE |
| WEDNESDAY 15TH | 7.15PM | SCHOOL, RICHARDS, JACOBS           |

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