

# IN BLACK & WHITE

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## FROM THE HEADMASTER

Term 4 has got underway and all in the senior school are now focused on the completion of course work and examination preparation, and of course conditions are not ideal – we have some inconveniences to work around at College, and many of our families are still having to cope with the earthquake consequences, both at home and at work.

At College we are back into Julius and Harper as expected and promised, whilst external work continues on the roof and chimneys. We are without both the English Block and the Cranmer Centre, and so we are certainly going to be a little squeezed for the rest of the year. Perhaps the biggest impact, though not affecting everyone, is the contamination of the Avon and its closure for rowing. Our rowing club is, this term, travelling regularly to Ashburton to use Lake Hood, and also to Twizel for training – this is an extraordinary extra demand on the staff coaches and boys, but I have to say they were all in great heart at Lake Hood last week. They had set off at 5.45am and were finishing rowing at 11.00am for the journey back.

Meanwhile, the longer term future for the Cranmer Centre has had to be examined, in view of the damage sustained and our awareness of its vulnerability if merely repaired. The Board are currently receiving professional advice about full earthquake strengthening, and it is likely this will be commissioned. Another considerable outlay, which we had been expecting to schedule in a few years' time, will leave us with a beautifully reinstated facility, enabling us to do all the upgrading needed for full College use at the same time. Every cloud has a silver

lining (although in this case the lining is apparently steel, concrete and carbon fibre....) It will probably mean we are unable to use the building until the middle of next year.

Cancellation of the two College balls was a disappointment for all. It was not a decision taken lightly, particularly with the knowledge of the inevitable and very substantial costs. At an early stage, it was decided that this cost would be carried by the College, and I can only thank those who were kind enough to contact us and offer to contribute to this. I thought it was simpler, though, to refund all payments and invite any who wished to, to donate their ticket costs towards the City Mission. The Mission will continue to support families directly impacted by the earthquake for the foreseeable future, and we have on many occasions supported their tireless work. I am delighted and humbled to report that at least \$3500 has so far been donated, a wonderful expression of individual generosity. It is still possible to contact Derek Banks if you wish to do the same.

Whilst looking for a few more challenges to keep life interesting next year, we had previously offered to host a World Cup team during the pool games in 2011, and one of the teams in the quarter finals. We have had urgent and constructive talks with the rugby authorities, who are aware this will be one further imposition in a challenging year. However, I am keen to do this if we can – it is a significant national opportunity, and may



## HELPING BOYS TO COMMUNICATE AND CONNECT



Monday 18th October 7pm OBT

Christ's College invites you to attend

**Dr Adam Cox**

**'Helping Boys to Communicate and Connect'**

Drawing on his book, *Boys of Few Words: Raising Our Sons to Communicate and Connect*, Dr. Cox discusses the challenges so many boys face in learning how to be effective communicators.

Tea/Coffee to Follow

Please RSVP to [clongley@christscollege.com](mailto:clongley@christscollege.com) by Thursday 14th October

only come to New Zealand once; it would be something many of the boys, whether rugby enthusiasts or not, will look back on in years to come as another memory of their time at College. We will keep you fully informed as the discussions progress. If we do go ahead, once again the Balls will find themselves in the same part of the year as a major College experience. I have always wanted to set the marquee on the quad – next year could be outstanding, and we will make sure it is.

In the important run-up to NCEA examinations, those in Year 11 may wonder whether their performance is important when university entrance and major choices are some way away. It is. Firstly moving to Level 2 is a major step up, and the confidence of a good performance at Level 1 is a great advantage. But more important is the habit – the habit of striving to do as well as you can, whenever and wherever an opportunity is presented. The most important challenge in life is the one in front of you right now; success follows hard work, and success can become a habit.

Last night (Monday) I was pleased to attend the Parents' Association meeting where the finishing touches were being put to the forthcoming Pink Lunch (see elsewhere in this edition). Please do sign up. This a great opportunity for all mums in the community to mix and mingle. I hope you are able to be there.

Last term I asked for any parents willing and able to help with the Year 10 camps later this term. The camps are in the week beginning 22 November. So far, three offers have been made which is marvelous, but we could use more! All, or any part of, the week, and all levels of physical ambition can be catered for. Those with seasoned bodies, but irresponsible cerebral cortexes, will be actively prevented from self-harm through over-exertion. I will be supervising, and providing any necessary parental medication. Any further offers to me, or to Martin Hayes. Many thanks in advance.'

Simon Leese, Headmaster

## CURRICULUM

We are starting this term in extraordinary times, but it is essential that we remember that life has to go on, and that expectations for academic achievement have not changed.

External examinations begin with Scholarship Drama on Thursday 11th November, and Levels 1 to 3 NCEA on Monday 15th November. This means that boys have just under five full weeks of classes before they go on examination leave; at most a senior boy could expect 24 lessons for the remainder of the term, or 20 lessons for a Year 11 boy.

Boys ought to have been undertaking plenty of revision over the three week break, and should by now be settling into a regular routine of study in addition to the prep demands that teachers place on them. You can help your son by making sure that he has a study plan in place, and that he sticks to it.

Regular supportive discussions are useful, without making the issue a basis for conflict. As a general guide we would expect a boy to be completing 2 hours of revision each night at this stage in the year.

It is also vitally important that boys eat well, with a balanced diet, and that they get plenty of exercise and plenty of sleep. These are all factors that impact on examination performance. There are several pages of good study tips in the front of each boy's Student Diary.

Mr R Sutton, Senior Master - Curriculum

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## CALENDAR EVENTS

Tu 12	CCS Volleyball begins CCOBA Leavers' Meeting, OBT, 1.20pm
W 13	CSS sport begins CSS Senior Tennis championships Whole school photograph, Quad, 8.30-10.00am Mathematics Cambridge exam, AS level, Paper 1, 1.30-3.15pm
Th 14	Year 11 Geography field trip, dairy farm, 12.30-3.30pm Interhouse badminton prelims, Gym, 12.45pm Interhouse junior debating final, OBT, 12.45pm Lincoln University course planning, M1, 12.45-1.45pm Academic staff photograph, Quad, 3.45pm Interhouse senior tennis prelims, Hagley Tennis Club, 4.00pm Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh training session, 6.45-8.45pm
F 15	Year 13 General Studies, OBT, 1.15pm NCEA music performance assessments, Performance Room, 2.00pm Monitors meeting, Assembly Hall, 3.50pm College v King's College debate, Auckland, 7.00pm Schola Cantorum rehearsal with CSO, Town Hall, 7.30pm
Sa 16	Saturday activities begin NZSS mountain biking championships, Rotorua First Pennant rowing regatta, Kerr's Reach, 8.00am-4.00pm Schola Cantorum rehearsal with CSO, Town Hall, 10.00am-12.30pm
Su 17	29th Ordinary Sunday Jacobs House claybird shoot, Nth Canty Target Club, 9.30am Harper House lawn bowls, Fendalton Bowling Club, 11.00am Schola Cantorum sing with CSO & Christchurch City Choir, Town Hall, 2.00pm Choral Evensong Preacher: The Headmaster, 7.00pm
Week 2	
M 18	Prefects' photo, Quad (Dress uniform), 8.00am Monitor meeting (Group A), Selwyn Room, 8.00am Interhouse senior tennis first round, Hagley Tennis Club, 4.00pm Auditions for 2011 senior production, OBT, 7.00-9.00pm

# CAREERS

## University of Canterbury Dux Scholarship

This is offered to the most academically able Year 13 student (The Dux) of Christ's College. Scholars receive up to \$5,000 towards the payment of their first-year tuition fees at the University of Canterbury for 2011 and there is no restriction on citizenship.

## Otago Polytechnic

From 2011 they will be offering a Bachelor of Engineering Technology, with Majors in Mechanical Engineering and Civil Engineering (with strands in Water and Waste, Geotechnic, Roading and Transportation and Environmental).

## CPIT (Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology)

They also offer a Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical) and Diploma courses that can lead on to the degree programme. This is an alternative pathway for students and not as competitive as the BE at the University of Canterbury. For students who have the desire to study engineering but have had some difficulties with their Mathematics or Physics then the Diploma is a very good option.

## Science Headstart

The University of Canterbury offers catch-up courses in January for students who qualify for university but may lack confidence in a subject or have not studied it recently.

The summer course will be offered in Biology, Basic Chemistry, Further Chemistry, Mathematics, Statistics and Physics. Further details from the Careers room.

## Hands-On Science

The University of Otago will run this programme in Dunedin from 16-21 January 2011. Students need to be entering Year 11, 12, or 13 in 2011. It focusses on hands-on experience in Science with active research applications. Students need to have a very strong interest and the potential to excel in Science.



## University of Otago

Consumer and Applied Sciences: Are you aware of what this degree (BCApSc) involves? Clothing and Textile Sciences, Consumer Food Science, Design Studies, Human Nutrition, Social Work and Community Development. There are a number of scholarships available to first year students.

CP Sellars, Careers Adviser

TERM 4	Important Dates:
	14 October: Lincoln University Course Planning, Maths 1, 12.45pm
	19 October: Auckland University Course Planning, Maths 1, 1.00pm. University of Otago Course Planning, all students excluding Health Sciences, Maths 1, 4.00pm
	20 October: University of Otago Course Planning, Health Sciences, Maths 1, 2.30pm
	21 October: University of Canterbury Course Planning, Library, 3.40pm
	26 October: Massey University Course Planning, Careers room, 1.00pm
	28 October: Victoria University Course Planning, room to be advised 2.30pm

# CALENDAR EVENTS

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- Tu 19 Mufti Day  
University of Auckland liaison visit, Careers room, 1.00-1.45pm  
University of Otago course planning, M1, 4.00pm  
College v St Margaret's College debate (away), 4.30-6.30pm  
Year 13 Founders' Dinner, Dining Hall, 7.00pm
- W 20 University of Otago course planning (Health Sciences), M1, 2.30pm  
Interhouse junior cricket prelims, CCCG, 3.00pm  
Year 13 NCEA drama performance assessments, OBT, 4.00-6.30pm  
Interhouse video competition, OBT, 7.15-10.15pm
- Th 21 Levels tests for 2011 Year 9 entrants, 8.45am-1.00pm  
Years 9 & 10 Social Science Quiz, Town Hall, 12.30-3.30pm  
Interhouse badminton first round, Gym, 12.45pm  
Interhouse chess finals  
Year 13 group photograph, Quad  
University of Canterbury course planning, 3.40pm  
Year 13 NCEA drama performance assessments, OBT, 4.00-5.30pm  
Wells Music Competition, Assembly Hall, 7.30pm
- F 22 The Cathedral Grammar School Athletics Sports Day, Upper Parents' Association 'Pink Lunch', Dining Hall, 12.00 noon  
Year 12 General Studies, OBT, 1.15pm  
Year 13 NCEA drama performance assessments, OBT, 4.00-5.30pm  
Year 12 NCEA drama performance assessments, OBT, 6.30-9.00pm
- Sa 23 Usual Saturday sport  
No Saturday activities
- Su 24 30th Ordinary Sunday  
No Chapel service  
1st XI cricket depart for Wanganui  
Chapel Choir participates in St Margaret's College Centennial Eucharist, Christ Church Cathedral, 10.00am

## REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE

Our website [christscollege.com](http://christscollege.com) is regularly updated with news and images of events happening around College. We also post the notes from our weekly assembly and, of course, this e-newsletter (under Information: In Black & White).



# ON EDGE

Following on from the success of 'On Ice' published earlier this year, a second volume celebrating the visual art and creative writing talents of Christ's College boys is soon to be published.

This volume, in its final stages before printing, is called 'On Edge'. Pre-orders are now being taken for anyone who wishes to own a copy and the volume would make a fabulous Christmas gift.

The quality of the pieces selected for this volume, including poetry, short stories and stunning artwork, are of an extraordinary standard and will be enjoyed by a wide audience.

A pre-order form is included with this newsletter.

## PINK LUNCH

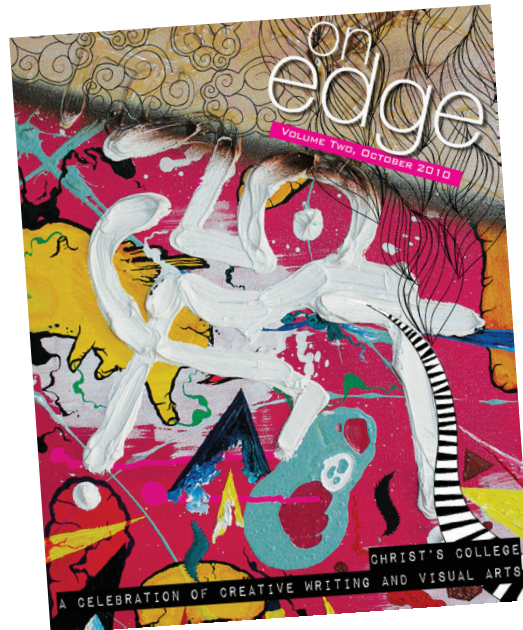
Final preparations are happening for the Annual Pink Lunch at Christ's College. This is to be held in the College Dining Hall at 12 noon on Friday October 22nd.

All College mothers are warmly invited to attend, in particular those who are new to the College community. The Pink Lunch, in its third year, is about creating opportunities for College mothers to be together.

Christine Fernyhough, author of Ben and Mark, Boys of the High Country, and The Road to Castle Hill will speak at the luncheon. Christine runs Castle Hill Station with her husband John Bougen and, as an ardent advocate of learning and reading, she was the founder of Books In Homes and later the Gifted Kids programme.

Christine will have signed copies of her books for sale, with a small donation returned to the Parents' Association Bursary fund.

Tickets are \$35 and an order form is attached at the end of this newsletter.



## MUFTI DAY

TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER

The proceeds from this day will go to the Anglican City Mission because since the earthquake have been placed even greater demands on its resources. \$3 will be disbursed to the accounts of those boys who wear mufti on the day. Houses will dress according to their chosen theme.

Alex Donaldson, Deputy Head Prefect

## REMINDER

Dr Adam Cox, Helping Boys to Communicate and Connect

All parents are invited to hear Dr Cox speak next Monday night, 7pm in the Old Boys Theatre. One of our staff recently heard Dr Cox deliver a keynote address at a conference and found it to be very worthwhile. This evening is free of charge to you and coincides with Dr Cox's visit to conduct research for the International Boys' School Coalition.

More details about Dr Cox and the research work that finds him visiting Christ's College can be found in Issue 4 of this publication on our website. RSVP for his presentation to [clongley@christscollege.com](mailto:clongley@christscollege.com)

# ASSEMBLY NOTES

Tuesday 12 October 2010

**MUSIC:** *Capriccio Araba* played by **Danial Bunyasakdi** on the acoustic guitar

**PRAYER:** Chaplain

**Welcome back to:** Mr Sutton and Mr Hayes – both returned from sabbatical leave

**Headmaster talked about:**

1. \$400 cheque from the boys of Rathkeale – will be used to repair the Baptismal font
2. Change to Monday/Tuesday next week (Monday Assembly and Tuesday Chapel)
3. Whole school photo tomorrow 8.30am sharp

**NOTICES:**

**From Mr Coxon**

The orchestra rehearsal this week will be for strings only. It will be in the Recital Room of the Music School, not the Assembly Hall, on Friday after school.

**From Ms Ellis-Martin**

There will be a brief meeting in the foyer after assembly for all boys who played in the 3rd XI hockey team and all boys who are playing polo this term.

**From Mr Thatcher**

All boys interested in playing Summer Social Hockey this term please meet Mr Thatcher in the Foyer after Assembly. This also includes boys who have already entered a team. Please note that this is separate from any College sports or Saturday activities in which you are involved.

**From Mr Hewson**

All films to be entered in the Interhouse Film Competition must be in to Mr Hewson this week in digital form. Please see him and let him know today what stage you are up to with your films. The House Film Screening is on next Wednesday 20 October at 7.15pm in the OBT. Everyone is welcome.

**From Mr Sellars**

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

All Year 13 are to meet in the OBT today at 1.15pm after boarders' lunch for an important meeting with the Christ's College Old Boys' Association.

Lincoln University course planning will be held on Thursday after boarders' lunch in Maths 1.

**From Mr Clarke**

The first course of the Red Cross First Aid certificate has its final assessment session today at 4pm in the Health room. The second course has their next session this Friday at 3.45pm in the Health Room.

Year 10 students enrolled in the Bronze award this year have a training session this Thursday at 6.45pm in the Hornsby Lecture Theatre. All boys must attend. You have your practice tramp at the end of week 3. Please bring your tramping gear pack, clothing, cookers etc with you this week.

**From Mr Moore**

All tennis player are to go to their team meetings at morning break tomorrow (Wednesday)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Campbell Taylor** for winning the inaugural 'Art in a Garden Scholarship' in the holiday break. This is a prize worth \$1000. The prize was drawn from an exhibition of 10 finalists held at the Hawarden Gallery. The finalists were made up from the top art students in the Canterbury area. The judges singled Campbell out in a high calibre field, commenting he is an artist of accomplished technical ability

**Bradley Wood** for competing in the National Piano Competition. He is one of only 15 finalists selected from throughout NZ. The competition is organised by the Mazda Foundation, and is for musicians aged 15-21. He qualified for the National finals based on his results in the regional Christchurch competition

**ACTIVITY REPORT:** read by Tom Gordon, Prefect, Corfe House

**Cycling: 2010 RaboPlus National Schools Cycling Championships**

**George Tutton** finished 5th in the U17 Boys Road Race - He was 1/100th of a second behind the winner with the next 4 places all being given the same time. **Max Beckert** was 15th in the U16 boys road race (only 20 secs behind 1st place), Max was also a very creditable 9th in the U16 boys points race.

**Golf: Jason Yoo** qualified for the Canterbury Men's, matchplay golf championship, ranked as number 16 out of 20. This means that he played the number 3 ranked player in the first round. Jason beat the 3rd ranked mens golfer in Canterbury 3 and 2. He then played the eventual winner (Jason Bateman) in round 2, and lost on the 20th hole (2nd hole of sudden death playoff). Jason also competed in the Hellers Under 17 Schoolboys Championship. He shot rounds of 71 and 70 ( 2 under par) to win by 10 shots. A fantastic effort.

**Cricket:** The 1st XI played two warm up matches last week. They recorded an easy victory against North West Youth cricket club and then had a one-wicket loss to Sacred Heart College, Auckland.

Against North West Youth **Will Utley** scored his maiden 1st XI century scoring 101 n.o and **Dan Sharples** hit his highest 1st XI score making 57. **Ollie Bosworth** bowled well picking up 4/25. Jack Harper made 72 against Sacred Heart. Last Saturday the team played CBHS 1st XI and lost by 29 runs. **Sam Chamberlain** made 50 and **Guy Murgatroyd** 43.



**Hamish Robertson** 4/38 and **Jack Harper** 3/23 were the pick of the College bowlers.

#### PRESENTATIONS TO: Swimming

College's three top swimmers competed at the NZ Short Course Championships in Wellington over the holiday break. The event was due to be held in Christchurch but was moved to Wellington as a result of the earthquake and subsequent concerns about the QE2 pool.

**Patrick Wynne** swam well to make 5 finals in the 16 years age group with a best placing of 4th in the 100m butterfly event

**William Hurst** made 4 finals in the 14 years group and gained a Bronze medal in the 200m Freestyle. William also won Silver and Bronze medals in the 15 and under Club and Regional Freestyle relays

**Charles Porter** made 4 finals in the 17 and 18 years group with a 4th in the 50m Butterfly and a Bronze medal in the 100m Butterfly

**Cricket certificates:** **Will Utley** for scoring 101 n.o. against North West Youth Cricket Club. **Jack Harper** – for claiming 50 1st XI wickets

**Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards:** **Olly Bosworth** and **Matt Baker**

**Australian Computer Programming Competition:** **Tony Sun** – participated in the senior winning team - and he is off to India next week for another competition.

#### HOUSE SPORT TROPHIES

<b>Basketball:</b>	Senior – Harper Junior – School
<b>Football:</b>	Junior – Richards
<b>Hockey:</b>	Senior – Jacobs Junior – Somes
<b>Rugby:</b>	Senior – Jacobs Junior – Flower's
<b>Squash:</b>	Senior – Corfe Junior – Corfe
<b>Skiing:</b>	House - Julius

**PRESENTATION BY:** Thomas Frost on the Academic tour

## TERM 3 LOOKING BACK





**Age**

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A CELEBRATION OF CREATIVE WRITING AND VISUAL ARTS

Name on card: ..... Signature: .....



# THE PINK LUNCH 2010

Date: Friday 22nd October

Venue: Christ's College Dining Hall

Time: 12 noon

Cost: \$35 (includes glass or two of wine and lunch)

**Guest Speaker:** Christine Fernyhough, the author of *The Road to Castle Hill* and *Ben and Mark; Boys of the High Country*.

Come along and hear how Christine swapped downtown Auckland for Castle Hill, a high country station.

Signed copies of her books will be for sale with a small donation being returned.

The Pink Lunch, now in its third year, is mostly about bringing college mothers together. The name is just a name, not necessarily a theme, but it is hoped that the luncheon will generate a donation for the Cancer Society.



## THANK YOU, I WOULD LOVE TO ATTEND THE PINK LUNCH!

My Son's Name .....

My Son's House ..... My Name .....(for Name Badge)

Note: No receipts will be issued. Your name tag will be waiting for you in the Dining Hall.

Please RSVP to Melissa Gray, Christ's College, Private Bag 4900, Christchurch 81 40 Ph: 03 364 8655 Fax: 03 364 5295

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