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This morning (Tuesday) our new buildings were visited by attendees of the ISNZ Senior Leaders' Forum, being held here in Christchurch, and

From the Headmaster

Heads from all over the country were suitably impressed by the scale and detail of what is being constructed. Our contractors are rather pleased the last major concrete pour is completed so of

pleased the last major concrete pour is completed, so every week now brings us nearer to the end!

The Balls have come and gone. Once again the annual thank you to the mothers who worked so hard with Neil Porter to prepare the marquee, and also in planning for what were fine occasions. Deputy Head Rob Donaldson once again did a fine job working with our student committee to ensure yet another truly memorable evening. There was some lovely feedback - one young lady partner came with only one other girl she knew from her school, and had not been to our event before. She said she had had the 'best time ever', with everyone having been so friendly.



Another great ball enjoyed by everyone

Assembly Notes

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Athletic Success for Nic Murray at Michaelhouse

Year 10 Flower's House boarder Nic Murray, currently on exchange at Michaelhouse in South Africa, won the bronze medal for the under 15 age group at the Michaelhouse Inter-House Athletics day. Nic also won the JR Cairns trophy for the best single performance in a javelin event.



Nic (left) with his under 15 age group bronze medal

There is always one. I received a phone call from Tina Law of *The Press* yesterday, the outcome of which graces today's edition. An unnamed mother had contacted her to say she thought the boys' leaving gift of a bottle opener was inappropriate, and inconsistent with the school's policies on alcohol. I asked whether this complainant had had a child at the Ball, and she said yes - I leave that irony to the informed reader. Ms Law pressed me on the point that the offending implement was, apparently, used exclusively to open alcohol bottles, and was relatively impervious to the suggestion that it was somewhat more versatile than that. I stopped short of joining her concerned correspondent in a campaign against the ethical conflict presented by the inherent dangers of bottle openers with fluffy kiwi handles, that resemble trams, and have the action end emerging from a rugby ball. Woe betide any members of our choir trip who come back with a dual function Tower of Pisa. It remains a mystery what would motivate someone who has been totally informed about all aspects of the ball, has signed up to all our principles and practices in this area, who then tries to make mischief over a momento of no significance whatsoever. Previously, the guests have been given a crested glass - obviously one which could only ever be used for alcohol. We changed tack only when a couple were inadvertently dropped on the

way out, and presented a hazard to the, by then, liberated feet of our footsore ladies!

I have taken the trouble to send the photograph published in The Press today to Dr Loven Barkansap at Canterbury University who was able to identify the wood against which the memento was photographed. A disappointingly unsustainable choice for someone with such a highly developed, if entirely inconsistent, social conscience.

In summary, another weekend of great enjoyment for parents and young people alike. We are always hugely gratified by the way all get behind the event. I commented on Saturday, that all the table had decorative candles burning on them throughout the night - with not a suggestion of any difficulty with them. I also took a photograph of the tent immediately after the guests had left. A quick tidy up, and it could have gone again. Remarkable. It did give the opportunity to examine the dance floor which had given way in one place, such was the intensity of its use - surely a testament to the enjoyment of the revellers!

Tonight we will have the second evening of the House Drama Festival. The first night (last Thursday) was a treat, and I am sure tonight will be equally so. As the adjudicator said, he believes we are the only school in New Zealand doing something of that sort. This year, quite deliberately, the onus was thrown more deliberately onto the boy leaders of the Houses, and away from the willingly given, but demanding, support of our wonderful drama staff. What the boys achieve is all the more notable as a result. We have already seen some remarkable drama, and I remain mystified by the capacity the boys have for adding yet another demanding commitment to their already packed schedules. Around all of this (and our levels tests) we have managed to accommodate The Cathedral Grammar School at the last minute when problems arose with their operetta venue. We wish them success for their two performances on Wednesday and Thursday.

Yesterday, Mr Donaldson left with a delegation to China, exploring the potential for forging links into the future. I am very grateful to him for taking this on, and for cramming so much into the previous weeks to enable him to be away. He deserves a rest, but I strongly suspect it will be a rigorous experience.

Finally, a picture of the Jacobs House boarder leavers of 2014, in their (very) upmarket leavers' jerseys. We could not have asked for a more positive group leading the House as the Jacobs transition to a day House progresses. I congratulate Tom Anderson on his initiative and selling skills, in negotiating some help with the purchase in recognition of their unusual circumstances. I will certainly be open to a similar approach from the leavers of 2015, but other houses - don't even bother asking!





Jacobs Year 13 sport their leavers' gear

I wish all a restful break. To our Choir Tour, travel and sing well - and Jane and I are very much looking forward to catching up with you in Florence. Previously, I will be at the HMC Conference in Wales, being the most significant organisation of Heads of the premier schools across the world, myself being one of only two in New Zealand. I was a little put out to discover it was in the wilds of Wales this year, rather than London, at a place I had never heard of. I have since discovered it was the venue for the recent NATO summit...... Also whilst in the UK, we will be attending a London event being organised by the CCOBA, and I will be catching up with some individual alumni also. It is remarkable how far and wide the influence of the College has spread.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

From the Registrar

Parents are reminded that they need to give one full term's notice if their son is considering leaving Christ's College at the end of the year. A message was sent to Year 12 parents earlier in the term, and this serves as a final reminder.

We welcome our 2015 new entrants to College again this Thursday as they come to sit their Levels Tests. Following on next term is a BBQ for the incoming families, on Thursday 13 November.

Early in term 4 we have our Information Evening for Year 7 boys and parents, to be held on Wednesday 5 November. This is a light-hearted introduction to the school for those looking at entry in 2016 and beyond. We encourage you to spread the word amongst family and friends.

Sandy Scannell, Registrar

From the Chaplain



Having recently sent \$2,000 from Chapel collections to help in Gaza, we had the City Missioner, Mr Michael Gorman, speak to us at a Sunday evening service, and having collected for the City Mission for some weeks, we have sent \$2,000 to help there also.

Recently the diocesan synod (the

governing body of the Anglican Church in Canterbury and the West Coast) met. Two students and the Chaplain were present. George Fitzgerald represented Christ's College, and Etienne Wain continued his position as someone elected at a youth forum to be one of the people representing youth in our diocese. Thanks for all they do in representing us. The synod publicly thanked the way that Christ's College approaches our Christian dimension. Thanks also to Luke Gellen who stood in when another student could not make it to be a "youth rep" (with speaking but not voting rights). Discussions included sexuality, fossil fuels, strategic planning, and serious issues of diocesan finance.

In Chapel we have been reflecting on the Babylonian Exile, its impact within the Bible, and its effect in so many ways on the way we think today. We also had the 40 year on reunion weekend concluded in Chapel. We congratulate Collegium, the joint Christ's College and St Margaret's College choir, for their success at the Big Sing competition, and we wish the Chapel Choir trip well on its time away.

This has again been a very full term. I hope the holidays will be re-creating for you.

Bosco Peters, Chaplain



The Chaplain with George Fitzgerald, Etienne Wain, and Luke Gellen at synod



Calendar Events

Week 9				
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Tue 16 September	6:30pm	Year 10 German Oskar competition (Villa Maria College)		
	7:00pm	Reaction House Plays Festival (C/Cf, Ja, H, S, F) (Assembly Hall)		
Wed 17 September	2:30pm	University of Otago course planning, Health Sciences (Q6)		
	3:00pm	Summer sport meetings & trials		
	4:30pm	Interhouse senior rugby, final (upper)		
Thu 18 September	9:00am	Dam Levels tests for 2015 Year 9 entrants (Assembly Hall)		
		Year 11 CPIT chemistry competition		
	12:45pm	Year 13 leavers' photo (Dress uniform) (Quad)		
	2:00pm	Level 1 NZQA national mathematics external assessment (Assembly Hall)		
	4:00pm	CSS winter sports awards		
	5:00pm	Top Floor Art Auction (Fine Arts Building)		
	5:00pm	CSDC interschool debating semi-finals, junior & senior competitions		
Fri 19 September		Term ends		
	1:00pm	Choir tour to Europe leaves		
	4:30pm	College 1st XI hockey vs Old Boys (Nunweek Park)		
	5:00pm	CSDC interschool debating finals, junior & senior competitions (OBT)		
Sat 20 September		Senior rowers leave for camp (Under 16, 17, 18) (Twizel)		
Holidays				
Thu 25 September		Rowers return from Twizel		
Sat 27 September	10:30am	1st XI cricket pre-season match vs St Albans cricket (CCCG)		
	10:30am	Development XI pre-season match vs St Albans (CCCG)		
Mon 29 September	10:30am	1st XI cricket vs Onslow College (CCCG)		
Tue 30 September	10:30am	1st XI cricket vs Nelson College (CCCG)		
Wed 8 October		Senior rowers leave for camp (Under 16, 17, 18) (Twizel)		
Sun 12 October		Rowers return from Twizel		
	3:00pm	Choir returns from European tour		
	6:00pm	Boarders return to Houses		

Uniform Shop Hours

School Holiday Hours

Monday 22 September-Friday 26 September 10am-5pm Saturday 27 September Closed Monday 29 September-Friday 3 October 10am-5pm Saturday 4 October Closed Monday 6 October-Friday 10 October 10am-5pm Saturday 11 October Closed

Term 4

Normal hours resume Monday 13 October Monday-Friday 10am-5pm Saturday 9am-12noon Saturday 25 October Closed Monday 27 October Closed Labour Day

Friday 14 November Closed Show Day Saturday 15 November Closed

If your son is unlikely to fit a standard size blazer, suit jacket or trousers, these can be made individually.

All orders need to be submitted by the beginning of November and additional costs may apply.

Please phone me on 03 364 8613 to discuss.

Ann Shaw, Manager Uniform Shop

Careers



University Halls / College Applications

All boys who have submitted applications for University Halls / Colleges have had their Confidential Reference forms completed. Applications will still be accepted but won't be considered for first round offers.

University Course planning

These sessions will continue this week. Boys are told about planning their degree, their major subject, and the courses (subjects) required to do in the two semesters next year.

Victoria University 'Drop in' Course planning

For students and parents. A 'drop in' session this week. Boardroom - Chateau on the Park, 189 Deans Avenue, Riccarton. Wednesday 17 September 2-6pm. Appointments are not necessary.

Hands on Science Scholarships for Pacific Students

Six University of Otago Hands on Science scholarships are available for students entering Year 12 and Year 13 in 2015. Applications close Friday 26 September. For information: www.otago.ac.nz/pacific/cometootago/secondaryschool/ otago022937.html

Auckland University Law School Entry Level Scholarship

Applications close on 15 October. In addition to 10 scholarships on offer, the university may offer 30 entry level awards, (book tokens worth \$100 each). For further information 0800616263 or email <u>undergradlaw@auckland.ac.nz</u>

University of Canterbury Course planning

To help boys with this planning session on Wednesday 15 October, they should complete the on-line course planning form well ahead of that visit, so that individual packs for them can be organised. The form can be found at <u>www.canterbury.</u> <u>ac.nz/liaison/advice/cp.shtml</u>

Camp Counselors USA program

CCUSA is holding an information evening on Thursday 18 September from 6.30 - 8.00pm at the YMCA, Hereford Street.

Mainz - Courses

Mainz in Christchurch has a new course - Sound Lighting & DJ Skills for Live Performance. This course is designed to give students experience in Live Sound and Event Production, DJing, and Electronic Music Production. They also have a course in Audio Engineering. Information is available from the careers room.

CPIT - Aerodynamix - Free holiday workshop for Year 9 & 10

From 8-10 October, CPIT is staging Aerodynamix. This is a hands-on way for students to learn about force, motion, and energy. During the three-day programme, students will work together to undertake experiments, solve challenges, and analyse results. Some of the activities involve:

designing, building and testing a rocket to learn about gravity
exploring the science behind wind turbines, then building and testing one

- examining the effects of friction using a small glider Registrations close on Monday 22 September

Chris Sellars

Careers events since the last In Black & White:

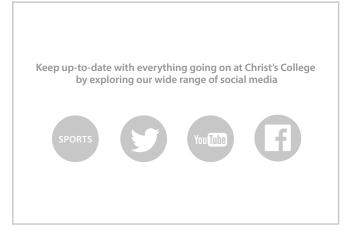
Otago and Auckland University Course planning sessions Swiss Hotel Management School presentation US University Sports Scholarship pathways, presentation ICT - Connect - options available in the ICT industry

Upcoming Careers Dates:

Term 3

15 Sept 0	Closing date for Bachelor of Dental
Technolo	ogy, Oral Health, Radiation therapy
16 Sept	Victoria University, Wellington,
	Course Planning, 1.00 - 2.00pm
16 Sept AUT (A	uckland University of Technology)
	Course Planning, 1.00 - 2.00pm
17 Sept	Otago University Course Planning,
	Health Sciences, 2.30pm, Q6
17 Sept Lincoln U	niversity Course Planning, 2.30pm
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Term 4	
15 Oct	LIC Course Planning 3 00pm

15 Oct	UC Course Planning, 3.00pm
31 Oct	CCOBA presentation to Year 13



Curriculum News



As I write this column I am very aware that this could easily be a reprise of what I most probably wrote at this time last year, and the year before, and so on.

Seniors have completed their school examinations, and reports will very soon be on their way. The boys will know their actual results, and hopefully they have shared these

with you. Their papers provide a wonderfully rich source of feedback on what to do between now and the external NZQA examinations in November. However I am mindful of the words of Karen Boyes of Spectrum Education at the conclusion of her study skills courses for students. Having offered a range of study techniques to students she says (and I paraphrase Karen here) "Can I guarantee that these techniques will work? What I can absolutely guarantee is that if you don't use these techniques they won't work." It is very much like that with the school examination papers, and the large volumes of feedback that teachers will have given in person, and in their report comments. If boys don't follow the advice they are given, then it won't make any difference. Each and every paper is a most wonderful catalogue of what each boy does not know, and therefore a catalogue of exactly what he needs to revise and practise.

And this is the term break where in my opinion boys can't afford to take a three week holiday. By all means a few days of rest, but in the spirit of Art Costa's Habits of Mind, it's now all about 'persistence, persistence, persistence'. There is no longer any 'time up the sleeve', any 'opportunity to come back to this later'. This is the 'later' that we talk about. In the words of Elvis Presley "It's now or never".

For junior boys, school examinations are looming in early November. Work should be starting now in preparation for those examinations. And if I was to be asked for advice on what best to do, I'd say reading through notes is never the most effective way to study. Boys should be doing something active with their notes. Mind mapping, summarising, summarising some more, expanding summaries back out to their full form to see what detail has been lost from the memory. Creating mnemonics to help memory recall, completing plenty of practice examination questions and checking answers against the rich range of exemplars that they have most probably built up in class.

Learning is not a passive activity. The learning theory that posited that the human brain was like a cup that could be filled up, has long been discredited. We all need to do something active with new knowledge in order to recall and understand.

Robin Sutton, Senior Master Academic



Winter Tournament Week Results

Junior Basketball - South Island Tournament (Dunedin)

Game 1 - Otago BHS (L 35-53) Game 2 - Nelson College (L 39-66) Game 3 - Kavanagh College (W 81-33) Game 4 - Papanui High School (W 105-39) QF 9-16th - Timaru BHS (W) SF 9-12th - James Hargest (L 69-76) F 11-12th - CBHS (W 63-55) 11th place

Senior Basketball - South Island Tournament (Nelson)

Game 1 - Middleton Grange (L 45-94) Game 2 - ??? (L 49-69) Game 3 - John McGlashan (W 85-62) Game 4 - Papanui HS (L 68-93) Game 5 - Rangiora HS (L 58 - 76) Game 6 - Marlborough BC (L) Game 7 - Ashburton College (W 79-65) 19th place

Under 15 Rugby - South Island Invitational (Blenheim)

Game 1 - Southland BHS (L 6-16) Game 2 - Marlborough BC (W 8-7) Game 3 - Waitaki Boys (W 47-12) Game 4 - Shirley BHS (W 28-5) 3rd place

Under 15 Hockey - Tanner Cup (Hamilton)

Game 1 - Tauranga BHS (W 7-0) Game 2 - St Pauls Collegiate (W 2-1) QFinal - St Andrews (W) Semifinal - Westlake Boys (L 3-5) Final - PNBHS (L 1-4) 4th place

1st XI Hockey - Rankin Cup (Palmerston North)

Game 1 - Westlake Boys (L 4-6) Game 2 - PNBHS (L 1-6) Game 3 - Nelson College (W 6-2) QF 9-16th - St Kentigerns (D 1-1 lost on strokes) SF 12-16th - Napier BHS (D 2-2 lost on strokes) F 15-16th - Rangitoto College (W 3-1) 15th place

1st XI Football - National Tournament (Napier)

Game 1 - Sacred Heart College (L 1-5) Game 2 - Wellington College (L 0-2) Game 3 - Tauranga Boys (W 1-0) Game 4 - Hutt International (D 1-1 lost on strokes) Game 5 - Lincoln HS (W 1-0) Game 6 - St Pauls Collegiate (L 1-0) Game 7 - Otago BHS (Draw and won on strokes) 19th place



Under 15 Rugby vs Southland BHS - South Island Invitational (Blenheim)



1st XI Hockey vs Nelson College - Rankin Cup (Palmerston North)



1st XI Football vs Hutt International - National Tournament (Napier)

What was the Headmaster reading... in 1866?

Each time you take a book out of the library it is entered into a library database so that the librarians know who has the book out, and is stamped to make sure that you bring it back on time and whisked across the de-sensitizer so that there is no loud and embarrassing 'beep' as you walk out the door. In 1866, the name of the volume was entered into a book, on the page that was devoted to your borrowings alone, as well as the date borrowed and the date that it was returned.

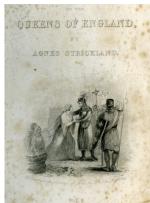
The College Archives have such a book, that dates from 1864-1871 and everything that an individual read was entered into it. As well as the Headmaster, it is possible to find out what the Bishop, the Fellows and numerous members of the Christchurch public were taking home to be read by candle light beside their fires.

1866 was a year of consolidation according to Hamilton's "College!". As well as Headmaster, William Chambers Harris was the College Chaplain; he increased the roll from 67 to 77, restored discipline, introduced prefects and work began on the Chapel. In addition, from January to October 1866 he borrowed 35 titles, with a total of 59 volumes. So he read, on average, 1 book a week.

Although it has not been possible to identify everything on the list, it is quite clear that Harris liked the author Anthony Trollope. 'Castle Richmond' and 'Dr Thorne' were borrowed in January, 3 volumes of 'Miss Mackenzie' and 'A Small House at Allington' in April and 'Can You Forgive Her' the first of the Palliser series in June. George Eliot's (Mary Anne Evans) 'Mill on the Floss' 'Scenes of Clerical Life', 'Silas Marner' and 'Adam Bede' were also read. 'Westward Ho' by Charles Kingsley first published in 1855 was borrowed in February, while 'The Recollections of Geoffrey Hamlyn' an early (1859) Australian novel by his brother Henry Kingsley was borrowed in May.

Two volumes of Agnes Strickland's "Queens of England" were borrowed in August, while the last book in the list for the year, borrowed on the 14 October was recorded as "Darwin, Naturalist's Voyage."





Williams Chambers Harris Headmaster 1866–1873

Title Page from Volume 1 of "Queen's of England"

Would the Headmaster find anything to read if he visited the Hare Memorial Library today? He would find George Eliot's "Middlemarch", and the first and last of Trollope's Barset novels "Barchester Towers" and "The Last Chronicles of Barset" on the non fiction shelves upstairs while on request "The Voyage of the Beagle" (a later name for Darwin's "Naturalist's Voyage") could be retrieved from Stack.

Jane Teal, Archivist



The 2014 House Play Season

Thursday last saw the first four Houses tread the boards of the Assembly Hall for this year's House Play festival. It was an entertaining evening of diverse offerings from Rolleston's serious analysis of political events in twentieth century New Zealand to Julius' ebullient romp set in Camelot College, a school not unlike our own.

This is a much-anticipated feature of the school calendar with one hundred and ninety-seven boys involved in its creation - acting, directing, building set, applying makeup and operating technology.

Tuesday night sees the presentation of the final five plays followed by the award ceremony. Kick off - 7pm tonight

Robyn Peers



Taylor Budge (Working man) and Miles Smith (Journalist 1) from Rolleston House "The Great NZ Truth Show".



Kneeling is William Burns (Bottom) and Ethan Clements (Moonshine) from Somes House "Midsummer Night's Romp".

Australian Mathematics Competition

The results of the Australian Mathematics Competition have just arrived. This is a large-scale international competition, with approximately half a million students from over 40 countries taking part each year. There were some superb performances from our students:

Christopher Brown won a Prize Award. His total score was the highest amongst all scores obtained by students at Christ's College, and it is possible that he may be invited to participate in further competitions as a result of this.

Hamish Thomas received the Prudence Award for obtaining the highest number of consecutive correct answers, starting from question 1.

There were 9 High Distinctions awarded. These went to:

Jared Chin, Luke Gellen, Anthony Goh, Scott Harris, Young Sung Jang, Ji Woo Kim, Cameron Stevenson, Hamish Thomas and Shilong Wan.

There were also 32 Distinctions and 34 Credit Awards.

ICAS English Success

Early this term Toby Brooker-Haines (R) participated in the annual International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English test, along with 90 other Christ's College students. Toby has incredibly achieved the TOP score in Year 9 for not only New Zealand, but the Pacific Region. This is an outstanding and quite exceptional achievement! We extend our warm congratulations to Toby and his family.

Flower's Volunteers at Ronald McDonald House

Every Tuesday and Thursday night during term time students from Flower's House at Christ's College make the five minute walk to the Ronald McDonald House in Christchurch to volunteer their time - we think this is pretty special! The students work on a roster and Years 9 through 13 are all involved. They do things like outside yard work, housekeeping, helping out the fundraising team stuffing envelopes and tidying the kitchen after dinner. They make a huge contribution to our organisation and it is great to see well-meaning teenagers getting stuck in - thank you Flower's House!

Ronald McDonald House

Interhouse 7s Tournament Photos





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