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From the Headmaster

I have recently been in Asia, visiting Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong and Singapore. In each location, I was able to meet with old boys of the College, current parents based overseas, and prospective parents and pupils. In all three centres, we met with the New Zealand High



Commissioners, and were most grateful to local New Zealand Chambers of Commerce for their support in arranging the events. Amongst the unplanned additions to the schedule, was an invitation to join an Auckland University alumni event in Kuala Lumpur, at which there were numerous attendees based in Malaysia considering schooling options for their own children. Everywhere we went, we enjoyed generous hospitality and a warm reception for what New Zealand, and the College in particular, can offer.

Unsurprisingly, safety was often mentioned; for Christchurch the earthquake history raises concerns about susceptibility to future events, which is easily countered with statistical improbability, and the observation that the city and the College (both structurally and tectonically) have probably never been safer. Of more interest, were concerns raised about other broader aspects of personal safety and security, ranging from racism and gun crime in the USA, all consuming materialism amongst some young people in westernised Asian cities and, most commonly, intense competitiveness and restricted opportunities with consequent stress, created in some countries' educational systems. Without doubt, New Zealand offers a credible international alternative where able and committed students can access the world's most prestigious opportunities, but at the same time enjoy a full and rounded education. One parent I spoke to said their son in Singapore, and I quote, 'was preparing for the future, but losing the present'. We should cherish the balance we are able to achieve. Another interesting contrast was between parents who said their children would choose the 'busiest' city they could find, because it was what they were used to (most likely Auckland in New Zealand) and those who specifically wanted to insulate their children from the distractions and complexities of their current experience.

At one of our events in Hong Kong, a parent attended with bags before setting off for Christchurch to watch the final 1st XV match of the season! My wife sent me a team photograph after the game, which I uploaded from Singapore onto the College's social media page, which was straight away 'liked' by those back in Christchurch. I am glad I don't know how all this works, but pleased I can still be impressed that it does. The interconnectedness we all take for granted was, of course, extended into surrealism in the College

Assembly Notes

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Dominic Newman



Dominic Newman (Yr 13 C) and his New Zealand Hockey5 team finished a creditable 6th at the Youth Olympics held in China last month. In their final game they were beaten 3-4 by Pakistan after wins over Zambia, Mexico, and Germany in pool play. NZ were first equal in their pool with Pakistan (after a 4-4 draw) but lost their crucial quarterfinal to South Africa 0-3.

The new Hockey5 format has been introduced by the International Hockey Federation (FIH). There are nine in a team with only five players on the field, there are side boards around a reduced field size, no penalty corners, and the game is split into three periods of 15 minutes with an interval of two minutes between each period.

Dominic has had no chance for rest as he returned straight back into the Rankin Cup campaign. film 'Connected' ; I included a clip of the family all using their devices around the meal table in my presentation, which was recognised by the audiences – in cities we visited where personal devices appear grafted on to the end of every arm. Following on my evening discussion a couple of weeks ago, the Parent information evening coming up on 4 September will take further our joint interest in 'digital citizenship' and 'cyber safety'. It is advertised elsewhere in this edition of *In Black & White*.

I have recently written to NZQA to once again caution against year-on-year increases in pass and endorsement rates in NCEA. I am concerned that, without firm intervention, the differentiation between the very best students and the merely capable will become eroded. I used a school well known to me in the UK as an example, where they have just published that 27% of all their A level grades (3 or 4 each for perhaps 120 students) were at A* level. Whilst apparently commendable, it is also a nonsense; it offers no sensible distinction between candidates, and compares with perhaps 20 years ago when three A grades at A level was exceptional rather than routine. NCEA must not drift the same way.

Our restored administration offices on Armagh Street have been much admired, and the final touch was installed last week – an illuminated sign announcing the start of the College precinct to traffic approaching along Park Terrace. Hopefully it will contribute to safety in the area also, by day and night. It didn't however serve to deter a would-be copper thief on Sunday night who was thwarted in his attempt to make off with a length of spouting from Flower's House by boarder George Fechney. George had on Saturday been awarded the 1st XV'Best and Fairest' Jack Bristed award for his rugby season; the thief made his escape by bike, so did not discover what the best and fairest response to his endeavour might have been.



New sign announces Christ's College from Park Terrace

Meanwhile, our new reception area is coming on very swiftly, and we will soon be able to provide a bright, modern and welcoming introduction to the school for our visitors. The plasterer working on it told me he has just come from the restoration of the Isaac Theatre Royal, in which every detail of the original ornate interior has been reproduced; it will be another exciting milestone for Christchurch, when it reopens shortly. I returned to an update meeting on the progress of our Warren building, which whilst dishing up the usual diet of frustrations and delays, unwittingly provided some mild entertainment. An apparently complex services issue focussed on the venting of toilets; after detailed discussion our architect was heard to remark'l think we should move on – we have spent a lot of time on these already.' In the same meeting, there was discussion about the need to tweak our IT services once the school was up and running with our usual quota of devices accessing the system. The suggestion was made that we would have to 'tune the wireless'; my parents used to do that, to get the BBC World Service....





New teaching spaces being created in the Warren Building

Simon Leese, Headmaster



Calendar Events

Week 7		
Thu 4 Contombor		Vear 0 digital citizanship procentation (ICT1 9 2)
Thu 4 September	12:15	Year 9 digital citizenship presentation (ICT1 & 2) Interhouse chess, semi-finals
	12:45pm	
	5:00pm	CSDC interschool debating junior round 6
	7:00pm	Parent information evening re digital citizenship (ICT 1 & 2)
Fri 5 September Sat 6 September	1.15	Year 10 digital citizenship presentation (ICT1 & 2)
	1:15pm	Year 13 General Studies (OBT)
	6:30pm	40 Years On Reunion dinner (Dining Hall)
	7:00pm	Richards House dinner
	10:30am	40 Years On Reunion tour of school (Houses)
	1.00.000	Weekend programme available for all boarders
	1:00pm	Interhouse 7s tournament (CCCG)
	7:00pm	School House dimen (The Course Hetel)
	7:00pm	Jacobs House dinner (The George Hotel)
Sun 7 September	9:30am	23rd Ordinary Sunday Boarding Houses claybird shoot (Nth Canty Clay Target Assn, Swannanoa)
	1:00pm	House play rehearsals (Ro, J, R, So) (Assembly Hall)
	· ·	Choral Evensong: 40 Year On Reunion Service. Preacher: The Headmaster (Chapel)
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Week 8		
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Mon 8 September	4:00pm	Interhouse junior football, final (CCCG)
	4:00pm	Interhouse senior rugby, first round (CCCG)
	6:00pm	House Play rehearsals (H, F, C/Cf, Ja, S) (Assembly Hall)
Tue 9 September	9:00am	Year 13 PE field trip (Amberley)
	1:10pm	Interhouse table tennis, final (TT room)
	1:15pm	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh training session (ICT 1 & 2)
	5:00pm	House Plays technical rehearsals (Ro, J, R, So) (Assembly Hall)
Wed 10 September	2:30pm	University of Otago course planning, excluding Health Sciences (Q6)
	3:00pm	Interhouse junior rugby, semi-finals (CCCG/Upper)
	3:00pm	Interhouse senior rugby, semi-finals (CCCG/Upper)
	6:30pm	House Plays dress rehearsals (So, R, J, Ro) (Assembly Hall)
Thu 11 September	8:35am	Year 10 Biology field trip (Cooper's Creek)
	1	Tancred English examination (In classes)
	12:45pm	Interhouse senior debating, final (OBT)
	4:00pm	Interhouse senior football, final (CCCG)
	5:00pm	CSDC interschool debating senior round 6
	7:00pm	Reaction House Plays Festival (So, Ro, J, R) (Assembly Hall)
Fri 12 September	1:15pm	Year 12 General Studies (OBT)
	4:30pm	College v St Margaret's College debate (SMC)
	7:30pm	Black & White Ball (Quad)
Sat 13 September	9:00am	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award training tramp departs
		Weekend programme available for all boarders
		CSDC interschool debating junior regional championships
		Final Saturday activities for term
	7:30pm	College Ball (Quad)
Sun 14 September	9:00am	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Careers



University Halls / College Applications

68 boys have gone online and registered for university halls/ colleges. Housemasters have written and submitted their CCRF (common confidential reference form)

Victoria / Massey Open Day

It was good to go to this day and to see parents and boys in Wellington.

I attended seminars for design at both universities and architecture at Victoria. Massey has the Bachelor of Design, while Victoria has the Bachelor of Design Innovation. It is worth students in the future, looking at the differences between the courses.

Year 9 Health / Careers

I have been with the health classes for the last 3 weeks. They have been introduced to, finding their areas of interest and vocational code. They have also visited <u>www.kiwicareers.govt.</u> <u>nz</u> and found information for a particular job. Other tasks were seeing which jobs school subjects can lead to, and also doing career quest - a questionnaire that relates interest areas to possible occupations.

University of Melbourne - Admissions information

I have information for NCEA applicants. Needed is successful completion of NCEA 3, at least 80 credits at level 3, and completion of course prerequisites. It is different from NZ university requirements.

Swiss Hotel Management School - seminar

8 September at 7.00pm, The George Hotel. To register contact Sandra McCallum, NZ representative, 021 780478, <u>smccallum@</u> <u>swisseducation.com</u>

UC Business and Law Essay Competition

The theme of the essay competition is examining political parties' policies on issues affecting New Zealand. The four essay categories : Economy, Employment, Justice and Taxation. Each category will have placement prizes. \$400, \$200 & \$100 for 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes. For details visit www.buslaw.canterbury. ac.nz/outreach/essay.shtml. Closes 26 September.

Course Planning for Universities

At the course planning sessions, to be held from next week on, boys will be choosing the subjects that they will take in the first and second semesters next year. This is not new to them as I have taken most through this process at their career sessions with me.

Jeff Farm Training Awards 2015

These assist young people in furthering their education in aspects of farming, including agriculture, horticulture, orcharding, and animal husbandry. Criteria for applying is - Financial hardship, Environmental factors, Health issues. Information is available from Mr Sellars.

Massey University - Science Summer School

For those who miss out on credits in the sciences and require them for their preferred area of study, there is a second chance with the summer school papers. They are university papers that are suitable for students that have not studied the subject to level 3. Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics.

New Zealand Diploma in Engineering (NZDE)

The NZDE is a level 6, 240 credit qualification with strands in electrical, civil and mechanical engineering. It is delivered by 7 polytechnics including Christchurch's CPIT. It is a two year course. In some cases this Diploma is more realistic for students than a Bachelor of Engineering degree at university.

Chris Sellars

Careers events since the last In Black & White:

Massey University Course Planning CPIT Industry Expo & Open Day Victoria, Massey & Auckland Universities, Open Days "Your Education" student exchange presentation

Upcoming Careers Dates:

1 Sept Otago University, closing date for
Performance Music Auditions
8 Sept Swiss Hotel Management School,
7.00pm, George Hotel
3 Sept University of Auckland Scholarships,
applications close
9 SeptAuckland University, Course planning, 1–2.00pm
9 SeptUS University Sports Scholarship
pathways, 1–2.00pm
10 Sept Otago University Course Planning,
All courses, excl Health Sciences, 2.30pm Q6
16 SeptVictoria University, Wellington,
Course Planning, 1.00 - 2.00pm
16 Sept AUT (Auckland University of Technology)
Course Planning, 1.00 - 2.00pm
15 SeptClosing date for for Bachelor of Dental
Technology, Oral Health, Radiation therapy
17 Sept Otago University Course Planning,
Health Sciences, 2.30pm, Q6
17 SeptLincoln University Course Planning, 2.30pm
15 OctUC Course Planning, 3.00pm

Curriculum News



As I stood in front of classes handing back exams this week I found myself telling a story. It went something like this.

I am a competitive 'Rock 'n' Roller', seriously into the flips, jumps and throws. A couple of years ago I decided that as well as throwing Lorraine around over my head I wanted to do a forward flip. Imagine

placing one hand on the floor, and then flipping (rather than rolling) forward to land on your feet again. I started by getting out a 'crash mat', and trying to flip. The first attempts were more of a forward roll than a flip, but as I practised more I found that I was repeatedly hitting the mat and the floor on my tail bone. It hurt. I'd try, smack my back, get up, swear (yep, afraid so), walk back around to the front of the mat, and try again. I'd often walk away from training after half an hour barely able to walk.

Last year we gained a top class coach who agreed that there was no reason why I couldn't do this flip (even at my age), so he showed me the correct technique. I tried and almost made it, at least no tail bone smack down onto the mat. A few more attempts, each getting a little better. Each time he would give me more 'coaching advice', and I'd try do what he asked. Finally last week I managed to do the flip unaided, and this week actually danced a routine that included the flip.

At this point in time I stopped and asked why I was telling this story, because it wasn't actually about me. Fortunately, my message hadn't been lost. The boys responded by applying my story to their examination results and their learning.

We need to know what we are trying to achieve. We need to apply ourselves, to be persistent and not give up.

And finally when we are offered expert advice and guidance we need to take that advice.

In this regard there was an additional subtlety that wasn't lost on them. Sometimes we are given good advice, but it takes time for us to assimilate that advice. In my case it took some time for me to transfer the advice from my coach's words into muscle memory and action. For my boys sometimes it simply takes a little time, and repeated practice, before we can master anything that we try. As learners we need to be patient. That's how we learn new things.

There will be plenty of 'expert advice' going back to boys about what they have to do next to improve their results. Their most important next step is to consider this advice carefully and to plan what they will now do to get that 'next step' improvement in academic performance. Hopefully you will have had some good conversations with your sons about their recent trial examinations (if they are in the senior school). If you have a son in the junior school this is a conversation that you might like to have with him as he will have examinations in term 4.

I have always tried to retain my connection with the students I teach by keeping myself'in action' as a learner. There is a simple joy in learning new things, a joy we should try very hard to keep in our lives. This is what Art Costa refers to as 'Responding with wonderment and awe' in his Habits of Mind framework.

On a more mundane (but equally as important) note if your son is in the senior school please encourage him to log on to his personal NZQA results page. This page contains the latest internal assessment results that have been completed and uploaded. His checks are our last line of defence against human data entry error, and so are very important. If he has forgotten his password we are unable to help. He will need to contact NZQA directly (email is fine, NZQA also has a free 0800 phone number). NZQA can reset his password for him.

Finally NZQA launched a new App in May called the NCEA Guide.

The App provides quick and easy access to key information about NCEA and makes practical information about NCEA more easily accessible. Parents and whanau are able to access simple content about how NCEA works and how they can support family members studying in NCEA (no individual student result or progress information is available).

The App also supports employers seeking to understand and evaluate NCEA graduates and their qualification. Content can be viewed in English and Te Reo Maori.

The NCEA Guide App is free to download from the Apple App store and Google Play Store.

Robin Sutton, Senior Master Academic



Digital Safety Workshops

In the last issue of *In Black & White*, we signalled to parents the workshops which will be running for all year 9 and 10 boys. Mr Robin Sutton also commented on the issue of digital safety which concerns parents. Here is an extract from his article.

"As adults, parents and teachers we all share concerns about the impact of the increasingly digital world in which we live. Some would argue that it is because we are 'digital migrants' whereas our children are 'digital natives', but there is no evidence to support that view of our ability to use technology at all. Amongst our concerns we would probably number distraction, 'gaming' addictions and personal safety and it would not be difficult to find horror stories in any of these contexts. We are aware that many parents have concerns about these and other issues. Accordingly we have invited well known adviser and presenter John Parsons to work with members of the College community on a range of aspects of cyber safety."

You may also find the material accessed via this link of interest: <u>http://www.netsafe.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Staying-Safe</u>

The Year 9 workshops are scheduled for Thursday 4 September, and the Year 10 workshops for Friday 5 September. The parent workshop is on Thursday 4 September 7.00–8.00pm, Level 2 of the Fine Arts Building. If you have not registered for this workshop yet, here is the link to the signup form. <u>http://goo.gl/6KPlbs</u>

Pauline Henderson, e-Learning Facilitator

SISS Cycling Tour

The College Cycling Team went to Blenheim over the weekend to contest the two-day tour. The top performance for the College team came from Jono Stewart who finished 4th overall in the U15 boys competition. He achieved top 10 finishes in all 4 events over the weekend and was especially tenacious in the criterium race.

Other notable efforts were achieved by Ben Marshall-Lee, Joe Hutchinson and Rory Swanson achieving top 10 finishes in various stages over the weekend.

Quentin Clough, MIC Cycling/Multisports



Rory Swanson (left) competing in the SISS cycling two-day tour held in Blenheim



Respect, Protect and Be Responsible Online Be a Digital Citizen

PARENT WORKSHOP ON DIGITAL SAFETY

John Parsons (an Internet Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant to schools) will talk about Internet Safety and Digital Strategies for boys and parents. He will provide parents with information to help their sons communicate in the digital world in a safe and responsible manner.

If you plan on attending we would appreciate you completing the form found at the following link: <u>http://goo.gl/6KPlbs</u>

Thursday 4 September from 7.00-8.00pm in the Fine Arts Building - Level 2

75 Years On

When 343 Christ's College boys returned from holidays on 12 September 1939, New Zealand was once again at war with Germany. So in all the flurry of remembering 100 years of World War I, we must not forget that it is 75 years since the beginning of World War II.

This war would involve even more Christ's College Old Boys. Just over 1200 went on active service overseas. When you add those who, because of their skills, were not allowed to leave New Zealand - men who spent the war in radar stations, and on their farms, and providing support and administration to essential services like shipping, there was a huge commitment.

They were honoured with every kind of decoration imaginable, from Charles Hazlitt Upham's VC and Bar to the 94 Mentioned in Dispatches. They fought everywhere from Guadalcanal to Monte Casino and were involved in the Battle of Britain and on D Day.

179 Old Boys are remembered on War Memorials in New Zealand and overseas. This is three more than all the Boarders who were enrolled at Christ's College in 2013; all gone. We remember them in the porch of the College Chapel, but many of the same names can be found alongside those of their friends in communities throughout the country.

The men who survived, and there are about 3,000 nationwide still living, are in their 90's now. Some have been captured by the current Institute of Professional Photographers Veteran Portrait Project, while some will be your great-grandfathers. They are part of New Zealand's, your family's and College's history. Listen to their stories and write them down for the future.

Jane Teal, Archivist

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Extract from Christ's College Record of Service of Old Boys and Masters in the Second World War 1939-1945.

Collegium

Collegium has recently returned from the Finale of the NZ Choral Federation Secondary Schools' National Big Sing Competition where the top 24 choirs compete for Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. Collegium a combined group from Christ's College and St Margaret's College were awarded one of six Gold awards and were delighted to win the Hutt City Trophy for the best performance of a NZ composition. This award was a highlight for us as the work performed was composed specifically for the group by our music tutor and Co-director Mr Nicholas Sutcliffe. The work was written specifically for the rich acoustic of the Auckland Town Hall and featured the large Town Hall organ. Collegium was encouraged by the audiences' superb reaction to the work and this increased their confidence for their remaining programmes.

Bass

Michael Allison

William Briscoe

George Fitzgerald

Will Cameron

Tobin Smith

Co Directors

Robert Aburn

Nicholas Sutcliffe

Soprano

Hannah Beadle Bridget Beadle Sammy McDonnell Sophie O'Brien

Alto

Gabriella Donaldson Astrid Knaggs Rebecca Tang Kimberley Wood

Tenor

Frazer Densem Elliot Nye Thomas Nye Bramley Maclean Patrick Manning

Robert Aburn, Senior Master



Collegium at the Finale of the NZ Choral Federation Secondary Schools' National Big Sing Competition

Connected Premiere

An excited group of students dressed in their best 'Academy Awards' regalia were joined by an expectant audience of parents, teachers, friends and VIP's to witness the premiere of the latest Christ's College and St Margaret's College film, Connected early this term. The auditorium at St Margaret's College was suitably adorned with lights, film decor and red carpet and proved an excellent venue for the 400 or so guests to see the film which had taken the 40 or so students nearly 18 months to write, plan, shoot and edit.

Producer and Head of Media Studies at Christ's College, Peter Hewson, introduced the evening following pre-show entertainment from the St Margaret's College jazz band. He acknowledged the dedication and skill of the students and he thanked the mentors who had helped the students in the production. The principal mentor, Richard Bell, who was on location in London had even recorded a message of goodwill overlooking the Thames and this was screened.

Connected was received with great applause and then followed the documentary on the making of the film, which showed some of the lighter moments as well as the efforts put in to the project by the various departments.

Among the many positive comments made to cast and crew at the post-screening refreshments was one by Christ's College Headmaster, Mr Simon Leese, who said that he thought this film was the best one he had seen to date.



Tobin Smith (lead role) and Tom Gudopp



Andrew Ford, Bramley McLean and Amazir Aknine (director)



Peter Hewson, Head of Media Studies

Sport Photos





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Or Debit my Son's Account (Son's Name):			
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2015 England Cricket Tour Fundraiser

Dear Ladies

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Wear Else, a quality secondhand womenswear boutique located at 77 Somerfield Street, has offered to sell your unwanted clothing and accessories to help raise money for the 2015 England Cricket Tour.

How it works

Wear Else sells your good quality unwanted clothing on your behalf. You receive 50% of the sold price but can then determine how much of that percentage you want to donate to the cricket tour. Wear Else will then also donate a percentage of their takings from any of these items sold. This is a great opportunity to clear out that wardrobe!

Criteria

Up to date spring/ summer clothing Jewellery Handbags Shoes (All in great condition)

Shop hours

Tuesday–Friday 10.30am–5.30pm Saturday 11.00am–4.00pm Please ring Tracy on 981 8280 for any queries.

Tracy Jones, Wear Else

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date // thursday 18th september 2014 time // 5.00pm - 7.00pm location // level 4 - fine arts building

contact // wbriscoe@student.christscollege.com



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