

# In Black & White



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## From the Headmaster

I am delighted to present a revised format for our e-newsletter. Since it was introduced, the look has been updated a couple of times, but with this revision we have addressed some duplication with other information sources (the College website, Facebook page) to make it more efficient - and deliberately shorter. This edition shows links rather than full items, taking you to material which you may want to read in more detail. We have emphasised the assembly notes - effectively a summary of the week by week life of the school. Ben Bowles, our graphic designer, has done a great job developing both the new structure and the 'look'; we hope you like it. In a recent survey of new Year 9 parents for 2015, when asked how useful various sources of information were in learning about College, over 80% found *In Black & White* useful, or very useful. The same survey rated first hand experience (Open Days, information evenings and school tours) and also input from friends or colleagues, as the most useful sources of insight. We will publish a full summary when all returns are in - there is still time, if as an incoming parent you have not so far responded.



With the seniors now into their exams, and the special end of year programmes for Years 9 and 10 in prospect, attention turns to the final few days and saying farewell to our leavers. We are following the now familiar programme for the Prize Givings and Carol Service. I do urge you to suggest to friends and relations that they come to the Carol Service, which has become a very popular event in recent years. All are welcome, whether directly connected to the College or not. Ironically, we are leaving the site fence up until after the event to provide a tidy backdrop, when in fact it could be gone by then. I never expected to be asking for building impedimenta to stay a bit longer....

I have just written an introduction to the Leavers' Book to which all the year 13 students contribute. As each year comes round, it is usually a little more difficult to find something to say which has not been said before, but this year was easier than some. There has been a great deal to congratulate them for - in a number of ways, they have been exceptional and memorable. Amongst the prefects we have seen some outstanding initiative, an example to those who follow. I will have the opportunity to comment on this in greater detail at the end of term. Next year's leaders have been appointed, and are again a fine group, but we know there are many more in the school who could easily be amongst them. We are looking forward to another great start in 2015.

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## 2015 School Prefects & Heads of Houses

The process for the selection of school Prefects started formally at the end of Term 2, when over 90 Year 12...



## Assembly Notes

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## Calendar Events

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As the large proportion of our necessary building work draws to a close (we still have the unoccupied Tower Building to sort out in due course), our current leavers depart after over four years of disruption which they have embraced so willingly. Likewise the staff have shown patience and stoicism. While next year will be a deserved respite, 'getting back to normal' is not any sort of an ambition and the challenge is to take every opportunity for development and innovation.

Next year will start with a bang. We are swapping High Vis for High Fizz.

**Simon Leese, Headmaster**

## Practical French

Recently the Year 12 French class wound up a unit of study of Francophone countries with a visit to Mosaic café in Addington. Mosaic is owned by well known city chef Mr Simo Abbari and specialises in authentic Moroccan cuisine.

All agreed that the cuisine was fantastique. The delicately perfumed food, infused with spices such as saffron, coriander, cumin, paprika, and blushed with lemon or rose water combined with a hot sunny day to give the boys a real sense of the Moroccan experience.

**Susan Harding, HOD Modern Languages Department**



*Tom Adams, Kaleb Marshall, Amazir Aknine, Regan Harding, Thomas Nye, Bryce Park, Pius Lee and Matthew Currie.*

## New Javelin Record

On Saturday 8 November, Matt McKellar became the new record holder for the Canterbury Athletics Under 16 javelin throw. The previous record was 52.68m and Matt threw an amazing 54.99m! Keep an eye out for Matt as he will be competing at the National Secondary Schools Athletics from December 5–7 in Wanganui.



*Matt competing in the Christ's College Athletic Sports earlier this year.*

..... 2015 England .....  
Cricket Tour Fundraiser

### Wine Orders

Click here to learn how you can help support the 2015 England Cricket Tour by purchasing wine from Paddy Borthwick.

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### Clothing Bags

Click here to read about how you can help fundraise for the 2015 England Cricket Tour by donating your unwanted clothing.

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### Wear Else

Click here to read about how you can sell your unwanted clothing and accessories to help fundraise for the 2015 England Cricket Tour.



# Latest News & Events

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## Boarding Awards Dinner

The 10th Annual Boarding Awards Dinner was held on Thursday 30 October. This is a night to celebrate the opportunities and successes in Boarding for the year...



## Parents' Association Bursary

On Tuesday 4 November Joe Hutchinson received the Christ's College Parents' Association Bursary from Lynley Smith, chair of the Association...



## Farewell Haka

On Monday 3 November, the quad resounded with the thunder of 620 voices raised for a haka. Led by Year 13 student George Perkins, the haka farewelled...



## 2014 Film Festival

Many thanks to the 10 members of staff, the many parents, three judges, friends and boys who came to support the student film-makers...



## Interhouse Fours

An Interhouse Fours Rowing Regatta was held in rising wind on Sunday 2 November. Over 50 boys turned out to race in 11 crews with considerable...



## Zonta Sports Awards

Christ's College was well represented at the annual Zonta Sports Awards Dinner on Thursday 30 October with three boys selected as finalists...

# Careers



## University of Otago - Course Planning

Monday 1 – Thursday 4 December.  
Did you miss the course planning session at school? Chairman's Suite, Addington Events Centre, Twigger Street, Addington, Christchurch, 9.00am – 4.30pm. Book an appointment by calling 04 460-9805 or [paula.watson@otago.ac.nz](mailto:paula.watson@otago.ac.nz)

## Business New Zealand - says some of the top skills employers want are:

Communication, customer service, confidence with technology, planning and organisation, problem-solving and good work habits

## Student Job Search

Students enrolled in a New Zealand polytechnic or university in 2015 can use the Student Job Search website. [www.sjs.co.nz](http://www.sjs.co.nz)

## UC Entrance Scholarships

NCEA level 2	+	NCEA level 3	=	Cash Scholarship
Excellence		Excellence		\$3000
Merit		Excellence		\$2000
Achieved		Merit		\$1000

## Hirepool

Hirepool have a team of nearly 600 people based in 56 branches around the country and many of their managers and supervisors started their careers with Hirepool. Important to have a genuine interest in tools and heavy equipment.

## Horizons (Adventure Training) GAP Year Experience

This year involves an initial 12 week adventure leadership training programme (Christchurch based), opportunities to work overseas in Australia, Hong Kong, USA, Europe or New Zealand through June - December, then travel or return to NZ for Summer.

## International Aviation Academy

They are now accepting applications for 2015 and have a limited number of both student loan funded positions and self-funded positions available for the NZQA approved NZ Diploma in Aviation.

## Victoria University - New Courses 2015

The following are new courses for next year. THEA 113 Playing for Real (Acting & Performance skills) ARTH 114 Art & Encounter - focusing on key episodes of cross-cultural encounter throughout the history of art. ECON 141 Macroeconomic Principles - includes fiscal and monetary policies, the international sector, analysis of income and expenditure and aggregate demand-supply models. INFO

141 and 151. Information Systems is the use and application of computer technology to business and society. Using IT to create innovative business opportunities is a contemporary business strategy.

## Waikato University - Engineering Scholarship

The YES association (Your Electronic Specialists) along with AECS Ltd (Automotive Electronic Control Systems) and Waikato University aim to financially assist a student through a degree in electronic engineering. [www.waikato.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.waikato.ac.nz/scholarships). For students starting their 2nd year at Waikato and having a major interest in the automotive industry.

## University of Auckland - General Education

General Education courses at the university are in a field outside student's major or specialisation. The idea is that students broaden their horizons and develop new skills. They normally do one or two courses (subjects).

## Double / Conjoint degree - University of Auckland

A double degree is when a student studies two full bachelor degrees at the same time. It would take six years in total. You would graduate with two stand alone qualifications. A conjoint degree is when you study two bachelors degrees at the same time, but some of the courses from one or both of the full degree schedules are not required to be taken. eg a BA / BSc conjoint degree would take four years in total. You would graduate with one conjoint qualification.

## Chris Sellars

### Upcoming Careers Dates:

#### Term 4

**12 Nov** - Mainz - Music & Audio, Open night, 7.00-9.00pm, 19 King Edward Terrace, Woolston

**15 Nov** - UC, Fine Arts applications due

**1 Dec** - University of Otago - course planning

**1 Dec** - Lincoln University, no closing dates for applications.

**1 Dec** - Auckland University closing date for Physical Education, Science (sport & exercise)

**8 Dec** - Auckland University closing date for Architectural Studies, Arts, Commerce, Engineering, Health Science, Law, Music, Property, Science, Nursing, Technology, Urban planning

**8 Dec** - UC application to enrol deadline for domestic students

**10 Dec** - Otago University, closing date for 2015 First Year Applications

**10 Dec** - Victoria University, applications for limited-entry courses are due.

**10 Jan** - Victoria University, applications for open-entry courses are due.



# From the Archives: Interhouse Rowing

2014 has seen the revival of Interhouse Rowing and an awareness that this competition had a past at College. Mr Smith visited the archives to see if there had been any previous recognition. Maybe a cup could be re-cycled? Sure enough, 100 years after it was first presented, the Interhouse Rowing Cup has been presented again – to Harper House's A crew.

The Games Committee Minute Book records a meeting on 25 April 1914 at which Mrs Thomson's offer of a cup was accepted "provided the races were made an annual fixture". They were an annual fixture until 1991 except for a gap between 1918-1922. However the same cup was used for the Trial Fours in 1918 and 1922. In 1996, there was another digression when the cup was used for an Indoor Rowing Competition.

The Minutes of the Christ's College Rowing Club indicate that each House team had their own coach, but there was a lack of continuous practice and the supposition that the "bigger the boy the bigger the oar" did not necessarily result in a win. The course was a ½ mile (just over 800m) on the Avon River and four Houses were involved. North Town won by ¾ of a length. Over the years the honours have been shared fairly evenly between Jacobs House and School House, with Flower's coming in a close third.

The cup itself was made in Sheffield in 1913, but the actual maker's mark is indistinguishable. Who was the donor, Mrs J S Thomson? She was Gertrude Mary, wife of James Stephens Thomson. However the College connection became even more obvious when research uncovered that she was the sister of William Pember Reeves (289) Gilbert Edward Reeves (670 ) and Edmund Crosbie Reeves (313). Two of her sons (Roland Stephens Thomson (2696) and James Reeves Thomson (2286) were at College at the time she made the gift.

**Jane Teal, Archivist**



*Flower's and Harper compete in the 2014 Interhouse Fours at Kerrs Reach.*

# See you at the Show

Christ's College is pleased to be exhibiting at the Canterbury A&P Show this week, and we invite all current and prospective families, past students, friends and supporters to call and visit – site E14 (near the food and wine tent!) Meanwhile, on Thursday evening we welcome next year's new entrants to a BBQ on the Quad, giving them a chance to meet with their Housemaster and get to know other College families.

Last Wednesday we held our annual information evening for Year 7 boys and parents, attended by more than 160 people, for what was an informative and entertaining 'first look' at College. The boys enjoyed a hands-on sessions in chemistry, with a distinctive fireworks theme!

Christ's College likes to foster the interest of budding scientists with an annual Year 7 Science Competition, being held on Wednesday 19 November. We fully utilise the science department staff and facilities, with 9 teams from local state primary and intermediate schools being challenged in physics, biology and chemistry experiments. Every year a budding scientist or two emerge, who later join us in year 9, although the competition is also open to girls so we do have to disappoint some!

New enrolments are encouraged at any time, so please remember to keep spreading the good word.

**Sandy Scannell, Registrar**

## Rowing Photos



*A Christ's College eight competing at the Clark Boyce Pennant in Ashburton on Sunday 9 November.*



*A Christ's College quad rowing in fantasy conditions on Lake Hood, in Ashburton.*