

# In Black & White



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## From the Headmaster



We were all disappointed at the end of last week to face the reality that our new buildings will not be fully ready at the start of next term as achieving the promised dates became increasingly unlikely. While I could fill this newsletter with the reasons given, it is better to accept that all involved are frustrated and embarrassed, and everything possible will be done to resolve the remaining difficulties. I have rejected a suggested phased move in; a complex of this scale and quality should be enjoyed to the full from day one, not diminished by climbing over tradesmen finishing things off. We are now assured the buildings will be finished by the end of January, and outside works and commissioning in February and possibly March.

But there is reason nevertheless to celebrate. The buildings are exceptionally detailed, and as a result the completed project will be truly outstanding. It is so much above being functional and will give pleasure and efficiency for many decades to come. A few extra weeks will be worth the wait. Related aspects can proceed - we will be removing the builders' compound straight after the end of term and starting the quadrangle restoration, and two mobile classrooms will be heading to another Christchurch school shortly also.

Next week is the end of another school year. So much has been achieved in 2014, and we look forward to the next issue of *College* which will refresh our memories of some remarkable achievements and events. While there has been a long interval since the last magazine, the next promises to be absorbing. It will be circulated in the New Year. Meanwhile, an interesting internal debate ensued about the announcement of our University Scholarships on the front of the *Mainlander* two weeks ago. I questioned whether we wanted the traditional oak panelling look, but was argued down. I knew I was right - until so many commented so positively on it.....

As the seniors have gone on leave, the last two assemblies have been just for Years 9 and 10, and this week just Year 9. Last week I talked about student leadership in the school, and what we would be looking for from amongst their age group. This morning, I took it a stage further and asked them about their heroes and role models, and looked at a few recognised leaders of the past. I will develop the theme in my junior prize giving speech, explaining why we strive to nurture individuals in the direction which is right for them, rather than to any preconceived stereotype. It is cautionary that the projection of the school is so strong that I am often asked whether new entrants will be able to 'be themselves'. We of course know the answer.

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## Somes Sports Scholarships for 2015

We are thrilled to announce the recipients of the Somes Sports Scholarships for 2015: Sam, Kevin, Will and Joe...



## Assembly Notes

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## Calendar Events

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The President of SPANZ (Secondary Principals of New Zealand Inc) Tom Parsons put the cat amongst the media pigeons when they picked up on his 'Comment' Newsletter to member Principals. Under the heading 'saving normal', he questioned whether students regarded as 'quirky' when he was at school, are now over-diagnosed. His frustration arose from the logistics around ever growing special assessment conditions for examinations. It is a discussion worth having. Fortunately, we live in a time when medical and psychological specialisms give us a much better understanding of intellectual and learning processes, with undeniable advantages in designing strategies for amelioration of constraints on progress. What is equally valid, indeed vital, is that we at the same time inculcate acceptance and tenacity in the individuals, and do not condone surrendering ownership of the outcomes to a diagnosis or prescription. The right balance of support and challenge is the aim. We can be very proud of what is achieved with ambitious and tenacious boys, and our dedicated staff.

**Simon Leese, Headmaster**

## College 2014 - Advertising Opportunity

We are seeking advertisers for College 2014.

College magazine is distributed to the Christ's College database, which includes over 6,000 supporters. This publication will be in the market from February 2015 and communicates the outstanding achievements of 2014. If you would like to place an advertisement, we would love to hear from you. Please find advertising rates [here](#).

For further information, or to place an advertisement please contact Claire Sparks, Marketing and Communications Manager - [csparks@christscollege.com](mailto:csparks@christscollege.com) by Wednesday 3 December.

**Claire Sparks, Marketing and Communications Manager**

## From the Archives:

Was your ancestor at College from 1896 – 1909?

The archives have been given a challenge by the author of a forthcoming book to date this photograph more accurately.

- We know it was between 1896-1909 as the teacher standing next to the desk is Clement Lester Wiggins.
- We know it includes boys from the Lower School (Years 7 and 8).
- We suspect the photograph was taken in Big School

If someone could identify even one boy, then we could use the Form Lists to match dates and classes.

So get out your magnifying glasses over the holidays and see if between us we can solve this puzzle.



**Jane Teal, Archivist**

## Costume Request

The Modern Languages Department is happy to give a new home to any mens' jackets, shirts or ties (the louder the better) to help us build up some costumes for our role plays. Any contributions would be most appreciated.

**Susan Harding, HOD Modern Languages Department**



## CAROLS ON THE QUAD

Thursday 4 December 2014, 6.00pm at Christ's College

All are welcome, we look forward to seeing friends and family at our annual Carol Service.

We will be collecting for the Christian World Service Christmas Appeal.



# Latest News & Events

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## Polo Tournament

This year Christ's College have five teams playing in the South Island Interschools Polo tournament. Included in the teams are Louis Davidson and Archie Cameron...



## Year 7 Science Competition

The science labs were fizzing with excitement on Wednesday 19 November as we held our annual Year 7 Science Competition. With nine different teams competing...



## Passionate cricketer off to Sri Lanka

In just 10 days, Rupert Whyte will be in Sri Lanka helping celebrate the realisation of Old Boy Alex Reese's dream to set up a cricket academy...



## Gillette Cup - Regional Final

We started very well! James Russell bowled outstandingly well and often beat the batsmen. James got an early wicket, but a strong partnership then ensued...



## Dominic Newman

Dominic Newman, Year 13, has been chosen for one of two 16 to 19 year-old men's New Zealand hockey teams travelling to Australia in December...



## Montgomery Bell Academy

Three Year 11 students have been selected to take part in the 2015 exchange with the Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, USA which has been running since 2010...

# Digital Safety Workshops for Year 9 Thursday 27 November

As part of our Digital Citizenship programme, we have invited John Parsons to run Digital Safety courses for our students. Unfortunately the workshops scheduled for September were postponed, but John will work with Year 9 students and English teachers on Thursday 27 November. Feedback after the Headmaster's informative School of Thought conversation with parents last term showed that Internet safety is of concern to them.

John Parsons is an Internet Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant to schools, the private sector and the health sector, providing specialist advice and direction on the safe use of Digital Communication Technology. He will talk to students about strategies and ways to share information to help them communicate in a safe and responsible way in the digital world.

In the [29 October issue of Black & White](#), ICT Director, Mr Paul Rodley set out some tips for parents in helping their sons manage their laptops. He said "Internet safety at this age requires that you continue to monitor high-schoolers' online lives, staying as involved as you can and injecting your own values to counteract some of the less desirable aspects of the Internet. In the high school years, teens' online interactions can really affect their futures. Much of what they discover and contribute to can be positive and enriching -- if they play by the rules. If not, their privacy, reputation and even their physical safety could be at risk.

Helpful links: <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/internetsafety-tips-for-high-school-kids>  
<http://www.netsafe.org.nz/>  
<http://www.netsafe.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Staying-SafeOnline-NZ.pdf>



*John Parsons, Internet Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant*

**Pauline Henderson, E-Learning Facilitator**

# College Flag

College is flying a new flag. It obviously has the same design as the old one, but we have moved from a hand sewn version to one that has been screen printed by Adams Flags in Dunedin. It should last longer in Canterbury's nor'westers and winter snows.

The College Flag was first flown in the latter part of 1934, 80 years ago. Essentially it is an expanded version of the shield that is on the College Coat of Arms. They were drafted by Professor J. Shelley and formed the basis of the final version that was accepted by the College of Arms. As all Year 9 boys know the symbols on the shield and the flag summarise a great deal of College's history.

The red or Tudor rose of Christ Church Oxford is at the hoist at the top, followed by the lion that is taken from the arms of Christ's College, Cambridge. The rose and the lion provide a reminder that many of College's first Fellows came from these Oxbridge College. The hung fleece from the arms of the Canterbury Province is on the fly, for we are Christ's College, Canterbury.

Between the upper and lower portions of the flag is a wavy line that symbolizes a voyage by sea.

The open cross in the centre of the lower portion of the flag is the closest heraldically to the symbol that was once used by the College and can be found in the east window of the Chapel. In the center of the cross is an open book that symbolizes education and the XP on the two pages are the Greek letters Chi Ro that represent Christos or Christ.

Surrounding the cross are four shells or scallop that make reference to the first four ships of the Canterbury Settlement – Charlotte Jane, Sir George Seymour, Randolph and Cressy. These shells were first used as a symbol of pilgrimage during the crusades and those also refer to the people who arrived on those ships – the Canterbury pilgrims.



*The new College Flag flying proudly above Big School*

**Jane Teal, Archivist**