

# In Black & White



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## From the Headmaster

I am pleased to report my resignation has caused several outlets in Christchurch to experience a run on tissues and fancy stationery. I am choosing, naturally, to ignore suggestions that flag vendors are equally busy, and thank most sincerely those who have sent so many kind messages.



Swimming heats and our finals day, plus all the athletics heats have been fitted in around all regular sports commitments; drama auditions are underway for our senior production, and we are preparing for the main recruiting season for 2016. It has been a frenetic start to the year, managed splendidly by the staff and senior boys. My thanks to them all. Also, boys, parents and some staff have had to accommodate cricket on Sundays due to the World Cup. Again, thank you - I realise it was an imposition for all.

We have just passed the fourth anniversary of the fateful quake. Our current year 13 were, of course, barely into their College careers in February of 2011 as year 9s. What a unique College history they have had, and they are, of course, the last year who were here on the day. As the city held a commemoration event at the weekend, I could not help but sigh at the rash of flowers which appeared once more in road cones; when this happened before, immediately afterwards the depressing sight of dead foliage only added to the dispiriting disorder. Any gesture of remembrance, however well intentioned, must be equally well thought through and have a sustained dignity.

This weekend the Old Boys' Association is holding its multiple year group reunion at College, one part of which will be a special service on Sunday morning at which the service and sacrifice of former staff and boys in the first world war will be recognised. 151 white crosses will be placed in front of the Chapel, which we believe will indeed have the solemnity and dignity which is appropriate.

With all reflections, be they of war or the earthquakes, we have to acknowledge loss, and sustain the lessons learned into the future. We must learn from the circumstances of history and resolve to protect others from the same dangers and consequences. In Christchurch we have learned what happens when the vulnerability of buildings is not addressed in time, and we have set much higher standards for the future. Christchurch is an ever safer place as a result of our experience. But what have we learned globally? The 'war to end all wars' saw the world once again in turmoil within a generation. A succession of conflicts in the Middle East have done nothing to achieve lasting peace and harmony.

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## Top Academic Awards



George Fitzgerald's 100% mark gave him New Zealand's Top Scholar Award in English.



Etienne Wain received an Outstanding Scholar Award for gaining five Scholarships.



## Assembly Notes

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## Calendar Events

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I am sure many will have seen a video clip of a blindfolded young man standing in a street with his arms open, next to a sign which says 'I'm a Muslim. I trust you, do you trust me? Give me a hug.' The filmed sequence is moving. A small item in The Press at the weekend reported the response of Stephen Hawking to a question about what he would change in the world if he had the power to do so. He said aggression should be weeded out of the human race, and replaced by empathy. The whole of human history has been defined by aggression and prejudice, so Hawking's idealistic vision need not detain us too long. But we can all do a little day by day.

The weather forecast for this week is not the best, but as we approach our Athletics Sports at the end of the week we will remain optimistic. I do encourage as many parents to come along as can make it, and don't forget to visit our Parents' Association tent - don't worry, you won't be roped in for anything! All they will ask you to do is accept a drink and nibbles; drop in and say hello.

I was sorry not to be able to get up to the Year 12 Temple Basin Biology field trip last week. A few years ago, it provided me with one of New Zealand's many visual treats. As the sun set in the west and shone up the pass, the spurs running down from the north were lit up with yellow fringes as dazzling as lines of neon lights suddenly switched on. I was told it was caused by the sun briefly hitting the underside of the tussock on the ridges; it lasted only a very short time, but will never be forgotten.

That's what commemorations should be like. Not wilting sadly the day afterwards.

**Simon Leese, Headmaster**

## The Parents' Association

The Parents' Association invites all parents/caregivers to the Athletic Sports which are held at College, on Upper, this Thursday afternoon (26 February) and all day Friday 27 February. Thursday's session runs 2.00pm to 4.00pm and Friday sees two sessions: morning 9.30am to 12.30pm and afternoon 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

The Parents' Association will serve complimentary soft drinks and baking to parents from their tent at the end of Upper. A coffee cart will be on site for people to purchase hot drinks.

We are all looking forward to seeing you there on the day.

Kind regards,

**Lynley Smith, Chair Parents' Association**

## From the Chaplain



It is good to see a lot of parents, family members, and visitors have been part of the Sunday services so far – a great start to the year!

### Confirmation

This Wednesday (25 February), a confirmation preparation group begins meeting together with St Margaret's College students from 7.30pm to 9.00pm at the Anglican sisters (300 Tuam Street). It is open to any interested Year 12 and 13 students. Students thinking about confirmation are invited to come along and see if this is for them. It will be a relaxed group – an excellent chance to think through what life is about as they head into adulthood.

### Chapel Service commemorating World War 1 with CCOBA

This Sunday (1 March) there is a special Chapel service at 9.00am commemorating World War 1 with CCOBA (the Old Boys' Association). You are, of course, welcome as usual.

### Baptism/Christening

If your son is not baptised (christened), please encourage him to consider being baptised at our simple service here on Friday 27 March, in Chapel with the choir at 6:15pm. This does not make him an "Anglican" - Baptism is accepted across all mainline denominations.

### Lent Appeal

We try to have a local and an overseas focus for our Lent Appeal. This year Hohepa will be our local focus for raising funds, and helping with the Ebola crisis will be our overseas focus. We have heard a little about Thomas Merton in Chapel, and it was great to see many of our students (and some of the parents) at a full cathedral welcoming three brothers from Taizé. Thomas Merton and Taizé will also be focuses for our reflections in Lent.

I am always very happy to talk about anything written here, or in fact any aspect of our school community life.

Yours in Christ,

**Bosco Peters, Chaplain**



### Athletic Sports Timetable

Please visit the Sport at Christ's College website late on Wednesday 25 February to view the timetable.



# Latest News & Events

Click on the photos below to read the full story then click the go back arrow in your browser to return to In Black & White.



## 2015 Swimming Sports Results

Under 14 Championship 3rd Finn Hamilton 2nd James Criglington 1st Nathan Penrose Junior Championship – Hunter Wilson set new short course records...



## World War I Chapel Service

151 painted white crosses in the Quadrangle will be a powerful tribute to the 151 Christ's College Old Boys and staff who died as a result of fighting in World War 1...



## Annual Valentine's Day Fun

The annual Valentine's Breakfast with the St Margaret's Year 13 boarders was held in the dining hall on Friday morning. The girls arrived in convoy at 7.20am...



## International Students

We are pleased to have seven international students at College this year and hope that they enjoy their Canterbury experience. Junie Wee (Korea) and Robin Wan (China)...



## 2015 Gold Tie and Gold Awards

Introduced in 2013, Gold Ties are awarded to the top five performers assessed by the total Excellence credits at NCEA Level 1 (Year 11) and NCEA Level 2 (Year 12)...



## Help Support College Cricket

Support the Christ's College England Cricket Tour by attending their *Tales of the Cricket World Cup* event or purchasing Paddy Borthwick wine. Click on the photo and follow the blue links.

# Careers



## Careers Interviews

I am seeing the Year 13 boys, a House at a time over the coming weeks, and into Term 2. The boys know however that I will find a time for them whenever they contact me. I am texting them appointment reminders. Any other boy in the school is able to contact me any time and I will see him as soon as possible. The response of boys to

text messaging has proved to be very good.

## University of Canterbury - academic scholarships

The liaison team from UC gave the first presentation of the year to Year 13 last Friday. UE requirements were again mentioned, as were the courses available, both specialist and general. Of interest will be the academic scholarships that are available for students who have gained NCEA Level 2 & Level 3 with Excellence in both years. This has been increased from \$3000 to \$6000.

## Defence Careers Experience 2015

For many years now the New Zealand Defence Force has invited selected secondary school students to experience aspects of life in the Defence Force through the Defence Careers Experience (DCE). The first DCE will be held from 13 April - 17 April and will target Officer, Intelligence Officer, Systems Engineers, Electronic Warfare Operator and Communications Systems Operators. The second DCE will be held from 28 September - 2 October. This will target technical and non-technical trades. Both courses will be held at the Burnham Military Camp. Defence Careers will cover accommodation and meal costs. Applications for the first camp are to be received by Friday 6 March.

## Latitude Global Volunteering & GAP year placements

Latitude will be doing a presentation on Wednesday 25 February at 7.00pm at the Waimairi Road Community Centre, 166 Waimairi Road, Ilam.

## CPIT - Nursing and Pre-Health Information sessions

Nursing information session, 5.30pm for Bachelor of Nursing or Diploma in Enrolled Nursing. Pre -Health & Science session, 6.30pm for students who wish to study a health-related subject but don't yet meet the entry requirements for their chosen programme. Prepares students to enrol for midwifery, medical imaging and human nutrition.

## CTC Aviation Open Day 7 March

CTC Aviation, have various opportunities at the moment including their student loan funded Diploma in Aviation and

their Qatar Airways pilot programme for those interested in flying for Qatar Airways after just 19 months. They are also looking at designing a degree programme with the University of Waikato which they hope will commence in 2016. If interested in attending register on their website [www.ctcwings.com/career\\_events7thmarch15](http://www.ctcwings.com/career_events7thmarch15) or contact [jodi.kitchen@ctcaviation.com](mailto:jodi.kitchen@ctcaviation.com)

## Southern Wings - Aviation

During March Southern Wings aviation will be travelling around the South Island, talking to students about the possible careers options in the aviation sector. They are interested in talking to students who may be interested in flight training, and the Diploma in Aviation, along with their affiliation with Air New Zealand as a flight training partner. See Mr Sellars or contact Layton Michell at Southern Wings 0800 284 283.

## Maori Education Trust Secondary Scholarships

The Maori Education Trust scholarship programme comprises a range of scholarships for Maori secondary and tertiary students. The purpose of the programme is to provide support for Maori students to pursue and achieve success in programmes of study and training. [www.maorieducation.org.nz](http://www.maorieducation.org.nz)

## University OCE 2015 - On Campus Experience Scholarship

For full time Year 13 students of Maori descent. From 27-30 April. The scholarship will cover all costs, flights, accommodation, food and activities. Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents, of Maori descent. Closing dates for applications : Friday 27 March

## MedEntry

Students interested in pursuing medicine and other health courses need to sit the UMAT. MedEntry is a government accredited Registered Training Organisation specialising in UMAT preparation. For more information visit [www.MedEntry.co.nz](http://www.MedEntry.co.nz)

## YOOBEE - ACG School of Design

ACG YOOBEE teaches Graphic Design, Web Development, Animation, Filmmaking, Game Design and 3D Graphics. They have campuses in Christchurch, Auckland, Wellington and Online. Contact information Christchurch campus: L2, Otakaro Building, University of Canterbury, Dovedale Avenue, 03 363 2139, email - [sc.chch@yooabee.ac.nz](mailto:sc.chch@yooabee.ac.nz)

To view events since the last issue and upcoming careers dates please continue to the next page.

Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor



# From the Archives

The annual Founders' Dinner is a regular reminder that Christ's College has a long past. This is particularly so this year, for 160 years ago on 28 June 1855 the Provincial Council passed the Christ's College Ordinance that officially "founded" the College.

We all know that the College had been functioning for the previous five years. There is some evidence to suggest that a boy was taught on board ship in 1850, but certainly by March 1851 the College was well and truly in existence in Lyttelton. By 1852 it had migrated to the St Michael's Parsonage and it would be another five years before the College made it to this site.



*Mr Robin Sutton and Sam Hargreaves at the 2015 Founders' Dinner.*

The founding of the College was the culmination of a process that began in 1849 with the granting of Letters Patent to the Canterbury Association to create a settlement in New Zealand. One of the objects of that Association was the establishment of Educational Institutions. It took however an Act of the British Parliament in 1850 to enable the Association to dispose of its various assets so that the College, amongst other things, could be achieved. It was then possible for the Superintendent and Provincial Council to pass The Church Property Trust Ordinance in 1854. Church Property Trustees then were able to create a "body Politic and Corporate by the name of Christ's College Canterbury."

Attached to the Ordinance are two schedules. The first is the Deed of Foundation of Christ's College by Church Property Trustees dated 21 May 1855. It contains within it the words:

"And we do accordingly hereby found the said College to the honour and glory of the Holy Trinity, for the propagation of the Most Holy Christian Religion...and for the promotion of sound piety and useful learning more especially within the said Province of Canterbury"

Did George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand and College's first Warden, have a hand in this document? Probably - for these sentiments echo the motto:

("True religion, sound learning and useful industry") of St John's Theological College in Auckland founded in 1843 by the same man.

The second schedule contains the Statutes of Christ's College which have been revised more than once to take account of the passage of time and the changing requirements of College in the 21st Century.

To found a College takes more than words on paper. It took the men of the Canterbury Association, Church Property Trustees and the Fellows named in the Deed of Foundation, to make it work. However there is one person whom is often forgotten. If Henry Sewell had not come to Canterbury and sorted out the financial affairs of the Association and steered his way through the minefield of conflicting views both locally and overseas then it is likely that there would never have been a Christ's College Ordinance and no Founders' Dinner.

Jane Teal, Archivist

## Careers Continued

### Events since the last In Black & White:

University of Canterbury liaison visit  
Mr Sutton talked to Year 12 about University Entrance and the changes involved.

### Upcoming careers dates:

#### Term 1 Week 4

- 25 Feb** - Latitude Global Volunteering - Christchurch presentation
- 3 Mar** - Massey University Liaison visit
- 3 Mar** - Southern Wings - Aviation
- 6 Mar** - Lincoln University Liaison visit, Year 12
- 7 Mar** - CTC Aviation Open Day - Hamilton
- 13 Mar** - University of Auckland Liaison visit
- 17 Mar** - CPIT Nursing and Pre-Health Information session
- 20 Mar** - Defence Forces - Year 12
- 27 Mar** - University of Otago Liaison visit
- 28 Apr** - Otago Tertiary Open Day, Dunedin
- 1 May** - Defence Forces - Year 13
- 7 May** - Careers Expo in Christchurch, Year 12 to attend
- 15 May** - Victoria University liaison visit
- 22 May** - University of Waikato Open Day
- 25 May** - Law Seminar - University of Otago
- 5 Jun** - CPIT - Have a Go day
- 18 Jun** - CPIT Open Day

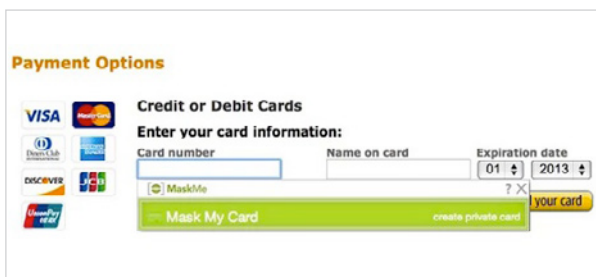
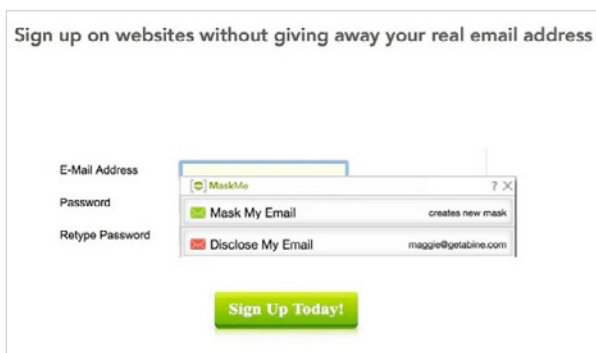
# Library Matters

This week I am going to show you two handy add ons that will help organise your world.

I have been showing lot of boys how to use [OneTab](#) this week - it is an excellent little 'add on' that sits as an icon in the top right-hand corner of your browser. It quite simply saves all the tabs that you have open as a list. You can give the list a name and hey presto - your search is saved forever. Click on the short movie below to learn 'How to' install and use.



This is great app for students and will stop them turning up to their next class with lots of windows open on a different subject!



The second add on is [Mask Me](#). This allows you to hide important information when you are on the internet. You can hide your email address when you subscribe to something so that you do not get spam mail and you can hide your credit card details when you pay for goods.

**Lisa Trundley-Banks, Teacher/Librarian**

# Curriculum News



The start of year flurry of course selection changes is all but over, and almost all boys are now settling into their courses for the year. An interesting perception arose yet again during this process, and I thought it worthwhile to provide clarity.

I have often had discussions with boys over a choice between General Science and specialist sciences. The perception is that General Science (offered at Levels 1, 2 and 3 at College) is easier than the specialist sciences. This is wrong. Standards at Level 1 are set at the same standard or level of difficulty. Whether a boy sits Level 1 Science or Level 1 General Science, the standards are set at Level 1. Often in fact these are the same standards. The defining thing with General Science is simply that it offers and assesses some standards from all three of the specialist sciences, rather than standards from only ONE of the individual sciences.

On another issue, over the term break I got stuck in to some good reading. I managed to bury myself in Terry Pratchett's wonderful 'Discworld' fantasy series, catch up on some military history, tuck into my favourite food writer Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, and even take in a few professional articles. Our reading defines our world in so many ways, whether by vicarious experience, or through vocabulary creation that enhances our ability to express ourselves and connect with the world around us. This is behaviour that so many of us take for granted, but getting boys to read can be a mission. We need to get boys reading more and it doesn't pay to be too snobbish. It matters little whether it is a graphic novel or a sports magazine, a fantasy novel or some historical fiction, a biography or a travelogue. Reading is reading, and with reluctant readers that is all that matters initially. When our own children were younger dinner table conversation was often about the books that we were reading, about how they interested or excited us, and where we thought the authors were taking us.

Junior English classes are undertaking a range of reading challenges. Each boy sets himself an appropriate reading challenge for the term. As Chris Rayward, HOD English, says "for some the goal is to finish reading one whole book, for others it's to read at least 10!"

Books are a very cool place to be. Lisa Trundley-Banks (our teacher in charge of the library) is doing some great work with her library blog. Follow the blog and see where she takes us, she has some great ideas. But most importantly do whatever you can to encourage boys to read.

**Robin Sutton, Senior Master Academic**