

In Black & White



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From the Headmaster

At our assembly on Tuesday, we recorded our sadness following the tragic car crash on the Thompsons Track on Saturday, in which Ed and Paddy Hone (Harper) lost their younger sister Abi. We have all had the family uppermost in our minds. Abi's young friend Ella also died, as did Ella's mother, and Ella's father remains seriously injured in hospital. Abi was at Rangi, Ella at St Margaret's, and Ella's brother is at STAC. This calamity has touched each school deeply. Ed and Paddy will soon be back at school amongst their friends, quietly and thoughtfully supported by them. We continue to think about all involved.



Recently we received the Ministry school leaver statistics for the College for 2013. In brackets, national statistics (all female students, all male students, total students):

School Leavers Attainment by qualification:

NCEA Level 3	90.2%
	(53.3%,40.0%,46.5%)
University entrance	87.7%
	(46.9%,35.0%,40.8%)
Government target leaving qualification Level 2 or above	98.4%
	(76.7%,70.6%,73.6%)
Additional stats for Level 2:	
Decile 10 schools.....	87.4%
Private schools.....	79.4%

The message is affirming. We significantly out-perform comparable schools, and national statistics. I always share openly our intake profile - whilst not being academically selective, our intake is skewed towards the more able end of the spectrum. It is reasonable to assume a similar profile of entry in comparable schools, and we should not be unduly modest. We know high expectations are a major reason parents are drawn to our school, and we are pleased to fulfil their expectations.

We have just closed our entry process for next year's Year 9 entry, and whilst overall numbers are slightly up on last year, more encouraging is a larger

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Steel Trophy for Munro

James Munro has won the Steel Trophy at the annual Motorsport New Zealand Prize Giving. This award is one of three premier awards for circuit racers. Inaugurated in 1983, it acknowledges the efforts of an under-21 driver who competes at national level while displaying dedication, skill and professionalism. Further criteria requires that the winner shows a sportsmanlike attitude to all competitors and officials.

The news of this award reached James in China where he had just taken his fifth victory from five starts at the Formula Masters China Series. "It was the most satisfying of all five so far as I had to push hard to make it happen and make the car work. After some over night rain the track had a lot less grip and was very dirty which did not suit our set up at all. It was also nice to be able to win for Dad on his birthday."

James and his team now have a six week break, in which he will return to Christ's College to continue his study, until the next round of the championship at Inje in South Korea.



James in action at the Formula Masters China Series

number of boarder applications amongst them. However, the number of requests for financial assistance with fees continues to rise. Christ's College, as I am sure all understand since this message is often reiterated, does not discount fees - our fee support comes from trusts, and whilst we are fortunate to have larger trust fund resources than most schools, the funds are limited. From a purely financial perspective, some schools would argue forgoing part of fees in discounting is better than nothing, but to date the College has chosen not to 'muddy the waters', preferring all parents to be confident in the integrity of our admissions, and the fairness and transparency of our funding support. The term 'scholarship' is widely used - and covers a multitude of interpretations.

I received a number of comments after the last *In Black & White* about the conversion of Number 4 Armagh Street, into our new Bursar's Offices, including one from the Headmaster of Cathedral Grammar about how long it had taken! He is right - it has been a long process. As it nears completion we can reflect on the complexities associated with code compliance in a change of use from residential to 'commercial', not all of which were fully anticipated. But those testing, and some might argue excessive, regulations are behind us, and the interior is now fully restored; in a few weeks time we will be contacting all parts of the community to confirm which functions are relocating, and which will continue to be managed in the existing area.

We look forward to welcoming to the College next week **Mr Rick Fletcher**, our new Director of Development. He will be assembling a small team dedicated to income generation

for the school, including future capital projects. Following a successful first Annual Appeal in 2013, the 2014 Appeal will be presented shortly; some opportunities have arisen around our new 'West Wing', which will, if funding allows, enhance our already magnificent project which is set to serve the school well for many decades to come. Less durable should be the 'West Wing' name, which I coined somewhat tongue-in-cheek two years ago, hardly expecting it to become the project title! We are now actively involved with the permanent naming strategy, and invite your suggestions for consideration. Effectively there are three buildings, with a large public area in one which may be suitable for its own dedication.

A week on from CATS, and I have been apparently irrevocably 'Mephistopheles'd' as the tune keeps resurfacing in my head, just one enjoyable aspect of the afterglow from what was a truly outstanding show. CATS was yet another top quality performance, and no one who saw it could have been disappointed. As remarkable as anything was the way the company kept the secrets for so long - I, at least, had no idea what the magical cat would be up to, nor less how the heavyside layer was to be reached in the finale. Just 'magical'. There were so many touches - the red light tossed from hand to hand was beautifully timed and, just when we became 'used' to it, it flew to another cat altogether adding a whole new dimension. I could fill this newsletter, but sufficient to say the success will not only stimulate school members to sign up for future productions, but also ensure the tradition we have established lives far into the future.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

Careers



Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) Open Evening

Tuesday 17 June 5.00pm - 7.00pm, 60 Waterloo Road Hornby. Talk to their team about courses in: Automotive, Construction, Collision Repair, Project Management, Landscape Design, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Electrical Engineering, Group Fitness, Personal Training, Mental Health Support Work

CPIT Open Day

Thursday 19 June 3.00pm - 6.00pm. During this time there will be various presentations, each half an hour in set locations. Interest areas are: Science, Engineering & Architectural Studies; Health & Nursing; Foundation Languages & Education; Business & ICT; Food, Hospitality & Travel Tours; Creative Industries - Art, Design & Photography, Drama (NASDA), Music (Jazz, Rock & Pop), Fashion, Broadcasting & Digital Video - Post Production. For session times contact Mr Sellars.

University of Otago - Information Evening

Wednesday 25 June, Silks Lounge, Addington Events Centre, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Presentations about subjects, degrees, course planning, scholarships, student services and accommodation.

Chiropractic Career Talk

Roughan Chiropractic, Thursday 12 June, 7.00pm, 316 Upper Riccarton Rd, RSVP 09-526-6780 or email admissions@nzchiro.co.nz

Victoria University Accommodation - Key points

1. Offers of accommodation are guaranteed to students outside of Wellington with NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Excellence. Merit students are still highly regarded in selection process.
2. A new 390-bed catered hall is opening in 2015. There is more accommodation available.
3. The application process will request the selection of three halls.
4. Students need to be strategic with their hall selection. Te Puni receives 1000 applications for 400 places.

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5. Students are encouraged to inform the university if there are any physical or mental health needs. Queries about the above: john.dance@vuw.ac.nz

Mainz - Music + Audio Institute of New Zealand - High Street

There are one day taster courses in the school holidays. Introductions to Live Sound, Audio Engineering and DJ programmes. Mainz also wants volunteer bands to help their students learn to use the recording studio. A good opportunity for the bands to gain recording experience. Contact Gretchen McKinley on 03 3659195

University Entrance Reminder - for entry 2015

The following is required: NCEA Level 3 Certificate, at least 14 Level 3 credits in each of three approved subjects, Literacy - 10 credits at Level 2 or higher, five in reading, five in writing, Numeracy - 10 credits at Level 1 or higher.

Otago University - some changes

* The new major Physical Activity and Health (PAH) replaces the major Exercise Prescription and Management. This has a focus on exercise and health in its broader sense. Careers range from fitness instructors, personal trainers etc to clinical exercise specialists working with rehabilitation of individuals with chronic medical conditions. The four majors are now: Exercise and Sport Science, Physical Activity and Health, Professional Studies, Sport and Leisure Studies

* New major in BSc - Oceanography in the marine physical sciences

BSc majoring in Ecology, minor in Marine Science (Marine Life Sciences)

BSc majoring in Oceanography, minor in Oceanography (Marine Physical Sciences)

BAppSc in Aquaculture and Fisheries, minor in Aquaculture and Fisheries (Applied Marine Science)

* New Degree - Bachelor of Performing Arts - will develop knowledge and skills in areas such as acting, directing, devising, music performance, composition, song writing, technical production, and the theoretical foundations of Music, Dance and Theatre.

* Changes for some Health Science programmes - domestic students who are applying for second-year classes in Medical Laboratory Science or Pharmacy or Physiotherapy will be selected first from applicants who have specified that they are seeking entry to that particular programme only, and not also to one or more of the other Health Science professional programmes.

PIHMS - Hotel Management School, New Plymouth

For students who are considering a career in Hotel, Hospitality

& Tourism Management, PIHMS is another option. The three year course gives experience working within all departments of a hotel. A key part of the PIHMS education is the paid Industry Placement where students complete a period of employment in a hospitality organisation within New Zealand or abroad. Further information - Nick Williams, South Island representative 0272287098

Chris Sellars

Careers events since the last

Careers Expo
University of Otago Law Seminar
University of Auckland parent information evening
ICT- Connect, Careers Expo
Victoria University liaison visit

Upcoming Careers Dates:

Term 2

06 June University of Canterbury liaison visit, Year 12
12 June Chiropractic Career Talk, at Roughan Chiropractic
13 June CPIT liaison visit
16 June International College of Hotel Management (Adelaide) Period 1
17 June Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) Open Evening
19 June CPIT Open Day 3 - 6.00pm, Madras Street
19 June CPIT Trades Open Day 3-6.00pm, Ensors Road Campus
20 June Massey University liaison visit, Year 12
20 June AFS French scholarships to France, applications close
23 June Telford Agricultural College liaison visit
25 June University of Otago Information Evening
30 June NZ Broadcasting School, CPIT, 7.00pm
03 July Victoria University Information Evening

Term 3

10 July UC (University of Canterbury Open Day) - 10am - 5.00pm, school holidays
17 July NZ Broadcasting School, CPIT, 7.00pm
28 July Year 13 to collect Hall application form from Mr Sellars
1 Aug University Accommodation Applications open
4 Aug Melbourne University, the George Hotel
15 Aug Closing date for some University of Otago scholarships
15 Aug Closing date for Physical Education applications (Otago)
28 Aug CPIT Industry Expo & Open Day, 2.00pm - 6.00pm
29 Aug Victoria University Open Day, study@vic day

Calendar Events

Week 5		
Wed 4 June		ICAS science examination for Year 10 students (in classes)
	2:00pm	1st XI football v Mountain View High (CCCG)
	7:30pm	Confirmation group
Thu 5 June		NZCF 'Big Sing', Festival (St Mark's Church, 150 Withells Road)
	12:45pm	Interhouse junior hockey first round (Upper)
	12:45pm	Interhouse senior basketball (Gym)
Fri 6 June		NZCF 'Big Sing' Festival (St Mark's Church, 150 Withells Road)
	1:15pm	Year 12 General Studies (OBT)
	1:15pm	Interhouse junior basketball (Gym)
	7:00pm	NZCF 'Big Sing' Festival Concert, regional finals (CBS Arena)
Sat 7 June		Weekend programme available for all boarders
	2:30pm	1st XV v Shirley BHS (Shirley BHS)
Sun 8 June		The Day of Pentecost
	2:00pm	Junior production auditions (OBT)
	7:00pm	Choral Eucharist. Preacher: Rev Jay Behan
Week 6		
Mon 9 June		NZCT Chamber Music Contest (Middleton Grange)
Tue 10 June		NZCT Chamber Music contest
		Years 9 & 10 mid-year English & mathematics examinations (Assembly Hall)
	1:15pm	Interhouse senior hockey first round (Upper)
Wed 11 June		NZCT Chamber Music contest
		Music Scholarship auditions (Music School)
	2:15pm	1st XI football v CBHS 1st XI (Upper)
	7:30pm	Confirmation group
Thu 12 June	9:00am	Year 13 Classical Studies Day (University of Canterbury)
	9:00am	Entrance Scholarship examinations (Assembly Hall)
	12:45pm	Interhouse junior debating semi-finals
	12:45pm	Interhouse senior basketball (Gym)
	6:00pm	Junior production first rehearsal (OBT)
Fri 13 June	1:15pm	Interhouse junior basketball (Gym)
	1:15pm	Year 13 General Studies (OBT)
	7:00pm	College v King's College debate (Auckland)
	7:30pm	Year 9 Dance (Gym)
Sat 14 June		1st XV bye
		Weekend programme available for all boarders
Sun 15 June	9:00am	Holy Eucharist
		Trinity Sunday

Curriculum News



This term senior boys are well and truly into the internal assessment components of their courses, and this will continue through much of Term 3. A number of courses will have internal assessment that isn't completed until Term 4, a fact driven by course structures, and the often sequential nature of the learning involved.

Junior boys have English and mathematics examinations in the middle of the term in preparation for their mid-year full reports. So this is a time of high academic focus. Boys need to develop a 'culture of urgency' in their learning. There is a need to do the job. Active learners are much more likely to be successful than passive ones. Active learners participate in lessons, take risks, persist when the going gets tough. They try to see the wonder of knowledge, the joy in learning. They demonstrate Art Costa's Habits of Mind.

All boys will receive full reports by the end of the term, with parent interviews at the end of this term, and early in term 3. Reports are written some weeks in advance of the interviews (a function of the 'production process' involved in their preparation). This means that the interviews should not focus on the reports per se, but on progress since the reports. I encourage you to bring your sons to the interviews if possible. They are an essential component of the dialogue that takes place. It is after all about their progress. Your influence as parents in this regard is huge. I recall sharing the joy of learning and the wonder at new knowledge with my own children as they grew up. It's an experience I'll not forget.

You are probably in no doubt about my opinion of NCEA as a robust and effective assessment regime that promotes and rewards higher order thinking. NZQA is committed to ensuring the qualification is authentic, and everything possible is done to maintain its integrity. NZQA also understands that building community understanding of how the qualification works is essential to its success.

I received the following information from NZQA promoting its latest initiative to improve understanding of NCEA:

NZQA is launching a new mobile App called NCEA Guide written for parents, whanau and employers.

The App will provide quick and easy access to key information and makes practical information about NCEA more easily accessible. Parents and whanau will be 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.

Information will be added to the NZQA website to promote the App and on launch day there will be social media messages sent out about how to download it.

Please remember that I am also happy to answer questions about NCEA at any time.

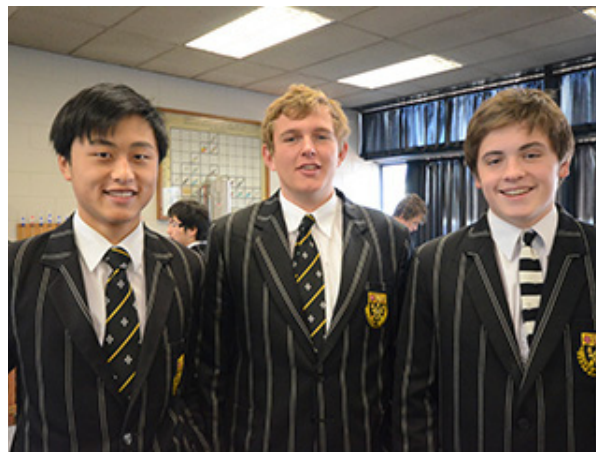
Robin Sutton, Senior Master Academic

Chemistry Success

Christ's College was well represented in the CPIT Year 12 Chemistry competition with our two team entries placed first and second overall among the twenty teams from Canterbury schools.

The winning team of Anthony Goh, Michael Newton, and William Currie (pictured) earned 101 of a possible 105 marks in the practical section and 38/40 for extracting information from scientific literature. Placed closely behind them was Ji-Woo Kim, Joshua Wensley, and Luke Gellen with a total of 135/145.

"Entering in competitions such as this enables students to challenge and extend their thinking beyond the every day rigors of NCEA," says Head of Chemistry Scott Franklin. "The practical aspects of the competition are not only fun but also a useful hands-on approach which benefits the students in the longer term."



The winning team of Anthony Goh, Michael Newton, and William Currie

4 Armagh Street

In the last *In Black & White* the Headmaster wrote of the work that is being undertaken to restore and renovate 4 Armagh Street. So just how old is this building?

Let's begin with the land on which the house sits. 4 Armagh Street, on the Rolleston Avenue corner, is Town Section 363 and was originally a quarter acre section. This land was, according to the information in the Deeds books held at Archives New Zealand, a grant to Leonard Harper in October 1867 by purchase under the Land Regulations of 1856. However, his purchase was not actually received for registration until June 1869. Delays of this kind were not uncommon at this time.

When was the house built? This is much more difficult to work out and there is no evidence of a tender notice in the newspapers. However, there are other ways of working out an approximate date.



4 Armagh Street

The first of these is the birth of Leonard and Joanna's son Arthur Paul on 27 June 1865 at Armagh Street. Then there is an intriguing report in *The Press* of 8 August 1865 of the previous day's meeting of the Christchurch City Council. Leonard Harper was granted permission to lower the footpath in the front of his house in Armagh Street to bring it in line with the other footpaths nearby. The Foreman of Works was ordered to see a proper level was kept. The third clue is the birth of their second son Charles Coleridge again at Armagh Street on 30 December 1866.

So there is clear evidence that the house was in existence by 1865. It is described as having 12 rooms, with adjacent offices, a three stalled stable, coach house and a man's room. Harper also owned the adjacent Town Section 362 that now accommodates Flower's House.

The land was subdivided and the house had a succession of owners and tenants until Christ's College purchased it in 1919. Since that time many staff and their families have lived in its various incarnations.

All this makes the house 149 years old – not quite as old as Big School, but a little older than the Chapel. Now it awaits its new residents – as the Bursar's office.

Sources: Clark, GL 1979 Rolleston Avenue and Park Terrace; Hamilton, D and R Wells 1991 The Buildings of Christ's College; Archives New Zealand LINZ Deeds Registers; Press 28 June and 8 August 1865, and 1 Jan 1867

Jane Teal, Archivist

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Julius Win Haka Competition

Julius House has taken back the title of best haka performers on behalf of the day houses, winning Thursday's interhouse haka competition. Last year the top three places went to the boarders of Christ's College. All ten houses have been rehearsing since the beginning of the term and had the opportunity to perform the College haka in front of each other, staff and invited judges. Judge Mr Dave Brennan told the boys that the standard of haka continued to improve from year to year.

Condell's House placed second and Richards, who won last year, remained the leading boarding house in third place.

Organiser of the event, Mr Everingham said that the competition was particularly close this year with only six points separating the top three.



Julius performing their title winning haka

London International Young Science Forum

Two of Christ's College's high performing young scientists have been selected to attend the London International Young Science Forum which will take place at Imperial College in Kensington in July. Vincent Curd (Julius) and William Warren (School) will travel to the forum with support from The Roland Stead Travel Bursary Fund.

LIYSF is a two week residential event held at Imperial College, and includes lectures and demonstrations from leading scientists, visits to industrial sites, research centres, scientific institutions and organisations, including world class laboratories and universities.

Vincent and William will be amongst the world's leading young scientist with around 350 17-21 year olds from more than 60 participating countries attending. The forum will include an active social calendar to enable delegates to learn about different cultures, and to develop lasting international friendships.



Flower's House Breakfast

Matron Karen Adams and Housemaster Andrew Levenger have a standing breakfast order at the Club Tower Cafe on Tuesdays 'early doors'.

Here the Year 9 group is pictured enjoyed their breakfast out last week. Yesterday it was the turn of the Year 11 boys with the other year groups booked in over the next three weeks.



Rathkeale Exchange

Over the past weekend College has hosted staff and students from Rathkeale College in the annual winter sports exchange. On Sunday afternoon the top College squash team played their fixture. The fixture was tied up at 2-all with the final match going down to the final set which was lost by a few points to give Rathkeale a 3-2 victory. Matthew Minish and Jack Murison secured wins in their matches.

On Monday football, hockey and rugby were played. Dominic Newman scored three goals and Lewey Heale two

goals to help the 1st XI hockey side win 9-2 over Rathkeale. The 1st XI football side continued their recent good form with a 5 nil win on the artificial turf at ASB Park while the 1st XV were in try scoring form with four tries scored to the outside backs in their 25-5 win over Rathkeale.

Squash.....	3 - 2 win to Rathkeale
Football	5 - 0 win to Christ's
Hockey.....	9 - 2 win to Christ's
Rugby.....	25 - 5 win to Christ's



Interhouse Sport Term 2

