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From the Headmaster

A hasty message came through to me when at Twizel last week, asking where I wanted 'the book'. The Phil Price sculpture which used to be outside the library has been resting safely away from the building action in Williams Court, but the construction has progressed now to the point where the builders had to retrieve it whilst they still had the big crane's reach available. Similarly, their site offices had to be plucked out before they became trapped, and relocated on the quad, both sure signs things are progressing at a pace now. I had a visitor in my study recently who had just arrived from England, and saw building images with 'completion Spring 2014' and quickly assumed we were behind schedule. When I reminded her Spring 'down here' is in September, all became clear. I did admit that approaching Easter in the Autumn remains confusing to me, even after ten years.



This time of year is our busiest for the recruitment of next year's intake. We had very good feedback from our Open Day with 20% more families attending than in 2013, and we are expecting a full house tomorrow evening for our information evening, when more detailed presentations await the attendees. We are seeing increased interest from those moving to Christchurch for the rebuild, and also some returnees who have been away since the earthquakes. Balancing this encouraging trend, we do also know in Christchurch some are planning to move from the area once home repairs are completed. These are truly exceptional times, but ones in which the value of a top quality education continues to be appreciated.

Last week, I watched the culmination of the rowing season with the National Secondary Schools' (Maadi) Regatta at Twizel. Two crews won Gold as national champions and one Bronze. To achieve a place in an 'A' final places a crew in the top eight in the country – in some events there are 50 schools competing. We all want to win – competitive activity, sport or not, is focused on success, on being the best. We are right to celebrate our successes, and to salute the extraordinary efforts, in this case, of staff, rowers and of course parents which enables them. But as in any sport, the sharpest edge of competition brings its disappointments; I referred on Saturday night, at the season closing dinner, to our fourth places, outside medals by fractions of a second, and the shortest of distances, and of course a fourth in the 'Maadi' Under 18 event – when all four crews were sub six minutes. It does not come closer than that. To quote Robert Louis Stevenson, 'To travel

Assembly Notes

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All grandparents, family and friends are warmly invited to attend this year's House Music Festival at the CBS Canterbury Arena at 7pm Wednesday 9 April. This year we celebrate 80 years of House Music.

The House Festival is a showcase interhouse competition for four House trophies: Best House Choir, Small Vocal Ensemble, House Instrumental and Best House Backing. Houses have been rehearsing for several weeks and the standard of performances and the entertainment value is always extraordinary.

Tickets are not required. Free parking. Refreshments are available to purchase before the event. A retiring donation will be collected by the Humanitarian Committee for CanTeen.

hopefully is a better thing than to arrive, and the true success is to labour'. By any measure, our rowing club has laboured to considerable success. The parents and supporters now get to labour washing their cars, trying to banish the tyrannical fine dust from the car parking areas, which gets everywhere. It would be interesting to estimate what weight of dust gets brought back to Christchurch every year.

We are coming to the end of the first term since the introduction of our individual computer initiative. We have been monitoring progress carefully, and addressing the expected teething troubles as a digital profile within our teaching and learning processes. We have had very useful feedback from staff, boys and parents, and have decided to have a review session to which all parents are warmly invited. The meeting will take place on Thursday 8 May starting at 7pm, and all are invited.

Amongst everything else going on at present, rehearsals for CATS are in full swing. The show is sure to be a sell-out, and I do urge you not to delay in arranging your tickets!

In the most recent Education Today, The Journal of the UK College of Teachers, the Dean of the College, Professor Rosemary Page, questions the link between high levels of education and economic prosperity. That a higher level of base education is a pre-requisite for a healthy economy has been the mantra of successive governments here and abroad for years. She notes that in the UK 60% of graduates engage in work for which their degree is not relevant, and across the world 76 million 16-25 year olds are unable to get jobs. She writes 'we have extended an education designed for an elite group to the mass population, and it clearly has not worked'. An interview question is revealed from *Are you smart enough to work at Google* (Poundstone, 2012), by way of illustration of what they value above conventional qualification, namely brain flexibility and entrepreneurial potential: 'You are shrunk

to the height of a penny and thrown into a blender. The blades start moving in 60 seconds. What do you do?'

I will reveal what the Google interviewers regarded as the 'best' answer in the next newsletter.

I frequently remind the boys how dangerous the area outside the College is in the mornings with pedestrians going in several directions, cyclists on the road and footpath, and of course the traffic lights and general traffic. Dropping boys off outside the school is a further complication, and I do ask that parents (if they must use this area) be very mindful of the cyclists and pedestrians around them. We have had a couple of issues in the last week or two.

Simon Leese, Headmaster



Another short clip of what our boys get up to in the weekends

Reporting on students Progress

All students will receive a progress report during the last week of term. In this report teachers are reporting on academic progress and grading effort, behaviour and student's organisational skills. An A, B, C, D, E grading system will be used as in previous years.

Year 9 and 13 parents have the opportunity to attend parent interviews from 4-6 pm on Friday 11 April, the last day of term. Other year groups will have parent interviews towards the end of Term two. Parents are encouraged to communicate directly with their respective Housemaster if there are any concerns over academic progress.

Last year we introduced an online booking facility for parent interviews. This has been highly effective for both parents

and staff and allows parents to manage their own bookings. Online booking procedures will be directly emailed to all Year 9 and 13 parents outlining when the bookings will be turned on. There will be some staff who will be unavailable due to Friday coaching commitments and their names will not be included.

In the event you want to meet staff who are unavailable, or meet staff whose appointment schedules are full, please don't hesitate to contact them and arrange a convenient time to discuss your son's progress.

Robert Aburn, Senior Master (Internal)

Calendar Events

WEEK 9		
W 2		CSS swimming championships, Jellie Park
	8.35am	Year 12 biology field trip to Temple Basin leaves
	8.30-10.00am	Junior mathematics competition for selected Years 9, 10 & 11 students, Assembly Hall
	3.00pm	Winter sport meetings & trials
	7.00pm	Information evening, OBT
Th 3	8.35am-3.30pm	Year 13 geography field trip, Pegasus Bay
	8.35am-3.30pm	Year 11 PE field trip, Spencer Park
	12.45pm	Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym
F 4	1.15pm	Year 12 General Studies, OBT
	1.15pm	Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym
	3.40pm	Year 12 biology field trip returns
	6.45pm	Baptism Service, Chapel
Sa 5		Boarding experience weekend begins
		SISS athletics begin, Timaru
		Final Saturday activities for the term
		Weekend programme available for all boarders
Su 6		5th Sunday in Lent
		SISS athletics end
	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
WEEK 10		
M 7		Waihi School Year 8 visit
Tu 8	8.00am	Corfe House Music rehearsal, Assembly Hall
	1.15pm	Rolleston House Music rehearsal, Assembly Hall
	1.35pm	Somes House Music rehearsal, Assembly Hall
	5.00pm	Harper House Music rehearsal, Assembly Hall
	7.00pm	Jacobs House Music rehearsal, Assembly Hall
	7.30pm	School House Music rehearsal, Assembly Hall
	8.00pm	Flower's House Music rehearsal, Assembly Hall
	8.30pm	Richards House Music rehearsal, Assembly Hall
W 9	1.45pm	Sound checks at CBS Arena for Big Band, House instrumental & House small vocal groups
	5.30pm	Condell's House Music rehearsal, CBS Arena
	5.45pm	Julius House Music rehearsal, CBS Arena
	7.00pm	House Music, CBS Arena
		CSS Summer Sports Awards
Th 10	12.45pm	Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym
F 11	4.00-6.00pm	Years 9 & 13 parent/teacher interviews, Assembly Hall
Sa 12		Term ends after sport
Tu 29		1st XI play in ANZAC hockey festival, St Paul's Collegiate, Hamilton
May		
F 2		1st XI ANZAC hockey festival ends, St Paul's Collegiate, Hamilton

Curriculum News



Last week I read a fascinating piece in the NZ Listener (February 22-28 2014) titled '*The Superstar Learner: Powerful new findings about how the brain learns are emerging from modern psychology*'. The journalist Catherine Woulfe has written an insightful piece looking at the latest work of Professor John Hattie who is collaborating with cognitive psychologist Greg Yates. The article

is an erudite and well-informed statement of some of the key things mentioned in my last column, in particular the need to learn content, and to hold knowledge in our heads in order to think. I'd like to quote two paragraphs in particular in full:

"Hattie would like to see much more explicit focus on automaticity, also known as overlearning. This is the sort of knowledge you can call up without effort, the facts you just know to be true. The authors argue that having a good foundation of such facts stashed away in the deep memory frees up the brain, takes the cognitive load off new learning and makes that learning 'stick'.

Times tables are the classic example. 'I'm a great fan of teaching kids the times tables by rote,' Hattie says. 'Why would you want to understand why six times nine is 54? It is, just accept it. Then you can use it.'

As I keep saying, in education today we are more about 'thinking' than ever before, but we can't think in a vacuum. We have to 'know stuff' in order to be able to think, and this concept of having 'knowledge' that we can recall without effort frees up capacity in the brain.

I highly recommend the article to you if you haven't seen it.

I am occasionally asked how boys are able to improve their study skills, and I offer advice from time to time on techniques that seem to work. Not all techniques work for all boys, of course, but there are many approaches to study and it wouldn't be possible for me to elaborate on all of them in this column.

In the past we have organised study skills workshops for boys in Year 11 delivered by Karen Boyes of Spectrum Education. We have decided not to do that in 2014. If you feel that your son needs more support in developing study techniques, Karen Boyes now offers Webinars (live real time online coaching) on study techniques. The cost is \$29 for one or \$89 for a programme of 5 webinars. The next set begins on Tuesday 20 May. You can enrol via this web link:

<http://spectrumeducation.com/portal/content/view/75/160/>

Robin Sutton, Senior Master Academic



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Year 9 Camp

The Year 9 camp took place last week with 116 boys enjoying the Canterbury High Country in the company of Christ's College staff and the direction of instructors from FullOn.

Over the course of a week, the boys undertook both a physical and developmental journey, which incorporated a two day tramp from Lake Coleridge, over the saddle to the Rakaia river. First stop on the tramp was the Gilbert Murray Hut. This is an old musterer's hut which saw significant development in the 60's, and was used a lot for the next two decades. Sadly, the hut had seen less and less use in recent years, but now is firmly back in for all of our Year 9s to see and to reflect on times past. Many of the current boys have fathers or grandfathers who used the hut 'back in the day'!

After a steep climb over the saddle that lies directly behind the hut, the boys were all blessed with perfect views over both valleys. The only bad weather of the week took us from t-shirts and shorts in the sun to fleeces and jackets with hail and wind in less than an hour. The 'four seasons in one day' song line seemed particularly appropriate!

Collected by College vans, the boys were transported to Coleridge Village Hall, where they spent the night before the next day rafting down the Rakaia (for over five hours) to reach the road bridge at the end of the gorge. This stunning trip provides spectacular views as well as great opportunities for some water fun and a challenge suitable for all. Most of the boys I talked to considered this a highlight of the week.

The other two days of camp are based at Glenroy Lodge near Windwhistle, and include a 50m abseil near Washpen falls. This year the boys were particularly excited to be there as it has just been used as a location in the filming of 'Z for Zachariah', which will be out early next year, and stars Chris Pine of Star Trek fame. No doubt many of the boys will be happy to point out this scene when it finally arrives on the screen!

ABL is the name of the game on the final day, which stands for Adventure Based Learning. Here the boys learn some personal life skills and philosophies, including 'owning it' and 'operating above the line'. The idea is to inspire more positive attitudes at

the camp, at school, and in life in general. The boys operate in groups of about 40, so the three rotations do the activities in a different order.

The camp has been described as 'the best yet!' Clichéd? No actually..it should have been the best ever, and I expect next year's to be better again. We worked hard in planning the camp to provide a stimulating and varied experience for the boys whilst at all times making the activities reflectional and targeted to improve the core skills we try to develop in their time at College.

Martin Hayes, MIC Outdoor Education



Congratulations to Matt Harris

Congratulations to Matt Harris of Julius House who has won a place in the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra with the double bass. This is the only professional orchestra in our city, making this a significant achievement for the young musician.



Matt Harris playing at the 2013 House Music Festival

Boarding Programme Update

Since my last report the boarders have had the opportunity to attend two Crusaders games. The first was a nailbiting win over the Stormers, the second a loss to the Hurricanes. They have also had an exciting trip to Rangitata for rafting with a lot of fun taking place. The indifferent weather meant another surfing trip could not take place but instead the boys were able to do some indoor rock climbing at the YMCA. Last Sunday they were able to release a bit of energy out at Mcleans Island at the

Kamikaze Paintball. In terms of activities this one is always one that the boarders enjoy. The last weekend of Term 1s activities sees the boys going Ten Pin Bowling on Saturday evening and then heading mountain biking at McLeans Island on Sunday.

Darrell Thatcher, Boarding Programme Coordinator



Boarders enjoying a game of paintball out at Mcleans Island

2014 Christchurch Entertainment Book

Get your 2014 Entertainment Book through College and support the International Service Group's project with All Saints Primary School in Samoa. To obtain your 2014 edition please contact Neil Porter on nporter@christcollege.com

Cancer Society Donation

The choir towards the end of November presented a Remembrance Service at which Gabriele Faure's moving Requiem was at the centre. As part of the choir's community service a retiring offering was offered in support of the Cancer Society.

Following discussions with the Cancer Society, rather than the \$1200 raised going into general funds it was decided to fund the 0800 Cancer Information Helpline, a service in which specialist nurses are able to offer advice and guidance to both patients with cancer, or to family members living with a cancer patient. This donation will go towards the fees associated with the help line.

It was a pleasure for Elliott Nye, this year's Head of Choir to present the funds to representatives from the Canterbury-West Coast Division of the Cancer Society at a recent Chapel service.

Robert Aburn, Senior Master (Internal)



Supporting Cholmondeley

Christ's College prefects volunteered their help at the City to Surf fun run last weekend, in support of the Cholmondeley Children's Home. The boys congratulated and awarded certificates and spot prizes to the various runners, walkers, gladiators, army personnel, fairies and people on stilts who crossed the finish line. It was a great opportunity to support such a worthwhile cause. We look forward to working with Cholmondeley throughout the year, through both raising money for the charity and, later in the year, offering physical assistance with the rebuild of the Governors Bay facility.

Ben Fulton, Prefect



Update on James Munro

James Munro (Somes House, Year 12) has recently returned from testing at the Zhuhai International Circuit in China. He will compete in the Formula Masters' China Series (FMCS) in Asia before returning to the 2015 Toyota Racing Series. As reported in a recent The Press article, the FMCS is a one-make single-seater racing series, not too different from TRS. It uses a FIA F3 chassis powered by an 180HP Volkswagen engine.

Starting at the Zhuhai circuit from May 10-12, the series will include Shanghai and Sepang circuits, ending with a non-championship round at the Macau Grand Prix in November. James will return to NZ between races to continue his studies here at College while undertaking this endeavour.



James Munro racing earlier this year

French Exchange

During the summer holidays, I took part in a six week exchange to France at the school Le Caousou, in the south western city of Toulouse. My stay in France consisted of cultural trips, attending school, travelling up to the Alsace region in north east France for Christmas and a few days in Paris. For the cultural trips, I joined a group of other exchange students from Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview in Sydney. We visited many sites in Toulouse as well as cities and towns outside Toulouse such as Albi, Lourdes and Carcassonne. Toulouse, being a major world hub for aviation and space travel meant I had the opportunity to visit Cité de l'espace, as well as the headquarters of Airbus, where I was able to see the hanger in which some A380's were being assembled. In terms of sport, Toulouse is predominantly a rugby city and I enjoyed a tour of the club Stade Toulousain's stadium and training facilities. I also attended a Toulouse FC football match, which I enjoyed more being a football fan.

During my Christmas break in the Alsace region, I stayed in a small town called Herrlisheim near Strasbourg. My host family has many relatives in Alsace and so my time there was spent going from house to house. I received generous hospitality from them, including me in their celebrations and treating me to French delicacies such as foie gras and steak tartare, making my stay in Alsace one of the highlights of the trip.

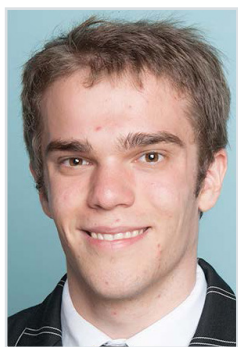
After a quick entry into the neighbouring region of Lorraine to see the centre of Nancy and meet some old friends of my host family, we headed off to Paris for two days. Whilst trying to see all the touristic sights in a short time period, it was interesting to have lunch with the parents of my host mother who have lived in Paris most of their lives. I was able to gain an insight into what the reality of life is like for most Parisiens.



Back at school for the new term, I struggled for most of the first week trying to keep up with the fast pace of the language and the long school days. However, by the time I was ready to return to New Zealand, I had noticed a great improvement in my listening ability and was able to communicate more easily in French. Overall, I had an amazing six weeks in France, gathering rich experiences and making friends from different countries. I now look forward to hosting my exchange partner, Alexandre at Christ's College towards the end of Term 2.

Theo Manji

Chemistry Olympiad Training



At the end of 2013 a number of College boys competed in the Chemistry Olympiad exam and earned fantastic results. One of our Gold Tie awardees, Ross Shillito, has continued with the rigorous training programme this term which has involved studying university level chemistry and completing numerous tests and assignments. Through his efforts

he has been selected as one of a small group of students nationally to attend the Chemistry Olympiad Training Camp in Auckland during the April school holidays. At the end of this camp a group of four students will be selected to represent New Zealand at the Chemistry Olympiad Competition in Vietnam later this year. We congratulate Ross on his efforts so far and wish him all the best for the training camp.

Scott Franklin, Head of Chemistry

Learn to Drive

The Automobile Association is offering eligible pupils the chance of a free driving lesson to help set them on the right path to achieving the skills necessary to be safe and competent drivers.

We have distributed, via the Housemasters, a free AA booklet which gives a comprehensive guide for learner drivers, setting out the information they need to know to obtain their full licence.

To be eligible for the free driving lesson the new driver needs to have held his learner's driver licence for less than two months and be either an AA member or son of a member.

To book the free lesson parents can apply on line at aa.co.nz/free-driving-lesson or call the AA on 0800-223-199 quoting the licence number of the learner driver, the issue date and the membership number of the AA member.

The website contains all the information explaining the booking process and details all the areas of instruction covered in the lesson.

The College is pleased to promote this AA service to assist pupils developing better driving skills.

National Title for Browne

Josh Browne, Toby Franks and Tom Jackson have just returned from Wellington where they represented Canterbury at the Athletics New Zealand Championships.

Josh Browne won a Gold medal in the under-18 1500m race. Graeme Christey described the race as a tactical one at the front with Josh saving his sprint until the home straight. His time was 4:09.07. Tom Jackson competed in the same final, running a personal best of 4:14.84 and finishing in 7th place.

The previous day Josh won Silver in the 800m under-18 youth men with a personal best of 1:55.88. Tom Jackson also earned a personal best with his 3000m time of 9.09.

Toby Franks also earned a podium finish on the Saturday with his Silver in the under-18 youth pole vault, also a personal best vault (3:83m). He followed this up on the Sunday with another Silver medal in the under-20 men with a 3.65 vault.

Josh Browne was also a member of the Canterbury 4 x 400m team who placed 2nd in the final.

Toby and Tom now head to Timaru, with 28 other College athletes, for the South Island Secondary School Championships next weekend. Josh heads to America for a self-funded secondary school team trip where he will compete over three weeks in four top secondary school competitions.



Josh Browne pictured representing Canterbury at the Athletics New Zealand Championships in Wellington

Rowing Report

Last week, the Christ's College Rowing squad attended the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Rowing Championship, held at Lake Ruataniwha.

College entered its largest squad in recent years with 51 boys attending the regatta. All rowers who competed in an A or B final earned themselves a top 16 ranking in New Zealand.

After all the heats, repechages and semi-finals, College crews had attained 7 A finals and 5 B finals.

The crews to attain the A finals were:

Under-18 novice eight
Under-17 eight (1st and 2nd crew)
Under-18 lightweight fours (1st and 2nd crew)
Under-18 four (1st crew)
Under-18 eight (1st crew)
Under-16 four (1st crew)
Under-16 eight (1st crew)

The crews to attain B finals were:

Under -18 lightweight double scull
Under-18 pair
Under-18 eights (2nd and 3rd crew)
Under-16 eight (2nd crew)
Under-18 four (2nd crew)

Both the under-17 eight and the under-18 lightweight four (2nd crew) were crowned national champions in their respective events as well as the under-18 four attaining a Bronze.

College had success in the other events also, with both the under-18 novice eight and under-16 eight recording agonisingly close finishes in each of their respective races. The novice eight finished 0.03 seconds behind Bronze and less than a second behind Gold. The under-16 four (1st crew) also had a very close finish just 0.36 seconds behind 3rd place. The under-16 eight (1st crew) also had a close run, finishing a very creditable 5th, four seconds behind the crew in 3rd place.

In the Maadi Cup, the under-18 eight raced exceptionally well and were in the hunt throughout the race before finishing a very close 4th.

After all the finals and results were counted, College finished in 5th position; an excellent result considering there were over 125 schools entered in this year's event.

National Champions

Under-17 eight, Arthur Andrew Shield Winners
J Caulton, T Brennan, G Perkins, J Chapman, H Bell, M Newton, T Darry, M Elworthy, H Burgess (cox).

Under-18 lightweight four, Doug Burrows Trophy Winners
S Doyle, A Pont, O Tyro, G Romeril, P.Hone (cox)

Awards given at season's end:

Caps: Awarded to Year 13 rowers who have given at least three seasons of service to the Boat Club.

Michael Allison
Harry Beadel
Harry Burgess
Emmerson Cosgrove
Nico Cronshaw
Sam Doyle
Hugo Elworthy
George Perkins
Stanley Pont
Tobias Robertshaw
Oliver Tyro

Crew of the Year: Under-18 Lightweight Four

Best Erg Score: George Perkins

Most Physically Prepared: Hugo Elworthy

Most promising coxswain: Paddy Hone

Coxswain of the Year: Harry Burgess

Most promising under-16 rower: Rowan Taylor

Most improved rower: Reuben Barclay

Award for Sportsmanship, Versatility and Endeavour: Oliver Tyro

Best Technical Oarsman: Tommy Brennan

Rowing Performance: Harry Burgess

Oarsman of the Year: George Perkins

Henry Smith, Rowing Coach



Under-17 eight after winning gold at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Rowing Championship, held at Lake Ruataniwha

One Day Cricket Champions

Our 1st XI recently defeated CBHS to become the winners of the one day competition

An amazing start was given to College by Bailen Thatcher who put the ball in the right place, got some assistance and simply dominated the CBHS team. To finish with 6 for 19 was an incredible effort. The last 10 days has shown what a special all round cricketer he is. Ben Morris also needs to be acknowledged as he continued to trouble the batsmen and Bailen could only get those wickets with tight bowling from the other end. James Southby took three catches, including an inspirational catch that started the slide. Who would have believed CBHS would be 33 for 8? They did fight back, but Daniel Freeman-Greene and then Ben, were able to wrap up the last two and had CBHS dismissed for 80.

The quick message at lunch was "do the basics well". Rory Williamson and James Southby certainly did that. Great running between wickets, rotation of strike and a strong defence meant College got an excellent start and effectively took CBHS out of the game. An opening stand of 55 was very accomplished and professional and showed all that the pitch was a good one. Bailen joined James and finished the match off in the 19th over. What a staggering victory!!

Scorecards:

Thatcher	10-1-19-6
Morris	7.2-0-16-2
Kerr	2-0-4-0
Bonifant	2-1-7-1
McKellar	9-3-20-0
Chamberlain	1-0-7-0
Freeman-Greene	2-1-2-1

Catches: Southby 3, Woodley 2, Mangin

Williamson	21
Southby	34no
Freeman-Greene	0

Warren Lidstone, 1st XI Coach

SISS Polo Tournament

Christ's College had several teams compete in the recent South Island Secondary Schools' Polo Tournament. In the E grade College was very grateful to Oz Curry and Hamish Anderson who stepped in at very short notice to fill gaps in the draw. Their combined team went on to win matches against St Andrew's College and Rangiora. Christ's College Combined won their grade. Then Oz Curry won MVP of the grade.

The C Grade had wins over Rangiora and Rangiora Ruru to put the team into the final against Blue Springs. It was a strong team from Blue Springs and the College team struggled to score. Late in the chukka, Blue Springs put points on the board and controlled the ball preventing College from equalising. The Christ's College team finished second in the C Grade.

The B grade had two College teams in it. College Black had wins over Rangiora Ruru and the College White side. The boys then came up against a strong Christchurch Boys' High team. Boys' High were quick to score and with two key players in the team, College Black struggled to score. Fortunately the B grade worked on a points system and the College Black team had scored enough goals to win the grade. This year the A grade match was between Christ's College and

St Andrew's College. At the November 2013 Tournament, St Andrew's took the trophy from College and in the February 2014 tournament both schools won one match each but College managed to win the final 1-0. Both teams had experienced players and the Christ's College team had been working on their game plan and marking over the last few weeks. The boys went into the chukka prepared to mark the STAC team and shut down their key players. This worked and Louis Davidson quickly scored. Within a couple of minutes Louis was back at the other end of the field with another goal and the chukka finished with a 3-0 score to College.

The second Chukka saw College continue to apply pressure to the St Andrews team. The boys worked well as a team and scored another three goals.

The final chukka saw St Andrew's get back on board and manage to score twice but a final goal from Louis saw College win 7-2. A great improvement from the last tournament.

Ms Ellis-Martin, MIC Polo