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FROM THE HEADMASTER

The seniors have left for study leave, and what lies ahead varies. At this time of year, some may be ready to risk the possible consequences from complacency when their entry point for next year, be it study, training or employment, seems easily within reach. In some cases it may already be secured from internal assessments. So why bother? There are two good reasons. The lesser of the two, is that at some stage in the future who is to know when an academic track record will sit alongside someone else's for a key opportunity? The more important, is one of attitude and habit - just getting 'over the bar' when capable of better, doing just what is necessary and no more, being happy to 'just get by' is the psychology of the weak. We are not talking about intelligent economy of effort to get the very best outcome - which should be highly regarded. We are talking about a lack of drive and desire to stretch oneself, which can be habit forming; like smoking, it may appear unimportant to start with, but inevitably the decision is later regretted. I hope everyone in their final year in particular, is not planning an experimental puff of mediocrity. The vast majority are focused, well prepared and ambitious. I wish them all well.

The last day of classes for the leavers' year is always a 'relaxed' affair for the boys, and generally they are to be warmly commended for their approach to the potentially silly season. The cone on the chapel was strongly disapproved of, naturally, but grudgingly admired. Dangerous and irresponsible behaviour in the city has been almost completely eradicated by a concerted effort from all the schools. The challenge

is to encourage the right sort of enjoyment - to raise the bar a little, to inject a little wit and creativity, without causing offence. I note this year's leavers' book has more flair than some previous ones, with the occasional gem of originality; reaching for quotes websites is always an option, but how much more satisfying to be original.



The new buildings are really starting to take shape now; the contractors are planning to invite the staff to a barbecue on the 'upper deck' at the end of the month. I assumed they meant the current 'upper deck' (the first floor) but they are confident



CAROLS ON THE QUAD

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2013, 6.00PM
ALL WELCOME





the second floor slab will be there by then. The scale and presence of 'building one' will certainly be easy to appreciate at that stage. At the past parents' event I was able to introduce them to the work of Nathan Hall, a sculptor/mason currently working on our dining hall bay windows. The top of the window will feature the replacement carving seen here (above), being created in the Stoneworks off-site workshops. Old buildings are both a pleasure and a liability, but if we have to repair them, the only way is the right way.

Last week we finally held our first 'get together' of our former parents' group – I had an opportunity to bring them up to date on College over the last three years or so, and also to distribute copies of a new publication called 'The Future', which was cleared for wider exposure last week. It is not a commitment, nor a refined strategy, but merely a strong indication of the probable direction of campus development in the future. Once the new 'West Wing' is completed, most of the main campus will be defined, leaving little space and few options. The quadrangle I think is unlikely to win favour as a development opportunity! The document sets out a suggested course, based around development of the Cranmer site, followed by a replacement building for science, and for music. The document will be widely available shortly, and we will upload it to the website in due course.

Our second evening devoted to the forthcoming laptop roll-out was well attended; it was very rewarding to hear how interested parents were in educational value and direction, and less in the technology itself. It was relayed to me that at a similar event at another school, the emphasis was less on pedagogy, and more on the glorious technical facilities of their infrastructure - which then let them down at the crucial moment. We cannot promise ours will be without its occasional frustrations, but I am quite confident parents and boys are behind the direction we are taking.

We were also pleased last weekend to welcome a 'not exactly 60 years' on reunion, the due date getting lost in the local conditions two years ago! Hopefully their anticipation was all the stronger, and they will have a shorter wait for the next one. It is always encouraging to see our alumni making an effort to come to the College for such events, in this case from as far as the USA.

I am making a whistle stop trip to the UK, leaving tomorrow, to attend the awards event mentioned in the last newsletter (www.fisawards.co.uk). I will be in London on Thursday, visiting two schools, one from whence a new colleague will be joining us in January, and another to speak to a possible addition to the staff for mid 2015. It is proving difficult to find staff in some key areas locally, to replace retirees with individuals of the same quality. A couple of years ago, I mentioned a difficulty filling a particular post to a principal colleague in another school out of town, who offered to send over details of the number of applicants they had had when filling their position. I discovered we had declined all of them previously; we continue to pursue staff of the highest calibre to do justice to our boys' potentials in all areas.

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ASSEMBLY NOTES

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2013 INTERHOUSE FILM FESTIVAL

The Christ's College Interhouse Film Festival took place on Wednesday evening in the Old Boys' Theatre with an appreciative audience in attendance. Judges Anne Williams, Michael van de Water and Richard Bell agreed that the standard of entries was very high. The overall winner, pictured here with the judges was James Kelly representing Julius House.

Results

1. Best News Story:
Camp, by Carter Neal
2. Best Actor:
Tarn Sykes in *The Letter*
3. Best Screenplay:
Treffen Sie Die Familie,
Year 13 German Class
4. Best Director:
James Kelly
5. Best Editor:
Oscar Fitzgerald for *Beach Phun Thyme*
6. Best Soundtrack:
Tennants by Asher Etherington
7. Highly Commended (Best film):
Tagged, by Jack Crossland and William Burns
8. BEST FILM:
Immunity, by James Kelly (Julius)



James Kelly, with the judges: Anne Williams, Michael van de Water and Richard Bell

The media is understandably focused on the 'Roastbusters' revelations. There are many levels to the issues represented, but underlying are the most profound questions of moral integrity, and values. It would be easy to dismiss the issue as symptomatic of a particular social group, or background, or parenting inadequacy; like all exemplars, extreme as this situation is, there are aspects for all of us involved with guiding young people to consider. They are the parallel dimensions of successful young adulthood – self-respect, respect for others, and personal responsibility. We must not neglect any opportunity to model, demonstrate and promote the growth of all three.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

SCHOOL PREFECTS AND HEADS OF HOUSES FOR 2014



Allison MRJ, Michael
Raymond TW, Tom

Wade BJ, Ben
Carey CHR, Charles
Marinov BM, Boris
Borland JC, John
Anderson TW, Tom
Fitzgerald OO, Oscar
Power RDF, Rupert
Densem FJ, Frazer
Elworthy HS, Hugo
Perkins TJ, Tom
Doyle SJ, Sam
Fitzgerald GP, George
Briscoe WJC, William
Cameron AWD, Archie
Perkins GSP, George
Shillito RA, Ross
Bradley GE, George
McKenzie AJ, Angus
Woodley JWJ, Jack
Budge TJB, Taylor
Nye EB, Elliot
Tyro OL, Oliver
Fulton BMN, Ben
Van de Water RWJ, Robert

Head of School (Condell's)
Deputy Head of School
& Head of House (Harper)
Prefect & Head of Boarding (Jacobs)
Prefect & Head of House (Condell's)
Prefect & Head of House (Corfe)
Prefect & Head of House (Flower's)
Prefect & Head of House (Jacobs)
Prefect & Head of House (Julius)
Prefect & Head of House (Richards)
Head of House (Rolleston)
Prefect & Head of House (School)
Prefect & Head of House (Somes)
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Sport at College

Reminder that Sports results and information can be found on the sports pages of our website. [Click here](#)



ANOTHER BUILDING AWARD!

Christ's College has earned another award for the restoration of the Julius/Harper building. This award is from the Christchurch Civic Trust and recognises 'excellence during the process of restoration, seismic strengthening and upgrade of a significant educational heritage building'. Earlier this month College architects Wilkie+Bruce earned an award for the same project from the New Zealand Institute of Architects.



CALENDAR EVENTS

Week 5		
W 13	3.00pm	Interhouse junior cricket semi-finals, CCCG
	7.00pm	Junior music recital evening, Music School
Th 14	1.00pm	Music recital series, Timothy Carpenter (organ), Chapel
	5.00-7.00pm	Barbeque for new entrants and their parents, Quad
F 15		Show Day. School holiday
Sa 16		No Saturday activities
Su 17		33rd Ordinary Sunday
		No Chapel service
Week 6		
M 18		Years 9 & 10 normal routine
Tu 19	9.00am-3.45pm	Year 9 biology field trip, Mt Oxford
W 20		CSS sport ends
	3.00pm	Interhouse junior cricket final, CCCG
	3.00-5.00pm	Year 7 Science competition, Science Department
Th 21	1.45-3.30pm	Years 9 & 10 junior speech competition, OBT
Sa 23		Weekend programme available for all boarders
		Usual Saturday activities for Years 9 & 10
	3.00pm	Christ's College v CCOBA polo match, Sefton
Su 24		Christ the King Sunday
	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
Week 7		
M 25		Year 9 normal routine
	8.00am	Year 10 OE camp departs

CURRICULUM NEWS



Last Thursday we ran the second of our parent information evenings as a part of our preparation for the 1:1 laptop programme beginning in 2014. I decided to make the curriculum presentation myself, and spent some time looking at the impact of the use of electronic technology on the learning of the boys in my classes. Our most important point of the whole

evening is the programme is about learning, not technology, and I stood back and looked at the impact of this for the boys I have taught this year. It is probably true with any job, but it is easy to become submerged in the 'nitty gritty', the nuts and bolts of our everyday work, losing sight of the progress that we may be making.

As I stood back and looked, I have to confess to having one of those 'wow' moments. As I showed a sample of the end-of-year writing being produced by one of my students the enormity of his progress struck me, much as a wet fish must feel in a fish

fight (I hasten to add that participation in a 'fish fight' is one of life's experiences that has eluded me so far). The development in the ability to think, to analyse, and to write demonstrated in the work I showed was huge, and gratifying. Knowing how I had engaged boys with the technology during the year, and the impact of the electronic tools, was clearly evident to me.

The other point we made is that laptops are not the answer to everything. Our 'mantra' is still 'the right tool for the job'. As long as the assessment environment is one of pen and paper, boys will continue to need to practise writing using pen and paper (and the example I showed was a paper based one). However, we are seeing plenty of examples of the technology improving engagement amongst boys, with corresponding spill over into the quality of the work.

We will be beginning next year with a 'boot camp' for boys, offering the opportunity to develop and improve the IT skills that they will need to get the best use of their laptops in class. Please keep an eye out for information on the 'IT boot camp'.

Mr R Sutton, Senior Master (Academic)

ROWING REPORT

The first Pennant Regatta for the new season was held at Lake Hood, Ashburton, on Sunday 10 November. With NZQA examinations starting on the Monday, no Year 11 or 12 rowers were entered, leaving just the under-16 squad racing. 27 boys plus their coaches Dr Andrew Taylor and Henry Smith were at the College gates by 6.00am to bus to the lake while Peter O'Connor left earlier to tow the loaded boat trailer to the boat park. At the lake, recent old boys James Sandston and Sam Bosworth joined the coaching team to help put the crews on the water.

As it was early season, College eights were selected by House affiliations. Three eights turned out in the second division of the eights and performed admirably. Crews listed were: Sam Borland, Robert Turnbull, Miles Smith, George Clarke, Joseph Tupou, Oliver Tyler, Miles Sandston, Wilbur Morrison and Daniel Harnett (coxswain). A second grouping was: Sam Julian, Jonathon Gemmell, George Newton, Hamish Anderson, Isaac Hobson, Jack Beadel, Oscar Acland, Henry Newberry and George Gould (coxswain). The third grouping was: Matt Cooper, Sam Tillman, Flynn Mann, Sam Jackson, Morgan Kinder-Rycroft, Cameron Smith, Rowan Taylor, Angus Gray and James Gilroy (coxswain).

All three crews performed creditably with the Harper/Richards combination (third grouping) finishing in third place. Later in the regatta, a quadruple scull and three fours were also raced but they struggled to match the pace of their competitors.

The regatta taught valuable lessons to the young rowers as, without the senior boys around, they had to do all the boat loading and unloading, rigging, marshalling etc for themselves. With the good weather conditions, supportive parents and variety of racing, it was a successful start to the racing season.

Many thanks to the Christchurch Girls' High School parent group who invited the College supporters to share their refreshments and companionship at their tent.

Mr PDJ O'Connor, Coach



CAREERS



Student Loans and Allowances

When applying they will need to have their IRD number and bank account number available. All boys should have done this by now.

Transfield Services Traineeships

They are currently recruiting trainees (apprenticeships) for their Telecommunications division. Students will get training, portable skills and career opportunities. On completion of the programme they will be awarded a National Certificate in Telecommunications. www.tradeup.co.nz

University of Otago – Course planning

If boys need extra course planning advice, a liaison officer will be available to help them. Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 December. Chairman's Suite, Addington Events Centre, Twigger Street, Addington. 9.00am–4.30pm

Blue Light Life Skills Camps

Blue Light is a registered charity which works in partnership with the New Zealand Police to empower young people, reduce youth crime and build better communities. Each year they run residential camps in partnership with the NZ Defence Force. Dates and details are available from the careers room.

Victoria University – Key enrolment messages

Online enrolments for 2014 are now open. Students should apply early to ensure that they get into the courses and timetable of their choice. Students apply for both their programme and courses at the same time. Once they apply they receive an Offer of Study – that they must accept online. They will then receive their Confirmation of Study once their results are released in January, and they have attained the Guaranteed Entrance Score (GES). Students who fall below the GES will be waitlisted, but admitted as soon as possible once the university has checked there are sufficient places in the programme. Students need to select the box in the online enrolment system that will allow Victoria to check their NCEA results.

Student Job Search

This is a free service created to help students get jobs. If you are enrolled in a New Zealand Tertiary Institute for 2014 semester 1, you can use the Student Job Search website. Visit www.sjs.co.nz

Chris Sellars

CPIT CREATIVE FESTIVAL – A SHOWCASE OF STUDENT TALENT

FLICK 2013	Broadcasting Showreel	12-21 November	Rakaia Centre Atrium	CPIT Madras Street Campus
RIPE 2013	Art & Design Exhibition	12-21 November	Rakaia Centre Atrium	CPIT Madras Street Campus
BEAT 2013	Musical Arts Performance	14 November	7.30pm CPSA Building	CPIT Madras Street Campus, \$18
HIHA 2013	Maori & Pasifika Performance	14 November	5.30pm Te Puna Wanaka	CPIT Madras Street Campus
PITCH 2013	Student Fashion Show	23 November	6pm, 8.30pm	The Tannery, 3 Garlands Rd, Woolston, \$25
VISUALISE	Interior Design Exhibition	25 Nov-2 December	Rakaia Centre Atrium	CPIT Madras Street Campus
EXIT 2013	Architectural Studies Exhibition	26 Nov-2 December	CPSA Building	CPIT Madras Street Campus

Upcoming Dates

15 Nov	University of Canterbury, Fine Arts Intermediate year, applications due
1 Dec	University of Auckland, closing date for applications – Science (Sport & Exercise). Lincoln University, no closing date for applications
3-4 Dec	Otago University Course planning
8 Dec	University of Auckland, closing dates for applications for admission (other courses)
10 Dec	University of Canterbury, application to enrol due. University of Otago, applications due from all new students for 2014. Victoria University, applications due for courses starting in 2014.
12 Jan	2014 Hands-On Science 12-17 January for senior secondary students

SEDLEY WELLS MUSIC COMPETITION 2013



Twenty two performers from College performed in the Assembly Hall before an audience of around ninety in the annual Christ's College Sedley Wells Music Competition, with Mr Carlo Ballara as the adjudicator. The competition gives the opportunity for our instrumentalists and singers to perform solo items in a formal setting. The competition is divided into two categories: Junior: Years 9 and 10 and Senior: Years 11–13, with eight boys entering the Junior section and fourteen in the Senior.

There was a wide spread of musical styles and instruments, with entries in voice, piano, strings, woodwind, brass, percussion and guitars. Choice of music ranged from classical and romantic through to the twentieth century repertoire, some music from the movies and an original composition.

Such was the variety in the styles of music offered that Mr Ballara likened his judging difficulties akin to comparing apples with oranges, and then those with bananas! The results were as follows:

Senior: 1st Luke Gellen, piano; 2nd Fraser McKenzie, cello; 3rd Piers Dover, clarinet

Junior: 1st Ailyas Bunyasakdi, piano; 2nd Geoffrey Lai, piano; 3rd Harry Hartstone, violin

Highly commended: Ramses Hunt, trumpet; Jiho Kang, bass guitar; Hugh Marshall, trombone

I would like to thank the piano accompanists who played for many of the performers: Mr Nicholas Sutcliffe, Ms Julia Hornsell and Ms Kay Cox.

Also thank you to Pat O'Connor for his technical guidance on the evening and during rehearsals.

Mr Nick Coxon, Head of Instrumental Music

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS

Three Year 10 geography classes spent Thursday 31 October on a field trip which involved them following the course of the Selwyn River measuring discharge and river bed sediment. This trip allowed boys to learn and apply field work skills in preparation for senior geography courses. While the boys worked very hard through the day, travelling from the hills at Whitecliffs to the delta at Lake Ellesmere, the splendid Canterbury summer weather offered plenty of opportunity for the boys to cool off with river swims. The students observed the changes in the river and the influence the surrounding landuse had on the flow levels.

On Thursday 7 November we took three geography sets on a day trip to Lyttelton.

The boys recorded information about the land use in Lyttelton, this will allow them to produce a computer generated map. This map will show patterns of landuse and they can compare it with past maps to show changes, especially since the earthquakes.

At the Anglican cemetery the boys gathered data from the headstones. In class they make up a large data base of this information and then look for patterns, such as the change in average age of death increasing since the mid-1800's.

Lunch was a picnic at Corsair Bay, (the site of College picnics of old) with many of the boys taking the opportunity to have a swim. After lunch we sketched the Lyttelton town, noting the location of the original immigration barracks where College lessons began in New Zealand.

Mr PJ Cooper, HOD Geography



The Selwyn River at SHW 1. Year 10 Jacobs student Daniel Harnett watches while Sam Tillman and Oscar Acland measure the river depths



Year 9 geography students completing their field work booklets at Lyttelton.



Year 9 ex-Cathedral Grammar geography students outside their old chapel, relocated now back to Lyttelton

RIDLEY-SMITH WRITING PRIZE 2013

The Ridley-Smith prize is a highly sought after, prestigious writing competition which has been running since 2006. Dr Roger Ridley-Smith, an old boy of the school (5354), has very generously encouraged creative writing at Christ's College by offering a \$400 cash prize to the student who can write the most effective opening chapter or short story in an annual writing competition.

This year the competition attracted some particularly high calibre entries, ranging in age from Year 10 (Alex Birkett) to Year 13 (Jack English). In fact, Dr Ridley-Smith believed it to be the "best year yet" in terms of the quality of writing. Several pieces featured earthquake experiences, and were all clearly located in a specifically contemporary Canterbury setting. Dr Ridley-Smith was particularly impressed with the quality of writing, and in the end felt all five boys who entered deserved a prize. Edward Roche was the ultimate winner, for his taut, convincing use of dialogue, while Jack English, George Fitzgerald, Anthony Baker, and Alex Birkett were runners up, each receiving \$100 prize money.



Dr Ridley-Smith flew down from Wellington to present the boys with their winnings, as well as to gift each boy with a copy of his novel, *Rough House* (based on his experiences at College). We all very much enjoyed meeting Dr Ridley-Smith, who entertained with his past experiences as a writer, passing on key tips for those interested in pursuing this very worthwhile career.

We sincerely thank Dr Ridley-Smith for his generosity and encouragement.

Ms Chris Rayward, HOD English

CONDELL'S CHARITY GOLF EVENT

On the 17 September, Condell's House held a charity golf event to raise money for the Christchurch South Community Gardens Charity, a worthwhile cause that funds the production of gardens across the south of the city which are then used to provide work and food.

The golf event was held at Charteris Bay Golf Club. The weather pulled through and the few Condell's parents and boys who did turn up had a great day with nine holes of ambrose - ensuring all teams had a successful game!

This was followed by a BBQ, drinks and a low key prize giving which included 'Longest Drive', 'Closest to the Hole' and 'Longest Day'. Despite the small turnout, \$500 was raised which was presented to Christine Blance, the Christchurch South Community gardens representative.

Michael Allison



SOUTH ISLAND INTERSCHOOLS POLO TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2013, 10.00am

Waireka, 363 Lower Sefton Rd, Sefton

**www.sisupapolo.co.nz
Free Entry All Welcome**

CANTERBURY MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN) GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2013

The Canterbury Model United Nations General Assembly is an annual event held in the Hagley Horticultural Centre which allows students to act as a delegation for their assigned country. This year the event drew pupils of many different schools from Years 7-11 to participate.

College had three delegations this year: Angus Dysart-Paul and Morgan Kinder-Rycroft represented Samoa, Matthew Moore and Joe Hutchinson represented the USA and Jason Guan and Samuel Walker represented Indonesia.

Throughout the course of the day two resolutions regarding climate change and human rights were discussed and debated. During the course of the discussion alliances were forged, enemies were made and fun was had by many.

At the end of the day Jason Guan and Samuel Walker were chosen as the best speaking delegates and were both awarded vouchers for their achievement.

Samuel Walker



Jason Guan and Samuel Walker

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 E16 (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 around 150 people, for what was an informative and entertaining 'first look' at College. The boys enjoyed hands-on sessions in chemistry and ICT, while the parents heard about College life and the House system, followed by a guided tour of the campus.

Christ's College also fosters the interest of budding scientists with an annual Year 7 Science Competition, being held on Wednesday 20 November. We fully utilise the science department staff and facilities, with nine 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.

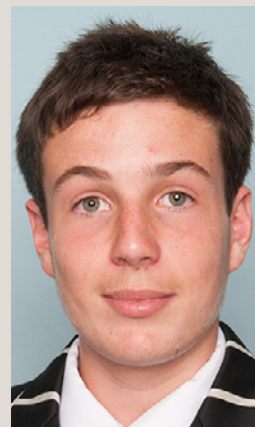
Sandy Scannell, Registrar

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHEMISTRY QUIZ

Christ's College students performed extremely well in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz. Head of Department Mr Scott Franklin was very pleased with the strength of the results which included 29 High Distinction awards. "Cameron Stevenson and Ross Shillito were our best performers, both with results in the 100th percentile for New Zealand." Cameron is in Year 9 and Ross in is Year 12.



Ross Shillito



Cameron Stevenson

CENTENARY MATCH

Christ's College and Wanganui Collegiate played their Centenary 1st XI cricket match in Christchurch at Labour Weekend. This fixture celebrates a close relationship between the two schools. Both have fashioned significant cricketing records and many first class and New Zealand cricketers have played in this fixture.

The occasion was marked with the presentation of unique centenary playing shirts to all players by former College 1st XI captain and New Zealand captain, John Wright. Official photos and general excitement prevailed as the play began. A celebratory breakfast was hosted on the Tuesday morning and celebrations were capped off with the bi-annual Willows Cricket Club dinner being held on the Tuesday evening.

College secured a strong victory on this occasion, dominating much of the match after the first day. Strong batting performances from James Southby (22), Edward Wright (28), Harry Chamberlain (33), Ben Chamberlain (54 no) and Mac Bolderston (56) allowed College to declare at 241/8. Collegiate started well too, but Lochie McKellar (6/47) emerged as the bowling star by decimating the Collegiate innings. He was well supported by Bailen Thatcher (2/16) and Quinn Angus (2/22) as Collegiate were bowled out for 112. College batted with purpose in their 2nd innings for a short 24 overs with Harry Chamberlain (54) showing his immense class as he struck the ball powerfully in dominating the Collegiate attack. College declared at 134/6, asking Collegiate to score 264 in around 60 overs. College's spin bowlers again toiled hard and wickets continued to fall, although there was more desire in the Collegiate second innings. Although noticeably weary from the heavy workload, McKellar (3/54) and Angus (2/27) bowled over 30 overs together to set up victory. As the overs counted down Collegiate fought hard and a stubborn 8th wicket partnership appeared to thwart College. A wicket to Harry Chamberlain then saw Thatcher knock over the final two wickets with only three overs remaining. College secured a 84 run victory, but much hard work was needed to secure this victory. This Centennial fixture victory now means College and Collegiate have each secured 18 victories over their long-standing traditional rivals.

The inaugural cricket fixture was a resounding victory to Collegiate and only appears to have taken place due to Collegiate attending a rowing regatta in Christchurch. It seems the Collegiate cricketers joined their rowers and so the 1st XI fixture was played. It took another 25 years for a second fixture to be played, but this 1938 match in Wanganui saw College gain victory and so the institution of an annual traditional fixture began. The game has been played continually since, although there have been some exceptions when war travel restrictions in 1942 and an outbreak of poliomyelitis in 1947 prevented fixtures, while rain has also prevented the teams setting foot on the grass (2006).



Wanganui Collegiate and Christ's College 1st XIs



Edward Wright and James Southby



Mr John Wright, the Headmaster and Mr Warren Lidstone

College 241/8 declared (Southby 22, Wright 28, H Chamberlain 33, B Chamberlain 54no, Bolderston 56) and 134/6 declared (H Chamberlain 54)

Collegiate 112 (McKellar 6/47, Thatcher 2/16, Angus 2/22) and 179 (Thatcher 3/32, McKellar 3/54, Angus 2/27)

Mr WC Lidstone, 1st XI Cricket Coach

THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

Ninety five years ago this year, New Zealand was in the grip of an influenza epidemic that would kill 8600 people throughout the country. While 458 individuals or 4.9% of the Christchurch population died, Christ's College had only one death, that of the caretaker, William Vagg, in November 1918.

There are many questions still unanswered about this particular pandemic's epidemiology, its world wide spread and relationship to the First World War. Christ's College's response to the epidemic can be found by combining the information in the Christ's College Register, the Board Minutes and The Press.

The third and final term of the year began on 14 September and all was well until the following month. The Athletic Sports were held as usual on 10 October and the College was given a half-holiday the next day to attend the Boys' High School Sports. On Saturday 12 October the First Cricket XI played Saint Albans.

Were the crowds at these events the reason why by the following Wednesday the influenza outbreak was at its worst? About half the school, both dayboys and boarders were affected, but despite this about 150 Cadets were part of "Our Day" – carrying banners and collecting money for the Red Cross in Hereford Street. By the weekend, eight of the First XI were unable to take the field and the second and third grade games were also cancelled. The junior teams however played Technical and Boys' High School and won. The following weekend the 1st, 2nd and 3rd XIs all played Riccarton.

On 7 November the school was given a holiday to celebrate the surrender of Turkey and Bulgaria and for the military decorations that had been conferred on old boys. This was followed by the People's Day at the Show and Race Day. On 11 November Dr Chesson, the District Health Officer and father of Ivan Tulk Chesson-Lardner (2433), closed all schools and theatres, but the boys still attended the Armistice Day procession on the 12 November. On the 14 November Christchurch launched its relief organisation. This involved not only chambers where a weak mixture of sulphate of zinc was inhaled but also several depots around the city to supply food. The Christ's College kitchens under the supervision of Mrs Bell, and with the financial support of the Board, provided food to be distributed from the Central Depot.

On 18 November the boarding houses were closed and fumigated. Boarders were dispersed to friends and relations and Captain Farthing took a group of boys to Wellington before they went on to their own homes. On 29 November a notice appeared in The Press indicating that College would not re-open until the following year. Scholarship and Matriculation examinations were postponed until late January and Prize Giving finally took place in February. The cricket match against Otago Boys' High School was cancelled. There were no inhouse boxing, miniature rifle shooting, and gymnastic competitions.

Why did Christ's College get off so lightly? It may be as a result of the crowds at the Athletic Sports. An influenza virus was circulating in the Christchurch area at this time and it has been suggested that some immunity was formed in the October outbreak that followed so quickly from that event, when half the roll (about 175 boys) four masters and large numbers of the domestic staff were ill. Thus it was possible to cope with the high fevers and pneumonia that were so prevalent later.

Sources:

The Christ's College Board Minutes; The Christ's College Registers 1918 and 1919; The Press November 12, 28; Evening Post October 23; Geoffrey Rice, 2005. Black November (rev. ed.)

Jane Teal, Archivist

The prize-winners were as follows:—

Form Prizes.—VI.—English, M. J. Burns; Latin, J. D. H. Buchanan; French, J. D. H. Buchanan; Divinity, M. J. Burns (Balfour Prize). V.1—English, I. H. S. Fox; Latin, R. H. Ballantyne; French, C. F. Woodhead; Divinity, J. B. Hamilton.

Form Prizes (Latin, French and English)—V.2: 1st A. H. Partidge, 2nd E. M. Murphy; V.3: 1st J. H. Wood, 2nd K. G. R. Bloomfield; R1: 1st J. F. Courage, 2nd J. O'B. Beckett; R2: C. J. S. Cocks, R. W. Watson, equal; IV.1: 1st W. V. Grant, 2nd S. Ick-Hewins; IV.2: 1st G. C. Nicoll, 2nd V. B. Powell; IV.3: 1st K. C. Pritchett, 2nd P. L. Kay; III.1: 1st A. H. Burridge, 2nd L. N. Orchard; III.2: 1st S. G. Lester, 2nd T. E. Turner. Divinity—V.2: H. F. Ault (Balfour Prize); V.3: A. D. Fox (Balfour Prize); R1: H. J. Williams; R2: W. V. Grant; IV.1: E. A. Bradshaw; IV.2: K. C. Pritchett; IV.3: N. M. Campbell; III.1: N. M. Vincent; III.2: G. S. Smith.

Lower School.—Form Prize—II.a: 1st L. A. Mathias, 2nd A. D. Cunningham; II.b: 1st H. Napier, 2nd D. Turnbull; I.: 1st J. R. Sinclair, 2nd C. E. L. Tapley. Divinity—II.a: D. G. Stark; II.b: N. R. B. Quill; I.: J. S. Middleton. Mathematics—D.: M. A. G. Sutton; E1: H. M. Bigg; B2: C. E. L. Tapley.

Set Prizes.—Mathematics—M. A. F. Barnett, J. D. H. Buchanan equal; B.: A. H. Jecks; J1: J. R. White; J2: R. S. W. Perry; D.: G. P. Chapman; A.: K. C. Pritchett; B1: H. E. MacAndrew; B2: H. T. Reeves; B3: E. A. Bradshaw; C1: F. H. Young; C2: N. S. Kingdom. Science—M. A. F. Barnett, J. H. D. Buchanan equal; B.: H. R. Ballantyne; J1: J. R. White; J2: C. T. Ballantyne; D.: P. Grant; R2: G. E. T. Worthy; IV.1: D. S. Cox; IV.2: C. E. Humphreys; IV.3: F. L. Kay. Greek—V.1: G. C. Gibbs, J. R. Wilford, equal. Some Junior Scholarships (under 16)—D. Grigg, J. H. Macdonald, I. C. Graham; Under 14—F. L. Kay, G. N. Carrington, L. P. Chapman.

Prizes for Special Subjects.—Chapel Choir: R. O. Talbot, E. W. Christian, S. G. Lester, K. C. Pritchett, G. F. V. Bullen. School Star Prizes: H. M. Cocks, J. S. Irving. Writing (Lower School): M. R. C. Wilson. Form (non-Latin): A. H. L. Sugden, G. P. Chapman. Warden's Divinity Prizes: A. P. Graham, W. B. Harris. Tyndale Prizes—III.: F. C. Godfrey; II.a: D. P. R. Brunt, W. Bemains; II.b: J. S. Middleton.

Tancred Prizes.—History—Class A: 1st J. R. Wilford, 2nd A. G. Reid, 3rd E. D. R. Smith, M. J. Burns equal; Class B: 1st C. S. Sergel, 2nd D. O. Whyte; Class C: 1st O. M. Friedlander, 2nd B. H. Irwin, 3rd G. E. T. Worthy; Class D: D. L. Mathias. Literature—Class A: 1st M. J. Burns, 2nd J. R. Wilford, 3rd E. D. R. Smith; Class B: 1st W. B. Harris, 2nd G. D. Stewart; Class C: 1st E. T. Reeves, 2nd B. T. Irwin, 3rd G. E. T. Worthy; Class D: 1st L. Mathias, 2nd A. G. M. Bolam.

The Prizes that should have been awarded in 1918, that were actually awarded on 26 February 1919.

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