

In Black & White



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From the Headmaster

Last weekend, we enjoyed the biggest ever reunion of our Old Boys. To the usual mix of decade reunions of twenty to seventy years (alumni now in their early thirties to early eighties), we welcomed Mr Richard Harding at 93 years old (who joined the school 80 years ago in 1934.) Two further reunions for those 65 and 75 years after joining the school, swelled the numbers, including a wonderful turn-out in Chapel on Sunday night. The Presidency of the CCOBA has passed to Ben Walker, as Johnny Cochrane came to the end of his tenure which saw further energetic progress in developing support for the work of the College. The CCOBA secretary Justine Nicholl managed to remain charmingly calm throughout the weekend, despite a number who apparently were as well organised in the booking processes as they probably were getting their homework in on time. We value the support of our alumni enormously, and what was particularly heartening this weekend was the number who offered their professional experience and opportunities in a number of ways.



They were all impressed with our building project, which is at a stage where the framing pillars of the third and final building are in place. We now have a feel for the scale of the whole development, and how stunning the 'inner courtyard' behind the library is going to be. At this point we are on track for the term 4 completion, and thoughts are turning to the 'official' opening, probably at the start of 2015.

Building progress is partly weather dependent, though the phases where this is usually critical are behind us. This sadly could not be said for our athletics sports day, which after a spectacular 'big Monday' and beautiful Thursday afternoon, was rained off at lunchtime on Friday. Mindful of what was a firm weather forecast, some early schedule decisions by the organising staff enabled all but the relays to be completed, and these will be caught up this week. The organisation of this event is meticulously managed, and each year new aspects are added. This year it was some additional groundsmanship (and imported equipment) by Taylor 'rotary ride-on' Budge, and Frazer 'Roller-man' Densem who contributed to the look of the field, captured from the top of the new building. As the rain came down, the multiple high-tech systems had to be recovered in very unpleasant conditions, and Henry Seed, Ross Shillito, Carter Neal, Chris Bannock and Bramley Maclean deserve a mention. Having to cancel the traditional presentation at the end of the afternoon, meant I was unable to acknowledge our MiC athletics, Graeme >>

Assembly Notes

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CHANGE IN ROUTINE

This year's Open Day is taking on a new format as we showcase our learning environment. On Tuesday 18 March we will run two lessons late in the afternoon to allow Open Day visitors to view classes in action as they tour the school. The Open Day will commence with an address from the Headmaster at 4.00pm.

Timings for the day will be:

House meetings at 10.15am

Assembly at 10.30am

Normal lessons through until 3.40pm

Afternoon break at 3.40

Lessons from 4.00 until 5.45pm

If dayboys need to be at school earlier than 10.15am they will be accommodated in the Library and ICT rooms. Boarders will have a later breakfast followed by time in their Houses. Some cultural practices may be held before lessons begin (i.e 9.00am to 10.00am) by arrangement with staff.

Neil Porter, Senior Master

Christey, Director of Sport Rob Clarke, data management guru Helen Chileshe, and technical wizard Pat O'Connor, without whom the event could not possibly run as it does. We have also completed all the season's swimming competitions, under MiC Martin Hayes. As well as their crucial leadership roles in these events, the staff and boys also have to play a part and I thank them all.



Meanwhile, back in the classroom.....In three weeks' time we will be holding our Open Day, and this time are dispensing with the 'displays' approach in favour of a more 'typical day'. We will be running two periods later in the day, around which parents can circulate in groups, after an opening address from me. We would like some notices to promote the Open Day around the city (and beyond) - if you have a suitable fence and would be happy to have an invitation board displayed for a couple of weeks, we would very much appreciate hearing from you. Could you contact Sandy Scannell (sscannell@christscollege.com)? We will provide the signage, and put it up.

We are half way through the first term already, but there is a great deal ahead before we run out of what is apparently passing for a summer. Current at the school, is a detailed review of our digital equipment for the new buildings and decisions will be made this week on the final specification. Classes in the school have been trialled with the latest technologies, creating a new and exciting flexibility beyond the more constraining projector based systems.



Neil Nicholson trials latest technology with a geography class.

We are also looking at various additional facilities and their new locations when the West Wing is completed. Not least, our long suffering school nurses who have managed, amazingly, for three years in the Selwyn Building. It's a good job the boys are a healthy lot. I might previously have likened them to Florence Nightingale, but that lady's association with the Crimean War in the 1820s naturally carries our thoughts to that precarious and vulnerable region in 2014. New Zealand has a lot to be grateful for.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

From the Chaplain

On Friday 4 April at 6.45pm there is a simple Baptism Service in Chapel. The Choir is present, and those being baptised with their family and supporters. It is always a lovely, simple service.

Baptism and Christening are two words for the same thing. If your son is not baptised (christened), please talk to him about whether he would like to do this. I will be talking about this at Chapel, and in all the Year 9 classes, and will meet with any one interested.

Baptism is now better understood as full membership of the church – with all its rights and commitments. Baptism does not make you a member of a particular denomination – mainline denominations accept each other's baptism. As this is entry into the church, you can receive communion at Christ's College and any other Anglican Church, and any denomination that allows all the baptised to receive communion. If your son is getting confirmed, he will need to be baptised.

The forty days of Lent begins on Wednesday. We are starting our fundraising (our Lent Appeal) for the Champion Centre and

All Saints School in Apia (Samoa). On Friday we had Dr Susan Foster-Cohen, the Director of the Champion Centre, address Chapel about the centre, giving us all a good insight into what we are raising funds for.

Students have approached me about joining the Confirmation preparation group on Wednesday evenings with St Margaret's College students starting in Week 6. If your son is in Years 12 or 13, please talk to him about this.

Attendance by parents and family members at Sunday services, morning and evening, continues to grow. The recent Old Boys Reunion Weekend service had a wonderful representation of Old Boys in a nearly full Chapel.

As always, I am happy to talk about anything mentioned here, or anything at all.

Yours in Christ,

Bosco Peters, Chaplain

Calendar Events

WEEK 5		
W 5		Ash Wednesday
	9.15am	The Cathedral Grammar School Year 8 visit
10.20am		Ash Wednesday Service, Chapel
	3.00pm	Interhouse senior cricket semi-finals, CCCG
Th 6	8.35am-3.30pm	Year 10 biology field trip, Cooper's Creek
	12.45pm	Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym
	4.00pm	Interhouse junior tennis prelims, Hagley Tennis Club
F 7		SISS tennis championships begin Timaru
	8.30am	Congregational Practice, Chapel
	1.15pm	Senior rowing crew attend rowing camp, Twizel
	1.15pm	Year 12 General Studies, OBT
	1.15pm	Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym
Sa 8		Weekend programme available for all boarders
		SISS rowing championships begin, Lake Ruataniwha
Su 9		1st Sunday in Lent
		SISS tennis championships end
	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
WEEK 6		
M 10	6.00pm	Senior rowing crew returns
Tu 11	9.00am-3.00pm	Rangi Ruru Girls' School athletics, Upper
	9.00am	Year 12 geography field trip, Mt Cheeseman departs
	9.00am	Year 13 PE leadership trip, Amberley
	12.45pm	Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym
Th 13		Rangi Ruru Girls' School athletics reserve day, Upper
	8.35am-3.30pm	Year 9 biology field trip, Mt Oxford
	12.45pm	Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym
	4.00pm	Interhouse junior tennis, first round, Hagley TC
	6.30pm	Year 13 chemistry competition, CPIT
F 14	1.15pm	Senior rowing crew attend rowing camp, Twizel
	1.15pm	Year 9 camp training session
	1.15pm	Year 13 General Studies, OBT
	3.40pm	Year 12 geography field trip returns
Sa 15		Weekend programme available for all boarders
		Canterbury Mazda Rowing Regatta U15 & selected crews, Lake Hood
Su 16		2nd Sunday in Lent
	7.00pm	Choral Eucharist
		Preacher: Canon Lawrence Kimberley
WEEK 7		
M 17	6.00pm	Rowers return from training camp
	4.00pm	Interhouse junior tennis semi-finals, Hagley TC
Tu 18		CSS athletic prelims, Rawhiti Domain
	9.00am-1.45pm	Year 12 biology field trip, Brooklands Lagoon
	4.00-6.00pm	Open Day

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Careers



University of Canterbury

Jarrod Robertson (liaison officer) and Chris Gallavin (Dean of Law) talked to Year 13. Chris talked mainly about Christchurch and the huge possibilities available to the boys when they leave school at the end of the year. He mentioned Christchurch will need young leaders and that our boys have a huge part to play in the future. He also offered to help any

boys who would like to talk to him, not necessarily about law but any other issues involving Christchurch. Jarrod will follow this presentation up by returning to College next term to talk more fully about the University of Canterbury.

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 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.

Defence Careers Experience 2014

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 28 April - 2 May and will target Officer, Medic and Intelligence careers. Applications for the April course are to be received by 14 March. See Mr Sellars by 7 March if interested.

New University Entrance requirement

From 2014, students will need all of the following to be awarded University Entrance.

- attain NCEA Level 3
- achieve 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three subjects from the approved list of subjects.
- achieve UE numeracy - 10 credits at Level 1 and above from specific achievement standards, or three specific numeracy unit standards.
- achieve UE literacy - 10 credits (five in reading and five in writing) at Level 2 and above from specific standards.

Blue Light Programme - Life skills programme

New Zealand Blue Light is a registered charity and community policing programme which has run programmes and activities for young people free from drugs, alcohol and violence for the past 30 years. The programme has many aims and it is focused around a week long camp held in partnership with the New Zealand Defence Force Youth Defence unit. For further information contact Mr Sellars.

A good story continued!

In *In Black & White* last year I mentioned Tim Jones (Condell's, Year 12, 2011). Tim followed his passion, car design, and was accepted into a course at Istituto Europeo Di Design in Turin, Italy. An email from his parents tells me he is now in his second year of study at Turin. His first year results were excellent. This year all his study is in Italian, so he has done very well to learn the language. His career pathway so far is exciting and inspiring.

Chris Sellars

Events since the last *In Black & White*

Chris Gallavin (University of Canterbury) spoke to Year 13

Careers interviews with Year 13 have commenced

Upcoming Dates

7 Mar	University of Otago Liaison visit
11 Mar	University of Auckland Liaison visit
14 Mar	Defence Forces visit, Year 12
4 Apr	Defence Forces visit, Year 13
28 Apr	Defence Forces career experience
TERM 2	
12 May	Otago Tertiary Open Day, Dunedin
16 May	Lincoln University Liaison visit Year 13
22 May	Careers Expo in Christchurch
23 May	Lincoln University Liaison visit Year 12
28 May	AUT University Liaison visit
30 May	Victoria University Liaison visit

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Curriculum News



The Education Review Office regularly publishes the results of its research into what is happening in New Zealand schools, and in particular what it sees as important characteristics of successful schools. One of the more recent publications confirmed what we have long known; successful schools engage parents in the education process. For College that has always included

your ability as parents to see your son's prep and at times to discuss this with them.

Over the past year and a half College has trialled a web based Prep app and in 2014 all boys' prep is set by teachers using this app. When boys log into the College Intranet they are presented with their school timetable, with links to online resources. When a teacher sets prep the subject title changes to red. This gives an easy indicator for the boys about the subjects for which they have prep.

Maths

In OA6 - 4 times a week - Taken by Mr Stevenson

Prep History

Class Resources (Y10 Maths)

Prep

Date Set: Wednesday 26th February
Due Date: Thursday 27th February
Instructions: Mathematics task is set (Ratio)

Done: ☒

Date Set: Monday 24th February
Due Date: Wednesday 26th February
Instructions: Finish all Mathematics activities - redo if you score less than 70.

Read up about RATIO and RATES ready for Wednesday

Done: ☒

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Weekend
P1			German with Ms Tang in OA4			
P2			Biology with Mr Worner in B2			
P3			Maths with Mr Stevenson in OA6			
P4			Economics with Mr Everingham in OA5			
P5			English with Mr O'Brien in Quad 6			
P6			Geography with Mr Cooper in Car Park 4			

Timetable · Prep Dashboard

When the boys click on the subject they are presented with the details of the prep and an indication of when it is due. If they have completed the prep, they click the 'Done' box. The classroom teacher can see who has read the prep and who has ticked the 'Done' box.

As parents you should feel free to get boys to show what prep they have via the internet. You can see the prep that has been set over a period of time by clicking on the Prep History button. Over the past few weeks I have been visiting classrooms to get a better feel for how the new laptop programme is unfolding. It is fascinating. Uses are varied, as staff and boys develop confidence in using the technology. Innovative applications like 'Thinglink' are being used alongside more traditional software like Google Docs and Word. The Intranet is being used for traditional content management and delivery at one end of the spectrum, and co-creation of knowledge using such tools as Google Forms at the other.

Learning in this laptop environment is a matter of using the right tool for the job (as it has always been). Educationalists describe this as a 'blended learning' environment. They mean in particular the combination of face to face and online learning, but we could possibly extend that meaning to include use of pen and paper and electronic media. I have been reassured to see boys using good old fashioned pen and paper alongside their laptops. The art of handwriting will continue to be important for the foreseeable future, particularly in the context of NZQA assessment. In my own classes for example, boys develop writing skills electronically, and then transition to writing on paper in preparation for their external examinations. Courses, classes and teachers will continue to emphasise the use of pen and paper.

Robin Sutton, Senior Master Academic



Click on the image to see some of what our Year 9 boarders have been doing on their weekends.

Boarding News

It has been another busy two weekends for the Boarding Programme.

Two weekend ago, 90 boys headed to AMI Stadium for the first Super 15 game of the season against the Chiefs. With a mild evening, in terms of the weather, and a packed crowd the boys enjoyed their evening despite the final result.

Last Saturday the boys went to Hoyts Riccarton for an action packed movie called "Non Stop" followed by a visit to the Motordrome at Templeton for some go kart racing on Sunday. The competitive nature of the boys certainly came through as they raced against each other in ten lap races.

The boys are heading back to AMI Stadium on Saturday night for hopefully the Crusaders first win with one of the highlights of the term, a visit to Rangitata Rafts, taking place on Sunday.

Darrell Thatcher, Boarding Programme Coordinator



Film Production Underway

Groups of students from Christ's College and St Margaret's College have been busy working on their next film, *Connected*. Written by students, headed by Amazir Aknine and Meghan Laing, the film is about a history student who, as part of his research into early 20th Century photography, stumbles on to a girl from the period he is researching on an online chat room. His friends are all obsessed with the technology of cell phones, Facebook, Twitter etc. and he thinks they are playing a practical joke on him. When he discovers the girl online is actually from 1911 and is ill, he has to make a vital choice about whether he can save her.

This is the sixth film produced for the two schools by HOD Media Studies at Christ's College, Peter Hewson. "The students have great fun doing these projects," he says "as they learn a great deal about the process involved in film-making and the skills they need." Adult mentors from the film and television industry help guide the students through the process which has been underway since Term 3 last year. The script has been written, production meetings are happening, the cast auditioned and chosen and key crew members selected to help produce the film. Shooting will be during the first week of the April holidays at various locations around Christchurch and next term the important post-production roles of editing, music composition and mixing will occur.

The premiere for *Connected* will take place at the auditorium at St Margaret's College on 30 July, 2014

Peter Hewson, HOD Media Studies

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The first known photograph of Black and White

I always thought I knew the story of how and why Christ's College has black and white for its uniform, but after reading Jeremy Sutherland's (9243) book *Green and Black* there is a twist in the tale.

In the beginning there was no uniform at all, boys just wore their everyday clothes. If you were under thirteen then you wore boots on your feet, long socks to your knees or the hem of your knickerbockers, braces to hold them up over a long-sleeved shirt with a broad Eton collar and a tie and a jacket. If you were over thirteen your trousers stretched down to the tops of your boots and were held up with slightly longer braces. A long-sleeved shirt with a detachable collar and tie was covered with a waistcoat that often sported a fob watch, while a jacket and sometimes a hat completed the outfit.

Playing a sports team meant you were among the first to have a recognisable uniform. In the 1850's and 1860's the 1st XV and the 1st XI wore variations of blue and white, while the caps distinguished the teams. Initially cricket had blue caps and later added white lines to distinguish them from the 1st XV, while later the whole 22 of football had blue caps with red lines. However, on 9 April 1874, the Games Committee Minute Book records the resolution of Robert Heaton Rhodes, the captain of the 1st XV, "That black and white be the uniform". Rugby subsequently had a close call with cerise and grey in 1878, but that was cancelled when the requested colours could not be supplied from Australia.

But where did the colours come from? In the April 1913 *College Register* there is an article by Edward Rogers Webb (722, at College 1877-1884). He wrote that "On asking Mr Rhodes the reason for their choice of colours, he tells me that they were the colours of the McKenzie (sic) Country team, which had been seen by some of the Committee, who were so struck with their appearance that the above resolution was passed".

But there is a different version. Jeremy Sutherland suggests that the colours of the MacKenzie Country team came from Christ's College because many of the sons of the local farmers came home for the holidays wore their College rugby "togs" to play in. However the MacKenzie team did not begin until about



The first known photograph of Black and White – the First XV of 1878. Boys were able to play for College for a year after leaving school. Standing L-R: JCN Grigg, HJ Beswick, JWT Boys, H Brown, AT Chapman, HW Williams (capt), CB Dobson, RL Higgings, GA Smith, CW Rattray, GM Cox, H Tolmie. Seated L-R: HH Lee, WR Webster, HF Hewlings

1875, about a year later than College's Games Committee resolution.

There is an additional clue in Jeremy Sutherland's other book *Leather and Tussock*. On page 263 there is a photograph of the 1870 Burkes Pass Cricket team resplendent in their black and white caps. On 22 October 1873 the Christ's College 1st XI played the Burkes Pass cricket team and who was the Captain? – none other than Robert Heaton Rhodes, son of George Rhodes of Timaru!

Jeremy Sutherland poses another question in a recent email – could there be a connection between Dr FJ Kimbell (whose sons came to College in the 1880's) and his hosting of the Burke's Pass cricket aftermatch functions? The colours of his coat of arms are none other than black and white.

So Christ's College's colours are black and white – there can be no doubt about that, but how they came to be black and white is maybe not so black and white after all?

Jane Teal, Archivist

References:

John Button and Jeremy Sutherland, 2003 "*Leather and Tussock*"; Jeremy Sutherland, 2013 "*Green and Black*". Both of these books are in the Christ's College Harris Collection.

ITM Track Meet - College Results

The International Track Meet was held again on Upper at school with the highlight this year being the attendance by Valerie Adams in the shot put competition. College also had a number of athletes involved in the meet and running against some highly rated adult athletes.

College athlete's results are as follows:

Ben Wade - 7th in Men's 300m race

Elliot Nye - 2nd in Mixed 100m Sprint Handicap final

Robbie Wigley - 5th in Mixed 100m Sprint Handicap

Jamie Hutton, Tim Goodman, Nic Cottrell, Sam McKay - 3rd in Boys 4x100m relay

Josh Browne, Tom Jackson, Hunter McKenzie, Tom Perkins - 2nd in Boys 4x1 lap relay

Patrick Thacker - 5th in Mixed Discus Throw Future Stars



Nicholas Cottrell, Sam Mackay

Metro Cricket - 2013 Youth Awards

On Friday 28 February Canterbury Metro Cricket held their annual Youth Cricket prize giving. The awards are based on team and individual achievements from the 2013 season. Christ's College had four teams represented in the evening each team having won their respective competitions.

The following awards were collected:

1st XI - T20 School Tournament

5th XI - Youth Open Section 1 winners

Year 10 - Section 1 winners

Year 9A - Section 1 Two-day competition winners



Harry Holland, Elliot Maoate, Isaac Bird

CSS Polo Tournament

With the weather not looking very promising five Polo teams from Christ's College headed out to Sefton on Sunday 23 February. This was one of our biggest tournaments to date with 21 teams playing in five grades. College had one team in the A grade, two teams in the B grade and two teams in the C grade.



William Jones

After a heavy downpour of rain during the first match the sky cleared. In the C grade Jack Tracy played very well and both College teams worked well with their teammates. The C grade team of Rohan Tennekoon, Luke Zydenbos, Hugh Stronach won the C grade.

The B grade was a strong grade with all riders being competent players. In the final Christchurch Boys' High school out played the College team of Jesse Sullivan, Freddie Cameron, and Tom Anderson leaving them to finish second.

The A grade saw St Andrew's College come up against the top College team of Louis Davidson, Archie Cameron, Tim Macfarlane and Will Jones. In their pool play the College team could not keep the pressure on St Andrew's and lost 2-0. But winning their second match put the College team back into the final against St Andrew's. In the final the team played much better together and marked the STAC team hard. As a result STAC gave away two penalties from which Louis Davidson managed to score. Final score 2-0 to College.

Monique Ellis-Martin, MIC Polo

NZCT Regional Final 2014

The top College junior cricket side recently faced a Christchurch Boys' High side in the regional final of the NZCT tournament at Hagley Oval.

CBHS batted first and reached a score of 200/9 off their 40 overs. For College Issac Bird, Riley Tempero and Nic Murray claimed one wicket each while the bowler of the innings was Will Harrison who took 5 for 47 off his 9 overs.

In reply, College made a steady start and got through to 42 before both openers were dismissed. From then scoring was

hard due to consistent CBHS bowling. College got through to 100/3 with 12 overs remaining, and despite going hard for the runs, the team fell short by 30 runs reaching 171/9 at the end of their 40 overs. Harry Macdonald scored 33, the top score of the match from both sides with a lot of batsmen making starts but not going on to post a significant score.

This is the second year in a row that these two schools have contested the regional final and for the second year CBHS will represent the region at the National tournament later in the term.



Will Harrison

CSS Triathlon and Open Water Swim Champs 2014



Henry Idiens - 2nd place

The 2014 CSS Triathlon and Open Water Swim championships were held at Corsair Bay on Tuesday 18 February.

College had a number of teams and individuals entered in the Triathlon event and one in the Open Water Swim event.

Top results were Hunter Wilson (1st) in Junior Boys' Open Water swim, Henry Idiens (2nd) in Intermediate Individual Triathlon and the Intermediate Boys' team finished 2nd.

Athletic Sports 2014





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