

# In Black & White



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## From the Headmaster

The weather events of the last two weeks have brought further misery to some in Christchurch, including within the College community. Of lesser significance was interruption to our schedule, with the Otago Boys' High School Summer (sic) Tournament sadly having to be cut short, though we did manage to recover the relays from the end of Athletics Sports Day on Friday 7th. Every cloud has a silver lining - it was a great event, with real atmosphere and high energy participation by supporting House groups. It was certainly food for thought for next year.



I must confess on the morning of the main storm on the Wednesday I decided to go for my run round the river as usual....As I ran past the hospital in the half light, I soon found I was knee deep in water, with the river up to the level of the riverside seats, and almost spilling over the bank into the Botanic Gardens. As the light came up, it was an extraordinary sight, and one gone hopefully for ever by the afternoon. There was also stunning beauty to be seen - azalea leaves glistening in the constant rainfall, lit by the orange street lamps creating the effect of millions of small light bulbs. As day broke, it all faded to a soggy troublesome mess, but hopefully we can now enjoy a less exceptional, and more predictable, Autumn. Even on the wettest day for decades, the number of boys coming to school with no rainwear whatsoever was odd. I can understand not wishing to be 'uncool' but 'undry' doesn't seem to have much to commend it. Hats off to the valiant cyclists who didn't let a few extra lakes and the odd fallen branch put them off.

We are rushing headlong towards the end of the Summer sport season, with some major events ahead including the National Secondary Schools' 'Maadi' Regatta at Twizel. Each year boys ask about being able to go down to support our crews, and this morning they were reminded of our requirements. They are, of course, encouraged to be there if they wish, but must put their own sporting commitments first, and are expected to do so. I also reminded them that some of the participating schools send crews who are eliminated early in the week but who remain at the regatta and are required to wear their school uniforms. Thus there are well presented members of other schools around the event, and whilst full uniform would be a step too far, supporters are encouraged to make sure their 'Black and White' regalia is neat and tidy.

Today we held our Open Day between 4.00pm and 6.00pm, rescheduling the start of the day to suit. I was grateful to one parent who refreshed the discussion which has been current for some years now, about the propensity for teenagers to get up late being in fact biologically rationalised, and that their peak academic performance is in the afternoon. At my last school we subtly changed the timetable to concentrate demanding senior classes later in the day, with private study periods earlier. The down-side was that whilst the boys may have been in better cerebral shape in the afternoon, the hard-working staff definitely weren't!

## Assembly Notes

[Click here](#) for Assembly notes

## NZ Selection!

Julius student, Christopher Brown has been selected to New Zealand's International Olympiad Informatics team who will compete at Taipei in July.

Christopher attended a camp for eight days in January, held at the AUT in Auckland. The camp included 25 participants, divided into junior, intermediate and senior groups, who were taught and tested through competitions. Christopher was then selected as one of 11 for a further training squad. This has required him to complete two further competitions during school time (and supervised by the College ICT department). On most Sunday evenings up until his selection Christopher has attended a 'Google hangout' with a tutor and the rest of the squad.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to a good turnout of prospective parents - as we know, our day roll remains at almost its highest ever level (just 2 extra in 2009), and local interest is high. Visitors will see the school 'in action', and hopefully get a very positive impression of our 'core business'. We have made one or two changes to enable the classes to run smoothly; for example, we know our boys are conditioned to stand when visitors enter a room, which is always appreciated, but on this occasion they won't be impersonating hyperactive jack-in-a-boxes.

Our MidYIS value added assessments (through which we measure our boys' progress from Year 9 to NCEA Level One) have once again shown an overall 'positive residual' across the cohort, when compared with the 16,000 students involved in the programme across New Zealand. This means (and for every year since we joined the scheme in 2004) boys at College have, on average, progressed further than their base line tests on entry would have predicted compared to other schools; in other words, we have clearly 'added value'. We would be alarmed if that were not the case. We are able to identify all individual scores, and analyse class overall outcomes, but the scheme is just one tool we use as part of our 'management information' internally and certainly can not be relied on in isolation. Our use is largely 'trends and exceptions' based.

I enjoyed a panel discussion with student teacher trainees at the University last week. It was good to hear the sincerity

and perceptiveness of their questions, as they embark on their practical teaching careers with teaching sections this week. We can also congratulate our own Dr Briar Wait, who is shortly to receive recognition from Victoria University's Faculty of Education, in the form of a Teacher Education Excellence Award as one of their highest achieving teacher education graduates. Encouraging top quality people into the profession is so important.

At last night's Parents' Association AGM, the chair passed to Lynley Smith and the work of the year ahead was outlined. It was an occasion to thank Kerry Mannis for her excellent leadership of the association for the last two years; the association is so important to the school, and those who give their time and energy to it would, I am sure, confirm how much fun there is to be had doing so. We also had the opportunity to farewell Nadine Conway, who was the founding chair of the group six years ago and got it all off to such a fine start.

Yesterday, I had morning tea with Robert Rolleston (School House) (accompanied by Ted Grigg). Each year one (and occasionally two) of the Year 9 entrants is allocated a palindromic roll number. Robert's unique 14741 earned him a cream cake challenge!

**Simon Leese**

**Headmaster**



*Headmaster Simon Leese and Year 9 boy Robert Rolleston.*

# Calendar Events

WEEK 7		
<b>W 19</b>		CBHS summer tournament (home)
<b>Th 20</b>		CBHS summer tournament (home)
	12.45pm	Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym
	4.00pm	Interhouse junior tennis final, Hagley TC
<b>F 21</b>	1.15pm	Rowers depart for Maadi Cup Regatta, Lake Ruataniwha
	1.15pm	Year 12 General Studies, OBT
	1.15pm	Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym
<b>Sa 22</b>		Weekend programme available for all boarders
		CSS athletics finals, Rawhiti Domain
<b>Su 23</b>		3rd Sunday in Lent
	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
		SISS polo tournament, Sefton
WEEK 8		
<b>M 24</b>		Summer tournament week begins
		Maadi Cup regatta begins, Lake Ruataniwha
	8.00am	Year 9 OE camp departs for Lake Coleridge area
<b>Tu 25</b>	1.15pm	Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym
<b>W 26</b>	3.00pm	Interhouse senior cricket final, CCCG
<b>Th 27</b>	12.45pm	Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym
<b>F 28</b>	1.15pm	Year 13 General Studies, OBT
	4.00pm	Year 9 OE camp returns
<b>Sa 29</b>		Weekend programme available for all boarders
	8.00pm	Earth Hour concert, Quad
<b>Su 30</b>		4th Sunday in Lent
		Rowers return from Maadi Cup Regatta
	7.00pm	Choral Compline
		Preacher: Rev Andrew Starky
WEEK 9		
<b>M 31</b>	9.15am-5.00pm	Year 11 geography field trip, Hanmer Springs
	4.00pm	Winter sport meetings & trials
APRIL		
<b>Tu 1</b>		NZ Blood Service visit
	1.15pm	Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym

## From the Chaplain

Lent began with our regular Ash Wednesday service, and funds are being raised through our Lent Appeal for the Champion Centre and All Saints School in Apia (Samoa).

Any students thinking about being baptised on Friday 4 April should see the Chaplain immediately. I have talked about this in Chapel and in Year 9 classes. Confirmation preparation has also started well on Wednesday evenings with St Margaret's College students. It would still be possible to join this excellent group.

In Chapel we presented a cheque of money raised by the choir, to the Cancer Society, and heard more about the work that they do.

Yours in Christ,

**Bosco Peters, Chaplain**

# Careers



## NASDA for a day

CPIT's National Academy of Dramatic Art (NASDA) would like to invite students to take advantage of NASDA for a day. They are looking to host Year 12 and 13 students who may seriously be thinking of pursuing a career in the arts and to give them a taste of what it would be like to train in a Performing Arts School. There is the chance to

experience classes such as tap, jazz, and ballet, singing, acting, performance masterclass and chorus. Please see Mr Chambers or Mr Sellars if interested.

## New University Entrance requirements

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.

## University of Auckland

A group of boys attended the presentation last week. The school leaver admission requirements are that all undergraduate programmes have a limit on the number of places available and all students applying will be given a rank score based on their top 80 NCEA Level 3 credits. If they meet the University Entrance standard, the rank score and other requirements for their programme, they will be offered a place at Auckland. The Auckland prospectus indicates the rank scores needed. The boys who attend the introductory session are aware of this.

## Victoria University - School Leaver Scholarships for 2015

Victoria is continuing to offer Excellence and Achiever scholarships for students beginning study in 2015. There will be at least 400 Excellence scholarships which are based on academic achievement. Students with Level 2 endorsed with Excellence are encouraged to apply. Achiever scholarships will again be offered with the regulations and application forms available on the website from early June.

## Victoria University 'Career View'

Victoria University Wellington produces Career Development and Employment brochures for various subjects. In the case

of Physics: Why study physics? Where do physics graduates work? What skills does the study of physics develop? These are available from the Careers Room or [www.victoria.ac.nz/careers](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/careers). Two new Career Views are Engineering and Computer Science and Marine Biology/Ecology & Biodiversity.

## Massey University

Massey University has its main campus located in Palmerston North. However, there are also campuses in Albany (Auckland) and Wellington. If any boys are interested in Design, Engineering, Aviation, Vet Science and many other programmes they should come to Richards House at 1.00pm this Thursday. I would especially encourage boys who are interested in Design to attend, as the Massey Design programme is different from that offered at Victoria University.

## Chris Sellars

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

University of Otago Liaison visit  
University of Auckland Liaison visit  
Defence Forces visit, Year 12

### Upcoming Careers Dates

20 Mar	Massey University liaison visit 1.00pm
28 Mar	Horizons Unlimited (GAP) presentation
2 Apr	Otago Polytechnic visit
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
20 May	'Soil Makes Sense' road show, selected classes
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
6 Jun	University of Canterbury liaison visit, Year 12
13 Jun	CPIT liaison visit
19 Jun	CPIT Open Day, 3 - 6pm
30 Jun	CPIT Broadcasting School, information evening 7.00pm
17 July	CPIT Broadcasting School, information evening 7.00pm



# Curriculum News



than about NCEA itself.

As an assessment framework, NCEA focuses on promoting deep thinking. It is here that critics leap in and suggest that this is the problem with NCEA, because schools no longer teach students content. To suggest that is to miss a key point. Thinking cannot take place in an absence of knowledge. We have to 'know stuff' in order to be able to think about it.

In my own subject area, for example, students need to have a knowledge of economic models before they can apply them, and then think about flow on effects of events and policies. It is in the explanations of transmission mechanisms and flow on effects that students develop their ability to think more deeply. That thinking cannot take place without the foundation knowledge.

This brings me back to my opening reference to progress through the term, and study techniques. By this stage in the year boys are already accumulating a body of knowledge in each of their chosen disciplines. This body of knowledge never gets smaller, only larger (that's stating the obvious) and the sooner boys get into good learning habits the easier they will find it to build and retain the necessary information.

Each year I tend to promote the same study techniques. I could easily think that I should stop talking about these as parents and boys will find it tediously repetitive. Of course there are always new parents and boys to receive the message, and it never does any harm to repeat these things anyway. Boys have to be 'ready' to use each technique.

Perhaps one of the most powerful techniques boys can use is the 'daily review' of the work they have done in each class. However reading notes is not an effective learning and memory technique. I promote a card based technique (which can easily be adapted to the Google Docs environment) where boys have sets of small cards (not too small, but not too large either), using one card for each lesson each day. On that card write the date, subject and topic at the top, then summarise the key points of that day's lesson. At the end of each day therefore you have six cards, each with a brief summary of lesson content. The act of summarisation is the first stage in promoting recall.

We are now over half way through Term 1 and it is already time to turn attention to the regular application of study techniques to improve memory and thinking. We occasionally see criticism in the media of NCEA as a qualification, but in my opinion this often says more about inexperience or lack of knowledge of what happens within the NCEA assessment framework

The following morning, before school (perhaps on the bus, or before heading out on the bike) read through the contents of each card. Then file the cards in subject groupings in date/lesson order.

At the end of the week read through all of the cards for each subject. After three or four weeks read through all of the accumulated cards for each subject.

At the end of a topic using only the cards try to expand the information back out into full note form. Compare the results with the original notes. Fill in the gaps and correct any errors using a red pen.

The repetition, and the active engagement with the material, are the key factors in promoting memory recall. I have observed this technique in action creating a huge impact on student learning and success.

Thinking cannot occur in the absence of knowledge. But the time available to 'learn' content is always limited. Techniques like this hopefully allow students to get the best return on the time they invest in learning.

**R Sutton**

**Senior Master Academic**

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

# Chapel Choir Fundraising Activities

The Chapel Choir have just completed two outstanding fundraising events that have raised in excess of \$40,000. The Charity Golf Day was held at Clearwater Golf course on Monday 3 March. Despite the wet and blustery conditions, 75 players battled the elements and enjoyed the camaraderie and fun associated with both the course and within their



teams. The event concluded with a fabulous meal at the Peppers Restaurant and was enjoyed by many in the parent community. An auction featuring noted art works, holidays, signed player shirts and a round of golf with VIP players were included. The highlight of the evening was House parents competing for a lunch event with the Prime Minister, the Hon John Key. Rolleston House successfully won this and we look forward to the Prime Minister dining with Rolleston House boys and staff.

A unique Kitchen Tour held on Friday 7 March saw parents and friends open their homes to have their kitchens and living areas on display to paying guests. 475 people enjoyed the experience and traversed the storms and floods to see some of Christchurch's finest homes on display. In excess of \$22,000 through the support of some 65 helpers, was raised for the choir's September European tour.

**Robert J. Aburn**  
**Senior Master (Internal)**

## CATS Ticket Sales

Tickets for CATS will go on public sale at the Rangī Ruru and the Christ's College School offices on Tuesday 25 March.

There are five performances, NOT Wednesday

- Monday 19 May 7.30pm
- Tuesday 20 May 7.30pm
- Thursday 22 May 7.30pm
- Friday 23 May 7.30pm
- Saturday 24 May 7.30pm

Premium	\$40 each
Adult General Admission	\$30 each
Adult (8 persons +) Party Concession	\$25 each
Student General Admission	\$20 each

Tickets available from:

- Christ's College will sell tickets for cash (cheque) or through boys' disbursement account.
- The Rangī Ruru Reception Office will sell tickets for cash (cheque) or EFTPOS or through girls' gold sheet.

Credit Card Facility:

Members of the public who wish to order tickets by phone must purchase them using the Rangī Ruru Credit Card facility with a credit card and postage fee of \$5 per transaction. The

only telephone number for this is (03) 983 3700. (People who ring Christ's College for credit card purchases will be re-directed to Rangī Ruru.)

**David Chambers, Director of Drama**



# Earth Hour Concert

On Saturday 29 March the Christ's College Environmental Committee will be holding a concert on the quad to mark Earth Hour 2014.

The idea is to pack a picnic, switch off your lights, and wander down to College for a relaxed night of music and dancing. Acts on the night include both current and former Christ's College pupils, as well as performances from St Margaret's musicians and others. No tickets are required but a donation upon entry would be greatly appreciated!

This is a non-profit event and all funds raised will go to the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) which helps support endangered wildlife here in New Zealand and across the globe. The gates open at 7.30pm and the concert will be finished by 9pm. We hope to see you there!

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## Physics Success

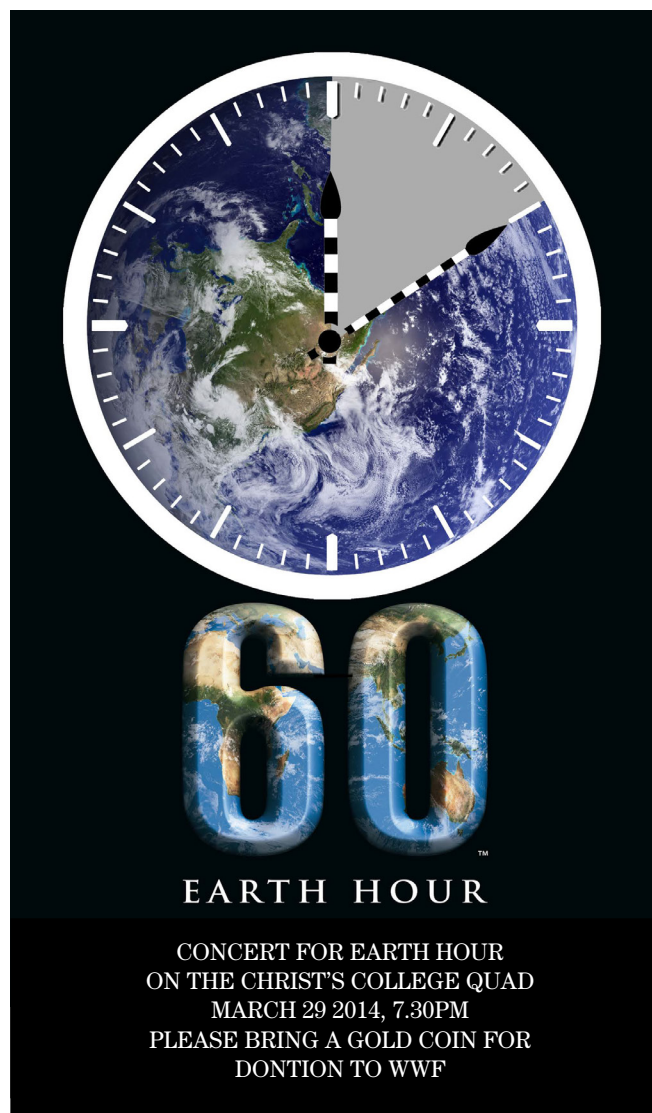
On Saturday 15 March three young physicists from Christ's College competed in the Canterbury International Young Physicists' Tournament, where students from around the world show their academic nous and critical analysis skills in a debate style format. Having been given seven physics investigations to carry out a few months in advance, the teams have to be ready to present any and all of them, as the exact problem is only announced five minutes before the debate is to begin.

Christ's College was represented by a band of multitalented physicists. The team that presented in the competition was comprised of Luke Gellen, Ji Woo Kim, and Joshua Wensley. These boys were ably assisted in carrying out the lab investigations by Jason Guan, Michael Newton and Matthew Minish.

Christ's College was involved in six "Physics Battles" over the course of the day, presenting three and critically analysing another three. Starting at 9:00am and culminating at 6:00pm, it was a very long day, and the boys did an excellent job of keeping up their concentration and intensity till the very last battle.

That tenacity paid off as the prize giving revealed that Christ's College had won gold surpassing Riccarton High School by only 0.3 of a mark (116.4 against 116.1). The team is now off to the national competition, held at the University of Canterbury 29 March.

**Emil Schroder**



## Vietnam & Cambodia 2015

Parents and student information evening Friday 28th March from 730pm in the OBT. All welcome.



*On the Hai Van pass, listening to Mr Ha.*



# Harper House and Julius House celebrate 90 years



*The New Classrooms in about 1920.*

Dear All,

We thought we should remind you that we are having a birthday this year. 90 years with the same name is not as grand as Big School's 150 that we celebrated last year, but it's still a long time none the less.

The building we are in was opened in 1886 as the New Classrooms, and with the increase in roll we were soon put to good use. You can see just how many feet have come and gone since that time by the dips in the House doorsteps.

We must have been a rather uncomfortable place to learn in, with high windows to minimise distractions, and a stove that only made the master warm because he put his desk close to it. We've seen many boys' eyes glaze over as they counted the bricks on our walls.

It took 45 years for us to become houses; Harper and Julius moved in, in 1931. They were used to their new names by then as they had changed from North Town (Julius) and South Town (Harper) in 1924. Originally the day boys were divided into houses depending on whether they lived north or south of Gloucester Street.

We remember Henry John Chitty Harper and Churchill Julius after whom we are named. They were the first two Bishops of the Diocese of Christchurch and our second and third Wardens. Harper sent four of his six boys here (Herbert (55), Walter (56)

, Gerald (78) George (84)) and vigorously defended College and its potential throughout the world in his letters that can be found in the Diocesan Archives. Julius preached sermons worth listening to in the chapel, and was one of the driving forces in the establishment of St Margaret's College.

We've seen so much from our home on the Quad - the flag at half mast on Big School, snow fights, chariot races, marquees, mowers, drain layers, film makers, hakas, carol services, parties and earthquakes.

Over the years we've had quite a number of renovations and re-orderings. We now have our own separate entrances, common rooms, showers and locker rooms and the House Masters have a study in the cloisters. The restoration that we are the most proud about was the one that was completed last year. We've been strengthened again, our stones have been re-pointed and the cloisters resurrected from a fairly parlous state. Those who planned, executed and paid for it certainly deserved the awards that came their way.

We've enjoyed the company of Harper House and Julius House for 90 of our 128 years. We hope that 2014 will be just the same.

**Best Wishes,  
Harper and Julius.**



# Further success for the Mathematics Group



*Dr Griffiths and his Mathematics group*

A paper written by members of the Mathematics Group has recently been accepted for publication in an international journal focusing on Mathematics and Mathematics Education. This paper is entitled “A Simple Classroom Model for the Spread of a Disease”, and shows how, for particularly simple scenarios, probabilistic models may be developed in order to estimate the mean and variance of the number of people that become infected when a disease sweeps through a population. Christopher Brown and Anthony Baker were named as co-authors. It usually takes a while from acceptance to the point at which a paper is actually published, and it will probably appear in print within a year or so. To be publishing at this level is a superb achievement for the group.

The Mathematics Group is directed by Dr Griffiths, Head of Mathematics. It was only formed a year ago, but this is already the third piece of mathematical writing the group has had accepted for publication.

It is pleasing to see that some new members have joined the group this year. Things have got off to a good start in 2014, and several students are currently working on a number of promising ideas for mathematically-related articles. The group's aim is to submit further articles or papers to appropriate journals or magazines within the next few months, and subsequently for them to be accepted for publication.

**Martin Griffiths, HoD Mathematics**

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## Christ's College Humanitarian Committee 2014

The Christ's College Humanitarian Committee has chosen this year to support CanTeen. CanTeen's mission is to support, develop and empower young people living with cancer through a national peer support network and professional and educational recreational programmes. Through a number of student lead fundraiser endeavours, we hope to support CanTeen to the best of our abilities.

There are two ventures that I wish to bring to your attention:

Firstly, at the House Music Festival this year, the Humanitarian Committee will be undertaking a collection to help contribute to our fundraising efforts this year. This will take place at the end of the night.

Secondly, myself, my younger brother and my father are undertaking a Marathon Fundraiser this April to help contribute to the Committee's fundraising efforts. At the bottom of this edition of “Black & White” is a flier that further explains the venture and the opportunities available to donate.

**Angus McKenzie, Head of the Humanitarian Committee 2014**

# Canterbury MUN

Last Thursday 16 students represented College at the annual Canterbury Model United Nations conference. Model United Nations (MUN) is an opportunity for high school students to experience and emulate the formal proceedings of UN bodies such as the General Assembly and the Security Council. Each attendant represents a member state of the UN while debating global, topical issues and promoting the stance of their country's government.

This year College represented an eclectic mix of nations and their respective policies, which included the privacy-beleaguered Western powers of Italy and the UK, the incipient ambitions of Nigeria and Brazil and the uncompromising standpoints of Venezuela and North Korea. Leon Kirschgens and Julian Stöcklein, two of our current German exchange students, represented Germany and the United Arab Emirates respectively.

The theme for this year's conference was security. Our first General Assembly saw the topic of cyber-security being debated. Of particular contention was the question of whether global electronic security should be forged into a centralized digital infrastructure shared by all member states. Equally controversial was a proposed international legal framework to rectify ambiguities of sovereign jurisdiction in cyberspace. William Fulton (Iran) and Edward Roche (Iraq) both vehemently dissented from the majority, arguing that such a system would lend itself to Western biases.

Food security was also contested, with William Briscoe (the Russian Federation) plunging the debate floor into upheaval by asserting that food aid was a purely political tool used by the United States to secure leverage over developing countries. Meanwhile, Sam Till (the UK) controversially defended the use of military force for intervention in foreign countries.

He argued that a country's sovereignty was validated by the will of its people, and that a government mistreating its citizens should accordingly be stripped of its prerogative to rule.



*Christ's College participant selfie!*

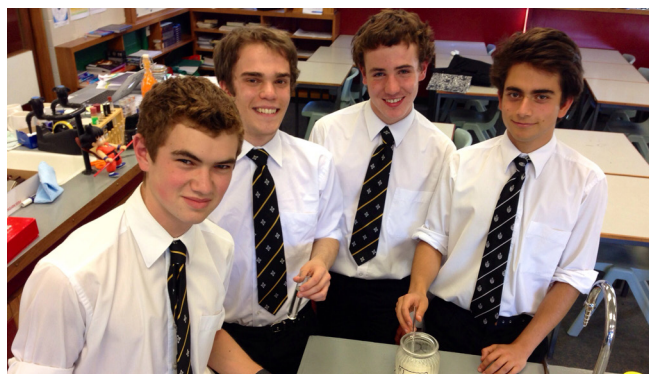
In addition to being a forum of intelligent discussion, MUN is an unparalleled opportunity to network with like-minded students from across Canterbury and New Zealand. There are still several upcoming events on the 2014 calendar such as NZMUN, New Zealand's flagship MUN conference in Wellington. Conferences such as these can be a highlight of one's high school experience, and I strongly urge anyone interested in current events, diplomacy or public speaking to get involved.

**Written by student, Vincent Curd**

## CPIT Year 13 Science Competition

Four students from Christ's College competed alongside 19 other schools in the CPIT Year 13 Science Competition on Thursday night. The students completed a range of questions and practical tasks in the areas of chemistry and biology. Ross Shillito, Jeremy Penrose, and Boris Marinov competed together in a College team and took out first place in the overall competition. Ben Fulton also competed in a mixed team with two students from other local schools and his team were awarded third place. An outstanding effort from all four lads.

**Scott Franklin, HoD Chemistry**



*Ben Fulton, Ross Shillito, Jeremy Penrose, Boris Marinov.*



# Athletic Sports Results

## Individual Champions

### U14

1st - C House (Hp)  
2nd - I Punivai (Cf)  
3rd - W Harrison (Ja)

### Junior

1st= M Batchelor (Fl) & A Gray (Hp)  
3rd= C Long (So) & M McKellar (Ja)

### Intermediate

1st - M Smith (Fl)  
2nd - H McKenzie (Ju)  
3rd= J Penrose (Cf), J Cleghorn (Ro) & N Punivai (Cf)

### Senior

1st - J Browne (Hp)  
2nd= B Wade (Ja) & T Perkins (So)

### House Cups

House Relay Cup - Harper  
Non-Championship Cup - Corfe  
Field Events Cup - Flowers  
WB Fox Cup for Overall House Champion - Harper



## Winter Sport Coaching

With the change over to winter sport approaching quickly this is a general request to the College community. Each season we endeavour to ensure that every sport and each team have a quality experience and part of this is to do with the management and coaching of the students. The College's academic staff perform a large proportion of these roles but there are always areas that need a few extra helpers.

If you think that you have a particular interest or skill in a winter sport and would like to be part of the College winter sport programme, then please email me with some details. I can be contacted at [rclarke@christscollege.com](mailto:rclarke@christscollege.com)

### Winter Sport Starting Dates

A number of winter sports are beginning this term and boys who are in these sports need to ensure they are available to play. The four major codes have matches leading up to holidays and also on the last weekend on the holidays prior to Term Two beginning.

Football - competition begins on Saturday 5 April and play on 12 April (first Saturday of holidays). All teams have their next match on Saturday 3 May (last Saturday of holidays).

Rugby - grading games are played on Saturday 5 April and Saturday 12 April (first Saturday of holidays). There are grading games on Saturday 3 May but College teams will play on Saturday 10 May (end of first week of Term Two) which is the first round of competition.

Hockey - all teams will have their first games on Friday 4 & Saturday 5 April and then again on Friday 11 & 12 April (first weekend of the holidays) and then all teams play on the last weekend of the holidays Friday 2 and Saturday 3 May.

Basketball - the two senior teams (Senior A and Under 17) play on 12 April (first Saturday of the holidays) and also on Saturday 3 May (last Saturday of the holidays). All other teams begin competition in Term Two.

**Rob Clarke, Director of Sport**



# Images From Last Training Camp Before 'Maadi'





# Debating Champions!

The dreary, sodden weekend came alive to a kind of music, the music of 60 energetically and passionately debating secondary school students, battling it out for the prestigious Russell McVeagh debating trophy. Rangi Ruru were our gracious hosts, and we were all impressed with the space and light of their brand new library complex.

Six Year 13's valiantly represented Christ's College at this event this year:

Team 1: Vincent Curd, William Warren and William Fulton

Team 2: George Bradley, Sam Till and William Briscoe

Beginning bright and early at 8:30am, the teams were faced with a gruelling three rounds of limited prep debates on Saturday, then, if they won, another three rounds on Sunday.

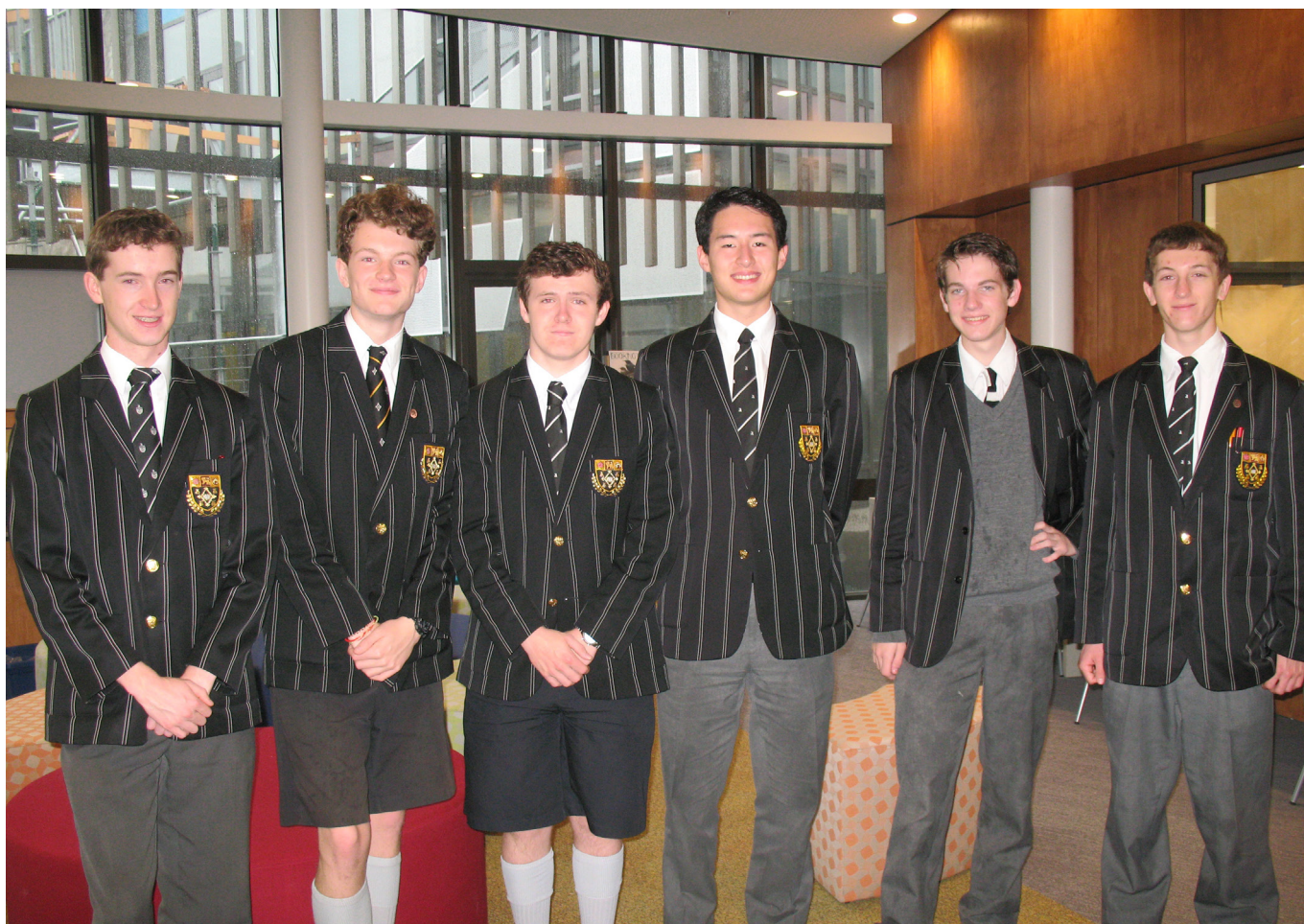
By the end of Saturday, Team 1 had knocked over three opponents (Craighead, St Bede's and St Andrew's), while Team 2 had defeated Christchurch Boys' and Cashmere, but lost to St Margaret's 2. Sam Till was awarded Best Speaker for two out of three of his debates this day.

Vincent Curd, William Warren and a sick William Fulton survived the intense two-day marathon of SIX limited prep debates, to end up the only team to win all their debates by the time they arrived at the final. A very experienced Burnside team was their formidable foe in the final, but our lads kept their cool. In the end they prevailed, convincing the 6-person adjudication panel that criminal parents should not be allowed to raise their children behind bars.

A special congratulations must go to Vincent, who was awarded Best Speaker in every debate he participated in, thus deservedly winning the Best Speaker trophy at the end of the tournament. Vincent has also been selected to represent Canterbury at the Nationals in Wellington at the end of May.

Christ's College now holds pretty much every significant debating cup that is available at Regional level (both Juniors and Seniors)! We are very grateful to Austin O'Brien for his input and regular coaching these last two years, as it clearly has had an impact.

**Ms Rayward, MIC Debating**



*Pictured left to right: George Bradley, William Briscoe, Sam Till, Vincent Curd, William Fulton, William Warren.*



# SISS Tennis Champs

The top tennis team of Connor Heap, Dylan Heap, Oliver Scholz, Jack Murison and Ben Henderson competed in the SISS tennis championships in Timaru from 7 – 9 March. In a tough start on the Friday morning the boys had to get up at 5.30am and then share a minivan down there with the Boys' High team, but things improved after that.

In the first match against St Bede's, the team played solidly to win 5 – 1, with the doubles combinations of Connor and Oliver (top pair) and Dylan and Jack playing particularly well in their straight sets wins. The next match against Nelson Boys was a tougher prospect, but Connor, Dylan and Jack won their singles well. The bottom doubles resulted in more success for Jack and Dylan, but the top match was very close. Still on court at 9.40pm, it ended in a third set super tie break, where we went down – but we were satisfied with the 4 – 2 win, leaving us in second place at the end of day 1.

Day 2 saw us up against old rivals Boys' High, whom we have consistently beaten over the last three years. Connor won well and Jack 'the Murinator' Murison managed to grind his way to a gutsy 7-5, 6-4 victory at number 4. Dylan and Oliver both played very well but went down to strong opponents to leave us at 2 all after the singles. The top doubles went well, with Ollie 'the Volley' Scholz playing another great game at the net, but we were well beaten in the second doubles and lost on games after a 3 – 3 final match score. Against Timaru Boys in the evening, the highlight of the singles was a gutsy win from Jack at number 3, coming out victorious 10 -8 in the super tie break. Ben Henderson made his debut at number 4, but lost closely, as did Dylan, who was bravely playing through after a nasty fall in his previous match. A comfortable win in the second doubles left us 3 – 2 up, and Connor and Oliver brought us home, winning their super tie break 10 – 8. These results left



*Dylan Heap*

us second on the table at the end of day 2, but with the difficult prospect of needing to get points off the top team in the final round to try and secure qualification for the Nationals.

The match against John McGlashen School was again very close, standing at 2 - 2 after the singles, with wins from Connor and Jack. We needed to win at least one doubles, and Dylan and Jack had a great comeback win in three sets. However, Connor and Oliver went down in the top doubles, meaning that we lost the tie by one set. Whilst we finished on equal points on the table with CBHS, they went through to Nationals having beaten us in our match.

It was a great three days of tennis, and the boys were tired and disappointed to have just missed out – however, they should feel proud of the way they played.

They were excellent ambassadors for the school on and off the court, and can look forward with confidence to next year.

**Andrew Moore, MIC Tennis**

# CATS Rehearsals Underway



*Tess Epton and Thomas Nye (Tantomile and Coricopat)*



*Miriam Tofan, Michael Allison and Jon Ashcroft (Exotica, Kaiser and McCavity)*



# Marathon Fundraiser For CanTeen



**When: Sat 26 April, 2014**

**Where: Nashville, TN, USA**

In conjunction with CanTeen and the Christ's College Humanitarian Committee, the McKenzie family are undertaking 2 half marathons (Angus and Hunter) and 1 full marathon (Dean) and are using the opportunity to raise money for a great cause, by making something worthwhile out of something so painful! Angus and Hunter are students at Christ's College (Year 13 and Year 11 respectively) and Dean is the CEO at Addington Raceway in Christchurch. None of them have ever undertaken their respective runs before!

CanTeen's mission is to support, develop and empower young people living with cancer through a national peer support network and professional and educational recreational programmes. Donations are vital to enable CanTeen to continue its work in supporting young New Zealanders living with cancer.

Christ's College's Humanitarian Committee has designated CanTeen as its charity for 2014, and is actively fundraising on their behalf throughout the year, with this being one such activity.

**\* 100% of money raised goes to CanTeen \***

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