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From the Executive Principal

I am in the midst of a number of community engagement functions that have been coordinated as part of my introduction to College. Last week, along with other members of staff, I travelled to Waipara and Marlborough. This week I head south to Winton, just out of Invercargill, and then to the Wanaka Show on Saturday 12 March.



What has been most encouraging about these gatherings has been the sense of spirit held by those in attendance, be they Old Boys, current or past parents and, indeed, future parents. There is a great sense of enthusiasm and optimism for where College has been and what the future promises. You can imagine this is very affirming for me as I adapt to and grow in this new role. I look forward to future functions, both here in New Zealand and beyond.

On Saturday 5 March, members of the Senior Leadership Team and College Board met to consider our priorities in the later part of the current strategic phase of the school, toward 2017. The basis of this conversation was our *Priorities 2013-2017* document that can be found [here](#). The other major consideration was an attempt to balance these priorities against a clear articulation of what might be considered the skills, capabilities and capacities, character, disposition and personal qualities of a school leaver in 2020. Incidentally, 2020 is when our current Year 9 boys will graduate.

It is interesting when one considers how to "plan" for the future, because there is nothing more certain than to state that the future cannot be predicted. The first iPad was sold in New York in April 2010; guessing what might appear in April 2020 is potentially fraught with problems. What is certain, is that schools like College are focused on ensuring both the hard skills of appropriate competencies are balanced by the soft and, most consider, more important skills of character. We are challenged to ensure that things that have been un-altering in our human existence are set strongly against those things that continually alter human experience. Once our priorities are aligned for our current context, the community of the school will begin to see projects emerging that focus on continually improving the experience and outcome for each and every boy.

As you would expect, I am experiencing a number of firsts at College and one of those was our Athletics Carnival. What a fantastic couple of days, where so many boys were so constructively involved in a competition that was both fun and challenging. Champions were celebrated alongside participants in what was a window into the encouraging and supportive culture here at College.

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Christ's College Athletic Championships 2016

Brilliant weather, four records smashed, and an exceptionally relaxed friendly atmosphere set this year's Athletics Championships apart from all others...



Assembly Notes

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Calendar Events

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Mr Garth Wynne, Executive Principal

Curriculum News



Have you ever had that “I’m dumb” feeling? Perhaps it was something you remember from a formal education situation, or maybe a work situation, or something that happened in a social or family situation? I certainly have. For instance, I can clearly recall sitting in a university tutorial thinking, “How the heck did he get that?” I can also remember work situations where

I have thought, “Now, how did she come up with that solution?” or “That idea never even occurred to me.”

None of us have a monopoly on ideas and solutions. There is a great deal of good neuroscience out there about how ideas are created, and how thinking and memory operate. The issue I want to talk about, however, has little to do with firing neurons and neural pathways though, and everything to do with helping our adolescents, our boys, to understand these feelings are not unique to them. There they are, sitting in that pool of adolescent “goo”, feeling well and truly in over their heads, many of them thinking they must surely be the dumbest creature to have ever walked the earth – and this sort of self image has a huge impact on their learning. If a boy tells himself he is dumb often enough, then he will come to believe it. It is easy, both as teachers and as parents, to forget that, even though we are all just as susceptible to such feelings, regardless of age or gender. This is why it is so important for us all to celebrate being learners, to try new stuff, to laugh at our “dumb mistakes”, and to respond with wonderment and awe at new knowledge.

Of all Art Costa’s sixteen “Habits of Mind”, this is perhaps the one most easily overlooked, the one most easily dismissed as irrelevant. Last week, in a Chapel sermon addressing College values, Rev. Peters talked about our core value of “learning”, coining Mr Wynne’s phrase “first amongst equals”. He described the need to find joy and excitement in learning.

As I typed this, my email inbox “pinged” with the latest Westpac economic commentary release describing even higher record immigration. I had to pause to check it (poor self control, I know), and found a degree of excitement in the speculation and explanation about why this has occurred and what it may mean. I fear that as we grow older and become embroiled in the daily battles of our lives we lose that ability. Any five year old knows it, yet all too often when we leave school we lose the simple joy of learning new things. Consequently we miss the opportunity to model being excited learners for our children. It is little wonder, then, that our children at times struggle to retain the ability to be engaged with their learning.

It does not matter what it is, but we all need something in our lives that excites us – and, provided we have that “something”, we have an excuse to learn, an opportunity to respond with wonderment and awe. If we have lost that sense of excitement, it is well worth making the very small effort required to rekindle the love of learning for both our own sake, and for our children.

Mr Robin Sutton, Senior Master (Academic)

The Christ’s College Parents’ Association

The Christ’s College Parents’ Association (CCPA) is a social network for parents who currently have a boy/s at College and all parents are automatically members. The CCPA’s only function is to provide a fun social network for our parents – there is no fundraising involved at all. We have two main get-togethers each year, the Mid-Winter Drinks in July for all parents, and the Pink Lunch in September for the mothers. These are a wonderful chance to catch up socially.

Our AGM, and the meetings to prepare for our main events, are a great way to meet other parents and feel involved in the College life of our sons.

So please join us at our
AGM on Wednesday 16 March
7:30pm in the Boardroom (Registry Building)

It’s another chance to meet our new Executive Principal, Garth Wynne, as well as other parents. We’re looking forward to seeing all of you there.

From the Chaplain



Confirmation

For those thinking about confirmation or wanting to reflect with others, a confirmation preparation group begins meeting on Wednesday 9 March, from 7.30pm to 9pm at the Community of the Sacred Name (entrance on Tuam Street, immediately before Barbadoes Street). It is being led by

Dean Lawrence Kimberley, who preached at Chapel on Sunday 6 March. Our students will join with St Margaret's College students and other young people.

Year 12 and 13 students considering confirmation are invited to come along. I spoke at Chapel about this and there is a brochure available, for more information. If interested students are unable to attend this week, they should let me know. They would be able to join the group in the near future. We understand the students who want to be part of this group are the ones who often have a multiplicity of other commitments. The group takes into account when people cannot attend a particular meeting.

Lent Appeal

Mr Matthew Mark, CEO of Ronald McDonald House, South Island, spoke at Chapel about the work of that charity. About a thousand families a year are helped at Ronald McDonald House, with some staying for up to a year. This is home away from home for young people undergoing treatment at hospital. Our school already has a good association with the House, volunteering there regularly. This year we will deepen that association, with half of the Lent Appeal going to this wonderful charity.

Baptism/Christening

If your son is not baptised (christened), please encourage him to consider being baptised at our service on Friday 1 April in Chapel, with the choir, at 6.45pm. Baptism is accepted across all mainline denominations.

Upcoming Sunday Services

13 March

9am Holy Eucharist

20 March

Palm Sunday

7pm Choral Eucharist. Preacher: Mr Jeremy Johnson

Values

As you know, there is a school-wide focus on emphasising our values at present. So far we have considered honesty, learning and respect. We have now started to look at spirituality.

In Chapel

On Sunday 28 February we celebrated Choral Eucharist led by the choir, with many CCOBA members in attendance. Old Boy Mr Philip Richards preached a memorable sermon about what he now understands, from looking back at his time here at College.

On 20 March at 7pm is the Palm Sunday Choral Eucharist. The preacher will be the President of CCOBA, Mr Jeremy Johnson. We will bless and distribute Palm Crosses made for us by villagers in Masasi, Tanzania, and send back to them the money we collect in Chapel.

We have also sent \$2,000 from recent collections to the Christian World Service, to help with recovery after Cyclone Winston caused widespread destruction in the Pacific.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Bosco Peters, Chaplain



OUR HOUSE MUSICAL

Rehearsals are now underway for the Rangi Ruru Girls' School and Christ's College senior production *Our House*. The story, written by Tim Firth, was inspired by and features the music of British ska band Madness.

SAVE THE DATE!

Christ's College Assembly Hall
Wednesday 18 to Saturday 21 May.

Latest News & Events

Click on the photos below to read the full story then click the go back arrow in your browser to return to In Black & White.



Medbury School comes to visit

On Wednesday 2 March, College welcomed 98 boys from Medbury School. This annual visit gives Year 8 Medbury students a taste of the Christ's College experience...



Tennis Team in Top Form

The Christ's College team manager Ben Vink said the College team "excelled themselves" at the South Island Secondary Schools Tennis Tournament, held 4-6 March, in Timaru...



Shakespeare Live

No time travel was required when 21 Christ's College drama students made a flying visit to Auckland on Wednesday 2 March to see a matinee performance of the Pop-up Globe production of Shakespeare's...



Ronald McDonald House to benefit from Lent Appeal

Mr Matthew Mark, the CEO of Ronald McDonald House South Island spoke at Friday's Chapel about their work for children and young people at Christchurch Hospital...



Hot competition at Otago Boys' High School summer exchange

Competition was strong when the annual summer exchange with Otago Boys' High School took place on Monday 29 February and Tuesday 1 March...



Confident Communicators at College

Many boys throughout the school opt to be involved in the co-curricular programme with our itinerant speech teachers, Tomascita Edgerton and Tania McVicar...

Careers



University of Canterbury – Academic Scholarships

The liaison team from UC recently gave the first presentation of the year to Year 13 students. UE requirements were discussed, as were both general and specialist courses available. Of interest will be the academic scholarships, worth \$6000, available to

students who gain NCEA Level 2 and Level 3 with Excellence in both years. Other sums of money are also offered, depending on grades achieved.

Otago Tertiary Open Day – 9 May

This takes place on the second Monday of Term 2. There are still some places available for this trip. Please let me know as soon as possible, if you are interested. We will travel to Dunedin on Sunday 8 May and return on the Monday evening. On Sunday we will be staying in backpacker accommodation. Some parents may wish to take their sons themselves. We are not allowing boys to travel to Dunedin in their own vehicles.

On Campus Experience (OCE) – Year 13 Maori students

This is an opportunity for Year 13 students of Maori descent to explore the University of Otago and the city of Dunedin. Students will attend lectures, meet academic staff and experience life in a residential college. This is a fully funded initiative, which grants successful applicants airfares, accommodation, meals and activities. Entries are sought from full time students of Maori descent, who are considering studying at the University of Otago.

Date: 8–11 May

Applications close: 25 March

www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/oce.html

Building Apprenticeships – TH Builders

There is an urgent need for more apprentice builders. TH Builders (Trevor Hone) runs an excellent apprenticeship scheme through BCITO. If any boys want to find out more, they should email either Trevor Hone at trevor@thbuilders.co.nz, or TH Builders general manager, Sam, at sam@thbuilders.co.nz

Tim Jones – Transport Design

Last year I gave *In Black & White* an update about Tim Jones, who left College soon after the earthquake. Tim responded to a notice I put out about studying transport design in Turin, Italy. After discussing it with his parents, he decided to enrol in the design course. This was a huge challenge for Tim, as he had to learn the language and live and study in a different country. I am pleased to report he has now completed the degree in Transportation Design from the IED Istituto Europeo di Design. After his first year, he specialised in yachts. He now works in London for a high-end design studio, designing interiors, yachts and furniture.

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd is incorporated in Australia as a not-for-profit company and also registered with the New Zealand Companies Office. It is registered as a secondary exchange organisation with Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in New Zealand. Information is available from the Careers room or by email at cetheridge@studentexchange.org.nz

Please continue to page 5 for upcoming careers dates

Garth Wynne and College staff will be conducting Community Visits during March. You can view the locations and dates below. This will be a great opportunity for Garth to meet with our community and for him to share his vision and priorities for 2016.



Waipara	Tuesday 1 March
Blenheim	Thursday 3 March
Winton	Wednesday 9 March
Wanaka	Thursday 10 March
Arrowtown	Friday 11 March
Timaru	Thursday 17 March
Ashburton	Wednesday 23 March

All visits 5pm – 7pm.



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Careers continued...

University of Auckland

From 2017, the University of Auckland will offer a new Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education. This degree allows students a more specific focus in areas such as sport leadership and coaching, health education and promotion, sport science, health and physical education in schools, and dance.

The University of Auckland will launch a new range of scholarships for students starting undergraduate studies in 2017. More scholarships will be funded and at least half of the new Top Achiever Scholarships will be awarded to students from outside the Auckland region. Dedicated scholarships for academic excellence will also be awarded to Maori and Pacific students.

Mr Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

Events since the last issue:

- Auckland University of Technology (AUT) - Year 12
- Education USA Visit
- Young Farmers Agricultural Day – Year 13 agriculture class
- University of Auckland liaison visit – Year 13
- CTC Aviation Open Day

Upcoming careers dates:

- 5-10 Mar** - New York University liaison visit, 12.45pm, Richards House.
- 15 Mar** - Massey University liaison visit, 1.10pm, Richards House.
- 18 Mar** - Lincoln University liaison visit.
- 9 May** - Otago Tertiary Open Day.
- 10 May** - Victoria University liaison visit.
- 12 May** - Careers Expo in Christchurch, Year 12 (school time).
- 20 May** - Otago University liaison visit.
- 23 May** - Otago University Law Seminar (Christchurch schools).
- 8 Jun** - "Soil Makes Sense", Lincoln University, Years 12 and 13.
- 1 Aug** - Tertiary accommodation applications open.
- 23 Aug** - Closing date for main scholarships, University of Auckland.
- 26 Aug** - Victoria University, Study@Vic Day (Open Day).
- 27 Aug** - Courses and Careers Day (Open Day), University of Auckland.

Library Matters

More search engines...

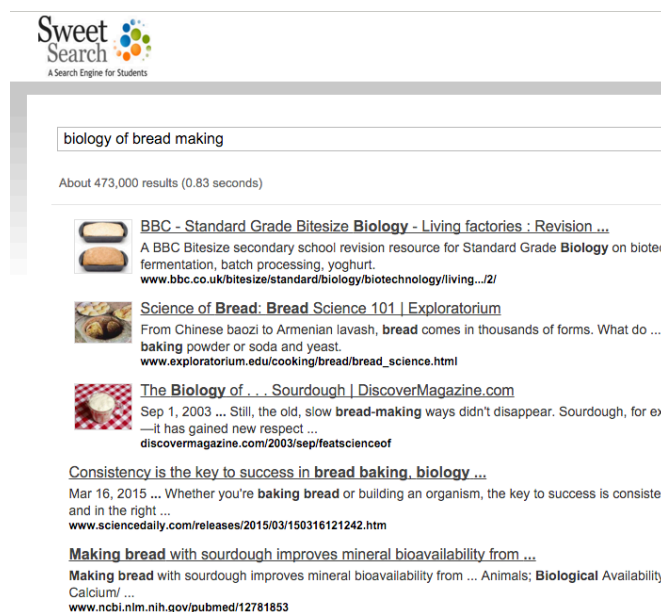
I have just started to organise my next holiday. I find it traumatising. Expedia, Booking.com, Tripadvisor and so on and so forth ... They are great if you are going to Wellington and need a hotel for ONE NIGHT. But for longer? They all have alerts telling me "six other people" are looking at this property, the sale "ends at midnight", or it only takes "two minutes to book". And now there is Airbnb to add to the mix!

I am overwhelmed. Can I trust what they say about each property? Are these reliable websites? And this started me pondering: how do our boys cope with the ever-expanding amount of information on the web? They have to question not only whether it is the right information, but also, increasingly, whether it is good information (and then remember to reference the source...)

The search engine, Sweetsearch, claims:

"We constantly evaluate our search results and 'fine-tune' them, by increasing the ranking of Web sites from organizations such as the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian, PBS and university Web sites." (DulCinea Media, 2009–2014)

This means a lot of the work has been done for the student already. Irrelevant and untrustworthy information will not appear! It is powered by Google, but it only searches through the 35,000 websites that have been evaluated as trustworthy by educators. Hence there is no Wikipedia. There are no adverts. There are no pop-ups. It also puts your keywords from your search bar in bold, so you can evaluate the relevance at a glance. Here is a search I have been doing for Year 11 biology:



The screenshot shows the Sweet Search engine interface. At the top, the search bar contains the text "biology of bread making". Below the search bar, it indicates "About 473,000 results (0.83 seconds)". The results list includes several items:

- BBC - Standard Grade Bitesize Biology - Living factories : Revision ...**
A BBC Bitesize secondary school revision resource for Standard Grade Biology on biotechnology, batch processing, yoghurt.
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/standard/biology/biotechnology/living.../2/
- Science of Bread: Bread Science 101 | Exploratorium**
From Chinese baozi to Armenian lavash, bread comes in thousands of forms. What do ... baking powder or soda and yeast.
www.exploratorium.edu/cooking/bread/bread_science.html
- The Biology of ... Sourdough | DiscoverMagazine.com**
Sep 1, 2003 ... Still, the old, slow bread-making ways didn't disappear. Sourdough, for example, it has gained new respect ...
discovermagazine.com/2003/sep/featscienceof
- Consistency is the key to success in bread baking, biology ...**
Mar 16, 2015 ... Whether you're baking bread or building an organism, the key to success is consistency and in the right ...
www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/03/150316121242.htm
- Making bread with sourdough improves mineral bioavailability from ...**
Making bread with sourdough improves mineral bioavailability from ... Animals; Biological Availability Calcium/ ...
www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/12781853

As you can see, the results are all useful and from student-friendly websites.

Mrs Lisa Trundley-Banks, Teacher/Librarian

From the Archives: Sketches and Cartoons

There is no better way to acquire a sense of place or of an event than to “see” it. Sketches and cartoons add another perspective. They often capture a moment in time in quite a different way.

Without staff member (1872–78) Basil Church’s sketch, we would never know the unchanging essence of a winter evening outside the Chapel.



Just under 70 years later, Roger Ridley-Smith’s (5354) drawing of the Flower’s House changing room evokes not only the construction of the space, with its facilities for drying and storage, but also draws you in so that you can almost smell the surroundings.

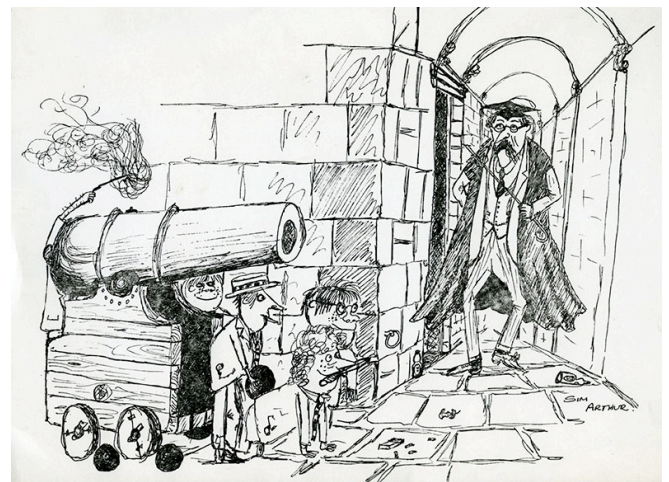


Sketches are also commonly used on programmes.

This 1882 concert in aid of the Band fund included items from the Cathedral Choir, Mrs von Haast, Mrs Wilding and Mrs Leonard Harper.



While Simeon Arthur’s (9273) 1981 drawing sets the scene for Giles Cooper’s dramatic thriller *Unman Wittering and Zigo*.



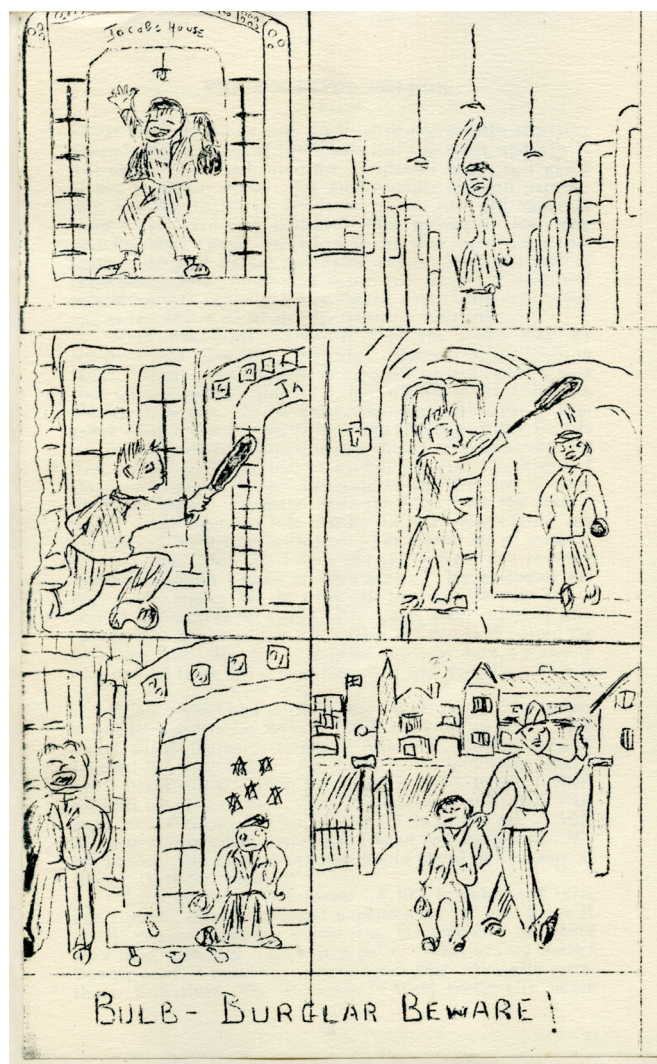
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Open Day
15 March, 1-5pm

Register now at
christcollege.com

From the Archives: Sketches and Cartoons Continued...

A cartoon captures the fate of the Bulb Burglar in this 1932 extract from the *Jacobean Journal*.



And the importance of School Certificate (Year 11) is shown in this reminder from the *School House Observer* of 1981.



Ms Jane Teal, Archivist