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From the Executive Principal

This has been a time of apparently remarkable autumnal weather. I have certainly been made aware it is a rare treat and something I should very much enjoy. Indeed, a similar comment has also been made to me regarding the exceptional performance of College at the recent New Zealand Secondary School Rowing Championships, where we recorded our best result in living memory through medal winning crews in each of the 15, 16, 17 and under 18 age groups. This included winning the Springbok Shield (4s) and Maadi Cup double, last achieved 18 years ago. Under the leadership of Mr Henry Smith, our rowing club has lifted the spirits of College with this captivating performance. At our first assembly of the term we celebrated this success, alongside a small snippet from our upcoming musical production *Our House*. The assembly spoke to the essence of what it is we hope to achieve at College – excellence across a range of activities where boys are learning about themselves and experiencing that which will give them lessons for life. The idea of individual and collective excellence was clearly on display; I would suggest voices in harmony have a disarming similarity to oars in time.



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Heading to Vietnam

Year 13 student Connor Leadley selected for the New Zealand International Biology Olympiad (NZIBO) 2016 team to travel to Vietnam, in July...

The fact that we were in the Assembly Hall for the first time this year prompts me to thank our remarkable maintenance, grounds and works teams. In the recent holiday, they have done an amazing job in a range of areas, part of which involved bringing the Assembly Hall back online after subtle renovation and refreshment. We can never forget as a College community how vitally important members of our non-teaching staff are, given the many different ways they enable the magic of the College atmosphere to exist. The last few years of College history has seen us undertake a range of building projects, all co-ordinated in principle by College Bursar, Mr Colin Sweetman. Our thanks to Colin is significant, as I share with you the great news that College has been fortunate to receive four awards at the Registered Master Builders Association New Zealand Commercial Project Awards, held in Auckland on Friday 6 May.

We received Gold Awards for our new Miles Warren Building and the Heritage Restoration of the Hare Memorial Building. We also received National Category awards in the Heritage/ Restoration and in the \$2m–\$5m categories. The awards recognise excellence in workmanship, construction practices and innovation and the judging process was very thorough, with two representatives visiting us for each category.



Assembly Notes

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Calendar Events

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Special thanks must go to the Naylor Love team, co-ordinated by Steve Lynch with site managers James Saunders and James Kemp, who completed construction while our school fully operated around them. Alec Bruce, from Wilkie and Bruce, was the architect for the Miles Warren Building, with Lloyd MacLachlan, also from Wilkie and Bruce, as project architect for the Hare Memorial Building. The project control team also included Holmes Consultants, Powell Fenwick, Rawlinsons, Woods Harris and One Four Limited. It should be remembered that all materials and supplies for both projects had to come in our main gate and, in the Miles Warren case, then through the alleyway between Hare Memorial and the Library, which was no mean feat. While these awards celebrated construction, it is also appropriate to again thank our academic staff who in the midst of all of this were able to continue to provide an exceptional academic programme for our boys.

In speaking to the boys on Tuesday, I asked them to consider how they would approach the new term and I suggested they could follow the excellent example I have seen amongst many of our older boys, several of whom have leadership positions in College. I have been most impressed by the humility and respect shown by these boys across a number of different activities during my short time here. Modesty is an endearing quality, as is the overt respect for teachers, coaches, parents and friends. I have also watched in awe the persistence and determination to achieve their best. These characteristics will carry a young man through his life and it is wonderful to see them on display as part of the College experience.

Garth Wynne, Executive Principal

From the Chaplain



Centre for Ethics and Spirituality

This term the Centre for Ethics and Spirituality will launch with my wife, Helen, and I talking about the central part of my sabbatical last year: walking 1,000km of the Camino for 40 days along the north of Spain. We will show pictures of our pilgrimage and discuss the experience and some of the lessons

we learned that connect with ordinary life. Many of you have asked us about walking the Camino and have expressed interest in hearing more about our adventures. This event will be held on Thursday 23 June at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Early in Term 3, on Thursday 11 August at 7.30pm, Bishop Richard Randerson will talk about euthanasia. You will hear more about these events in due course, but this early notification allows you to pencil them in on your calendar.

The start of Term 2

We began the term in Chapel, remembering war and how we might, while conscious of the sacrifice of so many, keep and bring peace. On Thursday, we celebrated Ascension Day in Chapel. Then, on Friday evening, we inducted new members into our Chapel Choir and also acknowledged the leadership in the choir. In weekday sermons, we return now to exploring the values of our school. I remind you we are now putting notes about Chapel sermons online. Look out for our "Sermon Snippets" at <http://christscollege.com/current-parents/chapel>.

This week, the 50 days of the Easter Season draw to a close, concluding with the celebration of the Day of Pentecost. As always, do feel free to talk to me about any of these things.

Parent Interviews

As usual, I will be present at parent-teacher interviews. Please feel welcome to come up to me as I walk around if you want to talk about your son, his classes, Chapel, or anything else. There is no need to make an appointment.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Bosco Peters, Chaplain

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

15 May

7pm Day of Pentecost - Choral Eucharist

29 May

9am Holy Eucharist

12 June

7pm Choral Evensong

19 June

9am Holy Eucharist

26 June

7pm Choral Eucharist

See the Christ's College Big Band perform in

THE CAVELL LEITCH INTERNATIONAL JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL

Christ's College Assembly Hall, Sunday 29 May, 1pm

Visit www.jazzbluesfestival.co.nz for more details

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.



Beat the chill with running

The interhouse cross country race took place in Hagley Park on a chilly autumn afternoon, Monday 9 May. Despite the grey day, it was a fun community event, with plenty of encouragement...



Hunter Wilson - swimming champion

You would think he was in his natural element, watching Year 11 student Hunter Wilson power up the pool. Hunter has been swimming since he was a pre-schooler...



Shooting completed on new College/St Margaret's film

The fun part shooting the film is now over and the hard work on producing the film really begins...



Life in colour

A curious crowd gathered outside Christ's College on Rolleston Avenue to watch an impromptu performance by Blue Man Group...



We will remember them

The 151 white crosses on the quad are a poignant reminder of the high cost of war, each one representing an Old Boy lost in or as a result of the First World War...



Sport news

Term 2 has seen the launch of a new black College hoodie for boys. This replaces the previous sweatshirt and can be worn by boys to PE classes and sports practices and matches...

Careers



Careers Expo - Horncastle Arena, Thursday 12 May to Saturday 14 May

Year 12 will be visiting the Careers Expo this week on Thursday morning. This is an opportunity to talk to tertiary providers, including universities and polytechnics. I would encourage other year groups and their parents to visit the Expo in the afternoon or in the

evening. Studylink (www.studylink.govt.nz) will have a stand there and students can talk to them about student loans and allowances. Christchurch career expo link: www.careersexpo.org.nz/christchurch-2016

CPIT now Ara Institute of Canterbury

CPIT and Aoraki Polytechnic have been working to establish a Canterbury-wide educational institute. Last month they launched their new name – Ara Institute of Canterbury – to be commonly known as Ara. The new name reflects their vision. In Maori, Ara means both “pathway” and to “arise”. This reflects their aspiration to be a responsive and inclusive provider of education that creates multiple opportunities for all, regardless of origin and destination.

Ara Institute of Canterbury (Ara) – Have a Go Day

The next Have a Go Day is Friday 3 June, at the City Campus, Madras Street. Activities on offer include architecture, art and design, photography, broadcasting, business, civil and mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, food, hairdressing, health promotion and nutrition, hospitality, Maori and Pasifika, nursing, social work, sport and exercise science.

Ara – NASDA (National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Art) for a Day

Don't miss this if you think you might want to audition for a place in NASDA's Bachelor of Performing Arts (Music Theatre) programme. On Wednesday 18 May and Wednesday 1 June, NASDA is opening its doors to give prospective students the opportunity to see what it is like to study performing arts. Contact NASDA at nasda@ara.ac.nz for more information.

Events since the last issue:

- University of Canterbury Open Day, Year 12

Upcoming careers dates:

- 9 May - Otago Tertiary Open Day, Year 13
- 10 May - EdUSA liaison visit
- 10 May - Victoria University liaison visit
- 10 May - Waikato University liaison visit
- 12 May - Careers Expo Horncastle Arena, Year 12
- 13 May - Careers Expo Horncastle Arena
- 14 May - Careers Expo Horncastle Arena
- 18 May - NASDA for a day
- 20 May - Otago University liaison visit
- 23 May - Otago University Law Seminar (Christchurch schools), 1.45pm to 3pm
- 24 May - Defence Forces information evening, HMNZS Pegasus
- 25 May - Careers in IT - TechHub Careers Expo
- 1 Jun - NASDA for a day
- 3 Jun - Ara (CPIT Aoraki), Have a Go Day, Madras St
- 9 Jun - “Soil Makes Sense”, Lincoln University, Years 12 and 13
- 16 Jun - Ara (CPIT Aoraki) Open Day, 2pm to 5pm
- 16 Jun - Ara (CPIT Aoraki) Broadcasting Information Evening, Madras St, 5pm
- 22 Jun - National Trade Academy, Agricultural skills day
- 27 Jun - Ara (CPIT Aoraki) Broadcasting information evening, 7pm
- 14 Jul - Ara (CPIT Aoraki) Broadcasting information evening, 7pm
- 14 Jul - UC Open Day
- 1 Aug - University accommodation applications open

Please continue to page 5 for more careers events and upcoming careers dates.



Give me the opportunity and I'll take on the world.

Information Evening

17th May, 7pm

Register here now



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Each boy at his best.

Careers continued...

Careers in IT – TechHub Careers Expo – Wednesday 25 May

Hear Adrian Clark, a research scientist at the HIT Lab NZ (a research institute at the University of Canterbury) discuss augmented and virtual reality, robotics and human computer interaction, along with other local IT superstars talking about why IT is a great career choice. This is a free event for Years 9–12 students and their parents. Talk to local IT organisations in an expo-style setting. Presentations start at 6.30pm. It will be held at the Aurora Centre, Burnside High School, corner Greers Road and Memorial Avenue. Register online at <http://iitp.nz/expo> to be included in the spot prize draw.

Internship at Canterbury Health Laboratories

There is a 12-month fixed term internship available at Canterbury Health Laboratories, suitable for school leavers. Interested students can contact CHL at www.chl.co.nz for more information.

Smedley Agriculture Cadetship – Open Days

These will be held on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 June, starting at 2pm. If any student is serious about applying for a cadetship at Smedley, it is recommended they attend one

of the orientation sessions. Smedley Station is situated at Tikokino, central Hawke's Bay. Applications for the cadetship closes on Friday 22 July. Find out more at www.smedley.ac.nz.

Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

Upcoming careers dates continued:

- 9 Aug** - Ara (CPIT Aoraki), Pre-health and Nursing information session
- 23 Aug** - University of Auckland, closing date for main scholarships
- 25 Aug** - Ara (CPIT Aoraki), Industry Expo and Open Day.
- 26 Aug** - Victoria University, Study@Vic Day (Open Day)
- 27 Aug** - Courses and Careers Day (Open Day), University of Auckland
- 13 Sep** - Defence Forces information evening, HMNZS Pegasus.

Food for thought

On Thursday 5 May, boys and staff from all College boarding houses got together for our first Boarding Community evening of 2016. The theme of the evening was nutrition and we were fortunate to have a presentation from nutrition consultant Kat Darry.

Kat has a son at College and is also nutritionist to the All Blacks. She gave us plenty of food for thought in her presentation, talking about the needs of the brain and how the choices we make affect the brain's ability to function at its peak.



Kat Darry

Head of Boarding Oscar Acland then shared some information about the Student Boarding Leaders conference he attended at the end of Term 1.



Oscar Acland

The evening concluded with a call for suggestions of ideas or activities senior students could organise in co-operation with other boarding schools in the area.

It was an excellent evening, well supported by the boys and enjoyed by everyone. We all picked up a great deal of useful information and hopefully the boys can put some of the things they learned into practice as the term progresses.

Andrew Levenger, Boarding Programme

**CLICK HERE FOR THE
TERM 2 BOARDING PROGRAMME**

At the heart of education



Christ's College English Department, from left: Ginny Patterson, Caroline Marsh, Emma Bracken, Gill Kilpatrick, Michael O'Brien, Nicole Billante, Kate Morris, Nikki Bleyendaal, Chloe Harland, Nye Williams-Renouf and Chris Rayward. Absent: Rob Donaldson, Melissa Campbell and Matthew Willcox.

English is never static, not the language, nor the subject. English is so much more than it used to be, the way we communicate has changed dramatically, and that evolution is reflected by and drives how English is taught at College.

Head of Department Chris Rayward says she feels very fortunate to work alongside such a dedicated group of teachers. "The English department has a bit of a reputation for awesomeness, for teachers with a diverse range of interests and skills. They have passion. They bring energy and enthusiasm to everything they do."

Co-curricular activities such as drama, debating, or Theatresports, provide ways for students to explore new interests and develop their talents, but it is in the classroom that English teachers are adept at finding ways to deliver a rich and meaningful curriculum and spark the boys' imaginations.

Chris has recently planted kumara with one of her junior classes, which reflects the theme of a story they have been studying about being given a new chance at life and fosters the idea of nurturing something. "Being boys, there's a bit of a competitive element involved," she says, "We're watching to see whose grows first and fastest."


Finding what works for the boys is key, says Chris. Yes, English does focus on literature, using a range of classic and contemporary novels, but it also encompasses communication in many different forms, for example, film studies, advertising, creating visual texts and storyboards, and takes full advantage of the many online resources available. "We want College boys to become independent critical thinkers, to interpret, analyse and explain their work, and be able to express their point of view in a clear and confident manner."

A recent innovation has been the introduction of "genius hour", now being trialled in some junior classes. For one hour each week, the genius hour, the boys are free to play around with ideas that inspire them, with the proviso that they try and come up with something that will be of benefit to others. "It's not selfish time," says Chris, "Through genius hour they're improving their research, problem-solving, communication and co-operation skills."

Teaching English is about context and relevance, understanding the self and others, sharing knowledge and ideas. Chris is inspired every day. "I'm very lucky to lead a team of innovative, creative and fun people. It's fabulous working in such an environment."

Catherine Hurley, Christ's College writer

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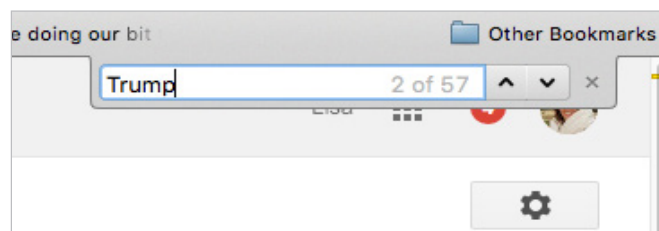
Library Matters

Breaking Google or Google Hacks

It feels as if I spent most of last term telling everyone there are many places to find information other than by using Google Chrome. This term, perversely, I am going to give you lots of handy hints on how to manipulate Chrome to get the very best information, as well as share some pretty geeky add-ons. Term 2 is traditionally when most research happens at school, so some of these tips could be life changing!

1. This is super useful and I am still surprised by how many boys do not know the **Find command**.

Control+F, or **Command+F** on a Mac, is the keyboard shortcut for the Find command. This brings up a little tab in the top right-hand corner of the screen. You can then type your keyword into the box and the word is then highlighted in the document.



This is extremely useful for tired boys who want to see whether an article is of relevance and how many references to their subject there actually are. They can also use it to search for one piece of information. Even better, if they have spelt a word incorrectly in a document, they can search for it, be confident they have found every incorrect spelling, and quickly correct it. Thus saving time and energy.

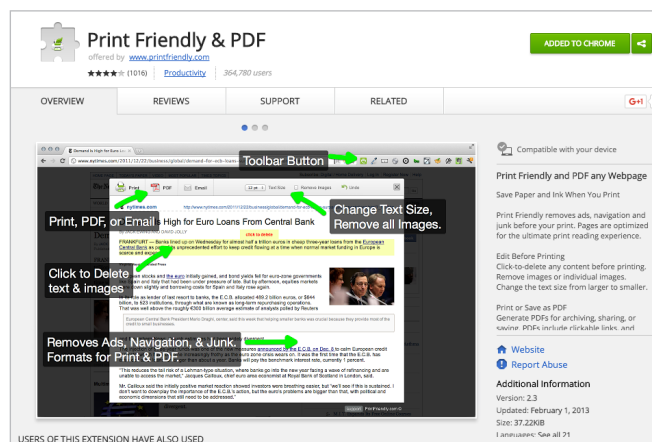
Did Orwell intend 1984 to serve as a warning?

Which aspects of the society in 1984 serve as a warning to us as the reader?

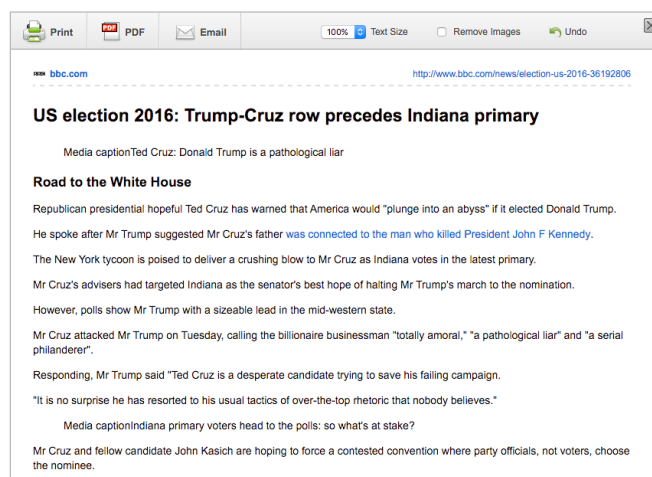
1. The Party and Type of government

- Big Brother - this type of figure warns you of the kind of power that is obtainable.
- the totalitarian government - The Party
- Obedience - the character Winston Smith warns us of this
- Telescreen represents all watching. Winston has no freedom!
- A one Party line that uses propaganda, doublethink 2+2= 5, War= Peace
- Ministries of Love, Truth, warn us against our own governments ie changing the news.
- Book 3 - the torture and treatment of Winston

2. **Print Friendly and PDF** - I love this Google add-on as it means you can produce an article without all the adverts and clutter that distract us when we are reading. This is essential for boys trying to concentrate on research. Go to <https://goo.gl/Hi5h84> to download it.



When you use it, you will get a document that looks like the image below. Notice that along the top you have the options of printing, saving as a PDF, or emailing.



3. My last hack for now is super geeky and just for fun. Go to <https://goo.gl/dp0HkP>. It will take you to an add-on called **Earth View from Google Earth**. Click it and see what happens ... Hint: open lots of tabs once you have loaded it.

Lisa Trundley-Banks, Teacher/Librarian

Meet our team

In coming editions of In Black & White we will publish short profiles of both teaching and non-teaching staff. Today we feature one of our long-serving commerce teachers, Brian Le Vaillant, and new development assistant Erica Klassen.

NEW COUNTRY, FRESH OPPORTUNITIES



Softly spoken Canadian Erica Klassen is the new face in the College Development Office. As development assistant and database manager, Erica has quickly become a key member of the development team, which is set to launch a major fundraising campaign to run alongside College's annual appeal.

With a background in finance and marketing, Erica was happy to quit the corporate world when she relocated to Christchurch. "Coming here gave me the chance to switch it up and change what I had been doing. I wanted to leave the corporate world behind and feel more connected in a role."

She had always liked the idea of working in the education sector and College presented the perfect opening, as well as its own particular learning curve. "It's refreshing to be here. It's been quite an eye-opener. Everything here is intertwined and I like that sense of a strong community focused on education." When she is not juggling databases and thinking about fundraising, Erica enjoys hiking and getting out of the city to explore. She is also a keen runner and has signed on to do the Wellington half marathon at the end of June.

Erica came here to be with her partner. He is British, they met in London, and when they agreed they wanted to be together they decided to take the leap and start somewhere new. It has been a good move. Christchurch is a city on the up and Erica says they are here for the foreseeable future. "My goal is to become a citizen and make New Zealand home."

42 YEARS AND COUNTING



Commerce teacher Brian Le Vaillant has taught the fundamentals of financial literacy to numerous College boys – and, although now semi-retired, he still gets a great deal of satisfaction out of sharing his knowledge and experience with each new generation of students.

When Brian was appointed in 1974 he taught accounting, bookkeeping and commercial practice. It was in the days of paperwork and ledgers, before computers became widely used and technology revolutionised storage and retrieval of information, data processing and connectivity.

Brian has seen many changes over the course of his career, not least of which has been the growth of the commerce department and the way it has adapted and expanded its curriculum to meet changing needs. "Commerce is a subject that's grown a lot. People see it as a useful subject to have. Whatever you choose to do, it's good to understand how commerce and economics affect our lives and to know some of the language of accounting."

Alongside his teaching responsibilities, Brian has taken on a number of co-curricular roles. Highlights include when he was Master in charge of rugby, College beat Christchurch Boys' High School four years in a row; when he managed the First XI cricket team, it won against King's College, Auckland; and when he was Master in charge of rowing, College rowers gained a number of national titles. He also spent many years as a Housemaster, first at Corfe House and then, for 17 years, at Flower's House.

In 2008, Brian organised the business-oriented NZ Voices of the Future conference at College. As a result he got the opportunity to attend the APEC meeting in Lima, Peru, where he met New Zealand's then newly elected Prime Minister John Key.

There is no complex equation to explain the longevity of Brian's tenure. Instead, he says quite simply, "It's a good place to work. If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't be here."

From the Archives: William Shakespeare

In 2016, we commemorate 400 years since the death of William Shakespeare, playwright and poet.

The earliest record we have of a Shakespeare performance at College is from 1869, when Edward H D Bell (the Duke), George Whitcombe (Portia), Henry Cotterill (Shylock), Arthur W D Bell (Antonio), Arthur W E Stiffe (Bassanio) and Thomas S Foster (Gratiano) performed Act IV, Scene 1 of the *Merchant of Venice* and Henry Cotterill also appeared as Hotspur in *Henry IV, Part 1*.

Over the years, various complete plays and scenes were seen on stage sporadically – for example, *As You Like It* (1883), scenes from *Twelfth Night* (1906 and 1913), *Henry IV* (1945). It was not, however, until the 1950s–1970s that Shakespeare's plays were performed in greater numbers, largely due to co-operation with St Margaret's College.

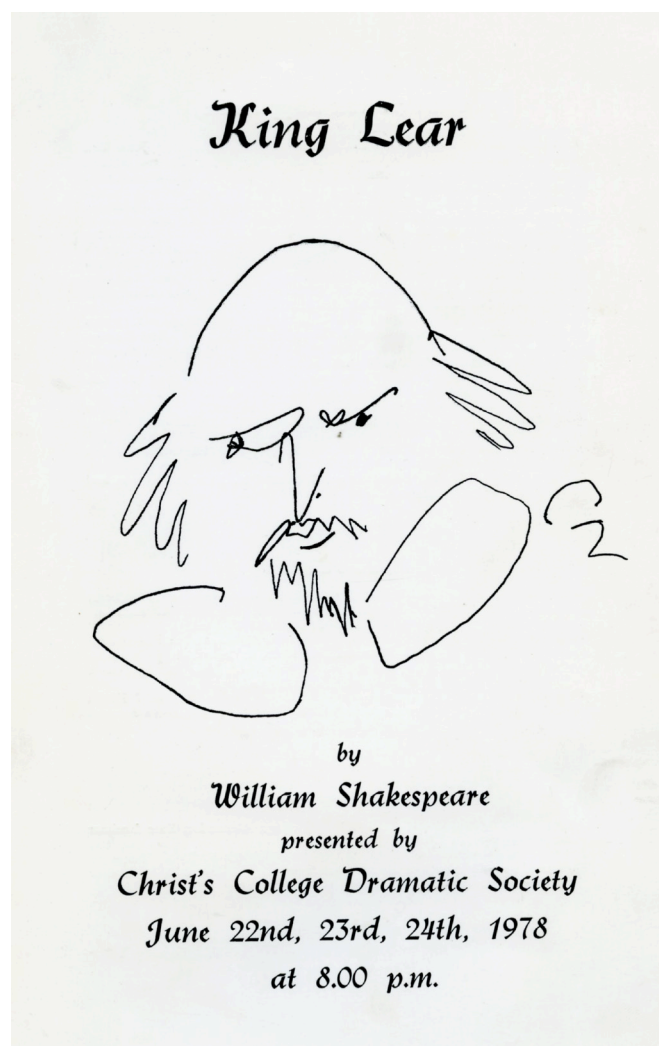


Michael J Keith as Hamlet, 1963

The most recent complete Shakespearian play staged was a co-production with Rangī Ruru Girls' School of *Romeo and Juliet* in 2013. Extracts and adaptations also continue to be performed at the annual Sheila Winn Shakespeare Festival.

Sources:

School Records, Christ's College Archives



Programme cover for the 1978 production of *King Lear*

From the Archives: Games Committee 1914

Unfortunately, the incorrect photograph and caption for the 1914 Games Committee was included in the last *In Black & White* (Issue 102). The correct photograph and caption appear below.



The tentative names are: Back row, left to right: DM Stitt, JE Wanklyn
Middle row, left to right: WSC Harris, ?, REF Barnett, AE Flower, ?, PG Clark
Front row, left to right: RM Burdon, CH Larner, WJV Hamilton, WW Averill, RB Johnson.

Jane Teal, Archivist