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From the Executive Principal

At the heart of College experience is our Chapel and the Chaplain. The Rev. Bosco Peters has been leading our learning of faith and making the Christian story relevant and meaningful to boys for almost 20 years. In that time, he has nurtured the spiritual well-being of College, has transformed people's lives and come to be much loved by all.



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Getting their message across

The Demosthenes Trophy is back at Christ's College for another year after Year 13 students and senior debaters Angus Dysart-Paul, Matthew Moore and Hamish Thomas enjoyed a convincing win...

One of the truths about living in Christchurch is that we are a fair distance away from other parts of the world. Therefore, I believe it is important to try and bring an international perspective to what we do, as we look to prepare our boys for a "globalised" future. It has been interesting for me in my first few months here to have come across so many College alumni who have made their way in some other part of the world. It is also important that when we can, we grasp the opportunity to be inspired by people from further afield. This is one of the ideas behind our Thought Leaders at College programme and our next speaker, Dr Yong Zhao, fits comfortably with this intent. Dr Zhao currently serves as the Presidential Chair and Director of the Institute for Global and Online Education in the College of Education, University of Oregon, where he is also a Professor in the Department of Educational Measurement, Policy and Leadership. His works focus on the implications of globalisation and technology on education. He has published over 100 articles and 20 books, with one of his latest books, *World Class Learners*, winning several awards. On the morning of Friday 22 July, Dr Zhao will deliver a public lecture at College. Do not miss the chance to hear this intriguing education provocateur.

A small College contingent will attend the International Boys' School Coalition conference in Vancouver at the end of June, which has the very topical theme "Boys as Global Citizens". I will be accompanied by Head of



Assembly Notes

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Calendar Events

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English Chris Rayward and English teacher Caroline Marsh, Harper Housemaster Matt Cortesi and Head Boy Angus Gray. Chris and Caroline will be involved in international action research projects focused on collaboration in the contemporary classroom, while Matt and Angus will attend the special student focused leadership component of the conference. I am excited by the fact that these staff members and Angus will gain an international perspective on what we do here at College.

Finally, I am pleased to announce the appointment of College's new International Student Manager Deanne Gath, who comes to us from Kaiapoi High School. Deanne will play a very significant part in the process of achieving College's intent to broaden and celebrate our international enrolment and connections.

Garth Wynne, Executive Principal

From the Chaplain



The Camino

Helen and I look forward to welcoming you at the launch of the new Centre for Ethics and Spirituality in the Chapman Room on Thursday 23 June at 7.30pm. We will share with you photographs from and discuss what we learned while making a pilgrimage on the Camino – 40 days and 1,000km across the north

of Spain – last year. There will be plenty of time for questions and refreshments will be provided. We anticipate we will finish at around 9pm. As it helps to have an idea of how many guests will attend, please book at: <https://nz.patronbase.com/ChristCollege/Productions>



LAST SERVICE FOR TERM 2

26 June - 7pm Choral Eucharist

In Chapel

On weekdays we have been reflecting on the songs we sing. The language of some hymns can sometimes be obscure, and yet when we understand what they are saying they give us such insight and we can learn so much. So far, we have looked at Ka Waiata, Psalm 8, Jerusalem, and the Magnificat.

It is great to see students taking the initiative and making a difference in other people's lives. They have recently collected cans to go to the City Mission and made a donation to Child Cancer, as well as taking up collections in Chapel and fundraising for the Lent Appeal.

You can find short summaries of weekday Chapel addresses here: <http://christcollege.com/current-parents/chapel>

In the Classroom

In Year 11, we are starting to look at Christian history in some depth, which works towards NCEA assessment and provides a wonderful framework for understanding the world in which we live. In Year 10, we are continuing to look at the philosophical foundations to our understanding of life and meaning. In Year 9, we started the term with Abraham and are now up to the story of Joseph. These ancient stories have many surprises within them and much to teach us about our lives today.

Do talk to your son about any of these things and, of course, I am always very happy for you to talk to me. I hope to see you on 23 June.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Bosco Peters, Chaplain

Events at College

Register at christcollege.com

Thursday 23 June

Centre for Ethics & Spirituality - The Camino

Thursday 7 July

Feeding Teenage Minds - presented by Kat Darry

Friday 22 July

Thought Leaders - presented by Yong Zhao

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.



Going the distance

The heat was on in Rotorua last weekend, with over 1,000 athletes competing in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships....



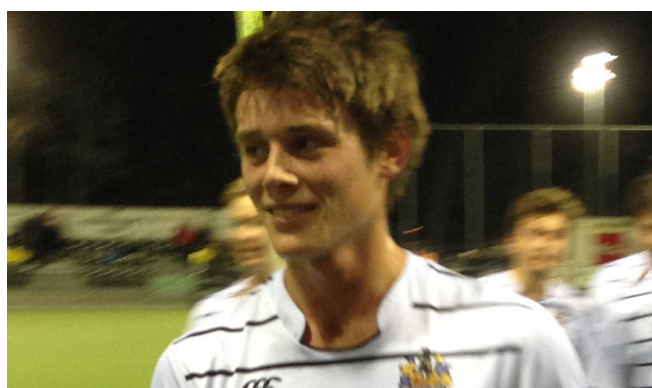
Film-making mystery revealed

How far would you go to create your perfect child? That is the intriguing premise behind the Christ's College and St Margaret's College short film co-production A Perfect Child....



Hooked on classics

Classics Day 2016, on Thursday 9 June, gave senior students the opportunity to immerse themselves in history and discover the classical studies options available....



100% effort in 100 games

On Friday 10 June, Year 13 student and team captain Rowan Taylor played his 100th game for the hockey First XI. The team marked the milestone with an emphatic 11–1 win over Shirley...



Finding the “prickle factor”

Selective breeding of sheep has been going on since antiquity, but nowadays scientific advances have taken that process out of the paddock and into the lab. For their NCEA Level 3...



College v. Rathkeale

On Queen's Birthday weekend it was College's turn to host the annual winter sport exchange for hockey, football and rugby with Rathkeale College.....

Careers



Russell McVeagh scholarship

The Russell McVeagh school leavers' scholarship applications opened on Monday 13 June and will close on Friday 8 July. Applications should be made online via the website www.summerclerk.co.nz and should include the following: a 500-word essay outlining why the applicant wants to be a lawyer, a school

testimonial, a reference, curriculum vitae, academic records to date and a passport-sized photograph.

Accelerated degrees – the way of the future?

From September 2016, the School of the Built Environment at the University of Salford, Manchester, is launching their suite of degrees in a new format. Accelerated degrees, which take two years to complete rather than three, facilitate faster progression into a full-time career or postgraduate study and have significant financial benefits. These degrees are taught over three trimesters rather than two semesters, using summer as extra study time. In some New Zealand universities students can already attend summer school, in order to complete papers for their degree. Maybe the two-year degree is the way of the future?

YOOBEE ACG School of Design – holiday programme

YOOBEE has a number of programmes available in Christchurch and Dunedin during the July school holidays, including: 3D Animation, Web Design Kickstart, Digital Graphic Design, Film Production, Introduction to ZBrush, Concept to Digital. For further information, call Peter on 03 363 2139 or 0800 66 55 44.

Defence Expo 2016

The Defence Expo 2016 will be held at the Air Force Museum, Wigram, from Monday 4 to Wednesday 6 July. An open night will be held on Tuesday 5 July, from 5–8pm. For

anyone interested in a defence career, this will give you the opportunity to talk to New Zealand Defence Force staff, check out vehicles and equipment, and look at the wide range of trades training available in the forces.

Keystone Trust Study Awards

The Keystone Trust is the only property and construction fund that spans the entire New Zealand industry. It connects students from challenging backgrounds with forward-thinking businesses and supports students affected by financial need or adverse circumstances. Applications opened Wednesday 1 June. Contact Keystone on 09 375 7543 or email info@keystonetrust.org.nz.

UC Open Day

Prospective students and their families are invited to attend the University of Canterbury (UC) Open Day on Thursday 14 July. This is your chance to discover what makes UC unique. Find out about degree options, talk to staff, explore accommodation options, tour the campus and experience student life. Accommodation tours are also available on Wednesday 13 and Friday 15 July. For more information and to register go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/opensday.

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

Events since the last issue:

- "Soil Makes Sense" at College, Lincoln University, Years 12 and 13
- Victoria University of Wellington information evening
- Ara (CPIT Aoraki) Open Day and information evening
- Russell McVeagh school leavers' scholarship applications now open
- PwC scholarship applications now open

Christ's College Old Boys' vs St Margaret's College Old Girls' Debate 2016

CLICK HERE TO BOOK

Wednesday 10 August

The Charles Luney Auditorium,
St Margaret's College

Careers continued...

UC Undergraduate Scholarships

NCEA Level 2 NCEA Level 3 = Cash Scholarship

Endorsement + Endorsement

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Excellence + Excellence = \$6000

Merit + Excellence = \$2000

Achieved + Merit = \$1000

UC also has Dux Scholarships, UC Emerging Leaders' Scholarships and many more on offer.

Coleridge Downs – Agriculture Open Day

Calling all prospective 2017 cadets. Any school leavers who have shown a passion for agriculture and wish to pursue a career in the primary industries are invited to attend the Coleridge Downs Agriculture Open Day on Saturday 9 July at 1pm. The open day will give an overview of the property and the learning programme offered at Coleridge Downs in collaboration with Telford, a division of Lincoln University. Contact Sarah Barr on 03 689 1114 or email sara@xtra.co.nz.

PwC Scholarship 2017

This scholarship is for students who intend to study a commerce or business degree, an information systems degree, a Law degree, or any of the above in conjunction with another degree – for example, engineering, property, science or arts. Applications opened on Monday 13 June and will close on Friday 29 July. Please contact Mr Christey or Mr Sellars for further information.

University of Otago information evening – Wednesday 22 June

Get the Otago overview and discover what Otago University offers its students. Presentations will include accommodation options, residential college life and study options, including subjects, degree programmes available and Health Sciences first year. It will be held in the Silks Lounge, Addington Events Centre, from 6.30–8.45pm

Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

Upcoming careers dates:

- 22 Jun** - National Trade Academy, Agricultural skills day
- 22 Jun** - University of Otago information evening
- 27 Jun** - Ara (CPIT Aoraki) Broadcasting information evening, 7pm
- 4 Jul** - Defence Careers Experience, applications open
- 7 Jul** - Your Education (short-term high school exchanges)
- 8 Jul** - Russell McVeagh school leavers' scholarship, applications close
- 11 Jul** - Ara (CPIT Aoraki) Broadcasting School, On Air workshop
- 14 Jul** - Ara (CPIT Aoraki) Broadcasting information evening, 7pm
- 14 Jul** - UC Open Day
- 29 Jul** - PwC scholarship, applications close
- 1 Aug** - University accommodation applications open
- 9 Aug** - Ara (CPIT Aoraki) Pre-health and Nursing information session
- 12 Aug** - Defence Careers Experience, applications close
- 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
- 27 Aug** - University of Auckland, Courses and Careers Day
- 27 Aug** - Auckland University of Technology (AUT) Open Day
- 13 Sep** - Defence Forces information evening, HMNZS Pegasus
- 14 Sep** - University of Otago, course planning, 2.30pm
- 14 Sep** - Victoria University, course planning



Library Matters

Colouring in?

Last week in the library, I casually left on a table a box of felt pens and pictures to be coloured in. Beautiful pictures of wild animals and birds, exotic plants with reptiles peering from beneath the foliage.

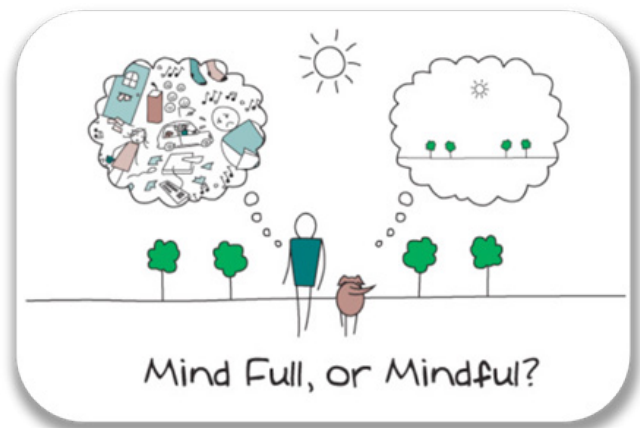


Lots of people told me teenage boys would not colour in, that it is uncool, too babyish, a waste of time. They were wrong.

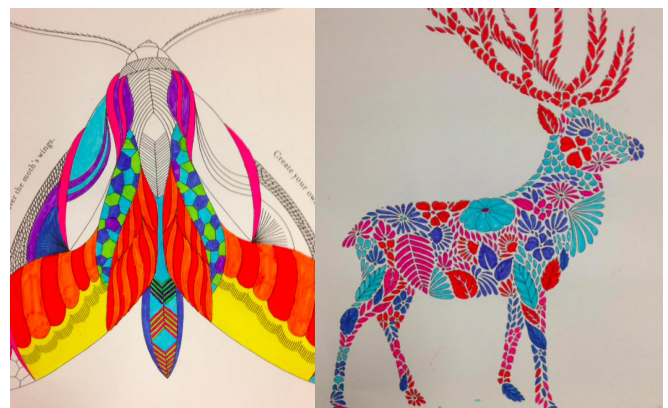
In a ten-week term with lots and lots of internal assessments, my colouring books appeared at just the right moment. The uptake was immediate. The boys sit in groups and colour in at lunchtime. They chat and colour in. They contemplate quietly and colour in. What is more, they return to the same picture over several days in order to complete the colouring in. I have even found one boy, the “artist” working on the picture above, writing an essay and colouring in.

Why? Well the latest catch word for colouring in is “mindfulness”.

“Mindfulness means paying attention to what is presently occurring, with kindness and curiosity.” <http://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/home/our-work/category/21/mindfulness>



I am not sure whether this latest trend for colouring in actually achieves the above state of bliss. From my observations over the last week, however, it does allow busy boys to switch off for a little while. It stops them staring at a device. It stops them continuing to work through their lunch break. And it has promoted “chatting”.




So I shall keep at it a while longer and see what other positive benefits colouring in or “mindfulness” produces.

Lisa Trundley-Banks, Teacher/Librarian



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Everyone's welcome

Tuesday 28 June, 7-9pm, Horncastle Arena

Meet our team

In today's edition we feature uniform shop manager Ann Shaw and biology teacher, David Johnson.

DRESSED FOR SUCCESS



Uniform shop manager Ann Shaw is possibly one of the few staff members to have met every single boy who attends College: wide-eyed Year 9 students, getting ready for their first day at school; boys who have had a summer growth spurt and suddenly find they need new trousers; sports teams looking for their code's unique kit; boys making the transition from junior to senior uniform; boarders who need to top up their toiletries or buy stationery; and Year 13 students, all grown up and wanting leavers' gear ... the uniform shop sells it all and Ann is on hand to help. "I love coming to work. I've seen a lot of boys through changes of uniform and enjoy building a relationship with them over the years they're here. It's a fun job."

Like any retail outlet, the uniform shop is open all year. It is busiest from October through to February and during the change of sports seasons. As well as new and second hand clothing and sports gear, the shop carries stationery and a range of general supplies, including backpacks and sports bags, drink bottles, thermals, toiletries and phone top-ups.

When Ann started the uniform shop simply stocked sports gear and second hand clothing. Then, in 2010, College assumed control of all aspects of uniform supply, which took its management to a whole new level of responsibility. "I didn't know anything about computers, managing orders, purchasing stock, liaising with suppliers, or how to take a boy's measurements if he needed custom made clothing. It was quite a learning curve."

Now she knows exactly what she's doing and, along with her part-time colleague Angela Bosworth, keeps everything ticking along. Experience has taught her it is sometimes better to work by appointment, especially when dealing with new students. "We want to offer the best possible service and try not to keep people waiting. At our busiest times it can be a juggle, but we always manage."

Family and strong, longstanding friendships are the foundation of Ann's life. She still catches up with her Plunket mothers' group, even though she recently became a grandmother herself, she belongs to a "cheap and cheerful" supper club and is looking forward to a trip to Paris and Provence later in the year, to help a dear friend celebrate a milestone birthday.

A SNAPSHOT OF A CAREER



Looking back on nearly 40 years at College, biology teacher David Johnson admits he is surprised he has been here so long and says it can sometimes feel kind of "spooky" teaching some boys and realising he has also taught their fathers. But he has derived enormous satisfaction being part of the College community and working in the close-knit biology team. "Working with your best friends is the best possible work environment. We're all remarkably similar in tastes, interests and outlook on life." So much so, that they have all gravitated out of the city and now live near each other in Lincoln.

Something clicked when David won the biology prize in his final year at secondary school. "I discovered I had a feel for biology and teaching was a way to share that fascination with others."

David teaches across all year levels, covering a broad spectrum of topics with juniors and drilling down into more specialised aspects of biology for seniors. He still gets a kick out of bringing biology to life and says most students are a pleasure to teach, describing them as "amazingly talented, bright and pleasant young men."

In addition to his teaching responsibilities David is frequently seen, camera in hand, capturing moments in time. His passion for photography started when he was at university and he has put it to good use documenting many College events. His photographic work will, no doubt, become a treasured resource in the College archive when future students want to know what life was like in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries.

David may live in the country and commute now, but for many years he lived on campus as Housemaster in Harper House. "I enjoyed being closely involved with the boys and their families and it was wonderful living on site, such a good community and a great place to raise a family."

Other highlights include the annual biology field trips to Temple Basin, helping run outdoor education programmes for junior students and taking a group of boys to Nepal, including a trek to Everest base camp, in 2002.

David says while he has seen many changes over the years, some things have and should stay the same. "College delivers a wide range of opportunities for boys who are prepared to get involved and take advantage of what's on offer. It's the complete package."

From the Archives: The Battle of the Somme

Saturday 1 July 1916 is a date etched forever in the story that is the First World War. Although the New Zealand Division did not join the rest of the allies on the Somme until mid-September, there were Christ's College Old Boys involved from its very beginning, in British and Australian Regiments.

The Battle of the Somme lasted for 141 days until Saturday 18 November 1916, and contains various recognised and named battles. Many of the dates of the battles overlapped and where an Old Boy died of wounds it is not always clear in which battle the wounds were sustained.

However, over 6,000 New Zealanders were wounded and 2,000 lost their lives. Many have no known grave and are remembered at the Caterpillar Valley New Zealand Memorial.

As recorded in the table below, 16 Old Boys lost their lives at the Somme. Their average age was 28 years and 4 months. Many more Old Boys were involved in the battles and survived.

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NAME	RANK AND AGE	DATE OF DEATH (KIA - Killed in Action, DOW - Died of wounds)	REGIMENT	CEMETERY/ MEMORIAL
James B Starky	2nd Lieutenant, 26	6 July (KIA)	Wiltshire Regiment	Thiepval Memorial
George A Sinclair-Thomson	Captain, 24	21 July (KIA)	Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders	Corbie Communal Cemetery Extension
Walter G Thomas	Private, 31	22 August (KIA)	Australian Imperial Force 3rd Battalion	Villers-Bretonneux Memorial
Edward B Aitken	Sergeant, 35	10 September (DOW)	NZ Rifle Brigade	Quarry Cemetery, Montauban
Kenneth D Ambrose	2nd Lieutenant, 24	15 September (KIA)	NZ Machine Gun Corps	Thistle Dump Cemetery, Longueval
Edward Harris	Captain, 46	18 September (DOW)	NZ Pioneer Battalion	Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension
Percy M Jameson	Private, 28	21 September (KIA)	Canterbury Regiment	Caterpillar Valley NZ Memorial
Gilbert H McHaffie	Private, 31	25 September (KIA)	NZ Field Artillery	Caterpillar Valley NZ Memorial
John G Foster	2nd Lieutenant, 33	2 October (KIA)	Otago Regiment	Caterpillar Valley NZ Memorial
Thomas H Watson	Lieutenant, 23	2 October (DOW)	NZ Machine Gun Corps	Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt –L'Abbe
Francis CR Upton	2nd Lieutenant, 26	2 October (KIA)	Canterbury Regiment	Caterpillar Valley NZ Memorial
Joseph C Nichols	Private, 22	4 October (DOW)	Canterbury Regiment	St Sever Cemetery, Rouen
Christopher Carrington	Captain, 22	8 October (KIA)	NZ Field Artillery	Guards Cemetery Lesboeufs
Gordon H Larner	Gunner, 22	7 October (DOW)	NZ Field Artillery	Longueval Road Cemetery
John D Bowden	2nd Lieutenant, 22	10 October (DOW)	Canterbury Regiment	Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'Abbe
Edmund Boulnois	Captain, 31	23 October (KIA)	West Yorkshire Regiment	Thiepval Memorial
Thomas C I Farley	Private, 30	5 November (KIA)	Australian Imperial Force 1st Battalion	Grevillers British Cemetery

In 2009, Head of History Warren Lidstone visited battlefields on the Somme where Christ's College Old Boys are buried and remembered. Poppies and cards from College were laid to remember them. The photographs that follow are from his visit.



Caterpillar Valley where Percy Jameson, John Foster, Gilbert McHaffie and Francis Upton are remembered.



Guards Cemetery where Christopher Carrington is buried.



Private TCI Farley is buried at Grevilliers British Cemetery.



The Thiepval Memorial includes the name of Edmund Boulnois and James Starky.



Thistle Dump Cemetery where Kenneth Ambrose is buried.

Further information

References to all these Old Boys can be found in the College Register. The College Archive has created an index which makes these references easily available. The following websites are very useful, especially if you wish to search for information about your family:

- The Commonwealth War Graves Commission contains information about casualties, cemeteries and memorials <http://www.cwgc.org/>
- Archives New Zealand contains personnel records of New Zealand soldiers <https://www.archway.archives.govt.nz/>

- The Auckland War Memorial Museum's online database is <http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph>
- War Diaries of the NZ Mounted Rifles http://www.nzmr.org/war_diaries.html
- The Australian War Memorial database contains records of Australian Soldiers <https://www.awm.gov.au/people/roll-search/>
- The National Archives (TNA), England, has war diaries and medal cards that can be downloaded for a fee www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/
- www.ancestry.com.au/ has medal cards for British soldiers that can be downloaded as part of a subscription.

Jane Teal, Archivist