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# From the Executive Principal

#### Last Wednesday evening we welcomed to College parents and boys interested in enrolling in 2018.

The vast majority were current Year 7 students. It was a wonderful evening with a number of presentations - the most moving being interviews between current students and staff talking about why College was making a difference for them as students. I had the pleasure of starting the evening and said that the most significant element that makes College the great place that it is, is the quality of the relationships between staff and boys. I believe there are three reasons this is so special.

The first is that we are fortunate that when we select staff who come to College, we have the chance to align our values between College expectations and the character of the staff we employ

The second is that we are a small school. Readers may know that the school was at its largest just before the earthquakes with a total enrolment of just under 670. Our enrolment for 2017 currently sits at 620. The intimacy of the relationships that develop because of the size of the school, our class

sizes and our pastoral structures make for exceptional relationships. It is these relationships that boys value and what makes a huge difference to their learning outcomes. There is a common thought around schools for boys that boys learn their teachers, not their subjects, and I have certainly witnessed this at College. The quality of relationships between the boys and staff is remarkable. Respect and affection is forged across the whole experience of College life and this is because teachers are involved academically, pastorally and in co-curricular activities.

"The most significant element that makes College the great place that it is, is the quality of the relationships between staff and boys."

The third reason our staff prove over and over that they are College's greatest asset, is

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through their sense of service. This was no more evident this week than within the final Chapel Service of the year for our senior boys when we farewelled three exceptional staff members: Mr David Johnson, Mr Graeme Worner and Mr Allen Pyke. A collective 100 years of experience was celebrated with speeches and a most moving haka on the Quad. Click here to view the video. These gentlemen are emblematic of all the elements of teaching excellence.

College remains dedicated to attracting, retaining and developing the most exceptional teachers. They create our future. With this in mind, I am very pleased to let the College community know of a new event inviting former staff back to reconnect with the school. This programme, facilitated by former staff member Carville Stewart, will take place on Monday 5 December. We are reaching out to reconnect with as many

former staff as possible who have worked at Christ's College for five years or more (teaching and non-teaching) and encourage them to be in contact with Justine Nicholl (email jnicholl@ccoba.com phone 364 6862).

Garth Wynne, Executive Principal

# From the Chaplain

#### Collections

As you know, on the announcement of the retirement of the City Missioner, Mr Michael Gorman, we started collecting for the City Mission at Sunday services. On Friday, we handed over \$3,500 to Mr Gorman for the City Mission as we farewelled him.

The collection from the Advent service and Carols on the Quad will go to Christian World Service Christmas Appeal. See: http://christmasappeal.org.nz



City Missioner Mr Michael Gorman receiving funds raised for the City Mission.

## Centre for Ethics and Spirituality

Jolyon White, the Director of Anglican Advocacy, led a fascinating evening thinking through the ethical challenges of free-market economics, including how we might help eradicate slavery. He told us about the over 27 million slaves in our world today.

Next year, in Term 1, on Thursday 16 February at 7:30 pm, Ven. Dr Peter Carrell, Old Boy of our school and a member of the Board, will speak on *Can mercy guide us through the moral maze?* He is currently working on a book titled *Gracious Truth: Reading Holy Scripture with a Hermeneutic of Mercy.* 

Then, on Thursday 16 March, again at 7:30 pm, my wife, Helen and I will present on Thomas Merton and Mindfulness, looking at the most influential spiritual writer of the 20th century (and son of an Old Boy) and his connection with the popular movement towards Mindfulness.

Do pencil these onto your calendar now.

#### Night Prayer in Chapel

Up to and including Monday 28 November, Mr Grant Bennet is trialling a service of Night Prayer. It is on Monday evenings at 8pm in Chapel and concludes with a cuppa, if you want to stay on. Night Prayer and cuppa will be no more than an hour. ALL very welcome, and do pass this on.

Rev. Bosco Peters, Chaplain

#### **CHAPEL SERVICES**

**Sunday 27 November, 7pm** Advent Carol Service

Thursday 1 December, 6pm
Carols on the Quad for everyone.
If you have not yet attended this event,
you are in for a treat!



#### Carols on the Quad

Thursday 1 December 6.00pm at Christ's College

We will be collecting for the Christian World Service Christmas Appeal.



### Latest News & Events



#### Moving tribute to three retiring teachers

After the final Chapel service on Friday before seniors left for study leave, three teachers with a combination of 99 years of service to College gave their farewell speeches. Biology teachers David Johnson and Graeme Worner with 80 years of College life have now taught and coached...



#### Keeping the score

Christ's College has a new electronic scoreboard which has been up and running this term in cricket games at the College grounds. The purchasing of the scoreboard has been made possible thanks to...



#### Igniting the creative spark

The art of visual storytelling is at the heart of filmmaking. At the 14th College Film Festival, held in the OBT on Friday 28 October, an appreciative audience enjoyed the opportunity to see the work of some...



#### In touch and in charge

As a referee, Year 11 student Will Hutchinson knows it is his responsibility to keep a sharp eye on the game. Now, having refereed at the 2016 Shanghai International Touch Tournament...



# Talented musicians perform on the stage

College musicians performed in the Assembly Hall before an audience in the annual Christ's College Sedley Wells...



#### College farewells City Missioner at Chapel service

As College farewelled retiring City Missioner, Mr Michael Gorman, at the Chapel service last Friday, they gave a him a donation...

## Careers

#### University Halls or Colleges

Places in university halls or colleges have been allocated to students by now. We recommend students should take the hall that is offered. There will be places available in some halls after January 2017, but there is a big risk in waiting to get your preferred accommodation. Please read carefully the process regarding payments and withdrawals in the information that has been sent.

### StudyLink - Student Loans and Allowances Apply by December 16

The first step in applying online is to check out <a href="www.studylink.govt.nz">www.studylink.govt.nz</a>. First time students will need RealMe login or RealMe Verified Identity, their IRD number, their bank account details, their email address, the name of the education provider they will be studying at, approximate course start and end dates. By applying early, students will allow enough time for all steps in the application process to be completed before their course starts. This needs to be done now.

#### **Bond University - Gold Coast Queensland**

Two representatives from Bond University, one from the faculty of Health Sciences and the other, the Executive Director of Sport, visited College and discussed the elite sports programmes - in particular swimming, and the innovative degrees in medicine, health sciences and allied health. As Australia's first private not-for-profit university, Bond ensures student funds are invested directly into the student experience. Bond attracts some of the brightest and most ambitious students who are eager to embark on their careers and make a significant impact in their chosen industry. More information and brochures are available from the Careers Centre.

#### **Massey University - Course Planning**

The Massey University Liaison staff who are based in Wellington at the moment are happy to help students who want support with course planning. They are happy to set up appointments via Skype, FaceTime or phone. Contact them with your name, programme area of interest, email and phone number. R.J.Kershaw@massey.ac.nz B.Weepu@massey.ac.nz

#### University of Otago Course Planning

Prajesh will be in Christchurch for one-on-one course planning, Monday 28 November to Friday 2 December. This can be for anyone who missed out on the sessions when he visited College, those who need further clarification about their course, and those who just want to have a chat about next year. Parents are welcome to make an appointment also. Where: Chairman's Suite, Addington Events Centre, Twigger Street, Addington. Times: 9 am to 4 pm. How: Book an appointment by calling 044609805 or emailing <a href="mailto:margaret.tobin@otago.ac.nz">margaret.tobin@otago.ac.nz</a>

#### Christchurch City Mission - Foodbank Volunteers - pre-Christmas time

Traditionally we help the City Mission at this time of the year. It is a challenging and worthwhile experience for the boys and also gives them plenty of volunteering hours in outreach to the community.

- Monday to Friday (12 16 December) 8.45am -12.30pm AND/OR 1.15pm - 3.30pm
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Please email Mary Wood at <u>foodbank@citymission.org.nz</u> if you are able to help on any of the above days or phone her on 371 0608.

#### Events since last issue

- EdUSA liaison visit
- Year 13 sign on to LinkedIn
- CCOBA Old Boys' Association talked to Year 13

#### **Upcoming Careers Dates**

- **Oct** There is no closing date for applications to Lincoln University
- 28 Nov 2 Dec - University of Otago course planning
- **10 Dec** Victoria University, applications for limited entry programmes and courses due
- **10 Dec** University of Otago, closing date for 2017 first year applications
- **12 Dec** University of Canterbury, application to enrol deadline
- **10 Jan** Victoria University, applications for open-entry courses and degrees due

#### Student Job Search

Student Job Search (SJS) is an online service that helps students gain work experience and extra money while studying at tertiary level. This service is free to students who are enrolled in tertiary study for 2017, or who have a letter of confirmation from any NZ tertiary education provider. Students can register and start applying for jobs by going to <a href="https://www.sjs.co.nz">www.sjs.co.nz</a>

## PIHMS - Pacific International Hotel Management School

This Hotel Management School is in New Plymouth. Students can study for a Hospitality & Tourism Diploma or Degree. 98% of graduates receive employment within three months after graduating, 73% are in supervisory positions (1-5 years after graduating), 59% are in management positions (1-5 years after graduating). For further general information - <a href="https://www.pihms.ac.nz">www.pihms.ac.nz</a>

## SAY SOMETHING - guide to life, university and after school

This book has been written by Christchurch author Trudi Urlwin. It is a handbook dedicated to the welfare, wellbeing, retention and care of students embarking on the university journey. This book is a very good reference for parents, students and caregivers. It is available for \$20. If you are interested in purchasing a copy or having a look at one, please contact me.

#### Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

#### Dear readers of In Black & White

I enjoy preparing this page as a summary of what is happening in careers at College. I would love to know how many people find it useful and would really appreciate your feedback. If there is any other information you would like to see, or any improvements, please let me know. Or if you like the page, I, would also like to hear from you. Your thoughts? Drop me an email, csellars@christscollege.com.

# Wise counsel



#### Counsellor Allen Pyke's office is a space where boys can open up about their lives in a safe, confidential and supportive environment.

He estimates he sees up to one third of students each year, as well as liaising with parents, teachers and other agencies where necessary. "Whatever happens in society, happens at College," says Allen. "If someone has found the courage to come and talk to me – and that first step can sometimes be the hardest – I'll do whatever I can to help."

Allen started his career on the West Coast. In his first position (as an untrained teacher), he taught English and mathematics and was the school's Master of Discipline. Such a role would be anathema to him now, but this was back in the days of corporal punishment and ideas have since evolved.

Allen went on to become a qualified teacher, but a subsequent move to Christchurch opened up another opportunity. A passionate animal lover, he managed the Animal Control division of the Christchurch City Council for several years, along with breeding and showing Samoyed dogs, Persian cats and Nun pigeons (to mention but a few of the animals with which he has shared his life).

A career change into social work meant Allen's focus was again on the human animal and sparked his interest in counselling and pastoral care. "We had to deal with all sorts of social ills, but I found it a very positive and uplifting experience."

As part of this role, he assumed responsibility for court work and public relations, including liaising with schools, which eventually led him to take on a full-time position as counsellor, transition tutor and continuing education coordinator at Rangiora High School. Allen's career had come full circle; he was back at school and has been happy to work in an educational environment ever since.

Allen's rich and diverse history, his enthusiasm for learning and personal growth, has given him a strong sense of compassion and insight. He has been at College since 1998 and, as he is retiring at the end of the year, is now planning the next stage of his life.

But even as he looks forward to retirement, Allen looks back with great affection on his time at College. "I'm ending my career both contented and excited – and delighted that College is heading towards an exciting modern future with health and wellbeing returned to its central position in the process."

# Creating positive connections



# For senior development manager Peter Davidson, one of the best parts of his role is meeting College Old Boys.

"The stories they tell are incredible. Some of our Old Boys have had extraordinary careers and experiences. I feel so lucky to have the opportunity to talk to them, to hear their stories, to discover how much College means to them and how they like to stay connected to the school."

Peter started at Christ's College in October 2015. His wife, Denise, saw the position advertised and suggested it looked like a job that would tick all the boxes. Peter agreed. "What appealed was the fact that it allows me to use most of the skills I'd built up through my banking career, but in a new and challenging way. The idea of being part of a fundraising campaign of that magnitude was pretty exciting."

Peter was formerly national sponsorship manager for Heartland Bank and prior to that worked in marketing, business development and investment for CBS Canterbury. He has excellent form, having been involved in negotiating Super 14 Rugby and CBS Canterbury Arena [now Horncastle Arena] sponsorship contracts.

It is all a long way from the farm just south of Ashburton where he grew up and where he, in turn, raised his own family. "It was an extensive arable cropping and stock enterprise. I managed the cropping side of it and my brother managed the stock." The farm grew large areas of wheat, barley and ryegrass for seed, as well as niche crops like peas, radish, evening primrose, clover and borage.

After "20-odd" years, however, Peter was ready for a change. He left the farm with no set plan in place, but a fortunate stroke of serendipity led him to a new career in finance.

Peter enjoys people; he nurtures positive relationships and strong connections. His work at College focuses on creating a legacy to benefit future generations.

College recently launched a major fundraising campaign, which aims to provide new educational programmes and initiatives, scholarships, staff development opportunities and significant new facilities for science, sport and music learning areas. It is a bold and ambitious vision, and will enhance College's reputation as a leading boys' school in New Zealand. "It is the most transformational time in College history," says Peter. "I feel really privileged to be here at such an exciting time."

# Le Quesnoy and Christ's College: A very special connection



# In November 1918, New Zealand troops, principally the 4th Battalion NZ Rifle Brigade, liberated the northern French town of Le Quesnoy.

The town had been occupied by the Germans for most of World War 1 and its population were immensely grateful that, thanks to the bravery and sacrifice of so many New Zealand soldiers, their freedom was won and their town was left intact. Lieutenant Leslie Averill (2370) leading a small assault party, climbed the one rampart which seemed the most vulnerable of the 17th century fortifications and the rest of the battalion quickly followed. The townspeople of Le Quesnoy have never forgotten and every year on ANZAC Day they commemorate New Zealand's sacrifice at the New Zealand memorial in the town, alongside the increasing number of Kiwis who travel to the region for this ceremony.

In February 2017, a large party of Le Quesnoy citizens will be visiting Christchurch briefly as part of their New Zealand tour. To mark this special connection with Christ's College, the Executive Principal, Mr Garth Wynne, would like to invite representatives of Old Boys' families who fought at Le Quesnoy, Beaudignies, Romeries and other parts of the region, to a reception on 9 February at 5pm to 6pm. to meet "les Quercetains".

If you would like to attend, in order to facilitate refreshments, please email either Justine Nicholl at <a href="mailto:coba@christscollege.com">coba@christscollege.com</a> or Susan Harding <a href="mailto:sharding@christscollege.com">sharding@christscollege.com</a> by Tuesday 10 January.

It would be helpful if you mention which family you are representing, so we can prepare name tags.

This is a very special opportunity for the past and the present to come together across the world and we look forward to welcoming you then.

#### Loyal and outstanding support

Dr Shailer Weston (5163) was invited back to school to attend assembly on Tuesday 25 October, where he was presented with a Senior Honours Tie in recognition of his outstanding service to College and his distinguished medical career.

After leaving school, Dr Weston trained as a doctor and became a specialist radiologist. In addition to his numerous contributions to medicine, he has been a stalwart supporter of College over the years. He is an Honorary Life Member of the CCOBA, a donor and a recently retired tour guide. He assisted with editing the 10th edition of the School List and, since the earthquakes, has taken an active interest in the rebuild and restoration process, even bringing morning tea to onsite contractors

With four generations of boys educated at College, the Weston family has had a long and proud connection with the school. It is appropriate to recognise the family's and, in particular, Dr Weston's place in and contribution to the College community.



From left: Jeremy Johnson, Dr Shailer Weston, Justine Nicholl and Garth Wynne

# From the Archives: The 1875-1876 Accounts

For some people keeping a track of their bank account balance is a major headache. In the past it was a nightmare balancing the cheque account, especially when recipients never banked the cheque when you imagined they should. Now we can do it all online.

The Receipts & Expenditure for the Number 1 Account from 1 January 1875 to 30 April 1876, provide an insight into just what was necessary to keep a College running 140 years ago.

Tuition fees make up the main portion of the receipts, with extra fees for drawing and drilling. However, it is the two pages tucked into the accounts that are intriguing. They are headed "Amounts due for Fees, Books etc 11 August 1875" and "School Fees unpaid 24 January 1876 (due Term 3 1875)". The lists are very long, but almost all of the names ultimately have the word paid beside them.

The master's salaries are one of the large claims on the expenditure, while the costs associated with books, stationery, printing and advertising are to be expected. However, the £14.8.10 for the scavenger to take away the waste would not be included in the accounts today. The insurance on books for the library amounted to £16.4.0 and the purchase of drain pipes was £5.10.0. When these latter sums are converted historically based on economic cost price, they respectively amount to approximately \$42,199 and \$14,329.

The Chapel and the Library had their own accounts. Offertory receipts neatly balanced items such as tuning the harmonium,

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A sample from the pages relating to unpaid School Fees.

washing the surplices and purchasing wine. The library subscriptions brought in a reasonable amount for the purchase of books, periodicals and a subscription to The Times.

The Number 2 account is concerned with scholarships and the land rents that related

specifically to those scholarships. Some of them were transferred to College House when it separated from Christ's College, but the Somes Scholarship endures.

Jane Teal. Archivist

First Quarter 1876 staff salaries when converted to the NZ dollar on current conversion rates based on labour earnings.

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