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## From the Executive Principal

**Many of our students have been taking part in athletics heats over the last couple of weeks, all building up to Athletics Day on Friday 24 February. This event is a particularly endearing one for our community, as it includes so many boys actively engaged, both individually and in teams, representing their House.**

Athletics is a reflection of our physicality at its most basic and, in this, the contest is much valued by the boys. In addition, being the fourth week of term, it is also a day that signals “the end of the beginning” for our newest community members. It has been a delight to see new boys, especially our Year 9s, embrace the challenges of the College experience and all it demands. I have no doubt they will be amongst the most enthusiastic of competitors this Friday.

### For the boys, for our future

I know many of you will already be aware College has launched its [For the boys campaign website](#). This is an exciting next step in our major fundraising campaign and I encourage you to take a look at this

information, all details of which can be found on the new website. These plans and aspirations, as they come to fruition, will move College forward in a very significant and transformational way – and we seek discussion, involvement and engagement of the entire College community. I invite anyone who wants to know more about the campaign to contact our Development Office.

### Community engagement

Last year a number of new community engagement initiatives were launched, which I again invite you to [support](#).

Have you a story to tell? One of the most powerful ways to motivate young people is to share stories with them. Often these are about a journey, be that planned and

### Interactive Newsletter

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### Chinese dumplings taste so good

Getting friends and family together for a shared meal is one of life's greatest pleasures ... and the Flower's House family recently enjoyed a special...



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purposeful or circumstantial and chaotic. I know that amongst the wider College community of parents and Old Boys, there are personal stories that would be inspirational to our current boys. With this in mind, I would like to invite anyone in our wider community who has a story to tell to make contact, as we start to plan the series of College Conversations for 2017. We are hoping to build on 2016, with opportunities for regular TED-talk style presentations, followed by Q&A, for the boys. These would take place at lunchtime during a school week. We are particularly interested in stories that relate to current work, employment and related experiences, and insights into what might be the future for our boys beyond the College gates. If you believe you may be able to contribute to these conversations, please contact Assistant Principal – Community Engagement and Special Projects Neil Porter, email [nporter@christscollege.com](mailto:nporter@christscollege.com)

“Thought Leaders at College” will, over the course of the year, bring to College and

Christchurch people who will challenge us and make us think. At times, it is through our wider community links that we find these inspirational people. If you know of anyone who could be one of our Thought Leaders in 2017, please contact either me or Neil Porter.

The Centre for Ethics & Spirituality is an initiative led by the Chaplain Bosco Peters, which complements our Chapel and religious education programmes. This initiative is one where students, teachers, parents and the wider community can engage in discussions on contemporary moral issues, beliefs, values and spirituality. This is achieved mainly through public lectures, and occasionally through workshops and conferences. The Centre aims to promote critical and creative thinking, intercultural understanding and engagement with the ethical and spiritual issues facing young New Zealanders in the 21st century. As is the case with our College Conversations and Thought Leaders, it is often people in the community who know people who would be wonderful contributors.

If you have any suggestions, please contact Bosco Peters, email [bpeters@christscollege.com](mailto:bpeters@christscollege.com), as we look to further enhance this programme.

### Old Boys' reunion weekend

I am very much looking forward to welcoming many Old Boys' of College back to school for our reunion weekend on Friday 24 to Sunday 26 February. There is no doubt that engaging with this part of our community is both enriching and exciting. If you have any queries, please call CCOPA Secretary Justine Nicholl, on 03 364 6862 or email [jnicholl@ccoba.com](mailto:jnicholl@ccoba.com)

As always, please email me – [executiveprincipal@christscollege.com](mailto:executiveprincipal@christscollege.com) – if you have any matters pertaining to College you would like to discuss.

**Garth Wynne, Executive Principal**

**JUST RELEASED** Matinee tickets, Friday 3 March, 2pm. Limited seats available!





# From the Chaplain

## Chapel services

Thank you to all of you who made our first Sunday Chapel service so special. This Sunday 26 February, we welcome Dean Lawrence Kimberley as our preacher. As always, refreshments will follow the service. Wednesday 1 March, also known as Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent, the intensive 40-day season of reflection and preparation before Easter. We will hold a special service on Ash Wednesday. Participants at the service will be invited to receive an ash cross on their foreheads, symbolic of a new beginning at the onset of Lent.

## Baptism/Christening

On Friday 24 March at 6.45pm there will be a simple service, with the choir, for anyone seeking to be baptised (christened). Please discuss this with your son and encourage him to consider this option, if he is not already baptised. Anglicans recognise baptism in other denominations – and other denominations accept the baptism administered here.

Yours in Christ

**Rev. Bosco Peters, Chaplain**

I would like to thank Ven. Dr Peter Carrell, whose presentation on ethics – ***Can mercy guide us through the moral maze?*** – was well-received and appreciated by an interested group of students and parents, as well as people from the wider College community, at our meeting on Thursday 16 February.



## Centre for Ethics & Spirituality

### *Thomas Merton and Mindfulness*

**Thursday 16 March, 7.30pm, the Chapman Room**

My wife, Helen, and I both have a long-time interest in Thomas Merton, one of the most influential spiritual leaders of the 20th century (and the son of a Christ's College Old Boy). We also have decades of passion for the spiritual journey and want to make connections with the popular mindfulness movement. There is much in the Western Christian tradition that has been overlooked – practices that can enhance living mindfully. I have also been talking to the students in Chapel about living mindfully.

The evening will include time for discussion and refreshments, and will finish at around 9pm.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)



## Christ's College Community Visits

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## ORCHESTRAL EXTRAVAGANZA

FEATURING ORCHESTRAS FROM RANGI RURU GIRLS' SCHOOL,  
CHRIST'S COLLEGE AND ST MARGARET'S COLLEGE

**Wednesday 22 March 22, 7.30pm • Christ's College Assembly Hall**  
**Free admission. No bookings required.**



Rangi Ruru  
Girls' School



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JUNIOR, MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOLS



# Curriculum News



Thank you to the parents and boys who attended the Year 11 NCEA academic information evening, last Tuesday 14 February. I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet you all. For anyone who was unable to attend and would like to know what went on, please [click here](#) to view a pdf of the slides that were presented and [click here](#) to watch the presentation.

A reminder: we have an academic information evening for parents of Year 12 and Year 13 parents coming up on Tuesday 28 February, 7pm, in the Chapman Room. I will look forward to seeing you there.

Nga mihi nui

**Joe Eccleton**  
Assistant Principal – Curriculum

## Open Day - change of timetable

As our annual Open Day is to be held on Tuesday 14 March, from 1–5pm, there will be some changes to the school timetable, as follows. School will start at 10.20am and will conclude at 5pm. Some cultural activities that normally take place after school will instead take place from 8.30am. Please check with your son to ensure he knows what is expected.

The Open Day is an important way for us to connect with prospective students and their families. Visitors will be able to visit classrooms, workshops and laboratories and have the opportunity to see Christ's College in action.

**Robert Aburn**  
Assistant Principal – Planning and Administration



**Open Day**  
14 March, 1 - 5pm

**Register now**



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## Thinking Schools, Think Medbury



You are invited to attend the  
**MEDBURY SCHOOL OPEN DAY**  
Monday 6 March ~ 9.00am - 11.00am

Academic, Boarding & Music Scholarships available for 2018

**Register now at [medbury.school.nz](http://medbury.school.nz)**

03 351 6169 | Medbury School  
[office@medbury.school.nz](mailto:office@medbury.school.nz) | 109 Clyde Road, Fendalton



# Latest News & Events



## Celebrating success

At assembly on Tuesday 14 February, the College community celebrated the academic successes of students who sat NCEA in 2016. Those students who had gained enough credits for an Academic Award were...



## Friendship forged in liberation

On the afternoon of 4 November 1918, during a rare lull in the battle, Lieutenant Leslie Cecil Lloyd Averill of the NZ Rifle Brigade 4th Battalion scaled a ladder set against the walls of Le Quesnoy and led..



## Fine dining at the Founders' Dinner

The annual Founders' Dinner, held in the Dining Hall on Thursday 9 February, marks the start of the final year of their secondary education for Year 13 students...



## Making a splash

With swimming sports in the morning and athletics heats in the afternoon, Big Monday – this year held on Monday 13 February – is always one of the busiest days on the school calendar...



## Now he has jazz

The National Jazz Workshops, held at the New Zealand School of Music in Wellington from Monday 16 to Friday 20 January, allowed Year 13 student Josh Meads to immerse himself in jazz. "Music is a big...



## A wee dram in the walls

Repair and restoration work on the Tower is now complete, which marks the end of the earthquake repairs at College. To celebrate this historic moment – and in keeping with the traditions of the...

# Careers

## University Entrance requirements

For entry into a New Zealand university, NCEA University Entrance requirements are:

- NCEA Level 3
- Three subjects at Level 3, made up of 14 credits in each of three [approved subjects](#)
- Literacy, [10 credits at Level 2 or above](#), from a specified list of standards. Five credits in reading and five credits in writing
- Numeracy, 10 credits at Level 1 or above, made up of achievement standards or unit standards

Go to [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz) for more information.

## Latitude Global Volunteering information evening – Monday 20 March

This is an opportunity for those students who are thinking about taking a gap year and doing some volunteering overseas in 2018. The international volunteering opportunities available through Latitude will be discussed in a presentation at Christchurch Community House, 301 Tuam Street, Monday 20 March, 6–7.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/latitude-global-volunteering-information-evening-christchurch-mar20th-2017-tickets-30344566415>

## University of Canterbury Year 12 Discovery Day – Tuesday 11 April

The University of Canterbury Discovery Day gives secondary school students a taste of what life is like at university. This year's Discovery Day is on Tuesday 11 April, during the first week of the school holidays. I believe this will be a great opportunity for Year 12 boys. Please click on the following link to read about the sessions and activities available: Discovery Day [timetable and session descriptions here](#).

## Gateway aviation programme

CIAL (Christchurch International Airport Limited) are offering students the opportunity to get some work experience in the airport operations environment. Anyone interested should complete the application form available from Mr Sellars, and write a 250-word essay stating why they wish to be considered. Applications should be scanned and emailed to [sarah.percy@cial.co.nz](mailto:sarah.percy@cial.co.nz) by Friday 31 March.

## Defence Careers Experience

A Defence Careers Experience (DCE) for Years 11–13 students will take place at Burnham Military Camp, just outside Christchurch, in September. Interested students are encouraged to “like” the Christchurch Defence Careers Facebook page in order to receive updates, information and the link to the online application form. Further information will be available closer to the time. Visit Defence Careers [www.DefenceCareers.mil.nz](http://www.DefenceCareers.mil.nz)

## Academy of Caddy Training

The Academy of Caddy Training now has a programme available for secondary school students who want to learn and apply the skills, knowledge and work ethic required to be a successful golf caddy. There are opportunities for career and part-time pathways for qualified trainees. Go to [www.actnz.nz](http://www.actnz.nz) for further information.

## Events since last issue

- Year 13 interviews continue
- University of Auckland liaison visit
- University of Canterbury liaison visit

## Upcoming careers dates

- 2 Mar** – New York University Abu Dhabi liaison visit, lunchtime
- 2 Mar** – New York University Abu Dhabi, presentation for Christchurch parents
- 3 Mar** – University of Canterbury liaison visit, Year 12
- 10 Mar** – University of Otago liaison visit, Year 13
- 16 Mar** – Education USA presentation, 1pm, interested students
- 16 Mar** – Education USA presentation, 6pm, Christchurch schools
- 24 Mar** – Lincoln University liaison visit, Year 13
- 6 Apr** – Victoria University liaison visit, 12.50pm
- 12 Apr** – University of Canterbury Year 12 Discovery Day, Tuesday 11 April
- 22 May** – Otago University Law seminar for Christchurch schools
- 1 Sep** – Victoria University Open Day
- 2 Sep** – University of Auckland and Auckland University of Technology (AUT) Open Days

## The Edge radio internships 2017

The Edge is New Zealand's leading youth radio station, with a target audience of 15–39 year olds. In 2014, in conjunction with a number of Canterbury schools, The Edge introduced an internship programme. While its primary objective is to give Year 13 students interested in a future in broadcasting the opportunity to kickstart their career at The Edge, it has also provided a platform to advertise certain events or initiatives taking place at participating schools. The Edge are currently looking for two College students who might be interested in this internship. The time commitment will be approximately 5–10 hours each term, with the option for more if desired. It is an unpaid internship. Anyone interested should ideally be prepared to take it on for the whole year. Apply online at [www.theedge.co.nz/canterbury](http://www.theedge.co.nz/canterbury). Applications close Friday 24 February.

## Dunedin tertiary open day – Monday 8 May

Monday 8 May is the second Monday back in Term 2. Traditionally we have taken 20 boys to Dunedin for this event, leaving on Sunday 7 May, staying overnight, and returning to Christchurch on the Monday evening. This trip is for boys who are genuinely keen on Otago Polytechnic or the University of Otago. Anyone interested should let Mr Sellars know as soon as possible. It is acceptable to College if parents wish to take their sons to this event – however, boys are not allowed to drive their own vehicles to Dunedin.

Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor



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## Christ's College Parents' Association AGM

Wednesday 15 March, 7.30pm



# Boarding Matters

**Over the last fortnight, I have spent time in the evenings visiting the three College Boarding Houses. While I already know many of the boys, it has given me a good opportunity to find out a bit more about them and to get to know some of the newer boys at all year levels.**

I also took the time to discuss House culture and leadership with the Year 13s, and find out their views on these areas. I emphasised how they can all be leaders in the House, not just in their roles as House Prefects when on duty, but also, more importantly, in the way they relate to the junior members of the House in everyday life. We talked about them spending time to get to know the juniors and to work alongside them in a mentoring capacity. I also reminded them they should never underestimate their influence as role models and how their behaviour can affect the younger members of the House. Our House cultures are areas we must continue to work on – and this will be a focus for House staff throughout the year. As someone recently said to me, policies are easy to change, culture takes time.

In terms of leadership, I believe it is not always about having a title, it can also be about having an idea and running with it. A perfect example of this was the evening I was in Flower's House, where I was fortunate to be invited to partake in a dumpling supper prepared by international students Frank Shi and Mark Ma ([click here to view full story](#)). The dumplings were delicious, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and it was a chance for the boys to work together and gain some insight into another culture. It was an excellent example of some boys utilising their strengths to benefit others in the House – and not just in terms of filling their stomachs!



Finally, I would like to invite all boarding parents to **Boarding at Christ's College – 2017 and Beyond** on **Sunday 30 April**, from **5pm**. This is the Sunday at the end of the April school holidays, when you will be returning your sons to College for the start of Term 2. It will be similar to the presentation I did at the beginning of the year for parents of Year 9 students, but will have additional information based on what has already taken place in Term 1. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Darrell Thatcher, Director of Boarding and the Centre for Character & Leadership**

## Boarding Activities

The Boarding Activity Programme continues ... the Year 9s had another busy weekend, with a trip to the movies on the evening of Saturday 11 February, followed by a trip to Hanmer on Sunday 12 February, where they had an action-packed day, with activities including jetboating, a fish and chip lunch, and swimming at the pools. The boys in Years 10–13 took advantage of the warm weather and went surfing at Sumner. Romance – or simply friendship – was in the air on Tuesday 14 February when College Year 13s hosted St Margaret's College Year 13 boarders for a St Valentine's Day breakfast. Unfortunately, adverse weather meant we had to cancel the Segway excursion on Saturday 18 February, but the boys had a lot of fun on the trampolines at Mega Air on Sunday 19 February.



**CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE  
BOARDING PROGRAMME FOR TERM 1**



# From the Archives: The Blue Book

**In 2017 we acquire information about College life and expectations from a range of sources and most of them are available digitally. The September 1913 version of this information was found in the Blue Book, introduced by the then Headmaster, Ernest Belcher.**

The copy illustrated here belonged to "R H Ballantyne tert", which translates as Ronald Haynes Ballantyne, the third boy with the surname Ballantyne at Christ's College at that time. It did not matter whether the boys belonged to the same family or not, if they had the same surname they were numbered from one onwards and these numbers changed as boys left College. R H Ballantyne would thus become Ballantyne minor in 1915 and then Ballantyne major in 1917.

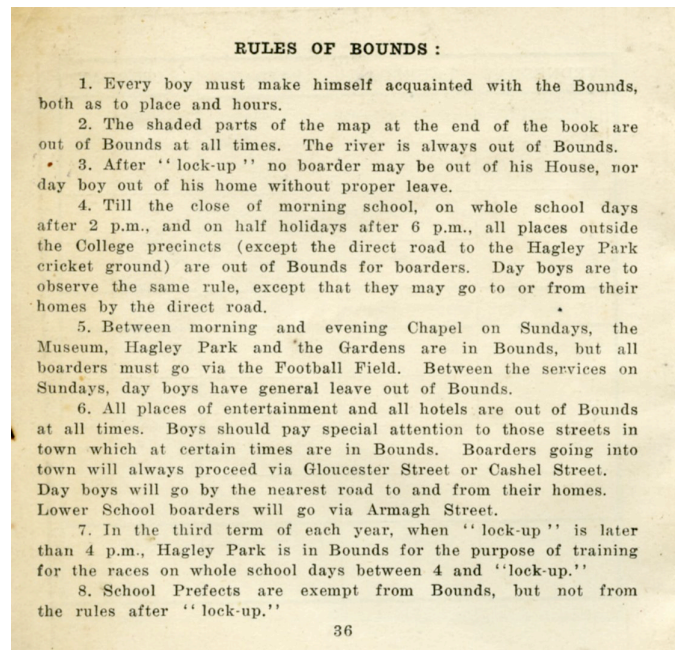
It is an intriguing volume, obviously prepared for the beginning of the first term in 1914, and contains information that is no longer publicly available, including staff addresses and a list of the boys at College with their forms and dates of birth. At that time, there were 15 form classes and the School List indicates there was a total roll of 302 boys.

The calendar includes swimming sports in mid February, Masters' meetings, Chapel services, including a confirmation, and never-ending report writing. A cadet camp is squeezed in at the end of March, as well as an inspection by General Ian Hamilton on 2 May. Bathing hours were clearly separated between Town Houses, the Lower School and Old Boys, with boys in the Boarding Houses expected to be early swimmers, as one of their allocated times was 6.30-7am every day.

The page headed "Sets 1914" indicates the Third, Fourth and Fifth Forms (Years 9-11) were divided into four sets for mathematics, French and science – and we know from other sources that this enabled boys to be taught at the level that was appropriate for them. It also provides information about the workload of various staff. A E Flower was responsible for five science sets and one mathematics set spread across the whole range of forms, while F L Carter, J Monteath and H Hudson taught the 10 French sets between them.

It is also a book produced on the cusp of war. Two of the staff would be killed (Horace Lang and Guy Spencer Bryan-Brown), as well as the Head Prefect and Head of Flower's House (Ralph Edward Fulton Barnett) and the Head of South Town (David Allan Neill Kennedy Mackenzie). The Head of School House, Walter Wootton Averill, served as a Captain in the 7th Reinforcements and William Strachan Chambers Harris, Head of North Town, was a corporal in the 16th New Zealand Field Artillery. Another member of staff, Charles Le Fanu Young would die later from the effects of gas poisoning, while Edward Herbert Severne was discharged on medical grounds (shell shock).

Rules of Bounds on page 36, and the map attached to the back cover, show very clearly exactly what the expectations of College were in respect to access to wider Christchurch. This access has varied over the years. "All places of entertainment and all hotels" in 1913-14 were extended to include inns, bars, milk bars, coffee bars and lounges, dance halls and cafes in the 1960s. By 1979 it was up to the Headmaster to "from time to time declare any place or places within the area of Christchurch or any part or parts of the School precincts to be out of bounds to all or any members of the School". In the latest revision of the School Rules, in 2017, it is the



Deputy Principal who may "from time to time declare any place or activity to be out of bounds to all or any members of the school". This is followed by clarification of the extent of the College campus, exceptions to the rule and places within the campus which are out of bounds for specific reasons and times.

It is to be hoped R H Ballantyne tert confined himself to the areas designated by the Map of Bounds and that he went by the nearest road to and from home.

**Jane Teal, Archivist**