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Each boy at his best.



From the Executive Principal

Members of the Board and College Executive met on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 March to discuss the strategic direction of College leading up to 2020. The themes that will emerge following this meeting will build on our [Priorities 2013–2017](#).

As we reflected on the Priorities, the group acknowledged just how much has already been achieved and reaffirmed our respect for the contributions of former Board chair Mr David Barker and Headmaster Mr Simon Leese. The community can feel confident that our mission of *Each boy at his best* will carry us forward as we look to enhance the College experience for all. The meeting considered feedback collected in 2015–16 through a variety of community consultative processes. It is anticipated a formal plan will be created by the middle of the year.

As you might imagine, part of the conversation at our planning meeting led to contemplation of the type of young men we would like College graduates to become. On Sunday evening we were fortunate to see an extraordinary example of everything we could wish a College educated boy to be, with

Alex Reese (13463, 2005–2009) featuring on [Sunday](#) on TVNZ1. The story was an amazing testament to this wonderful young man. The Cricket Live Foundation exists because of Alex's passion, persistence and energy. Some of our current students are now lending a hand with Cricket Live, and this story captures how a passion for sport, when combined with an ethic to serve others, has made a real difference to our world.

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Interactive Newsletter

Click on the buttons and photos to read the full story.

A fantastic athletics spectacle

Perfect weather and a very positive atmosphere made for a memorable Athletics Day on Friday 24 February...



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On Friday 10 and Saturday 11 March, College hosts the inaugural Positive Education New Zealand conference, which focuses on combining the science of wellbeing with best practice education. This event (details of which can be found [here](#)), is a direct reflection of excellent collaboration between the wider community and College. I would particularly like to thank current parent, Dr Lucy Hone, for her energy and dedication to making this event a success. With over 250 participants coming from all over New Zealand and beyond, we hope our College commitment to Positive Education can also be a transformative influence in community wellbeing.

I am looking forward to heading out on a number of community visits in the coming weeks. These visits, which were introduced last year, take College out to our stakeholders, be they current, past or future parents, and Old Boys. I will be in Cheviot, Rangiora, Arrowtown and Wanaka this week, Lincoln next week, and the following week I will be in Blenheim.

As always, please email me at executiveprincipal@christscollege.com if you have any matters relating to College you would like to discuss.

Garth Wynne, Executive Principal



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**Christ's College
Parents' Association
AGM**

**Wednesday 15 March
7.30pm**

CCPA AGM followed by
a brief address from Mr
John Quinn - Counsellor
and Director of Wellbeing
& Positive Education.

From the Chaplain

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). If your son is not baptised (christened), you may wish to discuss this with him and encourage him to consider this option. Anglicans recognise baptism in other denominations – and other denominations accept the baptism administered here. If you wish to be baptised, please confirm by Friday 10 March.

Lent

We began Lent with a special Ash Wednesday service in Chapel on Wednesday 1 March. At the service, I was delighted to announce the money we raise this year in our annual appeal, which the students begin in Lent, will benefit the Christchurch City Mission and Beyond Water, a not-for-profit organisation passionate about bringing clean, safe drinking water and sanitation solutions to communities in need across East Africa.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Bosco Peters, Chaplain



Centre for Ethics & Spirituality

Thomas Merton and Mindfulness

Thursday 16 March, 7.30pm, the Chapman Room

My wife, Helen, and I both have theology degrees, and both share a long-time interest in Thomas Merton, one of the most influential spiritual leaders of the 20th century (and the son of a 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 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.

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Latest News & Events



A show to treasure

A rip-roaring tale of adventure and survival sprang to vivid life in the junior drama production of classic pirate story *Treasure Island*. Director and drama teacher Robyn Peers says she was thrilled with...



On board with Spirit

A voyage on the Spirit of New Zealand will take you out of your comfort zone and deliver a life-changing experience, says Year 13 student Harry Hartstone. "It's the best thing I've done at high school, I had..."



Exchanges enrich lives

It is an amazing world out there – and going on an exchange opens up many opportunities to benefit from the experience of time spent living and learning, immersed in another culture. In recent months College...



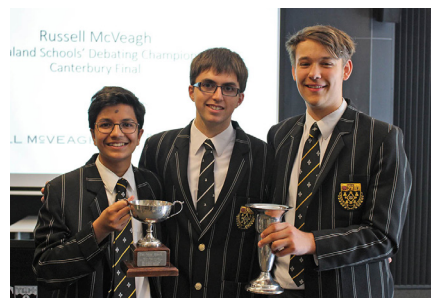
Sit to the oar!

In the Battle of Salamis (480BC) a small Greek fleet outmanoeuvred the much larger Persian navy to win a decisive victory. The "secret weapon" deployed by the Greeks in this defining sea battle was an innovative...



Biology in the field

The problem for many science students is that what they learn in school simply does not seem applicable in the real world. So, in order to address this problem, the Year 12 Temple Basin biology...



Something to talk about

The premier College debating team won the prestigious Russell McVeagh Canterbury Schools' Debating Championship in an intensive two-day tournament, held at the University of Canterbury on Saturday 4 March...

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 for more information.

University of Auckland

The University of Auckland now offers a Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education, which focuses on areas such as sport leadership and coaching, health education and promotion, sport science, health and physical education in schools, and dance.

Last year, the university launched a new range of scholarships for students starting undergraduate studies in 2017. More scholarships have been funded and at least half of the new Top Achiever Scholarships are awarded to students from outside the Auckland region. Dedicated scholarships for academic excellence will also be awarded to Maori and Pacific Island students.

Building apprenticeships

There will always be a need for more apprentice builders. TH (Trevor Hone) Builders runs an excellent apprentice scheme through BCITO. Trevor is very happy to talk to a boy or groups of boys who might want to find out more. Anyone interested should email Trevor at trevor@thbuilders.co.nz. Trevor has a recent Old Boy working for him at the moment.

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, as discussed at the recent general studies session. Read about the sessions and activities available and register online at Discovery Day [timetable and session descriptions here](#).

MedEntry UMAT preparation, 2017

MedEntry is an internationally trusted educational institution providing UMAT preparation courses in Australia, New Zealand and Ireland. UMAT is a prerequisite for entry into medicine and health courses in New Zealand. There are varying views on

whether students need to prepare for the UMAT test and I would recommend boys interested in studying medicine contact the liaison officers at Auckland and Otago universities to seek further advice, if required. For more information about the UMAT, go to www.MedEntry.co.nz.

University of Canterbury - academic scholarships

The University of Canterbury liaison team recently gave a presentation to Year 13 students. Issues discussed included University Entrance requirements, as well as both general and specialist courses available at Canterbury. Of particular interest was the information about academic scholarships. Students who have gained NCEA Level 2 and Level 3, endorsed with Excellence in both years, will receive \$6000. Other sums of money are offered depending on grades achieved.

Careers interviews for Years 11, 12 and 13

As mentioned previously, Year 13 boys are currently having one-to-one interviews with me to discuss their career aspirations. If any Year 11 or 12 boys, or parents, wish to do the same, please text or email me to make an appointment. I can usually accommodate such requests within three days. After finishing with the Year 13 boys, however, I will also interview all Year 12 students.

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.

University of Otago - On Campus Experience, Year 13 Maori students

This on campus experience, from Sunday 7 to Thursday 11 May, is open to students of Maori descent. It gives them the opportunity to attend lectures and meet academic and Maori Centre staff, as well as experience life in a residential college. The programme is fully funded, with airfares, accommodation, meals and activities provided. Applications close Thursday 6 April. To find out more and to download an application form, go to <http://www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/oce.html>

For more information about these or any other careers events, go to christscollge.careerwise.nz.

Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

ORCHESTRAL EXTRAVAGANZA

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

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



Rangi Ruru
Girls' School



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ST MARGARET'S COLLEGE
AUCKLAND, WELLINGTON & DUNEDIN



Events since last issue

- New York University (Abu Dhabi) liaison visit
- University of Canterbury liaison visit, Year 12

Upcoming careers dates

- 10 Mar** – University of Otago liaison visit, Year 13
- 14 Mar** – Cambridge University, applications for UK and other overseas universities
- 16 Mar** – Education USA presentation, 1pm, interested students
- 16 Mar** – Education USA presentation, 6pm, Christchurch schools
- 20 Mar** – Latitude Global Volunteering information evening, 301 Tuam Street, 6pm
- 21 Mar** – Your Education, student exchange, 1pm, Richards House
- 24 Mar** – Lincoln University liaison visit, Year 13
- 31 Mar** – Gateway Aviation Programme (Airport Operations), applications due Friday 31 March
- 6 Apr** – Victoria University liaison visit, 12.50pm
- 12 Apr** – University of Canterbury Year 12 Discovery Day, Tuesday 11 April
- 7-11 May** – University of Otago Experience, Year 12 Maori students
- 8 May** – Dunedin Tertiary Open Day, University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic
- 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



Christ's College Rugby Gala Dinner Save the Date

**Dining Hall, Christ's College
Friday 9 June, 5.45pm**

(Dinner will be at 6.30pm)

With special guest speakers
Stephen Jones and Mark Reason

*Tickets on sale soon, email ccoba@ccoba.com
register your interest.*

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

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

Open Day
14 March, 1 - 5pm

Register now



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Boarding Matters

The last two weeks have again been busy in the boarding community ... Athletics Day was a very successful event. It was nice to catch up with many of you at the House lunches and I trust you also enjoyed catching up with some fellow parents in your House.

The boarders have now had their first meal from the new kitchen and servery in the Dining Hall. The repair and renovation work was over a year in the making and I want to acknowledge the huge commitment of the kitchen staff during that time. They always managed to produce quality meals for 150 boys, and deliver them to the Dining Hall, while working out of prefabs in Gloucester Street. We will further recognise the move to the new kitchen with a formal lunch for the boarders on Monday 13 March.



I would like to reiterate my invitation for you to attend the presentation: **Boarding at Christ's College – 2017 and Beyond**, on **Sunday 30 April**, from **5pm**. At the conclusion of this presentation, we would be delighted if you would join us for dinner in the Dining Hall, which will give you the opportunity to see the renovations to the kitchen and servery. Later in the term, I will ask Housemasters for an indication of numbers for this evening.

On the evening of Tuesday 7 March, the boys will attend a presentation by Australian adventurer Jeremy Scott, who will talk, among other things, about overcoming adversity, perseverance, determination, self belief and the importance of learning from mistakes. We plan to invite entertaining, educational and inspirational guest speakers to talk to the boys at least once each term. This initiative began last year when All Black nutritionist Kat Darry came to discuss nutrition, and former Crusaders assistant coach Tabai Matson talked about the importance of sleep.

The student voice is important in our boarding community. Please see below the first report from Head of Boarding, Ben Murray.

Temporary boarding

There is space available in all three boarding Houses for day students to stay as temporary boarders. Spaces are mainly at Year 9 and 10 levels, with limited space available at senior level. The cost is \$70 per night, with the expectation that a stay would be a minimum of one week (or by negotiation). If you want your son to temporary board at any stage this year, please contact Sarah Fechny, Admissions Registrar, at registrar@christscollege.com for an application form.

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

Head of Boarding report

This year there is a total of 145 boarders, with 30 of these boys being new to College, across all year groups – and, as ever, the first half of term has been busy in all boarding Houses.

This year College has introduced the idea of the “student voice”, so the boys are able to get their thoughts and ideas heard. The three boarding Houses have each formed a committee, run by the Head of House, which includes one boy from each year group in Years 9–11 and two from each year group in Years 12 and 13. These committees have now met. In the next stage of the process, I will meet with the three Heads of House and collate each committee's thoughts and suggestions. I will then present the ideas to Mr Thatcher for consideration.

We have also sent a survey to all boarders regarding the activities that take place as part of the weekend boarding programme. They have been invited to give their opinion on activities they like or do not like, and suggest other activities that could be introduced. This information will be passed on to Boarding Programme Coordinator, Mr Levenger, for future planning of boarding activities. Later in the term, once the Dining Hall staff are settled in the new kitchen, we plan to repeat this process with a survey on meals.

Finally, I am looking forward to attending the New Zealand Boarding Schools' Association 2017 Student Head's of Boarding conference, which is being held at Christchurch Girls' High School's Acland House, on the weekend beginning Friday 10 March. This will be a great opportunity to meet other Heads of Boarding and share ideas. Hopefully, I will bring back some ideas to share with our boarding community.

Ben Murray
Head of Boarding

Immerse & Inspire programme Information Evening

Thursday 9 March, Chapman Room, 7.30pm

Director of the Centre for Character & Leadership Darrell Thatcher will go through details of the Immerse & Inspire programme trial, which will take place in Term 3. In 2017, 30 Year 10 boys will have the opportunity to participate in this programme. The information evening will also include a presentation from the Ministry of Awesome's Lauren Merritt and Erica Austin, who will run the Lab 5 Social Entrepreneur programme for all Year 10 boys, which will take place in Terms 2 and 3.

Boarding Activities

On Saturday 25 February, the boys watched the Crusaders achieve a close win over the Brumbies in their first Super Rugby game of the season. Adverse weather on Sunday 26 February meant the croquet experience could not take place. However, the boys had a lot of fun at Laserstrike and indoor rock climbing at the Roxx Climbing Centre on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 March. This week, the Year 9 and 10 boys will enjoy their first dinner swap of the year, where they will have the opportunity to dine with students from St Margaret's College.



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Christ's College Community Visits

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From the Archives: The 1907 Cricket Team

One hundred and ten years ago, 11 cricketers walked into a photographer's studio and their images were captured for all time. Their season is recorded in the Christ's College Register.

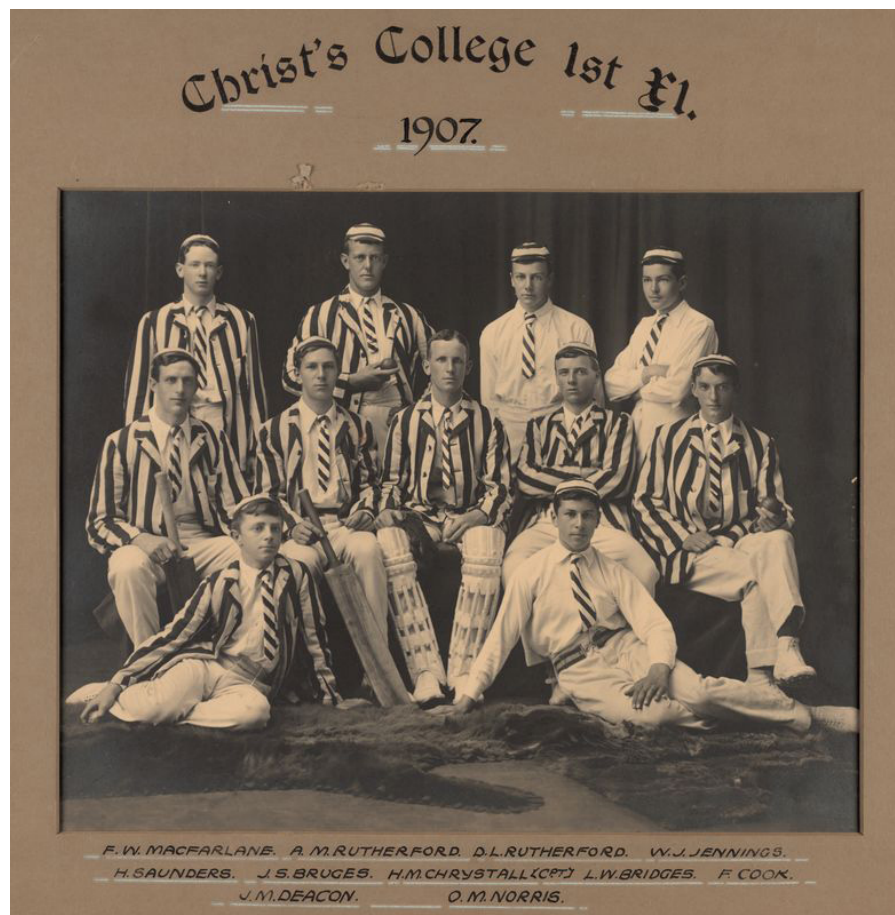
From October to December 1907 they won every game, except one that was marred by "a wicket which was enough to break the heart of any bowler", rain showers and poor light. The game against Christchurch Boys' High School was won by 23 runs and that against Otago Boys' High School by 10 wickets.

In 1907 none of them would have expected to find themselves in a military uniform, but by 1918 nine of them had signed up.

The two boys in the front row were Jack Mervyn Deacon (2199), a farmer from Cape Runaway who died of wounds received at the battle for the Daisy Patch, Gallipoli, 9 May 1915, and Oswald Mark Norris (2216), a sheep farmer from Hawke's Bay who was killed during the Gallipoli landings, on 23 May 1915.

Several College cricketers were in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force: William Ivan Kirke Jennings (2268) graduated from Duntroon Military College and became a major. He was awarded the DSO and mentioned twice in despatches. Harry Saunders (2167) was a captain in the Main Body and Frank Cook (1909) was a lieutenant in the 18th Reinforcements. John Stanley Beetham Bruges (1859) was a sergeant major in the 7th Reinforcements and lieutenant in the 1st Battalion of the NZ Rifle Brigade.

Whereas others served with overseas forces: Duncan Leslie Rutherford (2339) was a Red Cross driver for both Britain and France, while Leslie Walter Bridges (1873) was a lieutenant in the Royal West Kents. Harvey Maitland Chrystall's (1808) story of shell shock and recuperation, and his service in the Royal Navy and Royal Engineers, has recently been published in *Balls, Bullets and Boots* by Clive Akers,



Bettina Anderson and Peter Cooke. A copy is available in the College Library and he is remembered each year in the Chrystall Prize.

The ongoing supply of food for the home front was essential at this time, so the importance of the contribution of sheep farmers Ewen Malcolm Macfarlane* (2272) and Alister Montrose Rutherford (2220) cannot be underestimated.

**This is the correct name and initials – not FW Macfarlane, as is named underneath the photograph.*

Jane Teal, Archivist