

# IN BLACK & WHITE



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CHRIST'S COLLEGE  
CANTERBURY

Each boy at his best.



## From the Executive Principal

**This week boys in Years 9 and 10 have left the College campus to take part in a variety of educational experiences outside of the classroom. Each of these programmes look to develop the character of our boys in environments and activities that anticipate cooperation and collaboration.**

Around half of our Year 10 students are focusing on community service, as they have completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award adventurous journey during the Immerse & Inspire programme. The balance of our Year 10 boys are now at Boyle River Lodge to complete their Bronze Award adventurous journey. This reflects the fact that all Year 10 students are now enrolled in the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award, which provides young people with a framework for personal discovery and growth through a programme of voluntary activities. I hope many boys will take the initiative to complete the next levels of the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award while at College, as such engagement can be very rewarding. A community service week will be cemented as an experience for all Year 10 boys next year. As part of our strategic plan, our membership of Round Square requires a greater expectation of service from the boys

for the community at large. This year, it has been wonderful to see collaboration with Hohepa Homes, the Lyttelton Port Company, the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, Orana Wildlife Trust and the Christchurch City Mission.

Our Year 9 students are taking part in a camping experience and general activities based in and around Christchurch and Banks Peninsula.

All this activity has been coordinated by Mr Graeme Christey and Mr Neil Porter, and involves all academic staff at some point – with some tramping and camping out overnight, and others accompanying boys in service-based activities. Such programmes could not exist without the goodwill and full engagement of staff and I would like to thank them and acknowledge their work on behalf of the boys and College.

### Interactive Newsletter

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

### A way with words

Year 13 student Simon Brown has had a short story and two poems accepted for publication in *Re-Draft 17*, an anthology of creative writing by teenagers – and the title of his story, "Molten Mouth"...



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On Friday 17 November, Director of Development Ric Fletcher and I travelled to Australia to meet with individual Old Boys and attend the Association's annual Sydney Long Lunch. It was an especially enjoyable event, as the enthusiasm for College from this particular group of Old Boys is palpable – and most obvious through their rendition of the school song and performance of the “old” haka. While such gatherings are a normal part of College experience, as we continue to seek support from the wider community through the *For the boys, For our future* campaign, they become even more

important to raise awareness of College's aspirations and needs. It has been a busy year for Development, as excitement builds around the potential of our new Sporting Excellence, Health and Wellbeing Centre.

The change in government has immediately placed education on the agenda once again. Disappointingly, independent schools continue to be challenged by policies that undervalue our contribution to the wider New Zealand education landscape – most recently reflected in a decrease in our per capita student government funding by 3.8%

for the 2018 school year. I encourage you to stay well informed with regard to the challenges faced by independent schools and continue to advocate in our interests as is appropriate.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming school events, which celebrate the best of our traditions and so much of the success we have experienced throughout 2017.

**Garth Wynne, Executive Principal**

# From the Chaplain

## God's Suggestion Box

In the Chapel foyer, I have introduced a box, paper and pen, for anyone to write a hope, thought, or prayer. At the start of each Friday service, the box will be placed on the altar with a brief prayer. The papers will be destroyed unread, so I have stressed to the students this is not an alternative to actually talking to someone or using the appropriate channels if there are issues – such as bullying or feeling down – that should be dealt with and discussed. This box is as well as, not instead of. This is part of my trying to encourage the use of Chapel as a place where one can just pop in and have a quiet moment. We increasingly stress mindfulness, Chapel is the architectural reminder at the heart of our school to find the still point in the turning world.



## Chapel Prefects 2018

I am delighted George Murray and Wilson Murray have accepted the invitation to be Chapel Prefects for 2018.

## Chapel Services

### Advent Carol Service

Sunday 26 November, 7pm

### Carols on the Quad

Thursday 30 November, 6pm  
Everyone's welcome.

May God bless your preparations for holidays and Christmas and, when you get to it, may you have a safe, refreshing and fulfilling summer break.

Yours in Christ

**Bosco Peters, Chaplain**

## Centre for Ethics & Spirituality

I am delighted Director of Finance and Operations Mr Steve Kelsen has agreed to present on “Israelites in Archaeology and the Bible” for the Centre for Ethics & Spirituality – and recommend you mark this event in your calendars now.

Steve is passionate about archaeology and has first-hand experience in the Middle East, having worked as a volunteer and supervisor of archaeological excavations at Tel Rehov and Tel Zeitah.

From its Neolithic beginning, Tel Rehov grew to be a major city during the period of the United Monarchy and may have been the home of the Prophet Elisha. Tel Zeitah (probably the site of the biblical city of Libnah, mentioned in Joshua

10:32 and 2 Kings 19:8) has been a border town between the Egyptian and Philistine coast and the hill country of Judah from the Late Bronze Age until the 1967 Six Day War. Tel Zeitah was also where (possibly) the earliest piece of proto-Hebrew writing was found.

While there, Steve worked for some of the luminaries of Near Eastern Archaeology, such as Amihai Mazar and Gabriel Barkay, as well as mavericks such as Egon Lass. He also lived and worked in the Old City of Jerusalem during the Second Intifada (Palestinian Uprising).

Steve will discuss what archaeology can tell us about the Bible (particularly in the Iron Age/Israelite Period), being part of a dig, and living and working as an archaeologist in Israel.



**When: Thursday 22 March 2018**

**Venue: Chapman Room**

**Time: 7.30pm**

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# Curriculum News

Our mission at Christ's College is to provide an environment in which each boy can be at his best, wrapped under the korowai of innovation and tradition. This mission is also summed up by an old whakatauki: Ma te ahurei o te rangatahi, ka arahi i o matou mahi – Let the uniqueness of the student guide our work.

From an academic perspective this aspirational mission statement is about being a leading teaching and learning institution, and offering our boys the finest education. This commitment guides us in all areas of the school's academic operations, underpinning our pedagogy, programmes and procedures.

In order for each boy to be at his best, we seek to cultivate a love of learning amongst our students; a disposition towards learning that is characterised by creativity and curiosity. Of equal value, however, is the development of work ethic and personal responsibility. No matter what field our boys choose to pursue in order to reach their personal best, they will need to develop a strong work ethic and an ambition to succeed. Bobby Knight, a successful basketball coach, points out many people have the will to win, but few have the will to prepare to win. In order for us to develop this ambition, we need to ensure our boys understand what success looks like for them.

This year we concluded a curriculum review and, as part of this review, created the Centre for Teaching Excellence & Research. The Centre will be tasked with the continuous improvement of teaching and learning at College through a coaching and mentoring model. The four Heads of Teaching & Learning – Dr Graeme Swanson, Ms Katie Southworth, Ms Nicole Billante, Mr Warren Lidstone – and I will be working to support and empower our teaching staff to be the best they can be. I am firmly of the belief that our teachers are driven by an intrinsic motivation to develop our boys to be at their best, to work towards something greater than ourselves. As teaching staff we want to build on the legacy of this fine school but, as the great Athenian statesman Pericles pointed out, legacy is not what is written in stone, rather what is woven into the lives of others.

I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas break, and I look forward to the 2018 academic year.

Nga mihi nui

**Joe Eccleton**  
Assistant Principal – Curriculum



## Christ's College Cricket Tour 2018

Support the College cricket tour of April 2018 by sipping your way through some outstanding wines from Old Boy winemaker Paddy Borthwick, at a fraction of the RRP.

**All proceeds will go to the tour,  
so click on the link below and get  
ready for summer!**

**ORDER NOW**



# Latest News & Events

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## Chemistry Matters

Eight Year 12 students – Wills Wynn Thomas, Fawzan Sugarwala, Andreas Nicolaou, Josh Ting, Jayavi Premaratne, Jisu Kim, Alexander Hlavac and Han-young Kim – have made it through the first stage...



## Guns, bullying, drugs and the inequality of Maori

In a hotly contested afternoon of different topics, tones and techniques, the 12 Junior Speech Contest competitors performed before an appreciative audience...



## Leaders of the future get inspired

Cam Colkoen was the perfect presenter at the recent College 'Be Inspired' leadership afternoon...



## Shorts in the frame

Year 12 student Sam Howard won Best Actor (Male) and Year 13 student Jeremy Lidstone took the award for Best Sound at the School Shorts Screen Festival...

## Year 13 Parents' Leavers' Lunch

Friday 1 December, 12pm, The Quad

\* Please note there are only TWO registered places per boy

[Click here to book](#)



# Careers

## Irish Dairy Exchange

New Zealand Dairy Careers are passionate about training young farmers and have teamed up with Farm Relief Services, the leading providers of skilled labour to farms in Ireland, to deliver an exchange programme to benefit both countries during their peak seasons. This unique opportunity will see applicants experience life in another country, while at the same time allowing them the freedom to develop interpersonal skills and independence.

More information about the Irish Dairy Exchange can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/NewZealandDairyCareers/videos/1869917483022753/>

## Ara Institute of Canterbury

Any full time study at Level 1–3 at Ara is Fees Free for anyone aged 18 and under. Interested students should apply or enrol as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. For more information, contact [liaison@ara.ac.nz](mailto:liaison@ara.ac.nz), telephone 03 940 8586, or go to [www.ara.ac.nz](http://www.ara.ac.nz)

## Ara Student Exhibitions

Ara has a number of end-of-year exhibitions coming up and these provide a great opportunity to see some of the work produced by Ara students. For more information, contact [liaison@ara.ac.nz](mailto:liaison@ara.ac.nz)

### Ripe – Bachelor of Design

Where art and design students – including visual communication, photography, applied visual art and motion design – present their work, ranging from drawing, prints and sculptures, through posters, publications, films and animations.

*Tuesday 21 November–Friday 1 December, Rakaia Centre Atrium.*

### Pitch Fashion Show

Pitch presents work by all students in Ara fashion programmes, professionally staged and with all the glamour of the runway.

*Saturday 25 November, 8.30–10.30pm, Whareora, Ara City Campus.*

This is a ticketed event and tickets sell fast. Get yours [here!](#)

### Visualise – Diploma in Interior Design

Celebrates the talent and dedication of interior design students.

*Wednesday 22–Tuesday 28 November, Kahukura, Ara City Campus.*

### iDraught

An exhibition of work by Diploma of Architectural Studies students, showcasing conceptual drawings, technical diagrams and architectural models.

*Friday 24 November–Thursday 7 December, Kahukura, Ara City Campus.*

## Student loans and allowances – StudyLink

Studylink is a service of the Ministry of Social Development, which administers student allowances and student loans, and assists students to get the financial support to which they are entitled. Find out more online at [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz).

## 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 2018, or who have a letter of confirmation from any NZ tertiary education provider. Students can register and start applying for jobs by going to [www.sjs.co.nz](http://www.sjs.co.nz).

## Upcoming careers dates

**4 Dec** – University of Otago, course planning

**10 Dec** – University of Canterbury, applications to enrol due

**10 Dec** – University of Otago, applications for first semester start for new students due

## University of Otago course planning

OU liaison officer Prajesh Chhanabhai will be in Christchurch for one-on-one course planning, from Monday 4–Friday 9 December, 9am–4pm, at the Chairman's Suite, Addington Events Centre.

This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who missed out when Prajesh visited College recently, or for those who need further clarification about their course choices, or those who just want to have a chat about next year. Parents are also welcome to make an appointment.

Book by phone 04 460 9805, or email [margaret.tobin@otago.ac.nz](mailto:margaret.tobin@otago.ac.nz)

## Swivel Careers

Swivel Careers is a personalised, relevant and in-depth career-coaching service, designed to help secondary school students establish their career or study path. Swivel challenges students to look beyond their current career aspirations and ensures they walk away feeling confident they have made informed, well-researched choices. The programme offers holistic, scientific and practical guidance for students, based on psychometric testing of their academic and natural abilities, personality and occupational interests. Swivel Careers works with both secondary schools and individual students alike. Many students have completed the Swivel programme and come out with the confidence, clarity and motivation to embark on the next chapter of their lives. To find out more, call Christ's College's dedicated Swivel Account Manager on 09 601 1000, or go to [www.swivelcareers.co.nz](http://www.swivelcareers.co.nz)

## Volunteers needed

It is the Christchurch City Mission's preparation for Christmas time again and the Mission's Foodbank is looking for volunteers to help in the weeks leading up to the festive season. Volunteers are needed on:

### Monday 11–Friday 15 December

9am–12.30pm

1.30–3pm

### Monday 18–Friday 22 December

9am–12.30pm

1.30–4pm

Volunteers must be 16 years or over. To apply, call Mary Wood at the City Mission on 03 371 0608, or email [foodbank@citymission.org.nz](mailto:foodbank@citymission.org.nz), indicating preferred dates and times. Mary will then get in touch with further information.

## Dear readers of *In Black & White*

I enjoy preparing this column each fortnight as a summary of careers news at College, and would welcome your feedback. If there is any other information you would like to see included, or any improvements you would like to suggest, please email me at [csellars@christscollege.com](mailto:csellars@christscollege.com)

**Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor**

# Boarding Matters

**At this time, I believe it is appropriate to reflect on the year that was, as well as look ahead to 2018.**

I am pleased we have many positive events to remember and much progress made in boarding in 2017, including:

- Another busy year of Boarding Programme activities.
- An increased expectation in terms of our duty of care, with extra staff – such as non-residential tutors, academic tutors, and a Gymnasium and Weights Room supervisor – all adding value to the boarding experience.
- Professional development opportunities for staff – for example, the New Zealand Boarding Schools' Association conference and the Boarding Duty of Care course run by the Australian Boarding Schools Association and hosted by Christ's College.
- Inspirational evening sessions for the boys – including Australian adventurer Jeremy Scott talking about overcoming adversity, perseverance, determination, self belief and the importance of learning from mistakes; and College Old Boys Tomo Harada (Jacobs House 2003–2007) and Andrew Mills (Jacobs House 2005–2007) speaking about life as a boarder back in the noughties and the need to make an effort to understand the backgrounds of fellow boarders.
- The increased student voice – listening to the boys' ideas and their constructive comments to help improve the boarding experience.

The recent MMG survey, completed by students and parents of Years 10, 12 and 13 boys, confirmed boarding is heading in the right direction. It is also nice to report numbers have increased for 2018, with 31 Year 9 boarders set to start at the beginning of next year. This is a significant step up from recent years, and we look forward to welcoming these boys and their families to our community.

The survey also provided some valuable feedback with regard to areas needing further work. Therefore, in 2018, our main focus will be on:

- Further developing the student voice. The goal planning programme will be introduced across all Houses; vertical tutor groups within each boarding House will provide opportunities to develop positive relationships between senior and junior boys; connections within and across the three boarding Houses will be enhanced with inter and intra House activities and competitions – as we all know boys thrive when a little bit of competition is thrown in!
- Further alignment of the three boarding Houses in areas such as discipline and leave. We have made good progress, but this still requires further tweaks in 2018.
- Developing our boarding curriculum in terms of the support we provide for our boarders to help them fulfil their potential and develop into good young men making responsible choices. This will complement work being done across the school in this area.

With my Character & Leadership hat on, I am thrilled with how our Immerse & Inspire trials went this year, and look forward to rolling this programme out to all Year 10 students in 2018. Both the boys involved and their parents gave invaluable feedback. I also look forward to being involved in the Years 9, 10 and 11 Health and Wellbeing programmes, as well as the MANifesto programme for Years 12 and 13. A busy but exciting year awaits ...

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



## Boarding Programme

The Boarding Programme for 2017 will come to a conclusion this weekend, with paintball and surfing taking place. The recent highlight was the boarders having the opportunity to sail around Lyttelton Harbour on the Fox II (New Zealand's oldest gaffed rigged ketch).



# From the Archives: Prize Collection enhanced

**The Prize Collection within the College Archives was enhanced recently with the addition of a number of Weston family prizes, donated by T Shailer Weston (5163).**

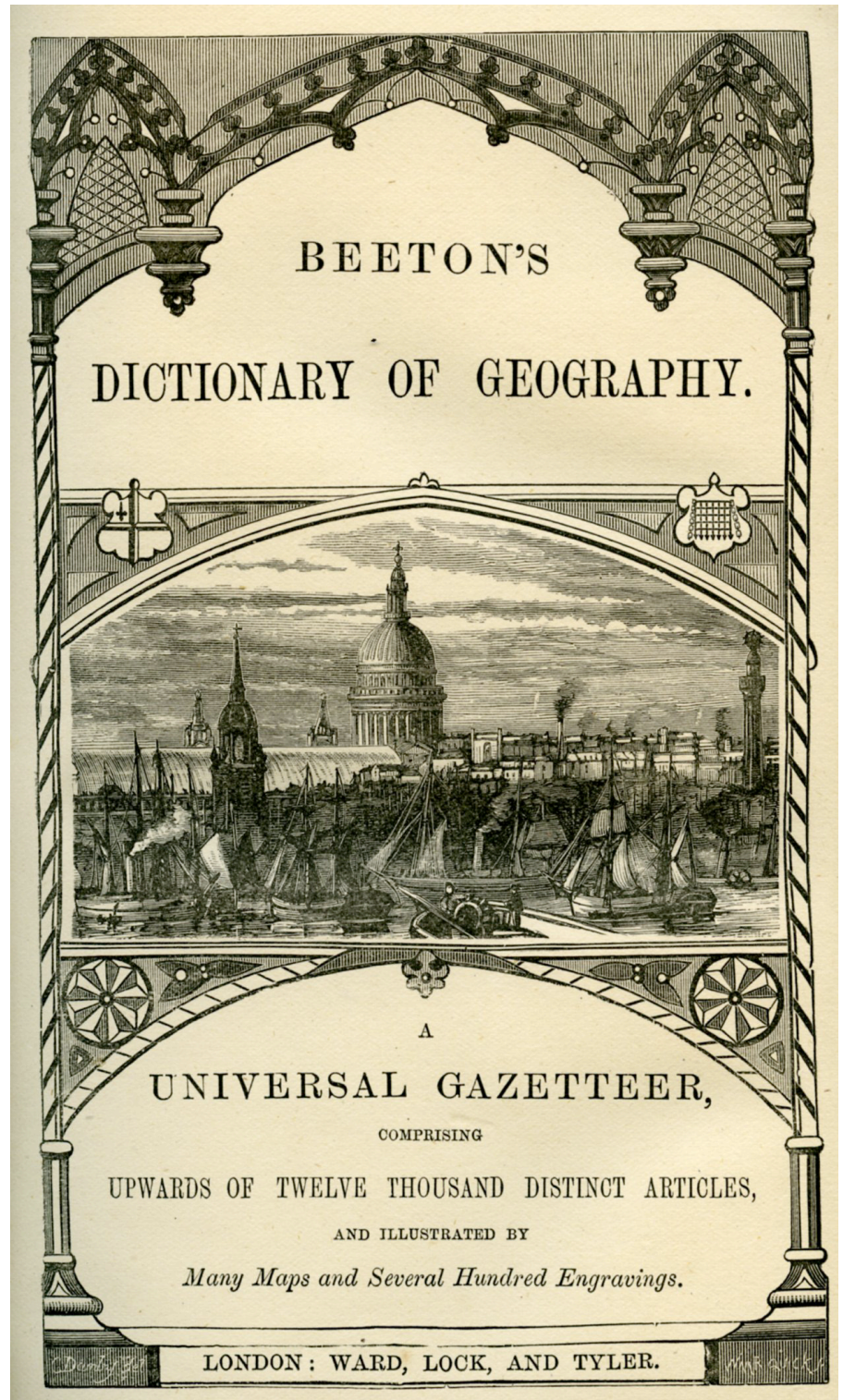
The volume that caught my eye was *Beeton's Dictionary of Geography – A Universal Gazetteer, Comprising Upwards of Twelve Thousand Distinct Articles and Illustrated by Many Maps and Several Hundred Engravings*. First published in 1868, this edition was awarded to Thomas Shailer Weston (960) in 1883 for English in the Upper 5th Form.

Thomas Shailer Weston came to College as a Government Scholar in 1881 and left in 1885 as Head Prefect and Academic Head of School. He went on to have a distinguished career in law, and this was just one of the many prizes he was awarded during his time at College.

New Zealand is one of the “distinct articles” in this edition of the *Dictionary of Geography*, and is described as the collective name of three islands in the South Pacific Ocean, first discovered by Tasman, and now a colonial possession of Great Britain, 1200 miles SE of Australia. The climate was, “Healthy; snow rarely falls but gales and heavy rains are frequent; there is, however, no rainy season”. Birds have “a melodious voice and a beautiful appearance” and “every creek swarms with different kinds of fish, crayfish, cockles, and rock oysters, which not [only] afford wholesome food, but are quite as delicious as those of Europe”. Unfortunately, Christchurch does not get a mention.

The name Beeton will be familiar to many with respect to *Mrs Beeton's Book of Household Management*, which was first published in monthly parts in 1859 and then as a complete volume in 1861. Mrs Isabella Mary Beeton (nee Mayson) married Samuel Orchart Beeton in 1856. Kathryn Hughes, in her biography *The Short Life and Long Times of Mrs Beeton*, charts their life together, both personally and through their collaborations in publishing. Beeton published a large number of books and magazines. This particular volume, completed after Isabella's death in 1865, highlights Samuel Beeton's own interests, as he was a Fellow of the Geographical Society from 1860–1870.

**Jane Teal, Archivist**



#### Sources:

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## Carols on the Quad

Thursday 30 November  
6.00pm at Christ's College

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



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