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From the Headmaster



This issue, no 93, will be my last; it was in August of 2010 we launched this newsletter, named in a competition by former parent Dr Julie Holden. School newsletters can tend to be further reviews of achievements and successes, which are often celebrated in other places. I have tried to use this to raise other ideas, and stimulate discussion. The newsletter is also accessible to anyone on the internet, so parochial matters to do with everyday school affairs, are unlikely to be riveting when read in the remote Scottish Islands.

At a wonderful event last week, hosted by my senior management colleagues, I was presented with a beautiful bound edition of all my major speeches and sermons whilst at Christ's. Even I was surprised by the scale of it, and totally delighted with the care and effort which had gone into its creation. I don't imagine I will ever use any of the content again, but it has been interesting to recall some of the special occasions represented by the pieces within it. I will treasure it.

Since the last edition I have had a week in Malaysia which has been somewhat schizophrenic - I had a laptop open on my desk receiving emails from Christchurch, responded to between the business of a new school year over there. I was able to start with an assembly in Penang last Tuesday, a few hours after the same was conducted here in my absence! What I had not anticipated was the range of accents from all parts of the UK amongst the staff, giving the staff room a comfortable and familiar feel. I am very fortunate to be moving from one staff of real quality to another.

But meeting many of the parents new to the school for the first time, confirms that international contrasts are not as vivid as one might think; we talk a lot about 'globalisation' in New Zealand, but international understanding can start very close to home. Common ambitions and aspirations, family values, and an underlying understanding of the power of education to change lives travel well. We all need to recognise the demands of genuine international understanding, not the pale imitation of cultural sycophancy which can all too easily be thought enough.

In the last couple of weeks, I am naturally reflecting on what has succeeded and what hasn't. Schools are never still; there will always be goals achieved, works in progress and ambitions unrealised. I hope to hear very soon that a major 'future project' is at last underway, and that it will be appropriate sports facilities. I cautioned after the earthquakes that our commendable efforts, and enormous investment in renovating our campus, would nevertheless be seen

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Under 14B rugby team recognised for their sportsmanship

The Under 14B rugby team received a prestigious award in recognition of their fair play and sportsmanship....



Assembly Notes

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as replacement, and getting back to (an improved) 'normal'. I had hoped the next phase would be unfolding by now, and am sorry not to have been able to drive it forward.

Many people have asked me what I will look back on with most personal satisfaction from my time at Christ's. It is not buildings, and it has little if anything to do with earthquakes and high drama. It is to do with the underlying ethos of the school being sustained and developed. Schools, and Heads, can not, and should not try, to be all things to all people. From the top downwards, the school should hold fast to that which

is good, and that which is durable. We are very fortunate that we are not a secular school; our values base is clear, sustainable and a central part of our ethos.

Advocacy for our core values should be the loudest voice anyone hears, and our language the Anglican church tradition. It is what brought me here; I hope I hear the echoes for years to come across the oceans.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

Curriculum News



Teachers are a fairly unique breed of human. I know this because my family delight in reminding me. Daily. And while we each have our own particular quirks and passions, one significant commonality between us all is that our daily lives during term time are incredibly busy. There are so many demands on our time and energy that sometimes it is hard to know where to begin. Fitting in time for reflection and effective professional development - time that "takes us away" from our classes - can be particularly challenging.

It was therefore sincerely appreciated when, just over a week ago, on Thursday 27 August, we were given time to have the highly regarded Dr Ian Hunter come work with us (while most boys no doubt equally enjoyed their rare opportunity to sleep-in!). Staff were treated to a one-hour seminar where Dr Hunter discussed a range of useful strategies to help our students - as well as ourselves - be better writers. Once the boys arrived in school for period 2, a number of classes, ranging from Year 9 to Year 13, had Dr Hunter work with them in small-group workshops. There was immediate and repeatedly positive feedback, from both staff and students, about the value of these workshops. Due to this feedback, we are very keen to invite Dr Hunter back for further, more intensive, sessions with both staff and students as soon as we can.

Dr Hunter opened his academic writing seminar with the staff by dispelling a myth; many believe that good readers are good writers. According to his (and others') research, that is simply not the case. Good readers read a lot; good writers WRITE a lot. Therefore, in order to help our students be better writers, we need to be getting them to write more. Another interesting fact is that there is no correlation between engagement and competence with boys' learning: confidence is the primary route to competence. Boys (even more so than girls, according to Hunter) need to feel confident about themselves as learners

before they can become competent in a certain subject area or skill. An important aspect of our job as teacher, therefore, is to ensure that our students feel confident about their abilities.

One of the key differences between tertiary and high school education is that tertiary institutions set strict word limits on assessments and assignments. While most NCEA assessments set clear minimum word counts, they rarely specify an upper limit. This has led to over-writing and is an area that we, as high school teachers, need to address in order to help prepare our students for tertiary education. Currently, a Year 13 student taking "writing rich" subjects such as biology, statistics and physical education (yes, you've read me correctly!) can churn out on average 50-70,000 words per year. Compare this startling statistic to the typical first year student at University, who writes on average a mere 20,000 words.

Dr Hunter also commented on the need to have students hand-writing more regularly, especially at the "tail-end" of the academic year, so that hand-writing speed and legibility improves. Students want to be aiming to write approximately 160 words-per-minute by the end of the year in order to ensure that they can cover the amount of detail required to achieve the higher grades.

To end, Dr Hunter shared many gems of advice with our students regarding effective writing techniques; most useful were his "12 ways to write a sentence." Here, he shared a range of ways to make one's writing more interesting by mixing up our choices of sentence types more regularly. Most of us use the same length and type of sentence throughout our writing. By mixing up the length and type of sentences we use (such as the simple sentence, or the very short, sharp minor sentence, or the em-dash sentence) we not only add interest but DRAMA to our writing.

Food for thought for us all.

Ms Chris Rayward, Acting Senior Master (Academic)

Latest News & Events

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Design and Visual Communications Scholarship Workshop

College hosted a workshop for teachers and students informing them of the standard requirements for Scholarship level...



House Sevens Tournament

The annual House sevens tournament took place last weekend, providing spectators with a colourful, action-packed spectacle...



International Languages Week

A multi-lingual Chapel service on Monday morning marked the start of a week of activities celebrating linguistic diversity followed by the interhouse waiter's race on Tuesday...



Casio Calculator College Win

A College team won the annual Year 11 Casio Calculator Competition which took place on 2 September at Christchurch Boys' High School...



South American Football Tour 2015

The 23-player group of football playing students, largely from the 1st XI training squad and development teams, will be visiting Uruguay and Argentina...



Chess Tournament

Last weekend, Christ's College's A chess team took part in the South Island Championships. The team included: Robin Wan, Jared Chin, Gavin Ong and Nayuta Nishiyama...

Careers



University Halls / Colleges applications

A reminder that boys need to apply to the different universities for accommodation and while doing that, apply for the ccrf (common confidential reference form). Most have done this. These will be completed by Housemasters before 15 September.

Course Planning Sessions

These are now into the second week and allow students to clarify their courses for 2016. Courses are the subjects or papers they will study. Most students will take 7 or 8 courses, spread over the two semesters. Most boys have had a planning session with Mr Sellars and understand this. The liaison staff are here to fine tune and check their choices.

Education USA Information Session, 16 September

The U.S. embassy are touring around New Zealand with admissions representatives from 10 American universities conducting "mini fairs". These are informal fairs and last approximately 45 minutes. They will be at College on Wednesday 16 September at 9.00am in The Chapman Room. The universities are: Arizona, Indiana, New York, Missouri, Savannah College of Art & Design, Foothill De-Anza College, Yale, University of Southern California. There will also be a Compliance Officer from a Big 10 University to talk about sport scholarships. Names of interested boys have been given to Mr Sellars. Others can still register with me.

Sussed - Study Link

Students should be thinking about applying for loans or allowances, www.studylink.govt.nz. The sooner they complete the SussedOnline tool, the better off they will be. Research has shown that 90% of students who complete Sussed online agree that they had a clear understanding of their entitlements, while 78% said they were encouraged to only borrow what they need from the Student Loan Scheme.

Got A Trade Week 2015 - A Huge Success

Two weeks ago was Got a Trade Week - showcasing trades based industries and celebrating the top apprenticeships who come from all over New Zealand. Got a Trade Week was on TV One's Breakfast, Seven Sharp, Maori Television, Newstalk ZB and many other media outlets, spreading the word on trades and services. We had 9 boys who participated in the BCITO Construction day which was very worthwhile.

Aviation

The career of a pilot requires a determined and resilient personality, coupled with a strong passion for flying. Additionally, successful pilots must be well disciplined, focused, skilled and hard working. Pursuing a career in aviation is not easy, but it is rewarding. Air New Zealand is looking to

employ well trained pilots within their company and the IAANZ (International Aviation Academy of New Zealand) is one of the five Preferred Flight Training Organisations (PFTOs) affiliated with Air New Zealand. They offer the NZ Diploma in Aviation.

Online portfolio system for Architecture & Fine Arts - Auckland

Applying for Architecture of Fine Arts? Complete the application for admission at www.apply.auckland.ac.nz before the closing dates, Bachelor of Fine Arts - 1 October, Bachelor of Architectural Studies - 8 December. Submit a portfolio and one page written statement via the portfolio portal system SlideRoom (<https://nicai.slideroom.com/#/login>).

Youth leadership Awards - Advanced notice

Awarded jointly by Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu and Environment Canterbury biennially to celebrate young people who freely give of their time, with passion to make the world a better place. Closing date 5 August 2016. For more details visit: <http://www.ecan.govt.nz/advice/your-school/Pages/awards.aspx#youth> or contact jocelyn.papprill@ecan.govt.nz

Victoria University - new majors in Bachelors of Science (BSc)

1) Computer Graphics - this involves computer science and design. Some similarity to Bachelor of Design Innovation. 2) Actuarial Science - this involves the study of risk, insurance, predictions. 3) 16 NCEA Level 3 maths credits are required for entrance into most 100-level MATH courses. 4) CHEM 114 requires all three NCEA Level 3 external standards as a pre requisite. 5) A new course in BE (Hons) - Bachelor of Engineering. ENGR 142 (physics course) for Electronic and Computer Systems Engineering.

Victoria University - Course Planning

As well as the course planning session being held at College on Wednesday 16 September, there is also the Drop-in Course Planning on Tuesday 15 September, 2.00pm-7.00pm, Chateau on The Park (Boardroom), 189 Deans Avenue.

New CPIT Programmes

CPIT has reviewed its programmes and they have advised of the following new courses for 2016: **Applied Sciences:** NZ Certificate in animal Management Level 4, and Animal Technology L5. NZ Certificate in Applied Sciences L4,5,6. NZ Diploma in Veterinary Nursing L6. **Business:** Bachelor of Applied Management: 4 new specialisations (Personal Financial Planning, Supply chain Logistics, Retail Management, Strategic Planning), Graduate Diploma in Supply Chain Logistics. NZ Certificate in Retail L2,3,4. **Creative:** Bachelor of Design and Bachelor of Musical Arts. **Food & Hospitality:** NZ Certificate in Tourism & Travel

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CHAPMAN GALLERY
Student Art Auction

Date Friday 11 September 2015
Time 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Location Miles Warren Building, Ground Floor

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Friday 11 September
from 7.30pm, on The Quad

Last chance to purchase your tickets!

Careers continued

Yoobee School of Design - 9 October Open Day

This is the last chance this year to see the campus in full swing. 9.00am - 3.00pm. Level 2, Otakaro Building. University of Canterbury, Dovedale Ave, Ilam. This is useful for students interested in Graphic Design, Sketching, Animation, Website Design, Video Games, Film, Photography. See classes in action, meet tutors and explore the campus.

Tai Poutini Polytechnic - Mainz (Music+Audio Institute of New Zealand)

Open night. 16 September, 191 High Street, CBD, Christchurch
Talk to the tutors about audio, live sound, DJing and their electronic music production programmes. Also, volunteer bands are wanted to help their students learn to use the recording studio. A good opportunity for young bands to gain experience recording.

Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

Events since the last issue:

- Subjects options evening
- University of Melbourne liaison visit, 12.50pm
- University of Melbourne Information Evening
- Auckland University of Technology (AUT), liaison visit, Year 12

Upcoming careers dates:

- 9 Sep - University of Otago course planning, (Health Sciences) 2.45pm
- 9 Sep - Lincoln University course planning, 2.45pm
- 15 Sep - University Halls/College applications should be completed
- 15 Sep - Victoria University, School Leavers Scholarships close
- 15 Sep - Victoria University, Drop-in course planning
- 16 Sep - Education USA Information Session, 9.00am
- 16 Sep - Victoria University Course Planning, 2.30pm
- 16 Sep - Tai Poutini Polytechnic (Mainz) Open Night, 7.00pm - 9.00pm
- 22 Sep - Southern Institute of Technology Open Evening, 5.00pm - 7.00pm
- 30 Sep - Broadcasting School - applications close
- 1 Oct - Auckland University - Bachelor of Fine Arts close
- 6 Oct - DairyNZ Day, at Lincoln University
- 9 Oct - Yoobee School of Design Open Day
- 31 Oct - Lincoln University, Global Challenges Scholarships close
- 8 Dec - Auckland University - Bachelor of Architectural Studies close

Winter Sport Tournament Week 2015



The 2015 version of Winter Tournament week was held last week with many thousands of school sportspeople and their support teams travelling the length of New Zealand to participate in a variety of tournaments. College was represented in hockey, football, rugby and basketball.

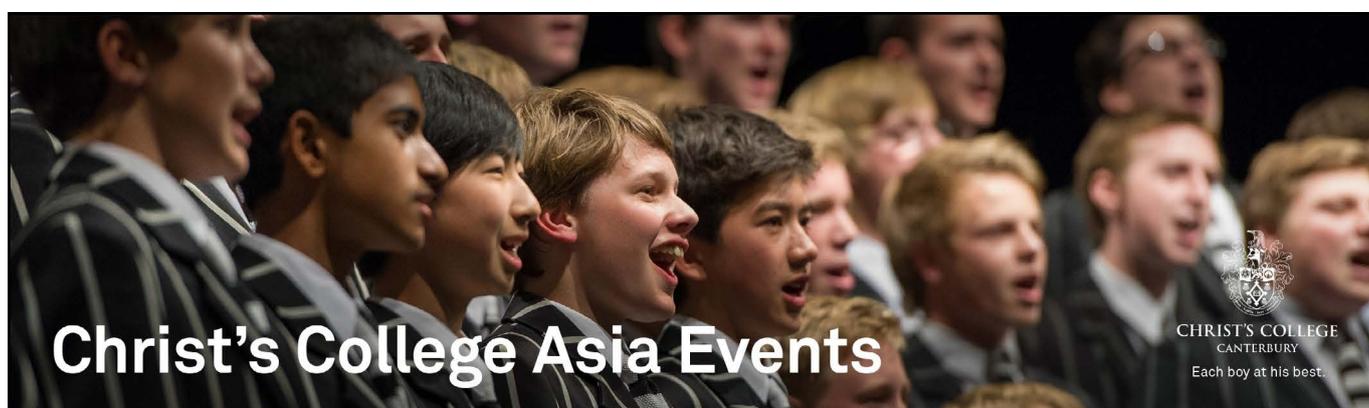
The 1st XI hockey side travelled to Auckland for the newly revamped Rankin Cup / India Shield tournament. This tournament comprised of the top 32 schools in the country. The top 16 sides would eventually contend for the top prize of the Rankin Cup. Pool play had matches against Palmerston North BHS (L 0-4), Burnside HS (W 2-1) and St Pat's Silverstream (W 7-0). The two win, one loss record put the College side into 2nd in their pool and a place in the top 16 for the knockout phase of the week. The first up match was to be against eventual Rankin Cup winners, Westlake Boys. College conceded a goal early, and had their own chances to equalise. It was not until five minutes left in the game when Westlake scored their second goal. At this point College removed their goalie to put on an extra field player, which resulted in a third goal right on fulltime. This loss placed College into 9th-16th playoff and a loss to Tauranga Boys' in their next game lead to a showdown with Rathkeale College. The teams had met earlier in the year in the annual winter exchange. College lead 2-1 at the half and completed the win with four goals in nine minutes after playing some superb hockey. The final match of the week was against New Plymouth Boys'. College got out to a 3-1 lead into the second half before New Plymouth hit back with two goals of their own while College were down to nine players. The game was tied at fulltime so the match was decided by drop off, golden goal. This meant for 5 minutes it become a

game of 9 on 9 with no goalie. First team to score wins. This was achieved by James Donaldson scoring the winning goal. A win 4-3 and 13th at Nationals.

The Under 15 Colts Hockey team travelled to Hamilton for the Invitational Tanner Cup. Pool games were held with a 2-0 win over John McGlashan, followed by a 4-1 loss to Auckland Grammar. Their next game was decided on strokes after the weather and rain meant play was not possible on the turf. The team lost on strokes to Westlake Boys' before meeting Auckland Grammar again in the knockout phase. Once again the Auckland team prevailed and the last match of the tournament was against Palmerston North BHS. A 4-0 loss was not the finish the team was after and 8th place in the tournament.

In Christchurch both the 1st XI football and Under 15 rugby sides had tournaments at home. The 1st XI football side were involved in the Jim Wishart trophy. Pool games saw wins over Mountainview College (5-1) and Cashmere HS 2nd XI (5-0) and a loss to eventual tournament winners Pakuranga College (6-2). Finishing second in their pool College went on to play Lincoln HS in the quarterfinals and were comfortably defeated and then faced Ashburton College in the 5th-8th playoff. Playing at the College home ground, the 1st XI was involved in a very close match and it came down to a penalty shot near fulltime to draw the game and sent it to overtime but the shot was saved by the Ashburton goalie for a 2-1 loss. The final match of the season was against Shirley BHS and they had proven to be tough opponents over the last few years. This did not deter the College side who put in a very good display of football, and with goals to Callum Long and Bryce Park, took the match 2-0 to finish 7th at the tournament.

Winter sport tournament week continued on page 7



Christ's College Asia Events



Senior Master, Neil Porter and Registrar, Sandy Scannell will be visiting the region to host promotional evenings and alumni/parent get-togethers.

Information Evenings:
Hong Kong - Thursday 24 September, from 5.30pm at the NZ Consulate
Singapore - Monday 28 September, from 5.30pm at Pan Pacific Orchard Hotel

Please contact us now to register your interest: Registrar, Sandy Scannell - registrar@christscollge.com



From left, 1st XI football players Callum Long and Hamish Hill in action.



Under 15 College rugby team in action against Marlborough Boys'.

The South Island Under 15 Invitational Rugby tournament was co-hosted this year at College. The Under 15 side started the tournament with two very convincing wins over Marlborough Boys' (42-0) and Waitaki Boys' (46-14). This meant a final pool showdown against Southland Boys' on Upper. College lead at the half and the game was in the balance right to the end but College lost a close match 25-23. Southland then went on to defeat Shirley BHS comfortably in the final while College lost their second close game in two days, this time to Timaru BHS 24-20.

In Dunedin the Senior A basketball team were involved in the South Island championships. The team lost their first three pool matches to Otago BHS (78-56), Nelson College (85-73) and Shirley BHS (92-45) before securing a thrilling one point win in overtime against Papanui HS (91-90). Max de Geest and Will Harrison were key contributors. The team went into the knockout phase of the tournament for 9th-16th. Against St Andrew's the team kept it close for most of the game but were unable to keep pace with their opposition, and this match was followed by a 97-84 win over Waimea College. The final game of the tournament was against John McGlashan who proved too strong for the College side. In the end the team finished 14th, which is an improvement on previous years.

Many thanks must go to the staff and supporters who gave up their time to assist with all the College teams as they travelled and competed during Winter tournament week 2015.

Rob Clarke, Director of Sport

REACTION

2015 Christ's College House Plays Festival

Thursday 10 September
6.00pm Assembly Hall

● Julius ● Flower's ● Corfe ● School ● Condell's

Wednesday 16 September
6.00pm Assembly Hall

● Richards ● Rolleston ● Harper ● Jacobs ● Some

From the Archives: 25 Years Young

A twenty-fifth birthday is a rare event for a College building. We are more used to celebrating milestones in excess of one hundred years. Nevertheless, it is twenty five years since Big School lost its west wall and was extended into the Upham Quad, creating the library space that we now enjoy.

The decision to partially demolish an 1863 building was not done lightly, however the library needed to be able to accommodate an increased roll. Boys not only required somewhere suitable to undertake individual study but class groups wanted access to advances in digital technology.



The demolition of the West Wall.



The extension of the Library to the West.

Sir Miles Warren designed the extension with its gables that echo the lancet windows of the east wall in an elongated form that let in more light. The stone work of the external buttresses have become echoed yet again by the Fine Arts and Technology Building and the recently opened Miles Warren building.

The extension tripled the space over three stories. It became possible to move the Harris Collection where it could grow and be accessed more easily. This collection now consists of 1269 items that include books, theses, off prints and research papers, all of which have a connection to College Old Boys and Staff.



Finishing the extension.

Items relating to College's past found a home in the basement area. That collection too has expanded over the intervening years.

Obviously it is the library collection that has benefited most, and this continues today. Since the opening in 1990, which established the exterior of the building as an integral part of the College architecture, the interior has undergone subtle changes. A reminder of how the space was originally configured in the 1860's hangs on a the wall and provides a visual prompt of how important the present day addition of colour and comfort are to boys learning.

Jane Teal, Archivist

