

In Black & White



CHRIST'S COLLEGE
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From the Acting Headmaster

The new Executive Principal of Christ's College for 2016, Garth Wynne, is visiting us for three days this week. This has been an excellent opportunity for him to be introduced to the junior boys and to meet the staff. On Thursday, Garth returns to the leadership of Christ Church Grammar in Perth, Australia, to finish a busy final term of office there, before arriving in Christchurch with his wife, Annie, in early January.



We are looking forward to the junior production, *Bugsy*. The boys from College and the girls from Rangī Ruru have worked with great dedication, led by an indefatigable team of staff from both schools, under the directorship of David Chambers.

The news of rugby development at College has been well received by the College community. Naturally, there are those who may be asking: "What about our other sports?" I hope to reassure you that efforts devoted to rugby are not at the expense of other sports. We are committed to the development of all aspects of College life, including all sporting codes and we prefer to make continuous improvements. However, every now and then, a more dramatic development will arise, of necessity. During 2016, we intend to put strategies in place for the enhancement of all sporting codes, under the direction of the Masters in Charge and the Director of Sport, Rob Clarke. Furthermore, 'strength and conditioning' will not be restricted to rugby players and rowers, as we develop our programmes during the course of the year.

Mr Rob Donaldson, Acting Headmaster



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Reuben Thorne Christ's College First XV Coach

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed former All Black captain Reuben Thorne to coach the Christ's College First XV rugby team in 2016...



Assembly Notes

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If you are or have ever been a runner, you'll know the feeling well. It's that feeling when, after pounding out 10km or 21km or even 42km, you see the finish line of a race up ahead. I may be that most pathetic of creatures, a permanently damaged runner, but I can still recall the feeling only too well. I also recall, with the finish line apparently just

up ahead, the grit and determination that it takes to push on for that last kilometre which seems to go on endlessly. Your legs are saying "No more, no more" and your brain is saying "Keep going, you know you can do it, we haven't come this far to stop now" (actually my own inner voice always seemed to be far more abusive than that).

This isn't an ex-runner's column. These are the same feelings many of our boys are having right now, as they push on into the final NCEA examination season. It has been a long haul, the weather is warming up, the blue skies outside keep beckoning and then there are those mates who have actually finished the last of their own examinations and come along with an invitation to play touch or to go to the beach.

This is the time when real grit is required. I have periodically talked about Art Costa's Habits of Mind. Yes, I'm a fan. These are, after all, characteristics that Costa and his team observed repeatedly in successful people across many pursuits, across many walks of life, across cultures and national borders. And perseverance is one of them. I bang the drum about this one more often than most (apart perhaps from the need for accuracy) because it is in my opinion, such an essential foundational personal attribute for all of the others.

So when the examination season is drawing to a close and your son has a couple of those examinations left even though his mates have finished, remind him of the need to finish the race, to do the job properly. It's an exercise in deferred gratification, and there seem to be numerous studies around to show that the ability of younger people to defer rewards is also a critical determinant of their future success.

Encourage him to see it out. If it's that last Scholarship examination for which he is waiting, encourage him to last the distance. That last kilometre is pretty tough. But we don't give up. EVER!!

Mr Robin Sutton, Acting Deputy Headmaster

From the Chaplain



It was good to have Mr Garth Wynne at a Chapel service as part of his visit to Christ's College. We look forward to welcoming him formally as Headmaster to start next year.

The last few days have seen unspeakable atrocities in Paris and Beirut. It is a precious part of our school life that we can meet in

Chapel to remember and reflect on these events and commit ourselves to an alternative way of living with difference and diversity. Learning to include people we perceive as different to us is a reality in the life of teenage boys and schooling.

This term is rushing by. Seniors are on study leave. We have some special services in the school's Calendar that I know many parents will be part of. As well as the simple 9am morning Eucharist this coming Sunday where it is always great to have parents and family members with us, there is the Advent Carol Service (7pm, 29 November), Carols on the Quad (6pm, 3 December), and the Leavers' Service (2pm, 4 December).

On Sunday (22 November) The Revd Canon Lawrence Kimberley is being inducted as the Dean of the ChristChurch

Transitional Cathedral. He is a close personal friend, and a strong friend of our school. We look forward to deepening our relationship with the cathedral.

If your son is in Year 11 or 12, there are some opportunities you could talk to him about at the start of next year. Dean Lawrence Kimberley will be leading confirmation preparation again. Preparation and the confirmation service will be with St Margaret's College students. There is, of course, also an opportunity for anyone who seeks baptism. It will be offered again in Term 1.

Next year there will also again be an opportunity to do a university Religious Studies course specially designed for Year 13 students. The topic for 2015 is church history. There also may again be an opportunity for students, in their own time, to work on Religious Education Achievement Standards at Level 3 or possibly 2.

I have previously mentioned the retirement of Mr Christopher Williams, and thanked him for his tireless contribution as Chapel Steward. I am now pleased to be able to announce that Dr Andrew Taylor is taking on this role of Chapel Steward at Mr Williams' retirement.

Rev Bosco Peters, Chaplain

Latest News & Events

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Henry Idiens receives Parents' Association Bursary

Henry Idiens, Year 12, has been awarded the Christ's College Parents' Association Bursary for 2016...



Congratulations to the College School Prefects and Heads of House for 2016

Careers



Sussed - Study Link

By now, students should have applied for loans or allowances, www.studylink.govt.nz. The sooner they complete the SussedOnline tool, the better off they will be. Boys should apply for their loans and allowances by 16 December. In October, Study Link received a total of 33,064 applications - that's 8795

more than October 2014. Applying for the first time requires a range of information which includes providing identity. First time applicants can do this by using RealMe. Students can sign up online for their RealMe verified identity and then get a free photo taken to complete the process at participating PostShops. This means that students can prove who they are without having to provide copies of a passport or birth certificate.

University of Otago Course Planning

Monday 30 November to Friday 4 December. Prajesh will be in Christchurch for one-on-one course planning. This is to be held at the Chairman's Suite, Addington Events Centre, Twigger Street, Addington, Christchurch. Times: 9am to 4pm. Book an appointment by calling 04 4609805 or emailing: paula.watson@otago.ac.nz.

Dux Scholarships

University of Otago - This scholarship is available to the 2015 Dux of schools. There are no other criteria to be met. It is

valued at \$6000 for those students who have not been offered one of the university's other main scholarships. This year, if the Dux has received another scholarship, they will also receive a partial value of the Dux Scholarship in conjunction with the other scholarship. For example, if the Dux secures a Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship (value \$6000), they will receive the Dux's Scholarship with a half stipend of \$3000, giving a total package of \$9000.

University of Canterbury - The scholarship is valued at \$5000. It may not be held with any scholarship or award that comprises payment of tuition fees, with the exception that recipients may hold both a UC Dux Scholarship and an Emerging Leader Scholarship. In such a case, the Dux Scholarship would be held in name only.

University of Canterbury - College of Engineering

E-Week, Sunday 17 to Friday 22 April 2016, is a week-long camp for high school students hosted by the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the university. Students must be enrolled in Year 12 or 13 in 2016, and be taking physics and calculus. The course is free for successful applicants. They will be accommodated in one of the halls of residence on campus and all food is supplied. The invitation was sent to the Head of Physics in each school.

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Careers continued...

Voluntary Work - City Mission

The City Mission are requiring volunteers for the following dates: Monday 14 to Friday 18 December and Monday 21 to Thursday 24 December. Times are 9am to 12.30pm and/ or 1.30pm to 4pm. Volunteers can come for one section of the day or the whole day, or mix and match the different sections. Tasks include packing food parcels, unpacking large donations, bagging food and provisions for distribution, supporting other volunteers. Students need to be 16+ to work at the foodbank. Either contact Mr Sellars or email: foodbank@citymission.org.nz and contact Mary Wood.

CPIT and Aoraki Polytechnic

CPIT and Aoraki Polytechnic have advised that they have received the go-ahead to create a new organisation. The new organisation will provide applied tertiary education to the Canterbury region with access to a greater number of programmes, in a larger number of centres, supported with better services. For more information visit www.aoraki.ac.nz or www.cpit.ac.nz.

New Zealand Cadet Forces

No.18 Squadron, a member of The New Zealand Cadet forces is currently recruiting for Year 8 and 9 boys and girls to join their unit. They parade on a Tuesday evening at the Wigram Airbase. They provide training in flying, shooting, bushcraft and the opportunity to experience the New Zealand Defence Force. More information: 18sqn.cadetforces.org.nz or ph 03 3439554

Thank you

As the year comes to an end I want to thank those of you who have read *In Black & White*. I often ask people if they read the Careers section and the response is generally - most definitely. The aim of this section is to provide current information from the vast

amount of material that comes across my desk. It is heartening to hear people say "I read about this in your section". If there is anything else you would like me to include in it, please contact me on 0272689437 or csellars@christscollege.com.

I look forward to providing further information in 2016.

Mr Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

Events since the last issue:

- University of Canterbury applications to enrol for 2016 opened.
- Victoria University students can apply for their degree and enrol for courses online.

Upcoming careers dates:

- 30 Nov** - University of Otago Course Planning until 4 December.
- 8 Dec** - Auckland University Bachelor of Architectural Studies closes.
- 8 Dec** - Otago University applications to study close.
- 14 -18 Dec** - City Mission Voluntary Work (see above).
- 16 Dec** - Apply for student loans/allowances by this date.
- 21-24 Dec** - City Mission Voluntary Work (see above).
- 26 Feb** - Applications to study at Lincoln University are accepted until this date.



Carols on the Quad

Thursday 3 December 2015
6.00pm at Christ's College

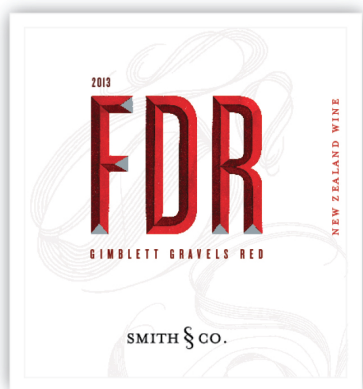
We will be collecting for the
Christian World Service
Christmas Appeal.



CHRIST'S COLLEGE ROWING

2015 Wine Fundraiser

Inaugural Release of Smith and Co. Wines



SMITH & CO.

After co-founding and being at the helm of the prestigious Craggy Range Winery in Hawke's Bay (voted the Best Winery in the New World in 2014), Steve Smith, Master of Wine, is releasing his own very select range of wines. Produced under his Smith and Co. label, they come with all the same high quality and seriously stylish standards that he put in place at Craggy Range and they are hard to find. But not for us!

Steve has made available to us the very first wines to be released from his own stable for our 2015 fund raiser. For every case we sell we get a nice commission (\$45 for the FDR and \$25 for the Sauvignon) so it's a great way to support our rowers.

- » Smith & Co. SAUVIGNON 2015: Price is \$175 per 12 bottle case:
Well we know the wine is white so we've dropped the "blanc", part of our goal to make wine a lot less fussy. Made from some of the classiest parcels of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc we have ever tasted, all bright and dry and limey. A deliciously divine drink.
- » Smith & Co. FDR 2013 : \$235 per 12 bottle case:
"The term FDR comes from the famous British wine trade meaning "Fine Dry Red", the wine merchants finest blend of the year. We tip our hat to the idea and give it a new twist as our finest blend of Gimblett Gravels Merlot and Cabernets. Rich, full bodied with a fine gravelly texture." This parcel is from the 2013 vintage, widely regarded as the greatest red wine vintage of all time.

» THE OFFER

The offer will open at 9am on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10th and will close on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28th. The wines are on allocation and will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

- » To access the offer visit www.smithandco.nz and simply click on Christ's College Offer in the home page footer, then type in the code **CCROW**. Payments can be made by credit or debit card.

Once ordered the wine will either be delivered to your nominated address between December 6th and 10th or can be collected freight free in Christchurch on the weekend of December 5th and 6th. We will advise you of details by email once we receive your order.

- » Remember be quick, these are great wines and great value!

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