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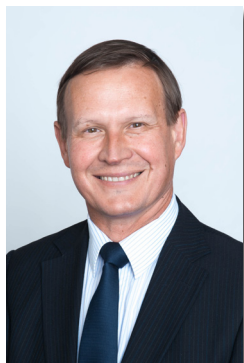
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From the Acting Headmaster

The aftermath of the earthquake lingers, as we all know too well. With this in mind, I am informing the school community of two important repair projects for 2016. The first is the kitchen tower. This will take a year to complete and during that time, the kitchen facilities will be located at the 9/11 Gloucester Street site. Prepared food will be transported to the Dining Hall and three meals a day for boarders will be available as usual. The caterers will continue to meet our needs, albeit under more logistically challenging conditions. The other project involves the Assembly Hall, which will be out of commission for Term 1 only. We will work around this closure and have as many outdoor assemblies as we can.



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Be Inspired Year 7 Leadership Day

College today hosted its inaugural Year 7 Leadership Day, with the theme Be Inspired. More than 160 students from 16 primary schools attended...

We have had a flurry of highly successful school events in the lead-up to the end of term. *Bugsy* was wonderful, as expected. The Year 10s then headed for camp, which was run very efficiently by a team of dedicated staff under the guidance of Stephen Horton. By all accounts, the tramping was quite challenging and the boys and staff were suitably fatigued. During the week, Darrell Thatcher ran a leadership conference for Year 7 students at College. This inaugural conference was so well received that it is likely to be sought after by primary and intermediate schools in the years to come. Then, at the end of the week, we had some excellent publicity and a bit of fun along the way, with the unveiling of the Red Baron.

As I write, boys are wandering around the campus swinging their purerehua, and practising taiaha skills on Upper. This is part of our annual Te Ao Maori programme and the concert at the Te Rangimarie Centre (360 Gloucester Street Linwood) on Wednesday at 11.30am. Whanau are welcome to attend the concert at this wonderful venue. The school would welcome your support as we foster Tikanga Maori at College.

This is the last Black and White for the year so I wish you all the best for the Christmas season.

Nga mihi nui

Mr Rob Donaldson, Acting Headmaster



Assembly Notes

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Calendar Events

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From the Chaplain



This short, extremely busy term is hastening to its conclusion.

Carols on the Quad, at 6pm on Thursday 3 December, will follow a similar pattern to the extremely positive event in other years. It is an opportunity for our extended College community to sing Christmas carols with some readings and prayers. The year concludes with the Leavers' Service, this year with the Leavers' parents present.

It was great to have such a full Chapel for the Advent Carol service on Sunday with Medbury School and The Cathedral Grammar choirs. The focus this week is on the Year 9 and 10 Te Ao Maori Programme which started in Chapel with vigorous singing of waiata.

I am delighted to be able to update the total raised by the Humanitarian Committee this year: \$18,979.26 went to CanTeen. They also raised \$5108 for the Nepal Earthquake relief fund earlier in the year. We have recently been collecting in Chapel services for the Ronald McDonald House (South Island), and that included the collection on Sunday. At Carols on the Quad, we will collect for the Christian World Service Christmas Appeal.

I remind you, if your son is in Year 11 or 12, there are some opportunities you could talk to him about for 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. Any students thinking about it are invited to a barbecue on Wednesday 2 March from 6 to 8pm.

There will also be an opportunity for any boy in any year group who seeks baptism. We have put a baptism service into the Calendar for Friday 1 April at 6:45pm with the Choir.

Again, next year there will 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 wish you all a blessed Christmas and New Year, with safe and re-creating holy days and holidays.

Rev Bosco Peters, Chaplain



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.



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Latest News & Events

Click on the photos below to read the full story then click the go back arrow in your browser to return to In Black & White.



Canterbury RAMS invite College boys on tour

The RAMS basketball team has invited the College Under 20 basketball team to travel to Brisbane...



Volunteering in Sri Lanka

Rupert Whyte, Jacob Bird and Jakob Kerr are off to Sri Lanka in a few weeks to help out at Cricket Live, a foundation for underprivileged young children...



Patrick Manning receives choral scholarship in the UK

Year 13 student Patrick Manning has received a choral scholarship to Chelmsford Cathedral in the UK...



Annual Year 7 Science Competition

Today we hosted the Annual Year 7 Science competition. It was a fantastic afternoon which involved a physics, chemistry and biology based challenge for each of the nine teams...



Year 9 and 10 Speech Competition

On Thursday 19 November we had a fantastic afternoon celebrating our top Year 9 and 10 speakers. "All the finalists spoke incredibly well and we were very proud of the maturity..."



News Flash! Malone's mobsters make mayhem on College Quad

Acclamation resounded around the College as a delighted opening night audience emerged from the OBT...

Boyle River Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp, November 2015

Seventy-five dayboys in eight groups braved the rain and sand flies over five days, at the Boyle River part of the Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp.

Based in and around the Boyle River Outdoor Education Lodge near Lewis Pass, the programme aimed to further develop the skills boys need to safely take advantage of New Zealand's outdoor experiences, as well as giving an opportunity for all boys to develop personal leadership skills outside the classroom. The camp also promoted respect for each other's individual differences.

A qualified instructor and a College staff member guided each group and boys completed a two-day tramp and four challenging half-day activities.

The Lewis Pass/St James Walkway region has some spectacular tramping routes, and this year the groups walked the Doubtful River/Devil Skin Pass/Nina Valley route (or a variation on that because of weather conditions), the Mt Faust/Boyle Hut section near the eastern end of the St James Walkway, and the Cannibal Gorge route at the western end.



Two years ago Dr Swanson, as one of the Boyle Camp dads, introduced a team challenge where each activity including the tramp, earned valuable group points. Points were also awarded for above-and-beyond help given in the kitchen, bunk room tidiness (inspected military-style), the evening competitive and serious activities, and even for settling down and going to sleep quickly. Mr Horton, chief organiser of the camp, with help from the technology department, organised for 20 individual plaques and 13 beautifully sculpted perspex trophies for overall group winners to be made. These were awarded during, and at the conclusion of the camp.



The daytime activities included:

- group team building challenges, including the infamous swamp crossing
- rock climbing at Windy Point
- navigation and orienteering
- high wire climbing, including the flying kiwi.

Early evening activities included several competitive bouts of indoor battleships and outdoor Kubb, a popular Scandinavian game involving throwing sticks and a huge quiz where each group was split into two teams.

The late evening activities had a very different focus and the performance of this year's students made them one of the best ever year groups. Two activities were offered, both involving a huge amount of personal discipline and two-way trust. Nightline involved boys walking blindfolded and helmeted as a linked group to a 400m long rope course winding through the beech forest, dry creek beds and over fallen logs. Once at the course, boys were taken by a teacher to the rope and released at intervals. For 30 minutes, the rule was NO SOUNDS of any type apart from the quiet shuffling of feet. In contrast, for the solo activity, boys were taken out into the forest over a 4km circuit and then each boy was dropped off at a safe, known, and relatively comfortable spot. They then spent an hour in solitude with no torch, no watch and nothing to entertain themselves with. The rules include no moving (obviously) and no sounds. Both activities were personally challenging.

Awards for leadership: Sam Aitken, Zac Cran, Josh Murison, Isaiah Punawai, Jono Stewart, Rhys Thatcher and Harrison Voice

Awards for meeting huge personal challenges: Max Dickson, Thomas Hawley, Jack Herewini and Andreas Nicolaou



Awards for above and beyond helpfulness: Edward Babbage, Jack Caunter and Angus Oh

Awards for behind the scenes teamwork and peer support: Will Duston and Wills Wynn-Thomas

Awards for amusing failures: Seungmin Seok, Mr Worner, Jack O'Donoghue, Josh Murison, Isaac Kinney and Harry Black.

Two other boys were recognised (without a specific award) for their helpfulness and initiative through the week at the Lodge: Ollie Fradd and Charlie Horncastle.

The overall winning group with 138 points was Group 7 (with instructor, Billy, and Christ's College staff member, mathematics tutor Aneesh Naik): George Kral, Richard Liu, Angus Mossman, Jack O'Donoghue, Ethan Pidgeon, Jack Ryan, Jay Sprott, Rhys Thatcher, Ben van der Geest and Hunter Wilson.

The College teaching staff involved: Mr Stephen Horton, Ms Kate Belton, Dr Briar Wait, Dr Graeme Swanson, Dr Andrew Taylor, Mr David Johnson, Mr Matt Cortesi, Mr Lars Thomsen, Mr James Bartlett, Mr Paul Rodley and Mr Graeme Worner.

The College support staff involved: Adam Steyn and James Harris (GAP tutors), Nye Williams (English tutor) and Aneesh Naik (mathematics tutor).

Click below to view a short clip from the Year 10 camp.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bm3SVKeJwZg>



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Hillary Award

Some of College's Year 10 students, including all the boarders, have been working hard this year towards completing their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Hillary Award.

To fulfil the tramping requirement of this award, these Year 10s set up camp at Windy Point at the Amuri Area School Outdoor Education Lodge, a few kilometres down the road from the Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre.

The Year 10 students embarked on a very challenging tramp, around Lake Sumner and nearby tracks - 39km in distance over two and a half days, far more than the standard tramps that other students experienced. These students brought determination and focus to the camp and faced the challenges head on.

As well as the tramps, the boys took part in mountain biking, orienteering, abseiling, river rafting, gaining a number of new skills and experiences in a range of outdoor pursuits. Luckily the weather was favorable for most of the outdoor and tramping activities, although Windy Point certainly held up to its name when the gale force winds arrived later in the week.

Library Matters

Please can you remind your sons to return ALL the books that have been issued to them this year. This includes textbooks, English Department books and library books. They have all been given a letter that lists what has been issued to them and this should help in their search to locate them. Unfortunately, we have to charge for any books not returned.

Thank you.

Ms Lisa Trundle-Banks



From the Archives: Dining Hall 1925-2015

Next time you sit in the Dining Hall eating your breakfast, lunch or dinner, try and calculate just how many boys and staff have done just that in the 90 years since its construction.

Initially boarding houses had their own dining rooms. In 1917, alterations were made to the ground floor of Hare's House (on the site of the Music School) to create a common dining room for all the boarders and day boys who wished to have their lunch there. Running parallel to this was the collaborative decision of the Old Boys and the Board to build a dining hall. It took eight years to bring the idea to completion.



The entrance to the Dining Hall. The carving on the interior and exterior of the Dining Hall was completed by Frederick Guernsey.



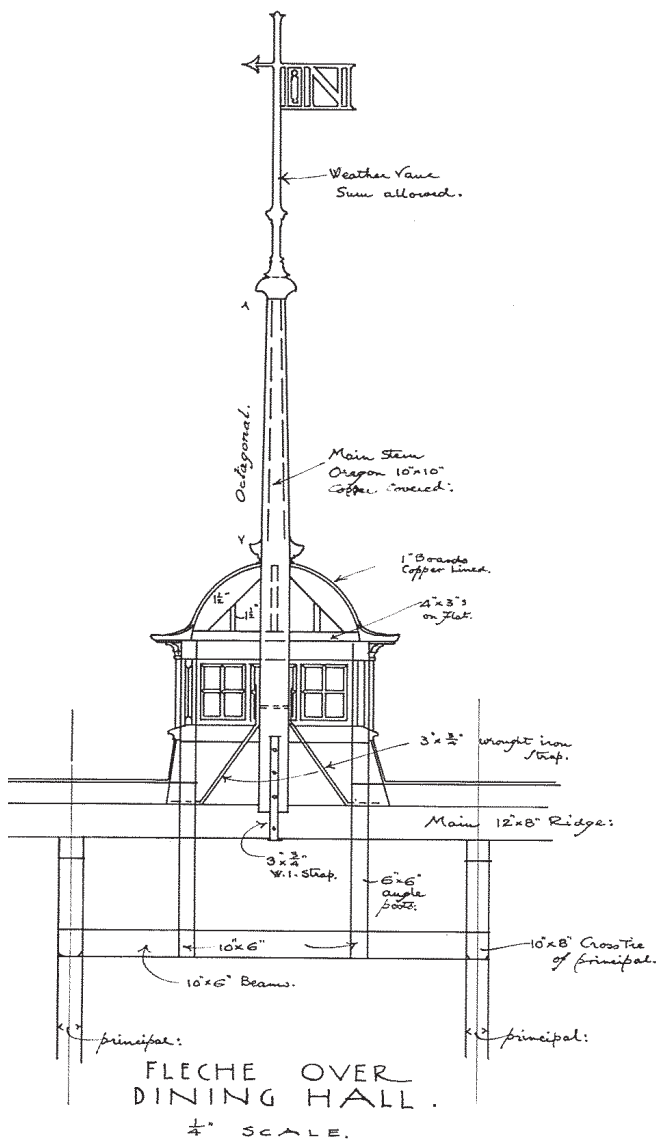
The Dining Hall under construction. CCPAL/40/7/1 Christ's College Archives.

Cecil Wood was the chosen architect and Ruth Helm's thesis details the historical background to his design. Before Wood returned to New Zealand in 1918 after serving in the Field Artillery, he took the opportunity to look at collegiate architecture, possibly at Oxford and Cambridge. He was also familiar, through published sources, of the work of American architects, particularly those who were adapting English models for universities such as Princeton, Pennsylvania and Washington and the West Point Military Academy.

MEMORIAL DINING HALL DETAILS :—

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Detail of the lantern louvre and fleche at the centre of the ridge line of the Dining Hall. Dining Hall Plans, Christ's College Archives.



Viscount Jellicoe lays the foundation stone of the Dining Hall with Archbishop Churchill Julius in attendance.

The initial plan was to put the Dining Hall in the space that Jacobs House, the Old Boys' Theatre and Richards House now occupy. However newly arrived Headmaster, Ernest Crosse, convinced everyone that the best position was on the Rolleston Avenue frontage. Wood revised the plan and the foundation stone was laid by Viscount Jellicoe on 30 November 1922. Archbishop Julius opened the Hall on 23 April 1925.

The tower block that joined the Dining Hall and the New Classrooms (Harper-Julius) was also designed by Wood and completed at the same time. Tenders were called this year for the strengthening of the Tower block and the refurbishment of the kitchens and Naylor Love will undertake this work in 2016.

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