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From the Executive Principal

It was wonderful last week for all new staff and boys to be welcomed to College in a moving ceremony that reflected the protocols of a powhiri. The haka was incredible, as was the new boys and school singing. This very special moment was then followed by my induction ceremony within the Chapel led by Board Warden, Bishop Victoria and Board Chair, Dr Ian Town. This, too, was a very important part of our first day and something that reminded me of the incredible responsibility I have taken on as College's first Executive Principal.



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Annie and I are very appreciative of how this community has embraced us. We have been overwhelmed by the genuine care and concern we have been shown and I have been so encouraged by the depth of feeling both for our wellbeing and for College. My visits to a number of student activities have also shown me the enthusiasm and good humour of the boys and the dedication of both boys and staff.

As my time of leadership begins, it is most important that I re-emphasise the shared common values of this community and the importance of our collectively committing to these values. These are the core of what we believe in and guide how we relate to and engage with each other, no matter what part we play in the community of College. They reflect our past, impact on our present and challenge us for the future. The values are honesty, learning, respect, spirituality, justice, compassion and stewardship. The current understanding of these is further explained [here](#). I would invite all parents to discuss these values in the school and family context with their son(s). Such conversations enable a greater sense of alignment between the school and the family.

48 NZQA Scholarship Awards for 2015

We congratulate our NZQA Scholarship awardees. In total, 28 students gained 48 awards, seven of which were graded Outstanding...

Open Day
15 March, 1-5pm

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Calendar Events

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The early part of any school year is all go and I know the boys, especially our Year 9s, will be managing their expectations in a variety of ways. Having visited a few of our early transition activities, it would seem that there is a good deal of laughter and I was impressed by the older classes who looked immediately purposeful.

To members of our Old Boys and parent community, can I take this opportunity to encourage you to come along to upcoming important meetings of your associations. The Parents' Association AGM is on 16 March at 7.30pm. The Old Boys' Association AGM is on 25 February at 5pm in OBT. These

two organisations are key partners in what we do at the school. Both rely on the constructive engagement of their members to be effective and purposeful.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the imminent departure from College of Registrar, Ms Sandy Scannell. For the past 10 years, Sandy has been the first voice from College that many current parents will have heard. Her dedication and understanding has been so special over her time at College. I know you would join me in wishing her well.

Mr Garth Wynne, Executive Principal

Curriculum News



This year 2016 is going to be a big year for curriculum at College. On the back of another round of excellent [NCEA results](#) we intend to undertake a complete review of our junior (Years 9 and 10) curriculum. There is a lot of staff discussion to be had, and included in the review process will be an invitation in the not too distant future for you as parents to

express your views on where our junior curriculum might go. One possible approach to the task might be best explained with reference to an age old philosophical dilemma expressed like this: "Is it more important to do the right thing, or to do the thing right?" There is no doubt that we do the thing right. Our consistently top level NCEA and scholarship results speak volumes for that. However the bigger question is are we doing the right things with our junior curriculum? This, I believe, is the debate to be had. Watch this space, and in the meantime you may want to give that fundamental question some thought.

We are at the start of another academic year. As a staff, we are continuing our drive to upskill ourselves in the development of critical thinking and critical literacies and this year are working closely with Dr Ian Hunter, a nationally acknowledged literacy

expert, to improve the literacy and thinking skills of staff and boys. One of the wonderful things about Ian is his ability to engage staff and students alike, and to provide staff with techniques and ideas that can be applied in the very next class to improve student thinking and writing. We are also focusing on making our values much more explicit in everything that we do at College.

Finally, even though we are only in the second week of the first term, it is never too early to push the play button on my habits of mind mantra. Persistence is an absolute virtue in my book, as are such habits as striving for accuracy in everything we do, and responding to the world around us with wonderment and awe. Encourage your sons to start their daily revision of content and skills now. Have those discussions with them on what they have done in classes, and what they have for prep. My Level 2 economics class has already headed into an interesting debate on the efficacy of the market, the debate that underpins so much of the philosophical discord in the world today. Whatever classes your son is in, ask him what he is thinking about, what debates he is having. Engage him with the world around him. Our greatest challenge is to develop culturally literate global citizens of all of our young men.

Mr Robin Sutton, Senior Master (Academic)

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**CCPA AGM 16 March, 7.30pm
Christ's College Boardroom
Everyone's welcome.**

The Association welcomes new members.
Please contact Mrs Sue Wilson-Adam
Email: ccpa@christcollege.com

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.



Garth Wynne installed as Executive Principal of Christ's College

Today all new boys and staff were welcomed onto the College campus with a gathering on the Quad...



Prefect Induction

On Friday 5 February, Executive Principal Garth Wynne inducted the 25 prefects for 2016. Each prefect received two prefects' ties which are worn on different occasions...



New Staff

Welcome to our new staff for 2016. You can read about their teaching backgrounds here...



Boarding programme weekend activities

The boarders have had their first full weekend of the term, which was extended because of the Waitangi holiday...

You are warmly invited to the **Annual Cocktail Party**

Where: Christ's College Dining Hall
When: Friday 26 February 2016, 5.30pm
Ticket: \$35 per person

Admission is by name tag to be collected at the door.

Payment can be made online to 01 0797 0049687 00 (reference CP + your name) or post a cheque to CCOBA, PO Box 228, Christchurch 8140.

Please RSVP to Justine Nicholl, CCOBA Secretary, by 16 February 2016. Email ccoba@ccoba.com or phone 379 6738.



Careers



General Studies Programme - Years 12 and 13

These sessions will again continue for Years 12 and 13 on alternate Fridays. Tertiary providers will give presentations and there will be motivational speakers and sessions on leadership. Interviews with Year 13 boys will be the priority during Term 1 and they will occur during their study

periods. Boys or their parents can contact Mr Sellars anytime by phone or email, or visit him in the Careers room on the top floor of the ICT building, next door to the art room.

NCEA Level 2 grades

A reminder to the Year 12 boys that the grades that they achieve this year (2016) are used for University Hall/College selection and the awarding of scholarships in 2017 for their first year of tertiary study in 2018. The University of Auckland bases its scholarship selection on Level 2 academic results and then on other aspects of school life - sport, culture and leadership.

Otago Tertiary Study Open Day - 9 May

This is on the second Monday of Term 2. I am organising a group of 20 genuinely interested boys to travel to Dunedin on Sunday 8 May and return on Monday evening. We will be staying in backpacker accommodation. Some parents may wish to take their sons themselves. We are not allowing boys to travel to Dunedin in their own vehicles. Because this involves a day out of school, I want boys to think about this carefully. I will contact all of Year 13 by text message.

University Entrance requirement

All boys who intend to go to university next year will need all of the following to be awarded University Entrance:

- Attain NCEA Level 3 by achieving 14 credits minimum at Level 3 in each of three subjects from the approved list of subjects.
- Achieve UE numeracy - 10 credits at Level 1 and above from specific achievement standards or three specific numeracy unit standards.
- Achieve UE literacy - 10 credits (5 in reading and five in writing) at Level 2 and above from specific standards.

2016 MedEntry UMAT Preparation

MedEntry is the only government accredited Registered Training Educational Institution providing UMAT preparation, and is the trusted leader in Australia, New Zealand and Ireland. UMAT is a prerequisite for entry into medicine and health courses in New Zealand. www.MedEntry.co.nz/teachers

Summer Camp USA - Info night, 16 February Room KG05, University of Canterbury, Kirkwood Village

The first part of the session at 6.30pm, will involve information about the Summer Camp USA programme. This programme is suitable for students who love the outdoors and working with younger children. From 7.30pm, there will be a presentation about their other programmes to the UK, USA and Canada and jobs available, eg getting a job at a ski resort. If interested email: info@iep.org.nz

Education USA visit - Tuesday 23 February

Aime Black the Wellington-based EducationUSA Advisor will visit College from 1.15pm -1.50pm in Richards House. She can answer boys' questions as well as guiding them through the basic queries on the admissions process. This follows on from the successful seminars EducationUSA gave at College last year.

Mr Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

Please continue to page 5 for upcoming careers dates.

Garth Wynne and College staff will be conducting Community Visits during March. You can view the locations and dates below. This will be a great opportunity for Garth to meet with our community and for him to share his vision and priorities for 2016.



Community Visits
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Waipara	Tuesday 1 March
Blenheim	Thursday 3 March
Winton	Wednesday 9 March
Wanaka	Thursday 10 March
Arrowtown	Friday 11 March
Timaru	Thursday 17 March
Ashburton	Wednesday 23 March
All visits 5pm - 7pm.	



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Each boy at his best.

From the Archives: Cricket

I spent a week of my summer holidays in the Bay of Islands. I did not realise until I came home and read the latest *Heritage Quarterly*, that I had walked past Hoututu Beach, Paihia where the first game of cricket was played in New Zealand on 20 December 1832. Research has shown that the cricket gear was obtained by the CMS Missionary William Williams, and the end of the school year was celebrated with a 40-50 a-side game between the families and Tai Tokerau who were associated with the mission. I also visited the Te Waimate Mission Station where Charles Darwin, recorded another game on 31 December 1835 during the nine-day anchorage of *HMS Beagle* in the Bay of Islands.



By the time William Williams' grandson, Herbert William Williams (574), arrived at Christ's College in 1874 the game was well established. The Christchurch Cricket Club had a cricket ground at Hagley Park by mid 1851 and cricket games between various teams were played on Canterbury Anniversary Day in subsequent years. Despite there

being a tantalising reference to College Elevens playing on the eighth anniversary day in December 1858, it was not until 1859 that a formal Cricket XI was established, from the team of 16 who played against an XI of the Christchurch Club on 23 March 1859.

Geoffrey Rice and Frances Ryman in their recently published book *Cricketing Colonists*, draw attention to the importance of the Brittan brothers – William Guise and Joseph – in the development of cricket in Canterbury. Charles Thornton Dudley's ((21), 1853-1860) reminiscences are more specific about their association with Christ's College. He wrote; "[William Guise]Brittan made a good cricket ground on his paddocks on the East Belt. He used to let us play matches there and gave us lunches etc. He did more for cricket than any one else".

College Archives hold a collection of score books from 1862 onwards that indicate that games were played both internally (eg A-N v M-Z, College v Students of the Upper Department, Day boys v Boarders, House matches) and externally against the Christchurchand Union Clubs, the Fellows and various Gentlemen's teams. Two of William Guise Brittan's sons , William Guise and Frederick George played in College teams of 1859, and 1863 and 1865 respectively.

It is perhaps fitting that the photograph of the College XI in 1886 that shows the team in their newly acquired blazers included William Williams' grandson, Heathcote Beetham Williams (1000) and his great nephew Percy Temple Williams (1062).

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Upcoming careers dates: Term 1

- 12 Feb** - University of Canterbury (UC) liaison visit, Year 13
16 Feb - Summer Camp USA
19 Feb - Auckland University of Technology (AUT), Year 12
23 Feb - Education USA visit
4 Mar - University of Auckland Liaison visit, Year 13
18 Mar - Lincoln University Liaison visit, Year 13
9 May - Otago Tertiary Open Day, Year 13
12 May - Careers Expo in Christchurch, Year 12 (school time)

2016 Reunion Weekend 26-28 February

Old Boy's from near and far are returning to College to celebrate their 20, 30, 50, 60, 70 and 80 Years On reunions.

A number of events have been planned including a Cocktail Party on Friday 26 February.

If you would like to attend the Cocktail Party please contact ccoba@ccoba.com to arrange a ticket.



Christ's College First XI 1886 - Back L-R; Hugh Maude Reeves, Francis Augustus Hare (coach), Arthur Cecil Rolleston. Middle L-R; Douglas Russell Jaumard Le Cren, Hugh Montgomerie Hutton, Andrew Melville Jameson, James Percy Hargeaves, Arthur Cecil Perry, Percy Temple Williams, Heathcote Beetham Williams. Front L-R; Leonard Evelyn Cotterill, Verney Harold Hargreaves.

Library Matters

Reading

I have a quote on one of the library windows;

"The gadget that will have the biggest impact in literacy is already out there. It's called a book." Anthony Horowitz.

Reading, or the lack of reading, is still one of a parent's primary concerns. Not only do we want our boys to read well - and they need to for education, future employment and life skills - we also want them to read for pleasure, to stimulate their imagination, to enrich their culture and to ignite discussion and debate. As parents we have certain expectations of how they read and what they read and we spend much time, energy and money trying to get them to do so. Why then, are so many still reluctant readers?

The National Library of New Zealand comments that "Reluctance to read and the associated poor literacy skills have far reaching effects on boys, on the men they become, and on the society they influence..."

(<http://schools.natlib.govt.nz/creating-readers/creating-reading-culture/boys-and-reading>).

This obviously is something that concerns me as the teacher/librarian at College. They suggest that to create an avid reader, we need to:

- provide the time and the place
- provide book chat
- provide choice
- provide the right book.

All of this creates a reading culture at school. We certainly provide the books, plenty of choice and a beautiful space to read. The library website has links to reading lists, new books and eBooks and even book trailers - here is the link if you would like to help guide your son to the right place - <http://library.christscollege.com/>.

I also have a closed Facebook group called Book Banter where boys are encouraged to recommend good reads, post a picture of what they are reading or simply make a comment on a book that they have recently finished.

What else can we all do to encourage a lifelong love of reading?

Kenneth McKee in the article Four Reading Motivators for Teenage Boys lists four factors to bear in mind.

1. Immediacy. I love this idea. Is the text or information important? Is it relevant to their life - now? Will they need the information that they are reading tomorrow? I can hear so many past students saying, "Is this relevant?" One of our most popular books in the library is the *Road Code*...

2. Text Variety. There are many forms of literature and boys probably read more widely than teenage girls. They love

factual books, comics, sports books, biographies. Also consider magazines and newspapers and reading on the internet as a legitimate and worthwhile read.

3. Competence. "Many boys need to feel like they can accomplish a task in order to ever attempt it." (Cleveland, 2011). They need to feel successful. So just because we enjoyed ploughing our way through *The Luminaries* - they might just find the size and the language a little beyond them.

4. Male Reading Models. *The Press* had an article on fathers promoting reading last year - here is the link; <http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/71780892/fathers-should-encourage-reading>.

Apparently, male role modelling is a Boy Code thing, so like it or not, the research suggests that reading in front of or even with your sons, is a powerful motivator.

I'd like to leave you with the idea that self-chosen material is also really important. I believe that there is a higher chance of enjoyment if boys' reading material throughout the year includes something that they have chosen to read and not been made to read. A boy is more likely to have a conversation about something that he enjoys and this discussion of the content then leads to greater comprehension.

If you want any further ideas on encouraging your son to read, please contact me in the Library.

Mrs Lisa Trundle-Banks Teacher/Librarian

Christ's College Boarding Programme

The Christ's College Boarding Programme is a fantastic part of the boarding experience for all the boarders at College.

The options each term are varied and at no extra cost to the student or parent.

This term there is a large focus on the junior year groups for the first couple of weekends, but we soon get into activities for all the first big event being the Super Rugby match between the Crusaders and Chiefs and the AMI stadium on Saturday 27 February.

The programme is always looking for new activities, so if you have any thoughts on how to improve what is offered, please contact Andrew Levenger at alevenger@christscollege.com

[Click here to view the Term 1 Boarding Programme](#)