

WELCOME TO TERM 3

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Dear parents and caregivers

The last couple of weeks have been the first time this year many families within our College community have perhaps had a window to take something resembling a real holiday.

The break between Terms 1 and 2 was one where the future felt unknown, therefore I hope it is refreshing to know what the next term will bring. The promise is for a vibrant College, busy and purposeful, with much that was planned earlier now upon us in this restructured year. I encourage you to get your calendars organised, as there is much to look forward to.

The term begins with parent–student–teacher interviews for Year 9 and 10 students on Monday 20 July, before the whole school starts back on Tuesday. There will be a particular focus on standards of dress and grooming for the boys upon their return. The Covid “kindness” from Housemasters relating to full and correct uniform, hair length and clean shoes is now over. I recommend the boys get organised this weekend, as they will immediately be directed to address any issues should they not meet our expectations regarding these school rules.

International Students' Holiday Programme

As most of our international students could not return home for the holidays, International Student Manager

Deanne Gath devised a fantastic holiday programme for the boys. I would like to highlight with gratitude the fantastic work done by Deanne and everyone involved in this programme. The boys stayed in Jacobs House and participated in a range of activities and excursions designed to both educate and entertain. In some activities they were joined by students from other independent schools in Christchurch, strengthening the bonds of friendship among these young people who are so far from home. In all we have experienced through Covid-19, these boys have shown great courage and resilience, they are valued members of our community and we must continue to support them.

Rugby – College vs CBHS

The traditional rugby match between College and Christchurch Boys' High School will take place on Upper this Saturday, with kick off at 12.10pm. This game has been played since 1892 – hence its significance. Nevertheless, every year I approach this fixture with a balance of excitement and trepidation, for it has the potential to bring out both the very best in people and the very worst. I am yet to understand why this is so. It is not about the expectations of either school, but rather the disregard of civil and appropriate behaviour of some spectators that often compromises the experience for

all. I hope this year that the game is as it should be – a celebration of sport and community. We look forward to a bumper crowd and a showcase of the best that schoolboy rugby has to offer.

Some of our senior boys will be offering black and white face painting from 11am in the courtyard of Corfe and Condell's Houses. They will also go over our supporters' chants for those who don't know them.

This is one of the biggest events of the year and we hope it is enjoyable for all. Please find information about conditions of entry and guidelines for spectators [here](#).

Strategy 2025 – towards our 175th anniversary

Over the last four years College has made some subtle and significant changes in response to the direction set out in our [strategic plan](#). Well received by our current and future community, enrolments are strong for 2021, reflecting the sense that our direction is both valued and supported by our key stakeholders. We have now started to think about our new strategic themes and direction to 2025, College's 175th anniversary, and consideration of and consultation around these themes will intensify in the coming months.

A particular focus for Term 3 will be to look at staff culture as it impacts on our new strategic themes. We will be working with external consultants and alongside the Independent Schools Education Association to see where we are and what opportunities will present in the future to further grow an aligned, constructive and adaptable staff culture.

We plan to seek input about our strategic themes through the lens of our Parents' and Old Boys' Association committees. Should you wish to have your

say regarding new directions for College, please email me at strategy175@christscollege.com

Sitting alongside our new strategy implementation is planning for our 175th anniversary celebrations. A committee drawing on the skills and expertise of all parts of our community has been formed and will hold its first meeting in August.

A reminder ...

It is winter, and colds and flus are more prevalent, which can become a real problem in school communities. Therefore, we expect the boys to continue to follow Covid-19 protocols around sneezing, coughing and hand hygiene – and if your son is sick, he should stay at home.

As ever, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me to discuss any matters relating to College.

Red Bus–Rangi Bus

As the Red Bus–Rangi Bus service only runs during Rangi Ruru term time, it will not be operating the week beginning Monday 20 July. The service will resume on Monday 27 July.

Key Dates for 2020

Please click [here](#) to access our revised [Key Dates for 2020](#), which provides all the information you need about College events and activities to the end of the year.

A promotional poster for the musical 'Evita'. The poster features a stylized orange and white illustration of a woman's face with a starburst behind her head. The title 'EVITA' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below the title, it says 'lyrics by TIM RICE' and 'music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'. To the right, it says 'originally directed by HAROLD PRINCE'. In the top right corner, there are logos for 'CHRIST'S COLLEGE CANTEBRURY' and 'Rangi Ruru Girls' School'. Below the logos, it says 'BOOK NOW 9-13 SEPTEMBER Christ's College Auditorium www.evita.nz'. At the bottom right, it says 'An Amateur production by arrangement with ORIGIN THEATRICAL on behalf of the REALLY USEFUL GROUP LTD'. At the bottom left, there are logos for 'ARCHIBALDS EST. 1918' and 'Naylor Love'.

Events in Term 3

Please go to the Upcoming Events page on the College website to book.

Year 9 and 10 student-parent-teacher interviews

Monday 20 July

Parents' Association House Music Festival

Thursday 6 August, 7–9pm, Lilburn Auditorium, Christchurch Town Hall (no booking required)

Parenting through Uncertainty – supporting yourself and your children

Thursday 27 August, 7pm, Chapman Room

A parent information evening hosted by Director of Wellbeing & Positive Education John Quinn and Clinical Psychologist and College Counsellor Dr Sarah Anticich.

Winter Tournament Week

Monday 31 August–Sunday 6 September

Evita

College–Rangi Ruru senior co-production
Wednesday 9–Sunday 13 September, Assembly Hall

Community Visits

Auckland – Friday 31 July
Wellington – Wednesday 5 August
Blenheim – Wednesday 19 August
Nelson – Thursday 20 August (venue to be confirmed)

Chapel Services

Sunday 26 July
Sunday 9 August
Sunday 23 August
Sunday 6 September

CHRIST'S COLLEGE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 6 AUGUST, 7–9PM
LILBURN AUDITORIUM
CHRISTCHURCH TOWN HALL



CHRIST'S COLLEGE PARENT EDUCATION EVENING

Parenting through Uncertainty – supporting yourself and your children

Presented by John Quinn and Dr Sara Anticich

Thursday 27 August
7pm, Champan Room

[Register now](#)



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