

In Black & White



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From the Headmaster

I hope all have had a restful break and the boys are ready for another action packed term!



During the short holiday, the building project has made good progress. Somewhat less engaging is the entire drainage layout on the campus being replaced (largely unseen during intensive holiday breaks) - with obvious impacts on access on our crowded site. I declined a viewing of the DVD of our drainage woes some time ago, but that doesn't stop me appreciating what is being done. The extent of the work required was not fully anticipated, and trying to progress this vital project at the same time as the new buildings are going up is keeping everyone busy. The completion date for the new buildings has slipped a little, but all will be fully ready as planned for the start of 2015. The naming of the new building has been agreed, and will be publicised in due course; at this stage, I am able to share that the 'Chapman' name associated with the site will be maintained within the new complex, with the large public space on the ground floor being called the Chapman Room.

Over the holidays, our community service project in Apia, Samoa, was a tremendous success; the community made our boys and staff very welcome, and I know the boys in their turn both gave a great deal, and benefitted from the experience. My thanks to Neil and Debra Porter who made this trip possible, and we all hope a durable relationship with our College will be built on this initiative.

We were all saddened last weekend to hear of the untimely death of Dean Lynda Patterson, from Christ Church Cathedral. She became a close friend of the College during the Cathedral's enforced residency with us, and we will miss her scholarship, her extraordinary preaching and her delicious Irish sense of humour. We, of course, have offered whatever help we can provide to the Cathedral.

In the last edition of *In Black and White* I referred to statistics extracted from the PISA comparisons of educational systems around the world, by which we were able to identify the success of the New Zealand private educational sector, when compared to equivalent contexts abroad. But the performances in the survey overall, should be related to investment in education. The most recent Education Today (the journal of the UK College of Teachers), carried an interesting analysis showing New Zealand just crept into the group of countries for which achievement levels in mathematics were statistically significantly above the OECD average for similar economies/levels of expenditure. Comparable countries in that respect

Assembly Notes

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Headshave for CanTeen

On Thursday 3 July the Christ's College Humanitarian Committee raised \$20,000 for CanTeen Canterbury West Coast through an organised headshave event. Man Up Hair & Body volunteered their time with clippers to shave the heads of sponsored boys, and Mr Thatcher and Dr Swanson. Organised largely by committee leader, Angus McKenzie, almost thirty College boys took part.



Volunteers from Man Up Hair & Body busy at work with the clippers



\$20,503.60 raised for CanTeen Canterbury West Coast

were Austria, Australia, Ireland, Denmark, France, UK, Ireland, Slovenia and the Czech Republic. So New Zealand can indeed claim that the average level of achievement in mathematics is better than the average in the OECD. The OECD conducted an unrelated survey into adult life skills and the significance of mathematics, and showed weaknesses in basic mathematics skills have a lasting disadvantage in life. Another interesting outcome from the PISA survey was a comparison between the styles of mathematics education across the range of PISA participants. In short, the 'textual' style of presentation of simple mathematics procedures in some countries contrasted with the highest performing countries where conceptual understanding and formal mathematics predominated. In short, mathematics benefits from rigorous formal training. Shanghai-China, the highest scoring country, showed a margin above the OECD average equivalent to three years of schooling (the PISA tests being for 15-16 year olds). There are of course many aspects to a balanced education, but in the teaching of mathematics both PISA and the OECD survey appear to concur that mathematics competence is essential for future career growth, and the countries showing the strongest outcomes use 'traditional' approaches.

We also had our individual school feedback from our PISA participation. Gratifyingly, our boys reported significantly more positive responses to their experience of the teaching at the school than the average (eg 'Students get along well with most teachers' - 100% (average 84%) and 'I am satisfied with my school' 100% (average 78%). On the other hand, in response to the statement 'Students don't listen to what the teacher says,' our boys recorded 12% agreement! - though reassuringly the average agreement for the survey was 42%.....

An apology to those who did not receive junior school reports as promptly as they should; it was entirely due to a miscommunication in our offices with the postal service couriers. It won't happen again. There are shortly to be significant changes in our office arrangements; the Bursar and his staff are in the process of decamping to their new offices on the corner of Armagh Street, after which our reception area in the

main building will be remodelled to offer a more welcoming prospect to our visitors.

During the work, the school reception will remain in the current location, if slightly improvised. From later this week, all financial and accounts matters will be dealt with in the new Bursar's offices, and day-to-day school matters at the main office.

A special thank you to Lynley Smith and her Parents' Association committee for putting on another splendid Mid Winter Drinks on the last evening of Term 2, which was much enjoyed by us all.

I am very pleased to pass on to you information from Isabelle Hobbs (daughter of Jock, and with whom the school has a close connection) about a fundraising event being held in aid of the Life Education Trust on 19 September. It will be an Auction and Charity Quiz Night held at STAC. Tickets are \$30, and teams of 10 are sought. Tickets from fundraisertickets@outlook.com

Finally, a reminder that on the evening of Friday 15 August, following the highly successful event in 2012 on the subject of Drugs and Alcohol, my 'Evening with the Headmaster' event will focus on matters of character development, including interpersonal relationships, bullying, digital responsibility and leadership potential. I have chosen the working title of 'A School of Thought', and the evening will be supported by Dr David Stoner, psychiatrist with the Canterbury District Health Board, Senior Constable Richard Brunton, school community officer with Christchurch Police, Mr Ben Walker, solicitor with Duncan Cotterill and senior pastoral staff including Allen Pyke our College counsellor. The evening will be informal, with plenty of opportunity for wide ranging conversation. We will ask for an indication of likely numbers through Houses shortly.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

TUES 29 JULY
7.00 FOR 7.30PM
FORMAL DRESS

CHARLES LUNEY AUDITORIUM
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 & CHRIST'S COLLEGE FILM

Calendar Events

Week 1		
Thu 24 July	12.45pm	Interhouse senior basketball (Gym)
	5.00pm	CSDC interschool debating senior round 4
Fri 25 July	1:10pm	Interhouse junior basketball (Gym)
	1:15pm	Year 11 subject options (OBT)
	2:00pm	Year 12 Accounting field trip (Pak 'N Save, Wainoni)
	4:00pm	'The Lads Show' rehearsal (OBT)
Sat 26 July	8:30am	'The Lads Show' technical rehearsal (OBT)
		Weekend programme available for all boarders
		Saturday activities begin
	2:45pm	1st XV v St Thomas' (Away)
Sun 27 July		17th Ordinary Sunday
	6:30am	Boarders' ski bus
	1:00pm	'The Lads Show' technical & dress rehearsals (OBT)
	7:00pm	Choral Evensong. Preacher: The Chaplain (Chapel)
Week 2		
Mon 28 July	3:00pm	'The Lads Show' rehearsal Group 1 (OBT)
	4:00pm	Interhouse junior rugby, first round (CCCG)
	6:30pm	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh training session (ICT 1&2)
Tue 29 July		ICAS Australasian English examinations (In classes)
	1:10pm	Interhouse chess prelims
	1:10pm	Interhouse senior hockey, semi-finals (Upper)
	3:00pm	'The Lads Show' rehearsal, Group 2 (OBT)
	4:00pm	2nd XV v Konan Boys' High School (Japan) visiting team (Upper)
	4:15pm	'The Lads Show' technical dress rehearsal (OBT)
	7:00pm	Premier of 'Connected' joint College/St Margaret's film (St Margaret's College)
Wed 30 July	9:30am	'The Lads Show' rehearsal, Group 3 (OBT)
	5:00pm	Year 9 & 10 parent/teacher interviews (Assembly Hall)
	7:30pm	'The Lads Show' final dress rehearsal (OBT)
Thu 31 July	8:35am	Y9 biology field trip (Mt Oxford)
	12:45pm	Interhouse senior basketball (Gym)
	12:45pm	Interhouse senior debating, first round
	1:00pm	Contact personnel training
	2:45pm	Year 13 Accounting sharebroking talk (In class)
Fri 1 August	1:00pm	Concert for primary schools (Assembly Hall)
	1:15pm	Interhouse junior basketball (Gym)
	1:15pm	Year 12 subject options (OBT)
	7:00pm	Year 12 boarder leadership evening (Gym)
	7:30pm	'The Lads Show' opening night performance (OBT)
Sat 2 August		Weekend programme available for all boarders
	2:45pm	1st XV v STAC (Upper)
	7:30pm	'The Lads Show' final performance (OBT)

Careers



University Halls / College Applications

Applications for University Halls/Colleges open on 1 August. Students will apply online as soon as possible and give the required details. They will also be asked to name any other universities that they may be applying for. Housemasters will be asked by the universities to fill in a confidential reference form (CCRF)

online. Year 13 have been given a copy of this form, to see the criteria they are being assessed on. They don't need to do anything else with this form.

Canterbury Health Laboratories Intern Programme

Canterbury Health Laboratories is now accepting applications from Year 13 students for a 'gap' year experience, working in their laboratories on a paid contract for a 12 month period commencing 2 February 2015. Full details are on their website www.chl.co.nz/intern. Checkout the flyer at www.chl.co.nz/images/stories/brochure.pdf

University of Melbourne Information session

Monday 4 August, 7.00pm–8.30pm, The George Hotel, Parkview Room, 50 Park Terrace. Programme: 7.00pm–8.00pm. Presentation on undergraduate and graduate courses, 8.00pm–8.30pm: Question and answer session. Please register online at: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/newzealand

University of Melbourne Open Day

Date: Sunday 17 August, 10.00am–4.00pm; venue - Parkville and Southbank campuses. To plan your Open Day: openday.unimelb.edu.au

University of Melbourne: online resource for parents:

futureparents.unimelb.edu.au/parents

The university has put together some important online resources for parents and guardians, to help them understand the study options facing their child and be better informed about how they can support them. Information includes: Entry requirements, University costs and scholarships, Accommodation options, What Melbourne can offer, Glossary for common terms, Additional information for parents based overseas.

Study at Vic Day - Victoria University - 29 August

The Open Day is on Friday 29 August. To ensure that students who have travelled to Wellington make the most of their time, they are opening their Halls on Thursday 28 August, from 1.00pm–5.00pm for students and parents to look around. A map will be available in the Study at Victoria Day booklet. There is still the opportunity to do this on Friday.

The University of Waikato - Scholarships

The University of Waikato celebrates it's 50th anniversary this year and to commemorate this the University is offering ten Golden Jubilee Leaver Scholarships each worth up to \$40,000. The scholarships will be awarded to school leavers intending to study at the university in 2015, and will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence, leadership potential and community citizenship.

Waikato University - Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships

These are awarded to students who have excelled academically, and also in a sporting field or creative / performing arts. Damian McKenzie (Year 13, 2013) has received this award for 2014, for rugby.

University of Canterbury

'Preparing for Uni' is an on-line tool to help you understand yourself, make sense of your options, and find out what you need to know to make decisions about your life! visit www.learn.canterbury.ac.nz/uniprep user name and password - uniprep

University of Auckland - Courses and Careers Day

Saturday 30 August 9.00am–3.15pm. The website www.coursesandcareersday.ac.nz is live and includes an interactive version of the Courses and Careers Day programme where students can customise their own schedule for the day. There is a travellers' breakfast to welcome students and parents. Reserve your place by emailing: spo@auckland.ac.nz before Friday 15 August.

Chris Sellars

Careers events since the last In Black & White:

Victoria University Information Evening
UC (University of Canterbury Open Day)
Lincoln University Open Day
NZ Broadcasting School, CPIT

Upcoming Careers Dates:

1 Aug.....University Accommodation Applications open
4 Aug..... University of Melbourne, visit to Christ's College, period 2, 10.00am
4 Aug..... University of Melbourne, the George Hotel, Parkview Room 7.00 - 8.30pm
7 Aug.....New York University Abu Dhabi, information evening, 5.00pm, Richards House
11 AugYr13 should have applied online for University Halls
15 Aug Closing date for some University of Otago scholarships

Curriculum News



We have once again begun our courses planning cycle for next year. This begins with boys giving consideration to the courses they may wish to take. We then put these choices together and begin the process of timetable construction. It is never possible to give every boy every course he chooses, but we manage to get pretty close. Generally 15–20 boys from the school miss out on a course each year.

To begin the process we hold our annual course/option information evening. This is the opportunity for boys and parents to meet with heads of our subject departments to discuss the suitability of individual courses.

I am often asked for advice on subject choice, and here are the key pieces of advice that I always give:

1. It is a long day at school if there is nothing you are passionate about, so make sure at least one of your subjects excites you.
2. If you are at all unsure, keep your subject choices as broad as possible with for example a social science and a physical

science, a technology and an arts-based subject in addition to English and maths.

3. Never give up a language too early (if at all, in fact). If you think you might need or want a language, make sure you keep it in your subject mix.

4. No subject choice is ever fatal. In almost all cases good English and mathematics are the essential foundations of further study.

This year's courses information evening is being held on Tuesday 5 August, 7.00pm–9.00pm in the assembly hall. Please remember this is an opportunity for BOTH parents and boys to engage in discussion with staff on the advisability of individual courses. We will also have representatives from UC, Lincoln University, and CPIT, available should you want to discuss course suitability in more detail with any of them. We look forward to meeting with you all.

Finally don't forget that Financial Assistance applications for NZQA examination fees are due with me by Monday 25 August.

The Curriculum Handbook 2015 is now online and can be viewed [here](#).

Robin Sutton, Senior Master Academic

2014 Emerging Leaders Conference

Christ's College has successfully hosted its 6th annual Emerging Leaders' Conference, a one day event for Year 12 students from schools throughout Canterbury. As with other years, a line up of inspiring and successful speakers and workshop presenters allowed students to consider what leadership means to them, and to reflect on ways to develop their own personal skills.

Keynote speaker in 2014 was William Pike, one of two young climbers caught in a volcanic eruption on the slopes of Mount Ruapehu in September 2007. William suffered numerous life threatening injuries and, as a result, his right leg was amputated below the knee, needing extensive recovery and rehabilitation. His story, in which he continued his passion for the outdoors and education despite his injury, is told in his autobiography, *Every Day is a Good Day*. He has also set up the William Pike Challenge Award, New Zealand's most popular Intermediate and Full Primary School outdoor education programme.

The conference, held in conjunction with The Sir Peter Blake Trust, is made available at no cost to delegates or schools through a bequest from an old boy whose passions were sailing and leadership. Over 550 students attended the event.



Keynote speaker William Pike



Students take part in a workshop with presenter Chris Mene

The Oxford Scholars – Artists in residence

Between Sunday 27 July and Thursday 28 August, College have the pleasure of hosting the six Oxford Scholars from Christ Church, Oxford who will be artists in residence working with the Chapel Choir, Schola Cantorum and the new combined choir with St Margaret's College, Collegium. They will also work with senior music classes as they perform, analyse and contextualise music from the English Renaissance. During their time in Christchurch, they will also be working with the Cathedral Choir and the choir from St Michaels All Angels.

It is almost 20 years since the first group of Oxfords came to Christchurch and the original intent was to celebrate the link between Christ Church Oxford and acknowledge John Robert Godley who was the founder of Canterbury and one of the early settlers to Christchurch.

This year, being the 200th anniversary of the birth of Godley, there will be a weekly recital series on Thursday at 1pm, a Choral spectacular concert on Saturday 16 August, and a combined Godley Evensong at St Michael's All Angels featuring combined choirs on Wednesday 27 August at 7.00 pm. The scholars will also be involved in our College Evensong services throughout August.

Robert Aburn, Senior Master (Internal)

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Fencing Champs

In the holidays, Alistair Keleghan, Daniel Keleghan and Anthony Goh went to Sydney to fence at the Australian National U15/Cadet Championships.

Alistair Keleghan finished 37th in U15 men's foil and 49th in U17 Men's foil

Daniel Keleghan finished 8th in U17 men's foil, earning him a top 8 medal, and 5th in men's foil teams.

Anthony Goh finished 17th in men's epee and received a bronze in men's epee teams.



Daniel Keleghan and Anthony Goh

The Black & White Ball

• Friday 12 September •

Marquee on the Quad
Organise your table of 10 now!
Enquires nporter@christcollege.com

Samoan Community Service Project

The group of 12 Year 13 students and two staff who travelled to Samoa during the July holidays arrived home delighted with what had been achieved. Not only had the targeted building been refurbished and painted but a special relationship had been forged with the children and parents of the All Saints Primary School in Apia along with the parish community of the All Saints Anglican Church. Parish vicar Father Penemeina Tapelu and his wife Fa'singa (the school principal) were wonderful hosts throughout.

The group had worked hard to raise the funds to travel to Samoa, as this was a cost neutral event for parents, and they continued that approach with the painting project while up there in the heat of the Samoan 'winter'. Water breaks became a necessity – as was the occasional rest in the shade!

A highlight was the time spent with the Year 1–4 children in what is the newest Anglican school in the Pacific. Classroom time was spent working with the children on their writing and reading as well as making papier-mache planets and there was a memorable sports morning utilising the sports equipment the group took. It was hard to work out what sports were being played at times but it was evident that everyone was having fun. The College boys were a real hit with the All Saints children and they loved having them around the school. Eventually the group had to keep clear of the classrooms in order to avoid totally destroying their lessons!

The hosting of the local community was fantastic. The parents provided lunch for the group each day and the parish committee put on two cultural evenings – one to welcome and one to farewell. It was very humbling to be looked after so well when the group's goal was to serve but that is Fa'a Samoa – the Samoan way.

There was time for some fun as well with visits to the beach,



The group is pictured wearing traditional Samoan lava-lava



Students busy at work painting and refurbishing in Apia

the Papasee Sliding Rocks and the To Sua Trench plus a memorable Fia Fia night at a local restaurant. This included an amazing display of cultural and fire dancing followed by a rousing rendition of the College haka by the group.

In all, this was a wonderful trip that opened the group's eyes to life in the Pacific and how hard that can be for many. They learned how easy it is to make someone's life better by giving of themselves and came to understand that service gives great rewards to all involved.

Neil Porter, Senior Master (External)

THIMUN 2015

At the start of the holidays 12 College students participated in the National Model United Nations conference in Wellington - a five day marathon of debating, negotiating and socialising with students from around NZ.

At the end of the Conference 26 students, out of about 300, are selected to represent NZ, in the New Zealand delegation to The Hague International Model United Nations 2015 (known as THIMUN).

Three College students were selected this year to be part of this delegation, which is absolutely outstanding: William Briscoe, William Fulton and Edward Roche. They will be travelling to America and Europe in January next year for a range of international youth conferences.

Chris Rayward, MIC Debating



The 26 students selected for THIMUN 2015, including William Briscoe, William Fulton and Edward Roche.

August 1914

The Christ's College of December 1914 had the following to say in its "Introductory".

"We may fairly say that the Old Boys of this school have responded well to this call to arms; some seventy or more have volunteered with the first Expeditionary Force, and more are going with the second... Many, doubtless, of the present boys who are leaving at the end of the year will see service before the war is over."

How true this last sentence turned out to be. Of the 69 boys from all year groups who left College during 1914 just under 45% enlisted in forces in both New Zealand and overseas and of those five were killed in action.

When and where the attached photograph was taken is unclear. The version that accompanies this article indicates that it was taken in August 1914. Another version, without names but otherwise identical, appears in the December Register indicating that it was taken at Sockburn. However the Canterbury Regiment camp did not move to Sockburn until 7 September. The photograph none the less provides us with a record not only of some of those involved, but also of their uniforms and their ranks. Most importantly it provides us with faces, the faces of those who died and of those who survived.



Two people in this photograph cannot positively be identified as Old Boys but of the 39 others, nine were killed in action in the Dardenelles, two died from wounds, four died in other theatres of war and another died in 1917 from the effects of war. The gallantry of these men did not go unrecognised. Between them they amassed four Distinguished Service Orders, six Military Crosses, one Distinguished Conduct Medal and one Order of the Nile 4th Class. Four of them were Mentioned in Dispatches.

And what of the 57 other Old Boys that are known to have sailed with the Main Body but were not photographed? Eight more were killed at Gallipoli, two died of wounds, and eleven were wounded, while another six were killed in fighting elsewhere.

The war was expected to be over by Christmas and Christ's College had the same expectation. With the exception of the record of the deaths of Frederick G Andrews (Liverpool Regiment) and Edward W Chapman (3rd Dragoon Guards) the rest of the December 1914 Register is full of day to day happenings; the Show Day holiday, the paper chase, the new Fives Court, the topics for the Tancred Examination, winning both the Triangular Tournament and cricket against Christchurch Boys' High School and the appointment of a new Headmaster.

Yet these 96 soldiers of the Main Body had left College between 1894 and 1912, so by the time of the deaths at Gallipoli very few boys on the 1915 College Roll of 303 would have been unaffected when the Last Post was played and the flag on Big School was lowered. August 1914 was just the beginning of the commitment that the Christ's College Old Boys would make over four long years.

Jane Teal, Archivist

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Term 2 Photos



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