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From the Executive Principal

One of the great pleasures of my role is that, over any given period of time, I am fortunate to see the boys of College involved in a wide range of activities. In the past four days I have been most fortunate to see a number of combined events between St Margaret's College (our sister school) and ourselves. The first of these was a collaborative



film project which involved a production crew of almost 70 students working alongside adult mentors to produce an entertaining and enjoyable short film *A Perfect Child*. On Monday evening, a combined Prefects' Dinner saw the leadership of both schools gather to be challenged and inspired by the opportunities the future will bring.

In between these two events, I attended a range of different sports in very different climatic conditions with very different outcomes for the boys. The lessons of sport were very much on display. It is this diversity of co-curricular opportunity that adds richness to the College experience and I know such involvement is most appreciated by the boys themselves and by our parent community. It is an interesting conversation that I often have with parents of boys who choose to perhaps be less involved than they could be over the course of their time at College. The parental intent is that no opportunity should ever be missed. My sense of this is always to be patient and kind. Young men tend to grow at different rates and it is often patience on the part of parents that will see boys find their spirit at a point in their journey. I believe it is better to allow this to happen rather to push it to happen. This is not to say that enthusiasm from both College and parents to see boys involved should be withdrawn, rather, it should not become a chore or a nag. Catching boys doing the right thing and encouraging them by using this as a motivational tool for further engagement, is the key.

It was very pleasant last week to visit with the school community in Hawke's Bay and Wellington. Hawke's Bay has long been a traditional base from which College has drawn a number of boarders and this was seen in the current and past parents and members of the CCOBA who attended. It was a pleasure to highlight that our Regional Boarding Scholarships are in place to continue these long-term ties in areas of such significance for regional New Zealand. The politics of Wellington was a lovely contrast. Each group reflected a warmth and love for College which gives such confidence for the future.

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2016 International Service Project in Samoa

Service is one of College's core values and the twelve Year 13 boys who spent eight days in Samoa during the holidays came to understand how...



Assembly Notes

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Calendar Events

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One subtle, but significant change, that has occurred at College since the beginning of the year has been our shift in alcohol policy for student events. It is now College policy that alcohol will not be served to students of any age at any College event. This began this year at the Founders' Dinner and is now in place. Previous policy placed staff in a most awkward and inappropriate position at a number of points throughout the year. It also placed College outside the accepted practice of our peer schools and on the very edge of the law in relation to supplying alcohol to underage

students. Such practice also contravenes latest research which suggests that it is adults' responsibility to delay alcohol use by young people for as long as possible. New Zealand has a serious problem in relation to alcohol and young people and it is College's responsibility to set a standard that reflects the highest community standard and the most recent and best practice.

Garth Wynne, Executive Principal

Curriculum News



Kia ora koutou katoa,

The key focus for students this term will be the upcoming 2017 subject selection and the school examinations in week 5.

The subject selection process is a vital component of planning for 2017. Students and their families will need

to carefully consider which subject options they wish to pursue next year. College years are a time for exploring new avenues of interest, so it is important to keep boys' courses varied for as long as possible. Students will need to reflect on their strengths and genuine interests – this will help them choose courses that they will both enjoy and know they can properly manage. Their choice of subjects requires careful thought to ensure they do not restrict their opportunities in later years of study. Whilst students entering the senior school may not have determined their career direction, it is essential to begin the process of considering future subjects and areas of interest. The Curriculum Studies Guide that is available on-line is your first point of reference. This guide contains all the relevant information for courses that are being offered in 2017. Students are also strongly advised to seek the

NCEA/Subject Selection Evening

with Joe Eccleton, Director Of Studies

Everyone's welcome - boys and parents

Thursday 4 August, 7pm, The Chapman Room

guidance of their current subject teachers, Housemaster and the Head of Careers, Mr. Sellars.

The school examinations will start in week 5. These exams are designed to assess the progress of our students in respect to their external examinations, held at the end of the year. Students will need to spend time revising and working towards these examinations as they also provide teachers with a derived grade should the student require this at the end of year.

Term 3 is a notoriously challenging term and it is important that students look after themselves and seek assistance where necessary.

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

Joe Eccleton, Director of Studies



Everyone's welcome at Grandparents' Day

Friday 19 August, 10.15am -12.30pm

The visit will begin with Chapel, followed by a tour of College with your grandson and refreshments in The Chapman Room which will include a welcome from Garth Wynne, Executive Principal.

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Bookings required for catering purposes. If assistance is needed please call reception on 03 366 8705.



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.



Year 13 student Connor Leadley wins silver at Biology Olympiad

Connor Leadley's silver medal win at the 2016 Biology Olympiad in Hanoi, Vietnam, last month came as an unexpected....



Visiting education expert calls for rethink of curriculum...

Dr Yong Zhao says schools need to rethink their curriculums so that they better equip students for changing workplace...



Inspiring the leaders of tomorrow

Emerging Leaders 2016 called on the 580 delegates to "believe you can". Potent words, designed to inspire the participating Year 12 students to aim to reach their potential....



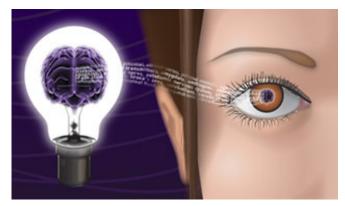
Exchange students at College this term

In Year 11, James Kiln from Michaelhouse in South Africa is boarding in Flower's House and will be here until 4 September. In Year 12, three boys are here from Montgomery Bell Academy...



College wins Quadrangular tournament

Christ's College had a great 29-19 victory against Wellington College in its first Quad final since 2003 ...



Brainpower when it counts

Their synapses firing on all cylinders, the Year 11 team achieved excellent results at Brain Bee 2016, with Josh Ting coming third in the individual and College coming second in the team.....

Careers



Careers Website

Parents and boys will be able to see further information about events, jobs and news on the College website under the heading Current Parents. There are also links to the various universities and providers.

NCEA & Careers Evening - 4 August

The purpose of this evening is for

parents to hear more about NCEA and the boys' subject choices for 2017. Year 10 boys have had five careers lessons and subject choices has been one of those. Year 11 boys have seen Mr Sellars during the Friday General Studies session and have been given a subject options booklet. Year 12 boys will be having a similar presentation on Friday 5 August. Also present at the evening will be representatives from Ara Institute of Canterbury (CPIT), the University of Canterbury (UC), and Lincoln University.

Year 10 Careers

The Year 10 classes have had five lessons during their health classes. They were issued with a workbook covering the following topics: Who am I? - their personal qualities, What sort of person am I?, Work values, Jobs by interest, My career investigation, What subjects should I study?, What employers are looking for, and Jobs of the future. It is expected that most boys do not know what they want to do in the future, hence the importance of keeping many options open.

Year 9 Careers

The Year 9 classes will have a series of lessons during their health classes this term. This will include their option choices (2) for 2017, investigation into their interest areas, introduction to Careers NZ online, a skills survey, jobs of the future and their Year 9 profile.

Health is more than just Medicine

Medicine is not for everyone. If you want to make a difference in health in general, there are also many pathways to get you there. These include (and are not limited to) nursing, health promotion, optometry, pharmacy, psychology, lab science, biomedical science, medical engineering, food science, to name just a few.

Optometry: Optometrists play an important role in primary healthcare, examining eyes, diagnosing vision problems, and providing treatment. The Bachelor of Optometry (BOptom) covers both clinical optometry and vision science. School leavers start the BSc (Biomedical Science), then apply during semester two to complete parts 11-V of Optometry the following year.

University Course Planning Sessions

The liaison officers from the various universities come back to College this term. Course planning is not new to the boys as most have looked at the possible subjects they will be taking next year at university. It also allows them to plan widely so that there is flexibility at the end of their first year of tertiary study. Prajesh from the University of Otago will emphasise that those doing first year health sciences need to have a plan B if they are not accepted into medicine.

Studylink information

Studylink is a service of the Ministry of Social Development administering student allowances, student loans and assisting students to get the financial support they are entitled to. For more information, refer to: studylink.govt.nz or phone 0800 889 900.

Please continue to page 5 for more careers events and upcoming careers dates.

Events since the last issue:

- Your Education (short-term high school exchanges)
- Coleridge Downs Agriculture Open Day
- Ara Broadcasting School On Air Workshop
- Ara Broadcasting Information Evening, 7pm
- UC Open Day
- Lincoln University Open Day
- University of Melbourne liaison visit to College
- University of Melbourne Information Evening, George Hotel
- PIHMS (Pacific International Hotel Management School) liaison visit

Everyone's Welcome An evening of jazz and rock music Friday 5 August, 7.30pm Christ's College Assembly Hall Bands from College will be performing a variety of jazz and rock numbers. The Big Band and Jazz Combo will perform their sets before going up to participate in the Southern Jam in Blenheim.

Study @ Victoria Open Day – Friday 26 August

Boys attending this will be given a planning booklet prior to the day. This will allow them to make the most of the day, seeing halls/colleges, attending lectures and talking to academic staff at the expo.

The earlier preparation is done, the more productive the day will be. I will be in Wellington for this, arriving Thursday evening, going to the Massey University Creative Arts presentation and being at the main campus early on Friday morning. Design students should try and visit Massey University as well. A bus normally does a circuit.

Massey University - Wellington - Creative Arts

Massey University hosts a Career Pathway evening on 25 August, the night before the Wellington Open Day. This is focused around the College of Creative Arts which invites graduates back to campus to share their latest story. It is a very good opportunity for students and parents to hear it as it is. For full details http://creative.massey.ac.nz/about/events/events-calendar/2016/august/career-pathways-evening/

University Halls/Colleges applications

From 1 August, boys can complete their applications online and will get email confirmation that their application has been received. They can then log on anytime to check their status. They also need to request that the school completes a Common Confidential Reference Form (CCRF). Housemasters will complete this form and forward it to the Accommodation Centre. Students can apply for accommodation at several universities and make their final decision in October. Applicants will be advised early next term if they have an offer or are on the waiting list.

Ara Taster Programme

Ara is having a taster programme for boys from Year 9 to 11. The courses will give students an idea about course and trades at Ara. The courses offered are:

10-11 August: Electrical & Plumbing Trades; Hospitality Industry; Introduction to Hotel, Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy Practical Skills; Engineering & Architectural Studies.

31 August -1 September: Construction Trades; Engineering & Manufacturing Trades; Painting & Decorating Trades; Nursing & Allied Health.

If you would like your son to attend one of these two-day sessions, contact Mr Sellars.

Scholarships Database

A useful resource for viewing scholarships is Generosity New Zealand which is available on the school campus. The link is http://fis.org.nz/databases/BreakOut.php. Students type in certain criteria and possible scholarships that they might want to apply for.

Your Education - Student exchange

This is a New Zealand company that specialises in short-term high school exchanges. A large number of boys attended an information session held on 7 July last term. Further information can be found at www.youreducation.co.nz or info@youreducation.co.nz

Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

Upcoming careers dates:

- 1 Aug University accommodation applications open
- **3 Aug** University College of Learning (UCOL), Palmerston North, Open Day
- **9 Aug** Ara Pre-health and Nursing information session
- **12 Aug** Defence Careers Experience, applications close
- 18 Aug University of Canterbury course planning
- **23 Aug** University of Auckland, closing date for main scholarships
- 25 Aug Ara Industry Expo and Open Day
- 26 Aug Victoria University, Study@Vic Open Day
- **27 Aug** University of Auckland, Courses and Careers Day
- 27 Aug Auckland University of Technology (AUT) Open Day
 - 1 Sep Air New Zealand Aviation Institute, pilot career event
 - 6 Sep University of Auckland course planning
 - **7 Sep** University of Otago course planning, all courses except health sciences, 2.30pm
- 8 Sep Lincoln University course planning
- 8 Sep Massey University course planning
- **13 Sep** Defence Forces information evening, HMNZS Pegasus
- **14 Sep** University of Otago, course planning, 2.30pm
- 14 Sep Victoria University, course planning

Events at College

Thursday 11 August

Centre for Ethics & Spirituality - Euthanasia

Friday 19 August - Grandparent's Day

Thursday 8 September

Centre for Ethics & Spirituality - Finding the Forgotten God

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Meet our team

In today's edition we feature nurse Kaye McKenzie and Classics teacher, Chloe Harland.

KEEPING COLLEGE BOYS HEALTHY



A firm but fair mother figure is how nurse Kaye McKenzie sees herself in her role at the College Health Centre. For the past six years, she has looked after the health of dayboys and boarders, offering support, a listening ear, sage advice and a bed when it is required.

The two registered nurses, Kaye and Nicky Taylor, are at the centre for five and a half days a week sharing the role. Between them they have years of experience in orthopaedics, theatre, recovery, mental health and youth nutrition.

"Nicky and I have a good balance of experience and work really well together as a team. We can support each other and communicate even in our time off," Kaye says.

The role of the Health Centre is to treat and care for the boys' health and injuries and work closely with the matrons, Housemasters and staff to deliver this. The goal is to keep the boys as healthy as possible, and at school.

"Another part of our role is education," Kaye says. "We talk with boys who have been injured about the appropriate stretches they should do before they return to play. We also educate boys about looking after themselves and preventing injuries when they are playing. Sometimes we discuss sensible eating, and, of course, drinking plenty of water.

"I really enjoy building relationships with the boys and sharing a joke with them. I also enjoy watching them grow from Year 9 to Year 13 and celebrate their successes.

Before the earthquakes, the Health Centre was housed in the Tower Building, but the area was damaged and the centre moved onto the quad.

"It's great being in the centre of the school and the building we're in is user-friendly and much easier for the boys to find and drop into. We definitely feel we are part of school life where we are."

Looking after the health of staff is another area for the nurses. Staff come in with the usual range of ailments and Kaye says they appreciate not having to take time off during the day to visit the doctor.

"Of course, we refer them on to their own doctors if they seem to have something that needs more attention and several times we have been thanked as they did not realise they had an infection."

Kaye says that obviously there are seasonal ailments such as cold and hay fever and sports injuries are a recurring issue. Boarders are enrolled in a local medical practice and anything serious is referred to them.

"On the whole the boys are a healthy lot and if we are quiet at the centre, it's a good sign!"

A PASSION FOR CLASSICS



It was always going to be a hard act to fill the position of Classics teacher Chris Williams after his 40 years at College, but Chloe Harland says she was more than up for the challenge. Her enthusiasm bubbles over as she reveals her love of her subject, Classics, and her delight in both her new role as a teacher of English and for teaching in general.

"Teaching does a lot for my soul," she says. "What I can bring to Classics teaching is the fact that I am mad about my subject. The boys really "get" my enthusiasm and respond to it, so we have created a great class culture. Classics does have a lot of quite heavy academic stuff, but I balance this with showing ancient Greece and Rome had a lively culture which is relevant to the modern era."

Chloe taught at Westlake College in Auckland, but last year took time out from teaching for a role in marketing and events.

"I wanted to make certain teaching was the job I would continue to do long-term," she says. "However, after a month away from it, I realised the only place where I really make sense is in the classroom. Teaching is the complete opposite of the corporate world and I love the people, connections and penny-drop moments it brings. But most of all, I found I missed the kids."

This year, as well as Classics, Chloe is teaching Year 9 and Year 10 English classes, something she has wanted to do for several years.

"I'm teaching the boys the way I would like to be taught," she says. "I want to produce a culture where it is cool to like this subject and to engage with it. I bring in my Social Studies background and when we read a book or watch a movie, the text becomes the platform for discussing the big issues. I like the fact that the junior curriculum is so flexible and allows me to bring heart into our lessons."

Chloe says her return to Christchurch and to teaching at College was "like a series of doors swinging open".

"I was in Christchurch and saw my dream job advertised at College. I had an interview and was offered a part-time job which they made into a full-time when I said I wanted to teach English. I put in an offer on a house and it was accepted. It all happened at once and I know that I am now totally where I'm supposed to be. It's an awesome place to end up. There is no doubt College life is very busy and, as a teacher you have to live and breathe it, but it is exciting to work alongside such like-minded, genuine educators."

Boarding Programme

The Boarding Programme got off to a fast start this term with boys over the age of 16 who want to gain their gun licence meeting with Ken Watson for the lecture, discussion and test on Tuesday evening. This was a very successful event with all 24 boys successfully completing the first stage of their licence. Over the weekend, the Saturday activity was a quiz compered by the irrepressible Chris Newman in the OBT. The teams were all eager to win the chocolate and the evening was good fun.

The following day had the first early morning start for skiers as the weekly trips to Mt Hutt got underway. Mrs Kilpatrick took the boys, leaving at 6.30am. No injuries were reported.

The snow was good and, hopefully, this will be the case for the remaining Sundays of the term. The other boarders had the opportunity to head off to go-karting in Sydenham under the watchful eye of Mr Franklin. The boys enjoyed the fast times around the circuit. (Picture below)

Next week promises to be just as busy, with a midweek study skills session for the Year 12. This is followed by the leadership weekend with activities in College on Friday evening and then on the Port Hills on Sunday. The rest of the boys are off to the movies on Saturday and skiing again on Sunday morning.



Christ's College Old Boys' vs St Margaret's College Old Girls' Debate 2016

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Wednesday 10 August
The Charles Luney Auditorium,
St Margaret's College

From the Archives: Roger Charles Blunt and the Christ's College Cricket Club

There is an enormous gap in the College Archives Cricket Scorebook Collection, from 1885 to 1949. Recently this has been partially rectified with the purchase of two scorebooks for the 1917-1918 season. Mr Allan Scrafton of Worcester, who had purchased the books from the effects of Roger Charles Blunt, contacted the Director of Sport, Rob Clarke, to see if we were interested, and we were.

Roger Charles Blunt (2706) was born in Durham, but came to New Zealand when his father, Thomas Gaire Rockstro Blunt, was appointed to the chair of Modern Languages at Canterbury College. He followed his brother Brian (2563) to College in 1913 and, was in turn, followed by Leslie (2776) and Paul (3261).

At this time the cricket season covered the summer and included the final school term of one year and the first term of the next. Blunt's College cricketing career began in the Colts XI in the third term of 1913 and, by the beginning of the following year, he was its captain. Initially he was a bowler and his skills were recognised in interhouse cricket matches, with him coming in at Number 10 in the batting order. At the end of 1914, he was introduced into the 1st XI club games, while continuing to play in the 2nd XI. At the conclusion of the 1914-15 season, he had bowled 123 overs,

12 maidens, 51 wickets for 550 runs - a performance the April 1915 Register noted "deserved more attention than it got".

In the first term of 1916, he moved into the top order as either Number 3 or 4 as older boys left College, and he remained in that position until the end of 1917 when the records show that, increasingly, he was opening the batting. This change saw no diminution in his wicket-taking ability nor did his position as captain during 1917-1918 season and the first part of the 1918-1919 season, change.

The first book covers the 1917-1918 season when the scorer was Robert Cecil Hayes (2408). It records matches from October 13 to December 8, 1917 and 21 February to 23 March 1918. It appears that Blunt put the books into his luggage when he returned to England.

At this time, Christ's College was playing only two other schools, Otago Boys' High School and Christchurch Boys' High School. The other games were against club teams from Linwood, Riccarton, St Albans, Sydenham and East Christchurch. It is the game against Christchurch Boys' High School that lingered long in the memory. Not only did Blunt score 204 in 3 ¼ hours over November 21, 22 and 23, 1917 with, according to the Register, "good cutting and off driving", he also bowled 15 overs, 1 maiden and took three wickets for 35 runs as the attached pages show. What he could have achieved the following year will never be known, as both the Otago Boys' High School and Christchurch Boys' High School games were cancelled because of the influenza epidemic and matches were only played against St Albans and Riccarton.

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The cricket report in the April 1919 Register shows that the team was clearly missing his all-round ability when it recorded "The Eleven began this term without the services of R C Blunt, one of the soundest batsmen the College has ever produced, and the mainstay of our bowling for the past four years."

By searching through the Register, it is possible to round out Blunt's Christ's College career. He was a member of the Cadets throughout his time at College, and in three successive years (1913-1915), he won the junior fives competition. He repeated this feat in the open competition in 1917 and 1918. In 1916, he was awarded the V1 class prize for French, was a librarian and a member of the Debating Committee. In the same year, he passed matriculation which at this time encompassed Solicitor's General Knowledge and with some additional questions – the medical preliminary. In 1917, he was captain of the Middle Football Club which was essentially the 3rd XV, and Secretary of the Games Committee - a position which he continued in 1918. In both 1917 and 1918, he was a prefect and Captain of Cricket and rounded out his College career with the Hare Memorial Prize for the best average in both batting and bowling.

While still at College, Roger Blunt's steps towards an international cricketing career began. Papers Past shows that he was selected to play for Canterbury against Otago on 19 December 1917 and his burgeoning career can be easily followed in the newspapers. In 1928, he was named as one of Wisden's Cricketers of the Year after a New Zealand representative tour of England in 1927.

New Zealand was awarded test status in 1930 and their first match was a three-day one at Lancaster Park. The team included Thomas Coleman Lowry (2651) who had captained the College First XI in 1915 and 1916. Blunt scored 45 not out in the first innings and was dismissed for seven runs in the second. He took three wickets in the first innings and two in the second. Based on alphabetical order, Blunt is Black Cap Number 2 and he went on to play another eight tests for New Zealand. He was also the first New Zealander to score a triple century in a first-class match when he made 338 not out for Otago against Canterbury in December 1931. He was awarded an MBE in 1966. In 2011, the Otago Cricket Association named him in their best XI team of all time.

The second score book is more of mystery and contains only three matches. The first, West Christchurch against St Albans in 1920, contains little more than the title. The second is undated and records the 18th Platoon v 19th Platoon, while the third has the details of the E Company, 5th Battalion v D Company 5th Battalion match at Woodborough in June 1942. In both these latter games, the surname Blunt appears. Woodborough was used as a base for both the RAF and the army during World War 2. Enquiries to the present Woodborough Cricket Club have revealed nothing, so if anyone has any information, the archives would be delighted to know.

Jane Teal, Archivist

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