

# WELCOME TO TERM 2

FROM GARTH WYNNE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL



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## Dear parents and caregivers

**I am pleased to write this newsletter to you in my office, being an early beneficiary of our new Trans-Tasman bubble.**

I took the gamble to jump the ditch immediately following my attendance at our successful Maadi Cup campaign, with MIQ voucher in hand for two weeks lone contemplation from 17 April. However, fortune favours the brave (and hopeful) and I was able to return in a matter of hours on 20 April. The catch-up with some of my family was wonderful and it was special to be able to celebrate my son's 30th birthday in person! I trust the term break has brought some respite and renewal for all. We will need it through the winter and the exciting term ahead.

### **Friends of...**

We celebrated a great deal of success across a wide variety of activities at the end of last term. Over the past few years, I have observed most clearly through our Rowing Club but, more and more importantly, across a range of activities (e.g cricket, hockey, basketball, rugby, chess and boarding) how our College community activities benefit from the commitment of parents working constructively alongside our staff leadership and programmes in 'Friends of' groups. Parent support is vital and valued. I am pleased to see that this term we will begin our Friends of Music and Choirs and Friends of Drama and Dance parent support groups to add to this growing list. These groups provide opportunities for parents to contribute their time to areas of their sons' interests, allowing for a positive presence and support of our inclusive and collaborative culture. I encourage all parents to seek out the support groups that best suit.

### Key Dates for 2021

Please [click here](#) to access our Key Dates for 2021, providing all the information about College events and activities to the end of the year.

### College photographs now available

All House photos and individual photos have been given to each Housemaster and distributed to your son at the end of the term. Your son should have brought these home. Keep an eye out!

### Chapel Services

Sunday 9 May  
Sunday 23 May  
Sunday 20 June  
Sunday 4 July

## The Courage to 'nark'

One of the defining characteristics of a College Graduate is 'Courage & resilience' – having the mental and moral strength to venture, persevere, withstand danger and confront fear or difficulty. It is these behaviours I expect of all boys when it comes to calling out behaviour that does not reflect respect, compassion or justice in this and the wider community. We must all be UPSTANDERS (not BYSTANDERS) and champion that which is right. When one sees another behaving in a way that might cause short or long-term harm, we must act alone or seek help to stop that behaviour. Standing up may have a personal cost but that is the true test of a moral compass. We are seeing this courage in young women across our own and the world community at present as they step forward to call out sexual abuse. We see this courage in some members of our Old Boy community as they come forward to tell stories of abuse experienced while here at Christ's College. I acknowledge this courage and seek, with your help, to ensure that our College today allows for such courage to be current and present.

It would seem that far too many boys within College for far too many years have stood silently by too often, despite the internal conflict this would have caused, and allowed inappropriate and harmful behaviour to be perpetrated on others, by word or by deed, for the fear of being known as the 'nark'. We need to address this overtly and clearly by being courageous. Such courage can be both personal and immediate by calling out the behaviour as it takes place and intervening or by calling on the support of friends or family of like mind and/or the College support structures ... your Head of House or another senior student who you trust, your mentor or Housemaster, an appointed prefect or teacher and our College counsellors. Boys can also directly email me and Rob Donaldson at [studentvoice@christscollege.com](mailto:studentvoice@christscollege.com).

To be the caring, Christian and supportive environment we espouse, we must all be courageous when it counts or our words are simply platitudes and our culture a contradiction rather than truth.

## Round Square Collaboration

One of the benefits of being a Round Square school is that we can be involved in international projects that benefit from cross-cultural input. Most recently, led by Darrell Thatcher and involving students Jack Drage and Jamie Barr, we have been one of a group of schools that has contributed to a Cross-cultural Study of *Leadership in Round Square Schools*. The report will inform our leadership practice and development at College. Click [here](#) to view the article Jamie wrote as part of the project, which reflects on Leadership with Courage.

## Christ's College Diploma Launch – Tuesday 22 June

As we conclude the consultation period on the Christ's College Diploma (CCD), we are now finalising the framework for the Diploma to share with our wider community. We thank all the parents who took the opportunity to be part of our consultation groups last term and are heartened by the overwhelmingly positive feedback we received.

This is a very exciting development at Christ's College and we are officially launching the CCD in a community event at school on the evening of Tuesday 22 June. I encourage all Year 9 and 10 parents, as well as parents of future students, to join us for this evening. It will focus on providing you with a variety of information about the Diploma structure as well as our students' views on how this will be a step forward for their College experience. We will have time for socialising with fellow parents and one to one question time with our curriculum leaders.

## Events in Term 2

Please go to the [Upcoming Events](#) page on the College website to book.

### As You Like It

College and Rangī Ruru co-production  
Monday 10 May, Wednesday 12 May,  
Friday 14 May, 7–9pm, Christ's College  
Old Boys' Theatre

### Oedipus Rex

College and Rangī Ruru co-production  
Tuesday 11 May, Thursday 13 May,  
Saturday 15 May, 7–8.30pm, Christ's  
College Old Boys' Theatre

### Parent Education Evening – Sex, Drugs & Rock 'n' Roll

Tuesday 11 May, 7pm, Chapman Room  
Presented by our Centre for Wellbeing  
& Positive Education staff, alongside  
some local experts

### Community Visits

Auckland – Wednesday 12 May  
Wellington – Wednesday 19 May

### Grandparents' Day

Friday 14 May, 10.15am–12pm

### Conscious Parenting – a virtual talk with Megan de Beyer, parent expert, psychologist and author of *How to Raise a Man*

Monday 24 May, 7pm, Assembly Hall

### Centre for Ethics & Spirituality – Using aroha to dismantle hate in Aotearoa

Thursday 27 May, 7.30pm,  
Chapman Room

Presented by Dr Mazharuddin Syed  
Ahmed, Deputy Chair, Canterbury  
Muslim Community Trust

### Combined Concert with St Margaret's College

Wednesday 2 June, 7.30–9pm,  
Assembly Hall

### Parents' Association House Music Festival

Thursday 17 June, 7–9pm,  
Christchurch Town Hall

### Christ's College Diploma Launch

Tuesday 22 June, 7–9pm,  
Chapman Room

### The Shakespearean Banquet

23–25 June, 6.30–9.30pm,  
The Transitional Cathedral

### Parents' Association Mid-Winter Drinks

Friday 9 July, 6–9pm, Dining Hall



## Staff welcomes and transitions

### **Nikki Bleyendaal**

*Head of Teaching & Learning – Humanities and English*

We congratulate Nikki on her new role, joining the Centre for Teaching Excellence & Research – Head of Teaching & Learning – Humanities and English. Due to this promotion, Nikki will be stepping down as Deputy Housemaster Julius House, but will continue teaching English and Drama.

### **Dr Neil de Joux**

*Deputy Housemaster – Julius House*

We congratulate Neil on his new role. He will continue to teach Mathematics & Statistics.

### **Lionel Randall**

*Housemaster – Flower's House*

A Physical Education and Health teacher and a coach of various sports, including swimming, rugby and water polo – the latter as Head Coach of the New Zealand Junior Men's Team – Lionel brings the highest quality academic and pastoral leadership. With experience in leading and managing boys' boarding houses at Pretoria Boys High School and Hilton College, he joins us from his current teaching role at Auckland Grammar School. Lionel strives to build and nurture a culture that fosters the development of student success through high expectations, persistence and courage, driven by his passion for academic excellence and equity.

We welcome Lionel as the new Flower's Housemaster. He replaces Ben Vink as he transitions fully into the Assistant Principal – Boarding role.

### **Erin Rutherford**

*English Teacher*

Erin joins us for the duration of 2021. Erin graduated from UC, majoring in English and History and then completed her Graduate Diploma of Teaching at the New Zealand Graduate School of Education. She is in her first year of teaching, having completed teaching experience at Papanui High School, Linwood College, Hornby High School, as well as relief teaching at Linwood and St Bede's College. Erin, originally from Timaru, was involved in the Student Volunteer Army for two years and has a range of interests, including photography, videography, tramping and painting. We look forward to working with her in the English department.

### **Peter van Arendonk**

*Workshop Technician*

One of our Maintenance Carpenters for 19 years, Peter is transitioning into the role of Workshop Technician to support the Design and Technology Department as Gavin Love focuses on his teaching duties in this area. We are fortunate to have someone of Peter's experience and skillset step across to join Technology. Peter will continue to support the Maintenance Team in a casual capacity during the College holidays when needed.

### **Peter Domigan**

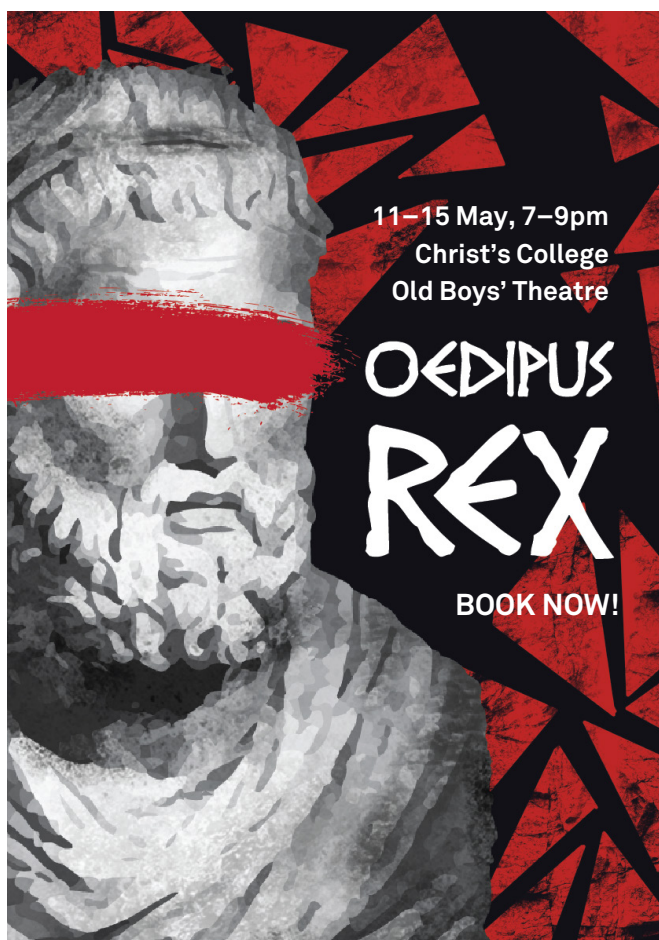
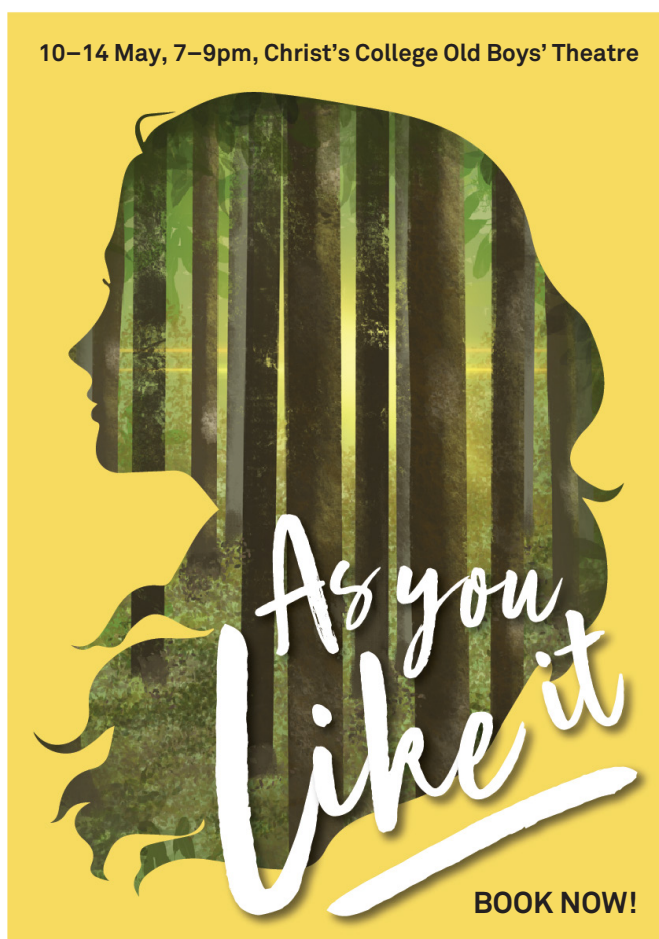
*Retiring Cricket and Sports Groundsperson*

Peter is taking the opportunity to retire at the end of this summer season. We were very fortunate to secure Peter's outstanding talents as a former turf manager, responsible for the upkeep of sports grounds to international playing standards. At College, Peter demonstrated his expertise and commitment to his role for almost seven years with the assistance of his wife, Violet, who contributed to the meticulous standard of the Hagley grounds and facilities. Peter leaves us on 7 May 2021 to begin his retirement in Southland with his family. We wish Peter, Violet and their family the very best for the future.

### **Martin Guttman**

*Custodian*

We welcome Martin as our new Custodian at College from late in Term 1. Martin has already contributed immensely to the team, with his strong work ethic and high standards.







## Show your colours and support your team!

Cushion those hard courtside benches or warm up those cold grandstands while watching winter sport. Buy a stadium cushion and support Christ's College basketball teams. Proceeds will go towards the development of the Christ's College basketball programme.

[Purchase here](#)



## CHRIST'S COLLEGE PARENT EDUCATION EVENING

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