



IN BLACK & WHITE

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

I am indebted to one attentive reader of *In Black & White* who noted in the last edition that I moved the Battle of Waterloo forward 36 years, to 1851 from 1815. It brought to mind the comedian Eric Morecambe's assertion that his piano playing involved 'all the right notes – but not necessarily in the right order'. My apologies for not seeing my own typing error, but I am delighted to have at least one diligent reader.

The recent sudden and dramatic weather called a number of our boarders home to help with badly snow-affected farms. As I walked down Armagh Street, I was greeted with a scene reminiscent of a WWII fighter squadron 'scramble' as the young men, dressed for action, climbed into their machinery. I know many of them did good work, and I hope the effects of the savage weather were at least mitigated to some extent by their efforts. Nearer to home, access to the hill areas of Christchurch was particularly difficult for a couple of days, but the majority of boys made it to school, and stayed throughout. By the end of the day, everything was 'back to normal', and the decision to run a full day was the right one.

We are facing another few weeks of severe complications around the school, as the SCIRT works move into Park Terrace. We are almost encircled by several battalions of road cones, approaching from apparently all sides, and getting to the school is becoming very difficult by car. In summary, south to north access to the school is easier, with a one way exit along Park Terrace. We could question why so many access roads

are disrupted at the same time, but the question would now be largely academic with all of them already excavated. All just have to be creative – and patient. Some of the bottlenecks are nearing completion, and things should ease shortly.

Since the last *In Black & White* the promised letter about IT strategy (particularly from 2014 onwards) has been circulated. Whilst digital opportunities are being widely exploited already, a further programme of staff development is running at the College throughout this year. At a conference I attended in Queenstown last weekend, Anthony Salcito, Microsoft's Worldwide Vice President for Education (www.dailyedventures.com) emphasised the implicit skills development potential of computer gaming; the at times compelling drive to improve one's own performance, to achieve goals and 'levels', to learn from errors and unsuccessful strategies, and in some cases to work with others to achieve common outcomes, all were legitimate ambitions also for conventional learning. He questioned why this powerful incentivising was slow in being embedded in educational practice. We have to be aware of over-stimulation by games – and indeed for some the pursuit of success in games can become dangerously obsessive. Nevertheless, his provocative



Christ's College Parents' Association
Mid-Winter Drinks

Enjoy Mid-Winter cheer in our Dining Hall on the final day of term. There will be mulled wine, hot ham and the wonderful company of other College parents and staff.

Friday 12 July, 5.45pm \$28 per person
Tickets essential

proposition was clear – digital education has the potential to introduce a higher level of individual ownership of progress, and for advancement at a more personally appropriate rate.

Another speaker addressed issues of distractibility, and 'mindfulness'. The internal walls of our new 'West Wing' classrooms feature a lot of glass, as in the Fine Arts building. The interesting message was very encouraging to that design approach. Training focus and the ability to work independently in a more exposed and potentially stimulating environment than the traditional 'sterile and isolating space' of solid walled classrooms, was advocated.

Also at the conference a special ISNZ (Independent Schools of New Zealand) award was presented to our own Mr Graeme Worner for 'services to all aspects of boys' education'. His nomination was strongly supported by colleagues and by alumni of the College, recognising not only his consistently passionate and outstanding teaching of biology, but also his tireless commitment to pastoral work as a former housemaster, to hockey, to cricket – indeed to 'all aspects' of the life of the school. His achievements will be featured in a forthcoming *College* edition, and his award was re-presented to an appreciative assembly this morning. At the conference, we enjoyed an hilarious after dinner address by Tom Scott, the political cartoonist, who visited our table and recorded Graeme for posterity.



Of lesser note, but nonetheless intriguing, was the revelation by one of the speakers that the most asked question on Google last year, inexplicably, was 'What is gangnam style?'

Last week saw our joint production of *Romeo and Juliet*, with Rangī Ruru. It was another dramatic milestone for the College, enjoyed by all who were able to see it. We are so fortunate to have the calibre of staff and students capable of achieving production drama at such a high level, and my sincere thanks and congratulations to all. The 'whole' is the sum of many parts, and I can only guess at the effort so willingly invested by so many to achieve such a result. The staging, lighting and costumes were unique, sophisticated and beautiful, and provided a wonderful context for some exceptional acting and singing. It was an experience which will long be remembered.

Each year, one of our senior English classes completes an assessment based upon comparison of speech writing. Headmasters' Prize Giving addresses from different heads

in recent College history are contrasted, so each year I am subjected to a potentially distressing critical evaluation. I got off relatively lightly this year, for which I was most relieved, but it may have been why I was alert to a theme which presented itself in the most unexpected fashion last week. Even I was surprised, when the viewing windows in our building site fence provided the inspiration. Now you will have to wait until December.

The theme was nothing to do with the building itself. The basement area in the north-east corner now has its sealing base of concrete in place, and the construction of the sub floor area will begin this week. Concrete has also gone into some of the massive foundations for the main section. Also visible now are two elevated office buildings on a gantry behind the science building, to be used by the site managers, a neat use of the space available. It didn't take long to receive a good natured complaint that they have blocked the biology department's ringside view of the site progress. You can never please everybody.

I hope to see many at the Parents' Association Mid-winter drinks next week. It is always a lovely occasion, and my thanks in advance to those who have been working hard on the arrangements. I wish you an enjoyable break, and that the boys reassemble for term 3 without too much evidence of over-exuberant snow sports!

Simon Leese, Headmaster

ASSEMBLY NOTES

[Click here for Assembly Notes](#)

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER IS BALL NIGHT!

For parents and friends of College
Put it in your diary now!



CHRIST'S COLLEGE CANTERBURY

Christ's College's 2013 ERO report is now available to read at www.christscollege.com/information

CALENDAR EVENTS

Week 9		
Th 4	12.45pm	Interhouse junior hockey semi-finals, Upper
	12.45pm	Interhouse senior basketball, Gym
	z6.00pm	CSDC interschool debating, intermediate & senior rounds
F 5		National MUN Assembly begins, Wellington
	1.15pm	Year 12 General Studies, OBT
	1.15pm	Interhouse junior basketball, Gym
	1.15pm	Big Band concert for feeder schools. Assembly Hall
Sa 6		Weekend programme available for all boarders
		Final Saturday activities for term
Su 7		14th Ordinary Sunday
	7.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Preacher: The Chaplain
Week 10		
M 8		Leadership Week
		National MUN Assembly ends
	4.00pm	Interhouse junior football first round, CCCG
Tu 9	10.00am-4.00pm	Year 12 Emerging Leaders' Conference
	5.00-7.30pm	Year 11, 12 & 13 Parents/staff interviews
W 10		CSS sport ends for the term
	7.30pm	Recital evening, Music School
Th 11	12.45pm	Interhouse junior basketball, Gym
	1.00-1.45pm	Music recital series, Chapel
	5.00-7.30pm	Year 11, 12 & 13 Parent/staff interviews
F 12	4.00-6.00pm	Years 9-13 Boarder Parent/staff interviews
	5.45pm	The Parents' Association Mid-Winter drinks, Dining Hall
Sa 13		Term ends after sport. Boys must meet their sporting commitments.
		SISS cycling championships begin, Ruapuna
Su 14		SISS cycling championships end, Ruapuna

CURRICULUM NEWS



We are again at that stage where we are preparing for course selection for the next year. In the past we have published the course book on paper, and then placed a copy on the College Intranet. This year we will be dispensing with the printed hardcopy. The course book will be easily available online to all parents and boys. As we move to course selection this will allow easy access to the information that everyone needs.

I respond to a lot of queries about what the best subject selection might be. The only advice I usually offer is that it is mostly about trying to avoid shutting doors. The wisest counsel I can give is to try and keep options as broad as possible for as long as possible.

- For example, I will say to boys that if you think you might want to continue with a language, then keep that language. Once dropped, languages can be hard to pick up again.
- Hold on to that base of English and mathematics for as long as you can.
- If you haven't a clue what you might want to do, try to make sure that you keep both a physical and a social science in the mix.
- Always try to make sure that you have at least one subject/class that you really look forward to (for whatever reason) in the day. It is a long day at school if you have nothing to look forward to.
- Every subject has its benefits, its uses. Unless you have a specific career path in mind (medicine or engineering for example) then try to maintain a balance in your choices.

Remember, Mr Sellars (Careers Master) has a huge range of information at his fingertips, and also a wide range of ideas and experience that every boy is welcome to tap in to when considering options. We work together to provide information meetings with different year groups in Term 3 to help boys make more informed choices.

For several years now we have collected option choices online. I usually make a presentation at the end of assembly that will help boys to select their choices.

Please have those conversations now, make sure that you have discussed possibilities with your son.

You will have received a letter from the Headmaster about the use of laptops in class beginning in 2014. We will be offering parent seminars during Terms 3 and 4 to help you to understand how your sons might be using this technology in class, and how you can help. We will also be running seminars for boys. We hope to see many of you at these sessions. Take a look at the Term Calendar when it is published.

Mr Robin Sutton
Senior Master (Academic)

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 9 July
5.00 – 7.30pm
Year 11-13
dayboys

Thursday 11 July
5.00 – 7.30pm
Year 11-13
dayboys

Friday 12 July
4.00 – 6.00pm
Year 9-13 boarders



The Parent Teacher interview portal will be opened on Tuesday 2 July. An email will be sent to all parents outlining the procedures to book appointment times.

Mr Robert Aburn
Senior Master (Internal)

JUNIOR DEBATING

Last Thursday lunchtime an enthusiastic and House-proud audience gathered in the OBT to witness the clash of the Junior Debating titans, Condell's and Richards.



Angus Dysart-Paul

Both teams had come through the preliminary rounds unscathed so it was going to be a tight contest. The moot for the day was that NZ should arm its police force. It was certainly a high calibre debate, with much crossfire. William Fulton ably chaired the debate, hoping for a blood bath. And, indeed, we witnessed a barrage of weighty logic and statistics. In the end, Richards came out victorious, with Angus Dysart-Paul awarded Best Speaker.

CAREERS



CPIT – Free Science & Engineering Workshop - Holidays 22/23 July

Available for Year 12 and 13 students. Talk to recent CPIT graduates working in the industry and participate in practical science and engineering experiences including: how much caffeine is in their favourite energy drink using liquid chromatography, growing and identifying bacteria, identifying a toxin gene, building and flying a model glider, designing and building a model bridge.

Maintenance Engineering Society NZ Scholarship 2014

For students commencing study towards an IPENZ accredited engineering degree, diploma or certificate, through a NZ University, Polytechnic or Industry Training Organisation. Worth up to \$5,000. Applications close 30 August.

Russell McVeagh School Leavers' Law Scholarship

Their goal is to provide talented students across all socio-economic levels, with the opportunity to realise their potential and develop into the 'best and brightest' lawyers of their generation. Applications close Thursday 15 August.

Geology – Why study it?

It is a very diverse and multidisciplinary subject. It's about understanding Planet Earth so that we can benefit human society and sustain the environment that supports us. The scientific detective work on events in deep geological time help us understand the present, and both past and present are key to predicting the future. Offered at University of Canterbury. www.geol.canterbury.ac.nz

College House – University of Canterbury

College House is the oldest and most traditional university college in New Zealand. It was founded as part of Christ's College in 1850 and has evolved into an independent residential college. It is the strong sense of community that makes College House distinctive. Students enjoy the structures that are in place and the high standards that are expected there. The staff invite families and students to visit during the year. Prior advice and a booking is advisable. 03 364 2001, or email office@collegehouse.org.nz. Interviews are available during the week and tours can be arranged.

University of Canterbury Emerging Leadership Scholarships

At least 100 Scholarships are available annually to students who intend to begin their first year of an undergraduate degree programme at UC. The scholarships comprise tuition fees of up to \$5,000. Recipients must be New Zealand or Australian citizens or permanent residents. They are awarded in the following categories: All-round excellence, Head Boy/Head Girl, Maori and Pasifica, sports, specified programmes (law and education). UC has produced an excellent brochure called "Fund".

University Halls/Colleges 2014

The process of application will start early in Term 3. Applications open on 1 August and close on 1 October. I will send all confidential forms to the universities by 15 September. This will allow time for any follow up required. Boys will apply online to universities of their choice and a confidential

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Events since the last issue

- CPIT Open Day
- CPIT Broadcasting Information session
- Monash University liaison visit
- New York University Abu Dhabi visit
- University of Otago Information Evening

Upcoming Dates

11 July	Victoria University, Information evening
12 July	PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Scholarship applications close
15 July	Aoraki Polytechnic, Sport & Fitness (2 days)
18 July	CPIT Broadcasting Information session 7.00pm
24 July	Lincoln University Open Day
1 Aug	Queenstown Resort College Career Week commences
5 Aug	University of Melbourne, liaison visit. University of Melbourne, information evening, The George Hotel
12 Aug	International College Hotel Management (ICHM) visit
15 Aug	Applications for Otago University Scholarships close
19 Aug	Lincoln University, Year 13 visit, 1.30pm
20 Aug	Swiss Hotel Management School, The George Hotel, 7.00pm
30 Aug	Study @ Victoria University Open Day. Massey University High Achievers Scholarships (Academic, Arts & Sport) applications close. The Salvation Army Edmund Sanderson Jeff Farm Scholarship, applications close
31 Aug	Auckland University Open Day
1 Sept	University of Otago, closing date for Performance Music Auditions
4 Sept	University of Auckland, Entry Level Scholarships, closing date for completed applications.
6 Sept	CPIT, Bachelor of Musical Arts applications due
10 Sept	Otago University Course planning, (Health Sciences) 1.15pm. CPIT, NASDA applications due
11 Sept	Otago University Course planning, (all other degrees) 2.30pm
19 Sept	Aoraki Polytechnic, Introduction Day, Christchurch Park
4 Oct	IPENZ Engineering Scholarships, applications close.

reference will be written by their Housemasters. They can apply to several universities and make their final decision when positions are offered in Term 4.

Study Link – Student Loans & Allowances

The Study Link “sussed” programme is about helping students make decisions about their finances and studies as they move out of school and into tertiary education. On 23 August StudyLink will be at General Studies and will help the boys

to apply online. Boys will need to bring their IRD and Bank account numbers to this session.

Victoria University Information Evening

The information evening gives the boys, and parents the opportunity to find out more about the university. Thursday 11 July, from 6.00pm, The Chateau on the Park, cnr Deans Avenue and Kilmarnock Street. RSVP by calling 0800 VICTORIA, or email course-advice@vuw.ac.nz

Mr Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

FROM THE CHAPLAIN



I was delighted, as much as one can be, by the ERO report’s recognition that “The Christian special character is a feature of the school’s programmes and events.”

In recent weeks in Chapel we have been collecting money for Syrian refugees, and we sent off \$2,000. We have also been finalising the Lent Appeal, and look forward to handing over that money. We take care that money arrives securely at the point of need, that we learn about what we are giving to, and that we are building a foundation for lifelong caring for those less fortunate than ourselves.

What I wrote a year ago still holds today: The appalling violence in Syria is a daily presence on our television screens. Having some understanding of Islam, the divisions between Sunnis

and Shiites, and the different attitudes to secularisation, help our understanding of this complex tragedy. This understanding will also help us in our own country to relate positively across differences.

In Chapel recently we made connections between the wonderful production of Romeo and Juliet and our own lives. This Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori – Maori Language Week, in Chapel we are also enhancing our knowledge and understanding, another point picked up in the ERO report.

I remind you that for parent interview evenings I tend, as I teach about half the school, not to make specific appointments – so do come up and say “hi” to me as you see me wandering around.

And have a great holiday when they come.

Rev Bosco Peters, Chaplain

BRAIN BEE 2013

Four Christ’s College boys competed earlier this week in the South Island Brain Bee Challenge held at the University of Otago in Dunedin with their team placing third overall. Anthony Goh (H), Ji Woo Kim (J), Daniel Young (Ro) and Luke Gellen (J) were amongst 90 Year 11 students competing to prove who had the best brain.

The individual competition was a very tense affair. After preliminary rounds, including a semi-final, Anthony and Luke earned places in the five person final. A further series of questions were posed and the boys were required to write and then announce their answers to an audience of around 300 people, including professors, lecturers and PhD students. Luke finished runner-up and Anthony finished among the top five. For both boys this was a tremendous achievement from the field of 90.

The competition also provided an opportunity for the boys to attend short lectures by University of Otago neuroscientists and to tour the university facilities.

Luke has been invited back to Otago to attend a special science week in January, with all expenses being met by the university.



Ji Woo Kim, Anthony Goh, Luke Gellen and Daniel Young



Individual competition runner-up Luke Gellen

CHRIST'S COLLEGE v OTAGO BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SPORT EXCHANGE 2013

Otago Boys' High School visited Christchurch on Monday 24 June and Tuesday 25 June to compete in the annual winter sports exchange with Christ's College. Results were:

Basketball	CC 49	OBHS 100
Hockey 1st XI	CC 7	OBHS 0
Football 1st XI	CC 1	OBHS 7
Rugby 2nd XV	CC 17	OBHS 26
Squash	CC 0	OBHS 5
Shooting	CC 534	OBHS 556
Debating	CC 255	OBHS 253

For more photos please visit <http://www.allteams.co.nz/christs-college/>



MUSIC SERIES

College Old Boy and former Assistant Organist of ChristChurch Cathedral Jeremy Woodside will be presenting a lunchtime organ recital as part of our regular monthly Music Recital Series on Thursday 11 July from 1:00pm – 1:45pm in the College Chapel.

Having studied music at the University of Canterbury, Jeremy has just completed a Master of Music degree from the Conservatorium of Music in Sydney, and has been appointed the Senior Organ Scholar of Wells Cathedral, U.K., a post which he will take up in September of this year. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to hear Jeremy play at College while he is home for a few days before moving to England. This promises to be a thrilling recital – not to be missed!

MUSIC RECITAL SERIES

Jeremy Woodside (organ)

Thursday 11 July, 1:00pm, Christ's College Chapel



JASON YOO

Congratulations to Condell's House golfer Jason Yoo who has been invited to attend New Zealand Golf's junior national training camp.

The camp will run during the upcoming school holidays at St Peter's College, Cambridge and involves about dozen young golfers.

The camp is considered to be a strong step towards New Zealand selection, something that Jason has already achieved in his representation at the Youth Olympics in Australia earlier in the year.



EMERGING LEADERS CONFERENCE 2013

On the last Tuesday of this term, 9 July, Christ's College will be hosting the 5th Annual Emerging Leaders Conference. This one day conference is fully funded through a legacy to the College and is hosted by Christ's College in association with The Sir Peter Blake Trust. Being fully funded means there is no cost to the delegates or their schools. The aim of the day is to develop an awareness of leadership (in all its forms) amongst Year 12 students.

This year will see over 500 students from 25 schools around Canterbury attending. This includes all Year 12 students at Christ's College.

We have been fortunate to be well supported by people willing to take plenary sessions and workshops.

The keynote speakers will be James Castrission and Justin Jones (Australian explorers who constantly push the boundaries of human endurance) and Joline Henry (Silver Fern).

In the afternoon the students will be split into groups for some practical-based leadership workshops. Workshop presenters include the Army, Airforce and Navy as well as David Goodman (Goodman Tavendale Reid), Colleen Bardsley (Jade Corporation) and Sam Johnson (College Old Boy and Young New Zealander of the Year)

The day promises to be an exciting and worthwhile day which hopefully all students will gain something out of in terms of who are they are and what leadership attributes they possess.

Darrell Thatcher, Conference Convener



A ONE DAY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS FROM AROUND CANTERBURY

