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FROM THE HEADMASTER

The warmest welcome to our first edition of our e-newsletter in 2013.

We have to hand the overall examination results for the school at NCEA, and once again they are impressive. NZQA has not so far released the statistics for all schools, but when they do as in previous years, our outcomes will impress. Just over half our students gained an Excellence or Merit endorsement at Level 3. At 26% Excellence this compares with a national expectation of 6%, and a further 27% achieved Merit. At Level 2, 31% Excellence, 40% Merit, and at Level 1 a 100% pass rate, with 20% Excellence and 43% Merit. Again we can be very pleased with the outcomes, across the whole range of abilities and aptitudes. Meanwhile we await Scholarship results, particularly those for whom they form part of offers for highly selective courses. We will shortly be preparing a full review summary of our academic outcomes for the year, but sufficient for now to say it has been another year where the efforts of students and staff have been recognised.

The campus has been transformed since the end of the last school year. Harper Julius is at long last open again, and it looks magnificent. Those who have never been inside will not know what to compare it to, and those in the top two years may wonder what is different. The fact that it appears much as before belies the complete rebuild that has gone on – and the massive additional strengthening which is (mostly) concealed

behind the new walls and ceilings. It has been a truly astonishing project, and I feel sure architectural and heritage awards will be coming our way soon.

The Open Air Block project has thrown up enormous challenges, and no little amount of frustration, but eventually most of it was completed in time for the new year. Evidence of what has been done is most easily seen in some very substantial steel structures in some of the classrooms. Whilst not particularly attractive, they serve as a reassuring reminder that the building is now a 100% of the new IL3 building code for earthquake resilience. This is a remarkable achievement for a heritage building. The heritage wood interior has been updated with new ICT equipment, and every surface of every room is new. Buried beneath the floors and behind walls is some very heavy engineering, and only a small part of the new reinforcing is visible. It is good to have this building completed and back in use, after the relatively short nine month period available to achieve such a challenging goal.

The old squash court building has gone, and some idea of the scale of the new buildings can be gauged from the area closed off for the construction site. The routes around the



100 YEARS CHRIST'S COLLEGE ROWING

Guest Speakers: Olympians Carl and Caroline Meyer (formerly Evers-Swindell)

**CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF CHRIST'S COLLEGE
ROWING WITH A FUNDRAISING DINNER AND AUCTION
Thursday 28 February 2013, Christ's College Dining Hall, 6pm**

campus are now limited to one, round the south side of the quadrangle, to the left of the library and round the outside of the new building site. Your diligent headmaster has done several trials at a year 10 'not my favourite lesson ahead' dawdle, and it takes a maximum of three minutes to walk from the front gate to the furthestmost chemistry lab on the top floor of the science block. Crossing the road from any of the classrooms, or Corfe/Condells, taking random traffic light settings, never took longer than two minutes to the front gate. Thus, any boy can do any required transition in the five minutes allowed for lesson changes, so feeble protestations to justify lateness to classes will be rewarded with complete disinterest and an invitation to rehearse the journey several times, outside the school day.... A special word for the Jacobs and School House residents – it is now a long walk to Chapel!

As well as welcoming all our new boys to the school, we welcome to the staff Dr Martin Griffiths as HoD mathematics, Mr Scott Franklin as HoD chemistry, Mr Lars Thomsen as Asst HoD mathematics, Ms Nikki Bleyendaal teaching mathematics and English, Ms Tamara Muirson teaching mathematics, and Mrs Sarah Fechny and Mrs Penny Whyte as teacher aides. We welcome back Jason Merrett and Andrew Mills as boarding house tutors, and Mrs Jan Kelleher joins us as Jacobs House matron. Mr Gavin Love will be teaching in materials technology, (and amongst his other duties will be teaching me to weld!) Mathew Harris has arrived from South Africa, starting a year with us as a Gap student. The Bursar's staff has been joined by Mr Stephen Kelsen in the new role of Financial Controller. We say farewell to Mr Robert Whitla, who has been on the staff of College for 23 years, and who has left us to pursue other interests. He has carried the unenviable responsibility for our timetabling, and other major data management functions. His expertise in those areas, as well as his diligent and successful teaching of mathematics, will be missed.

We have some internal changes. I have appointed Mr Robert Aburn to a permanent position on the senior management team, releasing Mr Neil Porter to focus on some key strategic goals for the school, as well as a range of existing functions. The senior master roles have been retitled 'Academic', formerly Curriculum (Mr Robin Sutton), 'Internal' Robert Aburn, and 'External', Neil Porter. I am also delighted that Dr Graeme Swanson has taken over the role of HoD biology from Graeme Worner, who has led that subject with energy, commitment and complete professionalism for many years. He deserves a rest! He is of course staying with us, but I suspect may have a spring in his step having shed the administrative burden which, whilst always executed efficiently, has perhaps lacked sufficient chlorophyll to engage his unquestioning enthusiasm.

Many were irritated by the gratuitously offensive use of the word 'pompous' against the school, in an article in *The Press* about the recent International Track Meet. The Timaru Herald used the same article, but removed what was obviously an expression of personal perspective by the journalist involved. I have written to the editor of *The Press*, not about the writer's apparent limitations, but about *The Press* alignment with positive activity in Christchurch, and who is providing it. Their editorial control should rise way above such prejudice when big challenges face us all.

2013 promises to be a significant year for Christchurch, and an exciting one for the College. Very soon the shape of our new buildings will start to appear. I am told it is one of the most complex and valuable projects currently underway in the city. We are bringing our major restoration phase to an end, and embarking on the biggest development for the school in its history. We will all have to work around the inevitable disruption, but will surely have another full, energetic and successful year.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

ASSEMBLY NOTES

[Click here for Assembly Notes](#)

PREFECTS & HEADS OF HOUSES 2013

HMA McCormick

Head of School (Condell's)

EBG Scholz

Deputy Head of School (Somes)

TH Chapman

Prefect & Head of Boarding (Flower's)

LD Mannis

Prefect & Head of House (Condell's)

GW McCook

Prefect & Head of House (Corfe)

DS McKenzie

Prefect & Head of House (Flower's)

NCO Hutchinson

Prefect & Head of House (Harper)

WJ Hurst

Prefect & Head of House (Jacobs)

SG Gilchrist

Prefect & Head of House (Julius)

OW Jones-Allen

Prefect & Head of House (Richards)

JP Keleghan

Prefect & Head of House (Rolleston)

JTG Macfarlane

Head of House (School)

MG Bolderston

Prefect & Head of House (Somes)

VY Karunasekera

Prefect (Condell's)

LA Loader

Prefect (Corfe)

BDC Owen

Prefect (Corfe)

NJ Murchison

Prefect (Flower's)

JP Fowler

Prefect (Harper)

TJ Langer

Prefect (Harper)

CTH Fraser

Prefect (Jacobs)

AJ Yeomans

Prefect (Julius)

LHI Smith

Prefect (Richards)

KJ Roe

Prefect (Rolleston)

HJA de Lautour

Prefect (School)

QD Angus

Prefect (Somes)

CALENDAR EVENTS

Week 1			
W 6		Waitangi Day. School holiday	
	10.00am	Year 9 boarders' ultimate race, Quad	
	6.00pm	All Year 10-12 boarders due back in Houses	
Th 7	6.30-8.00pm	Year 10 boarder athletic heats	
		Uniform for the day – dress uniform	
	8.20am	All Year groups at school	
	8.45am	Chapel	
	9.20am	Assembly	
	9.50-10.20am	Dayboy House meetings, all Year groups	
	9.50-10.20am	Year 10-12 boarders administration session, Assembly Hall	
	10.40am	Period 3 classes begin for all Year groups	
	12.45-1.45pm	Years 10-13 swimming heats, Pool	
	3.45-5.30pm	Years 10-13 swimming heats, Pool	
	5.30-7.30pm	Chapel Choir re-auditions, Chapel	
	6.30-8.30pm	'Into the Woods' junior musical Thursday rehearsals begin, OBT	
	F 8	8.35am	School Prefects' Induction Service, Chapel
		1.15pm	Year 13 General Studies, OBT
		1.15pm-1.45pm	Years 10-12 swimming heats, Pool
4.00pm		Years 9-13 swimming heats & finals, Pool	
4.00-5.00pm		Chapel Choir rehearsal	
6.00pm		Board/Staff dinner, Dining Hall	
Sa 9		No Year 9 & 10 boarder leave	
		Year 9 boarder orientation programme begins	
		Year 10 boarder activity weekend	
Su 10		5th Ordinary Sunday	
	9.00am	Holy Eucharist	
	2.00-4.30pm	'Into the Woods' junior musical Sunday rehearsals begin, OBT	
Week 2			
M 11	4.00pm	Years 9-13 swimming heats & finals, Pool	
	6.30-8.00pm	Big Band auditions, Music School	
Tu 12	9.00am	Year 9 MidYIS testing, HLT	
	1.15pm	Selected athletic heats	
	6.30-8.30pm	'Into the Woods' junior musical Tuesday rehearsals begin, OBT	
W 13		Ash Wednesday	
		CSS sport begins	
	9.00am-3.00pm	The Cathedral Grammar School girls' swimming finals, Pool	
	10.20am	Ash Wednesday service, Chapel	
Th 14	12.45pm	Selected athletic heats	
	3.45pm	Selected athletic heats	
	7.00pm	Year 13 Founders' Dinner, Dining Hall	
F 15	8.35am	Congregational Practice, Chapel	
	1.15pm	Year 12 General Studies, OBT	
	1.15pm	Selected athletic heats	
	3.50-5.00pm	Orchestra rehearsals begin, Assembly Hall	
Sa 16		Weekend programme available for all boarders	
		Saturday activities begin	
		No Year 9 boarder leave; orientation programme continues	
	1.00-5.00pm	'Romeo & Juliet' senior production auditions, Assembly Hall	

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CALENDAR EVENTS cont.

Su 17		1st Sunday in Lent
	10.00am-2.00pm	'Romeo & Juliet' senior production auditions, Assembly Hall
	7.00pm	Choral Evensong
Preacher: The Chaplain		
Week 3		
M 18		CSS volleyball begins
	9.00am-5.00pm	Big Monday; swimming finals & athletic heats
Tu 19	6.30-8.00pm	Big Band rehearsals begin, Music School
		CSS triathlon
		New Zealand rowing championships begin, Twizel
	1.15pm	Selected athletic heats
	6.00-9.00pm	'Romeo & Juliet' audition recalls, Assembly Hall

CAREERS

The General Studies sessions will again continue for Year 12 & 13 on alternate Fridays. We will have speakers from Tertiary providers, motivational speakers, and sessions on leadership. Interviews with Year 13 boys will be a priority during Term 1 and they will occur during their study periods. Any boy in the school or their parents can contact Mr Sellars any time by phone or email or visit him in the temporary Careers Room in the front office of Richards House.



A lot of material comes through the careers office daily. I take what is relevant and summarise it in *In Black & White*. It is important that boys and parents get into the habit of reading it fortnightly.

Dates

TERM 1	Important Dates:
	8 February: General Studies Year 13, GAP information, Mr Donaldson, NZ Defence Forces
	15 February: General Studies Year 12, Career Profiles to be filled in
	21 February: University of Auckland, Liaison visit
	15 March: University of Canterbury, Liaison visit
	5 April: University of Otago, Liaison visit
	11 April: New York University Shanghai visit
	13 May: Otago Tertiary Open Day, Dunedin

Otago Tertiary Study Open Day – 13 May

This day is on the second Monday back in Term 2. At this stage it is my intention to organise a bus to take a group of genuinely interested boys to Dunedin on Sunday. We would stay in backpackers accommodation that night and travel back on Monday evening. Some parents may wish to take their sons themselves. We are not allowing boys to travel to Dunedin in their own vehicles. Please can you let me know if you would like your son to travel with me in the school group.

Invest in a new career after age 50

Some of you may have read the article in The Press on Wednesday 30 January by Joyce Russell. For people looking for changes in their lives, or who have been laid off work, there is hope and many resources for older workers. Figure out what type of work you may be interested in, and keep your skills current. You can also use websites designed to help baby boomers.

- aarp.org has lots of valuable information to help seniors with career plans
- quintcareers.com/mature_jobseekers.html has resources for boomers
- seniors4hire.com lists jobs and other ways of making money
- wiserworker.com is a job site to help baby boomers and older workers in finding employment
- workforce50.com has age related career content
- retiredbrains.com has information has information for starting your own business
- rebootyou.com offers articles and resources to help find a new career

As many companies know, baby boomers and seniors have much to offer the workforce, whether as full time employees, part-timers, consultants or in other creative work arrangements.

Mr CP Sellars, Careers Advisor

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Happy New Year from the Development Office. 2013 is going to be an exciting year and I am looking forward to progressing a range of fundraising initiatives that will focus on sustaining Christ's College long-term.



Christ's College has dedicated itself to teaching boys for over one hundred and sixty years. It is essential that the school thrives and continues to foster a culture of excellence. Our reputation for loyalty to Christ's College and each other goes beyond the school gates. The camaraderie of our Old Boys is legendary and testament to the pride felt for the school and the strong connections that are maintained for life.

Our scholarship programme, the legacy of benefactors of old, still makes an impact on boys today. The construction of the Old Boys' Theatre, the refurbishment of the Dining Hall and the development of facilities and programmes that the boys currently enjoy can be directly attributed to past philanthropy of Old Boys, parents and staff.

The ongoing repair and strengthening of our treasured heritage buildings and the construction of the new 'West Wing' block

are progressing steadily. It can be easy to take the school campus for granted. Our heritage buildings are not only held dear by the Christ's College community; they are also very significant to the city of Christchurch and New Zealand.

With so much of the city's built heritage disappearing, you can be proud of the substantial financial investment made by the Board of Governors and generous donations gifted by individuals and organisations over the years to protect our historic buildings. To live and learn in 19th, 20th and 21st century buildings are unique experiences for our current and future generations of boys.

Christ's College is determined to revitalise the campus, provide state-of-the-art facilities to complement first-class teaching and expand the capacity for talented boys to attend a school of this calibre.

Thank you for your commitment to this school. Your support is needed now more than ever before. When the global College community joins together with the shared goal of ensuring our school continues as a dynamic, progressive, educational institution, it is a fine example of good traditions being well maintained.

Mrs RA Crossland, Director of Development
Email rcrossland@christcollege.com

NEW STAFF



*Scott Franklin
HOD Chemistry*



*Dr Martin Griffiths
HOD Mathematics*



*Lars Thomsen
Asst HOD, Mathematics*



*Tamara Muirson
Mathematics*



*Nikki Bleyendaal
English and Mathematics*



*Jan Kelleher
Matron, Jacobs House*



*Matthew Harris
GAP Student*

MAX BECKERT

During the summer break Year 12 Some's House boy Max Beckert enjoyed success competing in the 'Tour de Vineyards' competition in Nelson. This gruelling race is held over four days in late December and is always considered to be the build-up race for the New Zealand Elites held in Christchurch in January.

With stage four of the race ending on the top of Takaka Hill, Max finished 3rd overall in the under-19 category.

Max has also just returned from the Track Cycling Nationals at Invercargill over the past weekend where he won the under-19 Team Pursuit trophy, finished 4th in the points race final and 6th in the scratch race final.



NATIONAL TITLE

Harper House student Connor Heap has enjoyed further success during the school holidays, with an under-18 national title as well as reaching the semi-finals of the under-18 Junior International Tennis Federation event in Auckland, in which the draw is mostly overseas world ranked juniors amongst whom Connor was unseeded.

During December he competed in both the under-16 and under-18 national events. Connor was forced to retire through injury from the under-16 semi-final. Later in the month the 15 year old won the under-18 national title in three sets.

Connor will be in Wellington this week to compete in another International Tennis Federation Junior tournament at the Renouf Tennis Centre.

At the 2012 College prize giving Connor was awarded the junior Sportsman of the Year for the second year running.



Connor competing in the under-16 nationals before injury forced his retirement from the semi-final.

2013 INTERNATIONAL TRACK MEET

Over 2000 people attended the International Track Meet held at Christ's College on Saturday 2 February. Local athletes from children's grades to Open competitors ran, jumped and threw alongside National and International competitors, including Olympians.

Timaru shotputter Tom Walsh added 50cm to his personal best with his 19.83 winning throw. Olympian Nick Willis was unsuccessful in his attempt to run his first-sub four minute mile on a grass track, despite the vocal support of spectators who had been invited on to the outside lanes to cheer him on. He won the race in a time of 4 mins 8.16 seconds.

Also in attendance were Olympian Lucy van Dalen, who finished second to Dutch runner Susan Kuijken in the 3000m race, and Black Stick Anita Punt who won both the 100m and 300m sprints.

The Christ's College athletics club (who also had several boys competing) led by MIC Graeme Christey, and Christ's College grounds staff worked closely with the ITM organisers in preparation for the event, as well as boys working alongside officials on the day. This is the second time Christ's College has been host to the ITM.



1ST XI CRICKET

The 1st XI has had another busy period over the summer holiday break. Harry Chamberlain has been named captain for the 2013 season.

In mid January the new 1st XI played the Willows Cricket Club. A great day was had at Loburn and the team played well to lose narrowly. James Southby, Harry Chamberlain, Bailen Thatcher and Quinn Angus were key contributors.

The team then travelled to Auckland to play in the annual Trans-Tasman Festival. Mac Bolderston was captain in the absence of Harry Chamberlain (along with Bailen Thatcher, who were playing for the Canterbury under-17 team). First innings leads were established against Shore School, Sydney and Canberra Grammar School, while a 50 over match against

King's College was won by three wickets. James Southby, Edward Wright, Nic Clarke and Mac Bolderston led the batting, while Oliver Jones-Allen, Jack English and Quinn Angus were key bowlers. Most impressive was the spirit and determination of the College boys.

Upon returning to Christchurch the team then participated in, and won, the Canterbury Schools T/20 tournament. College batted convincingly in all games and scored a record high score of 213/3 in the final. Harry Chamberlain was outstanding with scores of 113no and 99no, while James Southby, Nic Clarke and Ben Chamberlain scored half-centuries and good contributions were made with the bat by Bailen Thatcher and Mac Bolderston. Oliver Jones-Allen took 13 wickets over the two days when bowling.

Mr WC Lidstone, 1st XI Cricket

CCOBA SECRETARY

Welcome to a new year.

It's a busy time in the CCOBA office. Events start with the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27 February, in the Old Boys' Theatre, 5.00pm for a 5.30pm start. All Old Boys are welcome to attend.

Christ's College celebrates 100 Years of rowing with a fundraising dinner on Thursday 28 February. Tickets are still available. Please send your completed forms to ccoba@ccoba.com or CCOBA, PO Box 228, Christchurch 8140.

Planning is well underway for 20, 30, 50, 60, 70 and 80 Year On Reunions to be held 1-3 March. The weekend of celebrations start on Friday 1 March, with the Annual Cocktail Party in the Dining Hall, 5.30pm. The Cocktail Party is open to all Old Boys and tickets can be purchased from the CCOBA office. The year groups meet at school on Saturday morning for a tour of the school, photographs and lunch before enjoying their individual year group functions on Saturday night.

If you would like information on any of the events mentioned, please phone the office on 379 6738 or email Justine Nicholl at ccoba@ccoba.com

ROWING CELEBRATIONS



Olympians Carl and Caroline Meyer (formerly Evers-Swindell) will be guest speakers at a dinner later this month to celebrate Christ's College's 100th season of rowing.

Caroline Meyer is a double Olympic Gold medallist having won the double sculls at Athens (2004) and Beijing (2008) with her twin sister, Georgina. She is also a three time World Champion in double sculls.

Carl Meyer is an experienced international rower who competed in world championships from 2003 until 2011, winning world titles in the coxless four in 2007. He also competed at the Athens Olympics (5th in final of cox less four) and the Beijing Olympics.

Held in the Dining Hall, the three course dinner is an opportunity to fundraise for our current and future rowers. An auction will

be held on the night, including a rowing ergometer (donated by Otago University Rowing), and a Dinner for 10 in your own home among the auction items.

The dinner invitation is open to all members of the College community and friends, not just those involved with rowing. Tickets (or tables of 12) are still available for purchase, but tickets are selling well so you are encouraged to purchase them very soon.

Thursday 28 February will also be the official opening of the rowing club's Boat Shed. This will take place at 11am with the opportunity for old boys to have a row after the opening if interested.

For more details click [here](#) or contact Justine Nicholl on Ph 379 6738

ROWING REPORT

Over the Christmas break the rowers have been training hard. Three 10 day training camps, one before Christmas and two in January, have involved over 40 boys, five staff, two paid coaches and numerous parent helpers in training camps at Lake Ruataniwha in Twizel. Each training camp finished with a regatta where it was hoped to see the fruits of the hard work put in by all.

The final camps were also selection trials so the squad aiming to attend the Maadi Cup Regatta at Lake Karapiro in late March was refined. With our intention of only taking the very best crews up to the North Island, we sorted a squad of basically three eights (under-18, under-17 and under-16, plus coxswains and a couple of "utilities" to cover if reserves were needed). The other half of the Club will follow a rowing programme at Kerr's Reach and finish their season after racing both the schools' regattas (Canterbury Mazda at Ashburton and the South Island Schools' Regatta at Twizel). This ensures the rowers can all reach their potential by Year 13 and we can keep a lid on the considerable costs involved with training and racing away from Christchurch.

The training camps in Twizel all followed the same pattern. Under-16 rowers plus their coaches stayed in accommodation just out of town at Omaha Station, while the older boys were in houses in Twizel itself. Each house had a coach or other adult and the whole group met at the Combined Services Club for meals catered by parent volunteers under the direction of Nicky Ecroyd. The daily pattern was breakfast at 8am with the first row either before or after this meal. A second row after the 11am morning tea was followed by a late lunch and a rest. A third row, either before or, mostly, after the evening meal completed the day. Cycling was a compulsory method of transport as this had both a training effect and a role in developing self-independence. We were lucky and missed very few sessions of training on the water, but the regattas were a frustration.

Our biggest frustration was the number of non-rowing related injuries plus unexpected illnesses. At one stage we had eight boys with injuries from falling off bicycles and a totally unexpected run of illnesses. Thankfully the boys all recovered their health and only a few still suffer the effects from their cuts and sprains.

The first of the three regattas was the Otago Championships on the 15-16 of December. North West winds ensured very few races were completed and the regatta was abandoned with little accomplished. Highlights for College crews were a second in the Club Eight by a depleted top eight, a win in the under-16 eights and second places in both the under-15 and under-17 fours. Other well performing crews missed out on having finals.

In the new year, the Canterbury Championships (19 and 20 January) were also blown out by winds. Only a few heats were raced and the best College results in races shortened to 1000 metre were a 3rd and 4th in the under-18 eights, a first

and a second in the under-18 Club four (with the under-17 combination having the faster time), and a third in the Novice eight.

Thankfully, the South Island Club Championships were mostly completed with only a relatively short delay towards the end of the first day. This affected us more than most as we had three eights in the late events and they only got to race once (as opposed to both heats and finals for most events).

All year groups rowed very well and achieved pleasing results. After a week of hard training and very hot weather the tired squad raced very well. Highlights include Golds for the under-15 four in the under-16 event and for the top eight in the Club eights event, Silvers in the under-18 four in the Club fours, and the under-17 four and eight, and Bronze for another under-17 four and an under-17 eight in the under-18 eights event. The fast times posted by crews such as the under-15 four and the top eight augur well for the Maadi Cup Regatta, but a lot can happen between now and then!

The rowers get time back at school for the next few weeks and will be doing land-based training to fit in around their house commitments to swimming and athletics.

The new shed at Kerr's Reach is developing in stages. A new set of launching pontoons are being installed and the building with its protective security fence is completed. We need to fit the shed with boat racks, changing and toilet facilities and power but we have some boats and oars there now. The official opening is planned for 28 February and we will be well on the way to having a completed facility by then. The boys who haven't been at Twizel will work from this base for the rest of the season and, if managed well, will not have any long term effects caused by the limitations of a developing site.

The Centenary Dinner is scheduled for the 28 February (a Thursday night during the Athletics Sports coinciding with the new shed opening). Please support the event.

I must thank my fellow staff for their huge commitment in spending so much of their time at Twizel over their holidays, as well as the brilliant support given by the parents. The boys excellent results are tangible evidence of the quality of their efforts and commitment.

Mr PJD O'Connor, MIC Rowing



Under-18 four

DRAMA

Into the Woods

25 – 27 March, Old Boys' Theatre

Rehearsals for the combined Christ's College/Rangi Ruru Girls' School junior production recommence on Thursday 7 February at 6.30pm. Ms Robyn Peers and Mr Nick Sutcliffe are now looking forward to putting the polish on a wonderful Sondheim musical.

Mr Chambers is now seeking interest from any boys who want to be in the technical and backstage crew. They should email dchambers@christscollege.com or drop into the OBT Drama office.

Romeo and Juliet Auditions

16–17 February, OBT

Auditions for the combined CC/RR senior production are in two weeks time on Saturday and Sunday 16/17 February. All boys interested in starring roles or in minor roles should email dchambers@christscollege.com or drop into the OBT office. Our senior productions are always rewarding and challenging for the boys involved, and it is a good way to meet up with the girls from Rangi Ruru, and gain extra knowledge and input from their drama directors too.


Nic Kyle Live

8–9 February, 8pm, Old Boys' Theatre

Nic Kyle returns to College next weekend for his solo musical debut. Recently returned to Christchurch after receiving rave reviews throughout his Australasian tour with West End icon Elaine Paige, Christ's College Old Boy Nic Kyle is well on his way to musical theatre fame.

Next weekend marks his debut as a solo performer when he hosts two nights of intimate cabaret-style concerts in our Old Boys' Theatre. He has recently featured in *Christmas in the Park*, performed professional shows around the South Island and has just finished his cameo role in the Court Theatre season of *Grease*.

Nic's passion for musical theatre started when he stunned audiences in the 2004 Christ's College/Rangi Ruru production of *Les Misérables*. Since then, Nic graduated Bachelor of Performing Arts from NASDA and he is using this solo performance to kick-start his European launch. Accompanied by a 5 piece band, including Old Boy percussionist Tim Sellars, Nic will sing a wide variety from contemporary show tunes to Johnny Farnham country classics. Bookings to *Nic Kyle Live* are at www.courttheatre.org.nz



Christ's College and Rangi Ruru Girls' School present

W Into the Woods Jr

by Stephen Sondheim

March 25–27, 2013 | Old Boys' Theatre, Christ's College
Ph 366 8705 | 983 3700

William Shakespeare's



SENIOR PRODUCTION
Christ's College & Rangi Ruru Girls' School

AUDITIONS

16–17 February 2013

A LETTER FROM BIG SCHOOL

Dear All,

I thought I should remind you that I will be 150 years old this year. I don't remember the exact date but I was still not quite finished on Tuesday 15 December 1863 when I was used for the Annual Examinations and Prize Giving.

Now that was a quite a party; there was the Bishop, the Headmaster Mr Boughton and all the Fellows, and parents and friends and of course the architect, James Edward Fitzgerald. The day began with the usual prayers, the Bishop's and Headmaster's addresses and the Examiners reported that overall there was some improvement in the examination results. I was very pleased when they announced that Frederick Guise Brittan and Silas James Stedman were Senior Somes Scholars. Although the recitations were humorous at times they did seem to go on and on, but the boys had been well trained by Mr Bilton and their singing and three cheers for the architect nearly lifted my roof. I hoped the cricket shoes, bat and ball that were offered to those who performed well in the match against the Fellows that afternoon, would not be used inside my walls. But now I can't recall.

Although I am the oldest building on this site now, when I was constructed there were other buildings already here. Over on the north side of the Quad, (where Jacobs House is now) there was a schoolroom that grew over time with the addition of the Sub Warden's House and the Somes building. It was destroyed by fire in 1867. There was also a second master's house tucked into the north west corner, just like School House is today.

When I was first introduced to the Christchurch public, the newspapers described where my various materials had come from; the "bluish volcanic stone" came from a quarry near Mr Brittan's house at Landsdowne, while "another variety of bluestone" came from a quarry on the Bridle Path, near the entrance to the rail tunnel. One critic was rather scathing

of my tall chimney "stalks" in a land of earthquakes. Thank goodness they were taken down years ago.

I am not quite the same building I was originally. I have a mezzanine floor that makes really good use of all that lofty space. The Librarians have a much better working area and I have expanded, out towards Upper, making room for more books and computer stations.

Over the years many other buildings have come and gone, and come and stayed, and now, right on my front door step, they are at it again. The trucks are bigger this time round, and there are a lot of people circling in hard hats and viz-vests making decisions and taking action. The plans take my shape and place in the College into account too. I can't wait to see the result.

Yours sincerely
Big School

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Big School Interior, 1863. Photographer Dr A C Barker



Big school Exterior, 1867, Photographer Dr A C Barker

BOARDING PROGRAMME

TERM ONE, 2013

ACTIVITIES

WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION	SUPERVISING HOUSE
1 (February)	Wed 6	Year 9/10 Ultimate Race	10.00am	Upper	All Houses
	Sat 9	Year 9 – Mini Golf Year 10 – Golf Driving Range	6.45pm 7.00pm	Ferrymead	All Houses
	Sun 10	Yr 9 Activity Trip Y10 High Ropes Course	8.45am 9.00am	Hanmer Burnham	All Houses
2	Thu 14	Year 13 Valentines Day Breakfast	7.00am	St Margaret's College	All Houses
	Sat 16	Iceskating	7.00pm	Alpine Ice	All Houses
	Sun 17	Year 9 Waka Ama Surfing/Blokarting Workshop open	9.00am 10.00am 1.00-4.00pm	Lyttelton Sumner Fine Arts Building	All Houses
3	Sat 23	Laser Strike	7.00pm	Harvey Norman Centre	Richards House
	Su 24	Year 9-11 – School Based Activity Year 12 &13 – Golf	9.30am	Upper TBC	Richards House
4 (March)	Sat 2	School Based Activity	7.00pm	Christ's College	Jacobs House
	Sun 3	Go Karting Workshop open	9.30am 1.00-4.00pm	Templeton Motordrome Fine Arts Building	Jacobs House
5	Sat 9	Movies	7.00pm	Hoyts@Riccarton	Flower's House
	Sun 10	White Water Rafting	8.00am	Rangitata	Flower's House
6	Tu 12	Year 9/10 Dinner Swap	5.00pm	St Margaret's College	All Houses
	Fri 15	Crazy Legz Relay. Fundraiser for Lent	4.00pm	Quad	All Houses
	Sat 16	S15 Crusaders vs Bulls	7.00pm	AMI Stadium, Addington	School House
	Sun 17	Mountainbiking Workshop open	9.30am 1.00-4.00pm	Spencer Park Fine Arts Building	School House
7	Sat 23	S15 Crusaders vs Kings	7.00pm	AMI Stadium, Addington	Richards House
	Sun 24	Year 9-11 – School Based Activity Year 12 &13 – Golf	9.30am 9.30am	Upper TBC	Richards House
8	NO ACTIVITIES 30-31 MARCH – EASTER HOLIDAY				
9 (April)	Sat 6	Ten Pin Bowling	7.00pm	Garden City Bowl	Flower's House
	Sun 7	Paintball Workshop open	9.30am 1.00-4.00pm	Kamikaze Paintball Fine Arts Building	Flower's House

OPTIONS

OPTION	PROVIDER	DURATION	LOCATION	COST
Diploma in Agriculture	National Trade Academy	2 years - 2 hours per week during term time plus practical days in holidays	College & various venues	\$350 per year
Defensive Driving	AA Driver Training	4 sessions of 2 hours plus 1 hour practical	College	\$170
PADI Open Water Dive Training	Mr MR Hayes (qualified PADI Instructor)	Varies according to qualification	College & various venues	\$350
Cooking Classes	St Margaret's College	4 sessions of 2 hours	St Margaret's College	Free
Duke of Edinburgh's (Young New Zealanders Challenge) - This is compulsory for all Year 10 Boarders	Joshua Foundation & Christ's College	Depends on level	College & various locations	Minimal

These are extra-curricular courses and qualifications provided exclusively for boarders. Further information on each course is available from Mr Thatcher.



100 YEARS CHRIST'S COLLEGE ROWING

Guest Speakers: Olympians Carl and Caroline Meyer (formerly Evers-Swindell)

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF CHRIST'S COLLEGE ROWING WITH A FUNDRAISING DINNER AND AUCTION

Thursday 28 February 2013, Christ's College Dining Hall, 6pm

\$150 per person (three course dinner with beer/wine)



Booking for the 2013 Rowing Centenary Dinner

Name:

Postal Address:

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I would like to order tickets @ \$150pp

I would like to order the commemorative Christ's College Rowing Club tie @ \$75.00 (quantity)

Payment by: Enclosed cheque Credit Card

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