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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Two weeks into the new year, and the youngest new entrants to the school look as though they have always been here – it never ceases to surprise me how effortlessly the new boys make the transition to senior school, with all the rigours and complexities of the routines. It is a matter of individual timetable and good or bad luck whether lesson transitions involve moving to the room next door, or setting out on an expedition – so far no-one has been reported missing in action, so they must be coping. From the staff side, I have many comments on the vigour and enthusiasm of the new year group – and their potential. We have a large number of other entrants who have joined the school further up, and all seem to have found their niche without a problem.

We are still trying to finish off the Open Air block, and bring the final two classrooms into use. Our contractors were working overnight and at weekends to avoid disruption to classroom work, but I have decided we will endure a couple of weeks of constrained bashing around to get them done. The delay has provided some advantage – we have had time to revise some aspects of the last two rooms and trial ideas for the new 'West Wing', preliminary work for which is underway, bounded by our rather smart grey fence.

The mathematics department has rescued itself from imminent mayhem with a great effort all round. Two days

before term started they had no office, no classrooms and all the department's assets in a container. They are now set up in their new, if rather architecturally eccentric, office and all their classrooms are throbbing with intellectual activity. The Director of Sport has traded up from his caravan to a decent office, from which he has run our already hectic schedule as we prepare for swimming sports and athletics. Both are highlights of the term. Our other summer sports are in full swing, and our rowers are approaching the major South Island and National schools' regattas. On top of that lot, two school productions are underway.

Last week included Valentine's Day, traditionally a day when the young ladies of St Margaret's College and our senior gentlemen exchange expressions of affection. We arrived at College to find the gates beautifully decorated with balloons carrying heartfelt messages, and young ladies distributing chocolate. A member of the public did call in to register the view that one or two of the messages were somewhat risqué, and indeed they were – cheeky minxes. I need not have wondered whether our young men had reciprocated in kind



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**

at St Margaret's – I soon became aware that this year their amorous token came in the form of Doris the sheep, apparently purchased by subscription, on TradeMe. Later that day, the year 13 reassembled in a more formal setting to enjoy our Founders' Dinner; it was a fine occasion, with excellent food and toasts well presented. Our speaker was Judge Michael Crosbie, who described his work with the cross section of society which appears before him. He challenged our seniors to use their abilities, advantages and opportunities to make a difference, and to have an impact on the issues he deals with through the courts. The event concluded a day where our leadership year showed they have initiative, a great sense of fun, and a great sense of occasion. We are in for a fine year.

On Friday my wife and I travelled to Auckland to join the CCOBA regional group for a splendid evening of hospitality, and conversation. I was able to bring them up-to-date with College affairs, and describe for them the value of looking back and reminiscing about their experiences, whilst being focused on the school of the future. The audience conveyed an enthusiastic appreciation not only of how the College has managed its affairs in the last couple of years, but also for its role in the future of the city. The rest of the country, in all honesty, is becoming somewhat indifferent to the constant media coverage of gloomy stories from Christchurch. The apparently lethargic regeneration is also sapping confidence that anything very dramatic is likely to happen soon. There is, however, a great appetite for getting behind real initiative and optimism.

The editor of *The Press* responded to my letter about the offensive item in the International Track Meet article, which she described as 'colourful'. We could debate whether most people would regard the use of 'pompous' as colourful, but I am not going to get too pompous about it.

Finally, we are again delighted with our NCEA results. All are percentages.

		L1	L2	L3
Merit Endorsements*	CC	47.7	41.1	27.7
	All Decile 10 boys' schools	49.7	37.9	29.3
	Nationally all schools	35.4	26.8	24.6
Excellence Endorsements	CC	35.4	31.5	25.5
	All Decile 10 boys' schools	27	20.3	13.5
	Nationally all schools	15.2	11.7	8.2

* **Note** Merit endorsements reduce if Excellence endorsements go up

Reflecting a focus on improving outcomes for the 'average student', noting the 'no endorsement figures' (ie 'Achieved') with no Merit or Excellence endorsement:

	L1	L2	L3
2009	36.5	54.2	50.5
2010	25	39.1	59
2011	13.6	35.4	36.8
2012	17.32	29.13	46

2011 Year 13 was a very high calibre year, who had previously achieved highly in year 12 and outstanding results were expected. L2 non-endorsed percentage has progressively reduced. L1 in 2011 may have benefitted from the 'earthquake grade' process. Taking a four year view, all levels are showing reductions in 'non endorsed' percentages. L3 would be expected to be more consistent, at higher levels of demand.

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ASSEMBLY NOTES

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FOUNDERS' DINNER 2013

Judge Michael Crosbie joined the Christ's College Year 13 boys and staff on Thursday evening for the 2013 Founders' Dinner. He spoke to the boys about his work as a District Court Judge and as a member of the New Zealand Parole Board, and about the importance of citizenship. He then challenged the boys this year to do something as a group which will improve the lives of others.

The Founders' Dinner is an annual occasion for our Year 13 boys and academic staff to acknowledge the contributions of all who have attended the College throughout its long history. The dinner is also an opportunity to celebrate the beginning of the boys' final year at College.



THE COLLEGE CLOTHING SHOP

The Uniform shop is now taking second hand suits for re-sale. The suits must be drycleaned and of current fabric and style. We also take good quality blazers, flannels, jerseys and current style sports clothing.

Term 1 Hours

Monday-Friday 10am - 5pm

Saturday 9am - 12noon

Gold Badges (approximately 2 x Excellence Endorsement criteria)

43 awards in total, of which 16 are re-awards after Level 2 (gold buttons), and 5 new awards, 22 in year 11 from Level 1.

This is a remarkable number. In the first year of introduction (2008) there were 6 in each year!

'International' opportunities are sometimes mentioned in the context of NCEA referring to the IB and Cambridge International Examinations being 'internationally recognised'; the inference is that NCEA disadvantages our students in that respect. Whilst the IB and CIE are offered in many countries, and are almost universally recognised as pre-tertiary qualifications also in many countries, that is not the same thing as being advantageous. The suggestion they are 'superior' as an entrance qualification in some way, is easy to discount. We currently have past NCEA students in several American universities, Australia, and in the UK at Oxford, Cambridge and Durham. Three 2012 leavers are currently waiting for decisions from Cambridge. The impediment to studying abroad is in most cases financial, and there are excellent alternatives to choose from in New Zealand keen to secure our top students.

If NCEA students have any difficulty with overseas admissions, it is because they have set their sights too high, or their effort too low! It is nothing to do with the qualification they offer. Admissions tutors in the northern hemisphere are presented with over sixty qualification systems from around the world. The IB and CIE are well known, and excellent programmes. But NCEA may easily be the 'best of the rest' – and is highly regarded as a consequence.

Today I am attending the Education Renewal briefing, following the Minister's announcements to schools yesterday. The process of educational change is now facing a period of trying to regain credibility. I am pleased to be sitting on an Advisory Panel (not involved with the Ministry decision making process) but to date discussion appears to be running in parallel to very constructive debate initiated by the Canterbury and West Coast Principals' Association. They are focused on opportunities for co-operation between schools, for the improvement of educational outcomes for all – an ambition we should be sharing actively. I am at this stage less enthusiastic, and optimistic, about Ministry led processes.

The Parents' Association had their first meeting of the year at my home last night, and it was good to see new faces there as well as our faithful and most active regulars. I have been asked to remind all that on Athletics Sports Day, there is a Parents' tent with a warm welcome, cold punch and delicious home made delicacies where you are most welcome to drop in. You will be quite safe. Muffins are not traded for commitments to become involved! It is also parents only – with the boys politely excluded, there certainly will be some baking there when you arrive. Do drop in.

Finally, I am taking the unusual step of suggesting you mark 13 September in your diaries for the Black and White Ball. For the first time this year, I am determined the Ball marque will be on the quadrangle, and we will link to the Dining Hall, opening up a whole new range of possibilities. Tickets will go on sale on a pre-published date, giving ample time to arrange groups and tables, and will be sold strictly in order of receipt. This will be a landmark event in Christchurch, utilising one of the city's most dramatic spaces. 13 September. Book it now.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

GOLD AWARDS

The criteria for the award of a Gold Badge is:

At Year 11 – a minimum of 90 credits at Excellence achieved in year 11 at NCEA Level 1 or above OR a minimum of 100 credits at Excellence at Level 1 or above achieved by the end of year 11

At Year 12 – a minimum of 70 credits at Excellence achieved in year 12 at NCEA Level 2 or above OR a minimum of 80 credits at Excellence at Level 2 or above achieved by the end of year 12

Based on 2012 results:

Year 11

Michael Allison, Harry Beadel, George Bradley, William Briscoe, Tim Bullen, Charles Carey, Brendan Chin, Vincent Curd, William Doak, Sam Doyle, George Fitzgerald, Ben Fulton, Paul Lee, Boris Marinov, James Munro, Jeremy Penrose, Edward Roche, Ross Shilitto, Sam Till, Oliver Tyro, Etienne Wain and William Warren

Year 12

Mac Bolderston, Piers Dover, Tim Langer, Thomas Mohammed and Patric Song

Re-awards – and receive Gold Buttons

Jonathan Abbott, Quinn Angus, Edmund Chang, Hamish Clay, Jack English, Conrad Fleischmann, Charles Fraser, Nick Ganly, Vinura Karunasekera, Louis Loader, Jonty Natrass, Kieren Roe, Ben Satterthwaite, Elliot Scholz, Henry Shaw and Andy Yeomans



The Headmaster presents Jonty Natrass with his Gold Award

CALENDAR EVENTS

Week 3		
W20	3.00pm	Interhouse senior cricket prelims, CCCG
	6.00-9.00pm	'Romeo & Juliet' audition recalls, OBT
Th 21	8.30-11.30am	St Michael's School swimming sports, Pool
	12.45pm	Selected athletic heats
F 22	12.45-1.35pm	Big Band rehearsals begin, Music School
	9.00am-1.40pm	Year 12 biology field trip, Brooklands Estuary
Sa 23	1.15pm	Selected athletic heats
	3.00pm	Senior rowing crews depart for two-week training camp, Twizel
Su 24		Weekend programme available for all boarders
		2nd Sunday in Lent
	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00am	CSS polo tournament, Sefton
Week 4		
M 25	9.15am-3.40pm	Year 9 geography field trip, Lyttelton
	1.20pm	Selected athletic heats & finals
Tu 26	9.00am	Medbury School Year 8 visit
	9.00am-3.45pm	Year 10 biology field trip, Coopers Creek
W 27	1.15pm	Selected athletics heats & finals
	4.00pm	Selected athletic heats & finals
Th 28	7.00pm	Medbury School Parents' Information evening, OBT
	3.00pm	Interhouse senior cricket first round, CCCG
		Senior rowing crews return
	2.00pm	Athletic Sports, Upper
	6.00pm	Rowing Centenary Dinner, Dining Hall
MARCH		
F 1		SISS tennis championships begin, Timaru
	9.30am	Athletics Sports, Upper
Sa 2		House lunches
	4.30pm	Senior rowing crews return to rowing camp, Twizel
Su 3	5.30-8.00pm	CCOBA Reunions cocktail party, Dining Hall
		Weekend programme available for all boarders
		SISS rowing championships begin, Twizel
	1.00pm	CCOBA Reunion lunch, Dining Hall
		3rd Sunday in Lent
		SISS tennis championships end
		SISS rowing championships end
	11.00am	Teams leave for OBHS summer tournament, Dunedin
	7.00pm	Choral Evensong
		CCOBA Reunion Service
		Preacher: The Headmaster
Week 5		
M 4		OBHS summer tournament (away)
Tu 5		OBHS summer tournament (away)
		Rangi Ruru Girls' School athletics, Upper

CAREERS

Events since the last *In Black & White*

- Gap experience 2014 - the process involved
- Defence recruitment talk
- Year 12 Introduction to General Studies and Career profile sheets



Dates

TERM 1	Important Dates:
	21 February: University of Auckland, Liaison visit, 12.30pm
	15 March: University of Canterbury, Liaison visit
	5 April: University of Otago, Liaison visit
	11 April: New York University Shanghai visit
HOLIDAYS	23 April: Queenstown Resort College, career week
	26 April: University of Canterbury (UC) Information Day, 9.00am-5.00pm
TERM 2	12 May: University of Otago, On Campus Experience, Year 13 Maori students
	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. I need to know names this week.

Queenstown Resort College

Queenstown Resort College has Career Weeks: April 23-26, July 16-19, October 1-4. The week is available to current Year 13 New Zealand and Australian students with an interest in Tourism or Hospitality Management. The programme is \$350 for the four days (this includes accommodation, food and activities) plus flights. National Scholarships are available for Hospitality Management and Adventure Tourism Management valued at \$13,312.00

Defence Careers Experience May 2013

In July 2011 the single recruiting organisations, Army, Navy and Air Force were brought together to form what is known as the Defence Recruiting Organisation. This experience is a two day recruiting activity that will provide quality training and information to students. Christchurch and Canterbury schools, Wed 1 May – Fri 3 May, Officer Trades. Defence Careers will cover accommodation and meal costs. Applications are to be received before Friday 15 March. See Mr Sellars by 8 March if interested.

Latitude – Global Volunteering

This organisation provides Gap Year and International Volunteering placements to young New Zealanders aged 17 to 25. Closing date for applications is Monday 15 April. What can you do while away? Students have done the following - Schools Assistant, Teacher, Sports Coach, Outdoor activities instructor, Community worker, Caring assistant.

Forest & Wood Industry

Forest and wood industry exports were \$4.7 billion in 2011. With innovative products and new technology the aim is to double this. Skilled people are needed in the following areas: Engineers, Scientists, Researchers, Managers, Planners, Marketers, Sales specialists, Sawmill workers, Technicians, Plant operators, Furniture makers and Forestry workers.

Mr CP Sellars, Careers Advisor

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS 2013

The Christ's College swimming sports were held at the school on Monday morning, with each of the four grades highly contested for the top three places.

In the under-14 grade Ethan Clements made a clean sweep by winning all his individual finals. Ben Marshall-Lee finished second in the grade and Sam Cameron-Dunn in third place.

The junior grade was the closest fought competition with only one point separating George Clark in first place from Jared Chin. Jon Ashcroft finished third.

Jed Smith dominated the swim meet and the intermediate grade, and also won two Open events. He also set six new school records. Ben Chen and Michael Newton were second and third in this grade.

Senior swimmers Brendan Chin and William Hurst both had individual wins in finals, with William creating a new record in the 100m freestyle and winning overall. Brendan Chin was second and Vincent Curd placed third.

Somes House won the medley and sprint relays as well as the overall House cup.



Ethan Clements, George Clark, William Hurst and Jed Smith

CURRICULUM NOTES

With news of the NCEA and Scholarship examination results for 2012 now out, it is good for the soul to spend a few moments reflecting on some fine achievements. Forty nine Scholarships (seven of those Outstanding), and NCEA endorsement rates once again well ahead of national averages (against 'All Schools', and 'Decile 10 Boys' schools'), provide plenty of evidence of academic ambition amongst our boys, and they deserve our heartiest congratulations. The 2012 results have also yielded what may well be a record crop of Gold badges from last year's Level 1 and Level 2 boys, a good indicator that aspiration goes well beyond the 'just passing is good enough' label that is all too often unjustly attached to school students generally.



As the new year is now well underway it is appropriate to consider how we will engender and support the highest academic ambition amongst the year groups of 2013. I'd like to say a few words about Scholarship in particular. At the administrative level, Scholarship is an external examination set at Level 3 of the National Qualifications Framework. Furthermore, it is an examination set for precisely one purpose: to rank candidates to allow the Ministry of Education to allocate monetary rewards to the country's top students. So while the examination is set and administered by NZQA, it is a 'Ministry thing' rather than a part of NCEA. This also means that it is not a qualification.

Both NCEA and Scholarship examinations reward critical thinking. The difference between Level 3 NCEA and Scholarship lies in the breadth and the depth of that thinking. This means, for example, that successful candidates need to be able to write well (in writing based subjects), and they also need to be able to analyse in depth, make broad connections both within and outside the subject area, and express these well.

This leads us to the most important things to focus on at this time of the year: Scholarships are not gained with a few weeks of intensive revision, and rote learning, during the month or so prior to the examinations. Scholarships are gained as a

result of a sustained effort to broaden horizons by reading widely around the subject, and by continued practice at analysing, and writing, critical argument. Boys who aspire to Scholarship success ought to see every day of their schooling from Year 9 onwards as in some way preparing them for the final examinations. Of course the start of Year 13 is not too late. However we are right there, right now, in 2013. The preparation must start now. Boys need to be reading widely around their subject, 'gobbling up' everything that they can find about their subjects. Even if they aren't Scholarship contenders, such preparation will never go amiss given the focus on critical thinking that is an essential part of NCEA as well.

Finally at this stage of the year, I will soon have the Term 1 assessment planner available on the College website. This is a good place to check when boys' internal standards assessments are due to take place. Given the developmental structure of most courses, we typically find that the volume of assessment grows from low levels in Term 1, to something approaching an 'assessment frenzy' late in Term 3. We try to smooth that load as much as is practicable, but some 'assessment congestion' is inevitable. I'd recommend that you keep an eye out for the assessment planner each term so that you are aware of when your son may have senior assessments taking place.

For juniors, many of the comments I've made above equally apply. While the assessment planner only records Levels 1 to 3 NCEA assessment, junior boys should be encouraged to have the same levels of academic ambition as those in the senior school. Reading is arguably the best preparation in almost any subject, whether it's reading about artist role models, tackling the latest in New Zealand fiction, or pouring over the business columns of the newspaper. We expect that at the junior level boys should be tackling an hour of prep a night in Year 9 and an hour and a half per night in Year 10. This is an average and inevitably there will be nights with much less and nights with much more. However, when there is much less, encouraging boys to take 20 or 30 minutes for some reading is always a good investment of time.

Mr R Sutton, Senior Master (Academic)

WEBSITE

Our website is regularly updated with academic, cultural, sporting and house news. Photos of our boys and news of their achievements are always most welcome. Please contact Jacq Gilbert, Publications Manager at jgilbert@christcollege.com regarding our website, this newsletter and the College magazine.

You can also follow us on Facebook [facebook.com/christcollege](https://www.facebook.com/christcollege) and Twitter [@christcollege](https://twitter.com/christcollege)

COLLEGE LIST

Have you updated your contact details for 2013?

Our College list for families is about to go to the printers.

Please contact Sandy Scannell registrar@christcollege.com with any recent address or phone number changes.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The year has had an excellent beginning in both Chapel and the classroom. We began with our usual Chapel service, followed the next day with the induction of the prefects. The first two Sunday Chapel services have had wonderful attendance from parents, family members, and visitors. It is great to have you with us.



I remind you that you are always welcome to come and join us at Sunday Chapel services. Evening services have the choir, morning services are followed by simple refreshments. I also remind you that the Anglican Church encourages all the baptised to receive communion. That means there is no distinction made between denominations – Methodists, Presbyterians, Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholics, whatever... all are just as welcome to receive communion as Anglicans. If you or your son do not identify with a particular denomination – remember, you are just as welcome. And those not receiving communion are encouraged to come up for a blessing.

Last week was Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. We had our usual Ash Wednesday service, and at that I was delighted to announce where our Lent Appeal money will go this year. Each year Houses raise funds starting in Lent. Half of it is given locally – this year that will go to Cholmondeley Home. And half of it will go overseas – this year that will go through Old Boy Alex Reese to Cricket Live Foundation, an organisation that helps people using cricket as the medium. We will have speakers about both these organisations at Chapel and you can find out more at:

<http://cholmondeley.org.nz>

<http://www.cricketlive.co.nz>

<https://www.facebook.com/cricketlivefoundation>

On Friday there will be a component acknowledging the anniversary of the February quake in 2011.

I am always very happy to talk about anything written here, or in fact any aspect of our school community life.

Blessings

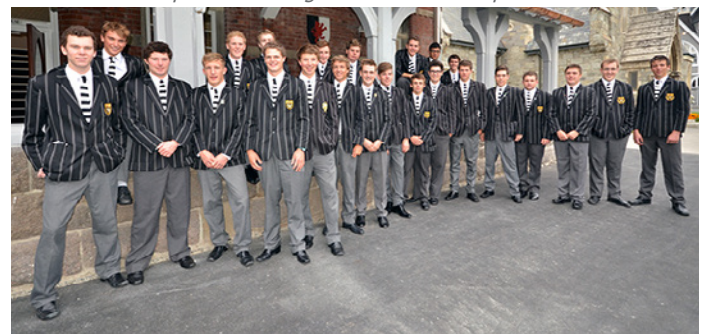
Bosco Peters, Chaplain



Matt Harris and Rev Bosco Peters



The Headmaster presents George McCook with his prefects tie



2013 Prefects

DYNAMIC DRAMA

What a week!

Scholarship

College Drama produced **five NZQA Drama Scholars in 2012**. If you saw Jesus Christ Superstar, you know the calibre of these highly skilled, highly motivated actors. Congratulations to **Zach Andrew, Michael Donaldson, Freddy Faull, Alex Gregory, and Michael Hall** ... good DRAMA traditions, EXCEPTIONALLY well maintained; since 2004. From Jesus Christ Superstar, huge congratulations from the company also to **David Clay, John Kwak, George Mander, Richard Park and Nathaniel Seddon-Smith**: together these ten students won 24 NZQA Scholarships between them!



Coincidentally, the NZ Herald (17/2/13) has quoted a number of academic heads of law and medical faculties at Otago and Auckland universities who are urging College students to **"stick with the arts"** as they prepare for fiercely competitive careers in medicine, engineering and law. They all spoke passionately about how arts helped with the constant pressures of practice. Auckland's Med/Health Dean, Professor John Fraser said "it tells us that you have other interests, you are focused and dedicated, and you have a creative side. It doesn't guarantee you a place but it is the sort of thing we look for in well-rounded students", said Fraser.

Speech and Drama

We have a new core of boys committed to individual and group tuition for Trinity Guildhall or NZ Speech Board Examinations. The boys are taught by Ms Tania McVicar or Ms Tommi Edgerton-Till, in the Blue House. Our recent examination results are very strong. Congratulations to **Jonathan Abbott, Michael Allison, Jonathan Fowler, and Henry Shaw** who

attained Honours or Distinction in senior speech and drama; and to **Edward Close** who gained ATCL with Distinction.

Out Back

The first weekend of **Saturday Activities in Backstage Drama**, brought boys and staff together to create the skeleton set for the junior production of **Into The Woods Jr.** Through Drama we are making it possible for boys to *find solutions to dramatic challenges*: a transferable propensity that boys can develop to serve the wider community, now and after they leave Christ's College.

Onstage Junior

The cast, crew and staff from College and Rangi are making extraordinary progress in rehearsal to bring you our junior show. **Into the Woods is on stage the week before Easter**, in the OBT.

Onstage Senior

Auditions are on! 25 seniors have bared heart and soul to trial for the College/Rangi production of Shakespeare's **Romeo and Juliet**. Another 30 have said they want to be involved, onstage or backstage... and that's just the boys! As we go to print, it is all still very dynamic! Rangi Ruru's Theatre Arts director, Robert Gilbert, and I are overwhelmed by the potential!

Callbacks for Romeo & Juliet lead roles are on Tuesday/Wednesday; cast announcement is Thursday. **Extras call** is later next week. Let Mr Chambers know if you want a non-speaking role in Romeo and Juliet.

Romeo and Juliet is in the College Auditorium at the end of June.

Mr D Chambers, Director of Drama



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

BOARDING PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Christ's College Boarding Programme ensured an action packed first few weeks for the Year 9 and 10 boarders. On Waitangi Day the boys spent the morning competing in the annual boarders' Ultimate Race around Christchurch. Challenges as part of the race included taking specified photos such as a team photo with a policeman, and answering questions about local history and collecting scavenger hunt items.

That afternoon they competed in a round robin contest on inflatable obstacle courses, The Gladiator and Adrenalin Rush. The activities were supplied by Bubbling with Energy. Points were accumulated over the day, with School House winning narrowly over Richards House, followed by Flower's and Jacobs House.

That Saturday evening saw the Year 9 and 10s visit Ferrymead Golf. The Year 9 boys tested their mini golf skills while the Year 10s hit out on the driving range.

Then on the Sunday morning Year 10 travelled to the Burnham Military Camp to complete the High Ropes course, while the Year 9 group went further afield to Hanmer Springs for a day of jetboating, a fish and chip lunch and visit to the pools and hydroslide.

This past weekend the boarders enjoyed ice skating on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning the Year 9s travelled to Lyttelton where Mr Clough (Deputy Boarding Housemaster) had organised an opportunity for Waka racing. Unfortunately the Y10-13 surfing on Sunday was unable to go ahead due to the weather.

Mr DJ Thatcher, Coordinator Boarding Programme



Flower's v School



Year 10 High Ropes

VALENTINE'S DAY

The Year 13 boarders attended the annual Valentine's Day breakfast last Wednesday. An early morning start was rewarded with a cooked breakfast and lovely company. St Margaret's College girls went to a considerable effort to decorate the Quad at College that morning. In return, some Year 13 boys put in \$5 each to purchase Doris the Sheep as their gift of love.



THOSE GRADE EXAMINATIONS!

For any aspiring musician performing should be the main goal. However, it was recognised early on that some method of assessment could be set to measure the player's ability.



Trinity College London was the first organisation to offer examinations in music to external students in 1877. It conducts around 600,000 assessments worldwide per year, as does the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

Many students who enter these examinations have taken a course of music lessons with a private tutor, although some are self-taught. Often this is a way for students to receive music training over and above what is provided in classroom-based learning.

Music examinations are set in both theory and practical aspects. The theory examinations are taken by pupils in all instruments and typically cover areas such as musical notation, construction of scales and composition.

The practical exams concentrate solo instrument playing, for example piano, guitar or flute. They cover elements such as playing set pieces, technical work including scales, sight-reading, aural, musical knowledge and in some cases, improvisation.

Music examinations are graded from 1 to 8, with Grade 1 being the entry level, and Grade 8 being the minimum standard

required for entry to higher study in a music college, at least in the UK.

Other reputable music examination boards offer examinations on musical instruments and music theory and include the New Zealand Music Examinations Board (www.nzmeb.org).

Some of the boys at Christ's College enter either Trinity or Royal Schools of Music examinations and I will list their successes from these in subsequent publications.

I have received the following results this term from examinations taken in late 2012:

ABRSM

Ramses Hunt - Grade 8 Trumpet
Anthony Baker - Grade 4 Cello (Distinction)
Charles Carey - Grade 5 Piano

TRINITY

Ross Shillito – Grade 8 Saxophone (Distinction)
Hamish Wallace - Grade 8 Saxophone (Distinction)
Luke Mannis - Grade 6 Cello (Merit)
Miles Dover – Grade 5 Saxophone (Distinction)
Elliot Nye – Grade 6 Singing (Merit)
James Keleghan – Grade 6 Singing
William Briscoe – Grade 5 Singing (Merit)
Ailyas Bunyaskdi – Grade 5 Singing
Will Cameron - Grade 5 Singing (Merit)
Luke Mannis - Grade 5 Singing
Bramley MacLean - Grade 5 Singing (Merit)
Jared Chin – Grade 4 Piano (Merit); Grade 4 Theory (Distinction)

Mr NM Coxon, Head of Instrumental Music

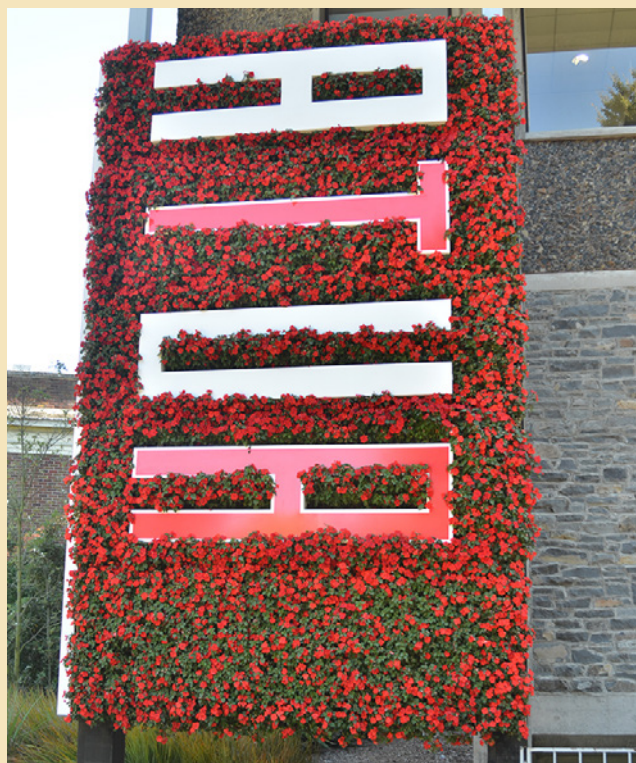
KAITIAKI - GUARDIAN

Head of Art at Christ's College, Darryn George (Ngapuhi) has collaborated with former high school classmate and landscape architect, Craig Pocock to produce a living sculpture on the wall of the Canterbury Museum.

The five metre high floral display is called Kaitiaki - Guardian and is part of this year's festival of Flowers being held in the Botanic Gardens from February 16 - March 3. There will also be a video playing in the foyer of the museum showing the making of Kaitiaki.



Craig Pocock and Darryn George



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Welcome back to another busy year in College sport. Although this is only week three of the term it has been a very busy start for boys and staff as summer sport is up and running again and interhouse swimming and athletics heats dominate lunchtimes and afterschools.



The College enjoyed a very successful 'Big Monday' yesterday, with the top school swimmers showing their abilities in the pool at this year's swimming sports. Congratulations go to all boys who made finals but in particular to the four individual champions. **Ethan Clements (under-14), George Clarke (Junior), Jed Smith (Intermediate) and Will Hurst (Senior).** Both Jed and Will set new school records this year which are based on the school 25m pool and were created after last year's championship.

In the interhouse swimming competition the relay session was highly contested. With House 10s, medley and sprint relays a large proportion of boys took part in a relay for their house. The pool was crowded and noisy and the enthusiasm was infectious as each house cheered on their teams. In the end Somes House dominated overall taking both the medley and sprint relay cups. Somes House dominance in the relays also flowed over to the overall House Cup, which they won. In the overall House competition Julius was second and Condell's third.

The second part of 'Big Monday' was athletic heats on Upper for all boys and large numbers participated in a variety of events. This event is part of the ongoing qualification process, which culminates in the annual College Sport's Days that occur next Thursday afternoon and Friday. The school is looking forward to another great couple of days where the College community come together for this annual event. As usual there will be the Old Boy's race and plans are afoot for an event that will pit the might of the College staff against this year's crop of School Prefects.

Looking further ahead this term there is a lot of sport on the horizon with summer tournament week occurring earlier this



year due to Easter. During this week the NZSS Rowing regatta will be held at Lake Karapiro. The College rowing crews have been working hard all summer in preparation for their defence of the Maadi cup. Currently the Top 8 are in Twizel racing in the National Club Championships and will be joined by a large proportion of the club for the South Island Secondary Schools' regatta next weekend.

The top College tennis side is currently involved in qualification for the South Island championships and they started well last week with a 5-1 win over St Bede's. This week they play CBHS to determine who will be the top ranked team in Canterbury. The College side hope to go one better this year at the South Island tournament where they narrowly missed out on second place and a place at the National tournament last year.

Winter Sport Starting Dates

With summer sport being completed before Easter weekend this year there is a couple of weeks after Easter before schools go on holiday. In Christchurch, the hockey, football and rugby associations have structured their winter playing season to begin matches and grading games before the end of Term 1. College boys will need to be aware that if they play one of these sports that they will have some matches before the end of this term and that all three sports will have matches on the last weekend of term (Saturday 13 April). Boys will need to ensure that they are available for matches on this day. Please note that football begins matches the week before on Saturday 6 April.

College Sports Website

Just a reminder that you can keep up to speed with all that is College sport on the [College Sports Website](#). From here you can see the latest sporting news, look at upcoming fixtures and events, see results of recent matches and look at photos and pictures of College boys in action.

Sport Calendar Change

The College calendar indicates that this weekend the school Year 9 tennis and cricket sides are hosting Hereworth School in matches. This date is incorrect and is in fact happening on Sunday 24 March.

Mr RA Clarke, Director of Sport





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