



How is Success Measured?

Is it a numbers game where bigger is better? Is it a 'winner' takes all scenario, with points for and against the deciding factor?

When I stand at the expressway in the morning, greeted by energetic, smiling boys who are in a rush to get to their classrooms, see their teachers and friends and embark upon a school day, that's how I measure success.

It continues to amaze me how quickly the school terms seem to fly by, however, when you see what gets packed into each week, you can begin to appreciate just how busy the school environment can be. When the boys are asked what Saint Kentigern means to them, they invariably mention two key words – Values and Opportunities.

The differentiating factor of our school is the focus on community, service, values and leadership that define who we are. Other schools talk about it, however, we live our values as evidenced by the huge and selfless commitment to service we make throughout the school year. Our wish is that your sons will continue to think of others in the years ahead; as we believe that they can make a difference in their communities, wherever that and they may be.

This year we have continued on our quest to provide the very best opportunities for the boys at our school.

The arts are flourishing. Outstanding results in speech and drama, brass competitions and art exhibitions are impressive. What is equally as pleasing is the large number of boys who are actively involved in the arts. Our music itinerant programme teaches a large and growing number of boys from all levels of the school each week. We have two choirs, both of which were able to perform at public events during the past year. Art from all year levels is on display around the school and this year, for the first time, has been used in a service project, brightening a reception area for grieving families at Middlemore Hospital.

Our sporting teams continue to perform at a high level. Success in skiing, water polo, basketball, tennis, swimming, athletics and

cross country reiterate the talent we have in our community. It is not, however, just the successes of our top teams that define our sporting year, it is the opportunities for all boys to experience different and varied codes at their personal level. Boys are provided training and opportunities to compete against others. They develop skills and understand that teamwork makes a difference to results. I continue to admire how our teams approach their games. Sportsmanship is always evident and is the Saint Kentigern way!

The contribution, achievements and successes of our boys throughout the year have been exceptional. There have also been times when we haven't peaked at the right moment or where we have perhaps come second on the day and while we can be disappointed, it should make us stronger and more determined.

When I reflect on the 2016 school year, there are numerous moments that stand out covering all aspects of school life however my top two are:

1. Education Excellence: Affirmation from the Education Review Office (ERO) that we are providing a high quality boys' education where boys are supported to strive for excellence in all areas of school life and be of service to others. What more could we ask for?

2. Most Anticipated Event: The redevelopment of Roselle House was started in October and will be completed by October 2017. How great to think that the boys will be back in the heart of the School and enjoying the Learning Commons as a technology rich collaborative learning space for all levels. My personal thanks also to those members of our community who have believed, supported and contributed to the campaign.

Whether a parent or a student, you too will have your 2016 moments and I encourage you to think about them and write them down. Why that moment? How did it make you feel? Answering these questions will provide an insight into what motivates you!

Our challenge for 2016 was to go from good to great where quality is evident in everything undertaken. I am happy to report that this has been a great year and we are a great school, however, at the start of 2017, our current benchmark of great becomes good and we start over again. We must always challenge our thinking and be prepared to push boundaries to remain at the top of our game.

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Peter Cassie, Principal





Year 8 Leavers Farewelled

The final weeks of 2016 marked a period of transition for the boys in Year 8 as they closed the chapter on their primary school years. The farewells began firstly at a special assembly in their honour; an opportunity to present them with their leaver's tie ahead of the Graduation Dinner. As the Year 3 boys are also in a period of transition, graduating from Junior to Middle School; the handing over of the ties was a privilege reserved for them. The Year 8 leavers then stepped forward to perform a rousing Haka to the School in thanks.

At their Graduation Dinner, guest speaker, 'Blade Runner' Liam Malone, received a standing ovation. His message to the 123 graduating Year 8 boys was loud and clear, 'Aim high and push yourself beyond your limits - never say never, you'll never know what you're truly capable of if you don't try.'

Dean of the Senior School, Mr Richard Kirk opened the formalities saying, 'When I look back at the things that you have achieved over the course of this year, I am honestly amazed. I thought the students in schools where I have taught previously were busy people; then I came to Saint Kentigern! What we pack in is huge, truly a 'world of opportunity.'

Many looked forward to hearing Liam Malone following dinner, having seen him leave his mark on the Paralympics in

Rio. His story is not one about disability or ability, but rather about attitude. Through sheer determination, he propelled himself into the international spotlight winning gold in the 200m and 400m and a silver in the 100m T44 classification. He set his sights on those goals and achieved what he set out to do - he has now set his sights on becoming the fastest runner in the world by 2020, 'legs or no legs.'

With his trademark mix of humility, humour and down to earth Kiwi charm, Liam endeared himself to our families as he told his personal story of triumph over adversity. His overriding message was to 'not let the opinions of others become your reality.' He encouraged the boys to 'take a massive bite at something, and chew like hell!'

In his closing address, Principal, Mr Peter Cassie reiterated Liam's message of aiming high telling them to, 'Be like a turtle. In order for the turtle to move, it has to stick its neck out. There are going to be times in your life when you're going to have to stick your neck out. There will be challenges and instead of hiding in a shell, you have to go out and meet them.'

Our boys have been well prepared in their primary years and we wish them well as they now move on to new challenges, knowing they will always be a part of the Boys' School.



Matthew Chandler

Dux



Matthew has strived for excellence in all areas of the curriculum during his time at Saint Kentigern Boys' School. This year his combined marks were: English 89%, Maths 96%, Social Science 97%, Science 94.3% creating a total 376.3 and an average 94.075%. In his examination marks only Matthew earned: English 94%, Maths 95%, Social Science 95%, Science 95%. This was a total of 379 with an average of 94.075%. Matthew is a worthy recipient of the Foundation Pupil Cup for Dux.

Isaac Mellis-Glynn

Proxime Accessit



The Jubilee Cup for Proxime Accessit was awarded to Isaac Mellis-Glynn and is a deserving recipient. Isaac's combined marks were: English 88%, Maths 92.7%, Social Science 96%, Science 98.5% creating a total of 375.2 with an average of 93.8%. In his examination marks only, Isaac earned: English 85%, Maths 96%, Social Science 92%, Science 98%, giving a total of 371 with an average of 92.75%. Isaac was also awarded the Senior Citizenship Cup.

Adam Tamati

Senior Sportsman of the Year



The Ross Perry Cup for Senior Sportsman of the Year goes to Adam Tamati who has represented the School in many sporting codes: 1st XV Rugby team, 1st XV Rugby Captain, Auckland U13 Rugby team, Eastern Zone Athletics team, Inter Zone Athletics team, Eastern Zone Swimming team, Inter Zone Swimming team, Year 7/8 A Softball team, Year 7/8 A Basketball team and the Year 7/8 A Water polo team which won Tim Sonderer Memorial Trophy, AIMS Games and Auckland Eastern League

Boys' School Prizegiving

A Celebration of Excellence

Pipers David Allan and Cameron Dean led our staff and invited guests into the very last Saint Kentigern event of the year, the Boys' School Prizegiving. Students, their families, guests and teachers filled the Old Collegians Sport Centre, at the College campus, to congratulate this year's prize winners on their academic, sporting and cultural success.

This year the Junior School Awards were presented by retiring Junior School Dean, Mrs Linda Reid, we thank her for her ten years of service in the Junior School. Longstanding Trust Board member and School advocate, Mrs Rosemary Harris presented the Middle School Awards with fellow Trust Board members, Dr Bruce Goodfellow, Dr John Kernohan and Dr Glen Pettigrove also performing duties. Mr Peter Nelson, affectionately known as 'Old Boy No. 20,' presented the sports awards. We sincerely thank them for their time and their constant support of the School.

The final awards of the morning, the 'special awards,' were presented by Principal, Mr Peter Cassie. The Remuera Lions Citizenship Awards were awarded to Benjamin Hardie and Akash Mudalier. The Brian Matthews Citizenship Cup went to Max Trankels for consistently showing empathy to others and being responsible and courteous in the Junior School. Oliver Rowntree and Isaac Mellis-Glynn received the Middle and Senior School Citizenship Cups respectively for their outstanding service and leadership. The Joel Campbell Memorial Trophy, for service to others, went to Benjamin Ross. For displaying true grit and spirit in the sporting arena, Jourdan Klink received the Knox Family Lion Heart Award. Brodey Warren and Adam Tamati were the Sportsman of the Year recipients for the Middle and Senior School respectively. Bradley McCarthy has demonstrated diligence, cooperation, courtesy, sportsmanship and friendliness to earn the Rex Hooton Cup for School Spirit. With an average grade of 92.75%, Isaac Mellis-Glynn finished as the Proxime Accessit, with Matthew Chandler named Dux of the School with an average of 94.075%.

It's three years since Mr Cassie set himself a goal and rashly declared that he would pipe himself into the 2016 prizegiving! In his address, he said that his 'failure' to do so gave cause for reflection, having discovered the 'challenge' proved bigger than he anticipated. He said, 'Making mistakes and failure is a necessary part of the learning process. If we don't make mistakes or experience failure, it implies we are not challenging ourselves, thereby restricting new opportunities. We all have dreams and mine was to pipe myself into Prizegiving. Dreams are great, however, if you're not prepared to put in the hard yards then they will always remain, just thata dream. Challenge yourselves and be prepared to do the hard yards!'

To conclude, graduating Head Boy, Isaac Mellis-Glynn made his final Valedictory Speech, before handing the mantle of leadership to the new Head Boy for 2017, George Beca. Isaac shared his eight years as a Saint Kentigern boy highlighting all he had enjoyed but most importantly, he said, 'My time here has taught me the values of a true Son of Kentigern. It has taught me to have respect for everything and everyone, to show integrity and be truthful in all that you do, to serve others whether it be in your home, at school or in the wider community, to strive for excellence in all facets of school life and finally to show love and kindness to others.'

Congratulations to all of the boys who received awards and we wish our Year 8s well as they move on to secondary school.





A Mural for Middlemore

Earlier in the year, the Boys' School was approached by the Hector Hospital Trust to paint a mural for one of the reception areas for grieving families at Middlemore Hospital. The idea was stored away and, at the end of the year, selected Year 8 boys came together to work collectively on this community service project.

Because of the nature of the intended site, and the need for the area to be used by the hospital without interruption, the decision was made to prepare a set of canvases at school to ensure high quality work and to be able to actively engage the boys in the design, painting and final installation of the mural.

The theme of falling leaves was picked and six teams of boys embarked on designing their own composition within the context of the theme. The six ideas were transferred to the 600 x 1500 cm canvases and painted with a similar treatment so the final artwork would look like a set rather than a group of individual ideas.

It took over 150 'boy hours' of painting to create the six canvases. Each canvas was given several different coats of paint and some textured top coats. The murals were then transported out to the hospital to be hung, but first the boys prepared the site, painting rectangles of background colour on the wall to give the paintings a frame to sit within. The artworks were then proudly hung.

On the final day, all the boys met with the local kaumatua who blessed the paintings and thanked the boys for the work they had done. The boys were proud of their work, understanding the special significance of the project they had undertaken.



Other Special Prizes



Bradley McCarthy:
Rex Hooton Cup for
School Spirit



Benjamin Ross:
Joel Campbell
Memorial Trophy



Jourdan Klink:
Knox Family Lion
Heart Award



Brodey Warren:
AW Smith Cup
for Middle School
Sportsman of the
Year



Max Trankels:
Brian Matthew's
Citizenship Cup
(Junior School)



Oliver Rowntree:
Junior Citizenship
Cup (Middle
School)

Remuera Lions Citizenship Awards

Congratulations to Boys' School students, Benjamin Hardie, Year 6 and Akash Mudaliar, Year 8, who were recipients of this year's Remuera Lions' Citizenship Awards. These awards are presented each year by the Remuera Lions Club to students who best exemplify the ideals of the Lions Junior Citizenship Code.



Courage for Christmas

It is eight years since Reverend Caleb Hardie last conducted the Boys' School Carol Service when he was, then, the School Chaplain. This year, he stepped in to lead the call to worship, to lend a helping hand to his brother, current Chaplain to the Schools, Reverend Reuben Hardie.



Caleb quipped that his brother Reuben 'is tied up with other things' but as the community is well aware, Reuben is currently recovering from surgery having offered the ultimate Christmas gift to the Fitness family. Mark Fitness, a Christian Education teacher at the Schools, and his wife Gabe, discovered

with great distress that their baby, Lexi, needed a liver transplant for a better start to her young life. Whilst Reuben may have dreamed of being 'Superman' as a youngster, he has grown to be 'Liverman' in his adult years – the right match making it possible for Reuben to offer part of his liver to transplant to Lexi. Both are in recovery and doing well.

In 2008, the last time, Reverend Caleb Hardie took the service, the current Year 8 boys were only in Year 1, so he said he felt honoured to be at their special final service. In his opening prayer, he said, 'God, tonight we are here to remember the gift of your son – the wonder of his birth – and the miracle that he is with us now, helping us, guiding us, inspiring us to walk in his footsteps and to have the courage to be all that we can be.'

This service is always a delightful time of music, whether it's the congregation singing time-honoured carols or listening to our youngsters raise their voices in song. Oscar van Druuten was this year's soloist, opening the service with the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City' before the congregation joined in, setting a wonderful tone for the evening as early summer sun streamed through the stained glass windows.

The Junior School loves to sing! 'The bells ring out' was their selection, some of the boys a little wide-eyed as they turned to face a congregation well in excess of 2000! By contrast, our Performers' Choir is well used to an audience, making a superb job of 'This little babe' and the 'Saint Kentigern Blessing,' accompanied by harpist, Yi Jin.

Old Collegians, Sam Downes and Manase Latu, both studying 'voice' at Auckland University, opened the first verse of Silent Night. They were talented choristers at College but it was amazing to hear how they have developed. Later in the service, Manase returned for a solo. From the oldest to the youngest; our Preschool girls and boys were next to step up with their version of 'Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer' – in a tight race with the Junior Boys for the cute factor! The final group was the staff who joined as one to sing, 'What child is this?'

Rev Hardie set us all a challenge asking, 'How well do you know the Christmas story?' Drawing on volunteers to take a quiz, it soon became apparent that somewhere along the way, 'a good story' may have replaced real facts.

'How did Mary travel to Bethlehem? How many wise men visited Jesus? Was Jesus born in a stable?' The answer to all these questions is, 'The Bible doesn't say.'

'But,' Rev Hardie continued, 'at the end of the day, it doesn't really matter whether or not Mary rode on a donkey or walked, whether there were three wise men or five, or whether Jesus was born in a hotel or a cowshed, it is what is at the heart of the story that matters. That God loved people so much that He sent Jesus to make that love clear to us and to help us to have the courage to live life to the full. That is at the heart of this Christmas story! Because it takes courage to really live, to give life your all. To make the most of school life takes courage, to leave as the Year 8's are doing, to head out on a new adventure takes courage, to stand up for someone else takes courage...and to give a piece of your liver away, well that takes a special kind of courage!'

The Carol Service is a poignant moment for the families of the boys in Year 8 as their association with the School draws to a close. At the conclusion of the service, the Year 8 boys came forward to light a candle, before Head Prefects, Isaac Mellis-Glynn and Jack Sandelin led their peers from the cathedral, marking the start of a new chapter in their lives.



Season of Giving

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but is also a season of giving. The Boys' School have made Christmas even more special for the families of Wymondley Road School by donating 71 hampers. Throughout the final term, the boys from every year level donated items to fill the hampers with something for everyone. The students who received the Christian Living Award from each class were giving the opportunity to deliver the gifts and be a part of the special assembly at Wymondley School.

Boys' School Principal, Mr Peter Cassie explained that our community is very much a part of their community, just as much as 'you are a part of us.' He said, 'We are so proud to be associated with this great school. We will always treasure it and this is a very, very special occasion for us.'

Mr Cassie made the point that both communities wanted to make a 'difference'. He said, 'Giving is an amazing thing. If we can bring that bond together and share in this love and act of service, then we are doing our jobs.'

To show their appreciation, the students from Wymondley Road presented our boys, staff and parent volunteers with candy leis, which was an absolute heart-warming moment for everyone there. Giving a lei represents an endless line of love, aroha, to the person you are giving it to.

Wymondley Road School Principal, Mr Pelu Leaupepetele said since working at the school, he has been humbled by the hamper distribution and the act of kindness that is shown.

He said, 'This is so special for us, because of the relationship we have with Saint Kentigern. The young men who do acts of kindness and service are making sure they make a positive impact on the communities they serve.'



Intermediate Art Exhibition

This year's Auckland Intermediate Art Exhibition was held for the second time at Corban's Estate in Henderson; the expansive space giving the opportunity for the boys to enter large installation works as a group, as well as demonstrate their individual skill.

Twelve boys represented the School with works ranging from two point perspective landscapes of a space station to three layer coloured paper insect collages. The insect theme continued with a set of large scale insect sculptures made from foam board. From studying how to draw and stylise insects for their collage, the Year 7s went on to make an interlocking insect sculpture. These were originally each made as a small sculpture, with the five best turned into large scale versions. Each of the concept drawings were blown up 400 times to plan the large scale version. These were then spray painted by the boys and displayed at the show. The opening night of the exhibition drew a big crowd from across Auckland; a positive response for the boys' work – they left feeling very proud!



Gold, Silver and Bronze for Musicians

The best musicians from the Boys' School attended the annual Lewis Eady Music Competition in Ponsonby. Each year our students attend this competition, impressing the judges with their skill. This year was no different with a gold, two silvers and a bronze award for the four groups entered!



Year 6 Expo

Each year, the boys in Year 6 are presented with a unique opportunity – to undertake a significant and lengthy enquiry over the course of a term and then exhibit their learning journey for the wider school community in the form of an Expo. The boys were required to explore multiple perspectives including going beyond the school gates to talk to experts in the wider community.



Zoo Snooze

Each year, our boys in Year 3 have the chance to visit the zoo for a night time, torch lit safari and a sleepover. For many, this is their first time away from home overnight so the excitement levels are always high! As the gates to the zoo closed to the general public at 5pm, the zoo became the domain of just over 20 boys on each of the two nights.



Maritime Exploration and Discovery

As part of the Boys' School Year 5 Social Science Inquiry into 'How we Organise Ourselves', with a focus on how ancient explorers have influenced the world that we live in today, the boys embarked on a 'voyage' to the New Zealand Maritime Museum for a morning of exploration and discovery of their own.



An Afternoon of Song

Held in the beautiful interior of St Matthews-in-the-City, the Boys' School choirs, along with choristers from the College, presented a fabulous Sunday afternoon of song early in Term 4. There are over 100 boys involved in the choral programme, split between the Saint Kentigern Singers and the Performers' Choir. All 100 opened the concert with a Maori welcome followed by the Lord's Prayer accompanied on the organ.

The Saint Kentigern Singers is an all-comers choir of 60 students mostly in Years 4 and 5, with a smaller group of senior boys who assist in the smooth running of rehearsals and help the younger boys to learn their parts. The concert was the first time that this younger choir has performed outside of school and they certainly stepped up to the challenge. This was followed by a cheeky solo from Jack Webber singing 'Consider Yourself' from Oliver.

Guest singers for the afternoon were the Year 13 graduating members of the gold-award winning College choir, Kentoris. Some of these

students have been singing together for five years – indeed, a number of the boys, who transitioned from the Boys' School, have sung together for over a decade! This was a poignant moment for this group who were singing together for the last time.

The Performers' Choir is an auditioned group of top performing choristers at the School. They meet twice a week for rehearsals and work on complex three-part harmonies. They, too, sang a repertoire of sacred and contemporary pieces with the highlight, a new piece by New Zealand composer, David Hamilton, 'Boys will be Boys.' Mr Hamilton was in the audience and we thank him for his support.

Principal, Mr Cassie closed the saying, 'Music is an international language. It doesn't matter where you are, or what the language – you can feel the joy, the sorrow, the emotion of those who have chosen to sing, and you are carried along with them.'



Presbyterian Schools Combined Choir

On the final day of Term 3, three Boys' School students, Sam Harnett, Cameron Dean and Jack Webber, along with two Girls' School students, Vivian Pettigrove and Jorja Hendricks, travelled to Scots College in Wellington to take part in the 'Presbyterian Schools Song Project.' Alongside more than 30 choristers from Presbyterian schools from all over New Zealand, they were off to learn and record a new choral work, 'Pioneers of Hope' by Rev Malcolm Gordon in celebration of the era of 'school centenaries.'



Composer, Rev Gordon and conductor for the project, Mr Lisi put the newly formed choir through its paces before heading to the recording studio. A recording set-up was a new experience for the students, and it was really fascinating for them to see how the recording process worked. They learned about different concepts like

sound absorption and the importance of the microphones being in exactly the right position. On their fifth try, they had a perfect run and the soundtrack was nailed! A movie was made of the day and we can't wait to see it!



Making, Creating, Appreciating

NZ Sculpture OnShore



From cave to canvas, marble and bronze with charcoal, paint and tools, since the dawn of time, the human impulse to create works of art has been universal. Throughout all stages of civilisation and in every region of the world, art has reached beyond the boundaries of language, time and space to communicate beliefs and express ideas about the human experience.

During Term 4, our boys in Year 6 looked at 'how we express ourselves,' specifically exploring the central idea that 'our world can be expressed through visual arts.' They asked, 'What is art, where is art and how is art communicated?'

As cultural documents, works of art provide important insights into both past and existing cultures, helping us to understand how others have lived and what they valued. With this in mind, the boys explored the many and varied styles of art from impressionism to cubism and abstract, and looked at mediums from painting to sculpture. Through their research and discussions, they came to learn that over the centuries, society and particular periods in history have influenced the nature of artistic works, and the way in which they have been used to communicate ideas and feelings.

Above all, they came to understand that the making, creating and appreciating of art is a personal experience.

To support their unit of study, the boys were fortunate to be able to visit the NZ Sculpture OnShore exhibition based at North Head in Devonport. One of New Zealand's largest and oldest outdoor exhibitions, it has grown over the years from being based in a private garden to occupying the spectacular Fort Takapuna Historic Reserve on Auckland's North Shore.

The exhibition, which features work from established and emerging artists, provided the boys with a unique snapshot of contemporary, three dimensional art practice in New Zealand today. Purposefully placed around North Head with backdrops ranging from open water to city skylines, the works included monumental stand-alone sculptures, domestic and small-scaled works, ephemeral projects, light and sound art works, process art and many site-specific installations.

In discussing sculpture in the classroom setting, the boys had come to understand concepts around scale, size, texture and form, but nothing compared to having the opportunity to see multiple, large scale artworks in situ! The idea that 'visual art is seen differently through the eyes of different people' quickly became apparent as the boys discussed their likes and dislikes, and which piece impressed them the most!

From 10,000 white windmills blowing in the wind to a triceratops compiled from driftwood, eerie daleks standing guard, monkeys on electronic devices and a pack of roaming, wild beasts, there was plenty to intrigue the boys. Much of the intrigue came from, what was for the boys, the eye-watering costs of some the artwork. But much of the talking point came from the incredibly intricate detail of some of the pieces such as the deep-sea bronze diving helmet and the marble feather, or the idea that a seemingly simple object, when artfully placed with others, could take on new meaning.

The visit certainly fired up the imagination and the boys were keen to put their learning into practice!





One of the sculptures that intrigued me is called 10,000 wind mills and it meant exactly that. The reason the sculpture intrigued me was the fact the sculptor used normal objects to create it and the sculpture was interactive and made a whistling sound; once you were in-between the windmills it felt that you were in a field of flowers.

- Jamie Hilliam, Year 6



Monkeys on their modern devices,
Marble hands with big misprizes,
Big people that have been remade,
These sculptures are all being displayed.
This big event right by the shore
Had these sculptures that we adore.

- Matthew Morris and James Vine, Year 6



It was very interesting to see the diversity in the sculptures and how they were made. Our favourite sculpture was the Daleks. We liked it because the artist used recycled objects to make them. For example, the gun was made out of an egg beater and its hand was made out of a toilet plunger.

- Matthew Hirst and Louis Robinson



Marble Feather

It was like a giant majestic bird had soared above the sky,

Sent by the gods to watch over Earth's people

And as the bird soared by it gave us a present that landed in the soft, lush, green grass.

The present had a lot of amazing patterns and details

That present was a Marble Feather, a truly amazing gift.

- Ashe Renault- Pollard, Year 6



Personally my favourite sculpture was of an old pearl diver's helmet and the oxygen tank connecting to the diver. It was made out of the smoothest copper and felt like soft silk running through my hands. But I thought the most astonishing part of it was the detail taken in making the accessories for the pearl diver like the spikey spear gun and the specific rope coils in the net.

- Josh Ongley, Year 6



Entrepreneurs in the Making!

Purpose, Product, People, Profit

The Senior School quad was abuzz at the end of Term 4 as the Year 7 boys manned their stalls and got trading underway at their Market Day; the culmination of a term-long Social Studies unit on 'Enterprise: Building and Running a Small Business.'

Working in small groups, which included a nominated CEO, accountant, marketer and designer, they were responsible for the launch of their business from product conception to retail. Each group was required to develop a detailed business plan that included market research to determine the purpose and viability of their product, development of a prototype, working out a suitable marketing plan, ensuring they were on budget, fine-tuning mass production and finally preparing to sell their goods to Years 5 and 6.

A virtual economy was used with 'Kents' money as the currency. Each group was given a weekly wage from which deductions were made for services such as using the printer, advertising costs per poster displayed, 'import duties' on such things as electrical equipment or plastic bags required on the day, a music license if required and a 'mobility' license, for those who chose to 'wander and sell.' So there was no unfair advantage from stall positioning, an auction was held to pre-purchase each team's location.

Earlier in the term, their ideas were pitched to business leaders in a Dragons' Den style forum. The 'dragons' – parents who had offered their commercial expertise – quizzed the boys on their advertising plans and profit expectations, and gave advice on how to price their goods and reduce costs.

And so it was down to trading, the students had two hours to tout their wares to the younger students and parents. Some tied their offerings into the impending festive season and sold Christmas-related goods, others offered miniature games, there was an eye-catching range of handmade, smiley pillows and the rather sneaky book with a hollow to hide your cell phone! To Purpose, Product, People and Profit, another two P's could be added – the Power of Persuasion! Those who engaged with their customers found sales were brisk!

When trading finished, the students had learnt how to operate a budget, considered the economics of how to allocate their time and 'Kents,' had developed their communication skills and applied all of these into a cohesive business plan!



Halberg Sports Day a Great Success

It was an absolute pleasure hosting the Halberg Sportability Day at the Boys' School for the seventh year; a day that gives students with physical disabilities an opportunity to enjoy and shine in a range of tailored sports events, assisted by our own Year 8 student mentors.

Over 80 disabled, young sportspeople, from 40 different schools around the Auckland region competed against each other in ability-appropriate sports, including gymnastics, badminton, blind football, swish and more. The adaptive sports allowed our visitors to 'have a go' at something new, while others were competitive with the chance to win prizes.

Aside from enhancing the lives of physically disabled children through sport, the other aim for the day is to include the Year 8 boys in a service element. Our boys diligently played their part in assisting their visitors when and where needed, alongside the families and staff from their support networks. Staff from the Halberg Disability Sport Foundation, who had helped organise the event, were also on hand. We were proud to witness the boys taking responsibility of their physically disabled peers, showing compassion and spirit as they helped them perfect their sports techniques, encouraging them and sharing in their triumphs.



Mental and Physical Agility Required!

Eighteen apples cost 90 cents and fourteen oranges cost 84 cents. If an apple and orange fruit drink contains equal amounts of each fruit, and 6 in total, how much will its contents cost?

The answer is 33 cents. Not sure how to work it out? Try asking our Year 8 House Mathex teams at the Boys' School! Fleet of foot and fleet of mind, the teams lined up from Years 4-8 to out-run and out-calculate each other in the annual House Mathex competition. The event requires a small team to answer a set of 20 problem-solving questions correctly within the allocated time. There is a catch, this is a collaborative effort. One of the team is also assigned as a runner, to sprint back and forth to fetch the questions and return the answers to the front for marking; running a complete circuit to get there. Speed is of the essence – the huge stop watch is counting down the minutes right to the final second!

So, Manu and his brother, Rau, have combined ages of 30. In fourteen years, Rau will be three times the age Manu is now. How old is Rau?

Tricky, eh! Now run your answer to the adjudicators. You should have answered 19! If you got it right, you'll receive the next question to run back to your team. If not, go try again or elect to 'pass' and lose the points. With other year groups watching and cheering from the stands, the noise was deafening as the excitement built, especially when two Middle School teams raced for the finish in the final seconds.

And one last one...

Of a group of 32 students, fourteen can neither paint nor dance, seven can dance only, and three can paint and dance. How many can dance only?

The final results? Whilst Chalmers won the Middle School event and Cargill won the Senior School, when both sets of results were combined, Hamilton were declared overall winners!



BOYS' SCHOOL HOUSE MATHEX

	HAMILTON	CARGILL	CHALMERS	WISHART
Total Middle School	720	595	755	700
Total Senior School	585	690	525	490
Combined Total	1305	1285	1280	1190
Place	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH

Tug of War!

'Take the strain. Ready. PULL!'

Hot on the heels of Hamilton winning House Mathex the day before, it came down to the very last pull on the rope in a tie-breaker for Cargill to out-pull Hamilton for a 'green' win in the annual Tug of War!

Head of Sport, Mr Duncan Grant took on the role of MC, keeping the interest high with lively banter. The cheers rang out from the stands and muscles were put to straining point as the boys lined up in the Jubilee Sports Centre to see which team could heave the hardest for House victory. Each year group had a representative team with the competition taking a knock-out format working through heats, to semi-finals and onto a final best of three. As the competition between sides became tense, the cheering grew louder creating an amazing atmosphere amongst the boys!

With all rounds complete, Cargill and Hamilton were on unexpected even points, so a quick decision saw a new team for each side made up of one boy from each year group. The roars were deafening as the boys took the strain but it was Cargill who dug deep to cross the marker over the line, leaving Hamilton 2nd, Chalmers 3rd and Wishart in 4th place.



HOUSE POINTS	
1ST	CARGILL
2ND	HAMILTON
3RD	CHALMERS
4TH	WISHART



Grandparents' Day



Grandparents travelled across the country and from the other side of the world to be with their grandsons on Grandparents Day. The ones who couldn't make it used technology to share the boys' special day with them. The love and joy shown on each of their faces prove that distance is only a word.

Head Boy, Isaac Mellis-Glynn welcomed everyone and explained that his grandparents are some of the most influential and important people in his life, 'Your smiles and love are endless and your caring personality never seems to alter, even when you see the hallway window give way to a cricket ball! You are role models for us all to look up to, as every word that you speak is deliberately chosen, wise, thoughtful and kind.'

Principal, Mr Peter Cassie took a moment to acknowledge all the grandparents who weren't able to be with us, knowing full well that they were with us in spirit.

Our guests were treated to a performance from the Kapa Haka group and and, for the first time, both school choirs came together to sing two songs that they have been working on as a combined group.

The boys waited excitedly outside the sports centre and as each of the grandparents made their way out, the boys searched the crowds for their loved ones, once sighted their smiles exploded! Hand in hand the boys took their grandparents on a tour around the School and finished in the hall for morning tea.



Tennis Championships

Congratulations to the finalists in the annual Boys' School tennis championships.

- Year 4 Marco Alpe beat Tudor Dalzell 9/3
- Year 5 William Lawrence Vai Vai beat Hugo Wigglesworth 6/1 6/0
- Year 6 Noah Payman beat Benjamin Hardie 4/6 6/3 6/1
- Year 7 Christoph Grant beat James Flay 6/2 6/0
- Year 8 Max Dickey beat Zac Lerner 6/2 6/2



Boys' School Athletics

Sun, wind, torrential downpours – we saw it all at this year’s Boys’ School athletics events but despite the variable conditions we saw records tumble in each of the age groups!

The Middle School was first to head to Mt Smart and, with the weather in their favour, competitive spirit was on a high as the track and field got underway. Of the nine records broken this year, seven were claimed by Middle Schoolers, with James Ford leading the way breaking three records in sprint and long distance. Well done James!

Sunscreen and sunhats were somewhat superfluous at the Senior School event as the weather tested the mettle of our best senior athletes – and the staff who stood in the rain and wind to time, measure and record! Everyone was pleased to see the sun break through! Well done to Jack Mitchell who broke the long jump record.

The Junior School competition took place on the top field at school with all our youngest athletes raring to give it a go from running and jumping, to egg and spoon and sack races. Max Trankels kept his winning form from earlier years to break the 100m record.

The boys went on to enjoy a morning of House Relays, along with the Girls’ School.

Record Breakers!

Year 3:	Max Trankels	100m
Year 4:	Pierce Gault	100m, 200m
Year 5:	Ethan Knox	Discus
Year 6:	James Ford	100m, 200m, 800m
	Brodey Warren	Discus
Year 7:	Jack Mitchell	Long Jump



HOUSE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS	
1ST	WISHART
2ND	CARGILL
3RD	HAMILTON
4TH	CHALMERS

HOUSE RELAY CHAMPIONS	
1ST	CHALMERS
2ND	CARGILL
3RD	WISHART
4TH	HAMILTON



Athletic Champions

Year 0 Champions	
1st	Eddie Robinson HA
2nd	Jackson Fawcett WI
3rd	Harry Simpson HA
Year 1 Champions	
1st	Ben Durose CH
2nd	Harley Evans CH
3rd	Sam Nicholls WI
Year 2 Champions	
1st	Mikki Cronin WI
2nd	Toby McFarlane CA
3rd	Lucas Barnes CA
Year 3 Champions	
1st	Max Trankels HA
2nd	Angus Patterson CH
3rd =	Joshua Motion CH
Year 4 Champions	
1st	Pierce Gault CA
2nd	Caleb Power WI
3rd =	Ollie Davies CA
3rd =	Tudor Dalzell CA
Year 5 Champions	
1st	Ethan Knox CA
2nd	Ashan Weerasinghe HA
3rd	Harry Becker CH
Year 6 Champions	
1st	James Ford WI
2nd	Brodey Warren HA
3rd	Benjamin Hardie WI
Year 7 Champions	
1st	Jack Mitchell WI
2nd	Tim Brady HA
3rd	Isaac Wong HA
Year 8 Champions	
1st	Quinn Thompson WI
2nd	Adam Tamati CH
3rd	Thomas King CH

Remuera Zone Athletics

Year 6		
800m	James Ford	1st
200m	James Ford	1st
100m	James Ford	1st
100m	Ralph Rutherford	2nd
60m	James Ford	1st
Long Jump	James Ford	1st
High Jump	Benjamin Hardie	2nd
Ball Throw	Brodie Warren	1st
Relay	SKBS	1st

Eastern Zone Athletics

Year 7		
200m	Jack Mitchell	3rd
400m	Jack Mitchell	2nd
800m	Isaac Wong	2nd
1500m	Isaac Wong	3rd
Long Jump	Jack Mitchell	1st
Year 8		
800m	Vinay Chichester	2nd
1500m	Vinay Chichester	2nd
Relay	SKBS	3rd
Long Jump	Quinn Thompson	1st
High Jump	Quinn Thompson	3rd
Shot Put	Adam Tamati	1st
Discus	Adam Tamati	1st
INTER-ZONE		
Discus	Adam Tamati	3rd
400m	Jack Mitchell	3rd



Battle in the Stars!

Loaded picnic baskets at the ready, Saint Kentigern families streamed through the gates at the Boys' School for this year's sell-out fireworks night. With the main focus of the evening skywards, every patch of turf was a perfect picnic spot! With all 2000 tickets sold, it promised to another fantastic family evening for young and old.

The Boys' School Jazz band was first on to the entertainment stage but, sadly, their chance to play to their biggest audience of the year was short-lived when the heavens momentarily opened and they scuttled for cover. With the sun back out, the Boys' School and College rock bands entertained, drawing a min-mosh pit of youngsters in support, others flocked to the rides, purchased wrist band at the ready, to take advantage of as many turns as possible while the daylight lasted. Amongst the adrenaline-filled fun this year was the 'world's tallest inflatable slide.' As some found to their cost, once they'd scaled the steep climb to the top, there was no going back. There were more than a few wide eyes as they whizzed down the slippery slope!

Without question, the biggest draw card is anything involving water. Once the domain of the cold, wet dunking machine, this has been superseded in recent years

with a much easier target, the chance to hit a teacher with a wet-sponge. Amongst the staff willing to test their dignity was a very game Principal, Mr Peter Cassie and School Chaplain, Reverend Reuben Hardie. The gold coins flew in!

As the night sky darkened, the Boys' School Pipes and Drums took to the stage to herald the start of the show. Now seasoned second timers, this year the boys dressed in black and played in the dark, using new, glowing blue drumsticks to highlight their dexterity.

It was then left to Mr Cassie to welcome the large gathering of families as they settled back for the main event...with one slight space-opera twist, as in true Star Wars style, Storm Troopers climbed onto the stage, along with Lord Reuben Vader (Rev. Hardie) and Princess Leia Small (Girls' School Principal, Ms Juliet Small). The ensuing light sabre battle saved the event, letting Hans Solo (pre-chosen winner, Year 5 student, Ethan Knox) press the plunger to start the show. Wow, what a show as the Battle in the Stars raged into action, lighting up the sky directly overhead!

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Boys' School Parents & Friends

AWESOME. For those of you who were lucky enough to attend or volunteered for the Father and Son Breakfast, this word seems to sum up 2016. An industrious and successful year within the Saint Kentigern Boy's School community fundraising endeavours, placed an emphasis on also ensuring a good balance was struck on an equal or greater proportion of 'friend raising' activities. Promoting good values, is what the School has a strong reputation for and we hope that parents have enjoyed getting involved in the action the year has provided.

The year kick started with a new parents' morning tea, continuing regularly over the course of the year. The aim of this has been to provide constructive insights for parents to help make the transition for their son a smooth one while giving new parents a chance to socialise and get to know more about the Parents and Friends in an informal environment. Many thanks to Kerryanne Tisdall who organises this each term and the team of school liaisons, Katie Wilson, Corinne Stilwell and Vanessa Playle, who assist in hosting.

The Middle School and Year 7 picnic were both crowd pleasing picnic events on the top field and a chance for parents and students to socialise with new families and strengthen connections going into the new year.

One of the most anticipated events on the school calendar, and a Parents and Friends and School joint event, is Celtic Day. This was again very successful led by Vanessa Playle and her group of team leaders responsible for each activity. Great project management allowed for a quick turnaround of ten minutes per activity and a wide range of action for the boys to participate in added to the fun. From more cultural disciplines such as drumming to the always popular sponge throwing, the action was ramped up a gear with the addition of trenches on Roselle lawn for this year. Apologies to the caretaker!

In May, the Mothers' Morning Tea was held. This was a charity fundraising event with profit raised from this going towards the K E Falconer Women's Sports Scholarship in honour of Kirsten Falconer. Kirsten was an active member of the Parents and Friends and sadly passed away on ANZAC Day 2016. A staggering 240 mothers attended event with guest speaker, Niva Retimanu, who spoke about her experiences, as outlined in her book, on long distance running around the world and sharing her inspirational personal experiences on achieving her goals. Thanks to Phillipa Hiddleston and the team of volunteers who made this run so efficiently, including our very own Principal, Peter Cassie, who was personally attending tables!

Quiz night this year opted for a theme of 'On TV'. This brought some of the most interesting and imaginative tables and costumes to date with some getting into character more than others. Funds were raised from some great auction items on offer, and there was plenty of food, drink and entertainment. Our thanks go out to Shelly Horton and Sarah Walsh, along with their team, for giving up their time and ensuring this was an enjoyable and fun evening.

The annual Father and Son Breakfast was a sell out and a highlight for the boys to spend quality time with their Dad or significant care giver this year. Guest speaker, Cam Calkoen, with his AWESOME presentation, had a huge impact with an overwhelming amount of attendees expressing their enjoyment at this event. It's always tricky to ensure helpers for such an early morning start, with so many parents occupied with work and school duties at that time of day, so a big thank you to Cath Costello and the many people who baked pies, served or helped with clean up, you all came through to produce yet another outstanding event and these events would not be possible without your support.

Grandparents are highly regarded within the Saint Kentigern community and the huge contribution they make to our boys lives so it is always an honour to host them at school for our annual Grandparents' Day. Baking supplied was exceptional, thank you to Phillipa Hiddleston for putting this together.

As the school year neared an end for 2016, the Fireworks night rolled into action. A record sell out of 2000 attendees was fantastic with feedback best to date. Learning from past events has led the team to push boundaries even further with reinvention of entertainment which included some pre-fireworks theatrics starring Juliet Small (Princess Leia Small), Peter Cassie (The Grand Master) and Rev Reuben Hardie (The Dark Lord), taking centre stage in a Star Wars action sequence. Some new unseen before pyrotechnics were also showcased, led by Dr Martin Van Tiel for a 13 minute spectacular display. Application of online ticketing and selection/payment of on field activities made for greater efficiencies this year.

The Fireworks team has been together for the past four years and I must say do an incredible job, with near perfect planning. This year we have several key members leaving, Special thanks goes out to Peter Green, Kerry George, Blair Knill and Campbell Shearer who are leaving and a big 'thank you' for the rest of the team comprising Naomi Hageman, Robyn Kenna, Fiona Freeland, Amanda Wilkinson, Kathryn Hughes, Deborah Ward, James McLeod and myself.

Final thank yous are for the amazing community work that occurs. Corinne Stilwell for organising 'Meals for Families' which has been a great initiative and incredibly beneficial to those going through tough times. Also thanks to Kirsten Stanfield for organising the Christmas hampers that we deliver to Wymondely Road School. The hampers are gratefully received. Many thanks to our community for their hamper donations and those who offered to make them up and deliver them. In addition to this, are the many families who help to empty the Sharing Shed and volunteer on Halberg Day.

I would like to finish with this small note for 2017.

I know we are all busy people but if you can give a small amount of your time to help out with one event or if you would like to help out with some goods or services, please let us know. Trust me when I say 'every little bit helps make this school the best in the world!'

Simon Ward
Chairman, Boys' School Parents and Friends