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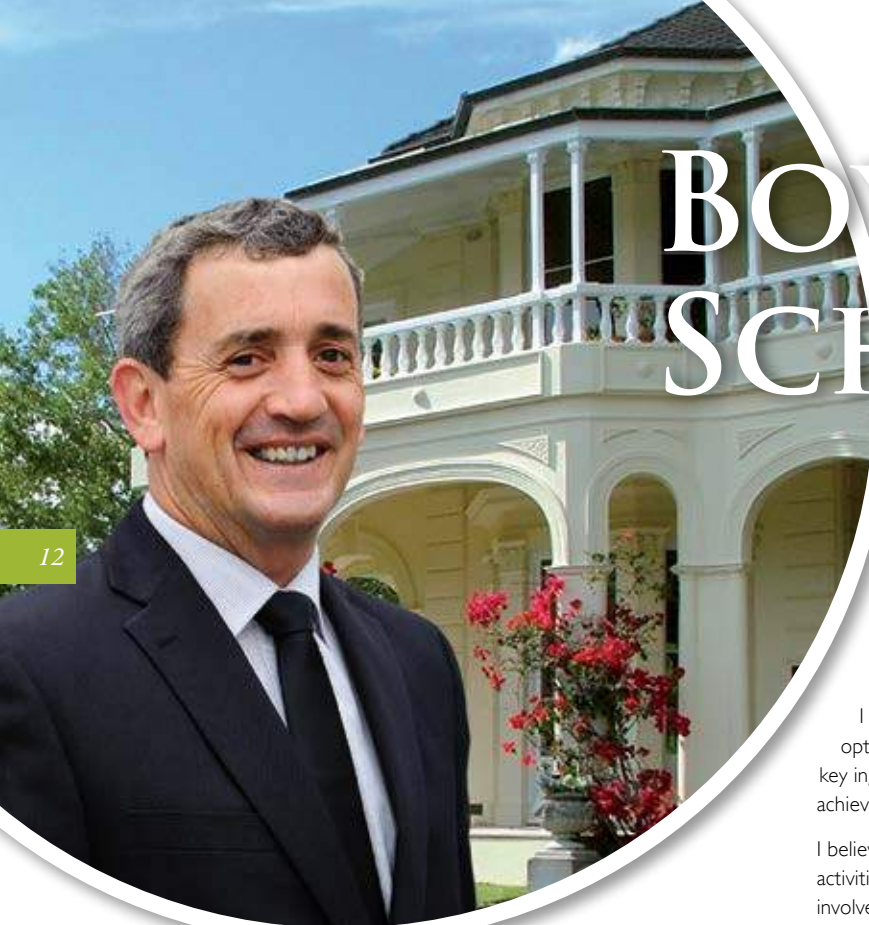
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BOYS' SCHOOL



'A well-rounded Education'

A school is like a super city – many distinct groups that have to work together for a common goal: Trust Board, Parents, Staff, Junior School, Middle School and the Senior School. And in the case of Saint Kentigern, a Preschool, Boys' School, Girls' School and College also. All groups have different needs or outcomes requiring a different approach.

One size does not fit all, therefore, the varying ages and stages of education must show the necessary progression to ensure our boys are well-prepared for the next level. In all cases, we acknowledge that academic rigour and understanding is required, however, in order to develop the all-round man, we also need to inspire creativity, entrepreneurship and resilience where service and leadership are ingrained from an early age.

It is also important that schools provide cultural and sporting opportunities for its students. This cannot be simply a PE or Music lesson as our students need more than that to spark an interest that will hopefully become a life-long passion.

The productions undertaken at both the Middle and Senior School this year are clear examples of benefits. How great it is to see the growing confidence of boys after each performance and I know full well that they will remember this more than the Maths or English lesson missed!

As boys move through the education system, more opportunities become available for them to 'have a go.' Competition increases as individuals or teams test their knowledge, skills or talents against peers. Individuals learn to cope with success or failure and develop a better understanding of team work, where working together towards a common goal does make a difference.

Having just completed writing reports for all students at the Boys' School, it is amazing to see their achievements and growth over the year, along with how involved they are in the extra-curricular life of school.

There are many examples in our school where boys are achieving well academically, are accomplished musicians and successful sportsman while also actively involved in the service element that we as a school hold to so dearly. Time management is becoming an increasingly important skill for all students and parents as they attempt to juggle the extra demands in an already busy family schedule.

I encourage each and every boy to be willing to have a go rather than opting out due to a lack of confidence or, worse still, apathy. The other key ingredient required is to keep at it rather than give up before mastery is achieved. It will always be challenging when you start something!

I believe our boys are incredibly fortunate to have such a diverse range of activities available to them. I can assure you that the student who is fully involved in a variety of pursuits gains the most benefit from their schooling.

At times we forget how capable our young men are. They can carry their own bags, they can achieve at a high level if prepared to do so, they do think of others, they become more accepting of others' differences and where necessary they can fight their own battles. As the years pass by, the growth and development in each of our boys is a pleasure to witness.

We are not always perfect, therefore, we can expect to make mistakes no matter what age we are. This becomes a necessary part of our learning journey. Too often we can dwell on mistakes or previous problems, without taking into account growing maturity, which can hinder development or relationships. Three simple words can assist 'Let it Go!'

In my teaching career I have had the opportunity to enrol boys at 5 years of age and then see them leave at 18 years ready to head off to university or work. The development that occurs at the different stages of primary and secondary education is incredible to witness. At times parents, boys and schools may experience frustration or angst, however, I can assure you that with growing maturity, independence and the necessary building blocks established at each level, the end result is a student excited, confident and prepared for what life will bring.

'Enjoy the journey with your son, celebrate his successes, support him with his disappointments, teach him reality and accept his individuality!'

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Mr Peter Cassie, Boys' School Principal





Graduation Dinner

Our Year 8 boys, proudly sporting their Old Collegians ties, gathered with their parents, staff and invited guests at the Ellerslie Convention Centre to reflect back on the boys' last eight years of friendship and learning as they readied themselves for the next step in their education.

The Dean of the Senior School, Mr Joe Johansen opened the formalities addressing the boys in his care for the final time. He spoke of success and the part this can play in our lives. While it may seem that success is often measured by academic endeavours, he told the boys that personal success may take many different forms, from discovering resilience in the face of defeat to actually making a difference to other people's lives - in the way they have this year through activities such as helping pack groceries at Foodbank or assisting children with physical or visual difficulties at Halberg Day.

He urged the boys to remember the lessons learned and friendships formed at Saint Kentigern as they move on in life. He concluded by saying, 'Unlike some parts of the world, we live in a country where we really do have a choice about the future we want. You, young men, are the ones that will make that happen. Whether it be in business, education, healthcare, science, engineering, the arts or sport. Go out and make a difference to the lives of others, make your parents and teachers proud, but most importantly, go out and make yourselves proud.'



Following dinner, we were pleased to invite former cricket great and entrepreneur, Dion Nash to speak. Captain of New Zealand on more than one occasion, he retired from cricket in 2002 having taken 93 test wickets and scored 729 test runs. Earlier in the year, he came to pass on his techniques to our own young cricketers. Since packing away the whites, Dion has embarked on a successful career in business, becoming Global Marketing Manager of success story, 42Below Vodka. He currently has his own men's skin care range, 'Triumph and Disaster' in some of the top stores in Europe. Full of cricketing anecdotes, he gave the boys his list of tips to succeed: Learn to focus; be your own best coach; take risks; take ownership of your actions; make room for difficult people; build fitness into your day; and have respect for your elders.

In closing, Principal, Mr Cassie said, 'The next five years of your education will be exciting and you will face challenges. You are in the driving seat and the choices and decisions you make will define who you are and what you will become. I encourage you to firmly strap yourself in and put your foot firmly on the pedal.'

A final set of 'reflections,' a video prepared by Head Boy, Benjamin Lerner and his family, was an amazing compilation of caricatures of each boy drawn by cartoonist, Ant Sang of 'Bro Town' fame. He captured each boy perfectly, creating many laughs. The boys all received their own framed piece as a keepsake. The evening finally concluded with one last haka from the boys.

Once again we are grateful to the Old Collegians for sponsoring this event and the Prefects' parents for lovingly decorating the venue in House colours.

Annual Giving 2014

We gratefully acknowledge the support of our Annual Giving 2014 donors. Their generosity will enable us to purchase robotics equipment and multimedia technology and continue to assist boys through the Roselle Scholarship Fund.

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Boys' School Prizegiving

The Boys' and Girls' School combined Pipes and Drums opened this year's Boys' School Prizegiving with their first ever performance, to great applause, before Piper, David Allan, led our staff and invited guests to their seats for the very last Saint Kentigern event of the year. 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 and Middle School Awards were presented by retiring staff member, Mr Barry Kemp; we thank him for his years of service in the Middle School. Longstanding Trust Board member and School advocate, Mrs Rosemary Harris presented the Music, Speech and Cultural Awards; Head of Primary, Dr Sandra Hastie presented the Senior Awards; and Dr Bruce Goodfellow presented the Christian Living and Service Awards. We thank them for their time and constant support of the School.

In his formal address, Mr Cassie said, 'A school is like a super city – many distinct groups that have to work together for a common goal. Trust Board, Parents, Staff, Junior School, Middle School and the Senior School. All groups have different needs or outcomes requiring a different approach.

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He gave his thanks to all the staff, the Prefect team whose student leadership has been exemplary this year and the parents and families of our boys, 'Without your continued support and enthusiasm and willingness to get involved we could not provide your sons with such amazing opportunities.'

To conclude, graduating Head Boy, Benjamin Lerner made his final Valedictory Speech before handing the mantle of leadership to the new Head Boy for 2015, Michael Hiddleston. Benjamin shared his eight years as a Saint Kentigern boy but he said, above all, the School had opened his eyes through the service programme to the reality that there are those whose lives are not as privileged and who need our support.



Dux



GIBSON NEVILL

Gibson has been a self-motivated and diligent student who has received many awards for excellence during his time at the School. This year his combined marks were: English 89.37%, Maths 95%, Social Science 95%, Science 82% creating a total 362 and an average 90.5%. In his examination marks only Gibson earned: English 95%, Maths 96%, Social Science 94%, Science 87%. This was a total of 372 with an average of 93%.

Gibson is a worthy recipient of the Foundation Pupil Cup for Dux.

Proxime Accessit



STEVEN CHO

The Jubilee Cup for Proxime Accessit was awarded to Steven Cho. Steven's combined marks were: English 89.69%, Maths 96%, Social Science 84%, Science 88% creating a total of 358 with an average of 89.5%. In his examination marks only, Steven earned: English 91%, Maths 96%, Social Science 82%, Science 98%, giving a total of 367 with an average of 91.75%.

Senior School Sportsman of the Year



BRONSON GLEYE

The Ross Perry Cup for Senior Sportsman of the Year goes to Bronson Gleye who has represented the School in many sporting codes: 1st XV rugby, A Softball team, A Basketball Ball team, Eastern Zone Swim team, Inter Zone Swim team, NIPS Snowboard team and the A Water Polo team which won Winterfest, the North Island Championships, Tim Sonderer and the Super City competition.

Rex Hooton Cup for School Spirit



SAM LOOKER

The Rex Hooton Cup for School Spirit is awarded to the senior boy who best demonstrates the school spirit of diligence, cooperation, courtesy, sportsmanship and friendliness. Sam exemplifies each of these and is a worthy recipient.

Middle School Sportsman of the Year



CHARLES WILKES

The AW Smith Cup was awarded to Charles for his contribution to Middle School sport: Year 5/6 A Cricket, Year 5/6 A Rugby, 3rd in Year 6 at Remuera Zone Cross Country, Year 6 Athletics Champion, Remuera Zone Athletics team, Year 5/6 Basketball and was in the Year 6 Tennis Championship final.



Boys vs Wild



With thanks to Reverend Reuben Hardie

This year a record 37 boys qualified for the 2014 Boy vs Wild service trip to Motutapu Island, having earned the Silver Badge of the Saint Kentigern Service Award. The overnight trip is part of the Gold Award. The Saint Kentigern boys hosted a further six Year 6 boys from Wymondley Road School in Otara, along with their Principal, Mr Pelu Leaupetele.

The first day entailed a ferry ride into Home Bay, setting up camp and then a team race around the island, right out to Billy Goat Point, the furthest point. At each check point, in true boy-style, the boys had to complete either a 'gross' food challenge, construct a human pyramid or another challenge, before returning to Home Bay for a very 'refreshing' jump off the wharf – it's not quite summer yet but the boys didn't mind!

After cooking dinner and a game of 'spotlight,' the boys were taken down to the beach where they spent time lying on the sand listening to waves roll in and watching the stars appear in the night sky. For some boys, this was one of the highlights of the trip.

After a first day of team work and bonding, Day 2 was all about service. The boys spent five hours digging a trench for a new water pipe in Home Bay, laying the pipe and then refilling the



trench. It was back breaking work, the ground was rocky and uncompromising in places but the boys kept at it and felt hugely satisfied when they had finished the job.

The boys returned to their families completely exhausted but with many stories to tell and a strong sense of pride at what they had achieved. This was one of the best Boy vs Wild trips yet!

Our thanks to Rotary for the donation of sausages!

Citizenship Awards

Congratulations to Patrick Reidy (Year 8) and Leo Lindsay Smail (Year 6) 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. The code includes values such as 'Honest in word and deed,' 'Willing to accept responsibility' and 'Generous with your time and talents for the improvement of your community without thought or personal rewards.'



Patrick and Leo are worthy recipients of these awards. They were selected for their courtesy, caring natures and consideration of others. We congratulate them on being selected as representatives from our School.

At a ceremony hosted by our school, the boys were presented with badges to wear with pride on their blazers.

Bring back the simple to Christmas

In what must be a first for the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Parnell, a cricket pitch was set up in the nave as Chaplain to the Schools, Rev Reuben Hardie urged the congregation to return to the simple pleasures of life this Christmas!

As the jazz band played, the boys, their families, staff and special guests, along with the children from the Preschool, filled the cathedral to capacity. Every chair was brought out and still there was standing room only!

The service opened with the clear voice of Anthony Gu, from on high, as he sang the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City,' accompanied by Sam Looker on the hand bells. This opportunity to sing solo in the grandeur of the cathedral is an annual feature of the Boys' School service; a moving start to an evening that brings the Saint Kentigern community together to celebrate as a family, give thanks for the year; to rejoice in the joy of Christmas and to farewell the boys in Year 8 as they prepare to move on to their next stage in life.

In his opening words of welcome, Principal, Mr Peter Cassie told the boys that there were only 24 sleeps to Christmas and the time had come to enjoy singing carols and decorate the tree. It's a time to enjoy summer weather, beaches, barbecues, holidays, family, friends and laughter. It's a time of gifts and giving. And it's a time to remember what we are really celebrating as we rejoice in the birth of Jesus.

As the service unfolded, Head Boy, Benjamin Lerner and his mother, Rachel gave the first two readings, followed by retiring staff member, Mr Barry Kemp. We enjoyed performances from the Performer's Choir, including a solo from Deputy Head Boy, Beck Robson. The staff then joined them to sing 'Carol of the Bells.'

Reverend Hardie said he didn't often acquiesce to special requests but as this one came from a higher authority – his wife – he arranged for some Middle School boys to introduce Joy to the World with hand bells. The congregation agreed with his wife; a worthy addition! Well done!

The Junior School boys sat as quietly as possible for inquisitive 5 and 6 year olds in full view; resplendent in the white shirts of their chapel uniform and that oh-so-tempting tie on elastic, until it was their turn to sing 'The Angels Sang.' They were promptly upstaged by the Preschoolers who came forward to present 'Five Little Christmas Trees' with the children who are transitioning to school in the New Year, taking the lead.

Reverend Reuben Hardie, once again delivered a service that had appeal for all age groups. In these increasingly busy times, many of us continue to add stress to our already pressured lives. He asked if we really need to overload the tree with gifts, glaze the ham in yet another new way, make 25 different side dishes, rush from one Christmas event to the next or plan over-elaborate holiday trips? He reminded us that the original Christmas wasn't that complicated. The wise men limited themselves to only three

gifts. Joseph clearly didn't bother himself with calling ahead or over-complicating the itinerary and Mary didn't seem to worry too much about anything - a stable was good enough for the night and she contented herself with a manger to lay her baby. For the most important thing that night was that God loved the world so much he gave his only son.

Rev Hardie urged us to take away the unnecessary and learn to gain pleasure from the simple things that Kiwis have come to enjoy at Christmas time. And with this introduction, the cathedral was transformed as a cricket pitch was set up, the boys fired up the barbie, rustled up a tent and a sleeping bag and found themselves some hokey pokey ice creams. The four boys who scored the final role definitely didn't draw the short straw!

The Reverend concluded by saying he hoped we will remember that the most important thing in life is love. And that God's love came to us in a very simple way, 'For unto us a child was born.' Jesus was born into the world to help us focus on the things that truly matter.

At the conclusion of the service, the Year 8 boys came forward to light a candle; a poignant time for the families as their long association with the School comes to an end.

The School offers thanks to Rev Tony Surman for his words of welcome and for hosting our service in cathedral and to the organist, Mr Philip Smith, for providing the accompaniment to our carols.





Boys' School Donate 66 Hampers

Over the course of this term, our boys have been collecting items to place in hampers for the families at Wymondley Road Primary School in Otara. The spirit and generosity of our School community towards creating these hampers at Christmas time is amazing and the boys loved watching the hampers build and grow in their classroom.

This week, the boys who received the Christian Living Award from each class, across all age groups, gathered up the 66 huge hampers, along with \$2000 worth of meat pack vouchers that we raised at a recent mufti day, to deliver to Wymondley. It seemed as though the entire school community came out for the special assembly to welcome us.

After words of welcome from their Principal, Mr Pelu Leaupepetele, and his expression of thanks on behalf of his school community, their school choir sang two songs, including a traditional Samoan song. Following this, our boys were surprised when, in gratitude, the Wymondley students and parents came forward to place lolly leis around the boys' necks. Our Year 1 boys almost disappeared under the weight of them!

Mr Leaupepetele explained that the leis symbolised eternal love, which is at the heart of the Christmas message and which, he said, their community was experiencing through the generosity of Saint Kentigern.

This was a very humbling, special experience for the boys, staff and the parents who accompanied the hampers this year.

As Thomas Webster, a Year 8 boy said, 'This is an experience that will stay with me forever.'



National success at the Arias!

Congratulations to seven year old Charles Adams who punched above his weight to win the U10 boys' section at the New Zealand Aria Competition, held in Rotorua; one of Australasia's most



prestigious singing competitions. Saint Kentigern was well represented with Amelie James-Power from the Girls' School also winning the U10 girls, and the College also winning a swag of awards, including the U16 title for former Boys' School student, Liam Braithwaite.

Charles sang in four categories and was awarded Highly Commended for each with his aggregate score placing him in first place in the overall U10 category. Charles, like Amelie, has singing lessons from well-known stage performer, Tim Beveridge.

Well done Charles!



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Tate, the Fairyland Hero

What an awesome production! Every single seat in the house was sold for the inaugural Middle School musical production - Tate, the Fairyland Hero. The first night's audience was witness to the 'world premiere' of a show written by music teacher, Mr Edwin Randell and brought to the stage by the boys in Years 4-6. Every single boy had a part to play, whether it was as a lead, part of the chorus or a 'techie' role behind the scenes - and the combined effort was a truly outstanding, toe-tapping musical production!

Like all good fairy stories, this one had its fair share of good and evil characters with twists and turns in the plot. The story played homage to every well-known story book character throughout the ages and the chorus was packed with personalities as wide ranging as the Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, the Seven Dwarves, the Gingerbread Man, Red Riding Hood and Puss in Boots, to more modern day characters such as Cruella de Vil, Mickey Mouse and Shrek! The costume and makeup department were very busy prior to the show!

The opening number, 'You can be bold, you can be free, you can be what you want to be' assembled the entire cast on stage for a roof-lifting song to set the scene. Such was their enthusiasm, it soon became clear that despite their young age, these boys were going to deliver a very strong vocal performance!

The plot unfolded through narration from the Fairy Godmother (William McLachlan) who sat to the side in 'her' rocking chair reading from a fairy story. William played this slightly cantankerous role well, making demands on her stage audience to make her comfortable before she would proceed!

The show's namesake, Tate, is a young boy who fell asleep mid-story to find himself caught as a 'dream walker' living out his imagination. Ably played by Benjamin Graham, whose strong vocals and characterisation shone through,

Tate found himself on a 'mission' to save Fairyland. His first encounter with the folk resulted in a fantastic rapping song, 'Yo everybody in Fairyland' that gave a number of solo performances to individual performers.

Once again, this song, so suited to the age group, is a reflection of Mr Randell's talent as a writer and understanding of just what appeals to boys!

We were introduced to Gaspar (Leo Van Druten), Giuseppe (Regan Nash) and the Witch of the East (Jack Sandelin) who, falling on the side of evil, were hatching a plan to overthrow the King. Jack, in his role as the Witch, revisits the stage a number of times and plays the role superbly with just the right amount of wickedness! With the spell, 'Statueratapus Freeziamus' cast, the first act ended with every good character turned intoa fruit tree!

Tate escaped the spell as it had been his turn to hide in a game of hide and seek but with the spell cast on his new found friends, he had some quick thinking to do to work against the forces of evil.

The characters of Cruella de Vil (Charles Wilkes), Dr Ulbelstein (Charles Swain) and the Ugly Sisters, Esmerelda (Jack Webber) and Grizelda (Akash Mudaliar) combined superbly with the Big Bad Wolf, One-Eyed Sailors, Trolls, Rats and Bats to bring malice to the land. Tate, meanwhile, worked on a double cross. Realising that the fruit on the trees was tainted, he brewed up a punch.

Dressed as the evil Abanazer (the genie from Aladdin) to gain an audience, he proposed a toast to their wicked plan and as they imbibed, each evil character collapsed from the poisonous punch - all but one. The Witch was too quick and turned Tate into a donkey!

As with all good fairy stories, the bad undoes at the end! This time it's magical brownies that revert Tate to a boy and an ancient chant 'Azar bahnecktah loowha' sung as a round by the cast that restores wrong to right!

Congratulations to all the boys in Years 4-6 for a truly fantastic show!

Our thanks to Musical Director, Mr Edwin Randell, who can be justifiably proud of the show he has written; Producer and Director, Mrs Carolyn Williams; Vocal Trainer, Mrs Mary Jones and the rest of the Middle School staff for the work taken to bring this show to the stage. Our thanks also to the many parents who lent their expertise to make this such a success.





Music showcase

In a first for the Boys' School, visitors to this year's Music Showcase were greeted by emerging pipers and drummers as the School begins its journey to creating its own Pipe Band. David Allan, resplendent in tartan, took the lead on the pipes along with six boys on the snare drums. Their teachers, Old Collegians, William Tremlett on the pipes and Matthew McQueen on the drums, were there to support their first group performance.

The Music Showcase is the culmination of a year of music lessons, practising and performances for the boys and features our very best musicians. The boys who played were selected through an audition process to perform in front of a large audience of students, staff, parents and invited guests.

Director of Music, Mrs Janet Grierson said the purpose of the morning was threefold. Firstly, it's a competition to determine the best soloist on each instrument. Secondly, it gives the younger boys an overview of the instruments that they might like to learn as they progress through the School. And finally, for those whose musical journey has just begun, they can see the different ensembles and begin to think about where they might like to fit in.

The Symphonic Orchestra, comprising beginner and more experienced players, opened with the popular, 'Gonna Fly Now,' from the movie 'Rocky'. We were then treated to polished individual performances across a broad range of piano, violin and wind and string instruments.

Amongst the talented solo musicians, a variety of groups also presented their pieces including the jazz combo, flute ensemble, recorder groups and clarinet quartet, with the Jazz Band closing with this year's signature piece, Michael Jackson's 'Thriller.'

Principal, Mr Peter Cassie congratulated the players who had stretched to reach the top and were chosen to play today. He also thanked the players right behind who were pushing just as hard to keep the standards high. He paid tribute to our graduating Year 8's for all they have done for our music groups. Whilst they will leave a hole, we know we have equally great talent coming through the ranks to fill those places and keep the programme incredibly strong. Mr Cassie also thanked the parents for supporting their boys and encouraging their practice, 'In music, you have given them a gift for life.'



Zoo Snooze

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Whilst the spirit of Kashin and Burma lives on in the Old Elephant House at Auckland Zoological Gardens, thankfully the smell has long gone – just as well, as the former housing for the zoo's elephants now provides eating and sleeping quarters for school groups taking on the '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! Sadly the weather was not in their favour this year, causing traffic chaos on the trip there and a very wet night for touring the zoo but that did not dampen the enthusiasm for a group of young boys! The parents and staff, however, put on brave faces in the badly-timed torrential downpours!

As the gates closed to the general public at 5pm, the zoo became the domain of just over 20 boys on each of the two nights. Before dinner they set off with maps in hand to see how many animals they could spot. Each small group had a well-protected iPad and the boys thoroughly enjoyed the chance to take photographs and short movies to turn into iMovies on return to school.

Whilst they waited for the sun to set, the boys got a look at the behind the scenes food stores, including the freezers. They learnt about the role that food can play in behaviour enrichment, as so many food sources have interesting smells. A sack dowsed in coffee or peanut butter smeared between the pages of a book can keep an orang-utan engaged. As can frozen ice blocks – not the sort we are familiar with, but in bucket sizes possibly containing fruit, fish or blood and meat depending on which animal it's destined for!

Right on cue as the boys prepared their torches, covered in red cellophane, for their after dark outing, the heavens opened. Boys being boys, they weren't the slightest bit fazed, even when the animals did the sensible thing and sought shelter well out of sight! The hippos were the highlight when, right on cue, they came and opened wide to receive a cabbage for supper!

And so late into the evening, a group of tired, soaking wet but happy boys retired to their sleeping bags in Kashin and Burma's former sleeping areas for a good night's sleep!

Junior Boys get Firewise

'Get down, get low and get out fast!'

Our Junior School boys could hardly contain themselves when the local Remuera fire fighting team paid a visit in a gleaming red fire engine. They were bubbling over with questions to ask!

Station Officer, Rob Appleton, along with three of his fire crew, patiently worked with the boys, firstly to let them climb into the cab for a glimpse inside before explaining about the incredible equipment tucked away neatly around every side of the truck and the job that they do. Most importantly, they talked to the boys about fire safety and what they should do in the event of a fire.

Thankfully most children will never need to escape from a burning building, however, the skills taught during the Firewise unit will be invaluable if ever faced with this terrifying experience.



The crew discussed safety around matches and lighters and how important it is to have smoke alarms in every home. It is a good reminder to everyone that the Fire Department will willingly arrange to install these for you if you are unable to install them yourselves. They will also take a moment to advise what you can do to ensure your home is fire safe.

This visit was part of a learning unit about 'Aid Agencies' and how people help us in our community. The boys also had a visit from the Police and the St John's ambulance crew. This is all part of learning to keep themselves safe and developing an understanding of what to do in an emergency.

Our sincere thanks to these agencies for taking the time to visit and talk to our boys.

Understanding Urban Design

With thanks to Year 8 teacher, Mr Richard Kirk

With a focus on architecture and urban design, the Year 8 boys recently welcomed architect, Gregor Hoheisel from the design company, GRAFT, to discuss the urban design process and talk about some of their significant works. The company is currently employed to think about the design of a city that will potentially house one million people in China and, among other global projects, they designed the VW Headquarters in Germany. The boys had much to learn and many questions to ask. We thank Mr Hoheisel for giving his time to our inquisitive boys.

Later in the week, the boys went into the city to visit the Auckland Art Gallery, noted for winning 'Building of the Year' in the World Architecture Festival 2013. The boys were given a tour of the building and were told about all the different considerations - cultural, functional, social and financial - that were taken into account when designing the building. Whilst there, the boys also visited 'The cubic structural evolution project, 2004,' a hands-on installation by Danish-Icelandic artist, Olafur Eliasson. Comprising thousands of pieces of white Lego bricks scattered on a 12-metre-long table, the work invites gallery visitors to become 'architects' by using the Lego to create endlessly re-forming structures limited only by their imagination! The construction, modification, destruction and re-construction processes of the Lego city mirror the lifecycle of any metropolis as urban renewal takes place.

The boys' next visit was to the site of the proposed Orakei Bay Village development. They were able to see scale models, floor plans and talk to representatives from Barfoot and Thompson about different aspects of the design and also had a chance to ask questions to the project manager. With all they had learnt already, the depth and probing nature of the questions were excellent!



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Photon Factory visit

With thanks to science teacher, Mrs Patsy Hindson

A group of Year 8 students paid a visit to a unique facility at The University of Auckland – the Photon Factory. Associate Professor Dr Cather Simpson, Director of the Photon Factory, kindly opened up her hi-tech lab for an afternoon for our boys to gain insight into the kind of research projects that science and engineering university students undertake as part of their degrees.

The Photon Factory is a multi-user laser facility with an amplified ultrafast laser system. These lasers have micro to nanosecond pulse widths that can machine microscopic features in any material. The machines are available for university students and staff to study how molecules convert light to useful energy and exploit short laser pulses in micromachining projects for scientists all over New Zealand. The high-tech machines are used for everything from discovering fundamental knowledge (research projects) to manufacturing on a microscopic scale. The ultra-fast lasers can cut and shape many materials from glass to plastic to metals.

Several PhD students gave demonstrations and talked about their projects which were as diverse as an investigation to find out what happens at the molecular level when sun fades paints in fine arts to sorting male and female bovine sex cells for selective reproduction on dairy farms.

The boys were shown how surfaces can be lasered with a hydrophobic relief on a custom made Saint Kentigern perspex plaque and then they were challenged to navigate through a laser light course using dihydrogen monoxide spray to identify the pathways.

Our thanks to Dr Simpson and her students for taking the time to host our boys in this incredible facility. Visits such as these put the boys' learning in context and gives them insight into where their studies might take them later in life.



Year 6 Mini Expo

For the first time last year, the boys in Year 6 were presented with a unique opportunity – to undertake a significant and lengthy inquiry over the course of a term and then exhibit their learning journey for the wider school community in the form of an Expo. Such was the success of last year's venture that it was again undertaken by this year's cohort.

At the heart of inquiry learning is a commitment to structured, purposeful questioning as the leading vehicle for teaching and learning. Inquiry gives ownership of learning to the students themselves, developing their research and critical thinking skills. With the theme 'Where we are in space and time,' they worked in small groups of two or three to brainstorm which path their own inquiry would take. First they picked an overall line of inquiry and from that each planned their own personal exploration within their chosen theme – these ideas were many and varied.

The boys were required to explore multiple perspectives and in the process developed their collaborative and communication skills; they

went beyond the school gates to talk to experts in the wider community, conducting all the organisation and safety information (RAM: Risk Assessment Management) for this to take place; and they conducted surveys and used a wide variety of primary sources. As the boys worked, they kept log books that recorded all their work and in the final stages, worked out how best to present their findings to engage an invited audience.

Over three sessions, parents were invited to visit the Expo to view the boys' displays and seek a deeper understanding of the different topics from the boys themselves. They proved to have a good understanding of the work they had done and were articulate in their explanations. In a frequently changing world, understanding how to inquire, how to sift through the ideas to make informed decisions is a valuable journey that these boys are just beginning to discover. The Expo brought all this into focus and the boys were very proud to present their own first public Expo.



Grandparents' Day

'What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humour, comfort, lessons in life. And, most importantly, treats!'

The initial response to the invitation to this year's Grandparents' Day suggested that we could expect 492 visitors ... as our special guests poured into the Jubilee Sports Centre, the call went out for more chairs as it became abundantly clear that the final guest list was a little closer to 600, leaving standing room only for the welcome!

A group of selected Junior boys stood proudly to attention at the entrance, handing out 400 single roses to the surprise of the Grannies, Grandmas and Nan as they arrived to take their seats. When all were settled, Head Boy, Ben Lerner told the Grandparents about their special place in the lives of the boys, 'Because we don't see you so often, you never tire of us. At least you pretend you don't!'

Principal, Mr Peter Cassie came forward in welcome saying that our boys are fortunate to have such people in their lives who so readily provide unconditional love and support. He then set them some 'homework!' He asked them to make a lasting story of their lives, knowing that these life stories grow in value to grandchildren as they grow older. He encouraged them to do this for their families – Make a Memory – and then told them that their homework was due in next year; no excuses!

Our guests were then escorted to visit their grandsons' classrooms, amid much excitement, and to tour the school before taking time out for morning tea. The Parents and Friends are to be applauded for the incredible spread laid out in JC Chalmers Hall, fully catered by the parents themselves. We give our thanks to them; we know our guests certainly enjoyed it!

Sir Peter Blake's Legacy

With thanks to Mr Joe Johansen

The Year 8 boys were fortunate to experience the legacy of Sir Peter Blake and his teams through a day out sailing on the iconic maxi yachts, Lion New Zealand and Steinlager 2. This experience focused on the values of leadership, teamwork, communication, courage, determination and respect as each team member learnt the various sailing roles on a true racing yacht.

Divided between the two boats, the first groups sailed downwind through the Rangitoto Channel amongst the inner islands of the Hauraki Gulf. The boys were responsible for trimming the sails, taking the helm or adding additional weight to the rail.

Class against class, each boat was pushed to its limit towards the morning finish line near the northern tip of Motutapu Island. After a lunch break ashore, the boys explored Motutapu's coastline, went swimming, built sun shades and some even hiked to the observation post high up on the island.

The afternoon forecast of easing winds didn't hold true as 25, pushing 35 knot westerly winds howled across the Gulf! The now able-bodied seamen of Year 8 took their positions, all hands on deck and battened down the hatches. A strong beam reach sent the boys high upon the rail clinging for dear life as each maxi yacht raced towards the East Coast Bays. The standard 'macho' expression was soon replaced with concerned looks of doubt and concern as they winced and squinted into the headwind and foamy white water spray. However, as time passed, and upon hearing the Skipper's screams of excitement, the boys soon realised that these maxi yachts were supposed to be on a 40 degree lean and that the opposite side of their comfort zone was actually a thrill-seeking rush! Some brave boys took the plunge to head up on the bow just in time for a rogue wave to drown out their screams but certainly not their spirits! The boys were now in charge and tacked and jibed their way home into the sun and back to the Viaduct. Wow... what a day!



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Boys' School hosts the Halberg Foundation Parasport Day

*The Halberg Disability Sport Foundation Vision:
'Sport and Recreation for all New Zealanders - No Exceptions'*

Sir Murray Halberg (ONZ)

It is now five years since we first offered the use of our sporting facilities to the Halberg Disability Sport Foundation for their School Parasport day. Five years on and it has found a firm place in our annual calendar; a day when our boys in Year 8 offer their service and support to this community venture.

This year, 80 of our boys hosted 90 children and their caregivers from 12 schools across Auckland for a day that gave young people with disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a range of sporting activities tailored to their abilities. Charlotte Cleverley-Bisman, the remarkable young girl who was NZ's first quadruple amputee after the devastation of meningitis, was in attendance and was an inspiration to all, zipping around on her skateboard!

As well as enhancing the lives of physically disabled children through sport, the aim for the day was to include

our Year 8 boys in an element of community service. The boys attended training earlier in the week and then 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, were also on hand to give guidance. We were proud to witness the boys encouraging their guests, helping them perfect their sporting techniques, congratulating their efforts and sharing in their triumphs.

Our thanks to the team of volunteers from the Parents and Friends who assisted with a rolling morning tea and barbecue for the visiting staff and parents.



Tennis Championships 2014

In a week of typical Auckland spring time weather; with strong winds and intermittent rain, the annual tennis championships got underway. Dodging showers, the boys worked their way through the preliminary rounds to try and score a place in the semi-finals. The competition stepped up a notch at this level with the boys pushing their physical and mental boundaries, often having to adjust their game to gusty winds.

During the final round, the boys umpire themselves, under the guidance of Head of Sport, Mr Dunacn Grant. This could prove to be a test of their Saint Kentigern values, however, all the boys respond with great respect for one another and a sense of fair play in their decision making; something that the boys can be extremely proud of. Well done to all boys that put their names down for the championship and congratulations to the finalists.

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Year 4	Benjamin Hardie beat Brendan Meyer	6/1	6/0
Year 5	Campbell Joyce beat George Beca	7/5	6/3
Year 6	Zac Lerner beat Charles Wilkes	6/1	6/0
Year 7	Ben Humphries beat Stefan Bigio	3/6	7/5 6/4
Year 8	Chris Zhang beat Ben Lerner	6/0	6/0



Waterpolo team wins NI Tournament

Riding on their Tim Sonderer Memorial Trophy Tournament and AIMS Games success, the Saint Kentigern Boys' School A Waterpolo team has gone on to win the North Island Water Polo Tournament to cap off a fantastic season of success.

The boys were playing in the A Grade where they faced some tough competition. As they were top of the pool they bypassed the quarter-finals and went straight to the semi-finals. The team beat Aquinas College 3-2 in the semi-final and won 5-3 against Sacred Heart College in the final.

Congratulations to the team on a fantastic result and to Theo Thomson who was awarded Most Valuable Player of the tournament and Hugo Borich who was awarded Outstanding Player.

Boys' School A Waterpolo team: Max Barr (captain), Teague de Jager, Rory Kenna, Sam Looker, Jack Dufaur, Bronson Gleye, Hugo Borich, Theo Thomson, Will Bason, Sam Jackson

Pool Play

Vs Kings A - won 9-1
Vs Northcross - won 6-1
Vs Kristin - lost 5-4
Vs Mount Maunganui - won 5-2

Semi-Final

Vs Aquinas - won 3-2

Final

Vs Sacred Heart - won 5-3



A visit from CJ Bruton

Our Year 7/8 Basketball boys had a special visitor at the end of October. After a stellar career with the Breakers, professional basketball player, CJ Bruton knows what it takes to win championships. He spoke to the boys about his career; his dreams and aspirations – and what it takes to win. The boys were delighted to have the chance to play some one on one with him and have him stay to watch a game.

CJ is a very humble man who after a long career as a player, now wants to give back to the game at grass roots level.



Athletics

In less than ideal weather conditions at two separate events, our boys ran, jumped and threw with a healthy dose of competitive spirit to gain individual places and accrue house points. Dodging rain showers, the Junior boys cheered each other on at school, taking part in a range of events that included the ever popular sack races. Individual places were awarded for running and there were some very determined neck to neck finishes in that event! The Middle and Senior School boys took their track and field events to Mt Smart Stadium on a very blustery November day. In the track events, there were some clean sweeps along with some closely fought battles towards the finish line.

Four records were broken this year with Ethan Knox, Year 3 securing 16.21s in the 100m, Archie Marshall, Year 4 securing 32.40s in the 200m, Ashe Renault-Pollard, Year 4 throwing 17.64m in the discus and Ben Anderson, Year 8 running the 800m in 2.26.80.

Athletics concluded with the House Relay afternoon with the Boys' and Girls' Schools coming together in the spirit of House competition. It was great to see so many parents out in support of both events. We love having you here!

YEAR 0 CHAMPIONS

1st	Oliver Goodfellow CA
2nd	Will McLeod CA
3rd	Daniel Tiong CH

YEAR 1 CHAMPIONS

1st	Max Trankels HA
2nd	Scott Nel WI
3rd	Cooper Thomas HA

YEAR 2 CHAMPIONS

1st	James Hiddleston HA
2nd	Pierce Gault CA
3rd	Lachlan Hay CA

YEAR 3 CHAMPIONS

1st	Ethan Knox CA
2nd	Ashan Weerasinghe HA
3rd	Sam McLeod CA

YEAR 4 CHAMPIONS

1st	Archie Marshall CA
2nd	Ben James CH
3rd	Benjamin Hardie WI

YEAR 5 CHAMPIONS

1st	George Beca CA
2nd =	Isaac Wong HA
2nd =	Sebastian Hardie W

YEAR 6 CHAMPIONS

1st	Charles Wilkes WI
2nd	Robbie Jones CA
3rd	William McLachlan CA

YEAR 7 CHAMPIONS

1st	Isaac Chaytor CA
2nd	Nathan Robinson HA
3rd	Max Dudson CA

YEAR 8 CHAMPIONS

1st	Tom Moloney CA
2nd	Theo Thomson HA
3rd	Ben Anderson WI

HOUSE CHAMPIONS

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



ZONE ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the team of athletes who represented the School at Zone competitions.

REMUERA ZONE ATHLETICS

YEAR 5

High Jump	Isaac Wong	2nd
800m	George Beca	3rd
Relay	SKBS	3rd

YEAR 6

800m	Vinay Chichester	2nd
Ball Throw	Robbie Jones	1st
High Jump	William McLachlan	2nd
Relay	SKBS	3rd

EASTERN ZONE ATHLETICS

YEAR 7

200m	Arden Ongle	3rd
400m	Isaac Chaytor	3rd
800m	Isaac Chaytor	2nd
1500m	Michael Hiddleston	1st
1500m	Benjamin Humphries	2nd
Relay	SKBS	3rd
Long Jump	Max Dudson	2nd
Discus	Ashton Nelson	1st

YEAR 8

200m	Theo Thomson	3rd
400m	Thomas Moloney	2nd
800m	Benjamin Anderson	1st
High Jump	Thomas Moloney	3rd



Roselle House to be 'Reinvented'

At 9am on the 1st February 1959, the bell rang for the first time as 208 boys and 8 teachers gathered in the grounds of Roselle House, the gracious home that has become the heart of Saint Kentigern Boys' School. Built in 1876, Roselle House was generously gifted by John Martyn Wilson to the St Kentigern Trust, a charitable entity with links to the Presbyterian Church. He stipulated that his bequest was for the sole purpose of educating boys, bequeathing a further £5,000 pounds to develop the first classroom block. Generous of nature, Martyn also offered three acres of land in Shore Rd to the Council, expressing the wish that the School, when established, should have the use of the land for field sports. To this day, Roselle House and Martyn Wilson Field are used by the School for this purpose.'

As one of the earliest established homes in Auckland, Roselle House has a long history; one that has been closely tied to a sense of family, philanthropy and the community. The land was originally bought in 1874 by Joseph Liston Wilson, the family synonymous with the New Zealand Herald. In 1876 Joseph instructed architect, Richard Keals to draw up plans for a grand home and by 1879, the Wilson's Italianate mansion, Roselle, dominated the headland of Hobson Bay. Shortly after, he transferred the title of the property to his wife, Mary Ellen Wilson.

Befitting of a gracious home, the gardens were laid out beautifully and as the home and grounds were developed, the setting lent itself perfectly to lavish entertaining, particularly in the form of garden parties. Family gatherings, annual picnics for the Mothers' Union, Bible Classes, Sunday School and the YWCA were regular occurrences.

Mary Ellen died in 1914, leaving the property in equal shares to her surviving four sons and daughter but a month later, they each agreed to sell their share to their brother, John Martyn Wilson. Martyn, as he was known, served with the New Zealand Infantry in France during World War I but was invalided

home after being wounded at Passchendale. He lived a quiet life, marrying his house keeper at the age of 38. As no children resulted from the marriage, and as he became increasingly infirm, he worried about his estate. At the time, Neil Lloyd Macky was looking for a property to start a Presbyterian school for boys and so it was that Roselle was offered to the fledgling St Kentigern Trust. When Martyn died in 1958, not only did he bequeath the property but he also left £5,000 to assist with the transition to a boys' school.

And so it was that in 1959 the doors opened for the first time to the foundation boys of Saint Kentigern School, as it was then known. In the early days, Roselle was filled with the noise of young boys as many of the rooms were given over to classrooms for 'Primers 1-4' and the library. As the School expanded over the years, new classrooms were established and Roselle became the administration block. Now 55 years after the first boys entered Roselle, plans are afoot to 'Reinvent' Roselle and with plans on the drawing board to create a Learning Commons on the upper floor, Roselle will once again be used according to John Martyn Wilson's bequest – 'for the sole purpose of educating boys.'

Source: *Sons of Kentigern. A History of Saint Kentigern School 1959- 2009*



Fireworks Night

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With a new pyrotechnic supplier whose credentials include the Rugby World Cup 2011, events at Eden Park, fireworks off the Sky Tower and Coca Cola Christmas in the Park; the Boys' School Parents and Friends Association promised that this year's Fireworks Show would be 'bigger, better, louder and longer' – unfortunately, sometimes 'spanners get in the works' and things just don't go quite the way we plan!

The logistics for a Fireworks Night held on school grounds are such that a lesser team, faced with so many hurdles and safety requirements, may have simply placed it in the 'too hard basket' long ago. Our own determined organising team has conquered the paper work over the years ensuring that both people and property are safely protected. Planning began at the start of March and the team, spearheaded by parent, Mr Peter Green, has been totally focused on ensuring that a safe and successful Fireworks Night continues as our school's signature event.

The weather is a critical factor in its success and with thundery, wet and windy conditions as the precursor to the weekend, there was some nervous tension in the build up to Saturday! There was a huge sigh of relief when the gates opened at 5pm in glorious sunshine and 2000 ticket holders made their way in to settle down on the field for a picnic in the build-up to the 'main event'.

For the youngsters, the pre-show on field activities are always a huge draw card while on stage we welcomed a variety of musicians including former Boys' School students, Isaac Samuels on guitar and talented violinist, Jeremy Bhanabhai. Lead vocalist, Beck Robson led the Boys' School rock band whilst Brodie MacDonald took the vocal spot for the College rock band.



Meanwhile, Head Boy, Ben Lerner had his first major gig as a DJ, hosting the musical entertainment on stage and did a superb job - especially when the 'turn of events' later in the evening called on his services to fill the void!

And so to the greatly anticipated main event! As the night darkened, Principal, Mr Peter Cassie welcomed the College Pipe Band onto the field playing the traditional Highland Cathedral... then in a change of tempo, the Band burst into Queen's 'We will, we will rock you' as the 'best flame projectors in New Zealand' sent almost 200 shots of flame 6-8 metres high signalling the start to the fireworks.... Well what can we say? The start was promising but a sudden 'technical glitch' caused an enormous amount of angst and disappointment as the pyrotechnic crew frantically tried to ascertain what was blocking the radio frequency between the music and the fireworks, preventing the planned 'choreographed' show. As the families waited, DJ Ben pumped out the tunes and the youngsters in the audience waved their glow sticks. It took a while to get the show back in the sky but unfortunately, without the planned musical backing, it was not quite the show anticipated. However, many families will agree, despite this disappointment, the evening had been a great time for relaxing and socialising amongst friends.

Our sincere thanks to the Fireworks Organising Team for their immense effort in bringing this to fruition: Peter Green, Kerry George, Lyzadie Renault, Simon Ward, Kathryn Hughes, Jane Sheetz, Chris Pettit, Marianne Looker, Laura Lane, Naomi Hageman and Robyn Kenna.

Our thanks to the following sponsors: The Saint Kentigern Boys' School Parents & Friends Association were delighted to have the generous support of Spark New Zealand as our headline fireworks sponsor. Thanks also for the wonderful support of: A-Ward, Hirepool, Eastridge New World & TPI Waste Management.



Parents & Friends Association

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2014

Yet again, 2014 has been a busy year for the Saint Kentigern Boys' School Community with our involvement not just in fundraising activities but also taking a very active role in the School's 'friendraising' activities.

We have continued to host, on the first morning of each term, a New Parents Morning Tea. This helps to firstly, move parents out of the classroom to allow the 'settling' to begin and also gives them the opportunity to socialise with other new families. Many thanks to Kerryanne Tisdall who organises this with the team of Amanda Wilkinson, Kirsten Stanfield and Nikki Joyce who help host.

The Year 7 picnic is proving to be a very popular addition to the school social calendar. Held the first Sunday after school starts for the year, the picnic allows existing families to welcome new families and build on the connections the boys have already made in a very relaxed setting.

Celtic Day was held on the 4th April and Parents and Friends were again delighted to be able to host, and sponsor, the field activities. The event planning, led by Vanessa Playle and assisted on the day by Hilary Chaytor and team, resulted in yet another successful and efficiently run Celtic Day.

Father and Son Breakfast has become another highlight of the school calendar and a sell out event. Finding a speaker that holds the interest of a wide age group is never an easy feat but this year's talk and demonstration by the Auckland District Dog Squad was superb. Erica Hussona has successfully event managed this for a number of years along with Jess O'Rourke, Kirsten Falconer, Tanya Holyoake and Roz McLaughlin. Our thanks to Erica and Jess who now move on.

With the refurbishment of Roselle House coming to fruition, a large fundraising event, known as 'Once in a Blue Moon,' was held in June with all funds raised earmarked towards the technology for the Learning Commons. A subcommittee chaired by Katie Hatton managed to create not just a memorable event at the Jubilee Hall, Parnell but also ran a very successful auction raising close to \$60,000. Many thanks to Suzanne Morpeth, Jen Bilkey, Roz McLaughlin, Robyn Kenna and Helen Van Schaardenberg and the incredible management skills of Katie Hatton.

It is our pleasure to be involved in the support of Grandparents' Day by way of supplying the catering as well as serve staff on the day. With 592 grandparents on site, many pots of tea, jugs of milk, cups of coffee were consumed! Our thanks to the parents who provided sandwiches and slices



and special thanks to Julie Graham who cooked all the sausage rolls as well as baked all the scones.

Quiz Night was a successful fundraiser again this year and Thelma Meyer and Christina Bai brought together another fun filled, night. The creative costuming by the teams lends a whole new competitive element over and above the competitiveness of the quiz.

With the better part of nine months of planning towards Fireworks, the team, led by Peter Green, gave the community an amazing night. Sadly, due to a technical issue on the part of the pyrotechnics team, the fireworks themselves did not quite go off with the expected bang, however, all feedback has been that the community felt they got value for money. Thank you to Naomi Hageman for the effort and work she put into securing Spark as a key sponsor.

As the school year draws to a close, I wish to thank the parent community for their support of all our events. Our calls for assistance are often very close together but we still manage to get the volunteer support and help we need each time. Also, thank you to Peter Cassie and his management and administration teams who always appear willing to encourage and help when required.

The filling and packing of Christmas Hampers for Wymondely Road School brought our year to an end and as 2015 starts, we look forward to building on the already close working relationship our Association has with the school management and staff.

Mrs Laura Lane, Chairperson, Boys' School Parents and Friends

New Artwork in memory of Mrs Robyn Spooner



During Term 4, the Boys' School invited the family of former Head of Art, Robyn Spooner to the unveiling of a painting gifted by the Parents and Friends Association in memory of Robyn who passed away in 2013.

Robyn is fondly remembered by the staff and her former students as a gracious lady with a love for art and the many boys she taught during her lengthy teaching career. During her time at the School, she actively worked towards building a professional art collection and enjoyed involving the boys in visiting the galleries to make the final selection.

Robyn's husband Bob; son, Joe (an Old Collegian and America's Cup sailor with Oracle); and daughter, Libby joined with the Parents and Friends to select 'Stormy Night, Red Roof,' an oil on canvas by young NZ artist, James Watkins. The International Art Centre's youngest artist, he has been with the gallery for nine years since studying at Elam School of Fine Arts. His works, particularly those of the Red Roof Series, feature illuminated landscapes, sometimes portrayed under the blue skies of summer, but often reflecting a dramatic atmosphere of their own. He says, 'I try to make beautiful paintings which convey certain personal interpretations of the reality of our life in New Zealand. I'm particularly interested in the simple architectural structures of older New Zealand along with the universal symbol of home. In my paintings, home is a place of belonging, a happy memory, security.'

The painting now hung in Roselle House in Robyn's honour will be a happy memory of her time at Saint Kentigern and the passion she brought to her role.