



2020 - The Good, The Bad and the Ugly!

2020 will be a year we will all remember...or should that be forget!

While a different and interesting year, where schools, families and students had to adapt and work together in order to continue delivering an education, there have been several learnings that we can take forward - for the better. The difference between Lockdown 1 and Lockdown 2 was incredible. We had a level of familiarity and quickly returned to what we had already experienced. How seamlessly things went! Routines were quickly back in place and playground chatter was again replaced with Teams meetings. It worked! Thankfully the second lockdown was more relaxed, there was a greater sense of freedom and more importantly, it was short lived, and we have been able to move on and complete our year together as a community.

The Good

1. We managed to complete all our start of year Outdoor Education programmes and our swimming sports.
2. We kept our school year terms and breaks as planned which helped continuity of learning.
3. We moved quickly to distance learning, sought feedback and then made changes following feedback from parents.
4. The weather was fantastic! (Imagine lockdown if it had been wet and windy.)
5. Fantastic hygiene protocols have become part of the norm - flu symptoms have declined.
6. Exercise became part of family life.
7. Families spent time together.
8. Daily Chapel Chats from Reverend Hardie kept our community connected.
9. Celtic Day happened and the Castle Siege was legendary
10. James Hiddleston's Ode to the Haggis was flawless
11. Exploring your own backyard has become a reality.

The Bad

1. Things happened quickly and people weren't prepared.
2. We were worried about the unknown.
3. We missed some family members who weren't in our bubble.
4. We missed our friends.
5. Annual events had to be cancelled - Mothers' Morning Tea, Father and Son Breakfast and Grandparents' Morning.
6. Sporting opportunities were limited.
7. The Performers' Choir tour to Australia was cancelled.
8. School is not the same without students.

9. We were worried about family members overseas.

10. We were worried about those members of our community who were at risk.

The Ugly

1. Jobs were lost.
2. Businesses struggled.
3. Families struggled.
4. People lost their lives.
5. Overseas travel came to a halt.
6. We were, and still are, worried about our economy.
7. Haircuts from home during Lockdown 1.

Service at the forefront - The Saint Kentigern Way

Personally, one of the standout lessons gained this year has been our changing approach to service. As a school, and wider Saint Kentigern community, we were driven to see how we could help people/families in our own back yard during the difficult times. Whether it is was donating money to help our emergency service workers or food to local schools in order to help those who were struggling due to lost income, the response has been phenomenal. People were looking for a vehicle to help others and to me that is what is so special about Saint Kentigern,

Our annual service trips to Fiji and Vanuatu had to be cancelled this year and the 2nd Lockdown also scuppered our planned Service trip to Gisborne. It would have been easy to let it slide for 2020, however, interest from our Year 8 students, parents and our Chaplain saw a new plan emerge where we could work with a local Kura in Manurewa. How quickly things happen when you have motivated team of people with the skillset to make things work. What was achieved over the course of the week was incredible, however, more important was the connection and relationship that has now been formed between two communities. 2021 will see us collaborate and work together in order to share our strengths in our journey together.

And to cap the year off, our Chaplains proposed the creation of 1000 Christmas Hampers to be given to identified communities for some Christmas cheer. Food, treats and gifts were generously provided by our families from the four Saint Kentigern Schools. These were made up and distributed prior to Christmas. 'Every cloud has a silver lining!'

2020 'is what it is' and will shortly be 'it's what it was.' At the end of the day we coped, adapted, got through it and then over it. Being positive and solution focussed goes a long way and it is equally important that we grab people along the way to join us. We have been incredibly lucky in comparison to other countries, however, it is not time to become blasé as we are seeing the second and third waves affecting countries as they head into their second winter.

I hope you are enjoying a restful break with family and friends (because we can) and look forward to a great 2021 - and the completion of our new buildings.

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**Peter Cassie,
Principal**





Graduation Dinner

With the Year 8 boys' time at the Boys' School drawing to a close, 137 boys, their parents, staff, Trust Board members and invited guests gathered at Eden Park Function Centre, to reflect back on the boys' last eight years of friendship and learning, as they prepare to move on to the next stage in their education.

Deputy Principal and Acting Senior School Dean, Mr Grayson Aspinall opened the formalities saying, 'Due to the unprecedented circumstances of this year, you will go down in history as the Leavers' of 2020 who endured so much – more than any year group that has gone before you. I genuinely believe you will be stronger for that. You have had to deal with constant changes to lifestyle, school and social expectations, lockdowns, distance learning and numerous cancelled events, including sport and musical opportunities all lost. Your resolve has been tested to the limits, yet you have all met the various challenges head-on and dealt with the disappointment.'

President of the Old Collegians, Hayden Butler was invited to speak before Chapel Prefect, Tom Tipler said Grace in thanks for a fine meal.

This year's special after-dinner guest is no stranger to Saint Kentigern having attended both the Boys' School and the College. Major Sean McCulloch was a Boys' School prefect and Head Boy of the College in 2001. On graduation, Sean attended the Australian Defence Force Academy and Royal Military College Duntroon in Canberra Australia. Subsequently, he was deployed to Afghanistan on five occasions, Iraq twice, three times to the Middle East and



multiple deployments to Papua New Guinea, earning several military honours. Sean spoke of his exploits whilst deployed overseas with an overriding message to the boys to learn to bounce back from adversity. Deputy Head Prefect, Louis Spillane gave thanks to Sean, speaking with assured confidence after a year in his leadership role.

As our boys prepare for their next adventure, Principal, Mr Peter Cassie raised a toast to Year 8, thanking both the boys and parents for their 'amazing contribution' to the School, giving particular focus to the parents' role in distance learning during lockdown. He gave special acknowledgement to those families who have had two or more sons graduate over the years and those who have had 'generational' involvement. There was also another group of boys he acknowledged. Pierce Gault, Oliver Hardie, Rafi Newland, Caleb Power, Luca Souloglou and Hugh Webber all shared their first day of school in 2012 with Mr Cassie, his very first day as Principal of the Boys' School!

This was a most enjoyable evening and it was clear to see the bond that has developed not only between the boys over the years but also their parents. We wish our graduating Year 8 boys all the best as they embark on the next stage of their educational journey.





A Deep and Lasting Peace



After a year that has been so unsettled for so many across the globe, we once again considered how lucky we are to be in New Zealand.

How lucky that we were able to gather as a community to usher in the joy of the festive season with an evening of song and worship at the Boys' School Carol Service. It's always a very special feeling at this busy time of year, to stop for an evening, to sit quietly in the splendour of the Holy Trinity Cathedral and enjoy time with our boys, their teachers and families, as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

As summer sun streamed through the stained glass windows, the service opened with the clear high voice of young Oliver Mar (Year 4) singing the first verse of 'Away in Manger' before the congregation joined in, setting the tone for a wonderful evening.

In his words of welcome, Principal, Mr Peter Cassie said that the Carol Service is one of the highlights of his School year. He said, 'It brings our community together; it is a wonderful opportunity to hear our Performers' Choir singing in a Cathedral; we are able to give thanks to our Year 8 graduates for all they have contributed and wish them well as they prepare to leave. And most importantly, we are inspired by Reverend Hardie as his message will challenge us to remember the real purpose of Christmas.'

Following tradition, the Head Boy, James Hiddleston and his mother Philippa, gave the first two readings, an emotional time for the Hiddleston family as James is their third and last son to complete his time at the School. Deputy Head Boy, Louis Spillane and departing staff member, Mrs Kellie Carpenter were also called on to read. Between readings, the Junior School turned, wide-eyed, to face a congregation well in excess of 1500 to sing 'Such a tiny child.'

The Performers' Choir have had restricted opportunities to sing this year so it was a pleasure to listen to their polished performance of 'Carol of the Star,' an adaptation of an old French carol. This was followed by former Boys' School student and current staff member, Paddy Leishman singing 'Someday at Christmas,' and the Middle School students singing 'One Child,' featuring solos by Ben Cleaver, Liam Jarvis, Jack Jiang, Porter Barkle, Ayden Singh-Ali and Miki Cronin.

Another tradition at this time of year brings the Boys' School staff together, both teaching and administration, to spend time practising

a carol together. This year's choice was 'Mārie te pō' – the much loved carol, Silent Night, partly sung in Te Reo.

Every year, Reverend Reuben Hardie's Christmas message is keenly awaited. From boys playing cricket in the nave and erecting tents, to downing strawberries and pavlova – just when you think you've seen it all, he has another idea up his sleeve! This year, the Boys' School set a target of collecting 2020 wrapped gifts for inclusion in the food parcels being collated in 'The Shed' – Saint Kentigern's Foodbank initiative based on the College campus. With presents piled high around a tree, Rev Hardie called on five boys to each unwrap a present he had bought, to gauge their reaction. With a box of chocolates, a board game, a ginger bread house, a remote control car and...a cabbage, on offer, there was a need for one to remain stoic in the face of disappointment – especially with so many lookers-on!

Rev Hardie said, 'Sometimes in life, you're the guy that ends up with the cabbage, Things don't go your way, you miss out, you experience a bit of disappointment, life gets hard. 2020 – I think could be referred to as the 'year of the cabbage'...It has been a pretty tough year. You can't always control what you are given, but you can control how you react.' He likened this to Mary's situation that very first Christmas as she was forced to travel to Bethlehem, give birth in a stable and then receive 'late night visits' from the shepherds and wise men with an assortment of gifts. Apart from the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, Rev Hardie reminded us that with the birth of Jesus came the gift of a deep and lasting peace – 'Where Jesus is, there is peace. His peace is a peace that passes understanding. His peace is a deep and lasting peace.'

(It wasn't all disappointment for 'cabbage guy,' Reverend Hardie swapped Seth's cabbage for a gift in shiny paper!)

The Carol Service is always 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, as the choir sang 'The Jubilee Blessing,' with Nate McKay singing solo, the Year 8 boys came forward to light a candle, before Head Prefects, James Hiddleston and Louis Spillane led their peers from the Cathedral, marking the start of a new chapter in their lives.



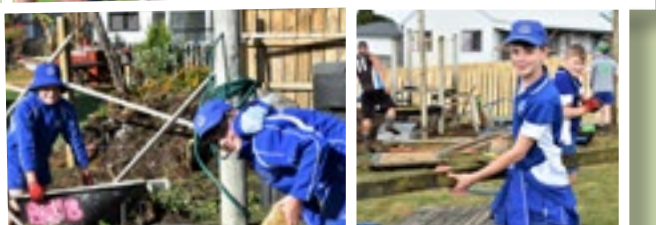
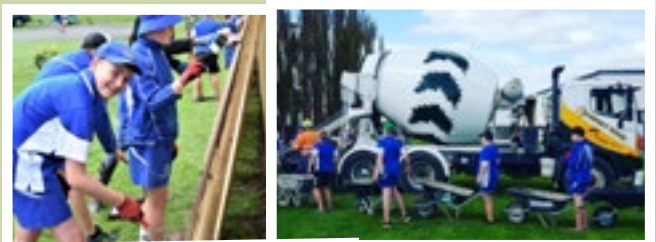


Year 8 Offer Service

Since 2014, Saint Kentigern has built strong relationships with communities in both Vanuatu and Fiji, and many Year 8 students and staff from the Boys' School and Girls' School, along with parents, have made the trip to offer service. Due to the disruptions of Covid-19 and the restrictions on travelling overseas, 24 students, parents and staff from the Boys' School and Girls' School rolled up their sleeves to help with building and painting projects at a school in South Auckland. Over four days, the group installed the former Boys' Middle School playground at Te Kura Akonga O Manurewa, created a new shade area, added outdoor furniture and planted trees on their field, as well as repaired and repainted their surrounding fence.

Despite the inclement weather, the team worked hard to achieve their goals, and it was an incredible feeling for the group to watch the children enjoy their refurbished play spaces once completed. It was a great learning experience for our boys. James Hiddleston said, 'I think what hit me the most was when I saw the headmistress crying. She was so amazed at the work that we had done, and the effort we had put in to support them and I think this is something we often take for granted, we are so privileged to go to a school like ours and have the things we have. Yet often we don't notice this. My outlook has changed a lot. I have learnt to be more thankful for the things I have and I will certainly never forget how lucky I am to go to such an amazing school as Saint Kentigern.'

The projects were able to be completed due to the amazing generosity of our parent community. Your contribution helped make a difference to the communities we support, and they were truly thankful.



Boys' School Prizegiving 2020

At the very last Boys' School event of the year, piper, Spencer Leighton had the honour of leading the procession of staff and invited guests into the Prizegiving ceremony. 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, and to recognise those who have made a notable contribution to service and citizenship.

Following the address by Chair of the Trust Board, Mr Mark Conelly, the Music, Speech and Cultural Awards were presented by Mrs Rosemary Harris. Mrs Harris recently retired after 20 years of serving as a Trust Board member, most recently as Deputy Chair. She has always been a stalwart supporter of the Boys' School and we offer our sincere thanks for her many dedicated years of service.

The Sports Awards were presented by Head of Saint Kentigern, Mr David Hodge, before the Jazz Band provided a musical interlude. The Junior School Academic Awards were presented by Mrs Marie Worth who is moving on after eight years teaching in our Junior School. Mrs Kellie Carpenter, who also moves on after seven years, presented the Middle School Academic Awards.

Following another musical break, this time by our Jazz Combo, Principal, Mr Cassie gave his address, reflecting on a year to remember – or possibly one to forget. Whilst 2020 may have brought its challenges, it also served to make us all stronger in so many ways and left us finishing the year reminding ourselves how lucky we are to be in New Zealand and be able to gather safely as a large, extended community.

We welcomed back former Dean of the Senior School, Mr Richard Kirk to present the Senior School Academic Awards, and Mr Conelly presented the Christian Living and Service Awards.

After an item from the Performers' Choir, the final awards of the morning, the 'Special Awards,' were presented by Mr Cassie before graduating Head Boy, James Hiddleston made his final Valedictory Speech. He was joined by his Deputy, Louis Spillane, to hand the mantle of leadership to the new Head Prefects for 2021, Head Boy, Sebe Poole and Deputy Head Boy, Max Trankels.

In their final act as students of the Boys' School, the Year 8 boys joined the official party as they filed out of the Sports Centre. Congratulations to all of the boys who received awards and we wish our Year 8s well as they move on to secondary school.



DUX Aston Ingram

Aston Ingram has had an outstanding year, striving for excellence in all areas of the curriculum and has achieved excellent results during his two years at Saint Kentigern Boys' School. This year, his combined year and examination results were: English 94%, Maths 92%, Social Science 95%, and Science 98%. This was a total 380 with an average of 94.9%. Aston has been a highly diligent, motivated and conscientious young man and is a worthy recipient of the Foundation Pupil Cup for Dux. He also achieved an exceptional result in the ICAS Mathematics Assessments scoring a High Distinction, as well as receiving a special award and a 1st place in the NIWA Science Fair.



Proxime Accessit Edison Zhou

The Jubilee Cup for Proxime Accessit is awarded to Edison Zhou, who is a deserving, hard-working recipient. Edison's combined year and examination results were: English 99%, Maths 91%, Social Science 94%, Science 92%. This was a total of 376 with an average of 93.9%. Edison is an outstanding student who has participated in a variety of academic and cultural activities. He is a highly talented musician who participates in a range of music groups and was awarded a Music Award recognising his outstanding talents. Writing is a strength and he was awarded 2nd place in the Remuera Win with Words Writing Competition. Edison achieved two High Distinctions in the Mathematics and Science ICAS Assessments.



Senior Sportsman of the Year Samuel Jancys

The Ross Perry Cup for Senior Sportsman of the Year goes to Samuel Jancys, who has represented the School at the highest level in many sporting codes: Eastern Zone and Inter Zone Athletics Team, A Touch Team, 1st XV Rugby Team, A Basketball Team, Year 8 Cross Country Champion and Eastern Zone Cross Country Team. He was awarded the Franklin Rugby Cup for the best team member. Samuel demonstrates sportsmanship and pride on and off the field and is a well deserving recipient of this award.





Senior Citizenship Cup
Lachlan Klouwens



Joel Campbell Memorial Trophy
Joshua McLister



Brain Matthews' Citizenship Cup
Austin Watson



Saint Kentigern Poole Cup
Oliver McGuinness



Rex Hooton Cup for School Spirit
Luka Makata



Knox Family Lion Heart Award
Marco Alpe



Middle School Sportsman
Hugo Bricklebank



Remuera Lions' Citizenship
Antoni Dick & Reuben Black



Team of the Year
1st XI Cricket Team



Two National ICAS Medals Awarded

Two Boys' School students, Gavin Chen in Year 3 and Oliver Mar in Year 4, clearly know their numbers! They were very proud to hear that they would be awarded ICAS medals for achieving the top score in the country for their year group in the New Zealand and Pacific International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Gavin received an ICAS medal for his top mark in New Zealand for Year 3 mathematics and Oliver received a medal for the top marks in the country for Year 4 mathematics!

ICAS, commonly referred to as the 'University of New South Wales competitions,' is conducted annually in Australia and over 20 countries globally. These are independent skills-based assessments and school tests for primary and secondary school students in a range of subjects including Computer Skills, English, Maths, Science, Spelling and Writing.

Almost 100,000 students sit these tests world-wide, so it is an amazing achievement to be awarded national medals for top marks in the country! This is the second year in a row that Oliver has been awarded an ICAS mathematics medal. Both boys said the tests were not easy – particularly question 29 according to Gavin!

Congratulations to Gavin and Oliver on their outstanding academic success!





Yes! Celtic Day at Last!

When the first Covid-19 Lockdown early in 2020 thwarted plans for an April Celtic Day, there was no way that the means wouldn't be found to find a replacement date in the calendar before the year's end – because, as any one of our boys will tell you, 'Celtic Day is the best' – the only day of the year when the entire Boys' School timetable is suspended in favour of activities arranged around a Scottish theme, with both fun and learning in mind. It's a day swathed in House colours, flashes of tartan, streaks of face paint and bright with smiles!

The day started early with a gathering of the twenty clans, five for each House, each with a change of name this year to reflect a mix of our Scottish and New Zealand's Maori heritage. Honouring the story of St Kentigern as a boy, the symbols of his legend – the bird that never flew, the tree that never grew, the fish that never swam and the bell that never rang – were adopted by the Houses. Cargill chose the name of trees for their five clans, Chalmers chose the name of fish, Hamilton's clans chose the name of birds whilst the Wishart clans took on the name of bells (instruments).

With the clans lined up, the tartan-clad Kapa Haka group, led by Marco Alpe laid down the challenge, their voices carrying far across the field, signalling the moment for the Boys' School Pipes and Drums to begin the parade. Usually the College Pipes and Drums would attend Celtic Day but with the late date, the College seniors were in exams so this was a first for our boys, with Old Collegians, James Milner and Chris Townsend taking the lead.

With half the field enclosed with hoardings, whilst major construction takes place, the march this year was re-routed out through Gate 2 and down Shore Road towards the Jubilee Sports Centre in a ribbon of blazing colour, to very curious stares from the cars passing by!

Spencer Leighton had the honour of piping the official party into the Sports Centre, where Chapel Prefect, Tom Tipler led the Prayer of Saint Kentigern. With restrictions on numbers allowed in the Sports Centre, in a first, the official ceremony was livestreamed to JC Chalmers Hall for parents and family members to watch.

'Sit ye doon!' bellowed Principal, Mr Peter Cassie with his best Scottish lilt! 'Who would ever have guessed we'd be having Celtic Day in November this year!' Special guest for the morning was Constable Gordon Campbell, the local police school community officer, originally

from Clydebank near Glasgow. He shared some Scottish history with the boys – both factual and possibly just a little bit fictitious! We're pretty certain the Loch Ness monster isn't bright pink!

In another first, the Performers' Choir entertained with a Scottish medley before Head Boy, James Hiddleston was called on to 'address the haggis.' James joined a long line of Head Boys, including his own brother, who have taken on the task of learning and reciting Robert Burns' 'Ode to a Haggis' in Gaelic. James has had plenty of time to practise! He originally prepared the fiendishly difficult soliloquy to recite in April! His long wait resulted in well-earned applause!

And so to the business end of the day, as far as the boys were concerned! After the traditional tasting of the Haggis, the boys set off to enjoy their day out on the field in riotous action, interspersed with quiet interludes inside for craft and cooking activities. This is a day for our oldest students to show leadership and provide care for their junior clan members, knowing what fun lies in store!

From welly wanging to cooking porridge, building towers, Celtic v Rangers futsal, engaging in a treasure hunt and taking quiet time out for craft activities, there was much to enjoy, but nothing quite captures the imagination like the castle siege on Roselle Lawn, as the boys set about with wet sponges to attack the cardboard ramparts created by staff and parents. As the day wore on, Roselle Lawn wore out, so those taking on the challenge later in the day found themselves wallowing in mud – including the stoic parents on duty!

This year's Celtic Day certainly lived up to its reputation, providing tradition, formalities, humour – and a time-honoured taste of something that, more than any other food, has an exceptionally bad reputation! Haggis! By the time the 3 o'clock bell came, the boys were tired, the staff were tired and the parents were tired but all concurred that Celtic Day is 'the best!'

Celtic Day can be quite an eye-opener for the uninitiated, especially the parents who offer up their services for the first time! As always, we must thank our Parents and Friends Association, led by Kirsty Macorison, who did a fantastic job in providing support on the day, from preparing shortbread for the guests' morning tea, offering haggis to the boys, to being at the forefront of the games on the field and in the pool. Our sincere thanks to a wonderful group of wet, muddy parents!





23 Awards at Niwa Science Fair!

Following on from the Boys' School Inaugural Digital Science Symposium, a select group of young scientists from our Senior School presented their science projects for judging at the NIWA Auckland Science and Technology Fair.

With all the disruptions of 2020, rather than presenting their projects on the more usual visual display boards, this year, all projects were submitted digitally and each boy was required to put their new online presentation skills to the test, engaging with a small panel

of judges via 'Zoom'. Albeit a different type of fair, our boys still managed to excel and dominated the competition, picking up four First Place positions, one Second Place and one Third Place out of the seven categories. We were delighted that 20 boys were recognised for their outstanding work, with seven of their projects singled out for Special Prizes!

Aston Ingram was awarded first place in the Material World category with his project, 'Listen to your Lungs'. His project caught the judges' attention as he investigated the level of impurities inhaled when smoking and vaping. In addition, he was also awarded a Special Prize. In the Physical World category, Lochie Klouwens was also awarded First Place. His project, 'Ouch! No More', investigated which protective sporting pad would reduce the impact of a hard ball hitting and hurting a person. He concluded that hockey goalie pads provide the most protection.

In the Technology category, Jordan Kushnir was awarded First Place with his project, 'Facemask Faceoff'. His project looked into an aspect of life that has become all too familiar in 2020 - comparing various masks on the market to his own prototype. He was also awarded a Special Prize. Raymond Mallin, a Year 7 student, came First in the Earth and Beyond category with his project 'Purifying Customised Dirty Water'. He tried to find the most effective way to purify dirty water, making it drinkable by using only natural products found in our environment.

Conor Davidson-Ladd looked in his back garden for some inspiration this year. His abundance of avocados led him wonder how he could control the length that it takes to ripen the avocados. This project titled, 'Green Gold - can you ripen to order?' picked up a Second Place in the Living World category. Alexander Hewes picked up Third Place in the Physical World category with his project, 'A Blast with Rockets'. Building on his passion for space and space travel, Alexander investigated the optimum rocket fuel mix, using the amount of travel time as his measure of success. In addition, he was awarded a Special Prize.

Seven projects drew the attention of the judges and were awarded Special Prizes with a further six singled out for Highly Commended awards.

As always there was a diverse range of imaginative projects displayed for the judges to ponder but the winning projects were selected on the basis of their rigour to carry out repeated scientific measurements, fair testing, analysis of the results, returning to reflect on the hypothesis and taking into account any experimental error. Well done boys!

Top Placed Category Winners:



First place
Aston Ingram
Listen to your Lungs
Material World



First place
Lochie Klouwens
Ouch no more!
Physical World



First Place
Jordan Kushnir
Face Mask Face Off
Technology



First Place
Raymond Mallin
Purifying Customized
Dirty Water
Earth and Beyond



Second Place
Conor Davidson-Ladd
Green-Gold: Can you
ripen to Order?
Living World



Third Place
Alexander Hewes
A Blast with Rockets
Material World



SPECIAL PRIZES

Adam Andrews and Rafi Newland
Harrison Benton and Louis Spillane
Jack Doherty
Alexander Hewes
Aston Ingram
Jordan Kushnir
Heath Somervell and George McGuinness

Is the Grass Greener?
Solar Fried Beans
Bottles of Bacteria
A Blast with Rockets
Listen to your Lungs
Face Mask Face Off
The 5 Second Rule



HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Adam Andrews and Rafi Newland
Harrison Benton and Louis Spillane
Jack Doherty
James Knottenbelt
Edward MacCulloch
Heath Somervell and George McGuinness
Maxwell Clarke
Thomas Mollison
Nicholas Webster

Is the grass Greener?
Solar Fried Beans
Bottles of Bacteria
Wagging Waves
Wash, Wash, wash!
The 5 Second Rule
Solar Spectrum Scrutiny
Fountain without a pump
The Dunk Debunked



Science Symposium - Sharing Knowledge

In recent years, the Boys' School has held a Science Symposium, inviting experts from a cross section of New Zealand's scientific community to share their knowledge with a large gathering of students, staff and parents at an evening function. As with all things in 2020, the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown had repercussions on how this year's event would be organised.

The timing of the Symposium has always gone hand in hand with the annual Science Fair, although this too, had a slightly different twist this year. For generations, students have presented their science investigations on a presentation board for judging at school, before those selected move on to the inter-school NIWA Science Fair. This year, all schools were encouraged to prepare digital Science Fair presentations, in the event that lockdown may continue and would need to be judged online.

There are over 200 boys in Years 7&8 at the Boys' School who worked in pairs or independently on a project of their own scientific interest that required following a line of investigation and drawing their own conclusions. Often the hardest part is coming up with a topic but once confirmed, the boys followed a rigorous line of investigation stating their aim, identifying the variables to be tested and making their hypothesis - a prediction of what the possible outcome could be and why. The boys needed to identify their method of testing, gather their

data, analyse and interpret their results and then draw their conclusion - noting whether this supported or disproved their hypothesis before evaluating their procedure.

From across the two year levels, 30 projects were selected to be shared at the Science Symposium. Whilst the school wasn't in a position to invite in experts, we had plenty of our own to draw on! The weeks of preparation and investigation meant these boys had become experts in their own field and were keen to share what they had learnt. Parents were invited in and the boys shared their project four times each, across two sessions, with rotating groups of students. With each presentation, the boys became increasingly confident in their delivery.

From the 30 projects on show, fifteen were selected to be submitted to the NIWA Science Fair.





Sharing Te Reo

Towering over their Boys' School hosts, a group of Year 10 boys from the College, accompanied by Matua Maurice Nelson, visited the Junior School at the Shore Road campus to share their love of Te Reo.

A group of Year 3 boys joined the 'big boys' out on the field, and like boys anywhere, as soon as a ball was introduced, the inhibitions came tumbling down! Dodging between the legs of older boys, the pint-sized rugby players were keen to share their skills, whilst the older boys facilitated play between the age groups.

With the boys now relaxed in each other's company, it was back in the Junior School for Matua Nelson to lead both groups of boys in some hand, language and co-ordination games, picking up the speed as the youngsters caught on.

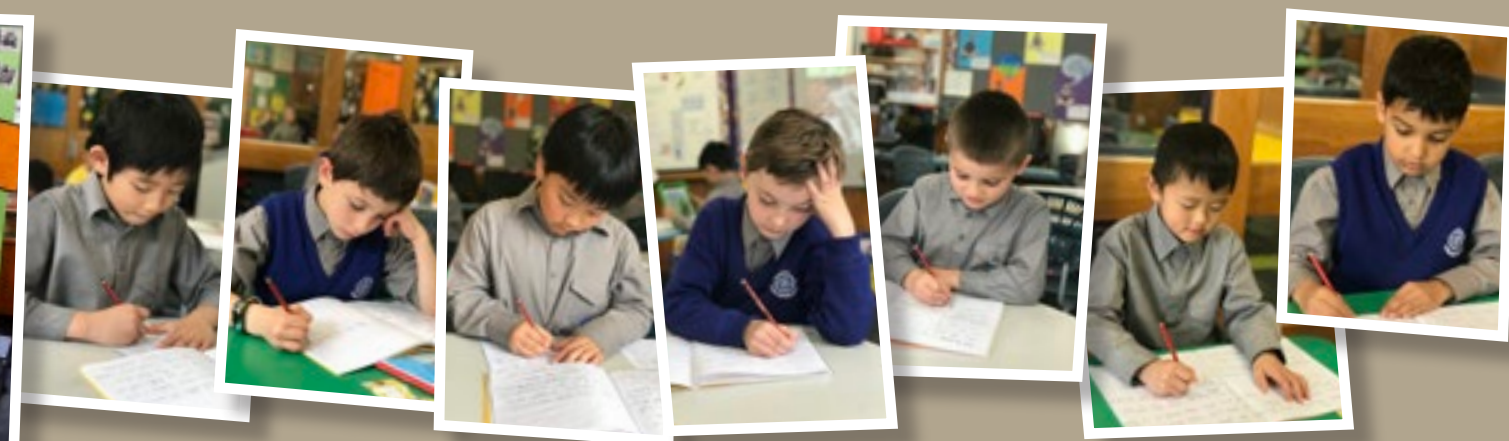
To complete the visit, the entire Junior School was joined by boys from Years 4 and 5 to watch the College boys perform the new Saint Kentigern College Haka - 'Te Haka o Te Kura O Hato Keneti'. This was recently written and choreographed by two of the Year 10 visitors, Rawiri Martin and Sua Hotere-Sosopo, who led their peers in the performance.

The timing of the visit was perfect, as the Boys' School were preparing for their own annual Haka competition. Traditionally, a Haka is seen as a ceremonial dance or challenge, and is usually performed to represent the group's pride, strength, unity and belonging. For Saint Kentigern, the Haka brings our people together from all cultures and helps connect us to our surrounding areas. It also represents identity and being proud of who we are and where we come from. This was clearly evident today as students

from two of our schools enjoyed each other's company.

Matua Nelson is keen to further the connection between the campuses and hopes that next year, his senior students in Years 12 and 13 can return to share their learning with the Boys' School.

In thanks, Reverend Reuben Hardie said, 'I want to acknowledge the gift you have for teaching our boys the games in Te Reo today - the boys are still talking about them and I know the teachers observing are keen to try and teach them to their own classes. Our sincere thanks to Matua Maurice and the College boys for taking the time to visit the Boys' School. It was greatly appreciated.'





Mountains, Sun, Sky, Fly!

In this age of screens, phones, devices and entertainment at the touch of a fingertip, there are few joys as simple and exhilarating as flying a brightly coloured kite in the breeze – especially if you made it yourself!

Fab Friday in the Junior School is a chance to try something new, with Literacy and STEAM (Science Tech Engineering Art and Maths) based activities, linked to classroom learning on offer. Parents are invited to lend assistance, giving them the opportunity to get to know the boys and other parents in their son's class, during these informal Friday sessions.

Fab Friday's kite project brought art, technology, creativity and collaboration to the fore, as the boys in Year 0-1 designed, built, decorated and learnt to fly a kite.

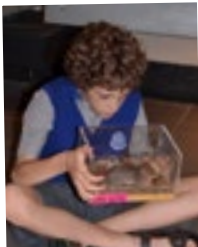
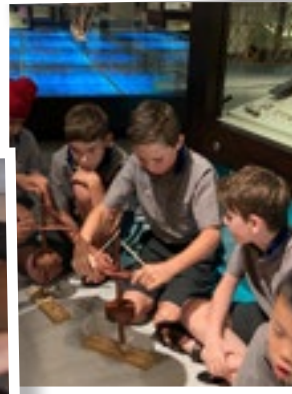
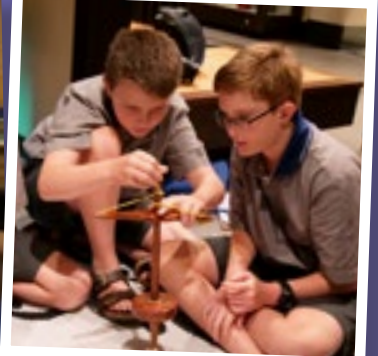
With the chosen theme, 'Aotearoa,' the design and construction phase took several sessions. First the boys drew their design on paper, drawing inspiration from New Zealand's landscape, later transferring it to silk with a strong black outline. Next it was coloured with the rich, deep tones of fabric pastels. We are very thankful to the parents who helped but especially our 'ironing dads!' Before the boys could move on to the next stage, the silk was ironed between sheets of absorbent paper to remove the excess wax from the pastel work, and to heat-set the pastel artwork onto the cloth. As blue and green dye was painted over the top, the pastel layer formed a resist, with the dye absorbing into the white fabric in between. With the excess dye blotted, the vibrant artworks were left to dry.

Frames were built from bamboo and the silk glued in place. The boys helped attach the bridle – the strings that attach to the frame, to which the flying line is tied. A ribbon was also added to the base of the kite to give stability.

The exact origin of kites is not known, although it is known that they were flown in China and the Malay Archipelago two to three thousand years ago. Early accounts describe kites used for measuring distances, which was useful information for moving large armies across difficult terrain. They were also used to calculate and record wind readings and provided a unique form of communication similar to ship flags at sea. In more recent times, meteorological observatories around the world used kites to lift instruments thousands of feet into the air. This gave a great deal of information about the atmosphere, and vastly improved the weather forecasting of the time.

But for our boys, flying the kites was about having some fun! And so with the wind at their backs and kites in hand, the boys took off across the field!





Voyaging by the Stars

As part of the Boys' School Year 5 Social Science Inquiry into 'How we Organise Ourselves', with a focus on how explorers, adventurers and traders have influenced the world that we live in today, the boys embarked on a 'voyage' to Auckland Museum.

Adventure is at the heart of New Zealand's remarkable early history and our nation's spirit of exploration and discovery. As an island nation, our history is intrinsically bound to our rich maritime heritage. Long before the time of celebrated European maritime explorers, the shores of New Zealand were reached by a wave of Polynesian migration. Departing the shores of the legendary Hawaiki some 1000 years ago, the giant wakas challenged the ever-changing moods of the Pacific Ocean before sighting Aotearoa – the land of the long white cloud.

The aim of boys trip to the museum was to explore the 'Pacific Lifeways' gallery with displays that reflect the diversity of island communities across the Pacific and the common concepts and technologies that bind them across the vast reaches of ocean. The large waka that dominates the gallery puts the bravery of those early Pacific navigators into clear focus. The wakas were not towering ocean going liners with today's technology to guide them but open-decked, lateen-rigged sailing boats. The boys learnt that the early explorers travelled across an open ocean using only stars, waves, marine birds, and other natural elements as their guides.

On closer inspection of the waka, the boys were amazed to discover that no nails or glues were used in their construction. Even more incredible, the procedure used to lash the pieces together with rope made from coconut fibres, used no knots, as knots weakened the rope. They learnt that the triangular sails were always made of several pieces stitched together, as if one piece tears, the whole sail is not destroyed.

The boys were fortunate to spend time with the Museum Educators, learning the connections between the languages and artefacts across the Pacific as far as their origins in the region of Taiwan. They were told that visitors to the museum were usually only able to 'ponder beyond the glass' but the boys were very fortunate to handle some exhibits. Another highlight was hands-on with a replica hand drill, with the boys learning how to use applied energy to make the spindle spin to drill a hole as would have been used when building the waka.

Between their studies at school and their new-found knowledge from their trip to the museum, boys came to learn a great deal about the sea-going explorers and adventurers of the past and the part they played in New Zealand's history.



Annual Speech Competitions

Have you ever considered the notion that a ferret could come in handy when rewiring Buckingham Palace? Did you know that horseshoe crabs donate blood which is used to treat humans with serious illnesses? Or given thought to the role that animals, such as horses, donkeys and elephants play in human transport. Or even the responsibility given to humble pigeons that carried messages in wartime France? Do you know the history of Blue Bird Chips or the effect that Lego can have on the imagination?

There was much to learn from the boys at this year's Senior and Middle School speech competitions. Held on two separate days, we welcomed Wendy Petrie, the co-anchor of Television New Zealand's One News at 6pm for many years and Kate Laurence, the Director of Head Held High as adjudicators for the senior competition, with TVNZ news reporter, Kimberlee Downs joining Kate to judge the Middle School competition.

There was certainly rigour in choosing the finalists, as each year group was put through their paces to determine who would go through the finals. Well done to the winners!

Our sincere thanks to adjudicators, Wendy Petrie, Kate Laurence and Kimberlee Downs for their time and encouraging comments.



SENIOR SCHOOL SPEECH WINNERS

Winner: Seth Mellis-Glynn Animals in the Work Force
Runners Up: Sebe Poole Perception v Reality
 Ari Taylor Why I Appreciate School More

Finalists: James Hiddleston, Adam Andrews, Isaac Morris, Jonny Ormond, Rafi Newland, Theo Colyer, Hugo Mortimer, Luca Evans



MIDDLE SCHOOL SPEECH WINNERS

Winner: Toby Wigglesworth Bluebird Chips
Runner Up: Hamish Watson Lego
Highly Commended: Ayden Singh-Ali Lockdown
 Ben Robertson Tolerance

Finalists: Jacob Lui, Ben Durose, Antoni Dick, Ethan Mora, Ashaan Cordwell, Will McLeod

International Recognition

Three of our Boys' School musicians, Oliver Mar (cellist) and brothers Edison and Leo Zhou (pianists), have been awarded international recognition at recent music competitions. With the 'Covid effect' pushing international competitions online this year, Oliver competed virtually in the Melbourne International Piano and Strings competition and achieved a 2nd place competing against musicians from fourteen other countries. Edison and Leo both entered the 2020 Grand Prize Virtuoso in Germany, both placing 1st in their respective age groups! Edison and Oliver also won 1st Prizes for the 21st International Valsesia Musica Competition in Italy and Leo won 2nd Prize in the US Charleston International Music Competition.

Listen to their winning performances and you'll be left in no doubt about their talent!

Oliver Mar on Cello: <https://youtu.be/aMCTlv4fwc>
Edison Zhou on Piano: <https://youtu.be/6kdEPs1c-Rc>
Leo Zhou on Piano: <https://youtu.be/1pB7LqPUfRo>





Boys' School Music Showcase 2020

The JC Chalmers Hall at the Boys' School was packed wall to wall with boys, parents and invited guests for the annual Music Showcase; a morning when our leading musicians have a chance to share their talents and love of music.

The audience was welcomed into the hall - loudly - by the Boys' School Pipes and Drums! The pipers and drummers clearly enjoyed the chance to play for an audience as they passed by.

With MCs' Arden Matheson and Edison Zhou keeping the audience informed, the Symphonic Orchestra opened the concert with the theme song from 'Beauty and the Beast' followed by a medley of Queen songs, bringing an orchestral influence to items better known rock numbers! The orchestra is a mix of both beginner and experienced players, with those already well-skilled, taking on section leadership. The String Group followed on, playing the gentle Handel's Water Music.

Leading musicians had the chance to audition for a solo spot, beginning with Max Mei who also plays in the orchestra and the string group. Max wowed with a violin performance of 'Csardas' by Vittorio Monti. Our three other soloists for the morning have all achieved international acclaim in recent competitions - Olver Mar (cellist) and brothers Edison and Leo Zhou (pianists) have each excelled this year.

The smaller ensembles of the Flute Choir, Jazz Combo, Guitar Duet, Recorder Consort and Jazz Band each had their chance to entertain with a wide range of musical styles and each group receiving an enthusiastic reception.

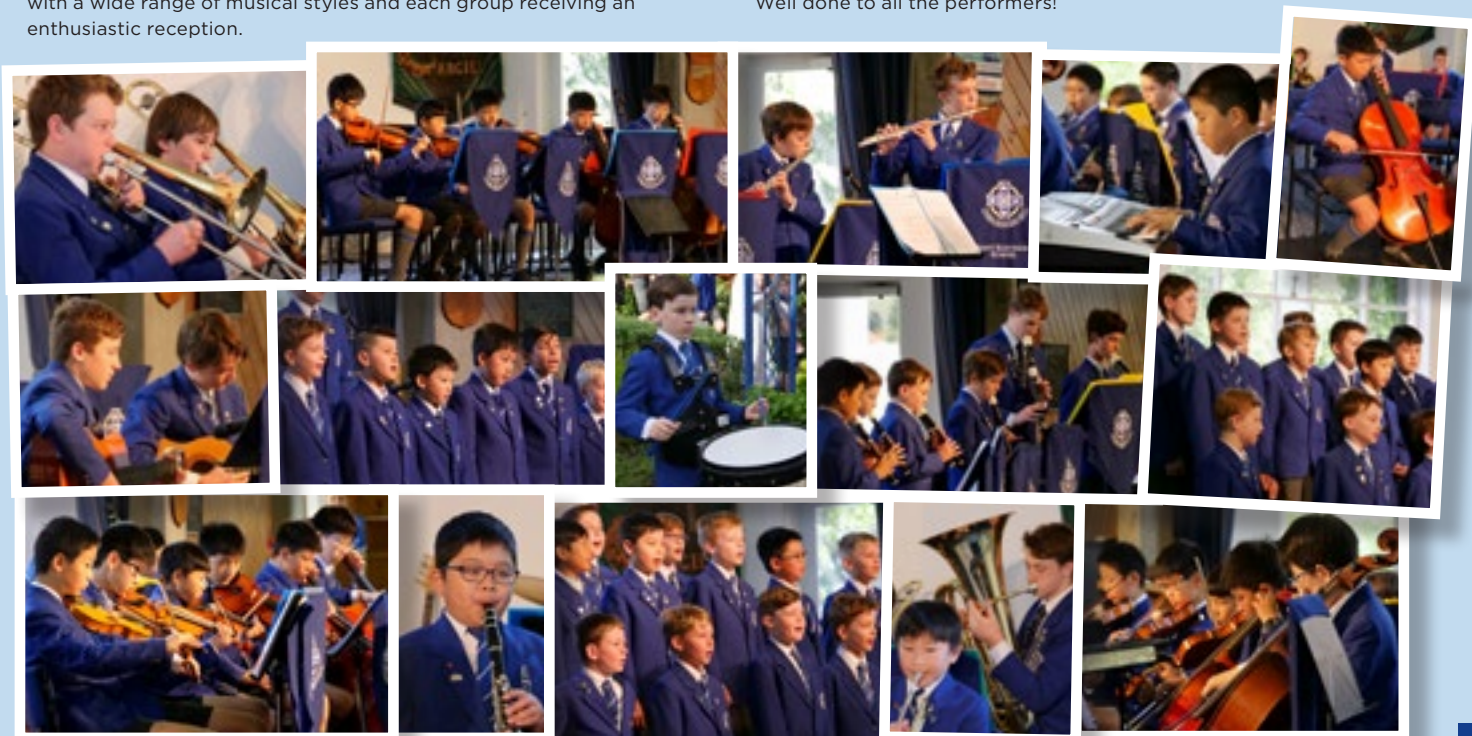
Both the Saint Kentigern Singers and the Performers' Choir had their moment in the spotlight. The Singers are a group of boys who meet to learn singing techniques and are currently working through The Voice for Life Training programme. The Performers' Choir is our senior auditioned choir who learn a wide repertoire of both secular and sacred pieces to perform in our Chapel services and various events throughout the year. Both choirs gave confident performances.

The concert concluded with closing remarks from Principal, Mr Peter Cassie who is always in awe of our musicians. Like many 'non-musicians,' he wishes he shared their talents! He began by acknowledging the graduating Year 8 students who have given so much to the music programme over the years, both in talent and leadership.

In this 'most unusual year,' Mr Cassie reiterated something we have all come to appreciate in recent months - how lucky we are to live in New Zealand and be able to gather for a live performance of music and song at a time when such an opportunity is unthinkable in other parts of the world.

Mr Cassie offered his thanks to Mrs Janet Grierson, Mrs Georgina Jarvis and our itinerant music teachers for the fantastic work they do with the boys - and to our parents for encouraging their boys to take up an instrument or join in song, to be able to share their talents at what was a superb morning concert.

Well done to all the performers!





A Camp for All Seasons!

The weather almost conspired against Year 3 for their first taste of the great outdoors, as showers fell, wind blew erratically, the sun came out, the sun went in, and the temperature went up and down the scale all day and into the night – but that did not stop our youngest campers from having a fantastic time!

The Year 3 camp gives the boys a taste of school camps to come, making the most of our own amazing 'school camp ground' and the natural facilities around campus. Late in the year, the programme was kept simple but that didn't reduce the capacity for a huge amount of fun and opportunities to learn new skills. It also meant that when the rain fell, activities originally intended to take place outdoors could be quickly relocated to the classrooms.

With a new set of tents available, the first task was to get them erected. With the boys split into four activity groups, each group had their turn to work out how to peg down the inner tent and insert the poles. It was at this point, with almost all the groups that the rain, most un-usefully, started to fall! The real fun came when the boys tried to lift the flysheets into place – just as the wind picked up! Bit by bit the boys learned the art of working co-operatively, and the communication between the boys as they darted in and out of the rain and sorted issues together was excellent!

The pool was put to use to learn to kayak. Here, the focus was very much about developing the confidence and skills to not only paddle a kayak, but to know how to cope when things go awry. The rain really didn't matter in the pool and the huge smiles said everything!

Originally one of the activities was intended to be the construction of a large, cardboard marble run down the bank of Roselle Lawn, but driven inside, the construction of a group castle became the focus – with secret entrances and continually moving walls. In the confined space with so many boys and boxes, communication and co-operation between the boys were vital and this was very evident! As a respite from activity, the final activity was a quiet time to work with clay to create pinch pots. The boys settled right down and the concentration was clear to see as they carefully built the walls of their pots.

As day turned to twilight, the boys enjoyed a filling barbecue dinner – cooked by a willing band of Year 8 boys before the Year 3s let off the last of their energy in a noisy round of tug of war. Then, it was time to settle quietly for storytime. It was a tired group of boys who finally settled into their sleeping bags overnight. The staff were definitely ready for sleep too!





Chalmers Wins House Haka

Heart and soul were poured into the House Haka competition at the Boys' School. With the entire school gathered into the Sports Centre, and then divided into the four House groupings, they only had a few minutes each on the floor to impress the visiting judges. Matua Maurice Nelson, Te Reo teacher at the College, was joined by College students, Rawiri Martin and Jade Stewart.

With Chalmers led by Luka Matata, Wishart by Oliver Hardie, Cargill by Erza Patrick and Hamilton by James Hiddleston, each House took it in turns to present the Boys' School Haka, Tu Tangata'. It talks about the mana and pride that we have in our school.

Judging criteria was based on actions, pronunciation, synchronicity, facial expressions, leadership and the overall impact of the performance. With marks from each of the judges tallied, Chalmers was declared the winner. The whole school of over 600 boys then took to the floor to perform the haka in unison, led by Marco Alpe - what an amazing sight and sound as the boys gave it their all! Matua Nelson, Rawiri and Jade then rose to their feet and performed the new College Haka in response!



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



Wishart Wins Tug of War

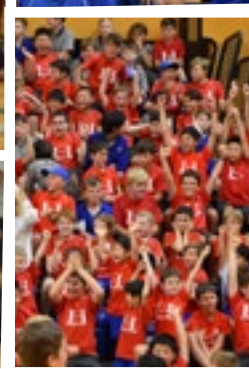
Muscles were strained, faces were red, and spectators cheered as teams lined up to see who would claim the Tug of War title at the Boys' School. Their annual competition was the last competition for the year and was all about team-work, challenging students to work collaboratively.

Working collaboratively is the key to success in any team exercise and as our Year 0-8 boys learnt, they had to work together to stay in 'rhythm' to win. The pressure was on!

All teams worked hard as their supporters cheered from the sidelines giving them that extra push as they went through the best of three rounds. It was a tight competition but in the end, Wishart took the lead!

The event was a great way for the boys to finish the year!

HOUSE TUG OF WAR CHAMPIONS	
1ST	WISHART
2ND	CARGILL
3RD	CHALMERS
4TH	HAMILTON





On Again, Off Again Athletics!

After the Middle School athletics was postponed the previous day by rain, it was fingers crossed for the Senior School Athletics to go ahead on schedule! Despite the cold, blustery conditions, and the track and field well-soaked from the rain, the boys in Year 7&8 arrived at the Pakuranga Athletics Club in Lloyd Elsmore Park ready for action!

As the competitive running, throwing and jumping got underway, every boy gave every event every ounce of his energy! No matter his ability, the determination on each face to give his best was fantastic to see! Year 7 champion, Leofe Usufono was also a record breaker, jumping a whopping 5.14m in the long jump! Well done Leofe!

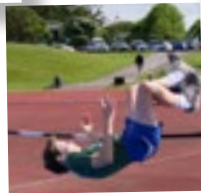
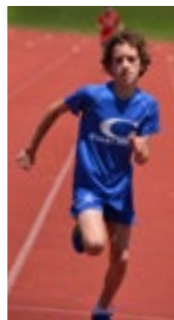
We couldn't have hoped for a better day for the rescheduled Middle School Athletics! In complete contrast to the previous two days, we enjoyed a blaze of summer sunshine as the boys in Years 5 and 6 set about some personal bests on the track and field. The Year 4 events, that should have taken place as part of the Middle School event, were yet again postponed as they were taking a pre-planned trip to Tiritiri Matangi Island on that day. Two Year 5 records were broken with Harold McCulloch blitzing the 200m in 30.25s and Sam Body throwing the discus a mighty 20.20m!

And so to the Juniors and the rescheduled, rescheduled Year 4 events. Yes, you guessed, it rained and we almost ran out of days in 2020 to be able to fit this in. But in the last week of term, a sunny spot opened up and the events finally got underway in perfect conditions!

As always, we were truly grateful to the willing band of parents who offered their assistance, taking the role of timekeepers in all the races from 100-800m - with a range of heats and finals, a huge number of boys flashed past them at the finish line! A sincere thank you for your help and good humour!



ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS	
Year 5 Champions	
1st	Harold MacCulloch CH
2nd	Jonny Ford WI
3rd	Samuel Nichols WI
Year 6 Champions	
1st	Joe McLeod WI
2nd	Hugo Bricklebank HA
3rd	Miki Cronin WI
Year 7 Champions	
1st	Leofe Usufono HA
2nd	Angus Paterson CH
3rd	Max Trankels HA
Year 8 Champions	
1st	Pierce Gault CA
2nd	Sam Jancys CH
3rd	Ari Taylor WI



HOUSE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS	
1ST	CHALMERS 320 POINTS
2ND	HAMILTON 319 POINTS
3RD	WISHART 244 POINTS
4TH	CARGILL 231 POINTS



Chalmers Wins House Relays

The sun shone down as yellow, red, blue and green House shirts filled Martyn Wilson Field for the House Relay event. The Year 4 boys were the first runners of the day, and as the morning unfolded, House spirits rose and the competition on the field became more intense! With all the points tallied, Chalmers took first place. Well done to all our runners - including the staff who picked up the baton to compete in the final race.

Our sincere thanks to parent, Andrew Cornaga from Photosport for sharing his photos.

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





REMUERA ZONE

Year 5 Results:

60m	3rd	Severyn Yushchenko
100m	2nd	Harold MacCulloch
200m	1st	Harold MacCulloch
	3rd	Severyn Yushchenko
High Jump	3rd	Ben Durose
Ball Throw	2nd	Samuel Nichols
	3rd	Sam Boddy
Long Jump	3rd	Harold MacCulloch
4 X 100m Relay SKBS	1st	

Year 6 Results:

100m	2nd	Henry Deacon
Long Jump	2nd	Ethan Mora
High Jump	3rd	Joe McLeod
Ball Throw	1st	Hugo Bricklebank
	3rd	Will McLeod

EASTERN ZONE

Year 7 Zone Results

100m	1st	Leofe Usufono
200m	1st	Leofe Usufono
	2nd	Angus Paterson
400m	1st	Angus Paterson
1500m	3rd	Ben Worrall
Long Jump	1st	Leofe Usufono
	2nd	Angus Paterson
High Jump	1st	Nico Stanley
Relay	1st	SKBS

Year 8 Zone Results

200m	2nd	Sam Jancys
400m	2nd	Ari Taylor
800m	3rd	James Hiddleston
Shot Put	1st	Luka Makata
Relay	3rd	SKBS

INTER ZONE ATHLETICS RESULTS

Year 7

100m	1st	Leofe Usufono	RECORD 12.40
200m	1st	Leofe Usufono	RECORD 25.28
Long Jump	1st	Leofe Usufono	5.03m
Relay team	1st	Joe Hayward, Angus Paterson, Max Trankels, Leofe Usufono	



National Title for Cricket 1st XI

Having beaten Sacred Heart, Balmoral Intermediate, Murray's Bay and King's School in the Auckland Active Cup, the Boys' School Cricket 1st XI team earned the right to represent Auckland at the National competition in Palmerston North. On the first evening, New Zealand Cricket hosted all the teams for a BBQ dinner and an official Opening Ceremony where our 1st XI Captain, Marco Alpe, introduced his players to the audience and the rest of the competitors.

The other teams vying for the cup were: Marian Catholic School (Hamilton), Hereworth School (Hawkes Bay), Raroa Intermediate (Wellington), Waihi School (Canterbury) and Queenstown Primary School (Otago). The next three days were full on with five matches to play. The boys beat Marian Catholic School and Raroa Intermediate on Monday, Queenstown Primary and Waihi School on Tuesday, and then faced a limited 10 over match on Wednesday against Hereworth School as rain set in. Both teams were unbeaten at this point so this was a true final with crucial points at stake. Hereworth made 59/6 off their 10 overs whilst Saint Kentigern made 62/0 off 6 overs to win the match by 6 wickets – and the National title!

There was some outstanding play by the boys. Of note, Marco Alpe made 208 runs, scored at an average of 69, 6 stumpings and 3 catches. Ollie Davies made 183 runs scored at an average of 61 and

Harry Waite took 16 wickets and was the highest wicket taker for the tournament. At the final closing ceremony, Marco Alpe was named MVP of the National Tournament. Well done boys!

Team: Marco Alpe (Captain), Ollie Davies (Vice Captain - Fielding), Harry Waite (Vice Captain), Fergus Allan, William Barclay, Joel Gardner, Thomas McCulloch, Harry McLeod, Carter McMahon, Sam Openshaw, Fergus Williams.

Our sincere thanks to Andrew Cornaga from Photosports for supplying the photos





Boys vs Wild – 2020

Each year, a large number of our senior boys work towards the Saint Kentigern Service Awards. Run along similar lines to the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards, the bronze, silver and gold awards require a good level of commitment to achieve. Each level has requirements to undertake outdoor activities, school representation, research projects and service at home, school and in the wider community. A detailed log book is kept and an interview is required before the level is awarded.

The boys who have achieved the silver award by Week 6, Term 4 are invited to take part in Boys v. Wild, which counts towards part of the camp and service requirements of the gold award. Some of the boys had already achieved their gold award by the time the 74 boys headed away to their Boy vs Wild Service trip to the Tawharanui Reserve - and what awaited them was an experience that will, no doubt, be a highlight for them in 2020.

In previous years, a component of the camp has been to offer service within that community, often working alongside DOC. This year, due to

Covid, the boys had to complete their service within our own campsite 'bubble.' Our bubble activities included BBQ cleaning, tent inspections and maintenance of the ETOC equipment. Service also included the collaboration of each group to work out a menu plan and then prepare and cook for each other.

The beauty of the reserve was explored on the Ecology trail where School Chaplain, Rev. Hardie kept the boys well informed with his endless fact sheets on the local flora and fauna. Rev Hardie had a limitless catalogue of facts of local animals to share with the boys!

The surfing, Amazing Race, cricket, cooking, football, bodysurfing, camping, swimming, capture the flag and even MathMate were all highlights mentioned by the boys in their reflections of the Boy vs Wild camp! As the sun set on the 2020 Boy vs Wild camp, the Year 8 boys had time to reflect back on their time at Saint Kentigern Boys' School and the important role that service plays as one of our core values.



Tennis Champions

Congratulations to our Boys' School Years 4-8 tennis champions. After several rounds of play, some tense final matches were played to determine the Tennis Champion for each age group. Well done boys!

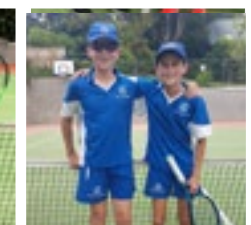
Year 4 – Austin Zhao beat Ray Yang 9/0

Year 5 – Zacharia Dalzell beat Harold MacCulloch 9/2

Year 6 – George Joll beat Sam Bridgeman 9/1

Year 7 – Harald Schlasberg beat Scott Nel 6/3 6/1

Year 8 – Theo Burn beat Marco Alpe 6/2 1/6 7/5



Saint Kentigern Boys' School Parents and Friends

As always, the commitment shown by our community of parents and friends, who continually show up for the Boys' School community to consistently deliver memorable events and initiatives for the benefit of their sons is amazing. We are very grateful to those continue to offer their time to make these commitments.

I'd like to acknowledge the ongoing contribution of the Executive Committee of the P&F. This year has been particularly difficult, given we were only able to operate in a limited capacity, due to the lockdowns. I'd also like to acknowledge the contributions made by a number of hard working volunteers:

- Our syndicate leads – Allison Roberts, Liz Hewes and Amanda Burn. They continued an excellent job in leading the ongoing communications and coordination of information across the parent group of the Junior, Middle and Senior schools, they were also dedicated volunteers for many events.
- 2020 was a challenging year for all, not only due to the impact of COVID-19 but also the significant change of a new Chair and Vice Chair starting in a year with limited capacity for face to face meetings. However, within the wider P&F group there is committed group of parents who are passionate about playing their part in making the Boys' School experience an amazing one for their boys. This group has been dedicated to running the events we have been able to being pivotal in some new ideas for the boys.

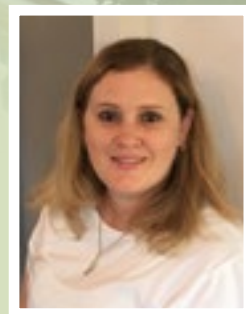
An annual highlight, Celtic Day was delayed due to the lockdowns, however, both the P&F and the school were committed to giving the boys this day of fun. Holding this event in Term 4 was a great way to round out the school year.



Towels Fundraiser

A fantastic new initiative was suggested and well supported by the school – towels embroidered with the school emblem and further personalised with each boy's name.

The aim was to run a fundraiser that would benefit the boys. Towels were a great choice, particularly useful for our swimming terms and other water sports. We sold about 500 towels to the school community.



Chair Summary

It has been a privilege and an honour to be selected to take the position of chair of the Boys' School P&F Committee in 2020. I have been extremely fortunate to have been surrounded by a supremely capable and willing Executive Committee and broader group of event leads and volunteers.

Whilst 2020 has been a difficult and challenging year in many ways it has also allowed me the breathing space to understand what is required of the role and contemplate new and exciting initiatives for the 2021 year. Next year will have a strong focus on re-engaging the Boys' School community in what we hope will be a year in which we return to our 'normal' way of life. Even if the new normal is different for some time, we now have a better understanding of what that looks like, and can plan accordingly. Our team will focus on ensuring that events and connection opportunities are available, regardless of external events. There are many opportunities to connect in less traditional ways, and many different options for us to consider for the future.

The role of the Chair gives me a much deeper understanding of the great work our school does for our boys, the opportunities they have and the incredible support they have from their parents. Our boys are blessed with truly remarkable opportunities every day.

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Kirsty Macorison
Chair of the Boys' School Parents and Friends

Auckland Primary and Intermediate Ski Championships

With no School Ski Championships held 'down the mountain' this year, all efforts focused on the Auckland Primary and Intermediate Ski Championships held indoors on the artificial slope at Snowplanet. The Boys' School came away with some excellent results with a Team 1st Overall in the Senior Division and Team 3rd overall in Junior Division. Individual skiers also came away with medals: Jacob Hageman: 2nd Giant Slalom Senior, Maxim Zurflueh: 3rd Slope Style Senior, William Starrenburg: 3rd Slope Style Middle, James Zhang: 2nd Giant Slalom Junior, Oliver Mar: 3rd Giant Slalom Junior.

Well done boys, hopefully next year you can compete once again on real snow 'down the mountain!'

