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# President's Report



The 2014 SKOCA year started with a tremendously sunny day at the Auckland Golf Club for the Boys' School Golf Day held in early February, which was another well-run event by Peter Nelson and his team. The 'hole-in-one' car prize was not won, however, the Bayleys team, led by Hayden Butler, again took top prizes. This was along with a number of Foundation lads who had been practising rigorously for the day to benefit from the generous prize pool!

The SKOCA Cricket Day was also held in perfect conditions at the College with a rolling barbeque and an enjoyable spectacle of top cricket. The SKOCA team narrowly beat the College 1st XI and there were a number of close calls which had the SKOCA lads performing in 'international style.'

In March, I had the pleasure to again host the Past President's Luncheon which is held every second year at the Northern Club at which 18 of the 23 surviving Past Presidents were in attendance, from No 3 David Thomson in 1962 to No 26 John Irvine in 2006. Past Presidents now departed, Bruce McNeil, Terry Harris and Ross Lomas were also remembered in a toast performed by John Gilbert. Special guests included Jack Paine and Ron Stone, Peter Nelson and Rod Biel and the afternoon was a true celebration of Saint Kentigern history. The Heads from the three campuses provided the elite group with an update of life at each school today and Malcolm Cowie provided the well-rehearsed Selkirk Grace, followed by an enjoyable midday meal.

The Rowing afternoon was held in early April on a splendid day and a perfect midday high tide saw a number of Old Collegians back on the water testing their skills against each other. There were no breakages nor capsizes this year and an afternoon barbeque was held in the shade of the

poplars after the event. This event is an enjoyable afternoon for past rowers and their families to reminisce and enjoy the exceptional rowing facilities the College has, all located on the waters edge.

The AGM & Annual Dinner was held at the College with a very entertaining Phil Kingsley-Jones as the guest speaker who provided an insight into his life since his start in the Welsh Coal Mines at the age of 16, to the London Palladium as a winning entertainer, to being the manager of Jonah Lomu and coach of Tonga. Phil had the attendees in rapturous laughter with some jokes very close to the bone yet well-managed like the true professional he is.

The AGM recorded a return to a trading surplus for SKOCA in the year ended December 2013 as presented by the SKOCA Treasurer, Neville Lyne who was re-elected unopposed as was myself as President and Morgan Wardrop as Vice-President. James Bennett was elected SKOCA Secretary. Departing long-serving committee members were Murray Shaw, after some 20 years on the committee including time as President. Murray, however, continues as a trustee on the Saint Kentigern Old Collegians Scholarship Trust. Andrew Muller also stepped down as he is departing for South America and we thank both these gentlemen for their contribution and work on the committee. We welcome back onto the committee, Andrew Finn, now a teacher at the Girls' School after spending six years overseas and also George Grove, a Past President and committee member, to provide valued input along with the other 20 committee members who were all re-elected. Another busy year is underway with an updated calendar so we look forward to seeing all Old Collegians getting more involved in these various events.

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The committee welcomes feed-back from members so please keep in touch via: [skoca@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skoca@saintkentigern.com)

*Andrew Morgan, President*

## SKOCA 2014 Calendar

### THURSDAY 10 JULY LONDON REUNION

Time: 6.45pm

Price: \$45

Venue: TBA – Central London Restaurant/Bar

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### FRIDAY 1 AUGUST

#### OTAGO UNI - ROC'S (RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS) COCKTAILS

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Starters Bar, Frederick Street, Dunedin

Contact: James Hackett 027 751 6388

RSVP: [skoca@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skoca@saintkentigern.com), [hacjames@gmail.com](mailto:hacjames@gmail.com)

### FRIDAY 15 AUGUST

#### VICTORIA UNI / WELLINGTON- ROC'S (RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS) COCKTAILS

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: El Horno Bar, Courtenay Street, Wellington

Contact: James Hackett 027 751 6388

RSVP: [skoca@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skoca@saintkentigern.com), [hacjames@gmail.com](mailto:hacjames@gmail.com)

### FRIDAY 15 AUGUST

#### BOYS' SCHOOL DECADE DINNER – 1990-99 & 2000-2008 LEAVERS

Time: 6.30pm

Price: \$65 (ROC's \$45)

Venue: JC Chalmers Hall, Boys School, Remuera

RSVP: [skoca@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skoca@saintkentigern.com), [sue.bowskill@saintkentigern.com](mailto:sue.bowskill@saintkentigern.com)

### THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER

#### SKOCA NETBALL

Premier and Senior A Netball versus Old Collegians Girls

Start: Games start at 6.00pm

Venue: Gym 1 and Gym 2

Contact: Kelly Alexander

RSVP: [skoca@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skoca@saintkentigern.com), [kellyalexander@outlook.com](mailto:kellyalexander@outlook.com)

### FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

#### CANTERBURY/LINCOLN UNI - ROC'S (RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS) COCKTAILS

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Volstead Trading Company, 55 Riccarton Rd, Christchurch

RSVP: [skoca@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skoca@saintkentigern.com), [jamesb@brb.co.nz](mailto:jamesb@brb.co.nz)

### FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

#### BRUCE HOUSE BOARDERS' DINNER – 1990-1999 LEAVERS

Time: 6.30pm

Price: \$65 (ROC's \$45)

Venue: Bruce House, College.

RSVP: [skoca@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skoca@saintkentigern.com)

### THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER

#### SKOCA COLLEGE GOLF DAY

Time: Assemble at 11.00am

Venue: Titirangi Golf Club

Ticket: \$85.00 per head, (ROC's \$50). Refreshments provided

Contact: John Howard/Sandy Campbell

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# BRUCE HOUSE BOARDERS' DINNER 1990-1999 LEAVERS

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER  
Time: 6.30pm  
Price: \$65 (ROC's \$45)  
Venue: Bruce House, College.

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Phone: (09) 577 0749 Fax: (09) 577 0700  
or you may email your details to: skoca@saintkentigern.com

## FRIDAY/SATURDAY 17-18th OCTOBER AUSTRALIAN REUNION - BRISBANE

Time: 6.30pm (Friday)  
Venue: TBA - Central Brisbane Restaurant/Bar  
Ticket: A\$65.00 per head. ROC's A\$45, Refreshments provided  
Saturday 18th - 3rd Bledisloe Cup Rugby, Suncorp Stadium (tickets available)  
Contact: Ross Patrick/John Lewis/Thomas Steel  
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com, rosspatrick@bigpond.com



## FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

### AUCKLAND ROC'S (RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS) COCKTAILS

Time: 6.15pm  
Venue: Parnell Bar & Grill (Ex The Bog), 196 Parnell Rd.  
Contact: James Bennett/Thomas Steel  
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com, jamesb@brb.co.nz

## SUNDAY (TBA) DECEMBER

### SKBS - TOUCH RUGBY & BBQ FOR 2009 LEAVERS

Time: 3.30pm  
Venue: SKS Sports Centre & No 1 Field  
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com sue.bowskill@saintkentigern.com

## FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

### SKBS - BOYS SCHOOL GOLF DAY

Time: 12.00 for 1pm Tee-off  
Venue: Auckland Golf Club  
Tickets: \$110 per head. ROC's \$60  
Refreshments provided.  
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com, sue.bowskill@saintkentigern.com



SAINT KENTIGERN BOYS' SCHOOL

# SKOCA ANNUAL DINNER 1990-99 & 2000-2008 LEAVERS

FRIDAY 15 AUGUST 2014

6.30 for 7.00pm

Venue: JC Chalmers Hall  
All Old Collegians welcome

TICKETS: **\$65 PER HEAD** **\$600 PER TABLE OF 10**  
(ROC's \$45 PER HEAD)

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PO Box 28790, Remuera, Auckland 1541  
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# Boys' School Golf Day: A Player's Perspective

*With thanks to Boy's School Principal, Mr Peter Cassie*

The annual Saint Kentigern Boys' School Old Collegians' Golf Day was held on Friday 14 February at the Royal Auckland Golf Club on what can be described as a near perfect day for golf; plenty of sun, rolling fairways, fast greens and a few brief showers that added much needed respite at the appropriate times.

I was fully prepared to make the most of the 18 hole challenge that lay ahead and had set myself three simple goals for the day:

1. Drive home in the Subaru Forrester supplied by Winger for scoring the hole-in-one on the 13th hole
2. Pick up the fishing rods as the team prize from Top Catch
3. And win the iPad Air supplied from Genii as a lucky draw.

Unfortunately things didn't work out as planned, mainly due to the lack of golfing skill required for the task! Ah well, there's always next year!

With a full field of 20 teams, most of whom were very capable golfers, we teed off right on the dot at 1.00pm spread far and wide around the course. Many kilometres and shots later we returned to the clubhouse for refreshments, regaling stories of wayward and at times perfect shots. Score cards were handed in and I must admit I was pretty confident with my team completing the round with -5 on the card. Taking our handicaps into account resulted in a net score of 59.875, quite a handy result. However it was not to be as 13th place was a long way from 1st!

Congratulations to the winning team on the day; Hayden Butler, Simon Rountree, James Brown and Phil Lewis with a net score of 55.25, clear winners from the second placed team of the day (Victoria Wilkes, Paul Wilkes, Ross Powell and Tim Smith) with 55.3. We look forward to the champions returning to defend their title in 2015.

We thank our sponsors for their support. With naming rights on holes along with the many prizes donated from a variety of sources, it meant that every team walked away with a prize. What more could we ask for.

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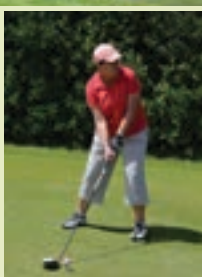
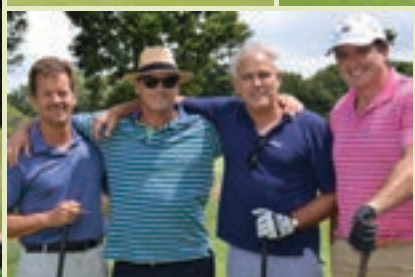
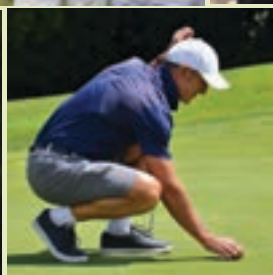
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Jack's Coffee	Top Catch

Our very special thanks to Old Collegian, John Gilbert for donating his time to supervise the hole-in-one challenge at the 13th hole and to Tom Sinclair, Manager of the Royal Auckland Golf Club, for his work in organising and managing this very successful tournament.





# Old Collegians Annual Dinner



In a change of venue this year, the Jack Paine Centre Atrium at the College was transformed into an elegant dinner venue to welcome our Old Collegians and invited guests for their AGM and annual dinner. The ground floor of the Atrium had been set up with white and blue linen covered tables, a dinner buffet and a refreshment bar for the social occasion.

First on the agenda was the formal AGM for the year, followed by a traditional performance from the Old Collegians Pipes & Drums band

who played outside in the courtyard. Over refreshments, the guests had a clear view of the Band's recital through the Atrium's high glassed windows, before the ensemble made their march through the building and invited guests to take their seats for dinner.

We welcomed back recent graduates, Manase Latu and Grace Sturgess who in perfect harmony, sang the traditional Scottish song 'Loch Lomond' before Head of College, Mr Steve Cole opened the ceremonial dinner speeches. Mr Cole said that he could not be prouder of the College as the leading independent school in Australasia and as the roll continues to grow, the aim will always be to provide the best teachers, facilities and motivation for our students to succeed in their education.

This was followed by an address from Principal of the Girls' School Dr Sandra Hastie and Principal of the Boys' School Mr Peter Cassie who both thanked the Old Collegians Association for their on-going financial support and interest in all they do. Dr Hastie said that in our 'family of schools' we continue to develop strong men and women and she also thanked the Association for the scholarship opportunity for Year 7 girls. Mr Cassie told the guests that Saint Kentigern was a fantastic community living the values where service and leadership are the key drivers and that our boys leave as great citizens who are confident, articulate and engaged in their learning.

After the buffet meal, former long-serving Deputy Head, Mr Jack Paine undertook the roll call for each decade in his own unique style. As he announced each year group, the former students all stood to attention to recite their full name and ID number one by one. The decade of 2000-2009 was particularly well represented by young men and women attending the evening's function in celebration of the Old Collegians Association.

Welsh-born guest speaker, Mr Phil Kingsley Jones, head of one of New Zealand's most successful sports management and marketing companies, and former manager of international rugby legend, Jonah Lomu, spoke on 'Life since the Welsh Coal Mines.' Mr Kingsley Jones is described as an after dinner speaker with a heart of gold, a mind full of jokes and humourist anecdotes. And he did not disappoint! He entertained his audience with numerous stories of his life and career, capturing his audience with his irreverent wit and his genuine passion for New Zealand. He said that Saint Kentigern was more than just bricks and mortar, that it was an environment where people are proud of what they are doing and of themselves. He thanked Saint Kentigern for giving our students the right path to lead them on to wherever they may travel.

The function closed with the School song 'We are heirs of Kentigern', once again led superbly by the talented voices of Manase and Grace.



Grace and Manase





## Past Presidents' Lunch

A luncheon is held every two years at the Northern Club to which surviving past presidents of the Saint Kentigern Old Collegians Association are invited, along with the three Heads and Trust Board members. This is a time of fellowship and the chance for the Old Collegians to be updated on many of the advancements that have occurred at the Saint Kentigern campuses during the previous two years.

The Association was originally formed in February 1959, the year the Boys' School opened and was formerly known as the Saint Kentigern Old Boys Association. This was renamed Old Collegians in the year the girls joined the College. The luncheon recognises 55 years of leadership by former students who have taken an active interest in maintaining the ties to their place of schooling. It also provides a forum to reconnect and maintain the two way flow of information to ensure that the members of the Old Collegians Association have a continued voice at Saint Kentigern.

Current President, Mr Andrew Morgan brought everyone up to date on the latest activity and explained about the need to encourage a greater philanthropic interest, particularly in support of the Old Collegians' Scholarships which afford opportunities for the children of Old Collegians and others to benefit from a Saint Kentigern education. The Old Collegians currently support 12 annual scholarships across the campuses and numerous grants for sporting and other endeavours.

Andrew talked about the many events that now take place under the auspices of the Old Collegians Association that include dinners, sporting events, annual gatherings in Australia and England, events exclusively for Recent Old Collegians and, the newest addition to the calendar, a pre-show function to acknowledge the former students who have been involved in the Performing Arts.

Mr Steve Cole, Head of College; Dr Sandra Hastie, Head of Primary and Mr Peter Cassie, Principal of the Boys' School each gave a report on their campuses. This is only the second lunch that the Girls' School and Preschool have been represented and the progress there is always of great interest.



This year 19 of the 24 surviving past presidents attended. The attendees included David Thompson (1962), Peter Coote (1963), Garth Stewart (1964), Bryan Haggitt (1965), David Corbett (1966), Bob McMillan (1968-1970), Jim Syme (1971-1972), Rick Flower (1973), David Grove (1976-1977), Malcolm Wilson (1978), Don Craig (1980), John Patterson (1985-1986), Philip Winstone (1985), Grant Plimmer (1987), Nigel Harrison (1993), Mark Conelly (2001), John Irvine (2004-2007) and current President, Andrew Morgan. There were apologies from David McCulloch (1989) Murray Shaw (2001) George Grove (1991) Andrew Jarvie (1997) and Michael Daniels (1974).

Bruce McNeill (1959) Terry Harris (1967) and Ross Lomas (1983) who have sadly passed on, were remembered.

This was a most enjoyable afternoon with the Trust Board Chairman Dr Bruce Goodfellow and the principals from each of the three Saint Kentigern schools.

## SKOCA Rowing Regatta

Early in the April the boats were out on the water on a perfect, sunny Sunday afternoon with a midday tide and just little wind. The 2014 SKOCA Rowing Regatta attracted a number of Old Collegians who had rowed for the College including Anthony Allan who is about to depart to Italy to compete in the U23 NZ rowing team.

A number of 'OC's' are still actively involved in a rowing club and were keen to get back in the College boats to reminisce about their early mornings training before school, for all those years so long ago. We were pleased to welcome back McKenzie Lewis, Tim Wilson, Richard Power, Tim McMaster, Sam Carter and Dan Quigley to join other regulars to get back on the water to test their mettle against the College rowers.

An afternoon barbeque in the shade next to Rowing Shed 2 was held after the racing in a perfect setting on the Tamaki. An enjoyable way to end an enjoyable afternoon of rowing.





# Murray Shaw Welcomes Geography Students



Mr Murray Shaw is an Old Collegian and past President of the Old Collegians whose own children also attended the College. For over 20 years he has kindly welcomed the College Year 11 Geography students to his dairy farm, Bella Vista, in Karaka. As a dairy farmer with almost 500 head of cattle, he is a busy man, but he takes time out of his schedule each year to talk through important aspects of farming with our students.

During term 1, 75 young College geographers once again made the trip to gather specific information about dairy farming as an example of a sustainable resource. Murray talked at length to the students about the need to look after not only the health and welfare of the cattle but also the importance of taking care of the land itself to ensure the farm remains a viable resource for future generations.

By following a strict code of practice through good farm management, Murray has successfully farmed his land for over 40 years. He explained to the students that sound practice on his own farm also ensures the viability of the waterways that pass through his land and that correct spraying procedures safeguard other farm use on neighbouring properties.

The students had the opportunity to be guided around the farm and see how nature's resources are used in a sustainable way and to visit the milking sheds to gain an overview of the scale of the operation.

The chance to visit a working farm helped to put the students' learning into context and the first-hand information gathered will be used in the students' NCEA Geography assessments during the course of the year.

We are very grateful to Murray for his on-going interest in Saint Kentigern and for continuing to offer our students this valuable opportunity.







## Past Production Students Reunite

It was fantastic to welcome back a group of Recent Old Collegians to a pre-show gathering on the closing night of *Blood Brothers*. In a first for the Old Collegians, former students who had been actively involved in drama and musical productions during their time at College, and have stayed in contact in the intervening years, were invited to a function prior to closing night of this year's College musical, *Blood Brothers*.

It was great to see so many 'key thespians' return and there was much laughter as they reflected back on their time together in shows that spanned back as far as Stefan Katz, as a young Year 9, playing the title role of *Oliver* in 2006.

*Blood Brothers* marked, Head of Music, Ross Gerritsen's 10th musical production at the College and he, along with Head of Drama, Ms Emma

Bishop, welcomed the former students to the function supported by the Old Collegians Association and hosted by the College co-ordinators, Malcolm Cowie and Glennis Pearson.

The group represented those that had formerly been actors on the College stage, members of the show orchestra and those involved with the back stage crew from props, to lighting, makeup, hair and costumes. There was much chatter about their involvement in the shows and the impact it had at the time and now later in life. It was interesting to note the reaction at the end of the show. They were universally blown away by the quality of the show they had just seen; the reality was, they had never seen a College production before – they'd always been in them!

### SEAN BUSLER



Sean who graduated in 2011, did the lighting for all College productions from *Jesus Christ Superstar* onwards until he stepped on stage himself in his final year to play Bazin in *The Three Musketeers*. He said that being involved allowed him to meet a diverse range of amazing people and saw him grow in confidence to the point where he was keen to be on stage himself.

### EMILY MARTIN



Emily was Head Girl in 2009 and is remembered for outrageous portrayal of Mme Thenadier in *Les Miserable*. She went on to study broadcast journalism at the New Zealand Broadcasting School in Christchurch and since 2012 has been working as a researcher at Attitude Pictures, a documentary production company.

She said, 'I couldn't imagine what my high school experience would have been like without the productions. No matter what part you play, you become a part of a tight knit family. The adrenaline rush of performing on stage is like no other; it's given me a lot of confidence, people skills and the ability to work as a team - and some of the best memories of school!

### ASHTON BROWN



Ashton will be well remembered by many for the lead role he played the 2005 production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. In his last year of school, he was also Cargill House Leader.

Since graduating from Saint Kentigern in 2005, Ashton has continued to pursue a career in acting. After a gap year in England, Ashton studied and gained a Bachelor of Performing and Screen Arts majoring in acting. Since then, he has appeared in numerous television commercials, professional theatre shows and roles on *Shortland Street* and *Power Rangers*. He co-owns and operates his own theatre company, 'I'm Not Content Productions,' which has seen his writing and directing skills receive critical acclaim within the industry. Ashton is also a stand-up comedian who recently performed in the NZ Comedy Festival.

Ashton is pleased to have recently returned to Saint Kentigern College as an itinerant speech and drama tutor.

### GRACE BRADSHAW



Grace graduated in 2009 and says she too gained a great amount of enjoyment from being part of the musical productions.

Following College, she went on to AUT and did a Bachelor of Communications degree, majoring in journalism. She now works as a news editor for Yahoo New Zealand.

Grace said that the musicals were a huge part of her life at College and possibly the best! She said, 'I think it's once you leave school that you realise how amazing they are to be a part of, because you miss them a lot. But it is such a joy to come back and see students, such as my brother, get involved because I know how much fun it is!'





## STEFAN KATZ



Stefan graduated in 2010 having been Head Boy in his final year. He first stepped onto the stage in 2006 as a very young Oliver.

He is currently in his fourth year at The University of Auckland studying towards a Commerce and Arts conjoint degree, majoring in Economics, Finance and German. He is also on the Executive Committee of ADC, a microfinance, not-for-profit organisation helping impoverished communities in Myanmar and Malawi.

Stefan said, 'Being involved with the musical productions gave me the confidence to pursue activities outside my comfort zone, and I credit a lot of the comfort I have giving presentations and speeches to the experiences I had on the Elliot Hall stage.'

## MARK BRADLEY



Mark too was greatly involved in music and drama and will be remembered for his final role of the loveable Horton the Elephant in *Seussical*. He is currently in his final year of studying for a BA/BCom majoring in Music and Marketing. He has continued his involvement in theatre, playing the keyboard for *Wicked* at the Civic in 2013. He has also done musical direction for shows with Auckland Music Theatre as well as being on stage in many. He hopes to complete his final

piano performance qualification this year and be able to travel overseas to permanently be a pianist for professional theatre. He said, 'The musical productions were the absolute highlight of my time at College. They instilled a lifelong passion for theatre and it was fantastic to be part of such great team of people.'

## AIMEE RUSSELL



Aimee graduated in 2010 with a distinct career pathway in mind, having found her passion through involvement with the performing arts productions during her time at the College. For every actor on the stage, there is another behind stage ensuring the production runs smoothly. Over a number of years, Aimee was involved with the props back stage as well as painting the sets.

After graduating, she went on to do a full time course at South Seas Film and Television School specialising in Production Design (Sets, Props and SPFX Makeup). Since then, she has been working full time in the film and television industry in the Locations, Production and Casting departments on media such as *Go Girls*, *White Lies*, *The Blue Rose* and *When We Go To War*. She's loving it!

Aimee said, 'Having been privileged to work alongside, Ms Bayley in the Props department, and with Mr Whitmore on the set design, I discovered what I wanted to pursue - a career in the film and theatre industry as it allowed me to express my creativity in roles that I had not even considered prior to signing up.'

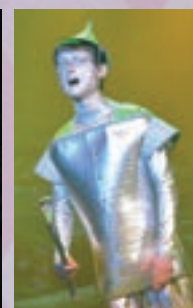
## RORY NOLAN



Rory was no stranger to the stage during his time at College, an interest he has continued since graduating. His latest venture saw him walk the boards in a spangly jumpsuit as a lead role in the Auckland production of *Mamma Mia*. He is currently juggling his acting with studying law at the University of Auckland and has also been interning at a large law firm in the city.

Rory attended the Boys' School from 2003-2004 and joined the College in 2003 until graduating in 2009. He is best remembered at the College for the lead role he played as Jean Valjean in the production of 'Les Miserables'. He says this role was a particular highlight and that it was amazing to play such an epic and iconic musical role at such a young age.

'I was relatively inexperienced at that stage, and I feel that it was the time I spent playing this role which ignited my passion and performance and equipped me with the necessary theatre skills to progress forward,' he says. He credits the support from the fantastic Music and Drama Departments for the tremendous opportunities for him to thrive in Performing Arts.





## Tavake Fusimalohi



Tavake Fusimalohi entered Saint Kentigern College in 2006 and graduated in 2008. He made his mark during his time at the College as both a stalwart of the 1st XV rugby team and for his leadership at Bruce House, providing a good role model for the younger boarders. He was also a diligent student who applied himself to the best of his abilities to his academic studies and other co-curricular activities. He will be mostly remembered as an excellent

rugby player who was a member of the 1st XV for three years, including in 2008 when the team made the semi-final of the 1A competition.

We have been following Tavake with interest since he left school and could not be prouder of his achievements. In his own words, he said he was blessed to further his education whilst playing rugby in Japan, attending Ryutsu Keizai University. He realised that if he was to fully succeed in Japan then he needed to master the language. During his first year in Japan he spent all his time learning the Japanese language, the culture and their way of living while playing rugby for Ryutsu Keizai University.

In 2010, remarkably, he enrolled at the University for a 4 year course in Sport Science; a course where Japanese was the principal language and all assignments required him not only to learn the course work, but also to further his knowledge of the language. He played rugby throughout his time at university and was named in the 2012 and 2013 University Best XV players list as well as named for the 2013 University All Stars.



In March 2014, he graduated from the University with a Bachelor in Sport Science, an understanding of the Japanese language and culture, as well as a 3 year signed contract playing in the Japan Top League Competition for NTT Docomo. This is the same team that former All Black, Mils Muliaina has just finished playing for.

Just prior to his graduation, Tavake returned to New Zealand and we were delighted that he took the time to visit the College to bring us up to date with his achievements. We, as a College community, congratulate Tavake on his remarkable educational success and wish him well with his professional rugby career. We are very proud of him.

## Matt Duffie



Returning to the No 2 field last term was Old Collegian and Melbourne Storm winger, Matt Duffie when he and his fellow rugby league players paid a training visit to the College. The Storm were the second Australian side to train at our sports facilities that week after Sydney based Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs visited a day earlier. Both teams were in New Zealand to compete in the NRL Auckland Nines at Eden Park that weekend.

Matt, 23, attended the College from 2006 to 2008 and was, unusually, named Dux Ludorum in both 2007 and 2008, the fifth student to ever receive the prize twice (A G Sissons 75-76, M R J Salmond 81-82, G A Billington 82-83 and C G Whiteman 87-88). We welcomed Matt back to

the College in 2011 to present the prizes at the Sports Dinner. He was a hit with the students and was as humble about his achievements then as he was during his time at the College. An all-round athlete with plenty of natural ability, he played fullback for the College 1st XV and also excelled at athletics, making the national finals of the 200m, 400m and high jump. He is remembered as a fine young man, modest and unassuming, who stood apart from his peers for the quietly determined way he set about pursuing his long-term goal of becoming a professional player.

After being discovered by a Melbourne Storm scout in 2008, Matt was offered a scholarship and moved across the Tasman after graduating College to complete in a Storm training camp. The rest is history. His determination to succeed brought him success in a sport he loves and he continues to make his mark on the field. On returning to the College, Matt said he has some great memories of the rugby fields, teachers and friends, and he was proud to be able to show his team mates his old school grounds.





# Letitia Puni – World Vision Youth Ambassador



In her final year at College, Letitia Puni was selected as a Youth Ambassador for World Vision. Earlier this year, she travelled to Malawi to see the work that World Vision undertakes – it's all about a 'hand up not a handout.'

Here, Letitia reports on her trip:

The day after I had returned from the African nation of Malawi I caught up with mum over our usual weekly grocery

shopping. However, this time was different. I had just come back from a country in the middle of a food crisis, where the people are literally fighting to survive each day. As I was sharing a few stories, I paused and looked down the aisles in front of me. I began to cry. When mum asked what was wrong, all I could say was, 'There is just too much food.'

Running through my mind were the faces, names and stories of those I had met. But they didn't just belong to people in a country on the other side of the world; they were loved ones, sisters, brothers, friends and family. The people I met became a part of my extended family, so to be standing in a supermarket where I could have any food I wanted, while they would probably be going hungry tonight, absolutely broke me.

From the second I met a young girl named Mtipulula we were inseparable. Though we couldn't communicate easily due to the language barrier, we played and laughed together; I taught her English and she showed me how to dance. Little did I know that it was her family that World Vision and I was about to visit. I walked through the door of a tiny mud hut with a thatched roof to see her sitting on the floor beside her family. She introduced me to her two younger sisters, Ruth, baby Arinafe, her younger brother Mofat and her parents Alana and Nextie. Her family shared with us their daily struggles while I sat there in silence, tears running down my face.

They told us how a typical day sees them waking up at 4.30am to walk for 30 minutes to collect the only water that is available to them. We had visited that stream earlier in the day and it was filthy. I wouldn't have even swum in that water; let alone drink from it. Mtipulula, Ruth and Mofat then walk for two hours to school while their parents work in the fields and look after Arinafe. The family's first meal isn't until 11am once the children are home

from school and they only eat what they can grow. Like most Malawian families, they grow corn which is ground into flour and cooked with hot water. They call it nshima. We call it play dough. The family then all work in the fields until around 8pm and if there is food they have dinner; if not they go to sleep. What hit me the most was that this hard working family only earns \$30 a year. That is less than 10 cents a day. But Mtipulula's parents still hope to give their children every opportunity to make their own dreams come true.

There were many heart wrenching stories like Mtipulula's, however, I also witnessed the incredible hope that World Vision was giving the people of Malawi through empowering them. While visiting a school we were asked by a young girl named Florence, 'How can you help empower us, the people of Malawi?' This question only re-enforced that what World Vision was doing by providing a hand up and not a handout - this is what the people of Malawi truly want.

At the end of our trip we visited a village that had been partnered with World Vision for 15 years and saw proof of the difference that World Vision had made. Thomas was given a goat and a 6 day training session on how to care for it by World Vision. Thomas then passed the goat's offspring on to a local family which resulted in a positive ripple effect through the village. Owning a goat is like having savings put away for a rainy day, as to sell a goat for \$21,000 kwacha, (\$60), is double what Mtipulula's family earns a year. This can then pay for unexpected medical bills, children's education and food during tough times. Thomas's village also had many clean water boreholes to collect fresh and safe drinking water. This gave me joy because I knew families like Mtipulula's would soon be thriving like Thomas's due to her village's partnership with World Vision.

So I would like to pose to you the question Florence posed to me, 'What are you going to do to help empower the people of Malawi?'







## Catherine Brand (nee Baird)

Our congratulations to former student, Catherine Baird (daughter of teacher and NCEA Coordinator, Mrs Pat Baird) who married Kingston Brand on the 1 February 2014. The wedding took place in the Chapel of Saint Kentigern with the ceremony officiated by the Reverend David Smith. There were a good number of Old Collegians in attendance.

Catherine graduated from Saint Kentigern College in 2008. In 2012 she graduated from Otago University with a Bachelor's degree in medical radiation therapy. She currently works at Auckland hospital as a radiation therapist. Kingston is a member of the New Zealand Air Force where he is a Parachute Jump Instructor. We wish the couple all the very best.

## Laura Walters



Laura was an IB Diploma student who during her time at the College, undertook her Service at Ruapotaka School. Since graduating with a teaching degree, she has returned there as a teacher. Laura reports:

After leaving Saint Kentigern College in 2010, I began my Bachelor of Education specialising in Primary Teaching, something that I had always looked forward to doing. Having taken IB, I learnt a lot of transferable life skills and felt ready for the adjustment to university life.

Under my own steam I found where I wanted to be and stuck with it, even though it presented some hard times. All this paid off when I gained a scholarship at the end of my second year. This scholarship enabled me to experience a south Auckland school for a practicum placement of three weeks. This solidified the idea that I wanted to work in a low decile school - the students there may not have had access to the best resources or have the greatest facilities, but they kept me smiling all day and I had the best bond with my class.

I had experienced this all before of course when I visited Ruapotaka School in Glen Innes through the Service component at the College in Year 12 and 13. I loved it so much and the students there valued our company so greatly that I continued to visit every Wednesday and built friendships with both students and staff. I also started up the end of year 'Fun Day' which is currently still running and I'm glad to see the two schools still working together and strengthening their partnership.

In the end, my love of Ruapotaka School, where I had spent so many hours during my own school life, has now become my new workplace. In a profession where there are currently so many seeking jobs, I count myself incredibly lucky to not only have a job at a school which offers me so much support as a beginning teacher, but also to have a job where I love coming to work and have a strong relationship with the school. Ruapotaka School is an amazing place and the staff here are committed to teaching with a passion that perhaps others may not have in the same circumstances. My classroom has become a strong part of me in a little under eight weeks and I look forward to many more years to come!

## Sophie Worrall

The latest addition to the teaching staff at Saint Kentigern Preschool is Old Collegian, Sophie Worrall.

'Back in 2004 I was fortunate enough to start Saint Kentigern College as a Year 7 student. Being a part of only the second intake of girls at the College was exciting, but I felt nervous at the same time as the boys really outnumbered us! Saint Kentigern is really 'a world of opportunity' and I got so much out of my awesome seven years there, some being: a Student Leader in Year 10, Peer Support Leader in Year 13 and being a part of various sports teams.

After graduating from the College in 2010, I commenced my journey to become a qualified early childhood educator at The University of Auckland. I am due to graduate in May 2014, and I am so thrilled and overjoyed to have a job at Saint Kentigern Preschool which is outstanding!

It is funny to think I am now part of the Saint Kentigern staff, working alongside teachers who taught me! It really is great to be back in the Saint Kentigern circle and being able to give back to this wonderful school. Our Preschool is a fantastic facility and I feel so fortunate to have been offered this position'







## Steven Carden

In August 2013, former student, Steven Carden took up the position as the new Chief Executive of Landcorp. The state owned company is the country's largest farming body, owning or leasing 137 farms and generating a revenue of \$250 million.

Steven, 40, attended the College from 1987-1991. During his College years he was a lead speaker in the Premier Debating team, played tennis, cricket and soccer for the School and was involved in 1st XI Hockey. After leaving, Steven went on to study politics and law at the University of Auckland gaining a BA and an LLB, before he embarked on his first job with a small funds manager.

But it wasn't long before idealism kicked in and he took a year off to establish First Foundation in 1998, a not-for-profit which helps talented under-privileged students through university. By partnering the students with companies, they receive holiday work, commercial experience, contacts and confidence. The First Foundation has since grown into a significant non-profit organisation with operations now in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

'Typically these are kids that have not had any family member ever go to university,' he says. 'The failure rates in the first year of university for kids like this is extremely high. So what we're trying to do is provide that transition pathway from schools through university.'

Steven has established two other organisations, KEA Boston - a chapter of the Kiwi Expatriates Association, and Friends of CCE - a US based non-profit organisation raising funds to help rehabilitate inmates in Ecuadorian prisons (Steven worked there as a volunteer in 2003). In each of these instances, Steven demonstrated an ability to not only turn his vision into a reality, but has inspired others to join him in making it so.

Steven's next career move was as general manager for Flying Pig, an early internet retailer, and he completed an MBA at Harvard Business School during 2001-2003, where he was a Knox Fellow.

A stint with global business advisor McKinsey & Co in the United States followed, where Steven worked from 2003-2008 as an Engagement Manager. In 2005, Steven received an Emerging Leader Award by the Sir Peter Blake Trust. Since receiving the 2005 Emerging Leader Award, he has written a book about New Zealand's future titled 'New Zealand Unleashed', published by Random House in 2007.

Returning from the US to New Zealand with McKinsey, Steven made his first move into agriculture at PGG Wrightson in 2008. After working as a Business Development Manager until 2010, he then spent three years as General Manager in Australia running its pastoral seed business.

## Gordon Tan



After leaving Saint Kentigern College in 1999 at the end of Form 6 (Year 12), Gordon travelled to Australia with his family where he completed his final year of school in Brisbane, graduating with an OPI. After college, Gordon says he was lucky enough to be accepted into Queensland University of Technology to begin studying a Bachelor of IT / Bachelor of Law. While he was at University, Gordon started an IT services business that began to take off, so he decided to put his studies on hold to pursue the opportunity further.

Since starting his business, Gordon says he has been very fortunate to have met and been surrounded by great people who have helped the company grow. In 2008, he formed Valedus Group and invested in a recruitment business, and he now oversees operations across the two companies. He has a team of 31 staff with offices in Brisbane and Sydney, and his role is to lead the organisation strategically and to continue developing leaders within the business. Being still a small team, Gordon says they are hoping to make their first acquisition next year.

Gordon feels privileged to study at Stanford University in San Francisco and is completing his MBA via distance education from APESMA. He says he finds situations where he still uses principles and concepts taught to him in Computer Studies classes with Mr Chieng, Economics classes with Mr Whiteman and particularly Accounting classes with Mrs Little. 'People often think I have a Degree in Accounting and I have to explain, no it was because I had a fantastic Accounting teacher in College, and heaven forbid if you didn't do all your homework!'

Gordon says he has very fond memories of Saint Kentigern and he is very grateful for his education at the College.

## Morgan Wardrop



Morgan Wardrop was Head Boy in 2005, the first year there was also a Head Girl (Jesse Jarvie nee Emerson). He is also a current member of the Old Collegians Committee. Since leaving the College and completing his BSc at Auckland University Morgan has gained experience in various sectors over the last eight years that has led him to his current position as a project manager for industry leading firm, Xigo where his main commitment is a government owned multi-building project.

Xigo is a team of highly-experienced project managers based in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch who guide building, property and infrastructure projects for the health, education, local government, transport, infrastructure and commercial property sectors. Their 'best for project' philosophy, supported by talented people, proven systems and methodologies, ensures optimum business outcomes. Morgan would welcome contact from anyone interested in the services they offer.





## Tim Jennings, Jing Seth, Erich Lee and Matt Ellwood

Four Old Collegians have united to take on social media giants with Scrollr.co that has taken off like no one expected. Within 14 days of launching to the public, the 'horizontal scrolling, content-based social network' had cracked 25,000 page views, 500 members and had landed on the front page of the New Zealand Herald website. Furthermore, the team behind the engineering of the social media platform includes four Saint Kentigern Old Collegians and University of Auckland business students Tim Jennings, Jing Seth, Erich Lee and Matt Ellwood.

Along with partners Andrew Wallace and AJ Tills, Tim (Director), Jing (Business Development), Erich (Front End Development) and Matt (Head of Design and Logic) have been working for the past ten months in the hope to fill what appears to be a gap for the next generation of social media platforms. The team says recent reports suggest Facebook is set to lose 80% of its user base by 2017, a trend also reflected in stagnating traffic growth for the content sharing platform, Tumblr.

Each user is given their own gallery, the difference being that users are effectively now in the driving seat to create their own network. The site uses horizontal scrolling, as opposed to vertical. The young Kiwis' mission is to change the way people interact with content online; whether it's checking out what's trending, following celebrities and keeping up to date with global news or getting inspiration for an upcoming event. They believe Scrollr provides an all-encompassing experience, delivering consistently important and relevant content to users.

The brainchilds behind the idea, Tim Jennings (2003-2009) and Jing Seth (2005-2009), had a moment of inspiration whilst studying at the University Business School. The rest of the Old Collegian team then came together following the recommendation of College Teacher in Charge of Digital Technologies and Tim's mentor, Mr Dominic Mooney. He presented Tim with the names of former students, Erich Lee (2009-2013) and Matt Ellwood (2009-2013) to help design and code his idea, and from there his vision quickly built momentum and the path to reality.

The business students say New Zealanders are spending more time interacting on social media platforms than any other country in the world, according to futurist and entrepreneur Ross Dawson. They say this reflects a trend indicated in the last New Zealand social media report, conducted by Nielsen in 2010, showing New Zealanders were rapidly increasing their participation online, with content sharing the most popular social media activity.

Confident in these statistics, the Old Collegians have facilitated in the official launch of Scrollr which is now open to the public after nine months of development and a month long testing phase. Head of Design and Logic, Matt Ellwood says news coverage has also seen them recently appear on the Scoop and Yahoo websites.

The website can be found at [www.scrollr.co](http://www.scrollr.co).

Tim Jennings (Old Collegian) - Director  
Jing Seth (Old Collegian) - Business Development  
Erich Lee (Old Collegian) - Front End Development  
Matt Ellwood (Old Collegian) - Head of Design and Logic  
Andrew Wallace - COO  
AJ Tills - Head of Marketing

## Sam Jimmieson

Sam Jimmieson was a stalwart of the Premier Boys' Hockey team during his time at the College. He has gone on to pursue his dreams of National representation. He reports on his recent tour to Australia with the New Zealand Tiger Turf U18 Men's Hockey Team:

Hockey New Zealand has, through Sir Owen Glenn and his generosity, established The Sir Owen G. Glenn Future Black Sticks Programme. I have been fortunate enough to have been involved in this fantastic initiative for the past three years.

The NZ Tiger Turf U18 team was selected after the National U18 camp. The team was provided the opportunity to travel to Brisbane Australia for 10 days for a four match series in February 2014 including two Test matches against the Australian Futures Team (U19). Through the generous support of SKOCA, I was able to realise this goal – thank you as it was a life changing experience that I will remember.

It has always been a goal of mine to play against Australian teams as Australia have long been regarded as one of the very top Hockey countries worldwide. The Australian Futures Squad (U19) was an experienced team. Virtually all the squad is based in Perth as part of the Hockey Australia High Performance programme.

After five days of intense training (in 30+ degree heat), we pulled on the New Zealand playing strip for the first time – it was a great and proud feeling to be amongst the players wearing the Silver Fern.

We provided the Futures squad a strong challenge and while we lost both games narrowly (5-3 and 5-4), their coaching staff acknowledged we



dominated good patches of both games. This was more meritorious given these were the first two games we had played together as a team.

Following this, we played Queensland U21 (National Champions in 2013). We achieved what the teams before us had not and that was to win a game on Australian soil, a 3-1 win over the Queenslanders, a historic moment in which the team and the coaches were over the moon!! On the last day, we played them again (less than 18 hours after the previous game and in 33 degrees and 95% humidity); we succumbed to them but not without a challenge and losing a few kilos in the process!

The tour was widely regarded as a success by the players, management and Hockey NZ. The experience of international travel, meeting and playing very competitive top class teams, the intense training required to compete at this level, and camaraderie of teammates was inspirational. It has certainly given me the desire to attain higher levels with the next target being the Junior Black Sticks!

Thanks again to Saint Kentigern for my Hockey experiences and to SKOCA for your valued support.





## Annual SKOCA Cricket Day

A great day was had by all at the annual Old Collegians Cricket Match. The pre-arranged toss was won by the Old Collegians who opted to bat first in the T20 match. An unbeaten 2014 SKC 1st XI were to face their sternest test. The Old Collegians were a side made up of a variety of 2010-2012 pupils, the majority of whom are still enjoying their cricket in the Auckland and Counties-Manukau club competitions.

Despite losing an early wicket, that of the big-hitting Ryan Phizackerley, the Old Collegians rebuilt their innings with major contributions from former 1st XI superstars, Samuel Flett (21 not out) and Richard Sillars (52 not out). Steady innings from Vedant Zaveri, Matt Ansell and Travis Sherlock helped guide the score through to 160-4 from 20 overs. The highlight of the innings being Jimmi Ellis of the 1st XI dismissing his elder brother, Matt Ellis after greetings were exchanged.

With 160 the target and an unbeaten reputation to defend, the SKC 1st XI came flying out of the blocks with Finn Allen dispatching the Old Collegians all over the park. The score raced to 90-2 off 10 overs. Youngster, Finn Allen, the chief destroyer, had made his way to 47 off 20 balls. This prompted a change of bowling with Vedant Zaveri picking up three key wickets in an exceptional display of leg spin bowling. This placed a fired up Old Collegians side back in the ascendancy allowing medium-fast bowlers, Travis Sherlock, Matt Ansell and Hayes Woodman to clean up the tail. The SKC 1st XI were bowled out in the penultimate over for 143, with Magnus Walker claiming the final wicket off younger brother, Lachlan.

An expertly cooked BBQ and refreshments capped off a fantastic day which saw the more wily and experienced Old Collegians side come away with honours. Special thanks go to Gerald Hampton who umpired the match for the 3rd consecutive year and also to Malcolm Cowie, Matt Ansell and President, Andrew Morgan whose work behind the scenes ensured a great day was enjoyed by all. Thank you Gentlemen!!

The results and statistics are as follows:

<b>Saint Kentigern Old Collegians XI</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>College 1st XI</b>	<b>143</b>

### Batting for SKOCA

Richard Sillars	52 not out
Samuel Flett	21 not out
Matt Ansell	21
Travis Sherlock	21

### Bowling for SKOCA

Travis Sherlock	2 for 14
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### Batting for College 1st XI

Finn Allen	46
Chad Crenfeldt-Smith	33

### Bowling for College 1st XI

Sandeep Patel	4 for 21
Aditya Edekar	2 for 18

## Jimmy Neesham

Old Collegian, Jimmy Neesham who attended the Boys' School between 1996 and 2001, made his test debut for the Black Caps for the second test match against India in Wellington this summer.

The 23 year-old cricket all-rounder achieved his maiden test century in that game scoring an unbeaten 137, the highest debut hundred by a test number 8 batsman.

He began his first-class career with Auckland, before a move to Otago and then made his international debut in a Twenty20 international on New Zealand's tour to South Africa in 2012-13.



## Obituary

It is with sadness that we record the passing of former students and staff of Saint Kentigern.

### FINLAYSON, Roger Kenneth

Roger was a foundation boarder at Bruce House. His family note that he passed peacefully on 3rd January 2014 at Hibiscus Hospice.

### DUDLEY, Barry Thomas Alexander

Barry was a teacher at the College from 1958 to 1964. He passed away peacefully on 21 February 2014, aged 79.

If you are aware of the passing of an Old Collegian or former staff member, we would be grateful if you could contact us with as much information as possible. Please email: [skoca@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skoca@saintkentigern.com)