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Saint Kentigern's
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Celebrating the success
of our top-achieving
academic students



Looking Back on

In our 63rd year on the Pakuranga campus of the Saint Kentigern Trust, the College is perhaps unique amongst independent schools in New Zealand, for its present all round success. We continue to be in a fortunate position, with demand for places at unprecedented levels.

This is reflected in the 2016 Year 9 intake being the largest in the College's history. Added to this, an increasing number of students from our Boys' and Girls' Schools are choosing to continue their education with Saint Kentigern.

Our roll continues to increase in a manner that would be the envy of every other independent school in New Zealand. Against a background of the relative prosperity of Auckland, people are attracted to the outstanding site that we occupy and undoubtedly the growing reputation of the College, offering as it does a truly rounded education with effective pastoral care, a wide range of subject choices and a genuine breadth and teacher involvement in our co-curricular programme.

Most important is academic success. The 2014 pass rates at NCEA were outstanding, with increases in merit and excellence endorsements equally pleasing. Both the International Baccalaureate and Cambridge Mathematics for Year 10 also achieved considerable success.

Staff and students responded well to my challenge that all students gain their Level 1, 2 or 3 NCEA certificates in 2015. Academically we continue to make excellent progress and continue to be responsive to the academic aspirations and needs of every girl and boy. Our talented Heads of Department and their faculties, led by Mr Richard Stead, seek success for all their students regardless of academic ability.

To keep pace with digital change, we continue to take innovative approaches to teaching and learning led by Mrs Tracey Dykstra and supported by Mr Carl Lidstone's ICT team. Our classroom practice is flexible, relevant and most of all engaging for modern students.

Adding to a teaching cohort that is amongst the very best in the country, I will welcome another exciting, talented group of 14 new teachers for 2016.

Spiritual life continues to be at the heart of the College and all are very mindful of the Christian ethos. Mrs Suzanne Winthrop, Mr Duncan McQueen and the Reverend David Smith are passionate, active and indeed strong guardians of this aspect of our culture.

Our dedicated Trust Board, under the leadership of Dr Bruce Goodfellow, has much to wrestle with and their knowledge of the College, their appreciation of what it stands for and their wise and entirely appropriate governance is much appreciated.

In the spirit of our Mission Statement our service programme is well established with every youngster involved in the service of others in some way. Mr Mark Robinson has many new ideas for more service opportunities that include new partnerships with low-decile schools. Also large amounts of monies raised from fundraising initiatives have been gifted to a range of charities, many chosen by our student council.

The future is hugely bright for the College; we have the best site in the world, a growing reputation and a very positive demand for our type of education. To keep pace with our growth, the development of the College site is important and extremely exciting but to do what the Board and staff envisage will of course take many years.

This was put into perspective for me during the year while on the cricket tour. We were fortunate to visit Eton College one of the oldest schools in England, which has stood on its site since 1440. Imagine what Saint Kentigern College will look like in 2528, 575 years after its foundation.

I continue to thoroughly enjoy working with my Senior Management Team who are all undoubtedly at the top of their profession. Mrs Winthrop is simply outstanding as Deputy Head and in her leadership of the Senior School. My thanks to Mr McQueen, who brings a tireless and steadfast uniqueness to the many roles he fulfils. Mrs Dykstra has added an invaluable strategic and innovative perspective to our discussions and in 2016 is taking a year's study leave to complete her PhD in educational leadership. Mr Stead continues to drive the highest standards in his highly important role.

Senior staff are well aware that the demands on academic teachers continue to grow. The NCEA assessment system has many positives but it is a constant round of marking which can be debilitating. This, combined with the College's expectation that all staff be involved in the co-curricular programme, makes for a demanding workload. We all appreciate this and I am always extremely grateful for it.

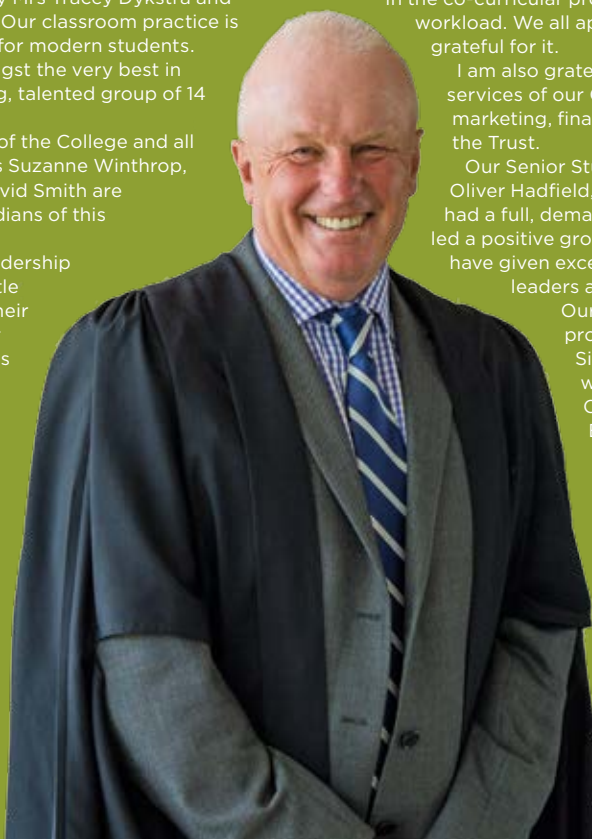
I am also grateful for the highly professional support services of our General Manager, Mr Eric Shiels and the marketing, finance, HR and facilities teams employed by the Trust.

Our Senior Student Leadership team of Grace Wood, Oliver Hadfield, Amorangi Malesala and Ayden Lamont, had a full, demanding and highly successful year. They led a positive group of Year 13 students, many of whom have given excellent service as prefects, peer support leaders and council members.

Our founders were Presbyterian, professional and business leaders, men like Sir William Goodfellow, Mr N L Mackie, who, with Ministers of the Presbyterian Church initiated the Saint Kentigern Trust Board. They were hardworking, humble, rounded and service-minded citizens. They all, as we can, took inspiration from the biblical statement 'to whom much is given, much is expected'.

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Mr Steve Cole
HEAD OF COLLEGE



Rare Invitation to Perform in Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

The Pipes and Drums of Saint Kentigern was presented a unique opportunity to perform alongside the world's best marching bands and cultural groups in the foremost exhibition of Scottish and military culture! Our pipers and drummers were the youngest performers to play in the prestigious Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Wellington during February. The 20 band members and teacher in charge, Mr Andrew Lightfoot, joined a cast of more than 1,200 musicians and dancers, performing to 100,000 people across four days at Westpac Stadium.

This was just the fourth time in 65 years that the Tattoo has left Scotland to tour overseas. The show featured traditional Scottish favourites including the United Kingdom's best precision drill teams, pipers, fiddlers and highland dancers. Held annually in the grounds of Edinburgh Castle, the event is a sell-out every year, with 220,000 people flocking to its pomp and ceremony, and another 100 million people in 40 countries watching on television.

The invitation for our Pipes and Drums to take part was a fantastic recognition of Saint Kentigern's Scottish heritage, and was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the students involved. It kicked off 2016 as a year to remember for the band members, with the triennial pilgrimage to Scotland due to take place in July.



Leadership Camp Inspires College Student

With thanks to Jess Hunt, student reporter

I was lucky enough to be chosen to represent Saint Kentigern College at the World Vision and Sanitarium scholarship week. Students from 31 of the top fund-raising secondary schools in this year's 40-Hour Famine were awarded scholarships for their efforts in helping World Vision.

Day one started with mixing and mingling between the students as we arrived at the World Vision head office in Penrose. The World Vision crew organised a simulation game where we undertook tasks similar to those which people living in poverty would have to do on a daily basis. These included carrying a bucket of water on our heads with only one hand to support, building a shelter, purifying water, planting seeds and finding information off a large piece of paper with many statistics. Although it got very competitive, as is to be expected from 31 high school students, it was a great insight into the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves and really gave us the opportunity to see what it would be like to walk a day in their shoes. For the rest of the day we met and interacted with the World Vision staff, learning and seeing what their job entails, how they came to be in that position and how all these jobs come together to ensure World Vision runs smoothly and has the maximum possible benefit for those people it strives to help.

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Day two was kicked off with a speaker from Amnesty International who introduced us to our topic for the day - the refugee crisis. We learnt the difference between the commonly mistaken migrants and refugees, alongside being shown some very moving videos and statistics parallel to their campaign 'Double the Quota', which hopes to double the current refugee quota as it has not been changed in 30 years. Later in the day we visited Glen Innes School where we learnt about the Breakfast Club programme which Saint Kentigern has a very large and positive relationship with. The stories we were told demonstrated to us how our shoe banks, mufti day money and donations of used sports equipment have immensely impacted the lives of children living in low-decile schools in Auckland.

Possibly the highlight of the week for many of the students was our next activity - visiting the Mangere Refugee Resettlement Centre. Being some of the very few people ever allowed to visit the facility, we felt extremely blessed and fortunate. After a presentation on how the centre works and its core values, the primary school aged children came and sang us a couple of traditional Maori songs

including 'Tutira Mai Nga Iwi', commonly taught in primary schools all over New Zealand. The smiles, delight and passion on the faces of the children as they presented the songs to us brought the majority of the room to tears. After coming from devastating circumstances and only being in the country for five weeks, the happiness in their faces was the most moving experience I have possibly ever experienced. Afterwards we were given a tour of the facility and met with some students the same age as us who were learning English to be ready to move to schools all around the country shortly after.

On day three we were fortunate enough to have a visit from Labour MP, David Shearer and Greens MP, Marama Davidson who spoke about their views on the refugee crisis and other current global issues at the moment. Their honesty and transparency in answering the questions thrown at them was very surprising to many of us.

That night was the awards dinner where Saint Kentigern was awarded with the Special Project Award presented by Sanitarium - it was such an honour to accept this award on behalf of my school. I was fortunate enough to have a conversation with the C.E.O of World Vision, Chris Clarke, where I heard some of his fascinating stories of travelling to see how our funds are truly impacting the lives of these people and was able to share some of my overseas service stories as well.

On the final day, one of the World Vision staff gave the scholars a seminar on leadership, the different kinds of leaders, and how to have the greatest impact on changing the world through our leadership style. Throughout the course of the week we were blessed to meet some people who are serving their communities by following the 'buy one, give one' rule as when a customer purchases their product they will donate the same product to someone less fortunate in their own community.

I feel a changed person after the experiences I gained throughout the week. I now have the courage to use the skills and knowledge I have gained to go out there and make a change in the world in any way I can. A quote from Mother Teresa sums up my newfound knowledge and excitement towards how I can impact the future: 'I alone cannot change the world but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.'





Recognising Excellence

Middle School Prizegiving

A year of excellence, effort and diligence by our Year 7 – 10 students at the College was recognised in fine style at the Middle School prizegiving. The students, their families, staff and members of the Saint Kentigern community marked the end of the College year in a celebratory mood in the Sports Centre as the academic, cultural and sporting successes were acknowledged.

After the official party of teachers, Trust Board members and College leaders was piped in, the guests were welcomed by Head of Middle School Mr Duncan McQueen. In between performances by the College Sinfonia, Trust Board Chairman, Dr Bruce Goodfellow and Head of College, Mr Steve Cole addressed the audience and congratulated those students about to receive awards. Prizes were awarded for the top academic performers in each year level as well as in each class. These were presented by Trust Board member, Dr John Kernohan and retiring long-serving teacher and Middle School Head of Hamilton House Mr Rick Faulding. Special prizes were also given for sport, speech, individual subjects and citizenship.

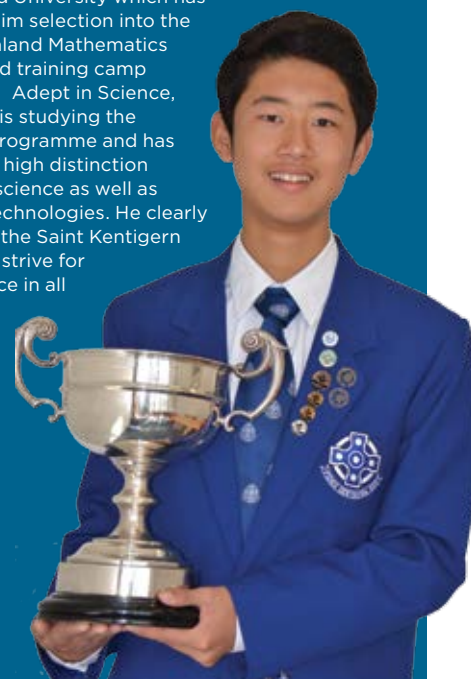
To conclude the formalities, the Second Pipe Band signed off the year in true Saint Kentigern style by playing 'Beating the Retreat'.

Congratulations to all of the award winners and we wish our Year 10 students all the best as they progress to the Senior School in 2016!



Dux of the Middle School Andrew Chen

Andrew's academic achievement has been evidenced by his ability to gain either excellence or excellence plus in his subjects. He is an accomplished mathematician gaining high results in Year 12 calculus whilst in Year 10 and top in New Zealand for the Australian Mathematics Competition. Andrew won the Auckland Mathematics Olympiad run by Auckland University which has gained him selection into the New Zealand Mathematics Olympiad training camp for 2016. Adept in Science, Andrew is studying the Year 11 programme and has attained high distinction in ICAS science as well as digital technologies. He clearly displays the Saint Kentigern ethos to strive for excellence in all areas of College life.



**The Birch Cup for the Year 10 girl showing all-round ability
Juliet Shepherd**

Juliet is an exceptional all-rounder in the Middle School. Her excellent attitude and diligent approach to learning has seen her gain excellent results in all her subjects, including Academic Honours. Juliet played in the Netball Mystics with her strong skills seeing her awarded Netball Player of the Year. She was part of the crew of the Middle School Production 'Little Shop of Horrors', in the 1st XI Cricket team which won the Auckland 1A title, the Cross Country AKSS Mixed Team and Duke of Edinburgh Bronze.



**The J.E.H Kururangi Cup for the Year 10 boy showing all-round ability
Sajith Dhambagolla**

Sajith epitomises the College ethos of a well-rounded student. He has had a vast and varied year of co-curricular activities participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, and starring in the 'Little Shop of Horrors' as the plant in the Middle School production this year. He captained the Colts Cricket team which won the Auckland Competition, Tennis Intermediate A1, Basketball U17D, Table Tennis SKC 2 and Junior Debating. Sajith's excellent communication skills, rapport with peers and leadership potential were clearly evident as he excelled in his Middle School leader role. Sajith has had an exceptional year academically with excellent grades in all his subjects.



Senior School Prizegiving

The Senior School Prizegiving signalled the end of another notable year in the life of the College as the Saint Kentigern community gathered in Elliot Hall to congratulate our Year 11, 12 and 13 IB (International Baccalaureate) and NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement) academic prize winners, including those who have received scholarships to continue their education at tertiary level.

As well as our top academic achievers, Senior Prizegiving also recognises our very best sportsmen and women, debaters, actors, dancers and musicians, and those who have given well beyond expectation in Service. At all levels, there are many who strive to achieve their utmost in every endeavour they undertake.

Each student who came across the stage could be rightfully proud of awards that recognised their significant contribution. The ceremony culminated with the announcement of the highest academic honour, the Dux. The honour was awarded to both the top IB Diploma student, William Xu and the top NCEA student, Marieke Kruiswijk. Congratulations to these two deserving students who have worked hard and made the most of every opportunity.

As the Prizegiving ceremony came to a close, students, staff and guests were invited to Elliot Quad to watch the Pipes and Drums of Saint Kentigern beat the retreat as the flag was lowered.



Dux Medallist – IB Diploma William Xu

Joining the College in 2011 as a Year 9 student, William quickly distinguished himself as an outstanding academic student with a remarkable work ethic. He was awarded Academic Colours in Years 11, 12 and 13 and the award for the Highest Achievement in NCEA Level 1. In Year 12 he was the top student in both IB Biology and Mathematics. As a result of his academic achievements, William was chosen as a member of the Year 13 Scholars Group. This year, William was first in IB Biology and will be sitting Scholarship examinations in Geography, Media Studies, Art History, Calculus and Chemistry.

In addition to his academic success, William has been extensively involved in the co-curricular life of the College. As an outstanding pianist, he has

been a member of several Chamber Groups and the Chamber Orchestra. In 2015, he played in the College Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Combo, was a finalist in the Solo Music Competition and played in the 2015 Stage Band which won a Gold Award at the KBB Music Festival. He has also gained a Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and has been a member of the Senior Water Polo team.

William has also served others as a member of the Academic Council, a Peer Support Leader and an Academic Mentor. In addition, he has mentored ESOL students and been involved with service at Riverina Primary School.

In 2016, William hopes to study Medicine.



Dux Medallist – NCEA Marieke Kruiswijk

Marieke is an outstanding scholar with tremendous academic talent who joined the College in 2009 as a Year 7 student.

Achieving Academic Colours in every senior year, Marieke was First in Year 11, also winning the Latin Prize and the V.J. Little Cup and Accounting Prize. In Year 12, she was awarded the P.G. Hadfield Prize for First in Year 12 NCEA and the Top Year 12 academic prizes for Chemistry, Latin and Physics, also gaining First in Physics this year. As a result of her academic achievements, Marieke was chosen to be a member of the Year 13 Scholars Group and

will be sitting Scholarship Examinations in Biology, Chemistry, Latin and Physics.

Marieke plays the oboe and has been in the College Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra over a number of years. She has served others at the College as a Peer Support Leader and Academic Mentor, and also serves in the community as a player, umpire and coach for Howick and Pakuranga Netball Club.

In 2016, Marieke intends to study Biomedical Science.





32 Tertiary Scholarships Awarded!

The College is thrilled that by Senior School Prizegiving, 25 of our graduating students had already been awarded 32 significant tertiary scholarships, providing them with financial assistance for their chosen tertiary studies. In some instances, these provide a very substantial sum and these students can be very proud of their achievement. Other students can be equally proud to have been offered more than one scholarship, opening up choice as to where they continue their education.

Each year the number of scholarships awarded usually increases over the summer break as exam results become available; in particular for those seeking scholarships from universities in the Northern Hemisphere. Already, Ayden Lamont has accepted a place at prestigious Princeton University in the USA for the academic year beginning in 2016.

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements!

THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

The University of Auckland Scholarship
The University of Auckland Scholarship
George Turner Wilson Music Trust Scholarship
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Jessica Allen
Grace Wood
Lili Taylor
Caitlin Houghton

Up to \$50,000 over 3 years
Up to \$50,000 over 3 years
\$2,500 for first year
\$2,500 for first year

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (AUT)

Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship:
Significant Student Scholarship:
Significant Student Scholarship:
Bachelor of Science Scholarships

Nathan Walker
Lucy Conyngham
Emma Hanley
Keegan Chessum

\$6,000 p.a. for 3 years
\$6,000 p.a. for 3 years
\$6,000 p.a. for 3 years
\$6,000 for first year

THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

Academic Excellence Scholarship
Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship
Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship
Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship
Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship
New Frontiers Scholarship
New Frontiers Scholarship
New Frontiers Scholarship
New Frontiers Scholarship
New Frontiers Scholarship

Marieke Kruiswijk
Theresa Yeung
Keegan Chessum
Lauren Hendricksen
Keshini Ketheeswaran
Oliver Hadfield
Tom Hammond
Caitlin Hogan
Trent Macdonald
Sophie Watson

Up to \$45,000 over 3 years
\$6,000 for the first year
\$6,000 for the first year
\$6,000 for the first year
\$6,000 for the first year
\$2,500-\$5,000 results dependent
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Saint Kentigern Scholarships

Each year at Senior School Prizegiving, the College awards special Saint Kentigern Scholarships to our highest achieving scholars in recognition of their academic achievement. This year, seven scholarships were awarded to be put towards further study.

William Xu and Marieke Kruiswijk, our IB Diploma Dux and NCEA Dux each received \$3000. Byron Lam, Daniel Clark, Brandon Hoon, Daniel Ng and Grace Wood each received \$1000. These students have applied themselves fully to their academic studies whilst at College and we wish each of them the very best as they move on to their tertiary studies.



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
 Excellence Scholarship
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 Excellence Scholarship

THE UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY
 Emerging Leaders' Scholarship
 Engineering Top Scholars Award
 Emerging Leaders' Scholarships
 UC Engineering High Achievers' Award
 UC Engineering High Achievers' Award

MASSEY UNIVERSITY
 Vice Chancellor's High Achiever Scholarship

RSM PRINCE
 RSM Prince Accounting Scholarship

Annie Wang
 Rebecca Lane
 Anthony Grant
 Sarah Courtney
 Harry Rainger
 Keshini Ketheeswaran
 Oliver Hadfield

Grace Wood
 Grace Wood
 Scott Murray
 Finn McGregor
 Scott Murray

Keegan Chessum

Daniel Clark

\$5,000 for first year
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\$5,000 for first year
 \$5,000 p.a. for 2 years
 \$5,000 for first year
 \$1,000 for first year
 \$1,000 for first year

\$3,000 for first year

\$1,200 for three years





Bruce House Dinner

'As I cast my eyes over you, I see a community, a family, a whanau – a very special whanau – which others never really 'get' until they belong.' Reverend David Smith, Housemaster

As the College year drew to a close, parents of the Year 13 graduates, staff and Trust Board members joined the boarders at Bruce House to celebrate their achievements and give thanks to those who care for them – their surrogate family members during term time. This is a special evening where the invited guests soon gain an understanding of the very strong family bond that pervades the boarding house.

Housemaster, Reverend David Smith, told of the privilege he felt to be able to share in the daily lives of 112 young people who make Bruce House their 'home away from home'. He said that the particular enjoyment for him comes from the 'every-day stuff,' hearing their laughter, observing the camaraderie, hearing their stories and celebrating their successes, as talent abounds amongst the boarders. He said that whilst it was hard to explain the enormity of the responsibility he feels for all the girls and boys in his care, he found it equally hard to express the immense pride he has in his 'extended family'. 'Each one of you is your own person, yet each one of you is part of something bigger than yourselves. You can be proud of yourself for who you are, for what you do and for all that you contribute to the fabric of the College.'

The Bruce House Head Prefects, Trent MacDonald and Sienna Spence, both came forward to speak with passion about their boarding experience. They were both excellent role models to the younger students and epitomise all that is good in such a community. Sienna holds the distinction of being a foundation girl boarder. Having started in Year 9, she is the first girl to have completed five years since girls were first introduced to the House. Along with sister, Maija and brother, Lucca, the Spence siblings are currently the biggest family group to board. Sienna finished by saying, 'If I could leave one thing with you, it's to keep being yourself and always remember how strong all of you are.'

To live away from home at such a young age takes so much courage and that courage will continue with you all when you leave these safety nets.'

Trent is a true son of Kentigern. His brother, Rafe, also boards and his father is an Old Collegian. He opened by saying, 'Being able to stay at Bruce House has been an honour and a privilege. The memories we make and friendships we create will last forever. Going to Saint Kentigern College is one thing but boarding at Bruce House is on a whole other level. Whether you've been here for one year or six, we all have experiences we will recall and cherish.'

The evening concluded with Head of College Mr Steve Cole presenting the Bruce House Awards for 2015 followed by the announcement of next year's Bruce House student leaders: Head Girl, Iris Lee, Head Boy, Alfie Robertson and their deputies Ainslie Paxton, Tayla Farmer, Joe Haddleton and William Langley.



Bruce House Awards 2015

The MacFarlan Award for Head Boy:	Trent MacDonald
The MacFarlan Award for Head Girl:	Sienna Spence
The McGuinness Cup for Academic Honours:	Annie Wang
The Morgan Cup for Year 11 Academic Achievement:	Lisa Mayaura
The Bruce House Cup for All-Rounder Boy:	Joseph Bradshaw
The Norma Cowie Cup for All-Rounder Girl:	Hanna English
The Marcroft Cup for Sportsman of the Year:	Hanna English





Ending and Sending – Year 13 Graduation Dinner

'Saint Kentigern has truly shaped me into the person I am today and for that I will be forever grateful. When we take our formal uniform off for the very last time tonight, we aren't just saying goodbye to a highly fashionable garment, we are saying goodbye to years of memories and experiences we will never forget.' – Lauren Hendricksen, Chalmers House prefect 2015

The final Chapel and Graduation Dinner marked the end of our Year 13 students' time at the College, as we send them on to their next challenge in further study or the workplace. More than 300 leaving students and members of their family joined with staff, board members and Old Collegians at Ellerslie Events Centre to celebrate their years at Saint Kentigern, which for many meant having been at the College since 2009! The simultaneous ending and sending was the context of the address by Reverend David Smith during the Chapel service. Rev Smith reiterated the messages he had conveyed at Chapel throughout the year and asked the students to embrace the next chapter of their lives with the Saint Kentigern values in mind. 'You've been an excellent cohort and as I look out at you I cannot help but think what interesting and full of life people you are, how much you've grown and come into your own. So go for it, give it heaps, take with you all that Saint Kentigern has given you.'

The culmination of the students' secondary education was recognised with the presentation of their diplomas by the Chairman of the Trust Board, Dr Bruce Goodfellow and Head of College, Mr Steve Cole. The guests were then led to and welcomed into the dining area by pipers; the last time for a while that the students will hear the sounds synonymous with Saint Kentigern. Mr Cole addressed the students for the final time, saying, 'You are a multi-talented remarkable group of young people and very ready for the next stage in education and life. As Head of College I am proud of you all. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to get to know such a special group of young men and women; you will continue to serve and lead with distinction.'

The mood of reminiscence of the past times shared by the cohort and of excitement about their futures was reflected in the speeches made by the Head Prefects and House leaders. 'We've had moments we'll never forget here,' said Cargill House leader

Joseph Bradshaw. 'It's all been a part of the Saint Kentigern journey and memories. As a graduating son of Kentigern, I stand here in a much better place than I was only five years ago. You people here today and some who aren't here today... have all helped me change my attitude, guide me down the right path and grow up.' Emily Cran, also of Cargill House said: 'I have no doubt that as daughters and sons of Kentigern each of us will make our own way into the world, so good luck and go hard.'

There was also an air of gratitude in the room as the speakers each thanked their parents, teachers, tutors and other mentors within the College. The sentiments expressed throughout the night of thankfulness, friendship and pride in having attended the 'World of Opportunity' Saint Kentigern offers confirmed that these students will go on to great things. We wish them well in their future endeavours and thank them for everything they have done to extend the Saint Kentigern legacy.





Celebrating the Arts evening is an opportunity to join in celebration and reflect back on the year to recognise our many talented performing artists across all disciplines.

Our all-boys choir, Menasing, were first to perform singing 'Wairua Tapu' and 'Le Chanson de Mardi Gras.' Menasing had a stellar year winning a Gold award at the Choral Federation's Big Sing National Finale in Wellington. They were named as the Best Music Group for 2015.

The dance programme is continuing to grow in strength at the College with a second dance studio having been added to cater for demand. A Year 13 group presented a version of 'Too Darn Hot' from the Cole Porter musical 'Kiss me Kate.' The Year 13 Extension Group performed 'Steal your Rock n Roll' from the musical 'Memphis.' These students were part of a tour to the USA and were taught this dance at a musical theatre workshop on Broadway!

Year 13 drama student Becky Lane is well remembered for her commanding presence as the despotic Queen of Hearts in the production of 'Go Tell Alice in Wonderland.' Becky took to the stage with her NCEA Level 3 devised piece prepared for her Scholarship Drama exam. The piece showcased her understanding of creating dramatic impact through 'seamless transitions and multi-rolling' to create an engaging piece of solo theatre.

The evening's entertainment was interspersed with the handing out of the Cultural Awards for 2015, building to the 2015 Performer of the Year, which went to talented singer Lili Taylor.



Performer of the Year 2015: Lili Taylor

Lili is well known for her amazing voice and the ability to sing effortlessly in many styles and vocal registers. She has been involved in many of our stage productions taking the female lead in the 2014 production of 'Blood Brothers' and 'Spamalot' in 2015. Lili's talent on stage extends beyond her ability to sing, bringing a strong, dynamic performance to each role she has taken on.

In addition, Lili has also been a member of our auditioned choir, Kentoris; the all-girls choir, Musettes; the Chapel Band; the Massed Choir, where she featured as a soloist in the Town Hall performance; and as a solo vocalist with the Stage Band. She has been a finalist in the College Solo Music Competition and plays percussion in the Symphony Orchestra.

Outside of College, Lili was awarded an Auckland University George Turner Wilson Memorial Scholarship allowing her to receive lessons with one of the university professors in preparation for a classical music degree next year.



Oh What a Night!

The brilliant College production of 'Go Tell Alice in Wonderland' was recognised as one of the top secondary school stage shows with a bumper crop of five prizes at the Showdown Awards! The awards celebrate the best Auckland secondary school productions with a glitzy ceremony at Sky City Theatre. The judges, who are all experienced theatre practitioners, attend shows across Auckland before releasing a list of nominees in 23 categories: performance, technical and production; musical and drama. The College consistently has a high number of nominees and this year was no different with 14 nominations in 11 categories for the Senior School musical 'Spamalot' and drama 'Go Tell Alice in Wonderland'. Our winners covered the full range of what is required to put on a great show, from acting talent, to mise en scene and creative guidance. Year 13 students Becky Lane and Trent McDonald were judged to have played the best supporting roles, as the Queen of Hearts and caterpillar in 'Go Tell Alice'. The College Head of Drama, Mrs Emma Bishop, scooped three prizes for her work on the play, receiving the best costume, best set and best director awards! Congratulations to all of our winners and nominees and everyone who worked on the productions to contribute to this success!



Filmmakers' Skill Recognised

Atalented film-making duo from the College has been reeling in accolades recently, in national and international competitions. Year 11 student Hunter Williams has spent a large part of the year working on a short documentary called 'NVader', which addresses the horrific issue of human trafficking. Hunter entered his 12-minute film and another of his creations, 'Quinn's Quest', into the All-American High School Film Festival, which is the largest festival in the world for young filmmakers. Both of his films were accepted to screen in the festival at the AMC Theatres in Times Square, New York. At the festival's awards show, 'NVader' was named as a finalist in the best editing, best documentary and best international film categories. This means it was among the top eight to 10 films in these categories out of more than 1400 submissions from around the world.

Year 13 student Henry Donald put together a film which documented a group of College cyclists undertaking an Everesting ride. Everesting



challenges cyclists to ascend a hill as many times as necessary to reach the equivalent height of Mt Everest, 8848m. Liam Cappel, Edward Barry and Harry Mellsop scaled the Whangapoua Hill on the Coromandel Peninsula for eight hours, covering 120km, to complete the epic feat. Through a Givealittle page, they raised \$4375 for the College's World Vision project in Malawi. Henry was in tow to capture all of the action and crafted the footage, including behind the scenes of the build-up and interviews with the riders and World Vision's Devon Davids, into a short film called 'Mountains for Malawi'. The documentary was entered into the Making a Difference film competition and has been selected as a finalist for best cinematography, best secondary school film, and also the social justice award.

Hunter and Henry's films were also finalists in the Outlook for Someday competition, and their collaboration, along with Sam Strang, placed third in the Fair Go ad awards!



Dancing for Megastar

Maddison Barnett and Brianna Dixon's dance moves have been watched on YouTube nearly 200 million times! The girls feature in videos for songs from Justin Bieber's new album 'Purpose: The Movement'. Year 10 student Maddison performs in clips for 'Sorry' and 'What do you mean' and Brianna, who is in Year 8, can be seen in the video for 'Children'. The pair was chosen to be amongst a select group of Kiwis for the filming by world-renowned choreographer Parris Goebel from Palace Dance Studio. 'Filming was really fun,' says Maddison. 'We had to keep drilling until we had it perfect. It was a good experience to learn what we have to do if we want to make it in dance.' The girls were subject to confidentially agreements ahead of the album's release, so had to keep their big news secret from friends and schoolmates. 'I knew when it released it would go off so I was excited,' says Maddison. 'Seeing all the millions of views is crazy.' Maddison is part of Miss Goebel's Sorority crew and Brianna is in the Bubblegum crew. The girls study dance at the College and have performed as part of the Dance Showcase and other events. College Head of Dance, Mr Geordan Wilcox says Maddison and Brianna are 'awesomely talented students'. 'They have amazing energy when they perform. They have something you want to harness and that you want other students to experience.'



Middle School Music Evening

Twice during the course of each year, College Middle School students, who are learning an instrument, have the opportunity to perform at a relaxed and friendly recital evening. The second of these evenings was held in the Music Centre, with a large turnout of family and friends in support of these students in Years 7-10.

The music programme at the College continues to gain strength and this year alone, over 400 students are learning an instrument or receiving voice tuition through the itinerant programme, with 32 specialist itinerant music teachers providing the tuition. Head of Middle School Music, Mr Oliver Gilmour explained that the instrumental evenings are a great opportunity for the students to perform in front of a live audience. These may be students who are learning a musical instrument for the first time or those who may already be proficient, but it is not often that instrumentalists have the opportunity to perform solo as most will work within an ensemble or orchestra. The concert is also an ideal learning platform for those students who are considering studying music as an academic subject in their senior years. This is good preparation for those who will go on to be assessed as a performer.

The evening's acts opened with the Middle School Pipe Band followed by the Saint Kentigern Sinfonia before solo artists stole their nerves to perform on the piano, violin, guitar, saxophone, flute and piano accordion. The quality of these performances in some instances was outstanding and bodes well for the future of our large music ensembles.

From Chopin and Tchaikovsky to Michael Jackson, Rogers and Hammerstein and Ed Sheeran, there was something for everyone to enjoy! Proud parents looked on – and held their breath as their own child stepped up to play!



An Evening of Baroque

Kentoris finished their year with a fantastic concert of Italian Baroque music in the College Chapel. The first half of the concert showcased some of the College's finest soloists performing early Italian arias with harpsichord accompaniment. Victoria Tse, Liam Braithwaite, Declan Fisher, Jessica Allen and Emily Young sang an assortment of these dramatic and beautiful songs which transported an appreciative audience to the chamber music halls of Venice; a unique and new experience for most. Filling in for a student unable to attend, Choir Director and Old Collegian, Mr Lachlan Craig also performed an aria.

The choir gathered together for the remainder of the evening to perform Vivaldi's 'Gloria'; a large and challenging choral work that moves through several styles of early music over 11 movements. They were also joined by young, professional soloists Fiona Tibbles, Luana Pricor and Dilys Fong. It was a treat for the students to see where their singing might take them in just a few short years.

The evening was accompanied skilfully by Tom Chatterton – an English organist who has recently moved to NZ to become part of the Saint Kentigern Family with his wife Emma. Emma Chatterton has been appointed Assistant Director of Music at the Boys' School and we welcome them both.

Thanks go to the talented team of Year 13s that led the choir in 2015 with humility and grace, and to the musical team of Mr Lachlan Craig and Miss Gracie Francis.



Andrew Adds to Medal Tally

Year 10 College student, Andrew Chen has continued his outstanding form in the Australian Mathematics Competition. The renowned competition is undertaken by around 600,000 students each year in more than 30 countries around the world. The paper consists of 30 questions, ordered in increasing difficulty, which must be answered in 75 minutes. Each year, a select number of students are awarded medals for their performance. The number of medals allocated is equivalent to a standard achieved by 1 in 10,000 entrants, the top 0.1 per cent. Andrew was one of 14 competitors to receive a medal in the intermediate section (Year 10-11). He was the only New Zealander to medal in the intermediate category. In the past four years he has also received a prize for placing in the top 0.3 per cent. He also received the Prudence Award for having the highest number of consecutive correct answers among entrants from the College. Andrew travelled to Christchurch to be presented his medal by Professor Mike Clapper, executive director of the Australia Mathematics Trust. Well done, Andrew!



Winning Eye for Design

Year 8 College students, Chris Dirks and Chris Manning have proven themselves to be future focussed by winning Genesis Energy's SchoolGen Mean Green House competition. The boys were first in the intermediate (Year 7-8) section of the nationwide contest, which tasked students to investigate eco-house design from an energy conservation perspective. Students had to research, design and build a scale model of a 'mean green' house. Also included in the brief was to film a video that explains their creation.

The team decided on a smaller house, with Auckland's lack of available land and compact living in mind. There are solar panels to harness renewable and sustainable energy. Rain water is collected from the house's flat surfaces and directed into a storage tank underground. Recognising the environmental benefits of public transport, there is no garage for a car, replaced by space for bicycles. The walls are made of stone to contain solar heat during the day and release it at night. There is double glazing on most of the windows to reduce heat loss and the design makes use of an agricultural by-product by insulating the house with wool.

'The team from Saint Kentigern combined thoughtful use of materials with creative design flair to develop their 'iconic' E house,' says Rob Duff, SchoolGen team educator. For their efforts, the students won a \$100 Prezzie card for themselves plus two Polaroid mini action cameras for the College. Well done, boys! Congratulations also to Year 9 student, Leon Chaplow, who was highly commended in the secondary school division!



Win for College Food Technologists

College students, Alexander Sames and Keegan Chessum won the Auckland regional CREST Student Product Development Challenge. Run by The Royal Society of New Zealand and the NZ Institute of Food Science and Technology, the challenge gives teams of senior secondary school students the experience of exploring creative solutions to practical, food science and technology problems and questions. The teams work with food industry mentors for two terms, in the development of an innovative new food product.

Alexander and Keegan formed Team Bijan and were paired with food technologist Abigail Ayo from Kerry Ingredients. They created an Asian-inspired sesame dressing made from all natural ingredients and no artificial flavourings, thickeners or preservatives. The boys researched the salad dressing market and identified their idea as a new flavour opportunity. They carried out taste trials on their target market and established the product's pricing to ensure it could be competitive. Part of the brief was for the product to have a shelf life of 12 months, which necessitated thorough assessment of whether to use an emulsifier to stabilise the dressing and prevent it splitting.

A total of 16 teams presented their prototypes and research to a panel of judges. Team Bijan was awarded first place for their 'outstanding product and report.' The judges also commented that the 'market research was well done,' the report had a 'nice balance of creativity and science' and was 'impressively presented.'

Another Saint Kentigern team, Burger Buddies, consisting of Lucy Floyd, Rebecca Roberts, Zachary Littlejohn and Maximilian Ballard gained a highly commended award, placing them in the top five in the upper North Island.

The judges said the team had a 'good grasp of food safety and designed a product that met their brief and target market perfectly.'





Robotics Team Visits Trade Me

There was a meeting of the minds when our national medal winning Robotics team visited the workplace of Trade Me to exchange ideas!

Staff at Trade Me were curious to understand how the students go about programming their robots. For our students, it was a chance to gain insight into how coding and programming operates in the work place and to understand where their developing IT skills could take them.

The students showed the Trade Me staff how their robots are programmed to play a game of soccer. In the soccer competition, two robots need to work together to protect the goal, attack the opposition,

gain the ball and score across the 'field.' They also demonstrated some of the other skills they had learnt for other categories of the competition they had entered such as 'rescues.'

The students shared a pizza lunch with staff and were proud to receive a standing ovation before they left.



Decathlon, Challenge Week and Home Centre

While the Year 10 students were on their Field Centre adventure, the rest of the Middle School embarked on various adventures at the College and around Auckland. The annual Year 7 decathlon tested our youngest students with quizzes, sports and club activities. The Year 8 Challenge Week included creating a cardboard city, mountain biking in Woodhill Forest and culminated in Top Town Day. During Home Centre, the Year 9s completed service tasks at local schools, attended a drama show and visited the zoo and a trip to Rainbow's End. For all involved, it was fun and memorable way to finish off the school year!





College Community Reaches Out

The service efforts at the College have a large and wide variety of recipients, including readers at the Mt Eden Prison Library. The College librarians asked if members of the Saint Kentigern community had books they would like to contribute and were met with an overwhelming response.



Exclusive Dance School Beckons

The College is thrilled to announce that graduating student Christopher Clegg has been accepted into the prestigious New Zealand School of Dance in Wellington from 2016.



Legendary Sailor Inspires Students

Barbara Kendall, one of New Zealand's greatest sporting stars, was the perfect person to inspire the Middle School students at the College ahead of their Field Centre and Home Centre weeks. The Middle School sailors had their photo taken with the windsurfing legend.



Kudos for College Entrepreneurs

At the Young Enterprise Scheme regional awards evening, Cases for a Cause was delighted to be named Start-up Company of the Year for the Auckland area.



Third in World in Duathlon

Cameron Low is in the top three in the world in duathlon for his age group! Cameron won the bronze medal in the men's 16-19 years sprint category at the Duathlon World Championships in Adelaide.



Finalist in Prestigious Art Awards

College student Amy Laing's photographic ability has been recognised at the Wallace Secondary School Art Awards, which reward and celebrate emerging artistic talent in New Zealand. Organised by the Wallace Arts Trust, the awards is a nationwide competition which attracted 290 entries this year. Amy, who is in Year 13, was one of 31 finalists chosen to exhibit her work at the historic Pah Homestead gallery. Her photographic work 'Paul' is a blue futuristic piece highlighting the architecture of the Auckland Museum. This was Amy's first entry into an art competition and follows her exhibition in the Jack Paine Centre at the College.

She is influenced by alternative jewellery, art and clothing along with artists who challenge traditional ideas within art and art practice, such as Sally Mann and Damien Hirst. She is inspired by the concept of chance events that change our

view on life. Her work was displayed in the Jack Paine Centre in the exhibition space called the Meeting Room. Titled 'Uncomfortable Comfort' it features photographs of her work and also small resin sculptures of animal remains. 'My artwork kind of suggests there is beauty in death,' she says.

In the future she hopes to continue her passion for photography as this will assist her further studies in media production and advertising.



Invited to Perform at Premier Dance Festival

A select group of dance students from the College showcased their talent in New Zealand's foremost dance festival, Tempo.



Menasing on Maori TV

The College all-male choir, Menasing, features on the Maori TV programme 'The Big Sing', about the national secondary school choir competition.



Five-year Winning Streak in Accounting

The Accounting team from the College won the annual CETA (Commerce and Economics Teachers Association) Pursuits Competition for a record fifth consecutive year!



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My journey in the Philippines

With thanks to Year 8 student reporter, Lulu Denholm

I travelled to the Philippines and spent a week with kids living on a rubbish dump; with trafficked girls; and helping at feeding programmes for slum children. During our time there we went to places that most people wouldn't dare to venture and saw the faces and heard the stories behind the statistics we learn about at school. The faces of the poorest of the poor, of those who live off \$1 a day in cardboard boxes, of those that are sex trafficked and of those who have no hope that they will ever rise above the poverty they were born into.

Our first few days were spent with the largest Filipino human trafficking prevention organisation called Visayan Forum (VF). Trafficking is one of the main forms of child labour and is now one of the most profitable illegal industries in the world, generating billions of dollars a year. Sex trafficking is when kids are sold into the sex industry – every 30 seconds a girl is trafficked in this way. Many Filipino children are at risk of being trafficked.

VF has three main focuses: prevention, rescue and rehabilitation. We were able to see their prevention campaigns with teenagers at schools and their amazing rescue work in brothels and intercepting traffickers at the ports. The rehabilitation base is called The Centre of Hope. This is a safe house where they take kids that have been trafficked to rehabilitate. The kids usually suffer huge physical and mental trauma and it can take them months or years to get well. We took lots of games to play with the girls.

The youngest trafficked girl in the centre was one year old, and there was also a nine-year-old girl called Maryan. I got very close to Maryan, she was a similar age to my younger sister and was recently rescued. It seemed so wrong a little girl could have such a brutal life by her age. The rest of the girls were in their teens and at various stages of recovery. They were so happy to see us but as some of them started to share their stories you could see the pain they carry. Some were waiting for their case to come up in court where they would be required to testify against their traffickers. The girls were brave and beautiful.

The Philippines is an extremely poor country with over 20 million people living in slums. In the next few days we visited a massive slum based around an old rubbish dump called Smokey Mountain. The first thing you notice when you arrive was the sweet sickly smell of fermenting food and human waste. Then you see the indescribable living conditions that they call home; families of up to 10 live in boxes and in tiny shacks with no water, no electricity, no sewerage and no food.

We spent a lot of time helping at feeding programmes, but the highlight was meeting the kids and hearing their stories.

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Danilo, who was in charge of his younger siblings while his parents scavenged through the rubbish all day to earn \$1 – enough to buy one meal. Despite his age, his face looked like an old man's. I then met a one-year-old called Romeo. Romeo was the youngest of eight kids and was so malnourished. I knew as I held him that this sickly baby was unlikely to live much longer. A beautiful, big-eyed boy called Clarence followed us around all day, carrying our bags and never leaving our side. He didn't stop smiling the entire day. We found out later that Clarence had died of pneumonia. He was only nine years old, and died simply because he couldn't afford antibiotics.

Another thing I will never forget is meeting a girl my age who was cooking something called bugbug for dinner. She and her friends had scavenged through KFC rubbish bins, collected the used bones, and were recooking them. I kept thinking we wouldn't let our animals eat bugbug, yet for these kids, just like me, this was dinner!

This whole experience changed my life forever and is not one I can walk away from and forget. We are so privileged in NZ and have the money and the resources to make a difference – and that's certainly something I want to do. It was quite overwhelming to see the enormity of the poverty but I kept reminding myself that at the end of the day all I need to think about is helping just one child. For Danilo, for Romeo, or for Maryan... helping one is enough.





Making a Difference in Tanzania

With thanks to Year 12 student reporter, Gabbie Duncan

Gabbie Duncan travelled to the city of Arusha in Tanzania to visit the child she sponsors and see the work of the education programme run by her family for the last five years. Saint Kentigern has been a huge contributor to the programme, called Arusha Children's Effort, with a number of chapel collections being donated to the project. Gabbie shares the experience of going to Arusha and meeting her sponsored student for the first time.

'Arusha Children's Effort (ACE) has been run by my mother, Vinnie and sister, Mary, in Arusha, Tanzania for the last five years. The main objective of the programme is to offer children from disadvantaged situations the opportunity for an education and inspire them to do the best they can in their studies. This will hopefully set them up for a successful future, with a job, stability, and the ability to influence change in their communities. Through ACE, families are able to sponsor a child through assisting with school fees and associated costs, enabling that child to gain a quality education. During my experience in Tanzania, I was able to see firsthand the effects of the donations from the likes of Saint Kentigern and the value it provides was truly inspiring.

Aside from a few main buildings and streets in the town centre, Arusha is basically a sprawling area of dirt roads, basic mud and stone huts and slum dwellings. The majority of the city's population barely survive, getting by on subsistence farming, small good sales (cheap sunglasses, local jewellery) and street begging. Some areas are very dangerous, even during daylight. Like many places, the cost of urbanisation can be a total breakdown of family structure and tradition. Combined with drugs, alcohol, AIDS, crime and general poverty, the ones who suffer most are the children.

The main purpose of our trip was to attend the graduation of five ACE students. It was amazing to see some of ACE's first students complete their education. Of the five students graduating, two gained top prizes in their grade which is an incredible achievement. These students have had to work much harder than anyone else, and coming from positions of such difficulty the achievement is truly astounding. To put it in perspective, only 25 per cent of students that attend school in Tanzania go on to secondary school education.

My personal involvement is as a sponsor. For the past three years I have sponsored Meshack Judika into Haradali Primary School. We had exchanged letters and I have received Meshack's reports and teacher's comments, however, nothing could compare to meeting him for the first time. Meshack lives with his older sister and his mother in a very small room. Meeting and speaking to him was such an incredible and special moment for me, it really solidified in my mind the importance of an education for him. To be able to physically see the difference it makes to him and the benefits of sending Meshack to school, not only for him but for his family too, really confirmed for me why I chose to sponsor him. After meeting Meshack, we both have a much deeper understanding of what this opportunity really means for him and I look forward to seeing how he develops.

Although Arusha can be intimidating and completely alien, I loved every minute of my time there. The atmosphere that surrounds the place and the people are so inspiring and beautiful that, although I felt like a stranger, it also felt like a second home of sorts and I know that I will be returning to Arusha. I will return as soon as I can and spend enough time to learn the culture, the language and the people. Arusha is without a doubt one of the most incredible places I have ever been, and actively contributing with ACE and its goals has changed my life forever and will continue to for a long time coming.

This was an eye-opening experience and one that I will never forget.'



Journey of Reflection

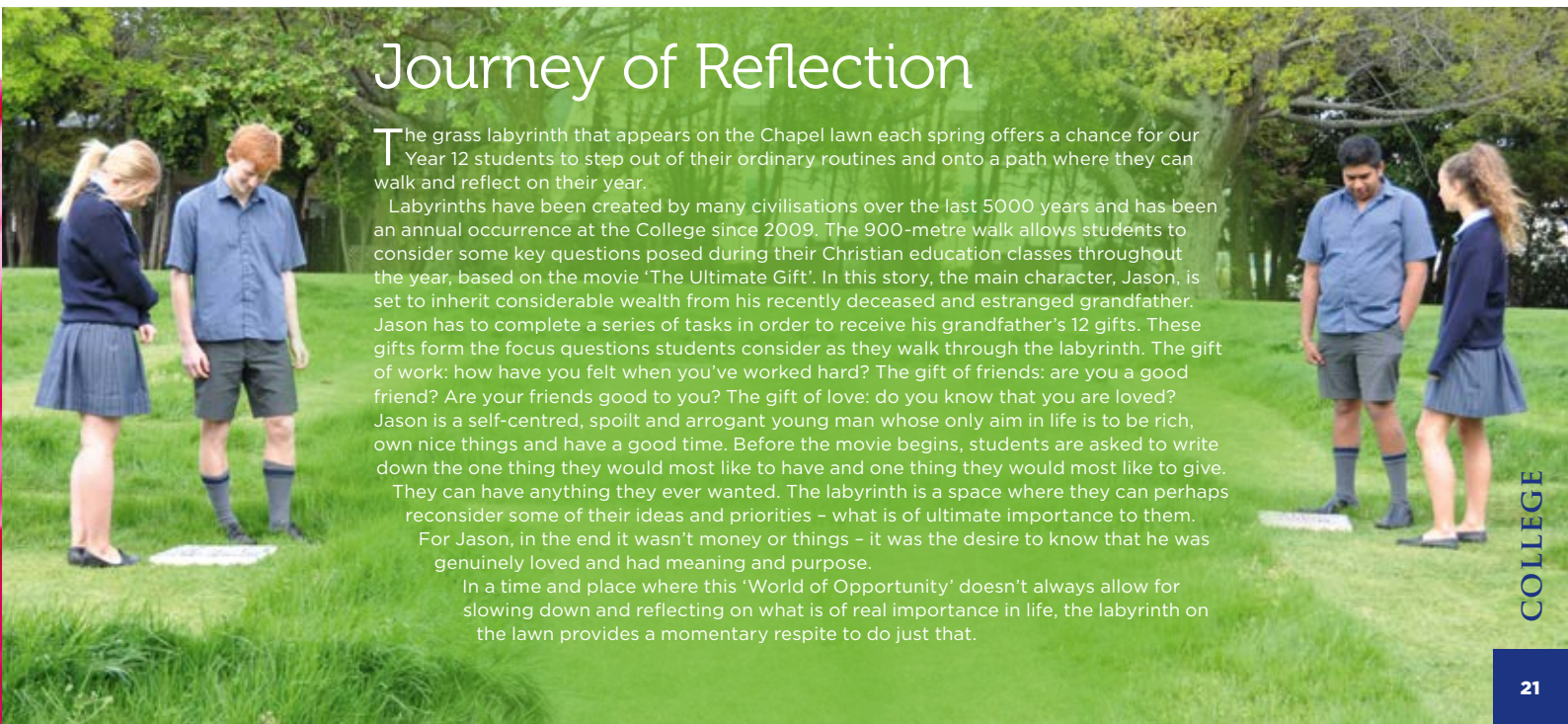
The grass labyrinth that appears on the Chapel lawn each spring offers a chance for our Year 12 students to step out of their ordinary routines and onto a path where they can walk and reflect on their year.

Labyrinths have been created by many civilisations over the last 5000 years and has been an annual occurrence at the College since 2009. The 900-metre walk allows students to consider some key questions posed during their Christian education classes throughout the year, based on the movie 'The Ultimate Gift'. In this story, the main character, Jason, is set to inherit considerable wealth from his recently deceased and estranged grandfather. Jason has to complete a series of tasks in order to receive his grandfather's 12 gifts. These gifts form the focus questions students consider as they walk through the labyrinth. The gift of work: how have you felt when you've worked hard? The gift of friends: are you a good friend? Are your friends good to you? The gift of love: do you know that you are loved? Jason is a self-centred, spoilt and arrogant young man whose only aim in life is to be rich, own nice things and have a good time. Before the movie begins, students are asked to write down the one thing they would most like to have and one thing they would most like to give.

They can have anything they ever wanted. The labyrinth is a space where they can perhaps reconsider some of their ideas and priorities - what is of ultimate importance to them.

For Jason, in the end it wasn't money or things - it was the desire to know that he was genuinely loved and had meaning and purpose.

In a time and place where this 'World of Opportunity' doesn't always allow for slowing down and reflecting on what is of real importance in life, the labyrinth on the lawn provides a momentary respite to do just that.



Field Centre

If only the Year 10 students knew how they'd feel after Field Centre before they left! Ahead of leaving for this epic adventure in Tongariro National Park, the predominant emotion among the students is trepidation: 'Will I be able to make it through the physical challenges? How will I cope without the comforts of home, especially technology?' 'I've heard the weather can be extreme...' Upon returning from the six-day programme of tramping, mountain climbing, rafting and camping, all traces of trepidation are gone, replaced by feelings of pride, strength and triumph! Field Centre has been a cornerstone of College life for 43 years and never fails to be recalled as one of the highlights of a Saint Kentigern education.



With thanks to Year 10 student reporter, Sajith Dhambagolla

Sun, rain, cold. Field Centre was an absolute blast. Whether it was drinking the warm hot chocolate in the lodge or climbing up to the summit of Mt Ruapehu in the cold alpine conditions, Field Centre was an experience I will never forget. Thinking about it afterwards, it was tough. The three-day tramp was hard. The biking hurt. The Tongariro Crossing was painful but I am proud that I completed it. Along the way, friendships became closer, patience and perseverance were tested but most importantly, the fitness of everyone was put to the test. Field Centre has capped off what an experience our time in the Middle School has been and gave everyone a taste of living in environments that are not always favourable.



With thanks to Year 10 student reporter, Kenya Ashcroft

It's not every day one gets to experience the sensation of utter silence - the spellbinding views of dazzling emerald lakes, snowcapped peaks, and volcanic craters resembling lunar landscapes created a consciousness so overwhelming that 26 teenage girls were muted. Incredible. The Tongariro crossing not only exemplified New Zealand's remarkable geographical features but also showcased Field Centre's 'rite of passage'. The treacherous, steep and trying times of trekking was worth all its hard work and the sense of togetherness, purpose and also our own individuality was rewarding. The time we spent away from the 'rat race' presented us all with new talents, strengths and weaknesses. The lovely girls of my tutor are now closer than ever; all our exciting and awe-inspiring experiences has given some of us a real passion for adventure. More importantly, learning the backgrounds and stories of peers and going without everyday creature comforts has taught me personally that there is so much to be grateful for, that the best things in life aren't things. Field Centre has given us memories to cherish forever and has introduced us to a world of possibilities that await in the Senior School and the world beyond.



Tramping Club

With thanks to student reporter, Joshua Waterman, Year 13

The dappled light filtering through the fronds, soft trickling of a stream and the earthy smell of a wet forest morning; they are all the ingredients necessary for a great New Zealand tramp. This year the Saint Kentigern College Tramping Club made a comeback. Heading off from the College several times a month, the group ventured out into the wild forests and untamed coastlines of the Waitakere Ranges rainforest, witnessing some incredible sights along the way and gaining a newfound respect for nature and all its mighty force and beauty! Our first tramps of the year took us out into the heart of the Waitakere Ranges, traversing old forest tram tracks, clambering under waterfalls, creeping through tunnels and getting vertigo upon the high faces of Auckland's intricate and widespread dam network. Our next outing took us across the wilder side of the 'Waitaks', off the grid and into the Pararaha Valley. Clambering across rock faces with only a rope to hold us steady, the Tramping Club certainly isn't boring! In Term 4, the group set off to the Coromandel, setting their aims high to conquer the 750-metre high Pinnacles! Climbing the original pack-horse route up the valley, using rock steps cut by hand, we got a sense of the hardships the kauri millers of those times faced, when traversing the untouched bush to get at the towering kauri. As we stood and looked out across the ranges, we admired our effort and looked back upon all our memories with the club.



College Sports Awards

A sporting year which featured Auckland, national and world champions in individual and team competitions was celebrated at the annual College Sports Awards Dinner. More than 500 people attended the ceremony in the Sports Centre to celebrate our sporting students' wide-ranging successes.

This year the College had 39 national representatives, who were presented their blazer bearing the silver fern by Head of Senior School, Mrs Suzanne Winthrop and Head of Studies, Mr Richard Stead.

Director of Sport at the College, Mr Martin Piaggi was the master of ceremonies and paid tribute to the network of coaches, managers and administrators who make our sports programme thrive. 'Were it not for their willingness and dedication, we would not be able to deliver the sports programme we do,' said Mr Piaggi. 'The success of the sports programme is a direct result of their efforts. Their goal is to ensure that every student's sporting experience is a positive one.'

The sports prefects, Emma Hanley and Jared Schnell, reflected on their sporting experience at the College, from budding juniors to leaders in their respective codes. They both expressed a belief that Saint Kentigern offers the best sports programme in New Zealand and felt privileged to be a part of it.

We were proud to welcome Old Collegian, Albert Vete as the guest speaker. Albert spoke of the values and life lessons instilled in him at the College, which have benefitted him as a professional rugby league player for the New Zealand Warriors and in his training to be a physical education teacher at Auckland University. 'I owe a lot to this school for what it has done for me,' he said.



Dux Ludorum Isabella Richards

The Dux Ludorum is the major individual sporting award of the year and is awarded to the most outstanding sports person, girl or boy. The winner is generally an all-round sports person who has represented the College at a number of sports.

Nominees: Hanna English, Grace Wood, Sydney Fraser, Christina Oscar, Mererangi Paul, Ayden Lamont, Braydon Ennor.

Isabella is the senior athletics and cross country champion, winning a number of titles at College, Greater Auckland and national level; most notably the New Zealand senior girls cross country championship. She is the captain of the girls' 1st XI Football team which placed second in Auckland and second in the Auckland Knockout Cup, and she also represented New Zealand in the U20 Women's Football team.



Girls' Runner-up to the Dux Ludorum Hanna English

Hanna placed third overall for the senior girls in athletics at the College. She is the North Island senior girls champion for the 3000m and she placed third in the North Island senior girls 1500m. She placed second in the College and Auckland cross country. In the U20 New Zealand nationals she placed second in the 3000m, second in the 5000m and third in the 1500m. She is a valued member of the girls' 1st XI Football team and was named in the U20 New Zealand squad for the 2016 FIFA World Cup.



Boys' Runner-up to the Dux Ludorum: The Bruce Palmer Memorial Award Braydon Ennor

Braydon has consistently performed at athletics and swimming throughout his seven years at the College. This year he took out the 33m freestyle title at the swimming sports and was the senior boys' athletics champion. At the Eastern Zone Athletics he won the 100m, the long jump and placed third in the discus. At the Greater Auckland athletics he placed second in the final of the prestigious senior boys 100m. He has played 2nd XI cricket and withdrew from consideration for 1st XI cricket this year to concentrate on his rugby. He was an integral part of the 1st XV this year leading the midfield.

The Philip Yolland Memorial Award for the Most Outstanding Junior Sportsman in Years 10 & 11

Dylan McCullough

Nominees: Ben Fleming, Ryan Church, Rivez Reihana, Callum Walsh

Dylan has excelled in his chosen sports of athletics, cycling, swimming and multisport. He won or placed in the top two in a large number of events at College, Auckland and North Island competitions. He is the Auckland and New Zealand aquathlon, duathlon and triathlon champion.



Year 10 & 11 Sportswoman of the Year

Tori Kolose

Nominees: Tate McGregor, Anna Wilkinson, Hannah Blake, Mayah Coleman, Elise Conway, Viona Silao, Amy Waters

Tori won the 200m, 400m and the long jump for intermediate girls. She plays in the Premier Touch and Premier Netball teams and is an U17 Counties Manukau representative player for netball and a New Zealand representative Touch player.



The Leyton Monk Award for Year 9 Sportsman of the Year

Cameron Church

Nominees: Ben Lowe, Connor McKenzie, Ben Shepherd, Jacob Hannan, Josh Harford

Cameron is the junior boys swimming champion and placed third in junior athletics and junior cross country. He is a valued member of the U15 Open Weight Rugby team and was picked for the U14 Auckland East rep rugby team and appointed captain. He was named most valuable player at the tournament.



Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year

Jaymie Kolose

Nominees: Sophie Wilkinson, Siobhan Waters, Annabelle Waterworth, Maddy Clarke, Lisa Putt, Olivia Overfield

Jaymie is the junior girls' athletic champion and also won medals at the Greater Auckland championships, including gold in the 100m. She is a member of the 9A Netball and girls' Premier Touch teams. Outside of the College she is a Counties Manukau athletics and touch representative and was also named in the New Zealand U15 Touch development team.



The Sissons Award for Year 7 & 8 Sportsman of the Year

Harry Lowe

Nominees: Campbell Jordan, Jacob Spring, Tom Harford, Tom Downs

Harry is the Year 8 swimming champion and was second overall in athletics. He played in the Year 7/8 1st XI Cricket team and in the Year 7/8 1st XI Football team. At the AIMS Games he was named in the tournament team.



The Year 7 & 8 Sportswoman of the Year

Ema Miyaoura

Nominees: Emma Hannan, Olivia Brewster, Ling Kong, Sophie Spencer, Ava McKenzie, Beth Harford

Ema is ranked number one in New Zealand in tennis at U12 level, winning the national singles and doubles title. As a Year 8, she played in the College Premier Girls' Tennis team, and she won bronze at the AIMS tournament. She made all of the finals at the College swimming and athletics.



Headmaster's Awards

Kristina Tipene, Jared Schnell, Amorangi Melesala, Dalton Papalii, Braydon Ennor, Christina Oscar, Jimmy Ellis, Liam Ward, Henry Saker, Emily Cran, Connor Williamson, Hayden Church, Hanna English

These awards go to students who have played for the College demonstrating commitment and professionalism in their chosen code. The recipients are power houses within their premier teams and made a difference every week as to the performance of the team.



The John Irvine Cup for Outstanding Sporting Performance of the Year Madeleine Park

This award is for a team or individual who has achieved at the highest level and gained the results reflective of their dedication, determination and desire to succeed. Finalists from all the other major awards have been considered for this award. Madeleine was selected for the NZ U19 track cycling team for the world championships in Kazakhstan. The team won gold in the 4000m pursuit, beating Australia in a new world record time. Old Collegian and New Zealand representative cyclist, Myron Simpson spoke about the significance of the team's achievement.



Grant Dalton Cup Dalton Papalii

This cup is awarded to a leader who builds a team around them and demonstrates leadership qualities by helping others within the team to develop their skills. Dalton has been captain of the 1st XV.



Jerome Kaino Cup Amorangi Malesala

The Kaino Cup is presented to a team athlete who 'the team could just not do without.' Amorangi has been captain and goal shooter of the Premier Netball team.



Team of the Year 1st XV Rugby

Nominees: Cycling Senior Girls, Cycling Senior Boys, Distance Running Senior Girls, Football Girls' 1st XI, Football Boys' 1st XI, Netball Premier, Tennis Boys' Premier, Tennis Girls' Premier, Touch Girls' Premier

The 1st XV won the Auckland 1A title after an epic final victory over Auckland Grammar at Eden Park. The team went on to win the Blues region and place third in New Zealand, enduring a horror run of injuries with eight starting players made unavailable during the national tournament.



Touch Team

Premier Girls Best in NZ!

After two years of making the decider of the New Zealand Secondary School Touch Championships, our Premier Girls team was determined to finally win the coveted title on the third attempt. The tournament at Bruce Pullman Park brought the top 16 sides from around the country to compete over three days. The opening day resulted in three strong wins over Trident High 5-0, Southland Girls' 6-2 and Whakatane High 11-0 to finish top of Pool A unbeaten. In the crossover matches on day two, we beat St Peter's 5-4 before going down to Hamilton Girls' 4-2. The girls needed to beat a resolute St Hilda's team to progress and after a close first half, they showed their fitness and skill to win 8-5 and book a semifinal spot.

The semifinal was another match against Southland Girls' in terrible weather conditions with strong wind and rain making passing difficult. A polished game from the girls saw them dominate from start to finish and won 7-2 to place them in the final for the third year in a row. The final was against unbeaten Hamilton Girls', the only team we had lost to in the tournament. Our girls were focussed for this game and had the most amazing start, scoring twice in the first five minutes. This set the platform for the girls who then defended strongly and went on to win 4-3.

To top it off, Saint Kentigern had five girls named in the tournament team: Tori Kolose, Mererangi Paul, Sydney Fraser, Lisa Putt and Jaymie Kolose. Tori was also named MVP of the tournament.

The girls really did appreciate the fantastic support from Saint Kentigern staff, families and students throughout the tournament and wish to thank all of them.

National Champion Premier Girls Touch Team: Christina Oscar, Emily Cran, Xhaviniae Samuel, Verity Bowring, Emily Braid, Sydney Fraser, Mererangi, Paul, Tori Kolose, Summer-Jean Motufoua, Elise Conway, Amy Waters, Jaymie Kolose, Lisa Putt, Gemma Laverick, Jemma Tasman Jones, Imogen Pilkington. Head coach: Lance Watene. Manager: Lynne Scutt. Assistant coaches: Pete Samuel, Tone Kolose, Emily Colebourne. Physio: Josh Rodgers.



Junior Touch Girls Defend Their Title!

The Junior Girls Touch team, captained by Elise Conway, put aside their disappointing loss to Howick College in the Eastern Zone competition to win the Auckland Championships for the second year in a row!

Amassing more than 60 touchdowns in their six games, Elise and the girls blew away Mahurangi 7-0 in the semi-final to face our local rivals once again in the final. A tough encounter followed and Saint Kentigern was 0-1 down in the first half. Learning from the previous game against Howick, the girls made great yards, put their bodies on the line on defence and showed creativity to come away with a 2-1 victory. Imogen Pilkington was named most valuable player of the final.

Ms Emily Colebourne, Head of PE and the Junior Girls coach, said after the win: 'I am exceptionally proud of these girls. A mix of players from experienced to novice, who worked so well together, played our tactics and showed good tenacity to win!'



A special mention to Richie Barnett and Lance Watene for their support on the day and over the season. Several of these junior players are also numbers of our Premier Touch squad and we wish Elise, Jaymie Kolose, Imogen, Lisa Putt, Amy Waters and Jemma Laverick all the best for future play at this level.

Premier Netball Team Second In New Zealand!

The College Premier Netball Team finished as one of the top two sides in New Zealand following the National Secondary School Championships! Playing in Ashburton were the 16 best teams from around the country, which had been decided from regional competitions.

Our girls defeated Southland Girls' High 46-37, St Margaret's College 27-22, and Wellington Girls' College 34-27 in pool play. This put them into the top eight where they beat Cashmere High 41-25, Manukura 51-28, and St Mary's College (Wellington) 41-29 to qualify unbeaten for the final against Mt Albert Grammar (MAGS). This was the fourth time this season these two teams have faced off in a final, with MAGS winning the previous three occasions in the Auckland, Combined Points and Upper North Island tournaments. In this encounter, MAGS were ahead by one goal after the first quarter but our girls had tied the scores at 16-16 by halftime. In the second half, MAGS led 28-26 at three-quarter time and went on to win 41-35.

Following the tournament, Mererangi Paul, Amorangi Malesala and Sydney Fraser were named in the all-tournament team.

Well done to the players and coaches on the great result and for coming so close to being New Zealand champions!



Silver Ferns Boost Netball Dreams

The College was the venue for a memorable day of netball action as star players took to the court with more than 80 excited youngsters. Silver Ferns Grace Rasmussen, Temalisi Fakahokotau and Malia Paseka along with Northern Mystics representatives Cathrine Latu, Megan Craig and Sulu Tone-Fitzpatrick conducted a special training camp for budding netballers. Among those receiving the elite tuition were the Saint Kentigern Year 8 Tactix team, which features students from the College and Girls' School. Also invited were schools that we work with as part of the Service programme at the College, including Glen Innes School, Elim College, Randwick Park School and Glenbrae School. Some girls also travelled from the Bay of Plenty to take part, with vanloads from Rotorua Intermediate and Kaitao School making the trip.

The experience started with each of the Silver Ferns and Mystics players putting small groups through their paces in a number of drills. Cathrine Latu showed how to evade a defender, Grace Rasmussen demonstrated ways to make space on the court, and Megan Craig, a former New Zealand Tall Ferns basketball representative who stands at 2.04m, was the perfect person to hone shooting skills. Our College Premier Netball team, fresh from its second-placed finish at the national secondary school championships, was also on-hand to help out with the training exercises.

During a break for lunch, the girls got to chat with the pros and find out how to become an ANZ Championship or international player. With the Silver Ferns due at training, the girls formed a tunnel to each give them a high five as they departed. The initiative was organised to provide a chance for the young players to improve their netball skills, raise the profile of netball at the respective schools and promote sport in general. Following on from the day's success, Head of Service, Mr Mark Robinson hopes it will become an annual event.





Cycling Team

Caps off Successful Season

The College cycling team capped off another successful season with a bevy of medals from the National Schools Road Cycling Championships. Held over three days in Horowhenua and Manawatu, the event is the pinnacle of secondary school cycling. More than 900 riders from around New Zealand compete in a Team Time Trial, Road Race and Points Race for boys and girls in age groups ranging from U14 to U20 years of age. The College sent a team of 38 riders to take part across all divisions and disciplines.

The racing started with the 16km team time trial on the opening day, followed by the 18km road race on day two and culminating in a points race. The Saint Kentigern team picked up five medals in team and individual events. The Year 7&8 girls' team of Emma Hannan, Sophie Spencer and Niamh Bilsborough and the Junior Boys' team of Dylan McCullough, Ryan Church, Callum Walsh and Jacob Hannan won bronze in the time trial. Dylan also won silver in the U15 boys' road race and followed it up with silver in the U15 boys' points race. Connor Brown took home silver in the U20 boys' points race. There were also a number of top 10 finishes.

Connor Brown:	U20 boys' road race, 8th.
Elizabeth Mudford:	U20 girls' road race, 9th.
Liam Cappel:	U17 boys' points race, 6th.
	U17 boys' road race, 6th.
Jacob Hannan:	U15 boys' road race, 4th.
Callum Walsh:	U15 boys' points race, 6th.
Annabel Waterworth:	U15 girls' road race, 4th.
Claudia Spain:	U15 girls' points race, 8th.
Caleb Atkinson:	U14 boys' points race, 10th.
Ben Connell:	U13 boys' road race, 6th.
	U13 boys' points race, 10th.
Sophie Spencer:	U13 girls' points race, 6th.
	U13 girls' road race, 8th.
Emma Hannan:	U13 girls' road race, 6th.
U20 boys' team:	time trial, 5th.
U20 girls' team:	time trial, 5th.
Junior girls' team:	time trial, 6th.



Oceania Champion!

In addition to the world and national titles won by our riders this year, we also now have an Oceania champion. Year 13 student Connor Brown competed at the Oceania Track Cycling Championships in Southland and powered his way to two gold medals. Connor won the U19 3000m individual pursuit and representing New Zealand he won the U19 4000m team pursuit discipline. The Kiwis beat Australia in the final to become the first team to win this event since 2012. Congratulations Connor!

Tennis

The Premier Boys' Tennis Team retained the Auckland title for the College with emphatic victories in the final rounds. The boys went through the round-robin competition earlier in the year unbeaten, winning 43 matches and losing just two. This made them the top qualifier for the knockout rounds in Term 4, along with Sacred Heart, Auckland Grammar and Westlake Boys'. In the semi-final, the College team beat Sacred Heart 8-1 and recorded the same score against Westlake in the decider! Congratulations to Liam Stoica, Reid Burrows, Freddie Cashmore-Chatwin, Clayton Barry, Tate Fullerton, Jake Ellis and Connor Williamson for their performances!





Maddie Named Region's Best

College student and world champion cyclist Madeleine Park has continued her record-setting ways by winning the Counties Manukau Sport Supreme Athlete of the Year award! Madeleine has had a dream 2015, winning two medals at the Junior Track Cycling World Championships, being part of a world-record ride, and now the top honours at the prestigious Counties Manukau Sports Awards. The Year 12 student was part of the New Zealand team to win gold and set a new world's best time in the women's pursuit at the Junior World Track Championships, and followed it up with bronze in the individual pursuit. Her record-breaking effort earned her the Performance of the Year at the College Sports Awards. Earlier in the year, she had also broken New Zealand cycling legend Sarah Ulmer's junior individual pursuit record by two seconds. At the Counties Manukau Sport event, she was first awarded the Junior Sportswoman Award, then became the first-ever junior winner to also take home the supreme prize! Madeleine joins a list of Kiwi sporting icons to win the supreme award, including Jonah Lomu, Barbara Kendall, Scott Dixon, Cameron Brown and she succeeds 13-time consecutive winner Valerie Adams. Congratulations Maddie!



Gold Medals at NZSS Athletics

Four students travelled to Timaru to compete in the NZ Secondary Schools Athletics Championships. Hanna English won gold in the Senior Girls 4km Road Race with the next runner more than 20 seconds back. Hanna was also named in the NZSS Road Race Team and was awarded a \$200 New Balance Voucher for being one of the best athletes of the meet.

Lisa Putt won gold in the Junior Girls' Triple Jump with a final jump of 11.32m. This was a personal best for Lisa and she also smashed the College record by 80cm. Matthew Manning raced in the senior boys 800m and placed fourth in the final. Mayah Coleman finished fourth in the junior girls discus, missing out on a medal by .01cm.



YSPOTY Awards

Seventeen students from the College were named as finalists for the ASB Young Sportsman of the Year Awards. The top three athletes from each sport are selected as finalists and the winners of each category vie for the supreme prizes. Five of our athletes were chosen as the best in their sport: Dalton Papalii (Boys' Rugby), Brosnan Meleisea (Boys' Touch), Connor Williamson (Boys' Tennis), James Fouché (Boys' Cycling), Isabella Richards (Girls' Distance Running). Dalton was also one of three finalists for the Boys' Sportsman of the Year honour. Christina Oscar and Sydney Fraser received All-Rounder awards for reaching an elite level in multiple sports. Laura Inkster was the only recipient of an International Award for representing New Zealand in show jumping. Long-time Girls' Touch coach Lance Watene was recognised with a Service to Sport award. Our other finalists were: Shaylee Syme (Girls' Tennis), Reid Burrows (Boys' Tennis), Hanna English and Grace Wood (Girls' Distance Running), Amorangi Malesala (Netball), Dane Schnell (Boys' Football), Liam Ward (Boys' Multisport), Mererangi Paul (Girls' Touch), Finn Allen (Boys' Cricket).



College Parents and Friends Association

Chairman's Report for 2015



The Parents and Friends had a successful 2015 providing support to students, families and staff and we are looking forward to 2016. I am grateful for the supportive relationship that we enjoy with College senior management, teaching and administration staff. This year the Parents and Friends have continued our traditional support for various aspects of College life and have taken new initiatives to enhance our activities. We have provided approximately \$43,000 to support a wide variety of travelling cultural and sports groups and to buy equipment for various sporting and other groups.

The feedback that we get from the students is very positive and we feel that we are providing a good service.

Management of Saints Café and the Lunch Bar is one of our two vital activities and, of course, it produces the funds that we distribute. Our two new staff members have settled in very well and sales at both the Lunch Bar and Saints Cafe continue to be consistent. The feedback that we get from the students is very positive and we feel that we are providing a good service. We are aware, however, that there is always room for improvement. We have been able to offer students who are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards, an opportunity to do their service component. For one hour each morning before school, a student helps out at Saints Cafe assisting staff by serving

and doing other light duties. In 2016 we will work with College management to establish a pre-ordering system for lunches, which initially will be available to Middle School students.

The Asian Parents Group has continued to be a great success from the first meeting in February last year attended by 44 parents. There were eight meetings during 2015, all of which were enthusiastically supported with attendances by Head of College Mr Steve Cole, Head of Senior School Mrs Suzanne Winthrop, Head of Middle School Mr Duncan McQueen, Trust Board members Dr Vivienne Adair and Mr David McCulloch and staff members Mrs Sandra Shaw, Mr Chris Duncan and Mr Tom Gordon. The group is a support network of Asian parents who are provided in Mandarin with guidance and information about the College that they might otherwise find hard to understand. There are 82 parents who are part of the WeChat group for easy day-to-day communication and of these, 64 parents have attended at last one meeting and many have attended every meeting. WeChat has become a media channel for parents to ask and answer questions, seeking help, sharing important information from the College and get to know each other. Jessie Liu is the convenor of the Asian Parents Group and she and I thank the various staff who attend these meetings – especially Mrs Winthrop and Mr McQueen.

At the end of 2015, our two most significant convenors, Claire Russell (functions) and Amanda Selvadurai (Lunch Bar and Saints Cafe), stood down from these roles. In early 2016, our long-serving Secretary Desiree Jenkins-Allright will retire from this role. These three parents have made tremendous contributions to the Parents and Friends and we would not have been able to function without their generous devotion to the College. I am very grateful to them. During the year Claire and Amanda have trained their replacement convenors (Sarah Storer and Margaret Wind respectively), and I am confident that these vital roles will be in good hands from 2016.

David Courtney, Chairman

College Students Welcome Grandparents

It is an eagerly awaited highlight of the College calendar when the Year 7 and 8 students have their grandparents pay a visit to the campus! More than 300 grandparents travelled from across the North Island, some from the South Island and one from London to witness their grandchildren's education in action.

The visitors were shown to the Sports Centre by student ushers to enjoy a morning tea provided with support from the Parents and Friends' Association. They were welcomed by the Head of Middle School, Mr Duncan McQueen, and the Head of College, Mr Steve Cole. Mr Cole said that while many facets of education have changed over generations, having an inspiring and caring teacher remains the most important factor in a child's success in the classroom. He thanked the guests for their deep love and commitment to their grandchildren and for coming to observe a slice of their daily lives at Saint Kentigern.

When it was time for the students and visitors to meet, the wide smiles and tight embraces showed the regard the boys and girls have for their grandparents, and vice versa! The grandparents were escorted to the Elizabeth MacFarlan Centre where each class had planned a presentation. These included musical performances, speeches, examples of schoolwork and sports reports. This was followed by a quiz for the grandparents on what school was like in their day, which produced some 'wow' moments for the students!

A tour of the campus showed the grandparents where the students attend chapel and our other landmarks before reconvening in the Sports Centre for the weekly Middle School assembly. The Middle School Pipes and Drums played as everyone took their seats, and there were also performances from Year 8 dance classes, the Middle School jazz combo and the debut of the Maori and Pasifika Cultural Group. A large number of performing arts participants received badges recognising their commitment to one or more disciplines, and it was extra special for the students to have their grandparents on hand to see this acknowledgment.

