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From the Chair of the Trust Board

Recently, I had the privilege of attending a luncheon of Past Presidents of the Saint Kentigern Old Collegians Association. It has been a long-standing tradition that we gather and receive updates from across our schools. As a Past President myself, I have been fortunate to attend these gatherings for many years now.

When reflecting on that event, I was struck by a number of things:

- Our Alumni Community - These Past Presidents span over 60 years of Alumni from our four schools. We have certainly come of age and our Alumni are becoming increasingly important stakeholders in the success of our schools. Through the great work of our Development Director, Richard Lindroos, in conjunction with the Old Collegians Association, through the current President, Hayden Butler, we are increasing our level of connection and engagement with this community. Additionally, this year we will celebrate our Distinguished Alumni at a gala event in September. Engaging with this important group will also ensure that we respect our traditions and heritage.
- Our Team - The updates from our Principals across our four schools were impressive. We are in great heart, with record enrolments at almost all entry levels and we continue to record significant achievements across our wide range of Academic, Sporting, Cultural and Service pursuits. We are truly fortunate to have a great educational leadership team - they have led our team of dedicated teaching staff well throughout what has been a trying time over the last 18 months.
- Our Facilities - We are well advanced with our building programme on our Shore Road campus; currently delivering new Senior Boys' Classrooms, a Specialist Facilities Building and a new Girls' School. These projects will be available for our primary school students in early 2022. Following on the heels of these projects will be the new Preschool, also on the Shore Road Campus, which will be ready for occupation in 2023. We have already turned our attention to the Pakuranga Campus with the initial focus on a significant 46 classroom block and advancing our design around a new Performing Arts complex. These programmes are ambitious but also necessary for us to enable the delivery of first-class education for our young people.

While the Trustees can be proud of the progress we have made, we are also mindful that we continue to challenge ourselves to ensure that we provide the level of education that our community expects of us, and we deliver graduates who are in the true spirit of Saint Kentigern and continue to embody the Values that we live every day.

I look forward to being able to report to our future Past Presidents update that we are continuing to be the best we can be.

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**Mark Conelly
Chair of the Trust Board**

Trust Board Members

Mr Mark Conelly

Chairman

Mr Conelly joined the Trust Board in 2016, taking on the role of Chair of the Trust Board Finance Audit and Investment Committee and later joining the Project Control Group (PCG). He was elected Chairman of the Board in 2020. He is an Old Collegian and has also served terms of office as both the President of the Old Collegians Association and as Chair of the Boys' School Parents and Friends. He has over 25 years of governance experience and brings significant commercial and not-for-profit expertise to the Board across a number of sectors.

Mark is currently Chairman of Ronald McDonald House Charities New Zealand, Independent Chairman of Auckland Eye Limited, Independent Chairman of the Health Improvement Group and an Independent Director of East Health Services Ltd. He is a fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, and a Chartered member of the Institute of Directors New Zealand. Mark is currently the interim Chief Financial Officer at Trademe Limited.



Mrs Kelly Smith

Deputy Chair

Mrs Smith joined the Trust Board in 2017 and was elected Deputy Chair in 2020 and is a member of the Finance, Audit and Investment Committee. She is currently a College parent and has had a long association with Saint Kentigern, including the Boys' School.

Mrs Smith studied at Auckland University, had an Executive Career in FMCG and then established her own business specialising in talent development. Her Governance career has spanned over 10 years and she is an active member of the NZ Institute of Directors. Kelly has had a close association with the education sector through her time on the Board of Competenz where she was Chair of the Finance Committee.



Mr Andrew Morgan

Andrew Morgan is an Old Collegian of the College, along with his two brothers, and held a nine year term as President of the Saint Kentigern Old Collegians Association. During this term he developed a large personal network within the Old Collegians membership both in NZ and overseas. The Trust Board noted that Andrew has been a tireless, loyal supporter of Saint Kentigern ever since his graduation.

Andrew attended Lincoln University and has been in the banking and finance industry for over 30 years and now operates his own finance company which specialises in financing larger property development and investment transactions via both New Zealand and Australian funding sources. He spends any spare time down on his farm.



Reverend Martin Baker

Reverend Martin Baker has been a Saint Kentigern parent and is an appointee of the Northern Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Currently the minister of Clevedon Presbyterian Church, which offers an extensive family ministry programme as well as running a pre-school for 80 children, Martin was previously the national executive officer of the Presbyterian Church based in Wellington. In that role, he provided strategic, management and administrative leadership for the church. Prior to that, he served the church in parishes in Dunedin, Wellington and St Heliers.

Martin is a strong supporter of Presbyterian Schools and their connection to the church.



Mrs Kim McGregor

Kim McGregor has a boy and a girl currently attending the College, one of whom was a foundation Preschool pupil at the age of three. She has also long been actively engaged as a parent at both the Girls' and Boys' Schools and brings expertise as a trained teacher and leader in education and business. Kim has held senior sales and management roles in the field of ITC in education and more recently has been appointed a director of a large international property development business. She is a chartered member of the Institute of Directors. Kim and her family are very active in her church.



Dr Kevin Morris

Kevin joined the Trust Board as an Old Collegian and a parent at the Boys' School, having also been Head Prefect at the College in 1985 and also as a teacher from 1989 to 1992. After studying at the University of Otago, he began his career in independent schools in England and New Zealand, when he was also on the teaching staff at the College and Bruce House. He has worked for corporations and universities in Boston and New York for many years and completed a doctorate in education from Boston University. He returned to New Zealand in 2003 and is the Director of Learning and Teaching in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor at The University of Auckland.



Mr Haydn Wong

Haydn Wong joined the Trust Board in February 2020. He is a Saint Kentigern parent with three children having been, or still currently, at the College, all of whom also attended the Primary Schools. He is Managing Partner of law firm Bell Gully, and among other activities, is currently Chair of Black Grace Trust - the leading Pasifika Dance Company.

He was brought up in Hawkes Bay with long family connections to the Presbyterian Church there. Haydn was a prefect and Dux of Hastings High School and played in his school's First XV, played provincial Rugby, and represented NZ Universities in Rugby.



Mr Yong Tiong

Currently a parent of a boy at the Boys' School, Yong brings a commitment to Saint Kentigern through his children, along with valued business expertise. Born in Malaysia, Yong and his family identify themselves as Kiwis and see Auckland as their home. Holding a Masters in Finance and Economics from Monash University (Melbourne), Yong is a director on several boards and has significant commercial experience in New Zealand and overseas. Yong has a close association with his local Presbyterian Church.



Mr Murray King

Appointed to the Board in 2012, Murray is a commercial lawyer and a senior partner of Bell Gully. He practises commercial law with an emphasis on the financial services sector. Murray has two sons at the College.



Reverend Ivan Martinez

Reverend Ivan Martinez is an appointee of the Northern Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand. He is the minister of Somervell Memorial Presbyterian Church, a congregation in Remuera with longstanding connections to Saint Kentigern. Prior to joining Somervell, Reverend Martinez lived in Tokyo, Japan on the staff team of Tokyo Union Church. Prior to that, he led a student outreach at the University of Otago. Originally from the United States, he has worked in education across the public/private sector, is a trained school social worker, a former high school teacher and a committed life-long learner. Reverend Martinez is very happy to support the vision and mission of Saint Kentigern.



From the Chaplain

10,000 Reasons to be Thankful

I made a meal the other day for my family and to be honest, I put quite a lot of effort into it. I spent hours in the kitchen.

The combination of flavours, I thought, was going to be nothing short of spectacular. By the end, I felt quietly confident. Looking round it seemed like I used almost every pot in the kitchen! I mean, I created sauces for sauces! When I finally plated it up and served it to my wife and my five children, I couldn't wait for their reactions. I felt excited and even a little nervous...

One of my sons took a bite and without hesitation said... 'It's good.' I wasn't sure, at first, if I had heard him correctly. 'Good?'...'GOOD?'

I wasn't aiming for good. This wasn't scrambled eggs or cheese on toast. 'To be honest,' I said, 'I was hoping for a lot more!' To which he replied, very quickly and without blinking...

'So was I!' Well played!

Have you ever created something, put effort in somewhere, given your all and the response has been underwhelming? Has that word 'good' irked you at all in the past when you've been given feedback. I mean, let's be honest, it is a pretty underwhelming adjective. It is the sort of word we use without giving much thought. There are so many other words we can use. There are a whole host of superlatives and descriptives that paint a more complete picture. Are we too reluctant to offer real and significant praise?

As Kiwis, I think, we have almost mastered the art of the understatement. It seems to be written into our cultural DNA. I remember growing up, my grandfather would always caution my grandmother whenever she offered praise for something I had done. 'Be careful, he will get a big head!' It used to really bug me because I quite liked hearing my grandmother's praise and I often wondered why my grandfather was so short of it.

In contrast, the Psalms in the Bible are full of poems of 'Praise.' Again and again, we are encouraged to use language of praise. 'Praise the Lord,' 'Give thanks to the Lord,' 'Bless the name of God.' In fact, Psalm 150 says... 'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.'

So why is showing our appreciation to God so important? What difference does it make in our lives?

We sing a song at Chapel called 10,000 reasons. It was written by Matthew Redman and actually won him two Grammy Awards. The words of the song are based on Psalm 103 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.' This song inspired a Lockdown Challenge at the Boys' School and Girls' School during the week-long lockdown that occurred at the beginning of March. The boys and girls were challenged to see if they could collectively come up with 10,000 reasons to be thankful.

I'm thankful to go to this wonderful school that has a great system for lockdowns.
- Sebe Poole

I am thankful for the technology we have that helps us learn in lockdown.
- Sophia van Arkel

I have toilet paper and I have a really kind teachers and parents.
- Brian Zou

I am thankful for the Chapel Chat- giving us hopeful messages during lockdown.
- Charlotte Lee

I am thankful for this awesome country and that the Covid vaccine is being rolled out.
- Jamie MacGinley

I am thankful for Saint Kentigern Girls' School because we now have 2 families not one.
- Charlotte Ponsonby

I'm thankful that I go to 'St Kents' and we get online learning (lots of my friends at other schools don't).
- Andrew Xin

I am thankful that we can still do School even if it's on video chats.
- Katelyn Klette

I am grateful for the great education I can get, even if I am away from school.
- Remi Dalton

I am thankful that food exists! Although I am sad some food must taste so bad (like broccoli and brussel sprouts.)
- Amie Hilliam

I am thankful that our school is like a big family and we all look out for each other.
- Jessica Pullar

I am grateful for being able to go to bed happy.
- Tommo Cope

I am thankful to have a device I can do my school work on as many people at other schools don't have devices.
- Eva Kolose

I am thankful my Dad keeps on pushing me to deliver my work to be the best it can be.
- Nicholas Webster

I'm thankful for the safe home I have.
- Hugo Bricklebank

I am thankful for all the students in 5VC who have adapted to the changing world and still smile back at me on the screen.
- Hannah Gordon

I am grateful for being a Kiwi.
- Harold MacCulloch

I am thankful my mum is working from home even though there are so many distractions at home.
- Stefanie Li

I have a safe dry home to live in and to always come back to.
- Benji Roberts

I am thankful we are still able to communicate through this tough time.
- Mrs Bernadette Haerewa

I am thankful for technology to connect with others even during lockdown.
- George Hill

I am thankful for Microsoft teams, so I can talk with my friends!
- Brooke Peterson

I'm thankful for NZ because of the native animals such as long fin eel, short fin eel, the weta and the kiwi.
- Toby McFetridge

The idea quickly began to build momentum. Parents joined in. Class teachers came on board and started encouraging their class to share their reasons to be thankful. We set up a chat on the Chapel page and before the end of the first day there were hundreds of reasons students had listed for why they were thankful.

On Day 1, we kept it fairly general and the reasons focused on pretty generic things like 'a roof over our heads', 'all day access to the fridge' and such things. On Day 2, we focused our praise and thanks on our own family as we forced ourselves to see the good. By Day 3, we turned to our favourite foods - and it was great to see ice cream get such a big shout out! On Day 4, we gave thanks for school... we were all missing it by then and there was a strong consensus that Saint Kentigern was fantastic place to be. By the end of the week on Day 5, we considered the blessing of living in New Zealand. What a country we live in!

For me, writing half a dozen reasons for being thankful each day, helped put me in a good head space for the day. It gave me a sense of perspective. What I also found was that just reading through what other staff and students had identified as things they were grateful for, was also mood changing. Their happiness and gratitude made me feel happy and grateful.

There is plenty of research to suggest that cultivating an attitude of gratitude has a transformative effect on how we feel and on how we view the world. A thankful heart, is a happy heart, it is a more generous heart, it is a kinder heart - a heart that is more able to see the good and more willing to lend a hand.

My good mate, Rev David Smith, Chaplain at the College, and I have both spoken at chapel to students over the years about the idea of 'Habituation.' Habituation is the ability that we all have to no longer see the things that we should be thankful for because they have become habits that we simply take for granted.

If you walk along the same beach each morning, you can easily find yourself taking that beach for granted - until you walk with someone who is walking it for the first time and they remind you to enjoy the view! If you have lived in a fantastic house for a number of years, you might not give it a second thought - until a visitor comes to see you and comments on how lucky you are to live where you do. If you are treated to fine cuisine dining each night, you can um... easily take a meal made with love and dedication for granted. I might need to let that go!

Can I encourage you to be more forthcoming with your praise, with the praise of those around you and with your praise of God - because we have so much to be thankful for. A heart full of gratitude is a heart that is strong and happy and near to God.

Let me finish with the words of that great Kiwi bloke, Fred Dagg who once sang so eloquently, 'We don't know how lucky we are... we don't know how propitious are the circumstances.'

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**Reverend Reuben Hardie
Chaplain - Boys' School and Girls' School**

I am grateful that my mum and dad can work from home.
- Benjamin Houghton

I am thankful that none of our families within SKG has caught the virus.
- Catelyn Aho

I am thankful for my family's love.
- Mr Duncan Grant.

I am grateful that Lockdown is only for 1 week (fingers crossed).
- Louis Burn

I am thankful that I live in a country that is peaceful.
- Harold MacCulloch

I am thankful for parents for always telling me to strive for excellence.
- Jessica Pullar

I am thankful for my teacher Miss Gimblett, who works so hard to keep the class running smoothly.
- Jacob Maasland

I am thankful that my Dad makes great garlic pasta!
- Amos Tenenbaum

I am thankful for all the work the teachers have done for us during lockdown.
- Elina Xu

My brother, for having someone to practise my batting against in cricket.
- Ryan Longley

I'm grateful for a wonderful son who emptied the dishwasher this morning.
- Mrs Rebecca Harrison

I am thankful we go to St Kents where we get help with home learning.
- William Bedford

I am thankful for ice cream.. so, so thankful for ice cream.
- Scott Nel

I am thankful for 10,000 reasons.
- Liam Jarvis

Building Saint Kentigern Master Plan Phase 1 Developments

The New Girls' School

The students and staff at the Girls' School are all abuzz as their dream of a new school really starts to take shape – and, already, they can begin to envisage themselves in their new surroundings! Construction of the building is gathering pace, with occupation planned for early next year. The Junior, Middle and Senior syndicates each have their own floors and planning for the fit out is well-progressed - Principal, Miss Small is very pleased with the decisions made!

For the girls, it is the unique outdoor recreation areas that are catching the imagination with four outdoor learning spaces tailored for different age groups. The centrepiece of the play spaces is the unique Sea Star Climber set on the edge of field. This is an intricate structure of ropes, nets, spinning discs, rock climbing and hammock swings with a tube slide from the upper level to the ground.

The Adventure Trail, under cool shady trees, winds up from the Middle School terrace with timber steppers and balance beams. Monkey bars and rope climbers add extra challenge and there is a hammock and two basket nests for 'hanging out.' The Guinea Pig Trail will be home to the beloved school guinea pigs with a sitting deck for the girls to visit. There will also be a raised planting bed to grow vegetables and a timber nature trail that will be decorated by the girls. The Secret Circles are a mix of rocks and timber log seats to hang out or play imaginative games.

The girls – and staff! – can't wait to be onsite!



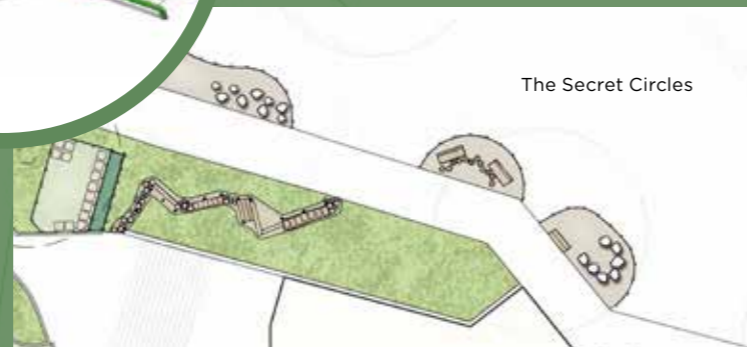
Sea Star Climber



The Adventure Trail



The Guinea Pig Trail



The Secret Circles

During 2018, the Trust Board was pleased to confirm the Master Plan for significant development of new, purpose-built facilities, and enhancement of current facilities, on the Shore Road Campus and Pakuranga Campus. The growth of Saint Kentigern's facilities across three campuses has been an ongoing process for over 65 years, keeping pace with continued roll growth and the changing needs of our students and their families. The latest building campaign, outlined in the Masterplan for the Shore Road Campus (available to view on our website), is the most ambitious building project ever undertaken by Saint Kentigern, with the initial phase focussed on advancing the construction of a brand-new Girls' School and building new Specialist Facilities for use by both primary schools, along with the building of new classrooms for the Senior School boys.

Since the last issue of Piper, work has continued to progress on projects at both the Shore Road and Pakuranga Campuses, with work tracking well against expectations, despite the disruptions experienced during the course of 2020. Planning is also now well advanced for a new Preschool on the Shore Road campus.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Phase 1 Projects, please email masterplan@saintkentigern.com

Specialist Facilities & Senior Boys' classrooms

Our excitement is mounting as we watch this amazing building take shape. Housing our new Boys' School Senior classrooms and the shared Specialist Facilities under one roof, the new Boys' School staffroom will also be located on the ground floor, along with shared offices for teachers to collaborate or find a quiet space to work. With the great progress made, the construction programme is set to conclude at the end of November this year, and December will be spent moving furniture and equipment so that teaching can start on Day 1 of Term 1, 2022.

Senior Boys' Classrooms

Split across two levels, the new technology-rich, flexible teaching and learning spaces for our boys in Years 7&8 will allow for greater specialisation as we prepare them to make the important transition from primary schooling to their college years. We can now start to see that the classrooms are light-filled and spacious, and the fit out is now underway with decorative wall panels and acoustic ceilings being installed to minimise noise between rooms. Our boys, currently in Years 6 and 7, along with the Senior School teachers, are really looking forward to being the first to occupy the exciting, new classrooms next year!



The Specialist Facilities

The new Specialist Facilities will provide significant new amenities for our Junior, Middle and Senior School boys, and our Saint Kentigern girls when they move into the new Girls' School. Planned as a centre of excellence for scientific, artistic (visual and performance), technology (food, hard and soft materials) study and learning, there has been much collaboration between the specialist staff for each subject to ensure the classrooms have been designed to deliver the very best in teaching and learning for our Saint Kentigern students.



The New Preschool

Designs for the new Preschool on the Shore Rd campus are almost complete, and we were excited to receive news in March that the Resource Consent has been approved. The Preschool staff concur that designing a brand-new Preschool for Saint Kentigern families is a true privilege and they love the plans for the unique, circular building that are coming together. The design work is currently on programme for tendering in June/July and it is anticipated that construction activities may start at the beginning of October, taking approximately 13 months. The target remains to have the new Preschool fully operational for the start of Term 1 2023.

