

From the President of the Old Collegians

One of the main reasons I came on board as President of SKOCA was the desire to see greater communication and networking of Old Collegians. There's no doubt that the way we communicate and share information as a society has changed in the last 5-10 years. I am pleased to announce that SKOCA will be establishing both a Facebook Page and LinkedIn profile to better connect and inform our alumni of events and achievements involving present Saint Kentigern students as well as Old Collegians. Please keep an eye out for these pages and once established, get all of your old school friends to join with you!

The annual SKOCA London Reunion dinner took place at the Royal Overseas House, St James, in the heart of London. As luck would have it, the Saint Kentigern Pipe band was passing through on their way to the Basel International Tattoo and literally stopped the street with several superb pipe pieces. It was a special sight watching a full Pipe drum corps march up and down a street in London. Afterwards at dinner, we had Trust Board member, Dr Bruce Goodfellow address the function and also Mr Duncan McQueen, Middle College Principal give attendees an update on the status of the College and its growth. I also gave updates on both the Girls' and Boys' Schools. A great evening, and my thanks go to John Shuker for organising and co-ordinating. Let's see a few more Old Collegians make the effort to come along next year!

The rugby season this year saw many close games in the 1A 1st XV competition. It was commented on numerous occasions that there was little between the top 6 -8 teams. The Old Collegians had several events at home games and welcomed other old collegians from the opposing team schools into our after match functions to recap on the game and create fellowship. The semi final held at the College was no different, with a large support base of Old Collegians cheering on the team. The final at Eden Park was something to behold with a huge number of supporters attending. Between both schools, the entire North Stand was packed and a great atmosphere prevailed. I spoke with a number of both Sacred Heart Old Boys and Saint Kentigern Old Collegians at the game and it was great to see so many past students taking an interest in their respective schools. A great comeback in the second half from Saint Kentigern proved their superior fitness levels and skill sets. Great win Boys!



The Boys' School hosted two reunion lunches at the School for both the Standard 3 and Standard 4 classes of 1959. A tour of the school grounds kicked off the day with lunch to follow. Both events were successful. Look for the full page article in this edition of Piper.

The Australian Reunion was held in Sydney on 18 August to coincide with the first Bledisloe Rugby match, with Sydney turning on some very chilly weather and the All Blacks turning on a scintillating 50 minutes to warm up All Black Fans! A number of OC's made the trip to Sydney from NZ to join a good number of 'locals' including a fair number of ROC's which was very pleasing to see. On Friday night, we held a special function at Kingsleys Steakhouse private room where Mrs Susan Winthrop, Principal of Senior College, was our special guest and gave a great overview of where things are at with Saint Kentigern. Our thanks to Regan van Berlo and Rodney Steele for organising the Australian Old Collegians.

The Otago ROC's (Recent Old Collegians) was held on Friday 12 August and our thanks to Josh Bardell for organising both this and the Christchurch events. The Dunedin event was very successful, with a good 50 people making it to the night. Held at Starters Bar in Dunedin with some good food and a few drinks, it was a great way for those who have made the move down south for university and jobs to catch up with mates and siblings' mates that they all used to know. Once the All Blacks game came on, attention was turned to the screens and it was a fantastic way to finish the night. These events enable OC's at the local universities to socialise and build the OC fellowship network.

Please check the SKOCA calendar for the events yet to occur in 2017. We have the Premier and Senior A Netball team versus the Old Collegian Girls being held in October and both the SKOCA College Golf Day at Remuera Club, and the ROC's Auckland event, being held in November. Our Final event of the 2017 Calendar is the Boy's School 2010 Leaver's BBQ in December. I encourage you all to become more involved in your respective alumni events. Fides Servanda Est.

The committee welcomes feedback from members so please keep in touch via the website: skoca@saintkentigern.com

Mr Hayden Butler,

President

WHERE ARE YOU?

WHAT DO YOU DO? EVER WONDERED WHAT YOUR OLD CLASSMATES ARE UP TO? EVER THOUGHT THEY MAY BE INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU DO?

These pages belong to you, our Old Collegians. We need your help to make these pages interesting and informative. Write a few lines to fill us in on what you've been doing since leaving school, or what you are about to do, a recent achievement, a momentous event or any other item of interest. Alternatively, we also welcome more in depth articles, as appear on these pages. Family and friends, tell us what our sons and daughters of Kentigern are up to nowadays.

Pictures speak a thousand words! In this digital age, it's really easy to provide a photo but please email all digital pictures at maximum resolution. We look forward to hearing from you.

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SKOCA 2017-2018 Calendar

SKOCA NETBALL

19 OCTOBER - THURSDAY

College Netball v Old Collegians Girls

Start: Games start at 7.00pm
Venue: Gym 1 and Gym 2
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com
kelly.alexander@outlook.com

SKOCA - COLLEGE GOLF DAY

13 NOVEMBER - MONDAY

Time: Assemble at 11.00am
Venue: Remuera Golf Club
Ticket: \$100.00 per head.
Refreshments provided.
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

AUCKLAND - ROC'S

RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS COCKTAILS

17th NOVEMBER - FRIDAY

Time: 6.15pm
Venue: Juice Bar, Windsor Hotel, Parnell
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

BOYS' SCHOOL BBQ FOR 2012 LEAVERS

15 DECEMBER - FRIDAY

The 2012 graduates and their parents are invited to return to the Boys' School to rekindle old friendships before the boys move on to tertiary studies or work.

Time: 4.30pm
Venue: Jubilee Sports Centre
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com
sue.bowskill@saintkentigern.com

BOYS' SCHOOL - SKOCA GOLF DAY

2 FEBRUARY - FRIDAY

Time: 12.00pm (1 pm Teeoff)
Venue: Auckland Golf Club
Refreshments provided
RSVP: sue.bowskill@saintkentigern.com
skoca@saintkentigern.com



SKOCA vs COLLEGE XI HOCKEY

22nd FEBRUARY

Time: 12.00pm
Venue: Lloyd Elsmore Park Astro
Refreshments & BBQ provided
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

COLLEGE 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

16-18 March - FRIDAY to SUNDAY

Venue: College
Cocktail Evening - Friday Night
65th Dinner - Saturday Night
Chapel Service - Sunday Morning
See the full advertisement on page 42

SKOCA vs COLLEGE 1st XI CRICKET

18th MARCH - SUNDAY

Time: 12.00pm
Venue: No 1 Field, College
Refreshments & BBQ provided
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

SKOCA College -Golf Day

13 NOVEMBER - MONDAY

Time: Assemble at 11.00am

Venue: Remuera Golf Club

Ticket: \$100.00 per head.
Refreshments provided.

RSVP:

skoca@saintkentigern.com



IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we record the passing of the following students and staff. We express our condolences to their families.

FORMER STUDENTS

Robert Ivory McMillan	1954-1960	1/05/2017
John Earle Nicholson Hilliard	1957-1961	8/05/2017
Ian Charles (Percy) Woods	1955-1961	21/05/2017
Robert Blair Johnston	1958-1959; 1962-1964	11/06/2017
Graham Hugh Burrett	1956-1959	20/07/2017
Humphrey Owen Glanville	1968-1972	23/08/2017
David Stanley	1954-1960	3/08/2017
Bruce Alexander Newsham West	1965 - 1967	12/09/2017

FORMER STAFF

Richard Allan Findlay	1967-1971	11/04/2017
Murray Spencer	1958-1986	4/06/2017

FORMER TRUST BOARD

Gresham Alexander Poole	1993-1995	2/06/2017
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The Original '59Ers!

In a simple ceremony on 4 February 1959, 190 boys, from Primer 1 to Form 1, gathered around the flagpole in new school uniforms, whilst proud parents looked on. The flag was raised, morning prayers were said and then the very first day got underway for Saint Kentigern School (as the Boys' School was then known), with Mr Jack Chalmers as the first Headmaster and Mr Ross Perry as Deputy Principal.



Standard 3 1959 Lunch



Amongst the boys around the flagpole on that first morning were Tony Baker, Roger Browne, Miles Cain, Mike Daniel, David Lees, Peter Millar, Scott Palmer and Felix Tattersfield - eight of the Standard 4 boys in Mr Claret's class. Alongside them were Hector Cumming, Charles Edgar, Geoffrey Ennor, Michael Gowan, Max Kidd, Ross Mansell, Andrew Paterson, Wendall Phillips, Christopher Porter, Roger Recordon, Philip Westwood and John Wright from Standard 3, Mr Garry Murray's class.



Fifty eight years later, the 'boys' convened on two separate occasions at the Boys' School for lunch with their former classmates. With Principal, Mr Cassie in attendance, along with Head of Saint Kentigern, Mr David Hodge, Chaplain to the Schools, Reverend Reuben Hardie and 'old boys' liaison, Mr Peter Nelson, and former staff members, Mr Garry Murray and Mr Bob Gray, the events got underway with a tour of the School led by Head Prefects, George Beca and Archie Nightingale.



The 'boys' soon found that much has changed on campus in those intervening years. In 1959, much was centred in Roselle House, the stately home gifted to the Trust. Today, Roselle stands wrapped in plastic waiting to be revealed as a new centre of learning later this year. The Senior School, Middle School and Junior School are all new additions, as are JC Chalmers Hall, the swimming pool, music centre and Jubilee Sports Centre! As Mr Cassie explained, from the original 190 boys, the roll has expanded to 558 this year, with campus development ongoing over the years to keep pace. While much has changed physically, spiritually, the same family values are instilled in the new generations of boys. Mr Cassie said, 'We want our boys to go out and be great citizens!'

Two beautiful meals were enjoyed by all, prepared by PA Mrs Sue Bowskill, with help given by Mrs Julie Rand and Mrs Karyl Kidd. We thank them for their support of these ongoing luncheons to connect our former students. As the meal went on, the 'boys' relaxed back into each other's company and chatted away, recalling their early Saint Kentigern school days. Each left with a copy of 'Sons of Kentigern - A History of Saint Kentigern School 1959-2009' and a personalised School shield.

Standard 4 1959 Luncheon





Former Boarders Honour Matron

What do you say to our magnificent Matron who has given 25 years of her life to Bruce House? How do you give thanks for a quarter of a century that has been filled with love and devotion for the young men and women who have passed through her care? How can you let her know that her passion, patience and reassuring motherly presence were central to your life as a boarder at Bruce House?

Hosted by the Old Collegians Association (OCA), Bruce House was filled one Friday night with former boarders who had returned to pay homage to Matron, Mrs Rosemary Capill, as she moves towards a well-deserved retirement later this year, after so many years of dutiful, caring service at Bruce House. Each, in their own way, found the time to thank Rosemary for all she had done. It was an emotional evening and hugs were aplenty!

The newly elected President of the OCA, Mr Haydn Butler admitted that this was the first time he had entered Bruce House – being off limits to non-boarders during his day. He quipped that back then, he and his fellow students were always wary of the boarders ‘in case they nicked our lunches!’ Nowadays, with the vast improvement of the meals under Rosemary’s direction, with the equally loved Shobna’s cooking, there is no risk of that!

Following drinks and dinner, with grace offered by former Bruce House Head Girl, Emma Appleton, Senior College Principal and inaugural Head of Girls’ Boarding, Mrs Suzanne Winthrop addressed the guests. She said that just as the first 143 girls who joined the College in 2003 were pioneers, so were the first fifteen

female boarders. It took eight years after the girls joined the College for the Trust Board to make the decision to introduce girls’ boarding. The arrival of girls meant a change in culture, but one for the better and Saint Kentigern is much richer for this.

Reverend David Smith has just completed his tenure as the Housemaster of Bruce House. Eyeing the older male boarders, he assured them that ‘the Lodge is now escape-proof.’ The antics of the early escapologists have now been put to rest!

Rev Smith thanked Rosemary for her soothing, calming words and deep institutional knowledge during his time at the House, ‘You have been a gracious, supportive colleague whose deepest aroha for those you work with and those you care for knows no bounds.’

Former boarder, James Hackett acted as MC for the evening, recalling the earlier days when life at the House was maybe a little ‘firmer’ than today and the standard discipline for the boys at the time included a great deal of running! Leonard Powell, a more recent boarder, stepped up and surprised Rosemary with a humorous poem to he’d written over dinner. The final words went to Alan Hartles, a boarder in the early 90’s who said Rosemary’s love is so tangible it is something you will never forget. He finished by saying, ‘This place can build you up, if you allow it to.’

Rosemary was given a standing ovation. With one term left to go, it will be the turn of the current boarders to say goodbye later in the year.





America's Cup Saint Kentigern Connection

In the lounge of the Old Collegians' Sports Centre, there is a gallery of photos representing a large number of Old Collegians who have gone on to sporting greatness across a range of sporting codes. Amongst them is Grant Dalton, who has long since made his mark in the world of competitive adventure sailing and is best recognised for his role with Emirates Team New Zealand (ETNZ). Despite the disappointment of their 2013 defeat by Larry Ellison's Team Oracle in San Francisco, work continued, and earlier this year the team was proud to celebrate New Zealand's success, winning on the waters off Bermuda.

Grant Dalton

Emirates Team New Zealand CEO

Some years back, Old Collegian, Grant Dalton attended a Boys' School Leavers' Dinner and told the graduating Year 8 boys that 'there isn't a lot of difference between dreaming and goal setting; be resilient when you dream, set a goal that is believable and if you earnestly work towards it, your dream will eventually be achievable; it may just take a while to get there....'

After the decisive 2013 America's Cup loss to Oracle in San Francisco, a lesser man may have bowed out, but despite the bitter loss, and criticism levelled at the him at the time, Grant 'got back in the saddle,' knowing full well that with hard work and sheer determination, New Zealand's sailors had the ability to 'bring the Cup home.' Grant is tenacious, some say a 'hard-nosed' businessman, but he set a goal and the dream was achieved!

Grant, along with his brother Graham, is a former student of both the Boys' School and the College, graduating in 1974. His three children have also attended Saint Kentigern. Whilst he readily admits that he wasn't that 'academic' during his time at school, his love of the sailing determined a future on the water.

Grant has sailed competitively on the world's oceans, racing around the world seven times, the first five as part of the Whitbread Round the World Races, later to be called the Volvo Ocean Race. In 1995, he was awarded an OBE for services to yachting. In 2003, he was called in to restructure Team New Zealand after its loss of the America's Cup to the Swiss team, Alinghi. His mission: to rebuild and revitalise the

team. The team came close to victory in Valencia in 2007 but it was Oracle that took away the Cup that year. In 2013, with Grant as Managing Director and part of the crew on the water, ETNZ still remained one of the fiercest contenders in San Francisco. The nation watched as ETNZ raced ahead on the scoreboard only to see Oracle close the gap and win. The loss was bitter but there was a huge surge of support from New Zealand for Grant and his crew of great sailors.



Between 2013 and this year's challenge in Bermuda, Grant relinquished his place on the boat, leaving that to a new team of younger sailors. Taking on the position of ETNZ CEO, the team regrouped and prepared for racing 2017 style; the speedy, hydro-foiling catamarans a far cry from the early days of mono-hull racing on the Hauraki Gulf! Between 2013 and 2017, New Zealand quietly took the racing to another level, replacing the traditional role of grinder with the pedal power of 'cyclors,' a stroke of genius that gave ETNZ the final, winning edge!

Speed on the water is not all Grant aims for. Lesser known about this adrenalin junkie is his love of speed on land, having competed in the Isle of Man TT motorcycle races three times over the years, getting back on his bike, despite a dangerous high speed fall in this year's races! However, for a driven man, work never stops and he is currently working towards preparing a team and venue the next America's Cup challenge with a return to mono hulls on the cards! Bring it on!



Blair Tuke

Emirates Team New Zealand: Cyclist/Foil Trimmer

With his many sailing triumphs alongside 49er sailing partner, Peter Burling, including Olympic Silver (2012) and Gold (2016), Blair and Peter were natural choices for selection to the sailing crew of ETNZ – although early on, Blair may not have realised that as part of the team, he would be

adding a cycling role to his list of many achievements, especially as a cyclist on the water!

With Peter, Blair has made a name for himself as a competitive sailor since leaving College in 2006. They were the 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 European and World Champions in the 49er class and won all 28 of the major regattas in the 49er between the London Olympics (2012) and the Rio Olympics (2016); a record for this Olympic class. They were awarded the ISAF World Male Sailor of the Year for 2015 and the Halberg Sports Team of the Year 2016.

In the 2017 New Year Honours list, they were awarded the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to sailing. At the 2016 Olympics in Rio, we were all proud to see Blair and Peter selected as co-captains and flag bearers for the New Zealand Olympic team. The pride compounded when they won Gold!

Following the America's Cup loss in San Francisco, ETNZ signed Blair and Peter to the new-look team in January 2014. When ETNZ first revealed their boat with the innovation of 'cylors' – pedal power replacing the grinders – Blair was among those providing the pedal power, also working as the foil trimmer. The rest is history! Blair added an America's Cup title to his long list of achievements and has now gone on to sail on Mapfre in the 2017-18 Volvo Ocean Race.



Nick Burridge

Emirates Team New Zealand: Boat Captain/Rigger

Nick Burridge is another Old Collegian who has carved a niche as a professional sailor, making his way up through the ranks to Emirates Team New Zealand (ETNZ). Like many, he started building his experience sailing optimists from the age of 10, eventually becoming a professional yachtsman in 2003. As a youngster, he recalls seeing 'Lion New Zealand,' Sir Peter Blake's entry into the 1985-86 Whitbread Round the World Race, sail into Auckland; a boat that inspired his sailing career and he later went on to sail.

Nick has been with ETNZ on and off since 2009 taking on the job of Boat Captain and Head of Rigging during the 2017 campaign. The role created the link between sailing team and shore team, ensuring that the boat was ready and signed off for sailing each day. Along with the career highlight of being part of the winning the America's Cup team, Nick has also been part of the ETNZ Camper team in the Volvo Ocean Race, played a part in setting the Transpac Race record, setting the 24 Hour Monohull Speed Record and was part of the winning crew in the 2015 Sydney to Hobart Race.



Hamish Hooper

Emirates Team New Zealand: Media/Communications

Hamish graduated from the Boys' School in 1991 where his father, John, was a foundation pupil. Hamish first came to notice as a videographer for his work on Camper's tough Volvo Ocean Race. With a background in TV commercials and advertising, it was a bold move to join the crew for his first physically and emotionally demanding ocean race. Despite his lack of offshore experience Hamish completed the challenge and was presented with the Inmarsat Media Crew Member Award for the skill and flair with which he documented life on board.

Two weeks after returning, he started his next job with Emirates Team New Zealand (ETNZ) in the media department for the 2013 challenge. He said there was a huge amount of stress in 2013 role, helping to manage the throngs of media 'all wanting a slice of the Emirates Team New Zealand story' at a time when the team, felt the weight of disappointment on the final day of racing.

Between Cups he continued with his partnership in a video and photo production business, the Visual Collective, until he was called back onto ETNZ as the Communications / PR manager for the 2017 challenge, taking on all aspects of communications, video, photography, social media, media management – this time with the joy of a positive outcome for the team!



Greg Horton

Emirates Team New Zealand: Board Member

Whilst not an Old Collegian, Greg is a highly respected parent with two boys at the Boys' School who has shown a loyal commitment to Saint Kentigern as Chairman of the Boys' School Roselle Foundation. Specialising in corporate law, with interests in a number of private business, investment, charitable and personal trusts, Greg brought a wealth of business and legal acumen to the Board of Emirates Team New Zealand and thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the experience when the team won in Bermuda!



Martin McElwee

Emirates Team New Zealand: Production Coordinator

Whilst not an Old Collegian, Martin also has a son at the Boys' School. Martin was part of the design team involved with the design of the wing, rigging and mechanical systems. He looked after the many sub-contractors that were used during the construction of the boat and wing components. Having been with the team since 2004, with the 'near misses' both in Valencia and San Francisco, he said it was 'awesome' to finally get over the line!



Kevin Shoebridge

Emirates Team New Zealand: Chief Operating Officer

Whilst not an Old Collegian, Kevin is a former parent; his son having attended all 13 years at Saint Kentigern. Kevin has been involved with the NZ America's Cup teams since 1985. He has also competed in five Round the World races, initially as a sailor and then in management. Kevin works alongside Grant Dalton in the overall management of ETNZ with responsibility for coordinating the smooth running of everything from HR to finances, logistics and overall strategy. He said that whilst the last four years since San Francisco were tough, the win in Bermuda was the highlight of his America's Cup experience!

Geoff Bates – Pastoral Robotics



A student at the Boys' School from 1973-1978 and the College from 1979-1981, Geoff Bates recently won the Institute of Professional Engineers Environmental award for 'Spikey' a solution to nitrate leaching. Spikey directs the nitrate into plant growth, avoiding a major source of water pollution and increasing dairy farm productivity. Spikey has been developed by Geoff and co-founder, Dr Bert Quin through their company Pastoral Robotics. Geoff is currently the Co-Founder and Director of Pastoral Robotics, as well as the Managing Director for Atelier Tech Ltd.



Photo credit: Ashburton Guardian



After graduating from Saint Kentigern, Geoff gained a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Engineering through The University of Auckland. Following on from university, Geoff secured a job as a research engineer in Switzerland, developing engine technology, with the highlight of leading the team that homologated the first car to meet the EPA FTP Ultra Low Emission Level rules.

Moving back to New Zealand, Geoff turned his focus to farm technology forming Clever by Design Limited (now known as Atelier Tech Ltd). He developed a range of farm equipment, including the Dungbuster®, an effluent cleaning system that is now used on about a third of NZ dairy farms. Selling part of the business in 2006, but keeping the agri technology, he became Sector Manager for AgriTech at Industrial Research Ltd and a Senior Business Development Manager at Callaghan Innovation. A chance meeting between Geoff and soil scientist, Dr Bert Quin, led to the combination of two completely different skill sets and the technological breakthrough that Pastoral Robotics has developed.

Through Pastoral Robotics, they have developed cost effective, practical, technology to reduce nitrate leaching and nitrous oxide emissions from dairy and other pastoral farms by up to 75%. Their recent award-winning invention, 'Spikey', is a robotic trailer which is towed through recently grazed fields and uses signals from spiked metal wheels to detect and treat urine patches. Each day after grazing, cow urine patches are treated with a mix of environmentally-safe products. One of the main ways that nitrate gets into underground water is from these patches. The amount of nitrogen in a cow urine patch is many times of that required for pasture growth, and the excess moves down through the soil into underground water.

After trialling the prototype, they went on to produce a 2.8m wide version, which was successfully trialled on several farms throughout New Zealand.

David Burton - Jacks Coffee

Coffee baron.... 40 years on!

David attended the School (989) and College (2718) between 1970-1976. Currently he owns a boutique coffee roasting company, Jack's Coffee, named after his father, Jack. Jack's coffee was established to meet the demand for better tasting coffee in the home and from the success he has seen over the last few years, this was the right decision.

After leaving school, David followed his father and grandfather's footsteps into the tea and coffee industry. He worked for 10 years with Quality Packers (Choysa Tea, Old Mill Coffee) where he mastered the art of tea and coffee tasting and buying. This involved numerous overseas trips to the producing countries of Sri Lanka, India, China, Kenya and many more, where he started to build his relationships with commodity suppliers.

Burton Hollis was established in 1990 at a time when there was significant change to the cafe scene. In 1996, David also helped launch Columbus Coffee which has now grown to be New Zealand's largest and most successful coffee franchise, with over 70 stores nationwide. The coffee used in these stores is still proudly roasted by David.

Now 40 years on, David looks back at the changes, 'There has been dramatic changes in the coffee industry, from a strong filter base in the 90's, to a dominant espresso market today. New Zealand is recognised on the world's stage as a country where you can get great coffee'. And, as a national and international barista judge, David can certainly pick them. 'We are seeing more and more homes being

equipped with professional machines to bring that cafe experience into the home. For me, it's an opportunity to pass on my knowledge and experience to help others improve what they do in coffee.'

David still meets up with a group of school buddies on a regular basis. So if you are from his year, he'd be pleased to hear from you. He still supports the Boys' School at various functions with his great tasting coffee! His son Jack attended the School and College between 2004-2010.





Nathan Walker – Freelance Web & Graphic Designer

Graduating from the College in 2015, Nathan was awarded the Vice Chancellor’s Scholarship to AUT, going on to study a Bachelor of Design at AUT, majoring in Communication Design. He is studying

the UX/UI pathway, which involves designing interfaces such as websites and apps. As part of AUT’s exchange programme, Nathan is currently studying abroad at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont.

Aside from university and his exchange, Nathan is a freelance web and graphic designer. After learning Photoshop in Year 8 at College, he started freelancing in Year 10 (2012), and his work has involved designing websites, apps and print material for various clients, some of which include Xero, Glory League, MacroActive, TNX and Nothing Else Food. Nathan said, ‘I really enjoy thinking through how a user will experience the products I design. This involves considering everything from how and where information needs to be presented to users across the entire application, right down to the typeface and what happens when you hover over a button. Increasingly I think about design as a way to build complex systems that go beyond aesthetics.’

Since graduating College, Nathan has returned to speak at a Jack Paine Centre (JPC) workshop focused on ‘Design for Social Good’ for Year 7 students, during which he spoke about his process as a freelance designer and helped mentor the students. Nathan believes the International Baccalaureate Diploma was a huge advantage. He said, ‘The critical thinking and writing skills I learnt have been invaluable during my tertiary studies, and an IB diploma is very attractive to most universities. The broad visual arts curriculum meant I could experiment a lot too, so my university entrance portfolio had a variety of work.’

Overall, Nathan believes the most valuable aspect of his time at Saint Kentigern was the support he received from JPC staff. The feedback was always honest, and he was often given access to design inspiration and extra-curricular industry events that took his learning beyond the traditional classroom environment. He said, ‘What this all adds up to, is that attending Saint Kentigern is a privileged opportunity and I don’t take lightly how lucky I am to be where I am right now.’

When Nathan graduates from university in 2018, his goal is to either begin his own web design practice or move to the San Francisco Bay Area and work as a user interface or product designer at a technology company.



Chris Lynch – RNZA Aircraft Technician

Back in 2010, when Chris Lynch was in Year 13 at the College and Bruce House Head Boy, he attended a careers event where he saw the possibility of combining his love for mechanics and sports, alongside an exciting career. For many, leaving secondary school can be a daunting process but Chris knew he wanted to get paid to learn and that’s when he enrolled to become a part of the Royal New Zealand Airforce.

Some years on, Corporal Lynch is now working as an aircraft technician with the No.40 Squadron. Had he not taken the leap of faith, he said he would ‘most likely be working on a car engine somewhere, instead of working on a complex system like an aircraft’, which, for Chris, is a far greater challenge. Not knowing what each day holds, Chris could be conducting routine maintenance checks, dispatching and receiving an aircraft, with the next day changing an aircraft propeller. Recently, he has returned from the United States, where he took part in Exercise Mobility Guardian 17, a biennial air mobility exercise.

It was a long way from home to Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Seattle, Washington, but Chris said ahead of the trip he was looking forward to the challenge of working at the fourth largest military establishment in the world. Exercise Mobility Guardian 17 is a multinational and large exercise practising Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Recovery (HADR) in a potentially hostile environment. The Royal New Zealand Air Force took a C-130 Hercules aircraft, two crews and supporting personnel to operate alongside the United States Air Force and up to 18 other nations in the multinational exercise.



When Chris is not busy working on aircraft or flying half way across the globe, he plays an active role in sports teams - he represents the RNZAF in rugby and manages the RNZAF cricket team.

Jessie Jarvie – Corporate Lawyer to Business Opportunity

Jessie Jarvie is well remembered as a foundation girl who went on to be the first Head Girl of Saint Kentigern, graduating in 2005. She and her husband, Paul, were the first two Old Collegians to marry, Paul being one of the 'last of the old boys' – the final year of boys to graduate as a boys-only year in 2004.

In their first year, the foundation girls soon discovered that they needed to be resilient. In that first year, there were only 25 girls in the entire Senior School of approximately 500 boys! Recently, Jessie came back to College to speak to the girls explaining that in her first year at Saint Kentigern, the boys did not give them an easy time but she said this made for some strong, stropky girls and that resilience has stood her well as she moved through College, university and on to her working life.

After studying law, Jessie started her working life as a corporate lawyer but once her first child was born, she discovered the dilemma that many mothers face when returning to the workforce, trying to establish the work/life balance and doing the best for the child. Based on her own experience, she established a consulting business to help new mums transition back into their profession after they'd had children.

With the birth of her second child, she discovered 'phase 2' of family life. 'Popping out' to the supermarket is hard enough with one child, with two it takes on a whole different meaning! It's from this, that a new business venture grew, resulting in Jessie moving away from law to concentrate on the growth of 'Baby Bag.' Following a similar idea to 'Food Bag,' a company that takes the stress out of preparing family meals, the 'Baby Bag' collates and delivers personal orders for 'everything baby' from nappies and wipes to formula, baby food and basic medicine. From small beginnings this has grown and when they outgrew their first warehouse, they were fortunate to have a

neighbouring property become available for rent – making 'travelling to work' a breeze!

Jessie told the College girls that nothing comes without hard work. She said the more work, the greater the satisfaction at the end.

She also said that as a College student, she hadn't realised the benefit of the connections she had made and the value that this has had in both her personal and working life. She also admitted to something else – at College, she hated the sound of the bagpipes! She said that all changed when she left school and now she loves the sound of them for the sense of nostalgia they invoke, so much so, she and Paul were piped into their wedding!



J'aime Bellingham - USA College Golfer



After graduating from College in 2015, I moved to Boone, Iowa in August 2016 to attend Des Moines Area Community College on a golf scholarship. DMACC is a large school with 36,000 students on 7 campuses throughout central Iowa.

I started playing golf at the age of 10, and had already decided that I wanted to become a professional. I found out, at the age of 14, that the best path to take before going pro would be playing at the collegiate level.

Our head coach here is Larry Briley, who previously caddied for his sister-

in-law on the LPGA tour, and our assistant coach was previously a PGA professional at Iowa State University. The experience that Coach Briley gained while caddying has been invaluable and has helped to improve my game immensely.

It was easy to settle in here. I am the first international golfer to play for DMACC and happened to be the only international student on my campus so everybody knew who I was. This meant that I had priority with my academic advisor as well as any other faculty that I needed to speak to. Our head coach's family took me in and look after me really well; his parents even refer to me as their 'adopted granddaughter!'

As far as daily life goes, we schedule our classes for the mornings so that we can attend practices in the afternoons. Although we follow our schedules closely, we have been known to practise, have coaches' meetings and take exams into the night leaving us with very little spare time. The lifestyle is definitely not for everyone. I also share an apartment with my team mates, so we got to know each other very well after living together, going to class together and practising together.

Our school is a two year school, this means that we get an associate's degree before we move on to a larger school to get our bachelors. The idea of this is that you can get all of your general education subjects done at a cheaper price and you can take a range of different classes to find out what you like and what you would like to major in. Although I never intended on going to a community college, it is the best decision I ever made. It has given me exposure to schools in the NCAA division 1 and 2 have I have just signed to transfer and play golf at the University of Missouri, Kansas City next August for my final two years of college golf.

As a team we played five tournaments in the fall, and seven in the spring in five different states. Our national tournament was held in Georgia, where our team placed 11th and I came 20th individually. In total our team had 4 wins, and four runner up finishes. Individually, I had 6 wins, 4 runners up, a 3rd place finish and a 20th place finish. Although golf was our main focus, we got to spend some time exploring the various states we found ourselves in. I am proud to have been named an 'All-American' for placing in the top 18 nationally.

In summary the experience has been awesome and I would recommend it to anyone who gets offered the opportunity. You will never regret it.

Alex Waimora – Proud Solomon Islander



In conjunction with this year's World Vision 40 Hour Famine appeal, the New Zealand Herald ran a series of articles about a side of the Pacific Islands few of us see - The Hidden Pacific. Each was a personal reflection from an islander. Alex Waimora, now 23, was Head Boy of Bruce House in 2013. Currently completing a BA in Screen and Media studies at the University of Waikato, he is grateful for the start that Saint Kentigern College gave him. He reports:

'Our world is constantly changing. As it does, the difference between

those who have plenty and those without becomes starker. Nowhere is this more evident than the difference between my homeland, the Solomon Islands, and my adopted home, Aotearoa. The Solomon Islands are made up of more than 900 islands with a population of more than 600,000 people. It is my home and a place I am proud to represent on foreign shores. For the last four years, I have been living in New Zealand. My experience here has transformed my way of thinking.

I travelled to New Zealand as part of the Solomon Islands national U17 football side in 2011. Despite my spirits being dampened by the rain, by the end of the tournament I was offered a scholarship to study at Saint Kentigern College. It was here that I saw what our countries can learn from each other.

In the Solomon Islands, old men teach their sons by talking. Communities organise games to spend time with each other. When

someone dies, the whole community comes together, to comfort the family and respect the dead. Life is peaceful and simple, and people smile endlessly, surrounded by beautiful islands. In New Zealand, the outlook on life seems buried under busyness. People communicate with each other through social media. They mind their own business and many do not know their neighbours. They work hard to ensure they can meet their needs and wants – often a source of their stress.

Education in the Solomon Islands is limited. My school was 10km down the road. I walked there and back every day. On many occasions, I went through school without food, and waited for dinner. I did not own a mobile phone so if there was something I wanted to tell my friends, I had to walk lengthy distances to spread the news myself.

In New Zealand, students have many advantages allowing them to learn at a faster pace. The sole focus of many schools in the Solomons is written work, without the experience of sports, music and other areas of knowledge. New Zealand students take their education for granted, while students in the Solomon Islands cope with student life as well as being helpers at home. Many Solomon Island students have a lot of passion for an education they cannot get and I think if Kiwi students saw this, it would make them feel more passionate themselves. People in New Zealand are friendly, but I believe they can learn the value of community work from the Solomon Islands. Community is the core of building a united nation. In the Solomon Islands, a community helps each other, and communities help other communities; together they live in peace.

The Solomon Islands are still developing. My heart is with my homeland, and I dream of being able to develop opportunities for the younger generation to learn. I admire Aotearoa, I love the Solomon Islands and I definitely love the people of these two great Pacific nations. By looking to each other, I believe we can pass on a brighter future to young people, whether they are living in villages or super cities, and create a more prosperous Pacific.

Team Work on Peter Pan

Four Old Collegians teamed up to work on this year's Middle College production of Peter Pan! Oliver Gilmour, Ashton Brown, Mark Bradley and Morgan Heron took key roles in this fantastic production!

Oliver Gilmour is currently the Head of Middle College Music and a Social Studies teacher at the College. He was the Musical Director for Peter Pan. Oliver graduated from the College in 2007 and went on to study a Bachelor of Music and Diploma of Teaching at Auckland University. He is currently studying Educational Leadership, also at Auckland University. Oliver is a flute, saxophone and piano player and has worked extensively in community theatre as a Musical Director. In addition to working at Saint Kentigern, Oliver directs the Auckland Wind Orchestra which is a community concert band.

Since leaving College in 2010, Mark Bradley has been heavily involved with musical theatre in Auckland. Initially, he continued his on stage role, but quickly moved to the orchestra pit as a keyboard player. He has since played piano for Wicked, Phantom of The Opera, Evita, The Producers, West Side Story and in November, will be playing for Sister Act. Mark also currently teaches piano at the College and privately at his home studio, as well as playing for exams, cabaret artists and musical theatre auditions throughout Auckland. Mark played a supporting role with the orchestra for Peter Pan.

Since graduating from Saint Kentigern in 2011 Morgan Heron has completed a Bachelor of Dance Studies at the University of Auckland. She says that specialising in dance has opened up many doors including teaching, performing and choreographing. Last year



she was accepted into a summer training programme with the Radio City Rockettes in New York City and she has just returned from her second year completing the course. She has also had opportunities to dance and choreograph with professional dance companies, including dancing for season one of The X Factor New Zealand. She teaches a dance studies paper at the University of Auckland as well as classes at The Dance Studio in tap and jazz. Morgan took on the choreography for the show.

Ashton Brown attended drama school shortly after graduating from Saint Kentigern. He is now the TIC of Itinerant Drama at the College and has been a Speech & Drama Tutor and Acting Coach for the last four years. Teaching over 50 students a week, Ashton is an integral part of the performing arts at the College. Ashton was the Director of Peter Pan. Outside of College, Ashton writes for the TV3 hit show '7 Days' and is an award winning writer for theatre as well as a professional stand-up comedian, actor and advocate for mental health in New Zealand.

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