

From the President of the Old Collegians

It is with great sadness that I advise of the passing of one of our Past Presidents, George Grove Snr. George was a foundation Boys' School student from 1959 and attended the College for five years. He was also President of SKOCA for two three-year terms, which was notable service to the Saint Kentigern Community. His son, and grandchildren attend/ed Saint Kentigern and this ensures the Grove legacy will continue for many years to come. Rest in peace George, Fides Servanda Est.

The Australian Reunion was held in Sydney on 18 August to coincide with the first Bledisloe Rugby match, with Sydney again turning on a great blue-sky weekend, albeit another cold game night out at ANZ Olympic Stadium. A good number of OC's made the trip to Sydney from NZ to join a broad spectrum of Australian based OC's from a wide range of age groups. On the Friday night we held a reunion dinner, again at Kingsleys Steakhouse private room, where Principal of the Middle College, Mr Duncan McQueen, was our special guest. He gave a great overview of 'all things' Saint Kentigern and spoke of the many achievements of our academic, sporting and cultural groups. My thanks go to Regan van Berlo, Rodney Steel and Andrew Clarke as the organising committee for the Australian Old Collegians

A major event in the spring calendar is the Old Collegians' Golf Day held annually at Remuera Golf Course, later in the year. It's always a great event and this year I am pleased to announce that Bayleys has come onboard as our major sponsor. What this means, is this year's event promises to be the best we've ever had with great prizes, a full field, and some competitive fun action. My thanks go to John Howard and his organising committee for putting together such a well-run, smooth operation year in year out. If you're a regular player or a newbie, please register your interest soon as places tend to fill rather quickly.

The winter terms have seen a multitude of activities for Saint Kentigern students at each of our campuses from debating to music to stage productions and sport. There have been some outstanding achievements by our winter sports teams and cultural groups at all four schools. I would like to encourage you all, as Old Collegians, to stay connected and go along to watch. The standard of events, whether cultural or sporting, is always exceptional and it's fantastic to see this next generation engage in their activities of choice with such enthusiasm. Whilst much may have changed since we were at school, one thing hasn't - students love our support! Whether it's in an audience or on the side-lines, take every opportunity to reconnect; you'll enjoy it!

As Term 4 comes around, the number of events SKOCA is involved in increases, as we sponsor events like the Year 8 Leavers' Dinners at the Boys' School and Girls' School, and the Senior and Middle College Sports Awards. It's a special time for students who are leaving their respective campuses to either continue their education at secondary or tertiary level or indeed move into a different phase in their lives be it to travel or go straight into the workforce.

Please check the SKOCA calendar for the events yet to occur in 2018. We have the Premier Senior A Netball team versus the Old Collegian Girls being held in October and both the SKOCA College Golf Day at Remuera Club, and ROC events in Christchurch and Auckland. Our final event of the 2018 Calendar is the Boys' School 2010 Leaver's BBQ in December. I encourage you all to become more involved in your respective alumni events.

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

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Mr Hayden Butler,
President of the Old Collegians



The Australian Reunion



SKOCA 2018 Calendar

COLLEGE - SKOCA GOLF DAY

Monday 12th November
Time: Assemble at 11.00am
Venue: Remuera Golf Club
Ticket: \$100.00 per head.
Refreshments provided.

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com



BOYS' SCHOOL - SKOCA GOLF DAY

Friday 8 February 2019
Time: 12.00pm (1 pm Teeoff)
Venue: Auckland Golf Club
Refreshments provided

RSVP: sue.bowskill@saintkentigern.com



In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we record the passing of the following members of the Saint Kentigern community. We express our condolences to their families.

Former Students:

John BARAGWANATH	#94
Andrew John Martin BRAY	#1928
George Frederick GROVE	#818
Chris MASON	#3779
Donald MCKENZIE	#1164
Chris MCMURRAY	#1907
Shani Nola ROUGH	#10836
John Dennis SHERLOCK	#818
Derek Vernon TIMBS	#821

Former Staff:

Arthur James ANGUS

BOYS' SCHOOL 2013 LEAVERS - BBQ Sunday 8th December

Time: 3.30pm
Venue: SKBS Sports Centre
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com
sue.bowskill@saintkentigern.com

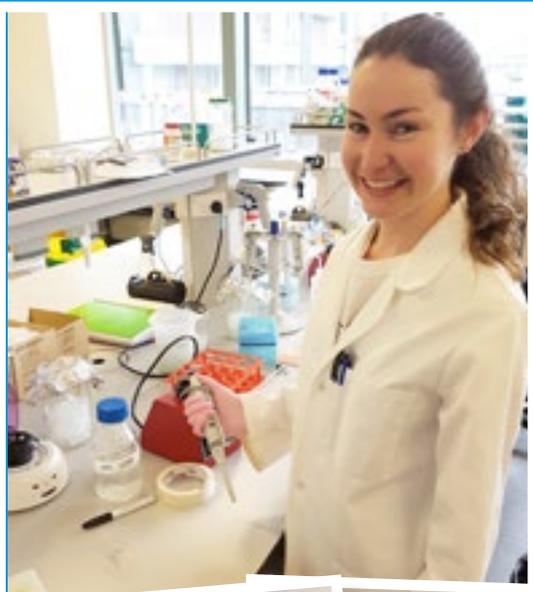
Have you moved? Are you moving?

People are constantly on the move and sometimes forget to let us know! Please help us to keep our database up to date so that you can continue to receive Piper Magazine and email news of upcoming SKOCA events.

If you request us to do so, we will amend any personal information about you, held by us, which is inaccurate, incomplete or out of date, however, we can't do it if you don't let us know! There are many younger Old Collegians who are still receiving Piper via their parents' address. If you have moved to your own address, please let us know!

If your contact details have changed, please take a moment to fill in the form on the Old Collegians section of the Saint Kentigern website, alternatively, you may contact us by emailing skoca@saintkentigern.com

Sophia Noble – Cancer Research



As a student at Saint Kentigern, my favourite subject was biology and throughout high school and then onto university, my passion for biology intensified.

On graduating from College, I received a Saint Kentigern Scholarship and a Victoria Excellence Scholarship and moved to Wellington to study at Victoria University of Wellington. I undertook a Bachelor of Science, double major in Biology and Psychology. While studying, I also worked as a tutor. During my first year at university, I tutored high school students and in the later years of my degree, I tutored younger university students.

Over the course of my degree, I learned about the biology of cancer and became aware of the critical need to better understand cancer biology in order to develop improved therapies. As a consequence, I went on to do a Bachelor of Science with Honours, majoring in Cell and Molecular Bioscience. For my research project, I conducted laboratory research on breast cancer metastasis. I carried out experiments to test the effectiveness of novel drugs to inhibit the migration and invasion of breast cancer cells. I graduated with a First Class Honours degree.

On completing my studies, I was offered a job as a Research Assistant at Victoria University of Wellington to continue doing breast cancer research, a position I currently hold. In addition to working at Victoria University, I am also working at the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research. At the Malaghan Institute I work as a Research Officer in the Cancer Immunotherapy Group, conducting research to develop and improve vaccines for cancer. My next step will be to undertake a PhD, with the long-term aim being to focus my career doing cancer research.

My parents and Saint Kentigern ingrained in me a dedication to the service of others, so outside of work I like to spend time engaged in volunteer activities. I currently volunteer for the Department of Conservation, Sustainability Trust, and Boomerang Bags Wellington. I am driven to contribute to conservation efforts and promote sustainable living, and I am a strong supporter of animal welfare.



Kimberly Wong – Prime Minister's Scholarship

After my time at Saint Kentigern, I went on to study at the University of Otago and completed a Bachelor of Law and Commerce. Soon after, I was lucky enough to receive a Prime Minister's Scholarship for Asia and was given the opportunity to intern in an international law firm in Zhuhai, China.

In the first two weeks of my stay, I attended Chinese language classes and was placed with a homestay family which really immersed me in the Chinese culture. During this time, I tried pork liver, pig blood curd, raw crab soaked in wine, and the famous 'salted duck egg'. We even had a box of live crabs delivered to our doorstep from Taobao (Amazon/ Aliexpress for China)! It was a very different, but great experience living with a local Chinese family and was an awesome way to settle into Zhuhai.

Working at Dentons Zhuhai was an amazing learning experience. I observed proceedings in the Criminal and Civil Courts, translated foreign documents, drafted legal opinions, and proofread contracts written in English. In addition to this, I learned about several differences between starting

a company in China compared to in New Zealand, and about the Chinese Legal System and how it compares to the New Zealand Legal System respectively.

In terms of the workplace culture, I was warmly welcomed into the Denton's family. My colleagues were very friendly, hard-working and extremely hospitable. I believe the internship helped deepen my competencies in law while also broadening my knowledge of the business environment in China generally.

The advice and guidance I received at Denton's was invaluable and was a great introduction and insight into what is expected at top tier law firms. It has affirmed my passion to pursue a career in law and has opened my mind to potentially working in China in the future.

I believe that Saint Kentigern really helped prepare me for my internship and scholarship opportunities in a multitude of ways. Being able to participate in a wide range of cultural and sporting activities improved my work ethic, leadership, public speaking and my desire to succeed.



James Tremlett - Ocean Conservationist

Tēnā koutou katoa. Many thanks for inviting me to write here; I've followed a meandering path since leaving the College in 2005 and it's a pleasure to be able to share part of my journey.

My life and work centre around caring for the oceans, and the people that depend on them. I feel strongly about the oceanic history and cultures of Aotearoa, and our responsibility as a Pacific archipelago to take part in the collective global response to the crises in our oceans.

My formal training was initially in Auckland, studying human geography, biology, marine science and politics. My first job was working at sea on industrial fishing trawlers around Taranaki and the Auckland Islands; as a fisheries observer I audited the catch, took scientific samples and recorded interactions with protected species. This is rough work, but it gave me a highly visceral understanding of the reality of extractive marine industries and their impact on our oceans. Since then, I have worked as a researcher on ocean governance in New Zealand, and for central government on our national marine protected areas policy. In between this, I have spent a lot of time contributing to local marine conservation projects, here in Aotearoa and in Papua New Guinea, Hawai'i and São Tomé e Príncipe.

I have been blessed with the opportunity to receive incredible education and mentorship in this work. In 2015, Duke University awarded me a Global Fellowship in Marine Conservation to undertake training at their marine lab. In 2016 I received a grant to undertake a Masters in Conservation Leadership at the University of Cambridge, where I spent a year studying the ways that environmental organisations make decisions about where, when and how to deploy their resources. Since returning to Aotearoa I have been on the road or at sea, working on community education programmes in Tauranga, Tairāwhiti, and Rēkohu, mostly to do with ocean plastics.

For the past three years I've had the privilege of being a crew member on the voyaging waka hourua Ngahiraka Mai Tawhiti, and a student in Te Kura o Ngā Kuri a Tarawhata school of traditional celestial navigation. This school was founded to honour the legacy of Micronesian navigator Mau Piailug, a key figure in the renaissance of indigenous voyaging practices in Oceania. Our waka is preparing for a two-year voyage through the Pacific, with the eventual destination being Mau's home island of Satawal; this will be navigated entirely by the students of our kura using traditional non-instrument wayfinding. Throughout this voyage we will be holding wānanga with local communities about practical, meaningful ways to address challenges in their marine environments. We will also be speaking with governments and decision-makers about pathways towards collective Pacific action that protects and honours the ocean that we all share.

I am currently based in Wellington, where I live with my partner Lorena. I would be delighted to speak with anyone interested in supporting this work in any way, or in learning more about it! I'm contactable on tremlett.james@gmail.com. Ngā mihi nunui ki a koutou.



Laura Myers - Mechanical Engineer

After graduating from Saint Kentigern, I lived in Christchurch studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Canterbury (UC) for four years. Near the end of my third year, I joined the UC students' chapter of 'Engineers Without Borders New Zealand,' taking on a role as a 'Working With Communities Representative'. Around the same time, I started a new programme UC was offering, a Diploma in Global Humanitarian Engineering. I aimed to supplement my Mechanical Engineering degree with knowledge of people, culture and development. This programme contributed to a significant workload in my final year, but it added so much breadth - gaining hands-on skills from a humanitarian field course, complemented by knowledge of development theories, history, and engineering using a human centred design process.

I particularly enjoyed one of the papers I took for the Diploma - 'The social and cultural history of India.' So for the field component of my Diploma I decided to attend an Engineers Without Borders Australia Design Summit in India.

Beginning in Mumbai, there were workshops on Indian culture to accustom ourselves to our new surroundings and this involved learning the local language, Marathi, and a brief development studies. With this preparation, we travelled to Narur, a small rural community in Maharashtra, where we lived with local families for a week. During this week we spent time interviewing a variety of individuals from the village, hoping to get a clearer understanding of the village as a whole so we could take a strength-based approach in the design process. We were learning and practising Human Centred Design, which is all about building a deep

empathy with the people; generating lots of ideas, building and presenting prototypes for community feedback.

Something I was impressed by in the village in India is their sustainable lifestyle. A local government scheme assist farmers to install biogas domes, the farmers collect the cow and buffalo manure and other organic waste to be used in their biogas units to produce methane gas for cooking.

I am now back in New Zealand working as a Graduate Engineer at Milmeq Ltd in Auckland. For now I am happy to be gaining valuable work experience but at a future date, I may do postgraduate studies with a focus on sustainable energy.



Andrew Thomson – International Hotelier

Born in Fiji, Andrew was a Bruce House Boarder from 1961 to 1965, where he was joined by his two brothers, Peter and John. Andrew's son John and nephew, James Thomson were also Saint Kentigern students during the mid '80s, along with his adopted son, Joe Sukuna, who was Head Prefect of Bruce House.

With 50 years' experience as an international hotelier, Andrew has been Project Director for Real Holdings International, developing resorts and residences in north eastern Brazil, including a planned Aman Resort at Duas Barras in Alagoas State. As director of Pacific Nexus, consultants to many tourism related ventures, he has vast experience in the development of hotel and tourism projects.

Recently Andrew was the General Manager of the prestigious 25 villa Laucala Island Resort in the Fiji Islands and prior to this, he was based in Singapore where he was Managing Director and Director of Operations with Aman from 1998 to 2013.

During his 15 years as a Director of Aman, the luxury group grew to 27 hotels worldwide.

Since 1966, Andrew has held directorships and management positions in the South Pacific, the Caribbean, Australia, New Zealand, the USA, Europe, North Africa, Central Asia and South East Asia.

As General Manager of the renowned Regent International Hotels group (later known as Four Seasons Hotels), Andrew was responsible for project management and the openings of The Regent of Sydney (now Four Seasons), Hawaii's famous Halekulani Hotel, the Regent of Auckland, the Regent of Fiji, and was the founding CEO for the development and management of Fiji's benchmark, 8-hotel Denarau Island Resort, Golf Course and Port-Marina.

Prior to the Regent, Andrew was General Manager of the Shangri-la Fijian Resort and held senior positions with Rockresorts in the US and British Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii.

Andrew has held numerous tourism and airline industry positions, including serving on the Boards of Air Pacific (later Fiji Airways), the Fiji Trade and Investment Board, 54 Aman-related companies, and various tourism and hotel associations in New Zealand, Hawaii, Fiji, and Australia.

A rugby player, he was President and a player with Fiji's champion Nadroga Rugby Union from 1976 to 1982, a National Selector and Manager of Fiji Rugby teams from 1989 to 1997, and was Chairman of Fiji Sevens from 1993 to 1997, when Fiji won the Rugby Sevens World Cup.

Andrew is married to Claireabell and although they maintain their home in Nadi, they currently reside in Portugal.

For his services to the Tourism Industry and Fiji Rugby, Andrew was recently awarded the prestigious Order of Fiji.



Four Qualify for World Cup

2017 College graduates, Jordan Spain, Max Mata, Charles Spragg and Dane Schnell were all selected to represent NZ in an 18 man squad that travelled to Tahiti to play in the Oceania Football Championship, with the finalists earning world cup spots in Poland in 2019.

As defending champions, the squad had the pressure of knowing they were targets, and their opening game against hosts Tahiti was a close encounter, with NZ prevailing 2-1.

The second game against Tonga was close until the 35th minute, and a goal from Schnell opened the floodgates to a 14-0 win, with Mata and Spragg getting hat tricks and Schnell a brace.

Game 3 was a 4-0 win against Papua New Guinea, and one in which Spain also got on the score sheet, setting up a must win semi-final against a tough New Caledonia. Played in intense heat at midday, NZ went behind early and were trailing at the break. A well taken header from Mata from a set piece equalised, and then the winner was found late in the game, which meant NZ had achieved their primary objective by qualifying for World Cup in Poland 2019.

In the repeat of game 1, they faced a determined host nation in the final, and an evenly contested match saw NZ prevail with a



1-0 win, ensuring they retained the Oceania championship trophy. Interestingly this win broke the pattern of Tahiti twice having won it when played at their home. Mata ended the championship with the Golden boot, on 5 goals.

Lulu Tuilotolava – Black Stick

Lulu graduated from College in 2014. She was a stalwart of the girls' Hockey 1st XI during her four years at the College, going on to become captain of the team in her final senior year.

Lulu is currently studying for a Bachelor of Communications at Massey University, but hockey has also continued to be a major part of her life, progressing through the ranks until earlier this year when she made her debut for the New Zealand Black Sticks in her first test game against Japan in May. She has since gone on to play eleven test games as a striker and was selected for the Hockey World Cup in July in London.

Lulu gives great credit to the role that Saint Kentigern Hockey coach, Ramesh Patel played in her development as a player. She said, 'How could it not be. I was pushed to be the best player I could possibly be and take other hockey opportunities and pathways alongside College representation and four years later I was selected for the New Zealand team. Being a part of Saint Kentigern grounded me and gave me the chance to grow as a person. I loved being part of the teams I was in and having the chance to be captain of the 1st XI. I am truly grateful for my time at Saint Kentigern and all it had to offer during my high school years.'



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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