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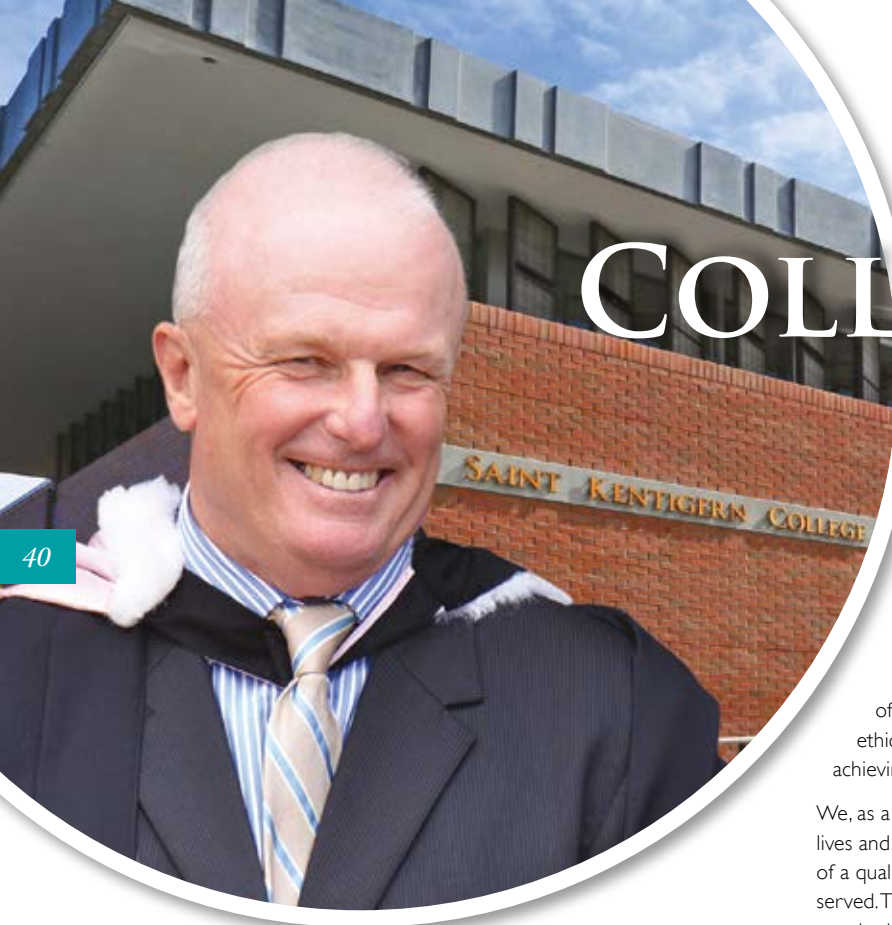
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# COLLEGE



## Our Mission Statement has three parts:

The first entreats us to seek excellence in all areas of College life and we take this very seriously. Not only in the classroom, where improving academic results in all departmental areas has been a feature of the past few years, but also in the wider life of the school where the great majority of competitive and creative activities continue to develop a work ethic and attitude that very often gets them close to excellence or achieving excellence in their endeavours.

We, as a teaching staff, continue to seek this standard in our professional lives and I must say that next year's academic and co-curricular staff will be of a quality that I have not before seen in any secondary school that I have served. That there is, occasionally, a student who falls beneath our high standards of excellence is disappointing but part of the maturing process for that person. It is our challenge, as educators, to find something in each individual which will inspire them to seek excellence in some area of school life.

Our Mission Statement also includes Service to Others. The most obvious is the service that Mr Robinson drives which is now deeply ingrained in the College. This includes breakfasts in schools, visits to the elderly, sports coaching, World Vision Malawi ... there are too many to mention! But, Service to Others surely means generosity of spirit and kindness to all people within and beyond the College community. It greatly distresses those involved with the pastoral care of our young people to have to deal with instances of unkindness which, of course, is now often through social media. Surely if we are so concerned with the happiness of people around us we should be kind in our words, thoughts and deeds towards all, particularly if they are vulnerable, different, high achievers or those who express their own high personal standards. I am sure that we are no worse than anywhere else but it would please all in authority here if our Service to Others included helping and supporting people in our own sphere of influence.

Our Mission Statement also refers to the Glory of God and, in practical terms, the work of our Chaplain continues to be of the highest order. In my opinion, it is a text book case of how a Chaplaincy should be run. Is this all that our Founders meant when they referred to the Glory of God? I am not sure but I hope they too were thinking of young people and those who work at this remarkable place making the most of all the positive opportunities provided as they would have strongly believed that these opportunities were provided by a higher deity. I hope that our Founders would be pleased with the College's development and as they were good Presbyterians, the resources that the College is providing to educate young people and, importantly, see the College financially placed to enable the next stage of physical development to be planned and undertaken.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to 2015. Thank you all for your support of our College. This community spirit is what makes us unique.

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**Steve Cole**  
HEAD OF COLLEGE

## Looking back on 2014

We come to the end of what has been an outstanding year for our College. Following a very positive ERO report which highlighted, amongst many elements, the focus on the process of learning, our high quality facilities and our strong leadership team. Our students' achievements have been exceptional – in academic studies, in co-curricular events and in representation at both a regional and national level. I am very proud of all of our students and their individual successes.

We bid farewell to two long serving stalwarts of our staff at the end of the year. Mr Rod Biel and Mr Doug Anderson have retired after many years of commitment and service to Saint Kentigern. We wish them both well. We also said farewell to a number of our teaching staff who now move on to new roles and opportunities. The start of 2015 sees us welcome a number of new teachers, each of whom will be an outstanding addition to our staff.

We began the year with 1793 boys and girls and this has remained remarkably steady throughout the course of the year. At the time of writing, a further increase to just over 1870 students for the 2015 academic year is being projected. This roll growth will mean that the College facilities are fully utilised and does, of course, reflect the demand for places which is not necessarily replicated at other private schools in New Zealand.

The College has been extremely fortunate that our far-sighted founders chose this remarkable site which in itself has been a significant factor in the College's success. Of course, debate continues about the optimum size for the College and a strong consensus suggests that next year's number is ideal for our present facilities but that continuing development of the campus could and should mean continued roll growth in the decades to come.



# Thank you to two special long-serving staff members

'When the history of this great College is told, it will no doubt be filled with stories of Trust Boards and Headmasters, Deputies and new buildings, successful teams and musical groups, and famous students. But behind all this, seldom hitting the headlines, are the people who enable a huge organisation like the College to function. Those who teach the students well and undertake administration to make it all work on a day-to-day basis. Those who help create good relationships with attention to detail and concern for the well-being of our students and staff.'

*Warwick Bell, current Archivist, former Associate Head*

## ROD BIEL – 43 years on staff and 5 years as a student



After almost 50 years of direct association with the College, firstly as a student and then as a member of staff with 43 years of unbroken service, Mr Rod Biel is finally stepping back having earned a restful retirement. Such a long association, having worked for each of the five Heads, is unlikely to be repeated and Mr Biel's commitment and faithfulness to the Saint Kentigern community is most significant.

Mr Biel joined the College as a student in 1962, graduating in 1967. He attended a College Christmas Service as a student teacher and was approached by the first Headmaster, Rev. Adam MacFarlan, to apply for a suddenly vacated English position. And so it was that Mr Biel began an incredible length of service when he was appointed to the staff as an English and Social Studies teacher in 1972 whilst still completing his MA. In 1974 he also joined the staff at Bruce House where he spent 13 years as a Resident Master.

With his Scottish ancestry and love of the bagpipes, he and his late father Fred made a very special contribution to Saint Kentigern, reviving the College Pipes and Drums in 1972 and drilling them to such an extent that the Band was able to proudly march and play at the end of year prizegiving.

They did such a great job that, despite some difficult years, they ensured the survival of what is now one of the iconic traditions of Saint Kentigern. He noted that in 2014, the Band is still performing the drill movements first instilled in 1972.

Late that year, he was also appointed as Teacher-Librarian beginning a long connection with the Library, playing a significant part in the organisation of the then new Sir William Goodfellow Memorial Library. During the early years he also began his long association with the logistics of organising Prizegiving; a task he has continued to organise right up to his retirement.

With his proven organisational skills, he was appointed as Office Manager and Attendance Officer during the Rev David Williams years - in the days before computers! This role was later changed to Teaching Services manager which included organising staff relief.

For many years, he was the voice on the public address system on athletics days. He also supported a number of student activities such as chess, tennis, badminton and choir trips; thoroughly enjoying his contact with the students.

Mr Biel's daily meticulous organisation of staff matters such as teacher relief, his advocacy for staff on HR matters and his many kindnesses to what has become a large teaching staff have made him a most highly valued and respected person amongst his colleagues. We are grateful for his tremendous input and wish Mr Biel and his wife, Raewyn well in his retirement.

## DOUG ANDERSON – 33 years service

Mr Doug Anderson has achieved a great deal in his 33 years of teaching at the College and is well remembered by his former students as a task master who expected high standards and had the ability to light a spark. His senior students understood that his motivation and drive came from a genuine desire to see them do well.

He joined the College back in 1985, initially as a teacher of English. It didn't take long to discover that he had an enviable grasp on 'foreign' languages and soon after he was appointed Head of Department. He is fluent in Japanese, Russian and French and has taught all three languages at the College, including Russian during a spell in the 1980's - 1990's! During that period there were two College trips to the old Soviet Union. In more recent times, he provided the Russian voiceover for a Saint Kentigern DVD that was sent to prospective families in Russia and we have since welcomed Russian international students into Bruce House. For many years, he helped ESOL students settle into College life.

Mr Anderson has been involved with the New Zealand and Auckland Associations of Japanese Language teachers and is recognised nationally for input that was said to be 'driven, formidable, knowledgeable and passionate,' especially during the early days of NCEA. He was known for taking issue when he felt examination papers didn't hit the mark and has since written, marked and moderated NCEA.

Former student, Craig Smith, along with his brother Shane, has gone on to develop Education Perfect, an online learning tool that has gained a global following. Their original programme, Language Perfect was first conceived

when the boys were learning languages in Mr Anderson's class. Craig said that, 'In life we meet thousands of people but there are only a small handful who have a profound impact on who we become.' He credits Mr Anderson's words of encouragement that set him on a path that now sees Craig and Shane work with 10,000 teachers and half a million students every day in an online world.

Today there aren't many who know about another area of expertise that Doug took on for many years - directing College musical productions! Former student, Blair Strang fondly remembers taking part in shows such as Jesus Christ Superstar, Grease, Pirates of Penzance and Fiddler on the Roof. Blair has gone on to be a well-known New Zealand television personality. He remembers Mr Anderson as his first director and in that role he was 'hard, dedicated and epic.' He attributes his success later in life to the mentoring, direction and expectation of excellence he was given by Mr Anderson whilst at College.

Mr Anderson is to be thanked for his incredible contribution to Saint Kentigern and he leaves with our very best wishes.





# Senior School Prizegiving

Senior Prizegiving signalled the end of another notable year in the life of the College as the Saint Kentigern College 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.

Each year a significant number of our students are awarded scholarships to assist with their tertiary education at universities and other tertiary institutions both within New Zealand and overseas. At the time of writing, 28 scholarships have been awarded to 26 of our students to provide financial assistance to continue their chosen tertiary studies. This year's cohort has been awarded the largest number of scholarships to date - but this figure generally increases over the summer break as exam results become available.

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 afternoon culminated with the announcement of the highest academic honour, the Dux. The honour was awarded to both the top IB Diploma student, Andrew Qi and the top NCEA student, Sian Seeley. Congratulations to these two deserving students who have worked hard and made the most of every opportunity.

## Dux Medallist - IB



### ANDREW (BOKAI) QI

Andrew is a naturally gifted scholar who fully deserves to be the International Baccalaureate Dux for 2014. Andrew joined the College at the beginning of 2013 for Year 12. He quickly distinguished himself as a very strong academic student with a remarkable work ethic. Last year he was the top student in the Year 12 IB cohort winning the prizes for Biology, Economics, Mathematics and Japanese. This year as IB Dux he has

won the prize for Biology and will be sitting Scholarship examinations in Geography and Economics. He also sat a paper at the University of Auckland in Semester 1 this year in Psychology (108).

Andrew's co-curricular involvement has also been a significant part of his time at the College. He is a key member of the Premier Boys' Tennis team which won the New Zealand Championship earlier this year. Andrew is a College Prefect, a member of the Amnesty International Council and the Monetary Policy Team.

Andrew has won the prestigious University of Auckland Scholarship to study Politics, Philosophy and Economics with a view to continuing his studies in the USA.

## Dux Medallist - NCEA



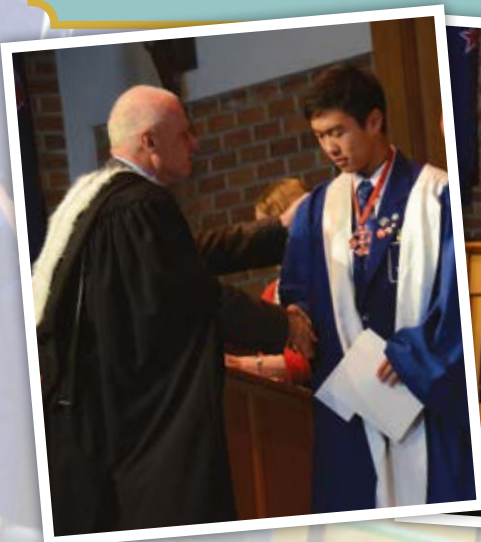
### SIAN SEELEY

Sian is a student of outstanding ability who has achieved significant academic success during her time at Saint Kentigern College. At NCEA Level 1, she gained an Excellence endorsement with 112 credits at Excellence level. In 2013 she gained NCEA Level 2 with 96 credits at Excellence level with an Excellence Endorsement in every subject. She also won the prizes for English, Spanish, Accounting, Statistics (Year 13) and the P.G. Hadfield Prize for First in Year 12 NCEA. This year Sian has won the subject

prizes for Accounting, English, Physics and Spanish. As a further academic challenge, Sian will also be sitting Scholarship examinations in Physics and History.

Sian's co-curricular involvement has shown her all-roundedness and wide interests. She has played Senior B Netball, is a member of Art Space, is a member of the Premier Theatresports squad and coaches Theatresports, was a part of the musical support crew for the production of Blood Brothers and was an exemplary College Prefect representing Hamilton House.

Sian has been awarded The University of Auckland Faculty of Business and Economics Entry Level Undergraduate Scholarship and plans to study a conjoint Commerce and Engineering degree.





# Middle School Prizegiving

On the final day of the College year, the Sports Centre was packed to capacity as family, friends and special invited guests gathered with our students in Years 7-10 to celebrate their academic, sporting and cultural successes at the Middle School prize giving. The official party was piped in by Mitchell Jackson followed by the College Sinfonia, comprising our Middle School musicians, accompanying the National Anthem.

Proud parents looked on as the top students in each age group came forward to collect their prizes from Trust Board member, Mr Murray King and long serving staff member, Mr George Wolken. Dux of the Middle School, Joshua Looker, was a well-deserved recipient after significant academic achievement as well as considerable involvement in all areas of College life.

At the conclusion of the formalities, the Second Pipe Band finished the year in our traditional manner by 'Beating the Retreat' from the bridge.

Our congratulations to all our award winners and especially to Joshua.

## Dux Of The Middle School



### JOSHUA LOOKER

Joshua Looker has the honour of being awarded the Dux of Middle School for 2014. Joshua has consistently achieved Excellence or Excellence Plus in his subjects. He has had outstanding results for both Year 11 Mathematics and Year 11 Music in Year 10, as well as attaining Merit in the New Zealand Junior Mathematics Competition and High Distinction in the Australian Mathematics Competition. He has been commended for Latin and Science for which he received a High Distinction in ICAS Science.

As an all-rounder Joshua has excelled this year both academically and in his co-curricular activities. Strong leadership skills made Joshua an obvious choice as a Middle School Student Leader. His musical ability has been demonstrated in the Concert Band, Stage Band and the Saxophone Ensemble. He has also found success in Water Polo in both the Junior and Senior Teams, Football, the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and Junior Debating.

Joshua is a strong leader with a commitment to strive to achieve at the highest possible level. His ability to immerse himself with a passion in all areas of learning is a testament to his all-round maturity.

## The J.E.H Kururangi Cup

For the Year 10 Boy Showing All Round Ability



### SHIDDRATH (SID) CHAND

Shiddrath has been a strong achiever throughout 2014. His outstanding musical talent is evident in his leading role in Oliver, involvement in the winning Cargill House Band and as a section leader for Kentoris Choir. He was also a finalist in the Solo Music Competition and was selected for the Auckland Youth Choir. Shiddrath has played an active role in Junior Cricket and the UI5A Hockey team. Shiddrath's diligence and perseverance in the classroom have seen him consistently achieve to a high standard, excelling in music in particular. He is a

high achieving young man who is commended for his accomplishments.

## The Birch Cup

For the Year 10 Girl Showing All Round Ability



### TATE ALEX MCGREGOR

Tate is a multi-talented student who has excelled as an all-rounder in the Middle School. She has achieved Excellence and Excellence Plus across all her subjects and was awarded the French, Drama, English and her Class Prizes. An outstanding sportswoman, Tate has represented the College in Athletics and also in the Girls Premier Basketball, Football, and Touch teams. She participated in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and her strong leadership skills saw Tate selected as a Middle School Leader. Tate is a committed and diligent student who

strives to achieve at the highest possible level in all facets of College life.







## 28 significant Tertiary Scholarships awarded!

The College is thrilled that at the time our seniors began their end of year external examinations, 26 of our students had already been awarded 28 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.

This year's cohort has been awarded the largest number of scholarships ever offered to our students - this figure generally increases over the summer break as exam results become available.

Congratulations to the following students!



### **The University of Auckland Scholarship**

**Andrew Qi and Shuo Yang**

These are awarded to students who have demonstrated exceptional levels of academic excellence, all-round ability and leadership. The University received almost 1300 applications for these scholarships and 120 have been awarded throughout New Zealand. It is the university's premier Scholarship. All fees for the first 3 years of an undergraduate degree are paid up to \$50,000 plus academic mentoring in the first year. We are very pleased to announce 2 Saint Kentigern students have been awarded these University of Auckland Scholarship for 2014.

### **University of Otago Academic Excellence Scholarships**

**Eden Hawkins and Sarah McQueen**

These are awarded to students who have demonstrated exceptional levels of academic excellence in their course of study. Worth \$30,000 each towards tuition fees, accommodation and living expenses for three years of study, only 22 have been awarded across New Zealand.

### **The Victoria University Excellence Scholarship**

**Hannah Wood, Ben Clarke, Anna Murphy, Max Christie, Katherine Ford, Georgia Foster, Christie Stringer and Tomo Suzuki**

These scholarships are awarded to recognise students who have gained NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Excellence. It is worth \$5000 towards tuition fees or accommodation in the first year of study.

### **The AUT Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship**

**Melissa Porter**

This is an award for student achievement for academic excellence at secondary schools in the wider Auckland region. This award provides tuition fees for 4 papers a semester over 3 years.

### **The AUT Undergraduate Scholarship**

**Tim Mudford**

This is a full fee Scholarship paid for 1 year worth \$6000 and is awarded to students with excellent course work school grades.

# 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.

Andrew (Bokai) Qi and Sian Seeley, our IB Diploma Dux and NCEA Dux each received \$3000. James (Jia Lin) Yang, Ashley Chan, Andrew Jackson, Aditya Arolkar and Shuo Yang 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.



## The Massey University High Achiever Scholarships April Fini and Mimi Seagar

These are awarded to students whose grades reflect a level of excellence across a range of subjects recognized by an endorsement of Excellence, and or excellence within the subject areas of proposed study. This scholarship is worth \$3000 for 1 year.

## The PriceWaterhouseCoopers Accounting Scholarship Sam Dakin

This provides study assistance valued at approximately \$7,000 over 4 years as well as mentoring support. It allows scholars the option to work at PricewaterhouseCoopers in their university holidays.

## The RSM Prince Accounting Scholarship Lucy Eden

This scholarship is exclusive to Saint Kentigern College and is awarded annually to a Year 13 student. It provides \$4,800 study assistance over four years together with mentoring assistance and opportunities for paid employment during University holidays.

## The University of Waikato Vice Chancellor's Academic School Leaver Excellence Scholarship Sam Dakin and Lucy Eden

This is offered in recognition of academic success in NCEA worth \$5000.

## The Sir George Elliot Scholarship Courtney Rowse

This is awarded to an applicant who is likely to succeed in their proposed course of study, has demonstrated academic achievement, has demonstrated personal qualities of leadership and has faced exceptional challenges as a result of personal circumstances. This award provides study assistance valued at \$25,000 for the period of study.

## University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship Ashley Chan

This is awarded to students who have academic ability, have demonstrated leadership, have a sporting and/or cultural involvement and have made a contribution to the community. The scholarship is worth \$5000 towards tuition fees or accommodation in the first year of study.

## The University of Auckland Faculty of Business and Economics Entry Level Undergraduate Scholarship Sian Seeley

This is only awarded to forty students and is worth \$2,500 for the first year of study towards a Commerce Degree. The student receiving this will do a conjoint Commerce and Engineering degree.

## The Kelliher Economics Foundation Award Aditya Arolkar

For a student who has demonstrated a proven ability in Economics, the scholarship worth \$2000 is awarded to study economics at an approved tertiary institution of their choice.

## Lincoln University Sports Scholarship in Rugby Brian Enari and Iri Enari

This scholarship covers full fees for the course of study.

## University of Louisiana at Lafayette Scholarship Kelly Drew

This is a 100% scholarship covering full fees for both the academic and sporting programme.

## Wichita State University in Kansas Scholarship Edi Stoica

This is a 100% scholarship covering full fees for both the academic and sporting programme.





## Year 13 Graduation Dinner

Apptly titled, 'An Ending and a Sending', the Year 13 Graduation Chapel and Dinner was a momentous occasion for our Year 13 students as their years of secondary education drew to a close. Coming together for one last time to mark the end of their College years, the formal evening celebrated their successes, learning and friendships at Saint Kentigern.

Held at the Ellerslie Event Centre, over 800 parents, friends, family members and invited guests heard Reverend David Smith give his final Chapel Service. Reverend Smith reflected on all that he hoped the students had learned in Chapel and he encouraged the Year 13 graduates to go forth with all of their strength 'and then some'. 'Three words,' he said, 'that can transform our lives.'

The audience were treated to two very powerful and moving solos by Amorangi Malesala, who sang 'Forever Young' followed by a soul stirring 'Amazing Grace'. The Heads of Houses then called each student up to be congratulated by Mr Bruce Goodfellow, Chairman of the Trust Board and Mr Steve Cole, Head of College and to receive their Diplomas and testimonials.

As the guests moved upstairs to their dinner venue, they were traditionally piped in by members of the College Pipes and Drums. MC's for the evening, Head Boy, Sam Dakin and Deputy Head Girl, Lucy Eden introduced the two leaders for each House to come to the stage to give their last words. The Leaders proudly spoke on behalf of their Houses as they reflected and shared their special and defining moments over the past year. All students extended their heartfelt thank yous to their teachers, tutors and College staff for all that they had done.

In addressing the students for their next stage in their life, Mr Steve Cole poignantly said, 'There are times in your life when you have to move on. Mostly you know when this time is, and do so with no regrets. If there is the odd regret, put it right tonight.' Mr Cole went on to say that in over 61 years the College has achieved a tremendous amount they are all a part of this. 'This group is the golden generation and I pray that you will be great ambassadors for your family, your College and most of all yourselves.'

In one last tribute to the spirit and honour of Saint Kentigern, Wishart House Leader, Aiden Phizackerly invited all guests to stand as he led the students in an ardent chant of 'When the Saints Go Marching In.'

The evening marked the definitive end to their College days for each of the graduating students. We wish these students and their families well as they end their time with us. We send them on their journey with life lessons learned and the potential to go on and do good things. We will always be interested to hear how their lives progress and look forward to our students keeping in contact and retaining their special ties to the Saint Kentigern community.





# Bruce House Dinner

Each November, as the academic year draws to a close, parents of the Year 13 graduates, staff and Trust Board members join 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 strong family bond that pervades the boarding house.

This year, Year 13 student, Brian Enari led the Bruce House Haka, before the guests were escorted to their table for dinner by the graduating Year 13s.

In his address following dinner, Housemaster, Reverend David Smith, said he felt it was a privilege to share in the daily lives of 113 young people. He said, 'As I cast my eyes over you, I see a community, a family, a whanau. It's a very special whanau that others don't really 'get' until they, too, belong.' He said that the 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 newly 'extended family.'

Current Bruce House Head Boy, Ridgely Paxton, along with College Head Girl, Hannah Wood (standing in for Bruce House Head Girl, Gabrielle Faletose) both came forward to speak in favour of their boarding experience. Ridgely said that he struggled to put into words how much being a boarder has meant to him and he would find it hard to move on. Hannah said that, 'When you find yourself with a 100 or so new brothers and sisters, life is undoubtedly going to change but at the end of the day, it's easy to feel loved here. Everybody has a respect and affection for each other.'

Head of College, Mr Steve Cole drew the boarders' attention to the names of the previous Bruce House Head Prefects. He told them that each that had gone before sat at the same tables in the same room. They shared the same sense of family and belonging and created memories that live on in the spirit of the House, in the same way theirs will. He paid tribute to the work done by Reverend Smith and Mrs Juliet Dale this year, and Mr Martin Piaggi and Mrs Suzanne Winthrop before them, to change the face of boarding at Saint Kentigern into a bubbly boarding house with a bright future. He said that whilst the nature of boarding has changed over the years, the students' needs remain the same – to feel part of a family, to develop resilience, the ability to get along with others and adjust to new situations.

The evening concluded with the Bruce House Awards for 2013 and the announcement of next year's Bruce House student leaders – Head Girl, Sienna Spence, Head Boy, Trent MacDonald and their deputies, Valentina Pons and Charlie Rillstone.



## BRUCE HOUSE AWARDS 2014

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| The MacFarlan Award for Head Boy:                | Ridgely Paxton     |
| The MacFarlan Award for Head Girl:               | Gabrielle Faletose |
| The McGuinness Cup for Academic Honours:         | James Yang         |
| The Morgan Cup for Year 11 Academic Achievement: | William Langley    |
| The Marcroft Cup for Sportsman of the Year:      | Sam Nock           |
| The Bruce House Cup for All-Rounder Boy:         | Lloyd David        |
| The Norma Cowie Cup for All-Rounder Girl:        | Hannah Wood        |





# Celebrating the Arts

After two years of holding this event in the outdoor setting of the Senior School Plaza, the decision was made to take this year's end of year celebration of the arts back into 'climate controlled' Elliot Hall, removing any element of pre-show, possible inclement weather worry! The stage also promised a better surface for our dancers and better acoustics for our musicians! This was an evening to join in celebration to recognise our many talented performing artists across all disciplines, giving some the opportunity to perform.

Head of College, Mr Steve Cole, spoke in praise of a very fine group of Performing Arts students who have responded well to his challenge to 'continually raise the bar' in seeking excellence in all they do. He reaffirmed the importance of the Arts within the College telling the students that more than ever, selecting an art subject will stand them in good stead. Not many will go on to dance, sing, play or act as a career but the transferable skills of creativity, presentation, team work, dedication and passion will add immeasurably to their chosen vocation. He quipped that he wished that some of the professionals who come to him to bid for work could bring a bit of drama to their presentations!

Arts Prefects, Jamie Hofer and Eden Hawkins hosted the evening's entertainment that was interspersed with the handing out the Cultural Awards for 2014, building to a new trophy being awarded for the first time this year to the '2014 Performer of the Year'.

In a College with so many talented young people who have excelled in many artistic endeavours this year, selecting the finalist was not an easy decision to make. This new award mirrors the Dux Ludorum Award presented to the top sportsperson at the College and recognises a student whose achievements as a performer in his or her chosen field are exceptional. The Performing Arts Committee received a number of nominations from students whose outstanding achievements span the stage, musical performance, television, theatre sports, pipes and drums and dance.

The inaugural winner is the very talented musician, Ashley Chan



## Performer Of The Year 2014

### ASHLEY CHAN

In 2014 Ashley achieved significant success both at College and in the community.

Her highlights at College include:

- Pianist and Percussionist for the Gold Award winning College Symphony
- Senior Tenor Drummer for The Pipes and Drums
- Keyboard player for the Winning House Band – Cargill
- Pianist in the Stage Band and the Blood Brothers Orchestra

- And most notable, Ashley was the Winner of the Piano Section of the College Solo Music Competition and then named 2014 Overall Solo Music Champion, the second time she has won it, the first time as a Year 9.

Outside the College, Ashley has also achieved outstanding success as a pianist. This year Ashley received her Licentiate of the Trinity College London Diploma with Distinction. She also experienced unprecedented success winning three sections at the South Auckland Performing Arts Awards, one of New Zealand's biggest Music Competitions. It is also notable that Ashley is a diploma level ballerina and a diploma level harpist.







## Te Manu Ahi

Eighteen College dancers from Years 9-12 were given an amazing performance experience this term. Joining students from James Cook High School, New Lynn Primary School, Northcote Intermediate and Freemans Bay Primary School, along with contemporary dance students from Unitec, they performed Te Manu Ahi (The Fire Bird) on stage at the Aotea Centre, with live accompaniment from the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra (APO).

A collaboration between Atimira Dance Company and the APO, Te Manu Ahi (The Firebird) marked the fourth year of the widely-praised Auckland Dance Project. This year, the team brought 150 dancers from across Auckland together to dance as a highlight of the annual Kiwi Kapers concert.

Over a six week period, our students travelled regularly to the Unitec studios where they combined with dance students from Unitec to be taken through their paces by renowned choreographer and director of Atimira Dance Company, Moss Patterson, and his assistant and associate choreographer, Gabrielle Thomas. Our dancers have been truly inspired to work with dancers of such calibre; they worked hard at each rehearsal, rising to each new challenge.

Stravinsky's score, The Firebird provided the launch pad for Patterson to write a new Māori story Te Manu Ahi; a narrative contemporary dance. It featured an evil sorcerer, scary creatures living in a cloud kingdom, the abduction of young girls and their rescue by a young boy aided by the firebird.

At their final rehearsal at the Aotea Centre, our students were blown away by the spectacular performance space, the costumes, lighting and incredible stage set by set designer, Robin Rawstorne, featuring a huge steel-frame stringed helix that spanned the stage. This was also the first time they danced to APO's live performance. Dancing to a score, note for note, to a full live orchestra is something that many professional dancers may never experience which made this opportunity all the more incredible. With swirling woodwind, grand brass chords and rich orchestration, the rousing orchestral work, along with the original choreography, created a powerful visual and musical extravaganza for two matinee performances to a 2000 strong audience.

In reviewing the performance, Senior Lecturer of the Bachelor of Dance degree at AUT University, Dr Linda Ashley wrote: 'Sometimes when we think about dance as a school subject, we might imagine children running rampant. However, Patterson and Thomas in their skilful choreography show how dancing children focus completely, give wholeheartedly, understand how to work together and reach levels of skill, control and teamwork that are way beyond their years; qualities that the New Zealand Curriculum framework is charged with nurturing.'

The students would like to thank Head of Dance, Mr Geordan Wilcox, a former dancer with the New Zealand Ballet Company, for making this incredible experience available to them.







## Success at Showdown Awards



Each year the Auckland Showdown judges have the mammoth task of watching dozens of Auckland Secondary School drama and musical productions in order to determine the most outstanding students and staff in a variety of categories. Run by the Auckland Community Theatre Trust and presented at SkyCity Theatre, the Awards Night brings together the best performing artists and technical crews from across the city.

This year, the College's Senior School Productions, *Othello* and *Blood Brothers* were nominated in 14 acting and technical categories for the final round of judging. We were absolutely delighted when a key member of all our recent productions, Year 13 student, Lloyd David, was announced the 'Best Male Lead in a Play' for his title role in *Othello*. Head of Drama, Ms Emma Bishop was also awarded 'Best Costumes' for the detailed work on the 'post-apocalyptic steam punk' style costumes. Ms Bishop, along with light and sound technician, Mr Glen Mortensen, also received an award for 'Best Lighting.'

Lloyd first came to attention when he played the role of John Proctor in last year's production of *The Crucible*. He has since gone on to take lead roles in subsequent shows, with his outstanding portrayal of *Othello* as his last College production. Lloyd is hoping to pursue acting as a career and has appeared in a role on *Shortland Street* this year. He's set himself the ultimate goal of achieving a Tony or an Oscar, so we wish him luck and will watch with interest!

### SHOWDOWN AWARDS

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| <b>Best Male Lead in a Play</b> | Lloyd David                  |
| <b>Best Costumes</b>            | Emma Bishop                  |
| <b>Best Lighting</b>            | Emma Bishop & Glen Mortensen |

## Top Spots at the Arias!

For the second year in a row, our choral students have achieved great success at the New Zealand Aria Competition held in Rotorua with Saint Kentigern being awarded the largest number of prizes from any one school. Fifteen College students travelled to the event and each can be very proud of their efforts.

The Waiariki Institute of Technology New Zealand Aria competition is one of Australasia's most prestigious singing competitions and it has generated such a widespread reputation that it attracts a high calibre of entrants, judges and conductors. The impact is enhanced by the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra.

Nine students competed in the U16 category which involved four separate sections: 'Own Selection', 'Folk Song', 'Light Entertainment' and 'Sacred'. Two fine young singers, Liam Braithwaite and Isaac Samuels both sang superbly to win their sections. Sid Chand gained two second places and two highly commended which placed him second overall in his section.

Two younger singers from the Girls' School were also successful with Amelie James-Power winning the U10 Girls' section and Scarlett Jacques awarded second place in the U13 category. Charles Adams from the Boys' School was also successful winning the U10 Boys' section.

Well known recent Old Collegian, Manase Latu was cheered on by our students and was also very successful again this year. Manase gained three first placings, three third placings as well as retaining the trophy he was awarded last year for Most Promising Competitor.

### UNDER 16

#### Own Selection

1st - Liam Braithwaite  
Very Highly Commended - Sid Chand  
Commended - Isaac Samuels, Victoria Tse and Crystal Sun

#### Folk or Traditional

2nd - Sid Chand  
Commended - Liam Braithwaite, Emily Young, Victoria Tse and Crystal Sun

#### Light Entertainment

3rd - Emily Young  
Very Highly Commended - Sid Chand  
Commended - Luca Heard

#### Oratorio or Sacred

1st - Isaac Samuels  
2nd - Sid Chand  
3rd - Victoria Tse  
Very Highly Commended - Emily Young  
Commended - Liam Braithwaite

#### Under 16 Overall

2nd Sid Chand

### 18 AND UNDER 21

#### Own Selection

Very Highly Commended - Sam Downes

#### Folk/Traditional

Highly Commended - Sam Downes

#### Oratorio or Sacred Song

Highly Commended - Sam Downes

#### Light Entertainment

Highly Commended - Sam Downes

### 16 AND UNDER 18

#### Own Selection

3rd - Lili Taylor

#### Folksong

3rd Aaron Leng



## Success for our Film Makers



Hunter Williams

Congratulations to our filmmakers! Year 12 College students, Henry Donald, Liam Roberts, and Sam Strang and Year 10 student, Hunter Williams placed

2nd in the Fair Go School Ad Awards 2014. The boys set out to create a tongue in cheek, circular narrative, providing the audience with a small mystery at the start which required watching the rest of the ad to 'solve' it. They were amongst ten finalists selected from hundreds of hopefuls and their advert was shown live on the Fair Go television programme.

Hunter has also had amazing success with a very poignant documentary he made, *Quinn's Quest* captures the story of Roanne Hautapu and her daughter Quinn, now age 9, who was diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer at age 7. In the last two years she has undergone close to 1000 procedures. Through her ambassadorship with The Child Cancer Foundation NZ, she is impacting the lives of thousands of people. Hunter's work won the O'Halloran North Shore Media Empowerment Award in the Outlook For Someday sustainability Film Challenge and he was also the overall winner in the Inspiring Stories competition and received \$2000 plus a two day internship at Images & Sound.

Well done Hunter!





# Winning Streak for College Designers



Budding fashion designer, Clara Wigmore is familiar with success. In October she won the Year 13 Urban Category at the Botany Design Awards, received first runner up in the Senior category of the Newmarket Young Designer Awards and won the fashion category of the '4.30 Show People's Choice' award as a finalist in the national secondary school creative competition, 'Brother Design Styles'.

The inaugural 'Brother Design Styles' competition was open to all Year 7-13 students across New Zealand in two categories - fashion and art. This year's theme was, 'Use Old, Create New', and challenged fashion design students to create a ready-to-wear item or outfit, giving something old or used a new life.

Clara's recycled garment expressed her individual fashion style with her 'tulip ice dyed' dress, made out of a bed sheet. Using this dying technique, Clara experimented with sprinkling coloured dye powder on to ice cubes layered over the sheet. The ice then acted as a resist and the colour melted down over the fabric to create the watery and patterned stain effect.

Lucy Conyngham, was also announced as the Year 12 Urban Category at the Botany Designer Awards and placed runner up in the Year 12 Junior Category at the Newmarket Young Fashion Design Awards. Lucy's winning design was a lined cape adorned with 3D geometric shapes that were edge stitched. The annual Newmarket competition selects its entries from throughout New Zealand.

Congratulations to Clara and Lucy on their creative achievements.



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## College Debater Represents NZ



After representing the Auckland Region in the National Competition and being awarded 2nd place, Year 13 student, Arun Prakash was one of five speakers from across the country chosen to represent New Zealand in the WSDC (World Schools Debating Championship) this year in Bangkok, Thailand.

To prepare for the international championship, Arun attended the University of Auckland for six days in July, training for an intensive 12-14 hours per day. During this time the team

competed three debates per day against top tier university debaters as well as attending workshops and sessions on style and content factors that comprise good debating.

There were 46 nations represented at the tournament in Thailand and only 16 made it to the knock out rounds; the octo-final. To decide the top 16 teams, there were first eight rounds of debate against eight predetermined teams. These eight debates took place over four days.

Over the course of the competition, the New Zealand team debated against many countries including Argentina, Israel, Pakistan, Slovakia, Netherlands, Barbados, Nigeria and England with both triumphant wins and disappointing losses. After completing these rounds the team qualified in 7th place for the octo-final, unfortunately losing out in this round to the Netherlands.

At the end of the tournament, team New Zealand finished in 9th place. In the individual result, Arun finished in an impressive 15th place out of 220+ speakers across the entire tournament. On his achievement he said that it was 'definitely a satisfying result and not many people can call themselves 15th in the world at something!'

### Best Speakers

More recently, Arun was crowned the best speaker in the 2014 Auckland Schools Debating Competition in September. This now solidifies him as one of the finest speakers in the country. Also achieving success was David Thibaud, (Year 9) who was awarded best overall speaker in the Junior Open competition, and Rachel Worthington (Year 13) who was awarded 5th out of the 10 top ranked speakers.





## Young Enterprise Award

'Progressus,' one of our two Year 11 Young Enterprise companies, were delighted to receive an award for the 'Start Up Company of the Year' in the Auckland South/East Regional Business Awards at a special event hosted by the Lion Foundation Young Enterprise held at the Villa Maria Estate.

The team of five students each had a business role within the company. 'Managing Director,' Emma Westbrooke came up with the company's unique mission. Their goal was to make both doctors and patients lives easier by relieving some of the stress young children suffer when waiting for injections and similar procedures in their medical provider's rooms. Their solution, 'Don't Flip Out' comprises packs of brightly decorated, interactive cards based on Kiwi icons and designed to distract, entertain and occupy young patients. The company designed, manufactured and packaged these sets, including instructions, and marketed them to appropriate medical practitioners.

The award was a fine accolade for this younger group competing against many students up to Year 13 throughout Auckland.

**Team:** Managing Director, Emma Westbrooke; Financial Director, Kevin Shen; Communications Director, Kurt Hawkins; Marketing Director, James Brown; Production Director, Haswell Brooke.



### C.E.T.A. Team

### Auckland Champions



At the annual C.E.T.A. (Commerce and Economics Teachers Association) Pursuits Competition for schools in the greater Auckland region, our Accounting Team won for the fourth consecutive year to become the Auckland Regional Accounting Champions. A fabulous achievement!

The students took part in a series of seven rounds of competition with seven questions per round to achieve best school for this region. The team outstripped our nearest challenger, Lynfield College and third place went to Westlake Boys. The students found it an excellent way to prepare for their examinations and thoroughly enjoyed this testing yet entertaining evening.

**CETA Accounting Team:** Lucy Eden, Hamish McDonald, Andrew Jackson, Sam Dakin, Harry Rillstone.

## Engineering Team Wins \$2000!

A College team with a love of mathematics and science was awarded a runner up in the University of Auckland's annual competition, 'New Zealand's Next Top Engineering Scientist'. Our congratulations to the team of Year 12 students, Maheer Zaveri, Oscar Sims and Jed Robertson and Year 11 student, Kevin Shen who were awarded \$2,000 prize money.

Run by the Department of Engineering Science, the competition is hotly contested with over 200 teams of students entering each year. This year the College entered seven teams in a bid for three top prizes.

The challenging topic put to the students was, 'If Mount Taranaki erupted, how much would it cost the aviation industry?' The teams worked on this project for a lengthy nine hours. The boys submitted a ten page, well researched document complete with their data, calculations, assumptions and limitations giving their answer at \$49.1 million.

In addition to the prize money, all members of this team who later choose to study in the Department of Engineering Science will be guaranteed a paid summer internship at Orion Health, Fonterra, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare or the Department of Engineering Science.

As questions from previous years show, this competition requires a high level of thinking:

'How many balloons would be required to provide balloon-powered internet coverage to all of New Zealand?' (2013)



'In the event that electronic tracking is unavailable, what size search area is required in order to retrieve the capsule?' (2012)

'If a severe Tsunami warning was issued, how long would it take to evacuate the 13,000 people who live on Te Atatu Peninsula?' (2011)

'How much fuel is required for a manned mission to Mars?' (2010)

'Could New Zealanders save enough electricity via energy efficiency improvements in homes to avoid New Zealand requiring an additional power station being constructed?' (2009)



# Sarah Stumps NASA Staff!

When Year 8 College student, Sarah Liu, asked the question, *'What would happen if we took one of the planets from our solar system? Would it mess up the solar system or would it remain the same?'* she started a chain of questioning that began in her Year 8 classroom at College, moved to the physics labs in the Science Block, progressed to the Librarian at NASA Headquarters in Washington, who was stumped by the question, and finally drew a response from an astronomer at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology! This was also followed up by an answer from our own physics teachers once they, too, had time to reflect on Sarah's request.

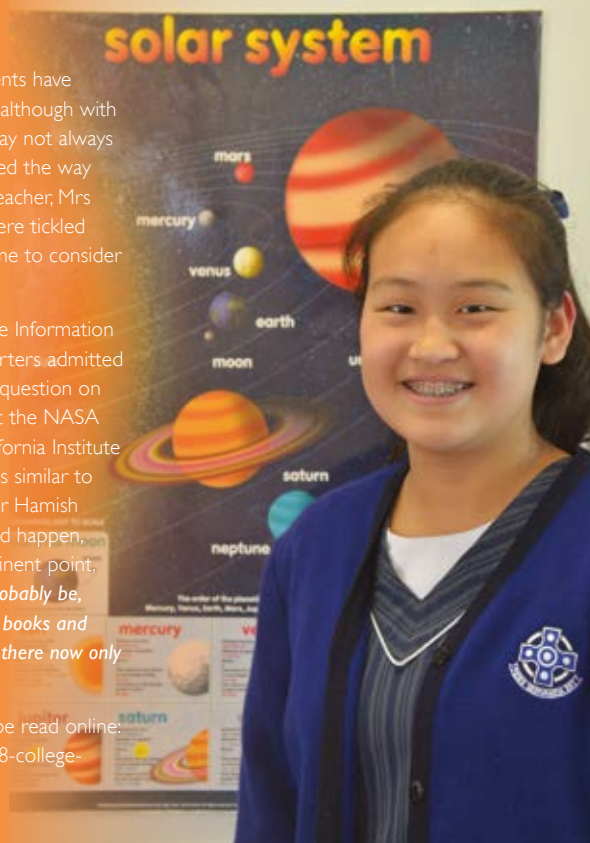
The Year 8's had been studying the solar system as part of their new science topic looking at the different planets and their orbits. A recent visit from Starlab, a mobile planetarium, had set the scene for probing questions about the solar system. Sarah's seemingly simple question highlighted the importance of continuing to probe and question in search of an answer.

Not so long ago, students would have turned to a set of printed encyclopedias for an answer; or written a letter that would arrive and return

in its own good time. Now, our students have information online at their fingertips, although with a question such as this, the answer may not always be so easy to find. Emails have changed the way we communicate and so Sarah, her teacher, Mrs Catherine May, and her classmates were tickled pink when staff at NASA took the time to consider Sarah's email and respond.

The first to respond, Rick Spencer, the Information Services Manager at NASA Headquarters admitted to being stumped and so passed the question on to Stephen Edberg, an Astronomer at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology. Stephen's response was similar to that from our own physics teacher, Mr Hamish Wilde that, in essence, not a lot would happen, however, Mr Wilde made a very pertinent point, *'The biggest cost to humanity would probably be, once again, rewriting all the astronomy books and web resources to reflect the change to there now only being 7 planets in the solar system!'*

The responses to Sarah's email may be read online: <https://saintkentigern.com/news/year-8-college-student-stumps-nasa-staff/>



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## Year 9 Scientists visit Thermo Fisher Laboratory

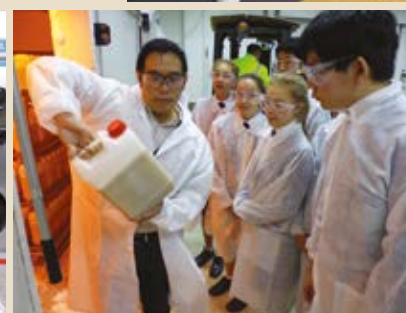


Recently a selected group of Year 9 College students were fortunate to be invited to visit the Thermo Fisher Laboratories in Penrose. As the leading supplier of scientific, environmental and healthcare instruments and consumables in Australasia, their aim is to enable their customers to make the world a healthier, cleaner and safer place.

The visit started with an introduction from Senior Manager, Mr Iqbal before the students watched a fascinating demonstration of how employees are required to be fully gowned before entering the aseptic production area. The students were glad they watched carefully as one of them was called on to repeat the process ensuring all the correct steps had been taken! In a facility such as this there is no room for error: It was the sort of head to toe gear only usually seen in a movie or on the news in a medical disaster!

The group was given a guided tour of the aseptic production area and the quality control laboratories with the highlight for the students, the -30C blast freezer! Both labs were fascinating in their detail and the students learnt a great deal about the work carried out and the degree of care taken to ensure the product is of the highest quality.

They then witnessed an experiment using the 3M ATP monitor system - cutting edge technology that is used to analyse the number of microbes



found on surfaces. One of the greatest infection risks to a patient entering a healthcare facility is acquiring a pathogen from a prior room occupant. The factors that contribute to this risk are many and emphasise the importance of environmental cleaning for reducing the spread of infections. Rapid results allow for corrective action to be taken at the time of testing and this equipment allowed for an instant result rather than waiting for a culture to grow.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the visit and learned a great deal about where a career in science could take them. Our sincere thanks to Mr Iqbal and his fellow staff for welcoming our students and taking the time to talk with our students.



# Peer Support Systems

## An ESL Mentoring Project

With thanks to Mrs Kym O'Toole, ESL teacher

It is a predicament that is hard to fully comprehend; your first language is not English, yet it is the medium in which all of your classes are taught. You are struggling to understand new ideas and develop new knowledge, both in your own language and in the one that dominates your environment, but your command of English is limited, and everybody talks too fast. Add to this, the fact that you are new to the school.

This is the reality for some of our international students at the College; teenagers who have travelled from afar for secondary schooling, often arriving with only a basic command of English. Currently there are students from Korea, Russia, Thailand, China and Japan receiving language support from their peers.

The ESL-IB Mentoring Project at Saint Kentigern College began in Term 1, 2014, initially as a strategy for English Language Learners (ELLs) to extend their practice outside of classes; as new students with lower proficiency in spoken English were less confident and more inclined to group together with those of the same first language (L1). This stymied their progress to some extent and left these students in need of more significant, individualised support. Student interaction is a major source of input for language development, something Richard & Hurley (1988) call, 'The language of peers'. Therefore, I wanted the students to communicate as freely as possible, as often as possible and as meaningfully as possible.



Volunteer mentors were sought from the Year 12 International Baccalaureate (IB) students. I specifically looked for those whose first language was not English, as I felt they would be able to relate to the ELLs and show a greater depth of empathy. They would also model good work ethics, excellent academic results and potential future pathways. However, requests flooded in from non-IB students of various nationalities; Kiwis, French, and Samoans, amongst others. It was heart-warming to see so many students willing to give up their time for their peers. Wherever possible, students of the same nationality and language were placed together, allowing ESL students to develop their L1 in conjunction with English.

The mentors and mentees met during lunch and cultivated good relationships, even strong friendships in some cases. The mentoring sessions established a conducive platform for ESL students to collaborate and converse with peers, which eradicated the fear often associated with putting a hand up in class. There were a number of approaches to the mentoring sessions too. A number of mentors read books with their mentees, whilst others went over homework requirements or discussed new information gleaned from mainstream lessons, all the while modelling correct grammar and pronunciation.

To new ESL students, the mentors became a life-line; showing their mentees around the College, introducing the mentees to students, and familiarising them with the wider school community and culture, all of which had a tremendous impact on helping the new students settle quickly into the life of the College.

Upon asking for feedback on the experience, one mentor stated,

*'ESOL mentoring is a great programme. The IB student mentors are all working closely with their mentees and you can really see them bonding, learning and creating strong friendships along the way. The ESOL students are progressing with the help of their mentor, as it is easier and more interesting for them to talk to a student of a similar age. The mentors are really dedicated to this program and the mentees are more and more involved as they gain more confidence and support. It also really helps the ESOL students adapt to the cultural change and be more involved in school activities as the mentors are students at SKC who help them not only with English, but other aspects of living and learning in NZ as well.'*  
Merry Liu, Year 12

Initially the ELLs were reluctant to ask for help and even resistant to the offer. However, much to their credit, the mentors persisted and they soon experienced a shift in attitude; a steady stream of meeting requests began to flow in. Mentors also attended a mainstream period with the ESL students each cycle, in order to measure how their mentees coped with the language demands, and to provide assistance with subject specific vocabulary. This proved very useful for both mentor and mentee, as it reduced delays in the comprehension of tasks through vocabulary explanations. Furthermore, it resonated within the ESL and mainstream classes as significant scaffolding was put in place for class work.

ESOL at Saint Kentigern College is blending support strategies to encourage growth in confidence and language proficiency. This powerful mentoring project breaks down barriers to mainstream education, through meaningful language use in a non-threatening environment. Through the commitment and hard work of both mentors and mentees, the ESL-IB Mentoring initiative has established itself as something much more significant than a project. It is a study programme, an induction for newcomers, a pathway into College life and a peer-assessment tool. But above all, it is a student academic support network helping students to strive for excellence.



# A visit to New Caledonia



With thanks to student reporters, Isabella Cockell and Francesca Armstrong

During the Term 3 holidays, a group of students from Years 9-11 left for a ten day exchange to Noumea in New Caledonia. It was an incredible experience; we learnt so much about not just the language but about the culture as well. Every day was filled with new activities to give us more of an understanding into the French lifestyle.

Being immersed in a country is a very different experience to just taking an ordinary holiday; it allows you follow the typical daily routine of a French family and to become accustomed to a completely different way of life. A typical day in a French family proved to be quite different than the New Zealand routine we were accustomed to. The first culture shock came with the realisation that the school day begins a lot earlier for Noumean students! Classes begin at 7.00 in the morning and run through until 4:30 in the afternoon. The French school system is purely focused on academics leaving no time for co-curricular activities such as sports and music - a huge contrast to Saint Kentigern!

The immersion with the families we were billeted with and being surrounded by French teens allowed us to pick up the language extremely quickly. Their enthusiastic approach towards hosting us meant we felt at home straight away. The students took on the roles of our tour guides, teachers and friends, showing us their favourite aspects of their island and helping us to develop our French speaking skills, teaching us the use of French slang and helping us to adapt to their incredibly fast speech. Being similar ages to our billets meant we all bonded exceptionally quickly; connecting over typical teenage crazes such as music and hobbies. Our relationships with our billets continued to grow over our two week stay as we learned more about each other and experienced more things as a pair.

There was a new plan each day, involving new sights to see and new foods to try. While experiencing the tropical island we spent a lot of time at the beach, snorkelling, freaking out about the Tricot Rayés (snakes - who in reality just slept in the sun), swimming and enjoying the heat which, at 25 degrees, was a dramatic comparison to mid-winter Auckland. Other days were spent visiting markets, going on cultural tours and experiencing the local culture of Noumea. Each day was exciting in a different way and there was something for everyone, even if just enjoying a nap on a lounge while soaking up Phare Amedee's sunrays is your thing!



We quickly adapted to the French diet of pastry upon pastry, the extensive buffets, our billet family's cooking and, of course, the new discovery of Nems, Vietnamese spring rolls. By the end of our ten day stay none of us were ready to leave and return to Term 4 and exams! The goodbye at the Airport proved to be an emotional experience and a few tears were shed on the way through security checks. We will never forget the experiences and friendships we created and shared on this experience and are thankful to have had the opportunity to take part in this exchange.

## French Immersion Experience for Cameron and James

This year a new initiative was trialled with two Year 11 boys, Cameron Low and James Hansen, staying an extra 10 days in New Caledonia for an immersion experience. They left earlier and returned later than the rest of the group, flying on their own. They were hosted by families from Georges Baudoux College, attended school, wore their uniforms and took part fully in the life of their billets.





## Field Centre 2014

The old adage, 'It's not what life throws at you but how you deal with it, that makes you who you are,' was definitely put to the test at this year's Field Centre. As the first buses pulled away from College to head to Tongariro National Park, the weather reports were hinting at 'wild, cyclonic westerlies' – they forgot to mention the snow!

This is the 45th year that the College has run Field Centre with this year's group being the biggest to date. 320 students and 65 staff were split across 13 separate lodges (one more lodge than last year) for a week of activities that challenged our Year 10 students to gain independence and explore personal strengths in an exciting, spectacular and challenging outdoor environment.

The conditions at Tongariro change constantly and no two trips are ever the same – in fact it's rare to get two consecutive days the same! The weather can be beautiful one moment, exposing the terrain in all its glory, only to close down in a short space of time as the weather changes. Over the years our students have had to deal with high winds, rain and snow that can be demoralising at the time but on reflection becomes part of digging deep and building character. Other years, the sun has shone and the mountain has been at its best. It's all about planning and being prepared.

Few of us would plan to go camping in the snow, but when you do emerge from your tent during a three day tramp to discover that it has snowed overnight, there is an element of magic – especially for those who have never seen snow before! Regardless of the conditions, and no matter how hard a tramp may seem at the time, our students generally love Field Centre and look back on it fondly as one of the highlights of their time at College.



During our three day tramp, we experienced bad camp food, wet socks, the most uncomfortable sleeping positions and some of the best times we've ever had. As friendships were tested and physical abilities pushed, we triumphed through the hardship of kilometres and kilometres of walking. The Tongariro Crossing was another challenge - it felt like we were on a Lord of the Rings set!

*William Luxton, Year 10*





Ever since Year 7, I have had mixed feelings about the 'rite of passage' that is Field Centre. The hype associated with the dangerous terrain, talk of injuries and severe weather that accompany these 'adventures' were enough to ensure my Year 7 excitement was tempered with trepidation. Field Centre tested us, not only physically but mentally also. The feeling of just wanting to lie down and not move was strong but the urge to persevere and move on was stronger. It helped knowing that what awaited us at the end of a tramp was warm food and showers, a shelter and as much as we all loved 'Doug the Shovel', a toilet! Over this time at Field Centre I have made new friends, and strengthened old ones. My tutor group became closer than before and the memories I made with these lovely girls is something I will cherish forever.

*Amelia Ayres, Year 10*



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We headed off for our first day of tramping under a blanket of grey cloud with cold showers definitely dampening the mood. At the end of a very long day of challenging terrain and weather, we arrived at our campsite soaking and exhausted, and used our remaining energy to pitch the tent, cook some noodles and collapse into our sleeping bags. On the final day of our three day tramp, we awoke in our tents to discover that it was snowing! Overall, Field Centre was an amazing experience that made us all laugh, cry, and shout, but it also taught us so many important lessons about resilience, bravery and teamwork. Our lodge has formed strong bonds and amazing memories that will stay with us forever.

*Laura Wyeth, Year 10*

Before I went on Field Centre, I had a very vague idea of what I was in for. I knew we were going to climb a few mountains, tent somewhere and there would be no shower/bathroom access, not such a big deal right? Wrong! Turns out a few mountains was many mountains and we had to keep going through the rain, hail, blistering wind and even snow! Being pushed to our limits has taught me lots of things and, as cheesy as it sounds, I learnt not to give up when things were tough, which was most of the time! And who knew face-to-face talking to someone could actually be quite enjoyable, even though most of us did miss our phones - it was definitely an insane experience!

*Kerry Ni, Year 10*





# College Sports Awards

The Sports Centre was packed to capacity for the annual Sports Awards Dinner to honour our sporting elite. Over 500 people attended this year's dinner to celebrate the achievement of our finest young sportspeople. The College sports programme is deservedly one of the most diverse and successful in New Zealand and our players, coaches and managers can be proud of the efforts they have made to continue to strive to maintain that competitive edge.



This year we were very pleased to welcome back former student and professional sailor, Mr Blair Tuke to present the awards. As a yachtsman in the 49er event, he was an Olympic silver medallist at the London Olympics and a World Champion in 2013 and 2014. He helped win the Youth America's Cup and is now a member of the America's Cup Emirates Team New Zealand.

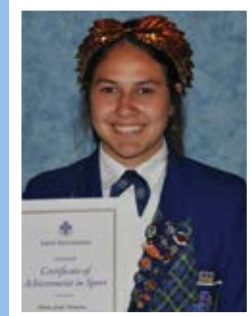


Blair shared with the audience important factors that have helped him to achieve his own hopes and dreams, two of which were to remember where you first started and to acknowledge those who have helped you along the way. He said he enjoys getting back to Saint Kentigern sports games to support the teams, and that no matter where he is in the world; he will always remember his roots. He wished all of our sportspeople good luck in their next chapter of their lives, and we thank him for taking the time to return to College to present the awards.

The Sports Dinner is the culmination of the efforts of many people but Director of Sport, Mr Martin Piaggi and Sports Manager, Miss Lynne Scutt deserve our thanks for the huge amount of work it takes to bring this together.

## Dux Ludorum

### THE HOWELLS TROPHY



#### MAIA JEAN WATENE

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 rather than someone who has concentrated on just one sport.

**Nominees:** Ayden Lamont, Emma Hanley, Christina Oscar, Grace Wood, George Hollingworth, Isabella Richards, Kelly Drew, James Fouche, Leba Korovou, Liam Ward, Madeline Evans, Maia Jean Watene, Mathew McCullough, Patrick Herbert, Richmond Lum, Sam Dakin, Sam Nock

Maia Jean played in four Premier teams for the College this year and all four teams qualified for their National competitions: Netball, Touch, Basketball and Football. She is captain of the Premier Girls' Basketball team and has played in the New Zealand Maori Women's team and the New Zealand U20 National team. She is the Premier Girl's Touch captain and has played for the New Zealand U19 Touch team and the New Zealand Women's team. She is also a member of our Auckland champion Netball team. Last year Maia Jean was runner up to the Dux Ludorum.

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#### ISABELLA RICHARDS

Isabella was the Senior Girls Athletic champion. She placed 1st in the 200m, 1st in the 400m, 1st in the 800m and she set a new College record in the 1500m. She is the College and Auckland Senior Girls Cross Country champion and placed 3rd at the nationals. She is the Auckland Senior Girls road race champion. She plays in the Premier Girls Football team which is the 2nd best girl's team in the country. She represented New Zealand in the U17 Girls Football team at the U17 Girls World Cup. She has just been named in the Pathway to Podium programme with Sport New Zealand.

## Boys Runner Up to the Dux Ludorum

### THE BRUCE PALMER MEMORIAL AWARD



#### SAM NOCK

He is captain of our Auckland champion Touch team. He is captain of our 1st XV team. He played his first test for New Zealand against Fiji as a rugby player in the New Zealand Secondary schools U18 rugby team. In his second test against Australia, he scored two tries securing a very good win. He has already played Senior Men's 7's rugby for Northland. He has signed a contract for 2015 with the Northland ITM Cup team and the Blues Super 15 franchise. In addition, Sam was part of the Senior Boys 4x100m Relay team. These boys broke the College record which was set back in 1985, 11 years before he was born!



# Individual Sports Awards

## THE PHILIP YOLLAND MEMORIAL AWARD YEARS 10 & 11 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



### LIAM WILLIAMS

*Nominees: Conor Brown, Etene Nanai, Caleb Aoake, Ethan Blight Year, Liam Williams, George Ellete, Michael Wood, Matthew Manning*

Liam has been a major contributor in two of our very successful premier teams. He was influential as a member of the 1st XI Football team helping them place 3rd in the Auckland competition and 3rd at the National tournament. He was also an influential team member in the Premier Boys Touch team which won the Auckland tournament and competed in the Nationals. At 16 years of age he is in the Waikato U20 Football team and the Western Springs U19 Football team. He has also just been named in the New Zealand U17 Boys Football squad for the next U17 World Cup.

## YEAR 10 & 11 SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR



### SYDNEY FRASER

*Nominees: Hannah Ward, Madeleine Park, Mayah Coleman, Mererangi Paul, Summer Jean Motufoua, Sydney Fraser, Tait McGregor, Victoria Kolose*

As a track athlete, Sydney placed 2nd in the 100m, 3rd in the 200m and was a member of the winning 4x 100m Relay team at the Eastern Zone Athletics meeting. She also placed 1st in the long jump, setting a new College record. She is in the Premier Girls Touch team and will contest the Nationals. She is a member of the Premier Girls Netball team who are the Auckland champions. This year she has played for the New Zealand U17 Touch team. She has been selected for the U19 New Zealand Team to play in the Trans-Tasman series early next year. She was a New Zealand Secondary Schools netball trialist and she won the Raewyn Henry Cup as Senior Emerging Player for the Carlton Premier team. She has also just been included in the Pathway to Podium programme with Sport New Zealand.

## THE LEYTON MONK AWARD YEAR 9 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



### DYLAN McCULLOUGH

*Nominees: Dylan McCullough, Nico Carlier, Liam Stoica, Rivez Reihana, Ryan Church, Ryan Laumatai*

Dylan was 3rd in the Junior Boys Swimming and 3rd in the Junior Boys Cross Country. He was also 3rd in the Eastern zone 3000m. He was named Saint Kentigern College Triathlete of the year and won the Alan Reeves U13 Triathlon prize. He is the Auckland Junior Duathlon champion and is the Auckland Secondary Schools Junior Triathlon champion. He is the New Zealand Junior Triathlete champion. He was also first in New Zealand in the U14 Boys Individual Time Trial and Hill Climb both with new record times. Last year, he was the Year 7&8 Sportsman of the Year.

## YEAR 9 SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR



### HANNAH BLAKE

*Nominees: Claire Johnston, Hannah Blake, Lizzie Ellis, Amy Waters, Natasha Leishman*

As a Year 9 student, Hannah is in two Premier sports

teams: the 1st XI Girls Cricket team, who are the Auckland champions and the 1st XI Girls Football team, who were runners up in the Auckland competition and 3rd in the national competition, beaten by only one team all season. She was named MVP for the 1st XI Football team. She has also been a member of the Football Auckland Football Federation Programme since 2010.

## THE SISSONS AWARD YEAR 7 & 8 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



### BEN LOWE

*Nominees: Ben Lowe, Ben Shepherd, Daniel Thibaud, Harrison Dakin, James Archibald, Tom Downs*

Ben played in the Year 7/8 1st XI Cricket team and

played and captained the Year 7/8 1st XI Football team. He was selected in the AIMS Games Tournament team and captained the College team who placed 3rd out of 54 teams from around the country. He played in the College U13A Football team. He was the Year 8 Athletics champion winning the 100m, 200m, 300m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m and long jump and placed 3rd in the discus. He was the Year 8 Cross Country champion and he is also part of the Top Flight Football Academy. As a batsman for the Auckland University 7 Prems, he scored 400 runs averaging 50.

## YEAR 7 & 8 SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR



### OLIVIA OVERFIELD

*Nominees: Annabelle Waterworth, Elizabeth Lightfoot, Olivia Overfield, Sam Watson*

Olivia was the Year 8 Girls Swimming champion winning

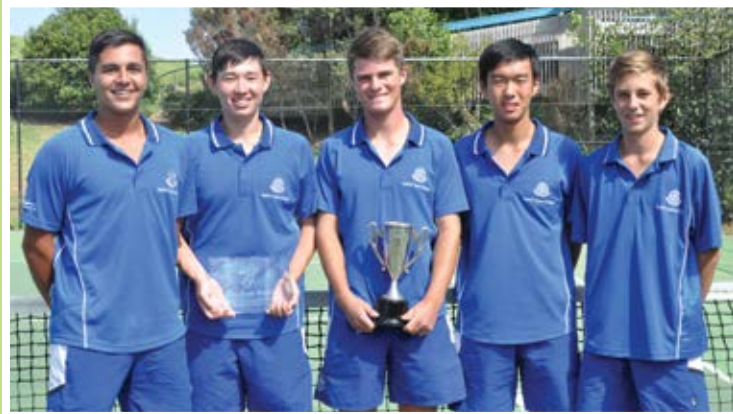
the 33m backstroke, 33m freestyle, 33m breaststroke, 33m fly and the 100m free. She was 3rd in the Year 8 Cross Country and she is in the Year 7/8 Girls Cricket team. She is the Saint Kentigern College U13 Triathlon champion and was a member of the U13 Girls team that won the New Zealand Secondary Schools Super Sprint championship. She was in the U14 Girls College Cycling team which won the Airport Series finals day race and she was a member of the Year 7/8 Cycling team that won the New Zealand Year 7/8 team Time Trial.



# Team Sports Awards

## TEAM OF THE YEAR

### Premier Boys Tennis Team



*In selecting Team of the Year, we consider competitive edge, dedication to training, consistency throughout the season, self-respect, respect of the opposition, respect for team mates, the overwhelming desire to perform as a team and representing the College with pride.*

The Boys' Premier Tennis Team completely dominated extremely tough competition throughout the season and secured the National title for the third year in a row. They also qualified for the World Championships to be held in Qatar in 2015. They were also the winners of the Auckland Champions of Champions competition. These are a group of boys who train hard and play hard. A well deserved win.

#### 2014 Tennis Boys Premier Team:

Andrew Qi, Liam Stoica, Edward Stoica, Trent Smith, William Matheson.

**Coach:** Mr Peter Langsford.

## JOHN IRVINE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

### Premier Netball Team



*This award is given to a team or individual who has achieved at the highest level and gained the results reflective of their dedication, determination and desire to succeed.*

This year's winner pulled off the near perfect game, dominating from the start and playing from in front for the entire game. They weathered marginal calls, momentum shifts and spikes in intensity by the opposition. They believed in themselves and ultimately they beat the best girls' netball team in New Zealand, Mount Albert Grammar. The Premier Girls' Netball Team are awarded the Performance of the Year for winning the final of the Auckland Premier Netball competition and becoming Auckland champions for the first time.

#### 2014 Premier Netball Team:

Sydney Fraser, Victoria Kolose, Leba Korovou, Madison Morete, Christina Oscar, Mererangi Paul, Kristina Tipene, Maia Jean Watene, Amorangi Malesala.

**Coaches:** Mrs Andrea Leleni, Mrs Lianne Inkster; **Manager:** Mrs Leisha Slade.

## HEADMASTER'S SPORTS AWARDS

The Headmaster's Sports awards are presented to male and female senior students who have played for the College demonstrating commitment and professionalism in their chosen code. They are regarded as 'power houses' making a difference to the performance of their teams.

#### Sam Nock - JEROME KAINO CUP

The Kaino Cup is presented to a team athlete who 'the team could just not do without.'

Awarded to Sam for five years of service with an outstanding contribution. Also a New Zealand Rugby Representative.

#### Daniel Maclean - GRANT DALTON CUP

A new cup in 2014, this was awarded for leadership, team building and the development of others. Daniel received this for commitment to Football and the College; a dedicated leader of the team.

**Maia Jean Watene** - Netball, Touch, Basketball and goalie for 1st XI Girls Football team. Maia Jean has made an outstanding five year contribution.

**Madeline Evans** - Cycling, Running, Triathlon and all-rounder who always put in her best effort.

**Lulu Tuilotolava** - A key member of the Premier Girls' Hockey team who always led from the front.

**Alice Boyd** - For the pursuit of excellence in her chosen sport of Fencing.

**Kelly Drew** - For her contribution to Premier Netball and Tennis. Kelly is the recipient of a 100% university scholarship to the United States for Tennis in 2015.

**Leba Korovou** - Leba has made significant contribution to Premier Girls' Basketball and Netball. She is a representative player for Fiji.

**Nikita Lieshout** - Nikita has made a major contribution to Premier Girls' Football. She had a 'no nonsense' attitude towards winning!

**Mathew McCullough** - A talented, results-orientated triathlete, cyclist and swimmer; Mathew was also a committed Sports Prefect.

**Richmond Lum** - Richard played 1st XI Cricket and as a talented hockey player; took part in the Hockey Youth Olympics putting in 100% effort.

**George Hollingworth** - George is a member of the 1st XV Rugby and 1st XI Cricket; a 'no nonsense' competitor.

**Chad Crenfeldt Smith** - Chad has been an outstanding captain of 1st XI Cricket.

**Thomas Konusi** - Thomas has given his all to the Football 1st XI since Year 9.

**Patrick Herbert** - Exciting 1st XV player who has signed with Newcastle Nights Rugby League team.

**Sam Taiseni** - A member of the 1st XV, Sam is an unsung hero who has never been beaten in the line out.

**Edi Stoica** - A stalwart of the Premier Boys' Tennis team, Edi has exciting tennis talent that has resulted in a scholarship to the United States for tennis in 2015.



# National Silver for Touch Girls

After qualifying in March for the New Zealand Secondary School Championships, both the Girls' and Boys' Premier Touch teams trained hard towards the December National competition.

## Premier Girls

The girls initially lost to Rangitoto but won their other pool games convincingly to progress to the top half of the competition. Three big wins then a draw with last year's winners, MAGS, meant a spot in the semi-final to meet Hamilton Girls,' a game played in atrocious weather. Considering the conditions, it was an outstanding game with Saint Kentigern holding out to beat Hamilton 4-3 to qualify for the grand final for the second consecutive year. The girls faced Rangitoto in the final and dominated the first half but in a close second half, Rangitoto scored when it mattered, and our girls were places 2nd again. Despite the disappointment, they can be proud of this achievement. Congratulations to Maia Jean Watene, Sydney Fraser, Christina Oscar, Mererangi Paul and Tori Kolose were named in the NZSS Girls Tournament Team.

**Premier Girls' Team:** Maia Jean Watene (captain), Christina Oscar, Emily Cran, Verity Bowring, Brittany Smith, Melissa McNaughtan, Sydney Fraser, Mererangi Paul, Emily Braid, Tori Kolose, Summer Jean Motufoua, Jemma Tasman Jones, Tate McGregor, Elise Conway, Amy Waters, Maddison Barnett.

## Premier Boys

The boys team also had a very tough pool with a loss to last year's winners Hamilton Boys' but had two very good wins over Palmerston North Boys' and Matamata to progress to the top half of the competition. The boys lost to Rotorua Boys,' beat St Paul's and Kelston, then lost to Hastings Boys' meaning the best they could play for would be 5th. They beat both Auckland Grammar and King's High to place 5th in New Zealand. Congratulations to Sam Nock who was named in the NZSS Boys Tournament Team.

**Premier Boys' Team:** Sam Nock (captain), Thomas Konusi, Joseph Bradshaw, Lloyd David, Logan Fonoti, Patrick Herbert, Keiryn Hart, Marika Laing, Emmanuel Lamositele, Brosnan Meleisea, Joseph Mitai, Rupena Patuawa-Parkinson, Rivez Reihana, Wesley Tameifuna, Jacob Wright.

## NATIONAL SELECTION

Congratulations to the students who were selected to represent New Zealand to play in Australia in January:

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Maia Jean Watene | NZ Womens Team |
| Sydney Fraser    | NZ U19 Team    |
| Mererangi Paul   | NZ U19 Team    |
| Brosnan Meleisea | NZ U21 Team    |

## JUNIOR TOUCH GIRLS WIN AUCKLAND ZONES!

After winning the Eastern Zone Touch competition, our girls went on to play exceptionally well at Auckland Zones Junior Touch Competition, chalking up good wins in the round robin and knock out stages, attaining 29 touch downs and conceding only 5, beating Mt Albert Grammar in the final 4-2.

**Team:** Tate McGregor (co-captain), Tori Kolose (co-captain and winner of the tournament Most Valuable Player award), Elise Conway, Summer-Jean Motufoua, Jessica Hill, Jemma Tasman-Jones, Ashleigh Garner, Mayah Coleman, Lucy Scarborough, Maddison Barnett, Amy Waters, Imogen Pilkington and Samantha Watson.



## TOUCH GIRLS VISIT THE PRESCHOOL

It was an afternoon of fun for big and small when girls from the Touch teams paid a visit to the Preschool to lend a hand. The 'big' girls played games outside and enjoyed quiet times inside reading and spending time with our youngest Saint Kentigern students.





# Year 7 & 8 Cyclists NZ Champions!

With thanks to Simon Walker, Cycling Manager

Congratulations to the College Cycling Teams who completed their cycling season in style with both the Year 7 & 8 Boys' and Girls' teams winning the title of New Zealand Champions! Silver was awarded to the U20 Girls and to Madeline Parks in the Points Race with Bronze awarded to the U16A Boys and the U20A Boys and to Dylan Parks in the Points Race. Well done!

The teams travelled to Palmerston North for the three day event which was the culmination of months of training and regional competitions. The Saint Kentigern contingent was made up of 14 teams with a total of 62 riders, making ours the most well represented school in New Zealand.

Team Time Trials took place on the first day on a 16 km course at Koputaroa. Our riders are to be applauded for gaining podium finishes in 5 out of 6 categories.

Disappointingly, the second day of racing, the road race, was cancelled as the weather gave way to heavy rain and gusting winds.

This final day of racing was a Points Race held at Manfield Race Track in Fielding. The riders had to complete a number of circuits dependent upon age category and collect points for designated laps. This riding requires endurance and speed, both of which need to be coupled with a tactical awareness unique to points racing. Congratulations to Madeline Park and Dylan McCullough who both rode medal winning races.



## TEAM TIME TRIAL RESULTS

### Year 7 & 8 Girls Cycling Team - NZ Champions

Team: Sarah Cappel (Captain), Abigail Houghton, Olivia Overfield, Annabelle Waterworth

### Year 7 & 8 Boys Cycling Team - NZ Champions

Team: Jacob Hannan (Captain), James Archibald, Cameron Manley, Caleb Atkinson

### Junior Boys Cycling Team - 3rd in New Zealand

Team: James Brown (Captain), Liam Cappel, Daniel Whitburn, Dylan McCullough

### Junior Girls Cycling Team - 5th in New Zealand

Team: Jamie Lindsay (Captain), Alesha Lamont, Kate Fouche, Emma Fuller

### Senior Boys Cycling Team - 3rd in New Zealand

Team: Sam Dakin (Captain), Liam Foster, Ayden Lamont, James Fouche, Connor Brown

### Senior Girls Cycling Team - 2nd in New Zealand

Team: Lauren Hendricksen (Captain), Simone Nightingale, Maddie Parks, Aimee Hollis, Lizzie Mudford

## POINTS RACE RESULTS

### U17 Girls

2nd in New Zealand: Madeline Park

### U14 Boys

3rd in New Zealand: Dylan McCullough



# Cricket Girls National Top 4!

After winning the Auckland title earlier in the year, our Premier Girls Cricket team qualified for one of six places at the NZCT Secondary School Girls' National Tournament held in Palmerston North at the start of the holidays. Unfortunately the weather was not kind for most of the competition! Rain affected their first game against Rangī Ruru Girls' School with the opposition having to abandon their innings with 56 off 16 overs for 4 wickets. After a significant rain delay in a reduced over match, our girls were set the target to score 19 runs off 5 overs. The Saint Kentigern girls scored a total of 21 giving them the win.

The weather cleared enough for a complete game to be played in the afternoon with Saint Kentigern batting first to score 88 for 5 wickets off their 20 overs in a close fought battle against Palmerston North. Unfortunately a well-timed 4 gave Palmerston North victory. Unfortunately the weather closed in completely the following day and all play was abandoned.

The last morning of tournament saw the games transferred to artificial pitches with the girls playing a finely tuned Tawa College who were the eventual unbeaten winners of the tournament placing the Saint Kentigern Premier Girls' team 4th in New Zealand. Malaea Tangi was awarded the Saint Kentigern Most Valuable Player of the tournament for her all round ability and her leadership both on and off the field.





# Six ASB 'YSPOTY' Awards

## Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards

The annual ASB College Sport Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards were held at Eden Park to honour the best student athletes in Auckland across the 32 sanctioned college sports.

The top three students across Auckland are selected as finalists in each sport culminating in an overall Sports Person of the Year. This year the College was pleased to have 10 students selected as finalists.

To receive an invite to these awards is an honour as it means the student has been noted during the season as one of the top three players in their chosen sport from every secondary school in the Greater Auckland Area.

Over 600 people attended the event and it was a proud moment for the students, their families and the College when the winners were announced. At the end of the night, out of all the winners of each sport, finalists are named for overall Sports Person of the Year.

Seven boys and six girls were named as finalists and it was great to have Sam Nock (rugby), Richmond Lum (hockey) and Maia Jean Watene (all rounder) named as nominees.



## ASB 'YSPOTY' AWARDS

### All Rounder Winners

Maia Jean Watene  
Christina Oscar

### Sport Winners

Isabella Richards - Distance Running  
Maia Jean Watene - Girls Touch  
Sam Nock - Rugby  
Richmond Lum - Boys Hockey

### Finalists

Liam Ward - Multisport, Madeline Evans - Multisport, James Fouché - Cycling, Daniel Young - Boys Cricket, Isabella Richards - Girls Football, Grace Wood - Distance Running

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## Great Start to Rowing Season

After two warm-up short course regattas at Lake Pupuke in November, our rowers competed in the first long-course regatta of the season at Mercer in December. The long hours of training over the winter paid dividends with the club winning the Mercer Regatta Cup for the first time – a fantastic result so early in the season.

Our rowers competed in a total of 45 races on the day, in all categories from Novice right up to the Open Men's Club races. Impressively, from those 45 races, the club achieved an outstanding haul of 16 wins, 11 second places, and 7 thirds – a total of 34 placings.

Mercer is a challenging place to row; the currents are swift and there can be many hazards floating in the river, so it's a testament to all crews that they were able to not only cope with these testing conditions, but also achieve such fine results.

## New Zealand Medals for Athletes

A small group of Saint Kentigern College athletes travelled to Wanganui to compete in the New Zealand Athletics and Road Race Championships in December. Year 10 student, Mayah Coleman had a top 10 finish in the Junior Girls Javelin and Hammer. Andrew Jackson, Year 13 also had top 10 finishes in the Senior Boys shot put, discus and javelin.

The Senior Girls road race resulted in some great medals with Grace Wood, Year 12 running an excellent race to win a Bronze medal, and then combined with Year 11 students, Katherine Chang and Ruby Houghton, to win a Silver medal in the three person team.



Grace Woods

## Show Jumping Success

A team of five riders competed at the North Island Secondary School Show Jumping Championships in Cambridge. The day was a fabulous success and two of our teams of pairs placed 1st and 3rd equal in their event. Each rider competed in three classes from which overall points were calculated.

1st = Team Winners: Ginna Auld and Jess Collinson, 26 points

3rd = Team Winners: Georgie Alcock and Caitlyn Lochore, 24 points

Equestrian Team: Georgina Alcock (Captain), Kate Westbrooke, Ginna Auld, Jessica Collinson and Caitlyn Lochore





## Grandparents' Day

It is with great pleasure that we invite the Grandparents of our Year 7 and 8 students to visit the College each year and learn a little about their grandchildren's teaching and learning programmes - that are so very different from when they attended school!

Our visitors play a very special part in the lives of our students, offering not only love, support and moral guidance but, in many cases, also offering the financial resource to ensure their grandchildren have the very best education available to them.

Almost 300 extended family members joined Head of Middle School, Mr McQueen and staff for morning tea in the Sports Centre Lounge. Each year Mr McQueen asks which grandparent has travelled the furthest. A bit of a discussion ensued but it was agreed to call a tie between Wales and Ireland!

Head of College, Mr Cole welcomed our special guests and gave them insight into the values and expectations for excellence in all endeavours that we place on a Saint Kentigern education. He explained about our 'parallel education' model, where boys and girls are taught separately in our Middle School before coming together in a coeducational setting in



the Senior School. He also spoke about the importance of developing the whole child and the part that the co-curricular life of the College plays alongside academic endeavour. He said that in 'his' generation, university graduates could be assured of a job. That is no longer the case and he sees great benefit for those students who take up the extra opportunities offered by our co-curricular programmes in service, the arts and sports. 'There is a lot more about life, compassion, self-confidence, skill development, presentation and team work to be learned from these endeavours,' he said.

Our Year 7 and 8's waited excitedly to escort their visitors back to their classrooms. Each class had devised their own programme for the morning but the use of technology, in particular smart boards, notebooks and video were prominent. There was also a questionnaire for the Grandparents about school life when they were growing up. Whilst the use of technology was an obvious difference, there was one common answer that was totally foreign to this generation of students...their grandparents walked to school!

After a tour of the campus the morning concluded with them being welcomed to a Middle School assembly and an invitation to join their grandchildren for lunch if they so wished.

Thank you to all grandparents who came from near and far for your support to your grandchildren, families and the College.



## CAN YOU HELP?

**We are seeking willing contacts who can offer work experience for our senior students**

Head of Student Services, Mrs Sandra Shaw is working with the Parents and Friends Association to build a list of contacts who would be willing to offer our senior students one of the following:

- Work experience
- A visit to a work place to observe a wide range of occupations
- The opportunity to shadow an employer
- The chance to talk to an employer about a particular career

If you are able to offer assistance, Chairman of the Parents and Friends Association, Mr David Courtney would be pleased to hear from you.

Please email: [pandf@saintkentigern.com](mailto:pandf@saintkentigern.com)



# Parents and Friends



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2014

This year has been a busy year for the Parents & Friends as we have continued to provide support to various aspects of College life, mainly:

- Volunteer workers at the Middle School tuck shop and the Senior School Saints Cafe
- Refreshments for events such as Parent/Teacher Interviews; Open Days; New Entrants Days; Graduation Dinner; Welcome Events for new Year 7 & 9 parents; and musical performances
- Providing financial support of approximately \$61,000.00 to travelling cultural and sports groups and buying of equipment for activities as diverse as PE & Health and Robotics
- Providing support to College families in times of bereavement or other hardship

The Saint Kentigern College Parents & Friends Association enjoy a unique arrangement with the Trust Board in that, in return for providing volunteer workers at the tuck shop and Saints Cafe, we decide how the profits will be spent in support of our students. This means that the Parents and Friends do not need to regularly fund raise – instead we donate our time to support our students and the College.

This year, in addition to our usual activities, we have started two new projects. The first is a monthly meeting for parents who do not have English as their first language. The meeting is run by a Parents and Friends member, Mrs Jessie Liu who can provide guidance and information relating to the College that these parents might otherwise find hard to understand.

The second new project is working with Head of Student Services, Mrs Sandra Shaw to provide the opportunity for senior students to shadow an employer or have a work experience. We are asking for parents or their contacts willing to give students the opportunity to go into a work place to observe a wide range of occupations, to contact us. This could be the opportunity for work experience, the chance to observe or the chance to talk to an employer about a particular career.

The Parent & Friends Association relies on time contributed by parents. This year has seen a number of changes in our executive committee as long serving members retired following the graduation of their children. Pippa Styles, Heather Skelton and Tracey Goldstine have retired this year. I thank Pippa, Heather and Tracey for their wonderful contribution to the Parents and Friends, the College and Saint Kentigern over many years, and wish them well in the future.

I welcome to the executive committee the new members who have replaced those that have retired. The Parents & Friends will continue to provide support to students, families and staff of the College. I encourage all parents to take part in our activities so as to make the most of both your and your children's experience at Saint Kentigern College.

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Scan the above WeChat code and join the Asian Parents Social Group of Parents & Friends Association, Saint Kentigern College.

家友会亚裔家长联谊会可以为英语语言有困难的亚裔家长提供帮助，让家长更多了解孩子在校期间的学习和生活情况，并提供与其他家长交流的机会。亚裔家长联谊会由家友会主席David Courtney先生及联络员刘小勤女士共同组织。联谊会每月在学校的Saints Café组织一次小型聚会。使用微信的家长可以扫二维码加入亚裔家长微信群。

The Asian Parents Social Group of P&F provides an opportunity to parents who have difficulty with English to meet and discuss issues of interest and ask questions about all aspects of their children's life at College, making friends of other parents or generally participating fully in College life. This group is led by the Chairman of P&F, Mr. David Courtney together with Ms. Jessie Liu, convenor of P&F. The group meets once a month in the morning at Saints Café. Scan the WeChat code to learn more about the Asian Parents Social Group of the College Parents & Friends Association.

