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Saint Kentigern's
Brightest

Celebrating the success
of our top-achieving
academic students



Boys Can Do Anything!

They can produce quality work displaying the necessary pride and accuracy

They can be organised

They can effectively use their time

They can think for themselves

They can be creative

They can wear their heart on their sleeves

They can express themselves clearly and confidently

They can be caring

They can wear their uniform with pride

They can multi-task

They can and do achieve in academic, cultural and sporting arenas

Our 2015 prizegiving was living proof of boys succeeding in our education system. During the course of the ceremony, prizes and awards were given for excellence and achievement in cultural, sporting, and academic endeavours as well as recognising citizenship and service by our student body. The achievements of our 2015 students deserved to be acknowledged and celebrated at the final formal gathering of our community.

My very last words at our 2014 prizegiving were to encourage our boys to think about the talents, skills and qualities that each of them possess and to understand that it is not about winning at all costs but rather 'What You Do With What You've Got' that makes the difference.

'What's the good of two strong legs, if you only run away?

And what use is the finest voice, if you've nothing good to say?

And what good is strength and muscle, if you only push and shove?

And what's the use of two good ears, if you can't hear those you love?'

2015, as with other years, has been busy and our boys should feel justifiably proud of their contribution and achievements. They have embraced and made the most of opportunities available, have shown progress and have willingly been involved in a number of service activities. I have been impressed with their growth during the course of the year and most importantly their manners, pride and courtesy displayed. Very rarely do I not see a smile on their faces on arrival, during and as they depart school each day.

The many achievements and successes that have been acknowledged throughout the year have seen the school continue to grow and strive for the excellence that must continue, and when I reflect on the past 12 months, the following are the standouts for me personally, where each day brings something special or unexpected.

Life changing moments: Witnessing our Year 8 students helping in a retirement home in Tauranga and the inaugural Year 8 parent and son service trip to Fiji.

Greatest cultural experience: Performers' Choir tour to Noumea and coming to grips with communicating in French.

Best daytime event: While Celtic Day continues to be a highlight of our annual calendar, this year it was our Community Anzac Service held in the early morning, commemorating the landing of our soldiers on Gallipoli 100 years ago.

Most impressive artistic display: The 500+ ceramic poppies created by our students symbolising the importance of the NZ Anzac Spirit.

Best night-time event: Fireworks Skyshow. What an amazing display enjoyed by us all.

Sporting achievement: Water Polo team taking out the North Island, Winterfest and Tim Sonderer tournaments, where skill combined with teamwork was the winner.

Highest and most consistent academic achievement: Attending the ICAS medal ceremony where Nathaniel Bailey was presented the medal for Year 7 Science, acknowledging the top mark in NZ, which also happened to be for the third year in a row.

Best example of generosity and service: The entire School community. We continue to set the standard for primary schools in New Zealand supporting local and international organisations financially and, more importantly, where our boys are prepared to do the hard work.

Most humbling moment: Our Year 8 boys hosting and assisting students in attendance at the Halberg Sportability Day.

Musical highlight: The resurrection of the House music competition.

Best EOTC experience: Hard to go past the sailing experience for Year 8, however, the success of the Year 4 camp to Kaueranga Valley does just that. While it has taken a couple of years to get this underway, we are already planning for Year 3 in 2016.

Garden to Table moment: The Junior School options programme has provided different experiences for our boys. How great it was to walk into my office and see a collection of vegetables grown by the boys that I know are totally organic and as fresh as they could be.

Best thing to look forward to: Building Minds, Building Futures – how fantastic to bring the boys back into Roselle House with the Learning Commons on the top floor and then the creation of a Science Centre that will provide our boys with a real passion for a subject that is our country's future.

What an amazing community you are!

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Mr Peter Cassie





A Time of Transition

The signs that our Boys' School leavers were more than ready to take on the next step of their education were plain to see. Reverend Reuben Hardie had noticed it in their physical appearance on the sports field, as the Year 8 boys played a game of soccer in sandals that are too small, and uniforms that are too tight!

Senior School Dean, Mr Richard Kirk could see it in the boys' attitude, having watched them grow into mature, confident young men. Principal, Mr Peter Cassie knows that the academic grounding they have been given and the sporting, cultural and service opportunities they have been offered has put them in the driving seat for their future.

The boys, their parents and teachers celebrated the end of the era that has created these fine young citizens at the Graduation Dinner. Ellerslie Events Centre was decked out in the House colours with jars of jaffas, candy bananas, mentos and spearmint leaves representing each House in confectionery. Mr Kirk opened the proceedings by congratulating the boys on the manner they have undertaken their classwork, sport, drama, music and service, and the level they have achieved in each area. 'The academic successes, the sporting achievements, the musical performances - you will leave a lasting memory here,' he said. 'You should look back with pride on your time at Saint Kentigern, and look forward knowing you are well prepared. You have the tools to go out and achieve whatever you want in whatever field it is that you choose.'

Following the main course, we were privileged to have Old Collegian, Blair Tuke as the guest speaker. The reigning three-time world champion in the 49er class, Olympic silver medallist and 2015 co-world sailor of the year gave the boys advice on how to deal with transition. Using examples from his own life, including moving to Auckland from his hometown Kerikeri when he was a teenager and when he joined Emirates Team New Zealand, Blair had a number of tips for the students to utilise as they progress to college. These included maintaining their 'inner fitness', as character is of utmost importance to achieving their hopes and dreams.

In his closing address to the leavers, Mr Cassie told the boys their contribution to the school has been greatly appreciated. 'My final wish is that all of you will be the best that you can possibly be, building on what you have received by following the sound advice and guidance provided over the years. You are well prepared for the next level of your education and you can move forward with confidence and enthusiasm to make the most of the opportunities that lie ahead.'

The boys responded by performing the OneRepublic song 'I've lived' with its apt lyrics, 'I owned every second that this world could give, I saw so many places, the things that I did' followed by a rousing haka. As Rev Hardie started the night by saying, while these young men have outgrown the School, 'may they never outgrow the values, the friendships and the sense of wonderment we have tried to instil in them'.



Celebration and Inspiration – Prizegiving 2015

The purpose and outcome of a prizegiving ceremony is twofold: to congratulate those who have worked hard to be the best in their endeavours and to inspire others as they continue to strive for excellence. At the Boys' School prizegiving, we recognised the students who through effort and persistence, and under the guidance of their teachers and parents, had achieved at the highest level within their class, subject, service, cultural activity, sporting code or leadership role. With these boys as role models, and seeing the Sports Centre at the College full of proud families celebrating their success, their schoolmates couldn't help but be motivated to aim for that spotlight in 2016 and the years to come.

'The boys should feel justifiably proud of their achievements,'

The awards covered the full gamut of the 'World of Opportunity' that Saint Kentigern offers. Following the address by Chairman of the Trust Board, Dr Bruce Goodfellow, the first prizes presented were for music, speech and cultural distinction. These were followed by the sports awards, culminating in the team of the year shield going to the Senior A water polo team. There were three categories of academic award for the Junior School classes, for excellence, diligence, and effort and progress, with the Middle School tutor groups also recognised for Christian Education. The Senior School students were vying for diligence, excellence, and progress awards as well as in their individual subject areas. A boy from every class was also nominated for a Christian Living Award for demonstrating the Saint Kentigern Way.

Principal, Mr Peter Cassie's address reflected on his favourite moments of 2015, which included the Halberg Sportability Day and the special commemorative Anzac Service. He thanked the prefects, parents, staff and Trust Board for their

contributions to the success we were there to celebrate. 'The boys should feel justifiably proud of their achievements,' he said. 'They have embraced and made the most of the opportunities available and have willingly been involved in a number of activities. I have been impressed with their growth during the course of the year and most importantly their manners, pride and courtesy.'

It was then time for the special awards. The Brian Matthews Cup went to Rafael Newland for consistently showing empathy to others and being responsible and courteous in the Junior School. Jonathan Benjamin and Michael Hiddleston received the Middle and Senior School Citizenship Cups respectively for

their outstanding service and leadership. The Joel Campbell Memorial Trophy, for service to others, went to Hayden Joyce. For displaying true grit and spirit in the sporting arena, James Stables received the Knox Family Lion Heart Award. Isaac Wong and Will Bason were the Sportsman of the Year recipients for the Middle and Senior School respectively. Joshua Stephan has demonstrated diligence, cooperation, courtesy, sportsmanship and friendliness to earn the Rex Hooton Cup for School Spirit. With an average grade of 91, Xavier Yin finished as the Proxime Accessit, with Head Boy, Michael Hiddleston named Dux of the School with an average of 95.

In their final act as students of the Boys' School, the Year 8 students joined the official party as they filed out of the Sports Centre. Congratulations to all of the boys who received awards and we hope the occasion encouraged your peers to do their utmost to become recipients in the future.





Dux Michael Hiddleston

In addition to his leadership duties as Head Boy and success in athletics, Michael excelled in the classroom. He finished first in Year 8 in four subjects: art, social science, science and English, and was awarded his class's Christian education prize. In his core subjects, he averaged 95 per cent, including 98 in social science and 97 in science, to be a deserving recipient of the Foundation Pupil Cup for Dux.



Proxime Accessit Xavier Yin

The Jubilee Cup for Proxime Accessit was awarded to Xavier Yin. Xavier achieved excellent results across his core subjects, averaging 91 per cent, including 95 in mathematics and 94 in science. He gained the top mark in Year 8 mathematics and was presented the Connell Cup for the best combined score in mathematics and science.



Rex Hooton Cup for School Spirit - Joshua Stephan



Joel Campbell Cup - Hayden Joyce



Senior Sportsman of the Year - Will Bason



Middle School Sportsman of the Year - Isaac Wong

Boys vs Wild

With thanks to student reporter, Anthony Gu

A record number of 54 boys set out for Shakespear Regional Park for this year's Boys v Wild adventure. After arriving at Army Bay, we split into groups for the one-hour trek to the campsite. Each team had a map and had to find a route to the camp, without using the main road, and to make the challenge harder, all teams had to go to the lookout as a check point. With the teams starting at five-minute intervals, it was a race to the campsite!

Our service activity for the camp was clearing a 100-metre long swamp of Mexican Devil weed. After a couple of hours of long and hard work, we came back to the campsite having completed a successful session of weeding. Mr Johansson let out the long line in the hope of returning with fish the next day.

For the camp, each boy had been given a ration pack that contained a main meal, crackers, vegemite, jam, chocolate, hot chocolate, cereal, and two packets of instant noodles. Some people survived just fine, others didn't. Mr Haar organised a game of Find the Teachers. The reigning champion for five years, Rev Hardie, was ready to win, and he did so. Rev Hardie managed to have a conversation on the phone and win, without anyone finding him.



The next morning, Mr Johansson reeled in the long lines and ended up with five fish. The snapper were really tasty after going on the barbeque. Overall the camp was an amazing experience. We had many fascinating walks with amazing views, learned about some of the nature around the campsite, and got to help the community and others around us.

To qualify for the Boys v Wild outdoor experience, students must have completed the requirements for the Saint Kentigern Silver Service Award. The camp is part of the criteria to achieve the Gold Service Award.



It was beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!



The joy of the festive season was ushered in with an evening of song, prayer and worship at the Boys' School Carol Service. The Holy Trinity Cathedral was standing room only full of students, family and other members of the Saint Kentigern community eager to participate in this treasured Christmas tradition. The guests were greeted at the door by groups of boys and welcomed into the impressive venue by tunes played by student musicians.

The first carol, 'Once in Royal David's City', was introduced with a solo by Year 7 student Cameron Dean, before the whole congregation joined in. Cathedral Reverend Tony Surman and Principal, Mr Peter Cassie welcomed the carollers, especially those there to support the Year 8 boys when they lit their leavers candle and received their blessing. 'We are thrilled to share this rite of passage,' said Mr Cassie.

The first reading was by Head Boy, Michael Hiddleston followed by the Performers' Choir singing 'African Crib Carol'. As tradition, the second reading was by Michael's mother, Dr Phillipa Hiddleston. After sitting patiently in the front rows, it was the junior boys' turn to sing, with a rendition of 'Three Wise Men'. The boys had come to love this tune, singing it at every opportunity, and it showed in their stirring performance. Two long-serving staff members who left at the end of the year, Mr Dominic Yates and Mrs Janet Harvey, did the next reading, before everyone joined to sing the classics 'O Holy Night' and 'Away in a Manger'.

The full contingent of staff then took to the altar to sing 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas', which was then outshone by the youngest Saint Kentigern students, our preschoolers singing 'Come On Ring Those Bells'. The boys who are transitioning to Year 1 at the Boys' School next year chimed bells to accompany the words and their fellow preschoolers performed the actions. A beautiful solo by brothers Oscar and Leo

van Druen led the congregation into the next hymn 'Hark The Herald Angels Sing'.

A highlight of the service each year is the message from Reverend Reuben Hardie, which always has a poignant theme related to the spirit of Christmas. This year the theme was 'Strawberry Moments' and Rev Hardie was accompanied on stage by a student feasting on a huge pile of sumptuous strawberries! The message started with the tale of a boy who was being chased by a tiger through a forest. When he came across a cliff, he grabbed a vine and jumped to avoid being eaten. However, waiting in the gully below was another tiger. Just when things couldn't get any worse, two mice started to gnaw on his lifeline, the vine. In his moment of despair, the boy spotted a single strawberry growing on the cliff face. He grabbed the strawberry and ate it slowly, savouring the delicious fruit. Rev Hardie explained when you are faced with challenges, it is important to take the time to enjoy life's little moments. Christmas, which brings with it time to share with family and friends and rejoice in the birth of Christ, is one of the best opportunities to do this!

Chapel Prefect, Flynn Cornelius-Gilbert then led the Prayer of Saint Kentigern before the Year 8 leavers and departing staff members lit a candle and received their blessing. The occasion was a fabulous way to start the celebration of Christmas!





Bikes go 'round again

For a refugee, the gift of a bicycle provides a source of transport and independence, as well as fun for all ages. Our Year 7 students have been contributing to an initiative to supply second-hand bikes to refugees for two years, with a bumper donation of 39 bikes delivered this time around. The idea to collect and supply the bikes was born out of the boys learning about refugees in a social science inquiry. The boys discover all about the plight of refugees and the courage they show while being forced to flee their homelands to escape war and political tyranny.

Up to 750 refugees a year are integrated into New Zealand society after arriving at the Mangere Refugee Resettlement Centre. The centre helps them to overcome the challenges of settling into a new country and offers advice on how to contribute the skills and personal characteristics they bring with them to their new home in Aotearoa.

The provision of a bicycle can go a long way to assisting with the refugees' resettlement, as a means to get to and from employment or education, as a form of exercise, and to become acquainted with their new environment. Supported by Auckland Transport, old bikes are being collected by the humanitarian agency RASNZ (Refugees as Survivors NZ) to service and donate to families at the Mangere centre. The recipients are given cycle lessons focusing on bike safety, including New Zealand's road rules and the importance of always wearing a helmet.

During Term 3, the School Council sent a request to Saint Kentigern families to donate old bikes no longer in use. Our Year 7 councillors were proud to deliver the 39 bicycles of all shapes and sizes to the Mangere Refugee Centre, knowing that our donation could make a difference for refugee families.



Beautiful Christmas Exchange

The spirit of Christmas lies in family and giving, both of which were present at the Boys' School donation of nearly 70 massive hampers to Wymondley Road School in Otago. Throughout the final term, the boys had been bringing in items to form the hampers, which were lovingly packaged by the parent volunteers.

The boys who received the Christian Living Award from each class at prizegiving gathered up the hampers, which were received at a special assembly at Wymondley Road.

'It's an absolute pleasure to be here today,' said Principal Mr Peter Cassie. 'This is the highlight of our calendar. We feel a very close relationship with this community and this is a special part of who we are. Like you, we agree

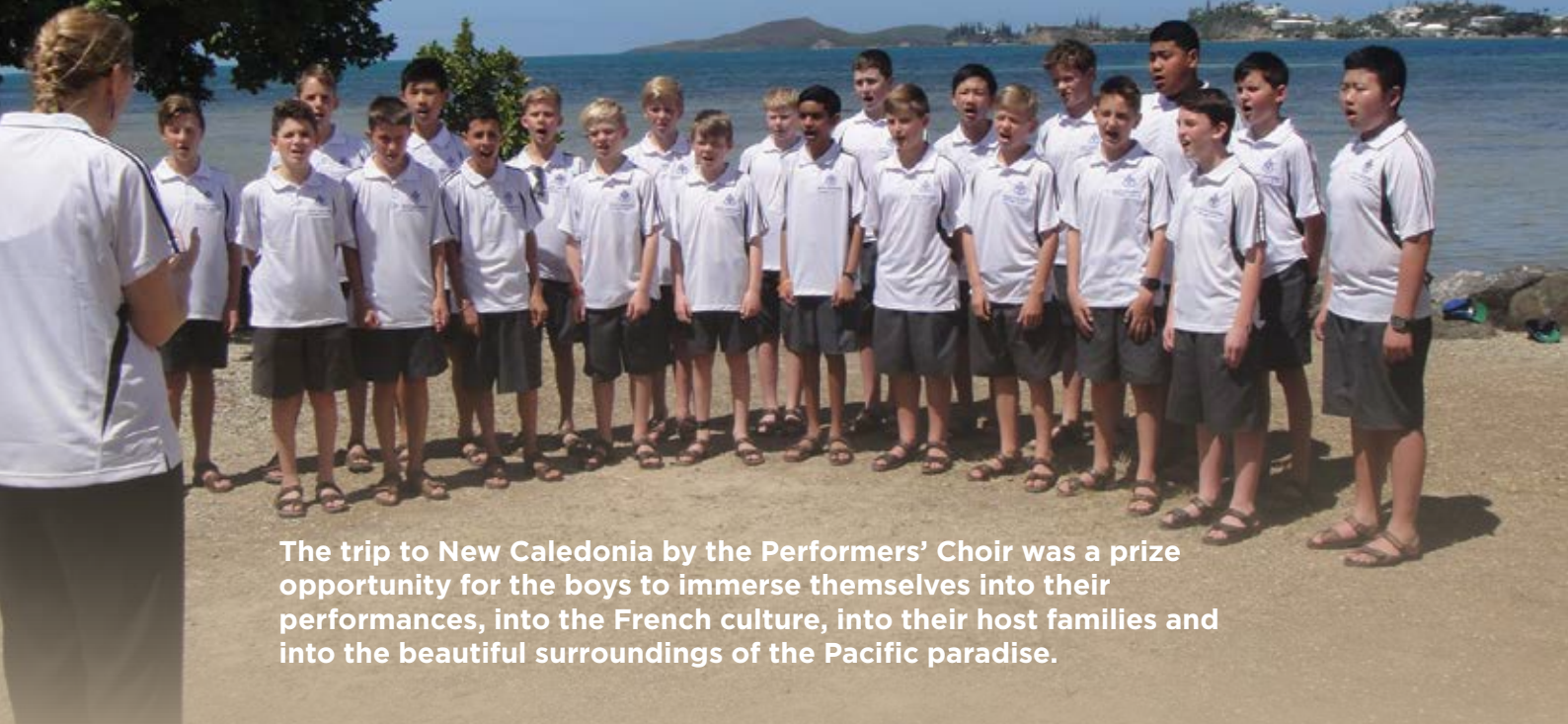
that Christmas is about giving, it's about family, it's about developing relationships.'

To show their appreciation, the students from Wymondley Road presented our boys with candy leis, which was a heartwarming moment for everyone there.

'I'm blown away by the generosity of the Saint Kentigern community and humbled and grateful to accept these hampers,' said Wymondley Road Principal, Mr Pele Leaupepetele.

'Giving a lei represents an endless line of love, of aroha, to the person you are giving it to. To the young men of Saint Kentigern: you have done an amazing job. We talk about leadership through service, and what you've done here is amazing.'

Choir Performs in New Caledonia



The trip to New Caledonia by the Performers' Choir was a prize opportunity for the boys to immerse themselves into their performances, into the French culture, into their host families and into the beautiful surroundings of the Pacific paradise.





With thanks to Mr Grayson Aspinall, Deputy Principal

Prior to their departure, the 23 students were apprehensive but excited about the journey ahead. After arriving in Noumea, the boys and five staff members accompanying them were greeted at College Georges Baudoux by the local students and billeting hosts with open arms.

The second day of the trip started with classes at 7am. The boys were involved in many lessons which included science, English, physical education and mathematics. This was where the boys really had to work hard on communicating in French with their counterparts. Later in the morning they visited the cultural centre for a guided tour and learnt about the history of the country. The boys had their first opportunity to warm up their vocal chords at the centre and sang to a group of tourists, all of whom were noticeably impressed!

Day three bought a much-anticipated trip with the billets and their families to Amedee Island, off the coast of Noumea. The activities included a ride on a glass-bottomed boat to see the underwater environment and feed the fish and a hula dance show. After a traditional island lunch, the choir performed to a packed audience of tourists. An impromptu school haka led by Meli Young Yen had the crowd

on their feet in appreciation. This was a pioneer moment in the history of the Boys' School as it was the first time our haka had been performed outside New Zealand! The most positive aspect of this day was the interaction between our boys, the billets and their families – a very successful day of cross-cultural bonding had by all!

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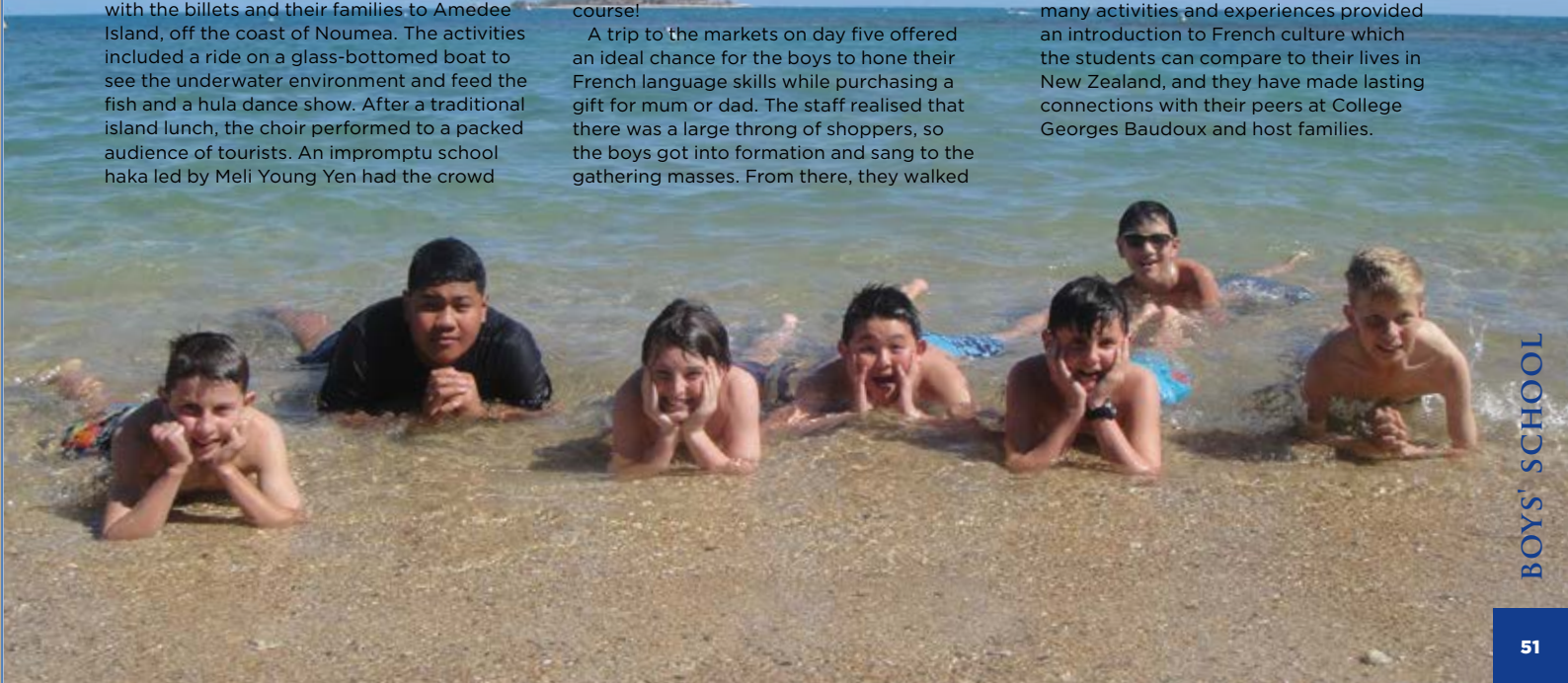
train trip around Noumea. At the first stop, the boys took a spontaneous opportunity to sing to the fellow travellers. One of the subsequent stops was the aquarium where the boys completed worksheets about the inhabitants of each pool – all in French, of course!

A trip to the markets on day five offered an ideal chance for the boys to hone their French language skills while purchasing a gift for mum or dad. The staff realised that there was a large throng of shoppers, so the boys got into formation and sang to the gathering masses. From there, they walked

to the Cathédrale Saint Joseph, built in 1890. They ventured inside, in the hope to possibly sing in the cathedral, as the acoustics would be superb. It was certainly a highlight of the week for the staff listening to the boys sing inside such a magnificent environment. The afternoon involved a treasure hunt around the town square which the boys conquered with reasonable ease, showing their French had really improved in a short time.

The boys spent the penultimate day with their host families doing a variety of activities, including kayaking, picnics, go-karting, sailing and jet-skiing. On the final morning, they headed to a marine reserve to go snorkelling and got up close to turtles, parrot fish and even white-tipped sharks! The tour concluded with a concert at College Georges Baudoux that included a rousing haka and pitch-perfect choir recital.

Over the course of the trip the boys proved to be fine ambassadors of Saint Kentigern, and in every performance they sang with confidence, pride and conviction. The many activities and experiences provided an introduction to French culture which the students can compare to their lives in New Zealand, and they have made lasting connections with their peers at College Georges Baudoux and host families.



Arts Evening

The date of our Arts Evening was important because it fell on Armistice Day. To commemorate this, the individual ceramic poppies which each of the boys made for our Anzac Memorial Service were made available for parents to take home.

The event showcased the best of the visual and performing arts at the Boys' School. Every boy had a piece of artwork on display ranging from ceramic penguins to glitter pattern paintings.

A comfortable atmosphere was created by the Parents and Friends and the audience was kept entertained by the choir, jazz band and the performance band. The mood was light and jumping as students led their parents to look at what they had created. The best part of the evening for most was to sort through the more than 500 poppies to find the one that they had personally made. Head of Arts, Mr Thomas Barter expects the Arts Evening will return even bigger and better in 2016.



Music Showcase

The fantastic music programme at the Boys' School demonstrated its superb wares at a special showcase assembly. Parents and guests accompanied the entire school in JC Chalmers Hall to hear the fruits of the efforts of our leading student musicians under the guidance of Director of Music, Mrs Janet Grierson, music teacher Mr Emma Chatterton and the various itinerant instrument tutors. The audience was welcomed into the hall by the Pipes and Drums Band, which was sounding very polished after forming just last year. The band has fast become a popular

sight at a number of events throughout the year and set the bar for what was to follow.

The programme included solo performances by students on 10 different instruments. The boys had earned the privilege of playing in the showcase by being selected as the top practitioner of each instrument. Interspersed throughout the individual performances were appearances from the many ensembles on offer for boys to join. As well as being a platform for the best soloists, the showcase provides a taster of the various instruments that boys can take up and the group

performances give budding players a goal to aspire to.

From traditional pieces by Mozart to a number one Bruno Mars hit song, each of the individual and group performances were expertly executed and resoundingly appreciated by the audience. Principal, Mr Peter Cassie concluded the assembly by congratulating the boys on their recitals. 'Music has the ability to make people happy,' he said. 'The audience couldn't help but tap their feet and nod their heads as you performed.'



Dragons Inspire Marketers!

The Senior School classrooms and quad were turned into a bubbling bazaar of commerce for the Year 7 Market Day! The boys had spent months creating and fine-tuning their products and marketing as part of their enterprise studies. In groups of four, they took on chief executive, marketer, designer and accountant roles within their companies. A virtual economy was used with Kents money as the currency, and each group was given a weekly wage. After they had come up with prototypes, their ideas were pitched to business leaders in a Dragons' Den style forum. The dragons – parents who had offered their commercial expertise – quizzed the boys on their advertising plans and profit expectations, and gave advice on how to price their goods and reduce costs.

When the products were finalised, they covered a wide range of applications, including homemade hair wax, trading cards featuring teachers as superheroes, cellphone speakers, miniature cricket sets, table ornaments, and toys. At the market day, the teams had two hours to tout their wares to the Year 5 and 6 students and parents. Some cleverly tied into the impending festive season and sold Christmas-related goods, while others offered entry into a prize draw with every purchase. The prime spots in the marketplace could be bought with Kents, and those groups who opted not to do so used music and wandering salespeople to attract people to their outlying stall.

As well as the profits to be made, there were prizes for best product, best teamwork and best marketing. When the doors finally closed, the students had learnt how to operate a budget, considered the economics of how to allocate their time and Kents, developed their communication skills and applied all of these into a cohesive business plan!



Year 5 Boys Explore Museum

The Year 5 classes had been learning about the discovery and settlement of Aotearoa New Zealand by studying the various explorers and adventurers to first visit our remote shores. To support the work they had been undertaking in the classroom, the students embarked on a field trip to the Maritime Museum on the waterfront for a morning of exploring and discovery of their own. The boys were greeted by museum educator, Emma, who asked them what they already knew about New Zealand's early history. Emma was impressed with their answers that included the routes taken by Polynesian and European seafarers and the motivations for leaving their homelands.

The museum tour featured a screening of the animated documentary 'Te Waka' which imagined the voyages by the early Polynesians. This encouraged the boys to think about the how the sailors navigated the great distances they covered, what

provisions they needed to have on board, and what they did on arrival at their destination. Emma led them on a guided tour of the highlights of the museum, prompting the students with questions on the dangers and difficulties the initial explorers faced and the subsequent groups to call New Zealand home, such as whalers, sealers and gold miners.

The boys also roamed the museum in small groups to revisit items and exhibitions of particular interest. High on the list of top attractions was the history of New Zealand's high-profile modern day mariners: the sailors from our America's Cup campaigns. The students disembarked from the museum experience with an improved understanding of New Zealand's past, the courageous actions of our forbearers and how these have shaped the society we live in.



Proud to Host Halberg Event

It was our pleasure to host the Saint Kentigern Halberg Junior Disability Sports Day at the Boys' School! This is the sixth year we have offered to hold the event at the Jubilee Sports Centre and it is growing every year. There were 75 Year 1-8 students from 35 schools taking part in more than 15 modified sports, including boccia, goalball, polybat, swish, blind cricket, ambulant football, powerchair football, waka ama, and sitting volleyball. Some of the activities offered the visiting students the opportunity to 'have a go' at a new sport, while others were competitive with the chance to win prizes such as sports gear, vouchers and apparel.

As well as providing the venue, 80 Year 8 students from the Boys' School volunteered their time at the various stations. The boys had received training to

learn more about disability sport and how best to support the athletes on the day, and performed their tasks admirably. They kept scores, offered tips in the sports, encouraged the competitors and assisted the visitors around our facilities. They can be very proud of how they conducted themselves and for helping to give the guests an enjoyable experience.

The day ended with a prizegiving where Jean-Luc Gofton was named the top helper. Halberg Disability Sport Foundation Chief Executive, Shelley McMeeken thanked the boys for the 'fantastic' part they played during the day and Deputy Principal, Mr Grayson Aspinall for co-organising the event. Like Mrs McMeeken, we hope we have helped to kick off the journey of a future Paralympian!



Boys' School Water Polo Team on a Roll

The terrific run of success produced by the Boys' School Water Polo team over the past two years continued at the North Island Year 7 and 8 Championships. A total of 39 teams competed in 130 games over four days at four Auckland venues during the tournament. The Boys' School team stormed through the field undefeated to

defend the title it won last year. In the semi-final, the boys avenged their AIMS Games final loss by beating Aquinas College 8-2. The title was decided with a resounding 9-2 victory over the Sacred Heart Snappers. The closest result was the 6-1 win over Diocesan A in pool play.

After the final, Will Bason was named the most valuable player and Teague de Jager received an outstanding player award. The result carried on a phenomenal period of achievement for the team, which has won all three Auckland tournaments in 2014 and 2015, back-to-back North Island championships and second place at the AIMS Games.

North Island Championship results

Pool play

12-0 v SKC A
6-1 v Diocesan A
8-0 v Mount Maunganui Intermediate
Mixed 8 - 0
8-2 v Murrays Bay
9-2 v King's A

Semi-final

8-2 v Aquinas College

Final

9-2 v Sacred Heart Snappers



Athletics

With a diverse circuit of events to compete in, the Year 0-3 athletics day on the top field provided an opportunity for the students to find and display their sporting strengths.

There were sprint races for speedsters, long jump for the leapers and shot put and discus for those with power and technique. The sack races and golf ball and spoon challenge added some entertainment between the more traditional track and field disciplines. The Middle and Senior School competitions were held at Mt Smart with records broken at both events. The positive spirit on display made for enjoyable and memorable days for everyone who took part, leading to personal best performances and closely-fought contests! The final athletics event of the year was the House Relays, with Cargill proving to be the best at passing the baton!



Year 0 Champions	
1st	Harley Evans CH
2nd	Benjamin Durose CH
3rd	Ben Cleaver W
Year 1 Champions	
1st	Toby McFarlane CA
2nd	Oliver Goodfellow CA
3rd	Daniel Tiong CH
Year 2 Champions	
1st	Max Trankels H
2nd	Scott Nell W
3rd	Angus Patterson CH
Year 3 Champions	
1st	Pierce Gault CA
2nd	James Hiddleston H
3rd =	Tudor Dalzell CA
3rd =	Caleb Power W
Year 4 Champions	
1st	Ethan Knox CA
2nd	Ashan Weerasinghe H
3rd	Sam McLeod CA
Year 5 Champions	
1st	Benjamin Hardie W
2nd	Louis Lepionka CA
3rd	Austin McKegg CH
Year 6 Champions	
1st	George Beca CA
2nd	Isaac Wong H
3rd	Edward Chaytor CA
Year 7 Champions	
1st	Charles Wilkes WI
2nd =	Adam Irvine CA
2nd =	Adam Tamati CH
Year 8 Champions	
1st	Nathan Robinson H
2nd	Joshua Stephan CA
3rd	Isaac Chaytor CA



HOUSE RELAY CHAMPIONS	
1ST	CARGILL
2ND	CHALMERS
3RD	WISHART
4TH	HAMILTON



HOUSE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS	
1ST	CARGILL
2ND	CHALMERS
3RD	HAMILTON
4TH	WISHART



Remuera Zone Athletics

Year 5		
200m	Louis Lepionka	1st
Ball Throw	Brodie Warren	1st
High Jump	Benjamin Hardie	2nd
800m	Brodie Warren	2nd
Relay	SKBS	2nd
Year 6		
High Jump	Harrison Waymouth	1st
800m	Isaac Wong	3rd
200m	George Beca	2nd
Relay	SKBS	2nd

Eastern Zone Athletics

Year 7		
Discus	Adam Tamati	1st
200m	Charles Wilkes	1st
200m	Adam Irvine	2nd
400m	Charles Wilkes	2nd
800m	Vinay Chichester	2nd
High Jump	Adam Irvine	2nd
Relay	SKBS	2nd
1500m	Vinay Chichester	3rd
Shot put	Adam Tamati	3rd
Year 8		
1500m	Isaac Chaytor	1st
800m	Isaac Chaytor	2nd
400m	Marcus Bartlett	2nd
200m	Joshua Stephan	3rd
Long Jump	George Barry	3rd
Relay	SKBS	3rd



Year 4 Camp

With thanks to 4RC

In November, the Year 4 boys embarked on the first ever Year 4 camp, a four-day adventure at Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp near Thames. We slept in cabins, swam in the river each day and were busy taking part in loads of fun activities. We went on a four-hour tramp, swam at a water hole, jumped off rocks, burned marshmallows and listened to dads tell us stories at night.

One of our favourite activities was go karting. The speed of the go kart was thrilling and we all wanted more attempts at driving. Another awesome activity was using air rifles to shoot at targets. Archery was also fun because it was challenging and felt really good when you got a target. Kayaking on the river was a great experience especially because some of us had never kayaked before.

Overall, camp was the best week we'd had in Year 4. We were lucky to have summer weather, great parents and amazing teachers. We didn't want to come home!

Tennis Championships

The high standard of tennis players among the Boys' School students was again evidenced during the finals of the annual tennis championships. Congratulations to all the winners:

Year 4 - William Lawrence Vai Vai beat Hugo Wigglesworth 6/0 6/0

Year 5 - Noah Payman beat Josh Ongley 6/1 6/3

Year 6 - Christoph Grant beat Campbell Joyce 6/0 6/0

Year 7 - Max Dickey beat Zac Lerner 6/2 6/3

Year 8 - Ben Humphries beat Stephan Bigio 6/2 6/3



Grandparents' Morning

A group of junior boys stood proudly to attention at the entrance of the gym, handing out 500 single yellow tulips to the delight of the Grannies, Grandmas and Nanans as they arrived to take their seats at the Grandparents' Morning.



When all were settled, Head Boy Michael Hiddleston welcomed one and all, telling the grandparents about their special place in the lives of the boys, particularly the fond memories created as they 'grow up and grow old' together.

Principal, Mr Peter Cassie came forward in welcome reminding those that had returned that he set them some 'homework' last year - to 'Make a Memory;' a lasting story of their lives, knowing that these life stories grow in value to grandchildren as they grow older. He had encouraged them to do this for their families - and for those that had forgotten, he said that today was as good as any to start!

He acknowledged the distances that our visitors had travelled, from as far south as Dunedin to Kerikeri in the north and everywhere in between - with special thanks to those who made the trip from Australia, the USA and England! He also took a moment to acknowledge all the grandparents who weren't able to be with us, knowing full well that they were with us in spirit.

Mr Cassie said, 'We are proud of your grandsons and are honoured to have them at our school. Their contribution in all aspects of school life is appreciated. All we ask in return is for them to strive for excellence and not settle for anything less than their best, which is achievable with the right attitude and focus. We want the boys to be proud of themselves, their families and their school.'

There was then much excitement as the boys waited expectantly on the top field to collect and escort their own special guests to visit their classrooms and tour the school before taking time out for morning tea.



Citizenship Awards

Isaac Wong and Samuel Cox were chosen as this year's recipients of the Remuera Lions Citizenship Awards. They were presented with certificates and a badge to wear on their blazer at a special ceremony.



Podium Results on the Slopes

The snow sports team carved up at the Auckland primary and intermediate school championships at Snow Planet.



Playing Ball with Breakers!

Our basketball players understand exactly what it takes to be a professional athlete following a trip to a New Zealand Breakers training session!



Charles Repeats Singing Success

Year 4 student Charles Adams repeated his success from 2014 by winning the best overall boy in the under-10 division at the New Zealand Aria Celebration of Song competition, having achieved a first and a second place for two of his performances.



Tug of War

Cargill House won the second annual Tug of War competition. Head online to check out all the action.



Cargill Claim Mathex Win

If five cats catch five mice in five minutes, how many cats are required to catch 100 mice in 100 minutes? Now considering solving this problem as fast as you can and with the pressure of performing for your House!



Skyshow

WOW, what a show! After the disappointment and anxiety of last year, when the much anticipated annual fireworks display encountered a bit of a 'hiccup' at totally the wrong moment, there was a huge sigh of relief when this year's Skyshow went off without a hitch! Promising to be 'bigger, better, louder and longer,' all expectations were fully met as Van Tiel Pyrotechnics Ltd set off over 550 fireworks, lighting up the night sky to everyone's delight!

The weather is a critical factor in the success of the evening and for once there was no cause for concern as the weather maps promised favourable conditions. The gates opened at 5pm in glorious sunshine as 2000 ticket holders made their way in to settle down on the field for a picnic in the build-up to the 'main event.'

Whilst the Boys' School Jazz Band, and rock bands from the Boys' School and College kept the crowds entertained, for the youngsters, it was the pre-show field activities that were the biggest draw card. This year, a wrist band could be purchased that allowed for multiple rides without the need to chase up parents for coins! Along with the adrenaline-filled activities, there was also a barnyard of animals for petting, feeding and grooming. The favoured, but very wet, dunking machine was set aside this year for an equally popular sponge-throwing activity, as staff, who were game enough, poked their faces through a giant photo of School Head Boy, Michael Hiddleston, only to get drenched! Principal, Mr Peter Cassie and chaplain to the Schools, Reverend Reuben Hardie drew the biggest crowds and most accurate sponges!

As the night sky darkened, it was a proud moment for the fledgling Boys' School Pipes and Drums as they marched onto the field and took to the stage for the first time ever to herald the start of the show! The young pipers and drummers were clearly bursting with pride as they played. Our thanks to Old Collegians, Matthew McQueen and William Tremlett who work with the boys.

It was then left to Mr Cassie to welcome the large gathering of families as they settled back for the main event which proved to be one of the best shows ever!

The logistics for a Fireworks Night held on school grounds are such that a lesser team, faced with so many hurdles and safety requirements, may have simply placed it in the 'too hard basket' long ago. Our own determined organising team has conquered the paper work over the years ensuring that both people and property are safely protected. Planning began at the start of March and the team, spearheaded by parents, Mr Peter Green and Mr Simon Ward, has been totally focused on ensuring that a safe and successful Fireworks Night continues as our school's signature event. Well done! It was fantastic!

Our sincere thanks to the Fireworks Organising Team for their immense effort in bringing this to fruition: Kerry George, Simon Ward, Blair Knill, Kathryn Hughes, Laura Lane, Naomi Hageman, Amanda Washington, Robyn Kenna, Campbell Shearer, Ronald Mudaliar and Peter Green.

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Boys' School Parents and Friends Association

Chairperson's Report 2015

Yet again, 2015 has been a busy year for the Saint Kentigern Boys' School Community with our involvement not just in fundraising activities but also taking a very active role in the School's 'friendraising' activities.

We have continued to host, on the first morning of each term, a New Parents Morning Tea. This provides a great opportunity for the Parents and Friends to introduce ourselves. Many thanks to Kerryanne Tisdall who organises this each term and the team of School liaisons, Katie Wilson, Corinne Stilwell and Kirsten Stanfield who help host.

The Year 7 picnic is proving to be a very popular event in the school social calendar. The picnic allows existing families to welcome new families and build on the connections the boys have already made in the early weeks of the year, in a very relaxed setting.

The Parents and Friends were again delighted to be able to host and sponsor the field activities at Celtic Day. The event planning, led by Vanessa Playle and assisted on the day by Hilary Chaytor, as well as a group of team leaders responsible for each activity, resulted in yet another successful and efficiently run occasion.

In May, it was our pleasure to be able to host a Mother's Morning Tea. Allyson Gofton generously gave of her time to speak about the year she had spent in France with her family. The rationale surrounding this event was to allow us to give back to the members of our community who are always the first to step forward when we require support for our events: the mums. It was not run as a fundraiser and we had not anticipated a profit, however, the \$4000 surplus was

donated to the Medicine Mondiale in support of two incubators for premature babies in developing countries. The success of the morning has guaranteed it a place in our calendar.

We were very lucky to be donated the services of Kevin Biggar as the speaker for our annual Father and Son Breakfast this year. Finding a speaker that holds the interest of a wide age group is never an easy feat but Kevin easily held the attention of both the older and younger members of his audience. The new team, headed by Cath Costello, did a marvellous job of catering

for in excess of 700 fathers and sons over two mornings.

It is an honour to be involved in the support of Grandparents' Day by way of supplying the catering and serving staff on the

day, as well as providing a single flower for presentation to each grandmother. With around 600 grandparents on site, many pots of tea, jugs of milk and cups of coffee were consumed. Thanks must go to the parents who offered to provide sandwiches and slices for the day and also to the team of mums who came in to man the teapots.

Quiz Night was again a successful fundraiser this year. Christina Bai ably led a team that brought together another fun-filled night. This fundraiser has taken on a life of its own over the years and sells out very quickly with many teams trying to get tickets prior to them even going on sale!

Fireworks 2014 and its associated technical difficulties became a very distant memory after this year's spectacular event. The team, led by Peter Green with the invaluable support of Simon Ward, Blair Knill, Kerry George, Naomi Hageman, Amanda

Wilkinson and Robyn Kenna, truly provided a huge bang for our buck. I must actually thank their families as well, as this event, of all the events we run, has a tendency to be all encompassing in its time commitment.

As the school year draws to a close I wish to thank the parent community for their support of all our events. Our calls for assistance are often very close together but we still manage to get the volunteer support and help we need each time. None of the events that we hold would come together without the generous time commitment that comes from our parent community.

The filling and packing of Christmas Hampers for Wymondley Road School brought our year to an end. The Parents and Friends Association look forward to maintaining and growing the already close working relationship we have with the management and staff of Saint Kentigern Boys' School.

Mrs Laura Lane, Chairperson, Boys' School Parents and Friends



Dedicated staff recognised

Saint Kentigern is very proud and appreciative of the loyalty of our long-serving staff members. At a special morning tea, a number of people who have dedicated decades of service to Saint Kentigern were recognised for their devotion to our organisation and to their craft.

Mrs Gaye Pilkington and Mrs Sue Castle have both taught at the Boys' School for 25 years, while Mrs Belinda Baker has been with us for 20 years! After starting as a part-time remedial reading teacher and having also taught Christian education, Mrs Pilkington now leads our learning support and values programmes. 'We really live the values that we so often talk about and that is due to you and what you provide,' said Principal Mr Peter Cassie. 'You are the role model.' Mrs Pilkington said she wakes up every day feeling happy and excited about her work. 'Time flies when you're having fun and that is how it feels to me. I have made some wonderful friends, there is great congeniality. I always refer to this as my God-given job.'



Mrs Castle has taught Year 2 boys for her entire 25 years at the School, having started in 1991. 'You are firm and fair and I constantly get comments from parents about how amazing you have been for their children,' said Mr Cassie. 'It is a true credit to your professionalism.' Mrs Castle said: 'The thing I love about this school is the children and the parents' interest in their child's education. That is what has kept me here.'

Mrs Baker has worked in learning support since joining Saint Kentigern in 1995. 'You do a fantastic job with the boys and show genuine care and compassion and a real interest and enthusiasm,' said Mr Cassie. Mrs Baker feels blessed to have the 'best job in the world'. 'The opportunities I have had here are absolutely amazing. It is a beautiful environment that is created here for our boys and I feel very fortunate to be a part of it. Most of all I feel incredibly lucky to work among the people I work with.'