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SAINT KENTIGERN
COMMUNITY

From The President Of The Old Collegians



The year has certainly been a fast moving year for Saint Kentigern with the 60th College Reunion, Principal, Mr Peter Cassie now well settled at the Boys' School, and the success and growing roll at the Girls' School under Dr Sandra Hastie's leadership. The Old Collegians have been busy with fellowship events around the globe celebrating life as a member of the Saint Kentigern family and encouraging and advancing career networks for members and their families.

On Friday 19 July we held the SKOCA London Reunion Dinner at Royal Over-Seas League in St James, London for over 50 attendees. Long serving London SKOCA Chairman, Danny Gowan spoke of his time at Saint Kentigern Boys' School as a foundation pupil and then of his time at the College. Also attending were Glenn Duncan, John Gilbert, Nigel Catlin, John Shuker, Derek Munro and a great spread of ages from 20 – 70 years. Sam Winstone and Jason Kururangi were also representing the 1989-90 Boys' School decade and Dan Quigley attended with a group of recent graduates now based in London. Special guests included Mr Rod Biel and Mrs Suzanne Winthrop and the College Pipe Band led by Mr Andrew Lightfoot. The Band, on a return trip from a successful Pipes & Drums competition in Edinburgh, paraded up Regent Street to the venue, to the delight of pedestrians and office workers. Mrs Winthrop gave an informative update on life at the three Saint Kentigern campuses and I also updated members on the recent activities of SKOCA. The evening continued on later in nearby Piccadilly and beyond.

The Wellington ROC's function was held on Saturday 27 July at El Horno Restaurant in Wellington at which 30+ Recent Old Collegians (ROC's) enjoyed fellowship amongst the group which largely comprised Victoria University students. Our thanks to committee members James Hackett and James Bennett, and also to Wellington based Jesse Tuke for hosting a successful function for ROC members.

A strong contingent led by committee members Andrew Muller, James Hackett and James Bennett of the NZ based OC's travelled to Sydney on 16 August for the Australian SKOCA Reunion at which over 60 attendees enjoyed dinner and fellowship at the Spinnaker Restaurant on Circular Quay. Special Guests, Mr Ron Stone and Rev David Williams spoke of their time at Saint Kentigern. Foundation Boys School pupils, Paul Doole and Stephen Cassrels created some mischief and College 1950-60 years attendees, Michael Braham, Kelvin Boyd, Richard Thomas and Bryce Thomson reminisced about the early years. Rodney Steel, Dan Quigley and Anthony Pollen rallied a good turnout from Sydney based ROC's, also led by aging ROC member, Regan van Berlo. Scott Beach (College Head Boy, 1977) attended with Tom Rutherford and Brett Jenkins and was the successful bidder for the 1st XV signed rugby jersey at \$A600 which, given the 52 unbeaten games and both World Youth and Auckland Secondary School Rugby 2013 titles, made this a real trophy item. On Saturday 17th a group of 40 or so of the dinner attendees met for a late lunch and then journeyed to Homebush for the Bledisloe Rugby match to see the All Blacks win the test with a strong second half.

We congratulate the 1st XV on another excellent year and the amazing win against Auckland Grammar at Eden Park to again win the Auckland 1A Rugby Trophy whilst already holding the World Youth title in 2013. It was a proud moment to see the tremendous supporter turnout from Saint Kentigern and we acknowledge the leadership by Mr Steve Cole. The National Trophy win by the 1st XI Soccer is another great achievement as are the on-going successes in Tennis and Cycling and many other sports.

This along with the many achievements in the classroom make Piper magazine a favourite with all Old Collegians, reading and acknowledging the many successes being regularly achieved at the Boys' and Girls' Schools, the College and, of course, not forgetting the Preschool!

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

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Andrew Morgan, President

SKOCA 2014 Calendar:

17 OCTOBER - THURSDAY

SKOCA - Netball

Premier and Senior A Netball versus Old Collegians Girls

Time: Games start at 6.00pm

Venue: Gym 1 and Gym 2, College

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27 OCTOBER - FRIDAY

OTAGO UNI - ROC'S (RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS) COCKTAILS

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Starters Bar, Dunedin\

Contact: James Hackett

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hacjames@gmail.com

15 NOVEMBER - FRIDAY

AUCKLAND - ROC'S (RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS) COCKTAILS

Time: 6.15pm

Venue: Parnell Bar & Grill (Ex The Bog), 196 Parnell Rd.

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jsbennett@mediaworks.co.nz

17 NOVEMBER - SUNDAY

SKOCA - TOUCH RUGBY AFTERNOON ROUND ROBIN EVENT

Time: Assemble at the Old Collegians Sports Centre @ 12.30pm

Venue: College Sports Fields opposite Old Collegians Sports Centre.

Teams to include: mixed teams from Old Collegians, The College and a team from the Staff

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12 DECEMBER - THURSDAY

SKOCA - COLLEGE GOLF DAY

Time: Assemble at 11.00am

Venue: Titirangi Golf Club

Ticket: \$100 per head – ROC's \$50 per head

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john.howard@raywhite.com

8 DECEMBER - SUNDAY

SKBS - TOUCH RUGBY & BBQ FOR 2008 LEAVERS

Time: 3.30pm

Venue: Boys' School Jubilee Sports Centre & No 1 Field

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14 FEBRUARY - FRIDAY

SKBS - BOYS SCHOOL GOLF DAY

Time: 12.00 for 1pm Tee-off

Venue: Auckland Golf Club

Tickets: \$125 per head. Refreshments provided. (ROC's \$60)

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16 FEBRUARY - SUNDAY

SKOCA - CRICKET DAY & BBQ.

Time: 12pm

Venue: College Upper Sports Field – Refreshments Provided.

Contact: James Hackett

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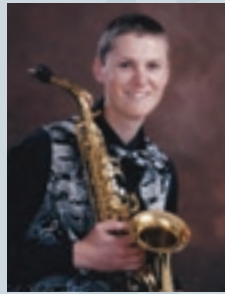
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Obituary

WAYNE ROBINSON

Wayne Michael Robinson passed away peacefully on 27 July, three days after his 27th birthday following a long illness that began during his time at College. He is fondly remembered by staff and former students alike for his positive nature and sense of humour in the face of huge adversity during his long illness. He was a remarkable young man; a unique individual who had achieved more in his short time than many would accomplish in a lifetime.



Wayne started at Saint Kentigern College as a Year 7 student at the beginning of 1998. Throughout his College years he proved to be a diligent student who set high standards for himself, often showing maturity beyond his years.

He had a particular passion for music proving to be a talented saxophonist and composer, who took major roles in leading the choir, barbershop, stage band, concert band, orchestra and musical productions. He was regularly on the Dean's Honours List and also achieved in sports - hockey and cricket in particular.

Through sheer determination, Wayne graduated from the College with flying colours; a remarkable achievement considering some significant absences from class during his final years at school. When he was appointed as a Prefect he was entrusted with the responsibility to build on the atmosphere of care, community and excellence - values he lived by while carrying out his duties as Chapel Prefect, a role that he performed admirably and always with humility.

Wayne was a great ambassador for the College. He also won the Lions International Young Ambassadors award for being a model to fellow students and members of the Lions Club community.

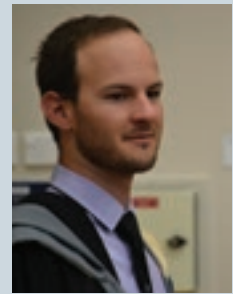
He forged some strong friendships at College which endured as he moved on to pursue his tertiary studies. With a passion for Marine Biology, he soon realised that it was a hazardous occupation with limited sight and so switched and completed a Music Degree, also finding the time and energy to tutor music students.

Wayne returned to the College on numerous occasions over the past eight years to share his story with the students at Chapel services. He had an affinity with students, was engaging and captivating, cared deeply for people and had a great sense of humour.

'Inspiration to us all' are the words echoed amongst his peers. He will be long remembered as a fine young man with a determined spirit. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

NIKI DOW

It is with sadness that we mark the passing of Niki Dow, age 23, who died early September in a car accident in Portugal where he was living and working.



Niki graduated from the College in 2008 and is well remembered as a bright academic student who excelled on the rugby field. He received academic honours, played for the 1st XV and was made Chapel Prefect in his final year, attending to the role dutifully. He was always grateful to Saint Kentigern for the opportunities he was given and was humble in his thanks to Mr Peat and Mr Piaggi in particular.

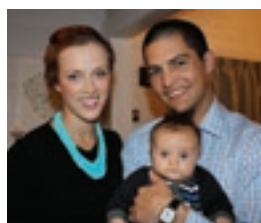
At College, Niki developed two passions: rugby and horticulture. These were both to play a part in the years following College. Horticulture took him to Lincoln University in Christchurch to study viticulture and oenology before heading overseas to gain experience as a wine-maker. He had been in Portugal, his mother, Maria's home country, for four weeks to gain further experience as a wine maker, having already worked in Australia, South Africa and California, when the tragic accident took place.

Niki was a talented sportsman that showed through his passion for rugby. He played for the 1st XV at College as well as club AFL. In Year 11 Niki slotted straight into the University of Auckland Club AFL Senior Side and enjoyed four successful seasons with the club before playing in the Canterbury AFL while he was a student at Lincoln University. His stint with the Christchurch Bulldogs also included a Premiership win. In 2007 and 2009 Niki was a part of two University squads to win Premierships and he represented New Zealand in 2009 when he played for the U20 New Zealand Hawks. Such was his passion for AFL and the contribution he made, that an AFL match featuring two University of Auckland teams was dedicated in his honour. The 'Niki Dow Memorial Match' was played out in Round 2 of the Auckland AFL Competition as a tribute to his life.

He is remembered by his friends by the nickname, War Donkey because of his strong work ethic and boundless energy. Many heartfelt tributes were left on a Facebook memorial page entitled, 'Legacy of the War Donkey'. He clearly lived life to the fullest and used every opportunity offered to him. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.

WELCOME BABY GEORGE!

George William Herd Jarvie was welcomed to the world at 8.38pm on Monday 17th June - a healthy 8lb 4oz baby boy for Old Collegians, Jessie (nee Emerson) and Paul Jarvie.



The wee man was not only greatly anticipated by his parents but also by a large section of the College community who remember Jessie and Paul fondly from their student days. Jessie was among the first small intake of girls, the brave few that ran the gauntlet of the boys in those early days, and went on to become the first Head Girl of Saint Kentigern in 2005. Paul was a year older, graduating in 2004 as the last year of students who were all boys.

Baby George holds the distinction of being our first 'Saint Kentigern Baby!' Jessie and Paul report that the new addition to the family gives them no reason to complain - a model baby! Jessie loves being a mum and reckons that she has learnt more in the last few weeks than she has in her previous 25 years! We wish the Jarvie family well.

ENGAGEMENT OF TWO OLD COLLEGIANS

Erin Helliwell and Stephan van Gruting are pleased to announce their engagement. The two former College students both graduated in 2008 and went on to the University of Canterbury. Erin graduated in December from Canterbury has just spent 2 months travelling around the USA with fellow Old Collegian, Stacey Vergis. Stephan then met Erin in Hawaii, where he proposed to her.



Erin will be back studying next year doing post-graduate Clinical Psychology. Stephan, who also graduated from Canterbury University, has recently spent 8 months playing rugby in Ireland and is now working as a personal trainer. We wish them both well in their future together.



SAINT KENTIGERN OLD COLLEGIANS Golf Day

Thursday 12 December

(Note: This is a change of date from previously advertised.)

11.00am: Meet at the Titirangi Golf Club
for Drinks and a Sausage Sizzle
Before the start at 12.00 - 12.30pm

Refreshments will be available throughout the day

5.30pm: Prizegiving, Drinks and a Barbeque
Cost: \$100 Per Person (30 Years and older)
\$50 Per Person (Under 30 years)

Includes green fees, refreshments, food and prizes

Sponsorship Packages Available.

Please Contact Sandy Campbell: 021 049 8463

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GOLF DAY - MAKE A TEAM AND REGISTER NOW!



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SKOCA - Golf Day - 12 December 2013

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Old Collegians Sydney Reunion

With thanks to Old Collegians President, Mr Andrew Morgan

Sixty Old Collegians attended the annual Australian SKOCA Reunion held in Sydney at the Spinnaker Restaurant in Circular Quay.

Past Headmaster, Reverend David Williams said grace and after pre-dinner drinks and dinner, the formal part of the evening began. The President provided the welcome and an update on the London Reunion and undertook the traditional 'Roll Call'.

Guest Speaker, Mr Ron Stone spoke about his time at Saint Kentigern as a teacher and Bruce House Master and shared various stories of tricks and mischief which had involved a number of lads from the early years who were present at the reunion. Rev David Williams then relayed some stories from his time to the laughter of all, especially the younger attendees who had been at the College during his time as Headmaster.

Kelvin Boyd, a foundation boarder, spoke of his special time at the College; this event being his first since leaving the College in 1965. Richard Thomas also spoke briefly on the likely result of the next day's rugby and his reasoning before an auction of a signed but unframed 1st XV jersey was held and purchased by Scott Beach – Head Boy in 1977 for A\$600.

On Saturday, 40 attendees met up at midday to prepare and then attend the Bledisloe Rugby Match with 70,000 others, with the All Blacks winning 47-29 over the Wallabies.

Next year the Australian Reunion will be held in Melbourne to again coincide with the Bledisloe Rugby in mid-August coordinated by Matthew Stone and Ted Howard so block your diary now!





1963 1st XV 50 Years On

Prior to the 1st XV IA semi-final against King's College, the College welcomed back some very special guests - members of the 1963 1st XV and their wives - for a luncheon held in the Jack Paine Centre. Guest of honour was the first Deputy Head and Coach of the 1963 team, Jack Paine along with his wife, Beverly.

The venue proved to be a superb choice with winter sun streaming in to warm the atrium. The group marvelled at the new art facilities developed since their era before sitting down for a convivial lunch, the first time back at College for some.

Organiser, Graham Mathieson was pleased to bring the group together. Of the original team, three had no contact details and Michael Stevens and Grant Rope have sadly passed away but eleven former players who lived outside Auckland or overseas responded to send their good wishes. Ray Barker, father of Dean Barker, was unable to attend as he was supporting his son and Team New Zealand in the America's Cup in San Francisco!

As the Old Collegians executive members were attending the Sydney Reunion, John Gilbert joined the lunch to report on the success of this year's London Reunion, commenting in particular on the positive impact that the College Pipes and Drums made on the night of the dinner.

Jack Paine was called on to speak and despite his advancing years, his wit proved to be as razor sharp as ever! He told the 'boys' that he hoped they had wiped their feet before they came in and to meet him out on the paddock after lunch for a team practice! Much discussion ensued about the current form of the game compared to 50 years ago - they were the first to admit that with 5 wins, 2 draws and 9 losses, they certainly were no match for the 2013 1st XV! Graham Mathieson said that his only personal claim to fame was reputedly being the first Saint Kentigern player to score a try against Auckland Grammar.

As the lunch wrapped up and the group prepared to go and watch the game, both Ken Graham and Jock Anderson said they had not returned to the College in the last 50 years and they acknowledged that it was their loss. They were amazed by what they now see and it has spurred them to maintain their contact. We now look forward to seeing them at future events!

The Old Collegians Association would like to thank Mrs Glennis Pearson for her work preparing the venue.

In attendance: Ian (Jock) Anderson, Ken Graham, Greg Jackson, Mike Lack (Captain), Graham Mathieson, Craig Pollock, John Sherlock, John (Sam) Andrews and Jack Paine (Coach)

Old Collegians Reunite in London

It was fantastic to see such a great turnout of our Old Collegians across the decades at our much anticipated July London reunion held at the St James's Royal Over-Seas League.

The Boys' School decade in focus was 1989-1999 along with the celebration of our 60th Jubilee, and it was superb that several of the younger attendees had the opportunity to make contact and network with other Old Collegians as they had only been living in London for a very short time.

Along with a sumptuous meal and an entertaining piping of the haggis, the guests were treated to an outstanding performance of the College Pipes and Drums who were on the last leg of their recent tour of Scotland. The Band played outside at the venue at the end of the cul de sac so quite a crowd ended up gathering around to listen and watch them.

During the evening quite unexpectedly, one of the female members of the Club clinked her glass to hush the room and proceeded to congratulate our students and say what a treat it was to hear such wonderful music.

The Chairman of our United Kingdom Old Collegians, Danny Gowan was one of our guest speakers and we had the privilege of hearing him speak on the importance of the foundations of his Saint Kentigern education and how that has made him who he is today.

Danny was a foundation student at our Boys' School and also went to the College where he played in both the 1st XI Cricket and 1st XV Rugby



teams. He has worked in London for over 30 years in the legal industry and has only just recently retired as a Senior Partner of his firm where he will now consult part-time.

Other special guest speakers at the event were College Deputy Head and Head of Senior School, Mrs Suzanne Winthrop and the Old Collegians President, Mr Andrew Morgan, along with special guest, Mr Rod Biel.

Our America's Cup Sailors

In the lounge of the Old Collegians Sports Centre, there is a gallery of photos representing a large number of Old Collegians who have gone on to sporting greatness across a range of sporting codes. Amongst them is Grant Dalton who has long since made his mark in the world of competitive adventure sailing. In recent months he became a household name in New Zealand for his role as the Managing Director of Emirates Team New Zealand, carrying the pressure of the nation to bring the America's Cup home. While the result wasn't the one we were hoping for; the team embodied the spirit of our country through their dignity and professionalism, leaving us with a huge sense of pride for all they had done.



GRANT DALTON

**Emirates Team New Zealand
Managing Director**

'One race at a time and never take anything for granted.'

When Old Collegian, Grant Dalton attended a Boys' School Leavers' Dinner a few years back, he told the graduating Year 8 boys that 'there isn't a lot of difference between dreaming and goal setting;

be resilient when you dream, set a goal that is believable and if you earnestly work towards it, your dream will eventually be achievable; it may just take a while to get there...'

We sincerely hope that despite the recent disappointment, that Grant has one more America's Cup in him - we're willing him to 'get there!'

Grant, along with his brother Graham, is a former student of both the Boys' School and the College, graduating in 1974. His children have also attended Saint Kentigern with Ellie graduating from the College, Mack currently in Year 13 and Olivia having been at the Girls' School.

In that earlier speech to the Year 8 boys, he readily admitted that he wasn't that 'academic' during his time at school but sitting in class looking out across the Waitemata Harbour helped define his goals for a future on the water. He told the boys to learn to visualise what they wanted to achieve, write those goals down and put them somewhere where they could be seen every day. This is how he came to a life sailing down the mighty waves of the Southern Ocean and more recently racing in the waters of San Francisco Bay in his role as Managing Director of Emirates Team New Zealand.

Well known throughout the sailing world for his successes as a professional sailor; he began his competitive career at age eight, sailing P Class as a member of Maraetai Beach Boating Club. Over the years since then, Grant has sailed competitively on the world's oceans, racing around the world seven times, the first five as part of the Whitbread Round the World Races, later to be called the Volvo Ocean Race. In 1995, he was awarded an OBE for services to yachting.

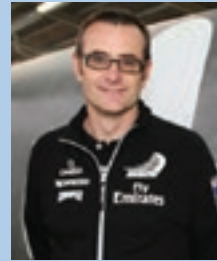
In 2003, Dalton was called in to restructure Team New Zealand after its loss of the America's Cup to the Swiss team, Alinghi. His mission: to rebuild and revitalise the team and mount a credible challenge for the 2007 America's Cup. The team came close to victory in Valencia in 2007, winning the Louis Vuitton Cup but it was Oracle that took away the America's Cup that year.

Emirates Team New Zealand (ETNZ) has remained one of the fiercest contenders on the international yachting circuit and at 56, Grant was the most senior member of the 2013 ETNZ crew. His position as Managing Director saw him in a dual role both on land and as part of the crew on the water. Sir Michael Fay, who challenged three times for the America's Cup in the late 80s and early 90s, said Dalton possessed the unique mix of sailing nous, business acumen and hard-nosed competitor. Grant combined his boardroom work with hard physical grinding at the 'coalface'. He said he could not successfully run the team without spending time on the water with the team; it was just not an option.

As Grant, along with Skipper, Dean Barker and the rest of the ETNZ crew, headed out to their AC72 catamaran to race against Larry Ellison's Oracle in San Francisco Bay each day, his relaxed, engaging manner amongst the New Zealand fans hid a steely determination. The nation watched as ETNZ raced ahead on the scoreboard in the early days until Oracle changed tack. In the final days of racing as the gap between the teams closed, our nation was on edge willing the team to win. Despite the loss of the final race, the surge of support from throughout the world for Grant and his crew of great sailors has been immense.

The final word goes to Oracle's billionaire backer, Larry Ellison, 'America's Cup without New Zealand - it's just impossible to conceive of that. What a great team, what a great sailing nation.'

Grant was the driver behind this team. We're proud of you!



NICK HOLROYD

**Emirates Team New Zealand
Technical Director**

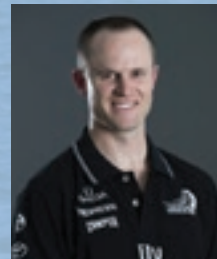
One of the most illustrious posts in New Zealand yachting was running the design team for Emirates Team New Zealand, a role previously filled by revered figures such as Tom Schnackenberg and Andy Claughton. Technical Director for the Kiwi team has been Old Collegian, Nick Holroyd who was

responsible for managing the in-house design team. He originally joined the team in 1997 in the build-up to Team New Zealand's successful 2000 defence, continuing with the team in their 2003 and 2007 America's Cup campaigns before working on the all-conquering Emirates Team New Zealand TP52 and their less successful CamperVO70.

The 34th America's Cup in 2013 entered a new realm with the introduction of wingsail catamarans. The new AC72 brought a totally new dimension to competitive sailing, creating an awe-inspiring spectacle on the waters of San Francisco Bay. Nick said that it has been one of the most challenging design projects he has been involved in, 'Essentially we've gone from 2D yachting, where you could assume the boat was on the surface, to three-dimensional yachting, lifting the boat out of the water, so it's a huge level of complexity.' He said he was pretty nervous the first time the boat lifted up on its foils above the water as he watched all the strain data coming in off the daggerboards.

With each successive America's Cup campaign in the last two decades, the emphasis has shifted from the focus on sailing talent, to the edge that radical design changes can bring. This was particularly seen in the final outcome of the 2013 campaign with Oracle's alleged late introduction of the Stability Augmentation System (SAS) to provide computerised aid to trim the foils.

At the time of writing, the popular feeling across the country is that we are right behind Team New Zealand to mount another challenge if conceivable. The eyes of the sailing world will be on the design team that determines what racing in the next America's Cup will entail.



HAMISH HOOPER

**Emirates Team New Zealand
Videographer**

Hamish graduated from the Boys' School in 1991 and his father, John, was a foundation pupil at the School. Hamish came to notice in recent years for his role as videographer on Camper's tough Volvo Ocean Race.

With a background in TV commercials and advertising, it was a bold move to join the crew for his first ocean race - especially one as physically and emotionally demanding as the Volvo Ocean Race that includes sailing the Southern Ocean. As the boat's on board journalist, he was not allowed to help sail the boat but could help cook and clean for the crew. His main role was to cover the race on a daily basis

through photos, video reports, blogs and audio clips. Despite his lack of offshore experience and episodes of severe seasickness, Hamish made it round the world with the team. It was proof that he more than coped with these challenges when he was presented with the Inmarsat Media Crew Member Award for his skill and flair life as he documented life on board.

Two weeks after returning, he started his next job with Emirates Team New Zealand in the media department. There was no cameraman on board the AC72 winged catamaran during racing so his footage was filmed from another boat, although prior to racing he did take footage on board and said the experience, and especially the speed was incredible.

He said there was a huge amount of stress in this role, not so much the stress of the shooting, editing, and distributing content but in helping to manage the throngs of media 'all wanting a slice of the Emirates Team New Zealand story.' It was also stressful to be involved with a project to which he had such an emotional attachment and he, like the rest of the crew, felt the weight of disappointment on the final day of racing.



JOE SPOONER

ORACLE Team USA Grinder

Former student of both the Boys' School and the College, Joe has been involved in sailing since a young age. One of his earliest memories is sailing Optimist dinghies off Kohimarama Beach and by the age of nine or ten he was racing competitively and has not stopped since. His mother, Robyn Spooner, was Head of Art at the Boys' School for many years and always took an

active interest in the School sailing teams.

Since 2001, Joe has often raced with the Alfa Romeo maxi program, winning the Fastnet Race three times and the Rolex Maxi Worlds in 2006. He was also with Alfa Romeo for victories in the Middle Sea Race in 2003 and 2004, and he was a reserve for New Zealand in the Finn class for the 1996 Olympic Games.

It was on his third try that Joe was part of a winning America's Cup team, racing with BMW Oracle Racing in 2010. Previously, he had sailed with Team New Zealand in 2003 and BMW Oracle Racing in 2007.

The introduction of the wingsail, double hulled catamarans for the 2013 America's Cup changed the role of the grinders; a role Joe mastered in a foiling AC72 gybe for Oracle Team USA. Joe trained in the gym every day which included a lot of cross fit type activities that made it similar to being on the boat. His job as grinder, some days saw him burning a total of 4,000 calories and getting his heart rate up to a maximum of 95%. He said, 'We're not really used to running. Sailors aren't generally runners! In the old boats, the grinders would have their feet planted in one place. You might change from one side of the mono-hull to the other but it's not like you're not running around, holding on for dear life in the middle of a maneuver. It's good fun. During the gybes, I cross the boat forward of the wingsail. It's kind of like preparing for a turn, while standing on a flatbed truck that's going at 50 mph on a gravel road. You know there's going to be a corner somewhere, but you've got your head down and you honestly have no idea where that turn is going to be!'



GRAHAM MCKENZIE

America's Cup Jury Member

Whilst not an Old Collegian, Graham is a former Trust Board member who retired last year after 12 loyal years of service to Saint Kentigern. He brought a wealth of business acumen to the Trust Board acquired over 30 years as barrister and solicitor. He is also a former parent whose sons attended Saint Kentigern.

Graham has long had a keen interest in sailing having sailed competitively and for leisure in New Zealand on a wide range of yachts. He has been a member of the America's Cup arbitration panel for the 32nd, 33rd and 34th America's Cups. The America's Cup Jury comprises five international members with a range of experience and expertise. The Jury's role is to resolve disputes other than those that are resolved by the Umpires on the race course. The main documents the Jury is called upon to interpret and apply are the Deed of Gift, the Protocol and the Racing Rules of Sailing – America's Cup edition.

Following the tragic capsizing of Artemis Racing and loss of life early on in this America's Cup, Graham's skills were called upon as part of the international jury to find common ground in the war of words that erupted over the amendments to the regatta's rules in the interests of safety.



Youth America's Cup

BLAIR TUKE, WILL TILLER AND STEWART DODSON

As the world watched the world's best sailors on the water in San Francisco, three of our Old Collegians were part of sailing syndicates that won first and second victories in the Red Bull Youth America's Cup regatta on the waters of San Francisco Bay.

Open to national teams of six sailors, aged 19 to 24, for the first time in the history of the America's Cup, young, talented sailors were given a clear pathway towards competing for one of the most prestigious trophies in sport. The Red Bull Youth America's Cup opened the door for young sailors to gain the experience they need to contribute to a Cup team. Top young sailors from around the world represented 10 teams across eight nations, racing in the same high performance, wing-sailed AC45 catamarans that are used in the America's Cup World Series.

Blair Tuke was part of Peter Burling's NZL sailing team that took out the youth title with a 57 point total. Blair and Peter were a silver medal winning pair in the 49er class at the London Olympics.

Meanwhile, in second place and only 12 points behind after four days of competitive sailing, Will Tiller helmed Full Metal Jacket with a third Old Collegian, Stewart Dodson, as part of his crew.

Blair and Peter went on to compete and win the gold medal at the 49er FX World Championship in Marseille, France.

Dr Kevin Morris



Old Collegian, Dr Kevin Morris, the Director of Learning and Teaching at the University of Auckland, attended the College from 1981 to 1985. It was a time of change, he says, including the transition of Headmasters from Dr Adam MacFarlan to Mr Nigel Toy during his Year 11. In his final year as a Bruce House boarder, Kevin was appointed Head Boy. He says being around Mr Toy and other teachers in that era proved to have an enormous influence on his career—and is probably the reason he works in education today.

After graduating from Otago University, Kevin went back to the College for two years to establish himself as a teacher before travelling to work at Caterham School in Surrey, England. Then, it was his US citizenship which pulled him to another corner of the globe: a move to Boston University in 1993 to pursue a Doctorate in Education. He says being in a historical university city like Boston was just what he needed at the time. While studying, he also worked in various media corporations including five years at what became AOL Time Warner in New York. It was the mid-1990s during the internet boom; a time, he says, when nobody really knew the potential of the internet or understood what it was about. It proved to be an incredible and somewhat terrifying time to be a part of such a changing industry.

In 2001, Kevin returned to Boston and took on a role at Harvard Business School, which he describes as a steep learning curve but one which transformed his educational beliefs and expectations. He became proficient in the school's renowned 'case method' teaching approach, which recounts real life business or management situations and places students in the role of decision maker; and ultimately prepares them for workplace leadership. In 2003, the University of Auckland Business School expressed an interest in developing this learning technique and he returned to his homeland with his American wife, Cynthia. He says they will always love New England and the Northeast of the U.S., but have now enjoyed a decade living in Auckland's moderate climate with their two children, Charlotte and Matthew.

This year, Kevin left the Business School to take on his current role, which he says is a great honour and a fantastic challenge. The changes in educational technology, he says, are providing opportunities to enhance the quality of learning and the way we think about school experiences. He takes a great interest in primary and secondary schools, and sits on the Board of Trustees at St Paul's Collegiate School in Hamilton. He says the Saint Kentigern community has always been a very special place for him and he loved the spirit and values of the College from the moment he arrived as a Year 9 student.

Danny Gowan



At our London Reunion in July, Danny Gowan, Chairman of our Old Collegians United Kingdom branch, spoke of the importance of the foundations that his Saint Kentigern education gave him and how this made him who he is today.

Danny was a foundation student at the Boys' School and also went to the College from 1965-1969 where he played in both the 1st XI Cricket and 1st XV Rugby teams.

For the past 30 years he has been working in London in the legal industry specialising in advising on legal disputes in the construction, civil and mechanical engineering sectors, only recently retiring in April from his position as International Senior Partner at DAC Beachcroft LLP, where he will now consult part-time.

After College life at Saint Kentigern, Danny graduated from the University of Otago with a law degree and went on to secure a position working for the Crown Solicitor in Auckland where he represented Government departments and state-owned organisations in a variety of courts and tribunals.

Following his passion for travel and his love for skiing, he spent the next three years travelling extensively in South America, the United States and in Europe and spent two winters skiing in Chamonix in the French Alps and then in Klosters in Switzerland.

Before joining DAC Beachcroft LLP (previously Davies Arnold Cooper), where he gave 30 years of service to the firm, Danny worked for Freedman & Co until 1983.

He has been included in The Lawyers 'Hot 100' list of the United Kingdom Legal Profession's High Achievers and is also listed in the Legal 500 and Chambers Guide to the Legal Profession for Construction as, 'particularly skilled in this area and possesses 'an impressive knowledge of the field' (Chambers 2008).

Danny is also a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court in New Zealand, a Solicitor of England and Wales and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is also a Fellow of Selwyn College and the University of Otago.

Project Nepal 2014

A service trip to Nepal in 2014 for Old Boys, staff and parents of Saint Kentigern Boys' School.

Service to others is one of the five core values at Saint Kentigern and is an integral part of the ethos of our community. Project Nepal 2014 is a new initiative organised by staff at Saint Kentigern Boys' School to take a team of 16 people to serve in a rural community in Nepal for 12 days.

To be eligible for this trip, you must be either an old boy of Saint Kentigern (18 years and over), a current parent of a student attending the Boys' School or a current staff member.

The trip is scheduled for the Term 1 holidays 2014 (20 April to 2 May). The project will involve teaching in a rural school and supporting key building projects for that school, as well as visiting orphanages in Kathmandu.

Among the aims of this trip are to build connections between old boys, parents and staff, to further capture the imaginations of our students, and to engage in service in the global community.

Places are strictly limited to 16 participants. If you would like more details or wish to express your interest, please contact either:

Carl Lidstone (carl.lidstone@saintkentigern.com) or **Rev Reuben Hardie** (reuben.hardie@saintkentigern.com).



Stacey Kenny

Hens that have spent their lives in 'battery-style' farms look set to get a new lease of life with a design that could allow them to recover and lay eggs for many years after being retired from commercial farms.

Former student, Stacey Kenny, who has just graduated with 1st Class Honours from her industrial design course at Massey University, has come to the attention of the design world resulting in a nomination for a prestigious international award.

Stacey designed an urban sanctuary for hens called the Nest Urban Hen House during her final year of university study. Stacey's hope is that hens earmarked for destruction after a lifetime of laying eggs on battery farms will get a good quality of life in their 'retirement' years rather than be destroyed. Stacey designed a rotating cage that gives the hens access to fresh grass while the light in the roosting perch can be adjusted to help the birds, which are typically light-sensitive when they are first released from commercial farms. Stacey said she was inspired to come up with this design after sharing a flat during her university years with two vegetarians and a vegan who opened her eyes to the plight of animals in our food chain. This set her on a year-long research path to design a hen coop that has the ethical treatment of the hens uppermost in the design.

Stacey's kitset design aims to encourage first-time hen keeping and provides support to ensure keepers understand everything they need to know about the hobby and how to get the best out of it for themselves and the poultry. She identified damage to property as a key deterrent from keeping hens so designed the hen house to rotate 360 degrees. To achieve this, the house is mounted on top of a ground spike. A bearing shaft protruding from the bottom of the hen house then slides into the ground spike and rotates on a system of bearings.

Ideally, she would like to work with a hen rescue agency to relocate commercially farmed hens and then be able to provide everything from feed to vaccination supplies with a 'one-stop' hen house that should appeal to city dwellers. She would like to get more people interested in the plight of battery hens while encouraging families and future generations to learn about food traceability and where food comes from.

Stacey's design has been recognised by the design world. The kitset hen house first featured at Exposure, the annual end-of-year design and art exhibition held as part of the BLOW creative arts festival at Massey University. Her design went on to be entered in the internationally recognised Red Dot Awards for Product Design which receives entries from over 50 countries. Stacey received one of the top prizes, 'Best of the Best Award,' a prize reserved for the best products in a category; in this instance awarded for groundbreaking design. The Red Dot competition for Design Concepts and Prototypes is held annually in Singapore. The highest award for the best of all concepts is the Red Dot Luminary which includes prize money of \$5,000. Stacey is one of three in the world who has been nominated for a Luminary out of over 5000 entries. The final judging will take place at the Red Dot Museum in Singapore in late October.

The design was also featured on TVNZ's early morning breakfast television. We look forward to hearing news from the October Award Ceremony in Singapore and wish her well.



Daniel Silvester

I joined the army straight after finishing 7th form and spent the first three years studying a full time Bachelor of Sport and Exercise at Massey University in Palmerston North through the Kippenberger scheme. We lived at Linton Military Camp but went to university full time and did military training in the holidays.

After those three years I did my New Zealand Army Commissioning Course in Waikouaiti for the entire year and then I graduated into the Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers. To do my specific military officer's training, I went to Sydney for six months to complete the Australian Army engineering course which was a massive opportunity.

On return I was posted to the Engineer Support Squadron as the Construction Troop Commander. I am in charge of about 50 people who are a mixture of military tradesmen (carpenters, plumbers, electricians). My troop focuses on military construction and construction in a combat zone but also completes civilian construction tasks to maintain their trade qualifications. Being the Troop Commander, I have the overall responsibility for the guys in my troop, and plan and manage all their construction tasks, also maintaining their core military skills and looking out for their welfare.

My career has given me amazing opportunities to travel. Earlier I was deployed to Antarctica as the construction troop commander in charge of a light engineering team of 17 personnel, who performed a range of facilities maintenance tasks at McMurdo Station over a two-month period. Jobs performed by the team included building a Bailey bridge, preparing and painting the chapel, welding work on a fuel pipeline and demolition work to allow the refurbishment of one of the dormitory blocks. It was a great opportunity for everyone in the team to work in a unique environment. McMurdo Station is huge and has around 900 personnel. It's like working in a big mining town. The Americans were really helpful setting up the projects and gave us some good support and direction. One task, the 100-foot Bailey bridge took three days to construct and was eased out over the sea ice to a specially built ice pier. The pier was used to offload supplies for the next year from an icebreaker.

The annual supply ship offload involves Defence Force personnel working around the clock in 24-hour daylight and freezing temperatures to unload shipping containers and move cargo to McMurdo Station and Scott Base. New Zealand provides Defence Force personnel to perform these types of tasks as part of the working relationship between the Government and the United States Antarctic programme.

Other career highlights include three weeks jungle training in Brunei and I have recently returned from a month-long mission to Kiribati and the Solomon Islands to provide humanitarian aid to isolated areas by way of construction tasks to upgrade and repair schools and hospitals.

The army has provided me with a lot of skills, not just military, but also life skills. In my role as an army officer, I've learnt a lot about critical thought and planning processes, as well as leadership and personnel management. The job has a lot of variety and you get the opportunity to travel and make some great mates. It's an awesome career path to take!



Steve Warren-Smith

I left Saint Kentigern in August 1978, just before 'School Cert' as my family emigrated to England. I started my 5th form again at The King's School, Canterbury in Kent and continued with my music studies and sport as well. All these pursuits went well and I was lucky enough to gain a scholarship to Oxford University (Worcester College), studying Geography, from 1982-85. Again I kept up with sport and music as well as the academic side of things, and also joined the University Air Squadron and learnt to fly with the Royal Air Force, which opened up a new set of opportunities. Having watched aircraft from Ardmore doing aerobatics over my house in Cockle Bay, I was always fascinated by aviation, but never thought I could do it myself. Wrong!

I joined the RAF as an officer in September 1985 and went through flying training eventually qualifying as a Tornado GR1 pilot and was posted to RAF Bruggen in (West) Germany, as it was then, at the front line of the Cold War. But the world shifted and we ended up flying from Bahrain during the first Gulf War as part of Operation Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait from Saddam Hussein's forces in 1991.

On my return I was posted to fly the Hawk, teaching Forward Air Control to all NATO forces and left the RAF in 1994, although I stayed on in the Territorial Army (the reserves), doing the same job for another five years as part of 5 Airborne Brigade. However, my full time job was still flying as I trained as a commercial pilot and now fly 747s for British Airways, getting as far as Sydney but sadly not New Zealand. In my spare time I have become heavily involved in sailing, being Commodore of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club on the Isle of Wight, now my home, the National Chairman of my class and competing in National and European events.

If I have any advice for current students it is to get involved in anything and everything that interests you. As a 15 year old, you can do and be anything, but as you get older, doors close. Keep as many of them open, do as much as you can, volunteer, get stuck in. Reading Piper shows me that Saint Kentigern offers so much to its pupils. Seize as many opportunities as possible.

Speaking of pipers, I still have my old chanter and one day may buy the whole animal when I have mastered it! I accord my thanks to John Bayfield who inspired my love of music that opened so many doors for me in my life.



Cameron McMurray

The year after leaving the College in 2007, Cameron started his aviation adventure on the ground course at Ardmore Flying School, a leading training organisation recommended by a family friend to start his flying career.

The first two weeks of intense study saw Cameron pass his first set of theory exams for his Private Pilot's Licence. Over the next 16 weeks, this intensity continued as he prepared for his commercial theory exams and his instrument rating exams. These exams allowed him to fly in a cloud using GPS and other navigation methods. Once these exams had finished, Cameron was able to take his much anticipated first flight in a Cessna 172, which he describes as an exhilarating experience. Here he was introduced to the climbing, descending, turning, speed control and the thing he says he found hardest to grasp – coordination.

After a few short months and a rigorous syllabus of learning to recover from stalling, engine failures after take-off, low flying and other lifesaving exercises, Cameron had his flight test with his chief instructor. After what he defines as the shortest hour and a half of his life, along with a total flying experience of 75 hours in the small aircraft, Cameron qualified for his Private Pilot's Licence.

In October 2009, Cameron obtained his Commercial Licence which was a very demanding programme used to refine his flying skills up to a standard where he could be paid to fly. He also learnt additional handling exercises and was expected to know a lot more law and the essentials when it comes to planning a flight. After this he learnt to fly a twin-engine aircraft and to fly solely by instruments to achieve his Multi Engine Instrument Rating in March 2010.

From there he moved on to study to be an Instructor, which involved a sound knowledge of the theory of flight and also a high standard of handling skills, attaining his CCat Instructors rating in September 2010. A week later and four days before his 20th birthday he was employed by Ardmore Flying School to teach new students to fly. Cameron's whole journey from his first day in class until his new flight instructors role was just over two and half years.

For the next year and half, Cameron built up his flying hours in his instructing career and he also finished a series of Air Transport Pilot's Licence Exams, which are required when becoming a Captain in an airline environment. After building just over 1,000 hours flying and 100 hours of twin-engine flying, he was accepted into Eagle which is one of three subsidiary companies of Air New Zealand that fly the Link Turboprop aircrafts Beechcraft 1900. These are the smallest link aircraft with just 19 seats.

Over the last nine months since starting with Eagle, Cameron has been sent to Canada for training and has been based in both Gisborne and Kerikeri. He is due to shortly complete his minimum hours for a command and become eligible to become a Captain, where he aims to fly the new Boeing 787 aircrafts.

Kirsten Hurley



Congratulations to Old Collegian, Kirsten Hurley who had a last minute call up to join the New Zealand U21 Netball squad in Glasgow for the World Netball Championships.

Kirsten was called in to replace Kayla Cullen, a Silver Fern and the most experienced player in the 12-strong age-group squad. A knee injury forced Kayla out of the tournament creating an opening at short notice for Kirsten to fly out and join the eventual Gold Medal winning team whose pool play included Bermuda, Malta, Northern Ireland, and

Trinidad and Tobago. The team were ecstatic to beat Australia in the final.

Kirsten was Dux Ludorum of the College in 2010 and is remembered as a highly talented, all-round sportswoman who enjoyed considerable sporting success as a student. She has continued with her passion for netball and has recently been recognised as one of the top rookies in the ANZ Netball Championship in a tough debut season with EasiYo Canterbury Tactix, marking the start of her professional career.



Edward Cran



I finished Saint Kentigern College in 2010 and began my tertiary studies the next year at the University of Auckland. While Auckland is a great place to live, I really wanted to travel overseas and considered taking some time out of my degree to pursue this, until I learnt of the 'Auckland Abroad' exchange programme the University offers.

Following the selection process, I was selected for my first choice of placement, the University of Edinburgh. Having packed as many warm clothing items as physically possible into my

suitcase, I set off for Europe. Edinburgh has been an awesome city to live, study and play in. I have enjoyed ceilidhs, haggis, seeing the All Blacks win at Murrayfield and even the odd whisky or two.

The opportunity to travel, intertwined with studying at one of Europe's top universities, has been a privilege and one which I have savoured. It is an experience I whole heartedly recommend to anyone considering it and has been one of the best years of my life.

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