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# GIRLS' SCHOOL



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on service and leadership. Students organise fund-raising activities for selected charities and make contributions to causes that broaden their social awareness.' This year, three of our senior students were awarded their Gold Service Award.

Our service component within the School continues to develop and this year saw the establishment of an initiative led by our Year 4 teacher Mr Andrew Finn, which involved a group of senior girls visiting local rest home, Caughey Preston on Wednesday after school. The visits have brought much joy both to the elderly folk and to our girls, and already some strong friendships have been forged. We look forward to continuing this activity next year and to developing other initiatives which support our Service value which is so central to Saint Kentigern.

## NEW INITIATIVES IN 2014

This year we introduced a new initiative, 'Dads in School' and invited all fathers (or grandfathers and uncles) to come in and have lunch with their daughter and join in some fun activities. It was a great success and will become a regular event in our calendar.

**Mandarin:** Our languages programme was extended to introduce Mandarin as a second language for girls in Years 7 and 8. Under the tutelage of Mrs Raewyn Ho, this has been a positive experience and offers our girls the opportunity to learn a European and an Asian language during their primary years.

**Mindfulness/ Positive Psychology:** The Mindfulness programme was introduced to our senior girls this year and was positively received. The programme aimed to give our students an understanding of the power of their mind, as well as how to use relaxation techniques to cope with stress and how to deal with negative thoughts. These are important tools which I hope will help our girls as they move through their teenage years. The teaching staff also received some professional development on the use of Mindfulness techniques and the School offered a parent information evening which was well subscribed. We will continue to build on this programme next year within the school.

**Kapa Haka:** We were fortunate to secure the expertise of Ms Paddy Flavell to establish our first Kapa Haka group. A group of interested girls met twice weekly to learn and practise for their first performance in front of the school in Term 4, which was very impressive. We will continue to develop this important cultural programme within our school next year.

As I reflect on the year's achievements here at Saint Kentigern Girls' School, I appreciate just how far we have come in our first five years. We continue to set the bench mark high and I am very proud to be the Principal of this wonderful school. I am equally proud of the young Saint Kentigern girls - from the newest members of our School to the senior students, they fully embrace the values of Saint Kentigern with a wonderful sense of family and care towards others. It is an absolute pleasure to work with them and see their confidence and skills develop as young women.

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*Dr Sandra Hastie, Girls' School Principal and Head of Primary*

## Reflections from 2014

2014 has been another amazing year in the life of the Girls' School. We set ourselves the ambitious roll target of 200 girls by the end of the year, with a promise to the current students that we would celebrate when that target was reached. At the end of Term 3 we had 201 girls enrolled and marked this special occasion with a pink iced cup cake for every girl, a mufti day and a treasure hunt for the Junior School.

The Parents and Friends Association, steered by Mr Paul Fletcher as Chairman, Mr William Black as Treasurer and Mr Stacy Colyer who took on the role as Secretary, continued to work hard at 'friend raising' and supporting school events. The annual School Disco, Mother Daughter High Tea and Father Daughter Breakfast once again proved to be highlights on our calendar. Thanks to a wonderful team of parent volunteers, these events were well organised and well subscribed. On behalf of the School, I pay a huge vote of thanks to this amazing team of Parents and Friends. We look forward to their major fundraising event next year in March which is a day at the exclusive Gibbs Farm Sculpture Park. The proceeds from this day will help us to redevelop the front area of our Junior School, including a new playground for the girls.

## ERO REPORT

This year we were involved in a school review conducted by the Education Review Office. It has been four years since the last review and the excellent report we received this year is testimony to the amount of work that we have put into developing our curriculum and learning programmes. The following comments were made:

'Saint Kentigern Girls' School provides a diverse and enjoyable curriculum. Literacy and mathematics are central to the learning programme at all levels. Students are confident and capable learners and achieve very well. Student progress is monitored carefully and learning interventions are used to support any student with additional learning needs.'

It was also interesting to note the comment on our service and leadership which is fundamental to our core values: 'A strong emphasis is placed





## Graduation Dinner

Marking the official end of their primary school years, the Girls' School Year 8 Graduation Dinner was again held at Sorrento Restaurant in Cornwall Park. Family, friends and invited guests gathered together to celebrate and reflect on the girls' time at the School as they prepare to start their College life in 2015.

Dr Sandra Hastie, Principal of the Girls' School warmly welcomed all guests followed by Mr Andrew Morgan, President of the Old Collegians Association who gave the sponsor's address. Deputy Head Girl of the College, Lucy Eden was then introduced by Lucy Frazer, the fellow Deputy at the Girls' School.

Lucy's 'big sister' pearls of wisdom to the girls were to 'rise above gossip, remember to look out for those who don't know anyone, get involved, be thankful and ask for help in class.' She asked each girl next year to meet the challenges that they face straight on, with their head held high and heart wide open, excelling in everything they do; and striving for excellence in every task, large or small.

Following the main course, guest speaker for the evening and Saint Kentigern parent of three, Jane Hastings gave a heartfelt and inspirational talk. Jane is CEO of NZME - New Zealand's premier integrated media company with a portfolio of market leading newspapers, radio, digital and magazine titles that engage with 2.9 million people every week. She began her management career at Air New Zealand, followed by working in senior leadership roles in Asia and Australasia. Her message to the girls was clear; 'make sure that whatever you do, you're true to yourselves and always listen to your gut.'

Head Girl, Emerald Bendall then spoke on behalf of all of the Year 8 leavers thanking the teachers for making them who they are today - independent, confident and hungry for success. 'You have prepared us for our next step, at whatever secondary school we attend. You have mentored us, directed us and encouraged us along our way and we thank you for your commitment and dedication.'

We welcomed back former 2013 Head Girl of the College, Sharnika Leleni who has now completed her first year of law at the University of Auckland. Sharnika told the girls that as they get older, Dr Hastie will be a person that they can visit for advice and mentoring. 'It is important', she said 'especially as we are all female, to have very wise and strong women in our lives and that we continually challenge ourselves so we reach our potential.'

In her final address of the evening, Dr Hastie shared how a respected mentor of hers told her that people will not remember what she said, but they would remember how she made them feel. She said it is something that continually sits with her as she works with others and believes the essence of that comes down to being kind. 'Girls I encourage you to be kind to others, no matter who they are, what race, gender or age. Kindness will get you far in this life, it is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. I also encourage you to be kind to yourself - your inner voice that at times tells you that you are not smart enough, thin enough, tall enough or that your dream for the future is not achievable. Trust and believe in the incredible power of the human mind.'



## Annual Giving 2014

This year the Girls' School initiated its first Annual Giving campaign. The School identified four areas where additional resources would benefit the girls' education:

- Robotics and a 3D printer for the Middle and Senior Schools
- iPads for the Junior School
- Musical instruments to enrich the orchestral programme
- Tents and camping equipment for outdoor education in the EOTC programme

**We were delighted with the support received from our community and would like to gratefully acknowledge the generosity of our Annual Giving 2014 donors:**

Anonymous - 8 donations, Sharon Bluck, Cheeseman family, Dennis family, Raymond & Tanya Dobbe, du Temple family, P Green & R Gadsdon-Green, Andrew Horne & Kathryn Hughes, Horton family, Bianca Ivanova, Robert & Prakashni Khan, Caryn Mawkes, McDonald Trust, Radisich family, Amelie Rae, Jiya Raj & family, Charlotte Ray & family, Rowntree family, Paul & Kirsten Stanfield, Metin & Slavka Yildiz





## Girls' School Prizegiving

Piping in the official party for the first time to the Girls' School Prizegiving service was Year 8 student and Dux of 2014, Kate Pennycuik. As one of only two pipers at the School this year, Kate's inaugural performance led the party through the JC Chalmers Hall at the Boys' School, marking the opening of the annual ceremony.

Family, friends and invited guests were welcomed by the Principal of the Girls' School, Dr Sandra Hastie before Dr Bruce Goodfellow, Chairman of the Trust Board gave his opening address. Dr Goodfellow commented that this year; the College and the Girls' School were both visited and assessed by the Education Review Office (ERO), and he is pleased to say that both reports have been the best to date.

Reflecting on the development of the Life Pod by one of our parents, Sir Ray Avery, Dr Hastie said to the girls, 'You are never too young to make a difference, to invent something that could solve a world problem or improve on something really practical. I look forward to the time when I can read about you and that innovative idea that you have developed to make this world a better place. The only thing stopping you is yourself – don't let others limit the ability and talent that you have. Believe in yourself, in others and in making a difference.'

Presenting the academic prizes were Mrs Rosemary Harris from the Trust Board for the Junior and Middle School and Mrs Suzanne Winthrop, Deputy Head at the College, for the Senior School. The cultural awards were presented by Ms Jan Davidge who will be leaving after 15 years. Miss Tracey Walker, who also leaves this year, presented the Sports Awards. Concluding the presentations for the evening were the special awards by Dr Hastie.

In her last duty for 2014, Head Girl Emerald Bendall read her final valedictory speech before handing the mantle of leadership to Head Girl for 2015, Moiralisa Ainu'u Aneru. Emerald thanked the teachers 'who have guided us through our years of primary school. They have taught us not only how to multiply, divide and write essays, but they have expanded our minds and taught us lessons that we will take away from this School and apply throughout our lives. As we carry on the path of life to college, we will miss this 'small but mighty' School and all it has offered us.'





## Dux



### KATE PENNYCUICK

In 2014 Kate was placed 1st in Mathematics, Science and Mandarin and attained a 94% average across the core curriculum subjects. She is determined to achieve and worked hard at whatever she undertook, whether it was to organise events, through her work with the school council, or in her role as Deputy Sports Leader.

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### SHARON SUSANTO

In 2014 Sharon was again successful as the top English scholar and attained a 93% average across the core curriculum subjects. Social Science and English are two subjects that she is passionate about.

## Sportswoman of the Year



### ZARA SMITH

Zara is the Senior Swimming Champion, the Senior Athletics Champion, she placed 1st in the Year 7 Cross Country and she is a member of the Cricket 1st XI. Zara also was a member of the Year 7&8 Basketball A team and a rep basketball player for Harbour; a team that played in the nationals.

## Citizenship Award



### ZOE SPENCER

The Citizenship cup is awarded to a student who understands the true meaning of service to others and embodies the school values, fully understanding the Saint Kentigern Way. Zoe joined the School in 2014 and quickly achieved awards for taking on leadership responsibilities in her new school with confidence.



## Kapa Haka



After a visit to Ruapotaka Marae in Term 2, a Kapa Haka cultural group was formed at the Girls' School. The group is a first for the School and they are delighted to have Ms Whaea Paddy Flavell, (Whaea means 'teacher' in Maori) on board as their tutor. Whaea Flavell brings with her an extensive knowledge and experience in Kapa Haka performance both locally and internationally. Joining her has been Whaea Jamie Cowell, supporting the group on guitar.

Since its inception, the group has grown to over 30 girls from Year 4-8. The group meet twice a week with each session beginning with a Karakia (or prayer) before Whaea Paddy introduces the new item. The girls' learning occurs through action games, small group activities and friendly contests. Sometimes the group meet in the gymnasium to play popular Maori games such as, 'Tahi, Rua, Toru, Wha, Pukana' and emphasis is placed on self-expression and discipline. The girls are also taught the cultural and historical significance in the items they learn.

As the group has progressed, the girls have developed an increased confidence enjoyed performing a medley of songs at assembly.



## Citizenship Awards

Congratulations to Selena Agaimalo (Year 7) and Nieve Campbell (Year 6) who were recipients of this year's Remuera Lions' Citizenship Awards.

These awards are presented each year by the Remuera Lions Club to students who best exemplify the ideals of the Lions Junior Citizenship Code. The code includes values such as 'Honest in word and deed,' 'Willing to accept responsibility' and 'Generous with your time and talents for the improvement of your community without thought or personal rewards.'

Selena and Nieve are worthy recipients of these awards. They were selected for their courtesy, caring natures and consideration of others. We congratulate them on being selected as representatives from our School. At a ceremony hosted by the Boys' School and the girls were presented with badges to wear with pride on their blazers.







## Carol Service



Let us imagine for a moment, the dawn of Christianity in New Zealand 200 years ago. Rangihoua in the Bay of Islands is a place of beginnings for all New Zealand. It was here in December 1814 that The Reverend Samuel Marsden and his missionaries established the first permanent European settlement in Aotearoa New Zealand. He conducted a simple ceremony for a Maori and Pakeha congregation, which heralded the introduction of Christianity into New Zealand on Christmas Day 1814.

All those who gathered at St Mary's Cathedral for the Girls' School Carol Service were invited on a journey, to seek and discover again the mystery and joy of Christmas. Titled, 'A Pohutukawa Christmas', the service celebrated Christmas in the Southern Hemisphere and the 200 years since Samuel Marsden brought Christianity to New Zealand.

The Very Reverend Jo Kelly-Moore, Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral welcomed the congregation to Saint Mary's then Principal, Dr Sandra Hastie greeted our families before the Chaplain to the Schools, Reverend Reuben Hardie gave the call to worship.

Year 5 student, Zoe White opened the readings, setting the theme for a service focussed on Christmas in the summer season being such a stark contrast to the northern hemisphere winter Christmas. For New Zealanders today, she said, roaring fires, snowmen, roasted chestnuts, holly and ivy are reminders of the pictures on Christmas cards from our childhood. Year 8 student, Sophia Pettigrove continued the narrative saying that as a nation we are more familiar with summer barbecues at the beach, red pohutukawa trees, pavlova and strawberries. But across the hemispheres, the Christmas story that was shared is the thread that binds us together.

As the service continued to unfold, the girls through their readings, songs and actions gave life to a Christmas tree that started the evening bare. The juniors adorned the tree with pohutukawa decorations and the girls carried donated gift boxes down the aisle to lay underneath for the less fortunate children of Dingwall Trust.

Reverend Hardie told the girls that Christmas was a time of vision; a time when we dream of the world as it ought to be – a world of love and happiness. He believed that God's joy should be shared with others and that Christmas reminds him of bubbles; the wondrous, joyful feeling bubbling away inside and best shared with others. In fact, he said as pulled out his own bubble making machine and blew a stream of bubbles into the air; he had a special gift for every student to take home - over 200 pots of bubbles!

As the Performers' Choir sang, Saint Kentigern Girls' School Blessing, the Year 1 girls came down the aisle in pairs to create an angelic nativity scene at the front of the church. With the service coming to a close, our Year 8 students came forward to receive their Leaver's Candle, a poignant moment for the girls and their families as their time at the School comes to an end.

We give thanks to: Mrs Janine Bennett, Mrs Judith Dobson, Mrs Nicola Brown, Dr Michael Jenkins and Reverend Reuben Hardie for their work in preparing this service with the girls.

Readers: Zoe Spencer, Year 8; Zoe White, Year 5; Sophia Pettigrove, Year 8; Ava Darbyshire, Year 4; Keeley Berkovits, Year 3; Ms J Davidge; Alexandra O'Connell, Year 2; Emerald Bendall, Year 8; Mrs M Bendall, Anudi Thilakarathne, Year 7; Kristen Hansen, Year 7; Dr S Hastie, Mrs J Dobson, Charlotte Lindsay Smail, Year 8, Ms T Walker; Taylor Hastings, Year 6.





## Leaver's Scarf Presentation

As the Year 8 girls prepared to graduate, a formal ceremony was held at Chapel in their honour. Each of the girls was presented with a departing gift to mark their valediction; a pure silk scarf embodying the symbols of the tale of St Kentigern; the bird, the tree, the fish, the bell and the Iona Cross.



As the girls' names were called, they were greeted by the Year 1 students who handed over their gift. Principal, Dr Sandra Hastie explained that this customary tradition was a symbol of thanks from the youngest members of the School to their role models and elder sisters. She said that the scarves were special as they are only given to graduating students and are given as a remembrance of always being a Saint Kentigern girl.

Deputy Principal, Mrs Judith Dobson officially placed each girl's scarf around her shoulders and Dr Hastie joked that this may likely be the last time that Mrs Dobson fixes their uniforms!

The Chapel was full for the service as members of the youngest and eldest girls' families joined their daughters to witness the important occasion.



## Girls visit elderly

As part of their service programme, twelve girls have volunteered to participate in a new afternoon activity with the elderly at the Caughey Preston Rest Home in Remuera. Every Wednesday after school, the girls travel to the home and spend time entertaining and befriending the residents with musical recitals, board games and by sharing stories. The girls take along photo albums and their laptops to share photos of their family and friends. Several girls have also brought their musical instruments and the residents have had much enjoyment watching the young talent. In return, the girls have listened to veteran war stories, played pool, taken a tour of the rest home and were shown small knitted jerseys one resident is making for sick penguins!

Talking and listening to elderly folk is an essential element in building compassion and empathy towards others and it helps the girls to further develop their communication skills and confidence.





## Girls vs Wild

With thanks to student reporters, Annie Yu, Emerald Bendall and Zoe Spencer

Girl vs Wild 2014 was packed full of challenges, new opportunities and an element of service for the Year 8 girls on their overnight adventure at Tawharanui Wildlife Sanctuary. The outdoor experience is part of the criteria to achieve the Gold level of the Saint Kentigern Service Award. In order to qualify, the students must have already completed all the requirements for the Bronze and Silver Service Awards.

Before they arrived, one of the girls first tasks was to buy their food to sustain them over the next two days. Along with assembling their tents, they found that cooking their meals outdoors on gas burners was equally as challenging! The girls said one of the highlights of their trip was visiting Goat Island and seeing the vast variety of species flourishing in the marine reserve through the 'Glass Bottom Boat'.

The service component of the trip was to help with the upkeep of the Sanctuary's popular walking tracks. With their buckets and spades in hand, and a whole lot of elbow grease, the girls shovelled and scattered new layers of stones over the paths, re-gravelling these for future walkers to enjoy.

During their stay, the students were able to learn how the Sanctuary values conservation, recreation and farming and its important role in the New Zealand environment, all the while giving a little back to the community.



## Aria Competition

Congratulations to Amélie James-Power, (Year 5) and Scarlett Jacques, (Year 7) who placed at the Waiariki Institute of Technology New Zealand Aria Competition in early November. The singing competition is the largest in New Zealand and is highly regarded throughout Australasia's world of opera.

Amélie competed in a variety of styles in the Aged Under 10 category and picked up a string of awards. These included: Own Selection (1st place), Folk Tradition (Very Highly Commended), Light Entertainment (1st Place) and Sacred Oratoria (1st Place). Scarlett was awarded 2nd place in the Own Selection Aged 10 & Under 13 category. Congratulations to the girls on their achievements.



## Lawn Bowls

A new generation of lawn bowlers hit the Remuera Bowling Club in Term 4 when the Year 7 and 8 girls took on the boys from King's School. The girls started practising their skills in weekly games earlier in the year when the School was approached by the club offering a chance for the girls to experience the sport.

At first, PE Teacher, Mrs Rowson was a bit unsure about how the girls would embrace the game and at the start she did get a few comments like, 'This is for old people' and 'My Grandad plays this.' But after their first lesson the girls were hooked! Mrs Rowson said she was amazed at the excitement generated over a large ball being bowled underarm at a target! When the girls did get their bowl close to the jack, you'd think they had won Olympic gold!

The girls were lucky to have very skilled and extremely patient coaches who eventually got the girls bowling accurately. They certainly enjoyed the experience and have a new appreciation for a sport that is reportedly gaining traction with a younger generation both here and in Australia.





# Athletics Days

This year the Girls' School had three separate athletics events. In Term 4, the Junior and Middle Schools held their competitions, while the Year 7 & 8 girls joined the College in Term 1.

Using the top field and Jubilee Sports Centre at the Boys' School, the Year 0-3 girls took part in sprints, long jump, Frisbee, chest pass events, sack races and an obstacle course. With her 'chicken' in her hand, Principal of the Girls' School, Dr Sandra Hastie showed the girls how the obstacle course was run, much to the delight of the teams cheering her on! In the 50m and 60m sprints, the top eight in each year level made it through to the finals drawing many parents to the track sidelines to cheer on the girls.

Despite the challenging weather conditions, the Middle School girls put in a stellar effort at this year's Athletics Day at Lloyd Elsmore Park. The girls were running, jumping and throwing against gusty wind speeds of up to 56km/h and really had to put in that extra effort to propel themselves over the finish line!

The athletics events culminated with the House Relays when the girls joined the boys at the Boys' School for an afternoon that included both fun and determined racing. Competitors from Years 0-8 took to the field in their teams of four while the rest joined in the cheering from the bank. Hamilton proved to be the strongest House at this event taking the podium finish.

## GIRLS' SCHOOL YEAR GROUP CHAMPIONS 2014

1ST	2ND	3RD
<b>YEAR 0</b>		
Rosie Ward	Brooke Rowntree	Elzineia Dhani
<b>YEAR 1</b>		
Olivia Carpenter	Claudia Stewart	Ashley Cheeseman
<b>YEAR 2</b>		
Amelia Evangelidakis	Endrica Dhani	Sophie Yan & Sienna Haar
<b>YEAR 3</b>		
Isabella Hughes	Alisa Iosua	Charlotte Higgins
<b>YEAR 4</b>		
Mary Stanfield	Jade Radisich	Coco Du Temple
<b>YEAR 5</b>		
Laura Lightfoot	Kate Frazer	Harriet Lightfoot
<b>YEAR 6</b>		
Olivia Connelly	Ella Grayson	India Doo
<b>YEAR 7</b>		
Zara Smith	Moiralisa Aneru	Terri-Jane Warner
<b>YEAR 8</b>		
Annie Yu	Grace Stehlin	Emelia Radisich Annika Sethi Georgia Roberts Zoe Spencer

## HOUSE RELAY

1ST	<b>HAMILTON</b>
2ND=	<b>CARGILL</b>
2ND=	<b>CHALMERS</b>
4TH	<b>WISHART</b>

## SOUTH EASTERN ZONE ATHLETICS

Congratulations to champion thrower, Moiralisa AINU'U ANERU, Year 7, who broke two records at the Year 7/8 SEZ competition! Moiralisa threw a whopping distance of 10.20m in shot put and 28.70 in discus. Zara Smith, Year 7, also came second in her grade in the high jump with a jump of 1.40m, a personal best.

## HOUSE ATHLETICS

1ST	<b>CARGILL</b>
2ND	<b>WISHART</b>
3RD	<b>CHALMERS</b>
4TH	<b>HAMILTON</b>





## Grandparents' Day

A very special event on our School calendar; this year we hosted a record 250 grandparents to celebrate the important role they play in the lives of our students.

The morning began with a warm welcome from the Girls' School Principal, Dr Sandra Hastie who said the girls were thrilled to have their grandparents with them, some who had travelled from as far afield as Australia. Outlining the morning's programme, Dr Hastie firstly thanked those grandparents who had adopted a grandchild for a couple of hours as she knew this really meant a lot to the girls whose grandparents were unable to be there.

A variety of girls took to the stage to perform their acts from recently held showcase evenings. The Year 6 dance troupe performed a dramatic dance sequence; Kate Frazer, Year 5, acted out 'The Yellow One' with her bubbly characterisation; Year 0-2 sang 'The Silly Hat Song' and the Year



8 students rapped the amusing 'Gran Rap.' As a finale, the whole school joined on stage for a joyful 'Colour My World.'

The book sale, held in the Library, was popular once again, with excited girls deliberating with their grandparents on what book to choose. All book purchases were for donation back to the Library and will be finished with a bookplate inscription of the girls' names, leaving their own legacy to reading at the School.

After the girls had proudly shown their grandparents around their classrooms and the grounds, it was time for morning tea and a chance to mingle in the hall. This year, the refreshments were sponsored by Miranda Smith Homecare and we thank them for their very generous support.

## Girls' School helps keep 'little hearts beating!'

The Girls' School, along with the Preschool, have put their weight behind Sir Ray Avery's Life Pod Appeal to raise funds for infant incubators especially designed for Third World conditions. The girls' fundraising got off to a fantastic start raising \$2,390 in one day. They have already raised enough funds to buy one Life Pod and have set their sights on raising \$20,000 over the course of next year – enough to enable the purchase of ten Pods.

Sir Ray's charity, Medicine Mondiale, launched a \$2 million global fundraising appeal at the end of October. The appeal aims to get the high-quality, affordable baby incubators into production for Third World hospitals. Designed for a hot climate where supplies of clean water and power are intermittent, the incubators will be made with a joint venture in India,

costing around \$2000 per pod. This is compared with more than \$40,000 for the models currently available that are not suitable for hot, unsanitary conditions. Unlike conventional incubators, the Life Pods are designed to work in hostile environments; they are able to purify their own air and water and have the resource to run for 10 years. Each LifePod has the potential to save up to 500 babies.

Sir Avery has a daughter at the Girls' School and another at the Preschool and is an avid supporter of Saint Kentigern. The Preschool were first to make an 'advertisement' when the children sat down to form a big heart with the subsequent photo appearing in the Weekend Herald.

The creation of the overhead banner for an aerial shot at the Girls' School was an amazing exercise in logistics masterminded by parents, Fiona and Charlie Marshall, Anna Taylor, Sharon Bluck and Jules Cheeseman. Mr Marshall is well known for his fabulous photography at school events and so bravely volunteered to be the photographer while 200 girls and their teachers were organised into lines to hold 200 printed A2 size cards over their heads. This was no mean feat! The cards needed to be in just the right place and the girls needed to keep still! Not so easy when you're only five years old! There was plenty of shuffling the lines to get it right – but Mr Marshall admits that in the end, just a 'wee bit' of Photoshopping was required to get the finished result! The result is fabulous and we hope it will encourage others to also donate.

To read more about Sir Avery's work or to make a donation to the cause, visit: <https://mondialelifepod.com/>







## Parents and Friends

As we end another great year of events, my sincere thanks to all our volunteers who through our Parents and Friends Association help make our school such a special place for our girls.

Throughout 2014, the Parents and Friends Association has continued our strategy of running community focussed, fun events. Spread throughout the year; these events involve all parts of our school and help to build the special school spirit and atmosphere for the benefit of our girls and their families.

We started this year with our traditional School Picnic which is an excellent chance for families to mix in an informal setting. This year saw many new

activities and was a great success thanks to the careful organisation of Patsy Radisich. The Mother Daughter High Tea, also held in Term 1, was again extremely successful thanks to the hard work of Kim Gear and her team. As winter approached Justine Murchison and her team hosted the much anticipated School Disco at which the girls had a lot of fun. The Father and Daughter Breakfast rounded off the events for the year. This year it was again held off site which meant a lot less work for volunteers and was a great success thanks to Anna Avery, Julie Bolton and Barbara Chin.

We are currently preparing for a major fundraiser at Gibbs Farm at the start of next year. This will be a truly unique and memorable experience and my thanks go to the organising committee of Deborah Higgins, Kim McGregor and Shelley Horton. This event is raising funds for our major 2015 project which is to create a new junior school playground and develop the Ranui Road frontage.

This year is my last year as Chair and I reflect it has been my privilege to lead such an energetic team who have worked so diligently for our girls over the last four years. My special thanks to them for their enthusiasm and hard work, much of which goes on behind the scenes. In particular I thank our Treasurer William Black, Secretary Stacy Colyer and parent liaison Terri Tang for all their hard work throughout the year.

The Parents and Friends look forward to an exciting 2015!

*Paul Fletcher*

*Chairman Saint Kentigern Girls' School Parents and Friends*

## AT Sunday Sculptures Gibbs Farm

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2015

Don't miss your chance to visit the world class Gibbs Sculpture Park, which boasts a stunning collection of individually commissioned site specific sculptures from renowned national and international artists.

See works from some of the world's greatest artists, including Neil Dawson, Ralph Hotere and Bernar Venet. The privately owned park is also home to exotic animals such as giraffes, zebras and llamas, and is rarely open to the public. Get your tickets now for you and your family to enjoy this special opportunity.

Follow our link for more information & tickets:

<http://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2015/mar/sunday-sculptures-at-gibbs-farm>

This event is proudly brought to you by Saint Kentigern Girls' School.



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