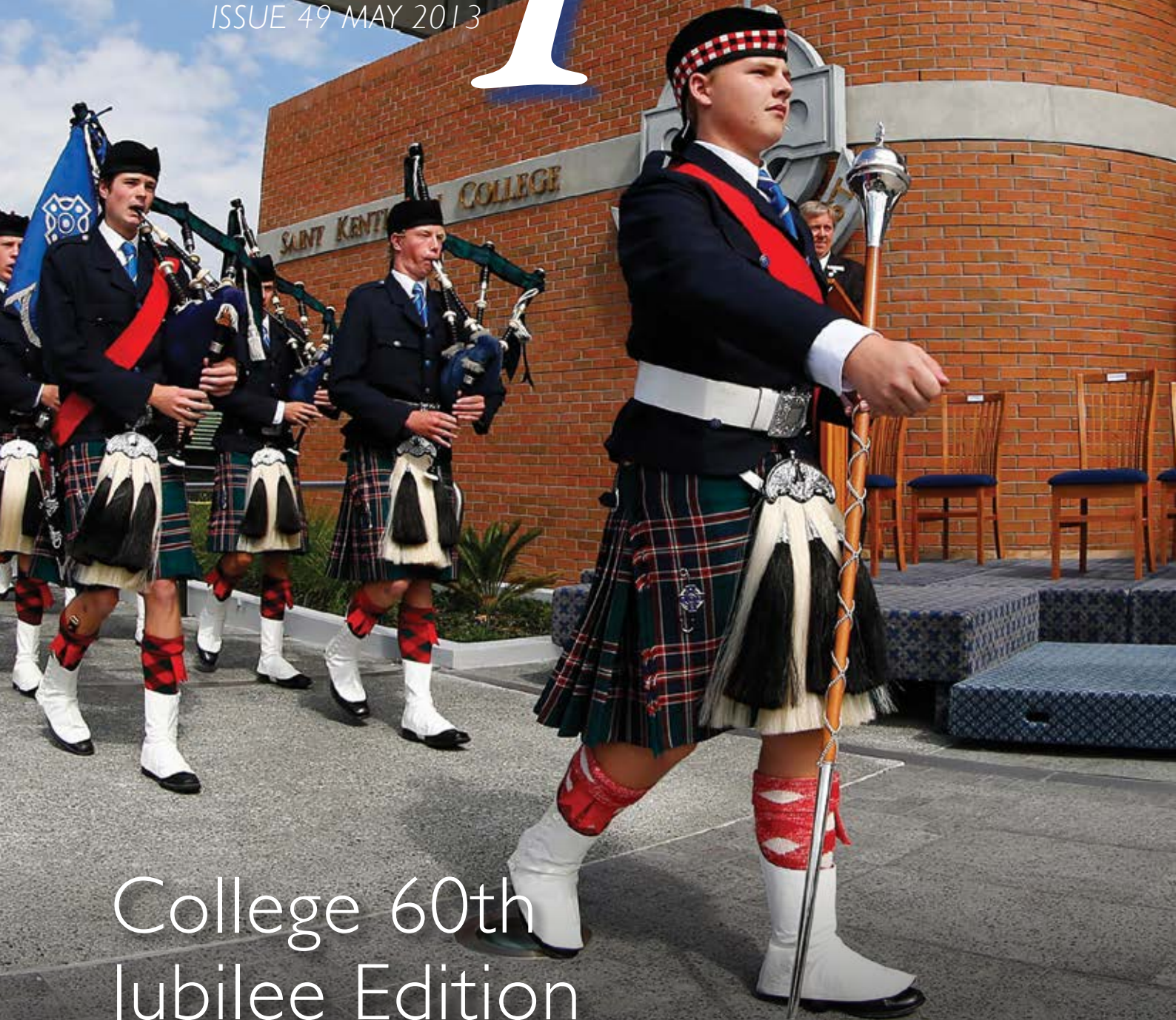


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Jubilee Edition



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President's Report



The first quarter of this year has certainly been a period of great celebration at Saint Kentigern as we marked 60 years of schooling at the College.

The first SKOCA event of the year was the Boys' School Golf Day held at the Auckland Golf Club in early February. This was a spectacular summer day for golf and was well attended by Old Boys and parents from the Boys' School. The day was well organised and well supported by sponsors and we

congratulate Peter Cassie, Peter Nelson and their team for such a successful event. Bayleys Real Estate continued their on-going sponsorship for this event and we thank Mike Bayley for this, and noted the talent of the Bayleys Old Boys' team led by Hayden Butler who again ranked highly in the prize pool!

The SKOCA cricket match against the College 1st XI squad team was held in February, again on a stunning summer afternoon. Pleasingly, the SKOCA team again won the Cricket Cup and an after-match barbecue was well attended and enjoyed.

The first celebration of 2013 was the First Decade of Girls at Saint Kentigern College; quite a milestone and celebrations included a 'girls only' assembly at which Jessie Jarvie (nee Emerson), the first Head Girl at the College, spoke to the assembly about how Saint Kentigern College had influenced her life. In the evening, Jessie and Hilary Wham, as SKOCA committee members, and their team organised a 'girls only' cocktail evening at 'James' in Parnell. Over 100 elegant young women and College staff linked to the first 10 years enjoyed canapés and fine wine whilst reuniting with old school friends. During the evening, Deputy Head, Mrs Suzanne Winthrop and Jessie spoke proudly of their memories of that decade, and we invite the girls to continue to link up at future SKOCA functions.

The grand College 60th Jubilee Weekend was certainly a fine celebration of the College history. The weather was brilliant, the College grounds and buildings in excellent condition and the new MacFarlan building opening a tribute to Dr MacFarlan and 60 years of teaching excellence at the College campus. The events over the three days involved over 1000 Old Collegians and guests returning to the campus to reunite with old friends and marvel at the campus buildings and facilities which today's students enjoy when

compared to the two classroom original block in 1953. I thank the many Old Collegians who rounded up their school friends and booked multiple tables which ensured the formal dinner was sold out weeks in advance. Having College No 1 & 2 Warren Boyes and John Corban in attendance made the event special, along with Warren Haddrell, the first Head Boy with whom I had the pleasure to chat with during the evening. The Dinner auction raised over \$10,000 for the Old Collegians Scholarship Trust Fund and our thanks are extended to Bayleys Real Estate & Mike Bayley, John Sax and family, Don Braid and family, Geoff Thomas and the Chatwin and McGregor families for their generosity in providing the auction prize pool. The weekend was a great success and we thank Duncan McQueen for his 'organisational skill-set' and Pippa Styles and the College P & F for their creativity and logistical abilities and application.

This year's AGM was held in the Saint Kentigern Boardroom at Roselle House in early April and was again well attended. Financial Accounts were discussed and approved and election of SKOCA executive and committee voted. The 2013 committee of 22 now includes five Old Girls, nine Old Boys from the Boys School and eight Old Boys and five Old Girls from the College with ages spread from 18 - 65 years.

2013 OLD COLLEGIANS EXECUTIVE

President	Andrew Morgan
Vice President	Morgan Wardrop
Secretary	James Hackett
Treasurer	Neville Lyne

The final event of the first quarter was the SKOCA Rowing Regatta which saw around 30 Old Collegians back on the water to test their historical strength and timing against the College Eight. The College Eight were too strong despite the SKOCA ten second handicap start. No injuries nor drownings were reported, only one capsized, and an enjoyable buffet dinner completed the afternoon in the setting sun in the lawn marquee overlooking the receding tide.

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

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Andrew Morgan, President

St. Kentigern College Old Boys' Association (Inc.)

The good traditions of a school depend in the end on boys and not on buildings. There are plenty of boys, 440 this year, 550 next year. Some will be leaving us this year, the nucleus of an 'Old Boys' Association. They have been the pioneers and our good wishes go with them. May they 'Keep the Faith' in their future careers, as they have done at School.

Reverend Dr Adam McFarlan, Saint Kentigern College Magazine 1956-60

On 28th February, 1959, approximately one hundred past pupils of the College gathered in the College Library and were unanimous in their desire to form an Old Boys' Association with the aim of furthering the objects of the College and, at the same time, maintaining contact with boys leaving school. A strong committee, presided over by Mr Bruce McNeill, was elected, with the task of preparing a constitution for the Association, and this was adopted at the Annual General Meeting in 1960. By the end of the year there were over one hundred and seventy financial members of the Association.

A feature of the Association's activities has been its Annual Reunion Weekend each August. Members have taken part in keenly contested rugby, cricket and hockey matches against the College teams, and the Old Boys versus College Relay at the Athletic Sports each year provides a fitting climax to the day's events.

The Old Boys' Association is fully aware that its functions are not solely social. It is anxious to assist the College to the best of its ability and was happy to make a gift of books to the College Library in 1961 and to donate a prize to be awarded to the School's most outstanding all-rounder.

Already members of the Association are distinguishing themselves in many walks of life. News of their activities is contained in the regular newsletter issued to all members. The Old Boys' Association salutes the College for its achievements, both academic and sporting, over the past ten years, and is confident that even greater advances will be made in the future. It looks forward to playing an ever increasing part in the College's development.

Extract from: The First Ten Years - An Historical Review 1953-1962

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SKOCA 2013 Calendar

► FRIDAY 19 JULY

SKOCA - LONDON REUNION

(with College Pipes & Drums)

Time: 6.30pm – Cocktails (followed by Dinner)

Venue: Royal Over-Seas League – Overseas House, Park Place, St James St, London

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com;
DGowan@dacbeachcroft.com

► FRIDAY 26 JULY

WELLINGTON & VICTORIA UNI - ROC'S (RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS) COCKTAILS

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Cambridge Hotel, CBD, Wellington

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com
hacjames@gmail.com

► FRIDAY 9 AUGUST

SKBS - REUNION DINNER FOR THE DECADE 1989- 1999

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Chalmers Hall, SKBS

Guest Speaker: To be advised

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

► FRIDAY 16 AUGUST

SKOCA - SYDNEY (AUSTRALIAN)

REUNION (3rd Bledisloe Test - Saturday 17th)

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Waterfront Restaurant & Bar, The Rocks, 27 Circular Quay, Sydney

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com
reganvb@gmail.com

► SEPTEMBER – THURSDAY (TBC)

SKOCA - Netball

Premier and Senior A Netball versus Old

Collegians Girls

Start: Games start at 6.00pm

Venue: Gym1 and Gym2

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

► OCTOBER – THURSDAY (TBC)

CANTERBURY/LINCOLN UNI - ROC'S (RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS) COCKTAILS

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Riccarton - Christchurch TBC

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

► FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER

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

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Starters Bar, Dunedin

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com;
hacjames@gmail.com

► FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER - Deferred

SKOCA - REUNION DINNER

For Bruce House Students and Staff from 1990's and 2000's

Please note that this event, advertised in the last Piper has now been deferred to next year.

► FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

AUCKLAND - ROC'S (RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS) COCKTAILS

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: TBA Auckland CBD.

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

► SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER

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.

RSVP: morganh20@hotmail.com;
skoca@saintkentigern.com

► FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

College - GOLF DAY

Time: Assemble at 11.00am

Venue: Titirangi Golf Club

Ticket: \$85.00 per head

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

► SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

SKBS - TOUCH RUGBY & BBQ FOR 2008 LEAVERS

Time: 3.30pm

Venue: SKS Sports Centre & No 1 Field

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

Saint Kentigern Boys' School Reunion Dinner for the Decade 1989- 1999

FRIDAY 9 AUGUST

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Chalmers Hall, SKBS

Guest Speaker: To be advised

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com



SYDNEY REUNION 2013 Cocktails & Dinner

FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 2013

(Bledisloe Rugby Sydney Match on Sat 17th)

Reunion Time: 6.30pm.

Venue: Waterfront Restaurant & Bar, The Rocks, 27 Circular Quay, Sydney

Cost: A\$65.00 (ROC'S A\$50.00)

Bookings to: skoca@saintkentigern.com; reganvb@gmail.com



LONDON REUNION Friday 19 July 2013

Pre Dinner Drinks – 6.30pm
Performance by College Pipes & Drums
Dinner from 7pm

Venue: Royal Over-Seas League
Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London

Cost: £65 including dinner and drinks (ROC's £45)



(Accommodation also available)

Email: skoca@saintkentigern.com

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Saint Kentigern Old Collegians

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

At the Jubilee Dinner, during the Jubilee Weekend celebrations, long serving staff member, Mr Peter Hadfield, was honoured with an honorary life membership of the Old Collegians Association. Peter is the thirteenth recipient of the honour since it was introduced in 1990. Peter is fondly remembered in his role as Chemistry teacher over a remarkable 44 years, along with his 'mountain goat' status from years of guidance at Field Centre.

Ron Stone	SKC Staff	1990
Jack Paine	SKC Deputy Head	1992
Brian Irwin	SKS Principal	1993
Jack Couglan	SKC Staff	1993
David Dunlop	Trustee	1996
William Macky	Trustee	1996
Nigel Toy	OC and SKC Head	1999
Donald Clark	Trustee	2000
Rev John Milne	Trustee	2000
Ross Perry	SKBS Deputy Head	2001
Duncan Miller	Bursar	2011
Geoff Burgess	SKBS Principal	2012
Peter Hadfield	SKC Staff	2013

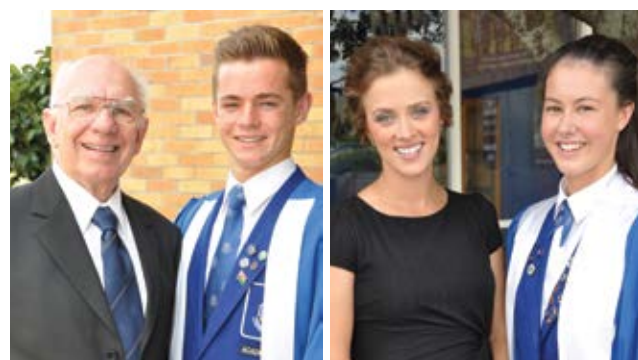
College Welcomes Back Former Head Prefects

In recognition of our 60th Jubilee Celebrations this year, at the first Formal Friday of the new academic year, we welcomed back former Head Prefects, Warren Haddrell and Jessie Jarvie (nee Emerson) to the commissioning of this year's College Prefect team.

Warren was a Foundation Boy in 1953 (ID No 6) and was appointed as the first ever Head Boy of the College in 1956. After leaving the College, Warren attended Auckland University and went on to complete his Chartered Accountancy Professionals. He was a partner in the international accountancy firm Coopers Lybrand for 25 years and was appointed the New Zealand Chairman in 1984 until his retirement in 1992. He was also the Deputy Chairman of the Commerce Commission for three years.

Jessie was one of the Foundation Girls, joining the College in Year 11 in 2003. In 2005, she was appointed as Saint Kentigern's first Head Girl. Jessie graduated from the University of Auckland with a Law Degree. Towards the end of her studies, she began working in the office of Nikki Kaye, Member of Parliament for Auckland Central. Once admitted to the Bar she began working as in-house Legal Counsel at Orion Health, an international health software company. She married Old Collegian, Paul Jarvie in 2011 and they are expecting their first baby in June.

The College thanks Warren and Jessie for taking the time to attend the first assembly in this commemorative year.



Obituary

It is with sadness that we record the passing of former students of Saint Kentigern.

CLIVE PREBBLE SINCLAIR NO: 1333 September 1949 – December 17 2012

Clive was a foundation pupil of Saint Kentigern School and also attended the College. He was well known in New Zealand as a pioneer of Biological Farming Inputs.

Clive is remembered as the first student to ring the opening day school bell as invited by Ross Perry. Originally a Christchurch lad attending St Andrew's, his family moved to Mangere Mountain, Auckland. The shift also involved moving the family goat due to Clive's dairy intolerance! All through life, he loved making various concoctions, hence the fertiliser connection.

Of note, while at the school he performed as a baritone by himself in the Auckland Town Hall. College days were spent enjoying rugby and cricket, his accomplices being the late Ian Bond, Chris Cochrane, Clinton Johnson and Murray Ross. Because of Crohn's Disease, he left school spending six months in isolation.

His next step was helping run the family business packing flour for retail with Northern Roller Mill involvement. Through work he met Pepe, his future wife, and cemented a strong relationship with the Cook Island Community. Both always wanted to be farmers, fulfilling this in the Waikato, Glenbrook and latterly Bald Hill at Pukekohe, where a family of three, two boys (ex College students) and a girl were born.

Clive has left a hard act to follow, leaving a legacy of thousands of native trees planted on his and Pepe's property, with future plantings ongoing, and a burgeoning fertiliser business (Pacific Biofert) at Pokeno run by son Bill. Clive succumbed to a battle with cancer and was buried at St Bride's Mauku, in December 2012. He is survived by his family Pepe, Bill, John and Louise, Brother John and sister Helen and extended family.

DAVID CHARLES WOODWARD NO: 634

A Bruce House boy for only one year in 1958, David was sent to the College from Waiuku College for his academic prowess, proved by graduating later at Auckland University with Honours in an MA and BA. Making a career in teaching, he held positions at Papakura High and at the College in Warkworth. Forced by ill health to resign, he spent his time touring in his camper truck which covered a lot of territory on the Awhitu Peninsula. David is survived by his wife and two sons.



Girls' First Decade

Celebration Evening



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To mark 10 years of girls at the College, we welcomed over 100 of our female Old Collegians at a celebration cocktail evening hosted by our Saint Kentigern Old Collegians Association at James in Parnell. The Old Girls were pleased to catch up with several of the first Tutors of girls in both Year 9 and Year 11. Ms Bridget Hansen returned from Hamilton where she is teaching at St Paul's Collegiate and Mrs Diana Patience, who is Deputy Head at Ormiston Senior College was also in attendance along with a number of College staff. We were also pleased to welcome back one of our first two Year 7 teachers of girls, Mr Heath McNeil, who is currently the Principal at Ramarama School.

Deputy Head, Mrs Suzanne Winthrop said, 'To see our Vision Statement that 'Saint Kentigern graduates will serve and lead with distinction' fulfilled in the lives of these young women is both an encouragement and confirmation that the Trust Board's decision to offer our 'World of Opportunity' to both boys and girls was one of great foresight.'



A Request for a Piper

Recently, a request was made to the College for a Saint Kentigern Piper to play at the funeral of a former neighbour of Saint Kentigern College, Bryce Rope, a gentleman who went on to coach the All Blacks in 1983-84. Many former students may recall the tale that his daughter, Sheridan Rope of Alice Springs, Australia, tells here.

'In the early sixties, our cousin Grant Rope was a boarder at the College. Grant and many of his friends were in the 'St Kent's' 1st XV. Our parents, Bryce and Rhondra Rope, lived in Pakuranga in what was then Hattaway Road, later renamed Glenmore Road. Pakuranga at that time was a rural area and the land between the playing fields at the back of Saint Kentigern and our property was all farmland. Every winter's Saturday as rugby games were being battled out, we would hear the music of the Saint Kentigern Pipers across the paddocks.

On Sundays, the rugby playing boarders, led by Grant, would go for an afternoon training run through the farmlands, over fences, gates and hedge rows. However, more often than not, the boys would head towards our place. I would watch out with great excitement at our back fence and call to the family that the boys were coming (I was about eight years old at the time). My elder sister, Charmaine, meanwhile, had been cooking most of the morning, anticipating their arrival. Cool drinks, tea, homemade peanut brownie and afghan biscuits and various cakes with lots of cream, were laid on.

Dad (Bryce) was an ex Auckland Grammar boy and held his own, although his back yard was filled with large numbers of burly 'Saint Kent's' rugby boys. Many debates took place; whose was the better school, who had the better sports teams - the usual rivalry. Although Dad was greatly out-numbered, he figured he always had the upper hand - his daughter had been filling Saint Kentigern's finest sportsmen with cream cakes and the like, when they were supposed to be training! Dad joked that he had been extracting 'St Kent's' secret rugby strategies ... very valuable when passed on to the Grammar 1st XV of course!

In all, it was just good fun and has left fabulous memories. We will never forget the music of the Saint Kentigern Pipers over those Pakuranga paddocks.'



Saint Kentigern Boys' School Old Boys' Golf Tournament

With thanks to Peter Nelson

In early February, the 3rd annual Golf Tournament for Old Boys of the Boys' School was held at the Royal Auckland Golf Course with a full field of 18 teams.

At registration, all golfers were given goodie bags containing sponsors' products. This was followed by a light lunch and a briefing on the rules. All golfers then headed off to their designated tees for a 1pm shot-gun start.

During the round, refreshments were delivered to the groups out on the course. This was a welcome respite for the players as the temperature soared in the afternoon. The playing conditions on the course were exceptional with manicured fairways and lightning fast greens – the golfers were treated to quality playing conditions throughout the day.

Prizegiving commenced at 6pm with prizes presented for the first 12 teams, the last team, the three par 3's and the longest drive for men and women. The winning team was James Sheppard, James Ashwin, Steve Smith and Michelle Smith and the runners-up were Jon Ormond, Dave Roberts, Matt Taylor and Matt Stevens. This was followed by a Grand Prize draw; two nights' accommodation at The Spire in Queenstown and a round of golf for two people at The Hills which was won by Rob Eng. A second draw for an acoustic guitar was won by John Hooper.

We would like to thank the support of sponsors who very generously provided hole sponsorship, team prizes and the grand prize draw prizes. Thanks also goes to all the volunteers for the assistance on the day working behind the scenes to ensure the day ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

If you would like to be involved in the 4th Annual School Old Boys Golf Tournament which will be held at the Royal Auckland Golf Club on Friday 14th February 2014 please register your interest with janet.harvey@saintkentigern.com



Annual SKOCA Cricket Day

With thanks to Malcolm Cowie, SKOCA Coordinator

At the Annual Cricket Day in mid-February, the Saint Kentigern Old Collegians retained the Twenty/Twenty Cricket Trophy in a very exciting game against a young and promising College 1st XI.

The Old Collegians elected to bat first and whilst wickets fell early, Ryan Phizackerley was able to construct a good innings of 14 runs at the top order. Devon Jones provided some support with 15 runs and George Morrison came in and hit a quick-fire 33. A collapse soon after saw Matt Sinclair and Matt Hutchinson come to the crease adding a creditable 35 runs for the 10th wicket thus with a total of 136 runs the team had something to defend.

After a dismal start with the ball the Old Collegians were in some serious strife, but some smart fielding and a few run outs brought them



back into the game. After every player had bowled one over each, Jamie Brown, Sam Anderson and Ryan Phizackerley were brought into the attack, slowing down the 1st XI's innings rate and getting the Old Collegians over the line in the 20th over winning by 5 runs. The Old Collegian 'Man of the match' was Ryan Phizackerley.

On a very hot and sunny day, the BBQ and refreshments were much appreciated following the match.

The results and statistics are as follows:

Saint Kentigern Old Collegians XI	136
College 1st XI	131
Batting for SKOCA	
George Morrison	33 (off 17 balls)
Travis Sherlock	21 not out
Harry Clark	17
Matt Sinclair	15
Ryan Phizackerley	14
Bowling for SKOCA	
Andrew Hughes	3 for 19
Ryan Phizackerley	2 for 19
Batting for College 1st XI	
Blue Hamel	31 (off 13 Balls)
Anubhav Thapa	24
James Ellis	24
Bowling for College 1st XI	
Brad Milne	3 for 21

Wirihana Cup Won by the Boys' School 1st XI

Last year, the the Saint Kentigern School Old Boys vs 1st XI Cricket Match was resurrected with teams once again playing for the Wirihana Cup. The cup was first played for in 1961 and this was a feature on the calendar until the cup went missing some years later. Such was the success of last year's competition that the challenge was put out again this year for Old Boys of the School to return and take on the current School 1st XI.

Two fiercely competitive cricket teams took the field on Friday 12 April to battle for the honour of holding aloft the Wirihana Cup. The Boys' School 1st XI are a strong unit this year, learning to fight hard and play through to the end. The Old Boys were represented by a mixture of School Old Boys and School parents, some players qualifying in both categories. The Old Boys XI was ably led by Matthew Ansell, a past 1st XI Captain.

The School 1st XI batted first and made a respectable 147 for 9 off their allotted 20 overs. In reply, the Old Boys tried hard to keep up with the run rate but put added pressure on themselves by losing wickets at regular intervals. They were eventually all out in the 20th over for 117. So a convincing win to the Boys' 1st XI by 30 runs!

As the sun set, the players and spectators enjoyed a barbeque dinner and looked forward to next year's match.



Old Collegians Rowing Regatta

The 2013 Old Collegians Rowing Regatta was held on a high tide on an afternoon that started overcast with a threat of rain and finished in glorious late afternoon sunshine. Around 30 past rowers attended including John Ferguson, who had three from the 1987 crew (himself, Ben King and Martin Winter) to form an Eight of mixed ages who narrowly lost to the College Premier Boys Eight, despite their 10 second head start!

Ben Forrest (1994) showed his skills in a single skull, retained from his NZ representative history. Ian Ross (1957) and John Gilbert (1965) and Nick Shaw (1982) were all in attendance and recalled their times on the water; also Nick Cashmore (1988), Josh Fleming (2012) and Angus Bews (2012) formed a crew and had clearly lost none of their skill.

The afternoon was followed by a buffet dinner in a marquee on the lawn where there was some reflection back on the pre-pontoon 'muddy feet' days with one snippet of history brought forward – in the very early days when equipment was a bit thin on the ground, old dog collars were used to as foot straps!

The event will return to late March again next year and hopefully we can persuade more to stay on for the dinner!



Old Collegians' News

Major USA Scholarship for IB Student



We are delighted to hear that Nicole Tan, a student who graduated at the end of 2012, has just been offered at a full scholarship worth US\$56,000 a year to Colorado College in the USA. Nicole is over the moon and has let us know that she plans to study a Liberal Arts degree majoring in International Relations.

Nicole came to the College as an international student who studied the International Baccalaureate Diploma in her final two years. She was one of the four students who scored over 40 points for her Diploma out of a possible 45 points. Students with results over 40 points are honoured at the IB Schools of New Zealand Top Scholars' Awards Ceremony at Government

House, Auckland, receiving their award from the Governor General Lt Gen The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae. The other three 2012 awardees, Jiachen (Joe) Lu, Lorentz Bartsch and Samuel Gilmour were also rewarded with top university places in New Zealand and overseas.

Each year, a number of our graduates are fortunate to be offered significant scholarships to universities in New Zealand. These were reported in an earlier article.

Other students go on to pursue places at universities overseas to undertake their tertiary studies. Those applying to the United States, especially those with a sporting component, often attract notable scholarships to assist with their travel, studies and accommodation. The following are the graduates who have contacted us so far with their plans for study at overseas universities this year. We wish them well with their studies and look forward to hearing their progress.

LORENZ BARTSCH has been accepted to Charite University, Germany to study medicine.

JAMES GARDNER has a full scholarship to NYU Abu Dhabi, to study engineering

RYAN HENDERSON will be attending Eastern Illinois University on a sports and academic scholarship to study Business.

MELANIE LINDEMANN will attend North Eastern University, Boston to study communications

JOE LIU has been accepted to Adelaide University, Australia to study medicine.

MAX LOWNDES will be attending Brown University, Providence RI, to study engineering on a 50% scholarship.

JOLENE MUIR had been accepted to Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee, to take up a soccer (60%) and academic (35%) She is planning to undertake a degree in Media Studies.

PAUL PARK has been accepted in Medical Sciences at the University of Sydney.

JACOB SWIATEK has been accepted to North Western University in Chicago to do Political Studies.

LUCAS SACHS will be studying a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Film and Television Production at New York University's Tisch School of The Arts, in New York City.

NICOLE TAN has been accepted on a full scholarship to Colorado College in the USA to study a Liberal Arts degree majoring in International Relations.

Sebastian Solberg



Sebastian Solberg will be remembered for his role of Romeo in the edgy stage production of Romeo and Juliet in 2008 and, more importantly, his love of film and developing talent as a photographer. Sebastian is one of those lucky people who has been able to turn his passion into an exciting career.

'Straight after graduating from Saint Kentigern College in 2009, I started work as a camera operator filming extreme sports for Red Bull, Mizone, Nissan, Hyundai and Billabong with lots of the content being screened on Sky Sports. A year later I moved to England to work on Resistance, a feature film starring Andrea Riseborough and Michael Sheen. For this I shot, scripted and directed mini documentaries charting the whole movie process from production to post. I've continued to do this on a variety of films including 'My Brother

the Devil' which won best cinematography at the Sundance film competition and 'Jadoo' which premiered at the Berlin Film Festival in February. Since moving to England I've also been working on commercials, music videos, documentaries and short films - one of the short films I shot called 'The Plotters' was a finalist in the Virgin Media Shorts competition last year and was shown in over 200 cinemas around the UK.

As well as England my work has also taken me to countries such as Qatar, Norway and France - I love travelling and working with talented and inspiring people and it's a dream come true to be able to do this on a daily basis. Over the summer I have been back in NZ for the summer working on my first feature film script which I plan to make in the near future. In March I returned to London to start work as a stills photographer on a feature film called 'Keeping Rosy'.

It's been a world wind of adventures and excitement since graduating from Saint Kentigern, I've met some wonderful people along the way and I plan to continue to pursue my dream of making movies. You can follow my filmmaking journey on my blog, please don't forget to subscribe: www.sebastiansolberg.com

Calvin Sang



Throughout the Jubilee Weekend, there was a one man film crew quietly moving amongst the guests filming the proceedings which was later edited into an historical record of the weekend.

A graduate in 2013, Calvin, like Sebastian Solberg before him, is remembered for his love of film and graphics. Since Year 9 Calvin has been entering film awards, in particular the 48 Hour Film Festival, with some good degree of success. He is also remembered for his work with SKCTV while at College. Graduates from recent years will enjoy the parody that Calvin filmed at the end of last year, having persuaded a number of College staff to learn lines and perform! The Missing Classroom by Calvin Sang can be viewed on Youtube.

Calvin is taking a gap year to further his film making career and would welcome contact from anyone interested in using his talents.

The Road to Ivy League



With thanks to 2012 graduate, Max Lowndes

For any student, American or Kiwi, the opportunity to study at an Ivy League university could seem as unattainable as becoming an astronaut or stumbling across a flying pig. The Ivies are generally regarded as the cream of the crop of the American universities and the competition to get in is fierce. Typically only 6-10% of applicants are accepted.

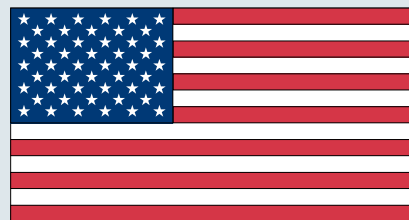
Fortunately for me, varsity sport in the United States is a very important part of any university. Sporting events are big revenue generators and athletes are recruited from all over the world. The budget for the athletic departments

is significant and, at most public universities, coaches can more or less override the admissions office to get players in.

The Ivy League schools are slightly different. Coaches still recruit for their team and they do have some influence on the admissions department. However, there is a ruling between those schools that the average GPA for a sports team must be within one standard deviation of the entire student body. For this reason, although the coach can strongly support an application, the athlete must still have a very good academic record.

The recruiting process is very long and stressful. For me, it started in August of my Year 13 when I sent my CV with all of my rowing statistics and achievements to the Head Rowing coaches at Princeton, Harvard and Brown Universities. After 4 months, 49 phone calls and 782 emails, I was offered an 'Official Visit' to all three. An 'Official Visit' is an all expense paid, 48 hour visit offered to those athletes on a coach's short list. It is essentially a chance to experience student-athlete life at the university. Strict rules govern these visits. Coaches are not allowed to observe the recruits training, they are not allowed to give the recruits any gear or money and recruits are only allowed exactly 48 hours on campus.

For me, having the opportunity to see the schools was mind-blowing (and exhausting). I was flown out on the night of December 2nd, mid-way through the Leavers' Dinner. 38 hours later, I was met at the Boston airport by the Harvard coach. I was paired up with one of the rowers and spent the following two days with him. I stayed in his dorm and ate meals with him and the rest of the team. He gave me a tour



around the enormous campus and took me to classes. The general format of my visits to Brown and Princeton were pretty similar; however, I was at Princeton for the weekend, meaning I also got the opportunity to experience a college party!

All the schools had beautiful campuses with impressive facilities but each had a really tangible atmosphere and each student body had a very distinct culture. The faculty were among the best in their respective fields (a physics professor at Harvard was only teaching for four years, as he was in charge of a space probe mission for NASA and was waiting for the probe to reach its destination). I personally didn't get a great vibe from Harvard during my visit, but at both Princeton and Brown I found an open, relaxed and fun atmosphere and an awesome training ethic among the guys in the team.

In the end, I could not choose between Princeton and Brown – academically Princeton was slightly more prestigious, however Brown had a much better crew team and their coach is regarded as one of the best in the US. In the end, my grades weren't quite good enough to get into Princeton, but I did get into Brown, so my choice was made for me.

Seven and a half long months after first writing my rowing CV, I am now a member of Brown University Class of 2017, in Providence, Rhode Island. I start at the end of August.

Best NZ Secondary School Short Film Award

We congratulate three Old Collegians, Lucas Sachs, Oliver Marshall-Harrington and Reuben Bray, who graduated from the College at the end of 2012, for winning a significant film award.

Last year, as part of their NCEA Level 3 Media Studies course, the three created a gritty 'noir' short film production called 'The Night of the Lives'. This recently won the inaugural Best NZ Secondary School Short Film Award at the Uni Shorts International Student Film Festival 2013 held at Auckland's Unitec Institute of Technology over the weekend of 13-14 April.

The story follows the night of the school ball. Jack has just awoken from a violent attack to find his girlfriend Sarah dead, setting off a night of revenge fuelled retaliation in a quest for answers.

Already endorsed by 'Indy Mogul', an Internet-based video webcast geared towards independent film-makers, the film won both the People's Choice and Judge's Choice awards at the College film night - The Kents 2012.

This award comes on the heels of news that Lucas has just been accepted to the prestigious NYU film school in New York City for his tertiary studies.

We wish all three boys well as they continue their studies.

Their entry into the competition can be viewed here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBo-SV8RBmk>



Claudia Gibb



KEUKA COLLEGE, CENTRAL NEW YORK USA

The time is racing by as I complete my first year at College in the USA. It has been an amazing experience and I have tried to make the most of every day. The high points have been getting a job on the local television as a reporter and taking these stories to air every two weeks. I find out what is going on in the county or the College and then present these stories on breakfast television. I am also a regular contributor to the College newspaper, writing on a variety of topics and am on the committee that organises social events for the students. I work part time in the international recruitment office doing administration for about four hours a week.

I am doing a communications degree and got a good GPA my last semester. The College is set on a lake in a rural area of central New York. The lake iced over during the winter! Another highlight was spending Thanksgiving week in New York City with a wonderful family. I love New York City!

It has been very interesting living in another country, in so many ways, and getting to know people from all over the world that have come to Keuka College. It does make me appreciate very much just how lucky we are to live in New Zealand. A big thank you to Saint Kentigern College for giving me this wonderful scholarship opportunity.

Oliver Gibb

FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA USA

I came to Fresno Pacific University on a waterpolo scholarship three years ago. Waterpolo has been my passion since I first started at Saint Kentigern School in Year 7 and I continued to play through my high school years at the College. I was a member of the NZ Youth Squad and travelled to Serbia and the USA with the NZ team. I have also been on waterpolo training camps in Italy and Hungary and was coached by the top Hungarian Olympic coach.

Playing waterpolo in the USA has meant travelling and meeting many teams from all over the US.

During my vacations back in New Zealand over the last three years, I have especially enjoyed coaching and assisting the flipperball and waterpolo teams at Saint Kentigern Boys' School to achieve top places for the first time. It was very rewarding to work with such a great group of children and parents.

My studies now have to come first as I complete a pre-medical degree in the hope of a career in medicine. As part of my medical studies I have just completed an internship at the local hospital working 2 nights a week... and I still want to be a doctor!

Andrew Berry



Old Collegian, Andrew Berry attended Saint Kentigern College from 1986-1990. Andrew's career pathway since his College days has been one of outstanding achievements, humanity, honour and trust.

Recently Andrew has been praised in the media for his humanitarian work in Afghanistan whilst deployed with the Police in 2009. A father himself, Andrew took on the cause of a three year old boy who suffered from a cleft palate, raising enough money to enable him to have the surgery he needed for his survival. Without Andrew's act of generosity, the constant risk of pneumonia from living in the high altitude mountains of Afghanistan would have ultimately sealed the young boy's fate.

Following on from College life, Andrew completed a BSc in Zoology and an MSC (Hons.) in Marine Science at the University of Auckland. During his studies Andrew was responsible for Project Jonah's Auckland Whale Stranding team and for volunteers in Auckland, Northland and Nelson. His passion for marine mammals also saw him become a member of the Project Jonah National Board where during he was responsible for the training of volunteers. Andrew was also a Department of Conservation Ranger at Goat Island Marine Reserve, New Zealand's first marine reserve established in 1975, as well as an Honorary Fisheries Officer for the Ministries of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Andrew then moved on to join the Police force where he remained for 13 years. He quickly rose up the ranks, achieving the position of Senior Sergeant at quite a young age. Prior to that role, Andrew also led teams at the Counties Manukau Child Abuse Team and the Mt Wellington Burglary Investigation Unit. Whilst a member of the CIB, he was acknowledged for taking the lead in Intelligence-led policing, his role in murder and serious crime investigations, and his compassion with victims and witnesses. He then went on and furthered his studies by completing an Executive MBA in 2008.

While working as Senior Sergeant and the Area Community Services Manager for Counties-Manukau (East) Police, in 2006, Andrew was successful in winning the Sir Peter Blake Emerging Leader Award. As part of his role, he led over thirty staff, initiating, maintaining and improving community relationships, and was responsible for the administrative management of the Otara Police Station. As part of his award, Andrew received a \$10,000 scholarship to further his leadership work and was also given leadership mentoring.

Since his award Andrew has remained an enthusiast of the Sir Peter Blake Trust, and in 2012 he joined the Young Blake Expedition to the Kermadec Islands as the Marine Operations Director. His responsibilities as part of the crew, was to ensure the safety and whereabouts of 55 Young Blake Expedition members across a range of activities while at sea, including dolphin and shark tagging.

Andrew is currently the owner of a niche recruitment business.



Craig Smith

Brothers Craig and Shane Smith are the founders of Language Perfect, a software programme originally conceived by Craig while at Saint Kentigern to help him study for his French and Japanese exams. His older brother, Shane, developed the platform software to support Craig's prototype and together they have built an international company with an award winning learning platform. Each year, over 100,000 students from around the globe logon for the largest online languages competition on the planet, together answering over 50 million vocabulary and grammar questions under time pressure in any one of 14 languages over a period of 10 days. This makes it one of the most used educational websites in the world at during competition time. At the recent black tie Melbourne launch of this year's competition, College staff members, Walter Chieng, Doug Anderson and Alison Derbyshire were in attendance, all invited to speak. Proud of the boys' achievements, Walter said:

'One of the hidden benefits of working in education is the opportunity to grow and learn with our

students. It is a real privilege to be involved with Craig and the Language Perfect team in some way. It was 10 years ago when Craig and Shane Smith attended an afterschool computer engineering programme that we were running at Saint Kentigern. They attended this two year course (normally only available to university students or IT engineers) because they wanted to extend themselves. Recently, Billy Lam, another graduate from that course joined the Language Perfect team. We are naturally extremely proud of our young achievers and can only admire what the Language Perfect team has achieved and the phenomenal successes they have had over the past 5 years.

The summary of Craig's school reports reads like this:

- He has a Thirst for Learning
- He Thrives on Excellence
- He is Determined to Succeed
- He has a Strong Desire to Make a Difference

Craig has remained true to these and it is these very qualities that have forged what is a phenomenal company, the Language Perfect family. The successes to date, the way they go about their business, the relationships that they build at the

various levels/layers in the education, the care that they have demonstrated with their customers have made them an agent for change in education. I am honoured to be involved in some capacity with the Language Perfect team and am blown away by this group of young people who have already made such an impact in education.'

Entrepreneurs at heart, the boys have now taken their business one step further. Built on the same premise as Language Perfect, their latest release, Education Perfect now turns its attention to all subjects across the curriculum, taking the same formula to ask exacting questions that both challenge and aid learning and the acquisition of knowledge. As 'digital natives in a global society' their ultimate goal is that each curriculum area, whether science, mathematics or social studies, will also be translatable into a range of international languages, opening the way for students to learn key facts in more than one language, ultimately opening opportunities for overseas studies. We congratulate these boys on their remarkable achievements and will watch their progress with interest!

Jason Swanevelder

Recently, the College welcomed back Old Collegian, Jason Swanevelder; to speak to our senior students at assembly about the advantage of learning a second language. We thank Jason for his time and insight.

'I started studying Japanese in Year 9, after the two taster semesters in Years 7 and 8. Despite my limited knowledge of the culture at the time, I found it intriguing and this ultimately made me decide to continue studying it over the other languages available. As a Year 9 student, I rather naively decided that I wanted to become fluent in Japanese, not realising the difficulty involved undertaking such a task. Over time, this decision made one of the biggest impacts on the direction of my life.

As with most things in life, choosing to do something, and being good at that something are two completely different things. Japanese was no different for me. The first two years were

a struggle, but as I became better, gradually understanding more and more, I really started to enjoy it. Aside from the cultural aspect, purely learning the language, how to think in another language, and translate became something I found I had a passion for. This further fuelled my desire to become better. However, continuing on with Japanese to Year 13, I quickly realised that there was still a long road ahead before I could call myself fluent.

In order to study at a higher level, and achieve my goal of fluency, I naturally took Japanese as one of my majors in University. Two years later and it's been incredible to see the results of my continued study. I can talk to native speakers, and translate songs and short videos from Japanese, but am still a long way off from being completely fluent. Now, having finished the final compulsory undergraduate Japanese paper, with top of class honours, I once again feel the need to push myself and undertake the next challenge. I am currently in Japan



undertaking a one year University of Auckland exchange (as part of the Auckland Abroad 360° program) at Keio University. I am studying in an intensive language programme aimed at increasing proficiency to the level where foreign students can take normal Japanese university courses in Japanese.

From that choice in Year 9 to become fluent, Japanese has become a central point of my life, and something I definitely see myself continuing with after graduating. Japanese will, without a doubt, open up a door to a career where it's possible for me to pursue my passion.'



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