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## Old Collegians President's Report



It seems quite incredible that we are now at the end of another school year at Saint Kentigern. Another year of high achievement in the classroom, on the field, court and stage, and also amongst our Old Collegians. Past students are continuing to achieve distinction at universities in New Zealand and around the world, in the boardroom and on the career ladder. It is evident at the various SKOCA reunion events around the world that 'striving for

excellence' remains with our students even after they have graduated from Saint Kentigern.

The 1990-1999 Bruce House Boarder Reunion Dinner in September was another reunion of successful and confident young men who said they had all 'survived' their 'boarding house years' and now, despite what they thought were some tough times then, looked back with fond memories at how this experience had shaped their lives for the better. It was also an event in the College history where we had second generation OC's returning to reunite with their classmates such as Cameron Marcroft whose father Brian was a foundation boarder in the early 1950's, and Andrew McMillan who also boarded and is the son of Bob McMillan, also of the College foundation decade and a Past President of SKOCA.

The SKOCA Golf Day at Titirangi was lighter in number due to a clash with the school holidays with many OC's away, however, the golf played was outstanding and in some cases, such as the Golf Academy Team, unbelievable! With a generous sponsor prize pool, the top teams received top prizes.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the ongoing event sponsorship from Bayleys Real Estate, Giltrap Prestige, Southpark Group, Ricoh, Toshiba, Angus Steak House and the Saint Kentigern Trust Board who are key to this event's success. Next year the event moves to Remuera Golf Course on 9 November, where we intend to hold this annual event indefinitely.

The Australian Reunion in Brisbane saw over 30 Old Collegians meet on the Friday for lunch then again for a late dinner, followed by lunch on Saturday before the journey to Suncorp Stadium to witness a true 'last minute' recovery and win by the All Blacks. The weather was brilliant, comradery excellent and all attendees aged 24-72 years commented they would make the trip to Sydney in 2015 for a repeat reunion and rugby weekend. A special moment was witnessed when Foundation Boy's School Old Collegians, Stephen Cassrells, John Lewis and Duncan Millar, reunited after 40 years since completing 13 years at Saint Kentigern School and College. They remained inseparable during the night, laughing and recalling the mischief they had caused. My thanks to Brisbane-based John Lewis and Ross Patrick (another 13 year gentleman) for organising this most successful reunion weekend.

SKOCA committee members Kelly Alexander and Sharnika Lelini organised a competitive SKOCA team to play the College Senior Netball team, however, the College was too strong again. Committee members James Hackett and James Bennett organised the ROC'S (under 26 OC's) events at the four main universities again this year and each event was well attended, with the Auckland event clearly the most outstanding with 348 ROC's in attendance! My thanks to these members of the committee and all the SKOCA committee who generously give their time to organise and support the various events on the annual SKOCA calendar for the benefit of the wider SKOCA members.

I would like to welcome Rachel Goldstine and Caleb Hill from the 2014 College Year 13 leavers onto the SKOCA committee next year as key members to ensure we link with the 2014 leavers' group wherever they may be studying or beginning their careers. We would love our graduates keep in touch.

I wish all members of the SKOCA and the wider Saint Kentigern family a long and enjoyable summer vacation and look forward to meeting many again at the various annual events in 2015 for another unbelievable year of achievement at Saint Kentigern.

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*Andrew Morgan, President of the Old Collegians Association*

*The committee welcomes feedback from members so please keep in touch: [skoca@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skoca@saintkentigern.com)*

### HAVE YOU MOVED? ARE YOU MOVING?

People are constantly on the move and sometimes forget to let us know! Please help us to keep our database up to date so that you can continue to receive Piper Magazine and email news of upcoming SKOCA events.

If you request us to do so, we will amend any personal information about you, held by us, which is inaccurate, incomplete or out of date, however, we can't do it if you don't let us know!

There are many younger Old Collegians who are still receiving Piper via their parents' address. If you have moved to your own address, please let us know!

If your contact details have changed, please take a moment to fill in the form on the Old Collegians section of the Saint Kentigern website, alternatively, you may contact us by emailing [skoca@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skoca@saintkentigern.com)



# SKOCA Calender



**SUNDAY 10 MAY 2015**  
**SKOCA - ROWING REGATTA & BBQ**

Time: 3.00pm  
 Venue: College Rowing Shed, College  
 Make a crew and challenge the 1st VIII!  
 BBQ dinner after races  
 RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

## FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2015 BOYS SCHOOL - SKOCA GOLF DAY

Time: 12.00pm (1 pm Teeoff)  
 Venue: Auckland Golf Club  
 \$100 per head (ROCS \$60)  
 Refreshments provided  
 RSVP: sue.bowskill@saintkentigern.com  
 (see advertisement on page 68)  
 skoca@saintkentigern.com

## SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2015 SKOCA VS COLLEGE - 'Cricket 12 Overs Tournament' (6 Teams)

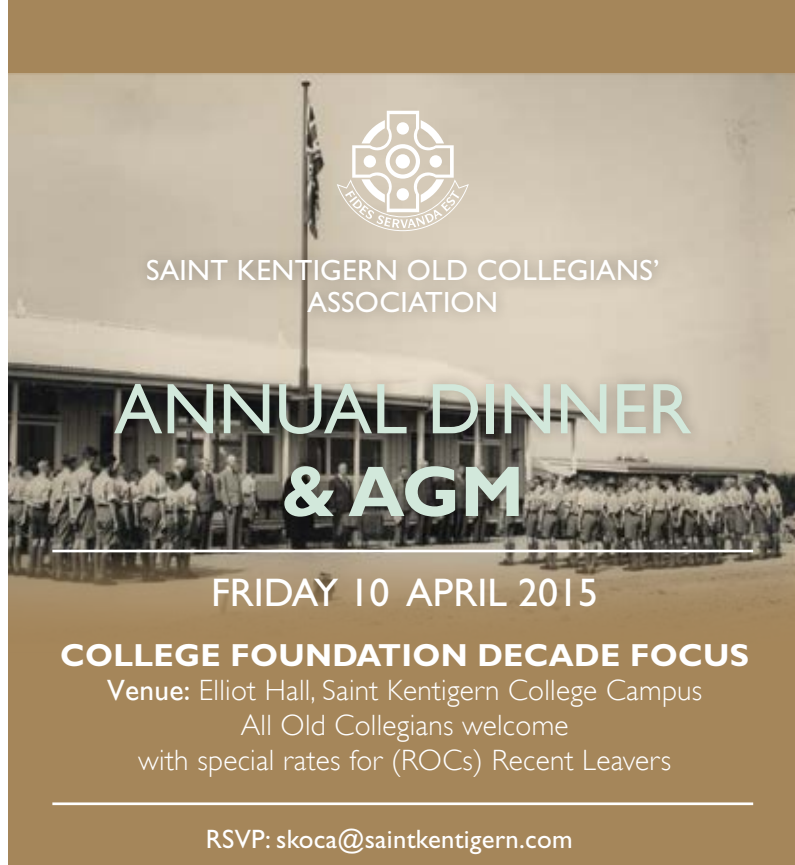
Time: 12.00pm  
 Venue: No 1 Field, College  
 Refreshments & BBQ provided  
 RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com



**London Reunion  
& Dinner**

**FRIDAY 3 JULY 2015**  
**'1st XI Cricket UK Tour'**

Time: 6.15 pre-dinner drinks  
 Venue: ROSL House, Park Place,  
 St James St, London  
 Calling all Old Collegians based in the UK!  
 We look forward to seeing you for  
 this annual get-together.  
 This is a great venue in the heart of London  
 with accommodation available if required.  
 RSVP: DGOWAN@dacbeachcroft.com



SAINT KENTIGERN OLD COLLEGIANS'  
ASSOCIATION

**ANNUAL DINNER  
& AGM**

**FRIDAY 10 APRIL 2015**

**COLLEGE FOUNDATION DECADE FOCUS**  
 Venue: Elliot Hall, Saint Kentigern College Campus  
 All Old Collegians welcome  
 with special rates for (ROCs) Recent Leavers

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

### TICKETS:

**\$65** per head  
**\$600** per table of 10  
 ROCs **\$45** per head

### PROGRAMME:

**6.15pm:** AGM  
**6.30pm:** Pre-Dinner drinks  
**7.15pm:** Dinner

### BOOKING FORM FOR ANNUAL DINNER

Please fill in the details and fax or mail your form back with payment to:  
 Saint Kentigern Old Collegians' Association  
 PO Box 51060, Pakuranga, Manukau 2140, NZ.  
 Phone: (09) 577 0749 Fax: (09) 577 0700  
 Alternatively you may email your details to: skoca@saintkentigern.com

Please make your cheques payable to: Saint Kentigern Old Collegians' Association

Name:

Address:

Daytime Contact Phone Number:

Number of Tickets Required @ \$65.00

Number of Tickets Required @ \$45.00

Or Table of 10 @ \$600.00

☐ Cheque

☐ Visa

☐ Mastercard

☐ Bankcard

Card No.

Card Name

Expiry Date

Signature

Names of attendees paid for with this reply.



# BOYS' SCHOOL SKOCA Golf Day

Friday 13 February 2015

**Time:** 12.00 for 1pm Tee-off  
**Venue:** Auckland Golf Club  
**Tickets:** \$100 per head. (ROCS's \$60)  
 Refreshments provided.

**RSVP:** skoca@saintkentigern.com,  
 sue.bowskill@saintkentigern.com

## GOLF DAY - MAKE A TEAM AND REGISTER NOW!

Charge to Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Diners ☐ Amex ☐

Card No.

Name on card

Expiry Date

Signature

*On payment, this becomes your GST invoice (GST no 10-686-660)*

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SKOCA - Golf Day - 13 February 2015

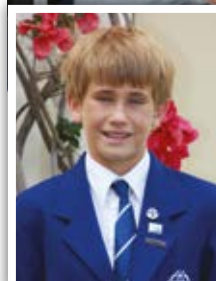
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Joshua Tomlinson,  
Head Boy 2009

Five  
years on



Joshua Tomlinson, 2014

### BOYS' SCHOOL CLASS OF 2009

An unseasonal mid-December drop in temperature, along with wet and blustery conditions, proved little deterrent for a large group of boys from the Boys' School Class of 2009. Five years on, having just graduated from various colleges, they and their parents were welcomed back to school for a Sunday afternoon BBQ to catch up with old friends before they head off on the next stage in their lives.

A group of over 90 took shelter in the Jubilee Sports Centre Lounge and enjoyed a BBQ cooked up by Principal, Mr Peter Cassie and representatives from the Old Collegians Association.

It was great to see these friendships rekindled as the boys shared stories of their respective college experiences and talked about 'where to from here.' Parents also had chance to reconnect and remember a time shared during their sons' days at the School. This group of parents have particularly fond memories of that final year in 2009 as it was the year of the School's 50th Jubilee and the official opening of the Jubilee Sports Centre. That year was filled with many social events, creating strong bonds among the parents, with the highlight being the Jubilee Weekend that included the spectacular Jubilee Ball in the newly opened gymnasium.

The boys took the opportunity to take a look around the grounds to see how things have changed on campus. The tiles on the tiered bank seating were a magnet as they sought out personal artwork from their primary years. They then carried on to find their name on the set of bronze plaques, that were installed retrospectively in the Jubilee year, on the wall of the Senior School.

This is now the fifth year that the Saint Kentigern Old Collegians Association has hosted the BBQ on the Boys' School Campus and with this the largest gathering to date, it is an event that is sure to stay as a regular fixture on the Calendar.





# Bruce House Reunion Dinner 1990 - 1999

In late September, it was the turn of the boarders from 1990-1999 to be invited back to dinner at Bruce House; the place they called their 'home away from home' during their College years. For some, this was the first time they had returned in 20 years and as other returning boarders have said before them, the flood of good memories made for a most enjoyable evening.

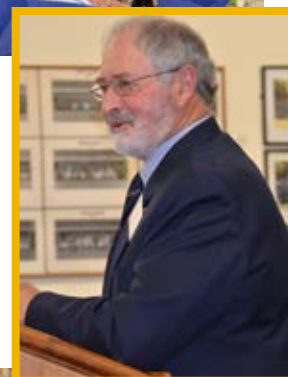
Five of the past Housemasters, Jack Paine (1955-1958), Ron Stone (1964-1980), Warwick Bell (1981-1984), Jim Wyatt (1993-1994) and Malcolm Cowie (1997-2005) were present along with Mrs Rosemary Capill who has been Matron to the boarders for over 23 years! 'Matron' played and continues to play a significant role in the lives of boarders and so it was with true affection that the reconnections were made. She surprised a number of them by recalling their names!

Prior to dinner, President of the Old Collegians, Mr Andrew Morgan gave a brief overview of 'SKOCA' (Saint Kentigern Old Collegians Association) and the work that they do to keep the connections alive between former students and their place of learning. He also explained that SKOCA currently funds twelve annual scholarships across the three campuses along with other grants that are allocated for specific purposes to both students and Old Collegians.

Following dinner, guest speaker for the evening was Mr Jim Wyatt. Mr Wyatt had been the Housemaster from 1987-1994. He had also been a history teacher, 7th Form Dean and coach of the 1st XV for a number of years. He, like the boys, said that coming back to Bruce House after so many years felt like coming home; it brought back the fondest of memories and invoked truly warm feelings. He went on to say that Bruce House has always been a vibrant place where you could not just be a bystander; you had to be involved and each generation of boarders will believe they had the best of times. He regaled the audience with tales from the past, supplemented by input from another Housemaster, Mr Neil Ritchie (1995-1997) who was unable to attend.

Following dessert, Head of College, Mr Steve Cole gave an overview of College life today and how boarding has changed over the years. Bruce House has been a dedicated part of the College since 1954 and whilst the numbers of boarders waned during the 2000's, the numbers are once again strong – largely the influence of the introduction of girls and the recognition by families of the positive effects of having siblings board together at the same school. He also explained how the nature of boarding has changed over the years and how many of the boarders are now seniors who live relatively locally and board during the week days only to enable greater commitment to their studies and sports. He said that the College continues to excel in all areas and he makes no apology for wanting the College to 'be the best!'

The evening concluded with the former boarders reflecting back on their time at Bruce House and the influence being a boarder had in shaping their lives. They all spoke of the positive impact of being part of an extended family and how the Housemasters and Matron were guiding figures during those years. Above all was the strength and sense of camaraderie that developed and has since transcended the years. We look forward to seeing them all again at other Old Collegian functions.





# Old Collegians on the Staff at Saint Kentigern

The retirement of Rod Biel this year after an almost 50 year association with the College has highlighted the depth to which many connect to their place of learning. When students graduate and move on from College, there are probably not many who imagine that they would return to their school to work, yet a number of our Old Collegians do just that. Over the years we have seen former students return as student teachers on teaching practice, to assist coaching sports teams or teach Pipes and Drums. We have others who assist with administrative tasks during university breaks or return to help in the IT Department. We also have those we can call on to assist at Field Centre, lend their expertise to debating teams and a host of other minor roles. Then there are those who make the commitment to return and give back to their school, joining as full time members of staff. In the case of Nigel Toy, he returned to lead the College as Headmaster from 1983-1997.

## WARWICK BELL

Former English Teacher, Associate Head and current Archivist



2014 marks Warwick Bell's 47th year of employment at Saint Kentigern College. He attended Saint Kentigern as a student from 1957 to 1961. He was Deputy Head Prefect, Head of Bruce House and Captain of Rowing in his final year. After University, (MA Hons in History) he attended Auckland Secondary Teachers' College.

Warwick originally joined the staff in 1967 while completing some university history

papers, for one of which he was awarded the Hayden History Prize at Auckland University. He went overseas in 1971, spending some of the year teaching at Hurstpierpoint College, a public school in Sussex, England before returning to Saint Kentigern in 1972.

Warwick has had a teaching career involving a wide variety of activities and responsibilities. He has been Head of English, Housemaster of Bruce House, as well as being involved with rugby, rowing (MIC for several years), outdoor education (organiser of Field Centre), information technology and publications. Later in his career he was Senior Master, Associate Headmaster and Head of Admissions. In all of this, his principal interest has always been people - teaching his students, meeting parents and students in interviews, and working with other staff.

Warwick formally retired from teaching in 2005 but since then, until recently, has spent several days each week helping in Admissions to conduct interviews for prospective students. His links with the different phases in the history of the College and his belief in preserving its heritage has since involved him in a project to organise and catalogue the many resources the College has into an Archives Centre which will be accessible to our community.

## ANDREW LIGHTFOOT

Music Teacher (Pipes and Drums)



When asked how long he has been at Saint Kentigern, Andrew's quick reply is 'since the third form' – that was 1978 Andrew! Student number 3765 enjoyed his time at the College; the highlights of which include being a rower and being Pipe Major of the Pipes & Drums.

While at university, he continued tutoring the pipers and is just about to complete 30 years of teaching. After starting with a small handful of keen pipers, there are now pipers across all

three Saint Kentigern campuses, including two College pipe bands, an Old

Rod's long association with Saint Kentigern is remarkable, only to be upstaged by Warwick Bell who formally retired in 2005, was farewelled with honour, even appearing on the cover of Piper – only to return shortly after and commence work again, which he still does to this day!

There have been many over the years who have returned to do a teaching spell at Saint Kentigern and then moved on. There have also been a good number of young people who were active in the former PAL (Peer Assisted Learning) programme in the IT Department who have returned to both make use of and further their knowledge in this area. Currently there are fourteen full time members of staff who are Old Collegians. Each has given a brief snapshot of life between being a Saint Kentigern student and working on campus today.

## ROD BIEL

Former English Teacher then Teachers' Services Manager

Rod retired at the end of 2014, having been a student from 1962-67 followed by an unbroken 43 years working as a staff member at the College. As a student, he counts his major highlight as playing the Archbishop of Canterbury in T S Eliot's 'Murder in the Cathedral' and being interviewed on television about his role.

Following graduation, he went on to The University of Auckland followed by Auckland Secondary Teachers Training College whilst also a Territorial Army Officer; a role he maintained for 26 years. When asked why he came back, he explained that English staff were desperately scarce in the early 1970's. The Headmaster, the Rev Dr Adam MacFarlan had an unexpected vacancy and so encouraged him to apply after his last section at the College as a student teacher, agreeing to work his timetable in such a way that Rod could complete his MA.

Like Warwick Bell, Rod has had a varied career; initially teaching English, Social Studies and then Christian Education. He was a resident master at Bruce House, HOD Library, then Office Manager & Attendance Officer



before finally taking on the role of Teaching Services Manager until he retired. In amongst this, he took on many other tasks, organising teacher relief, formal photo days, manning the microphone at athletics and making sure prizegiving ran like clockwork.

A fuller report about Rod, including his contribution to the Pipes and Drums, may be read on page 39.

Collegians band and a combined Junior Pipe Band at the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Andrew has also been involved with Year 10 Field Centre, has been a Bruce House Duty Master and has taken the Pipes and Drums on eight international trips, including five tours to Scotland. As well as this, Andrew is a retired officer of the RNZVR, receiving his service medal in 2012. He is also an Elder of St Luke's Presbyterian Church in Remuera.

Andrew and his wife Kate were married in the College Chapel in 1997 by the late Rev Neil Dow, who was the Chaplain when Andrew attended the College. Their three daughters now attend Saint Kentigern, with Elizabeth in Year 7 at the College and Laura and Harriet in Year 5 at the Girls' School.



### REVEREND REUBEN HARDIE

Chaplain to the Boys' and Girls' Schools

Reuben followed his two older brothers, Caleb and Joseph to Saint Kentigern College in 1987. He was there for Year 7 and 8 and thoroughly enjoyed the two years he had at the College. He recalls that in Year 8 he won the cross country and the 1500 metres, coming 2nd overall in Athletics - at least that's what he says he tells his sons!

After secondary school, he spent six years down at Otago University completing a Bachelor of Commerce, a Bachelor of Theology and a Diploma in Ministry before being ordained as a Presbyterian Minister in 2000. He worked as a Church minister in Eastbourne in Wellington for four years before taking up the Begg's Scholarship of the Presbyterian Church and studying a Masters of Religious Studies at the University of Leuven in Belgium, which he graduated from with Hons.

He worked as a Parish minister in Wales (UK) and Auckland and in 2009, he took over Chaplaincy at Saint Kentigern Boys' School. Since 2010, he has been full-time Chaplain to Saint Kentigern Boys' and Girls' Schools. In that time, he has also completed a post graduate teaching diploma.

One of his favourite sayings is Kurt Hahn's 'There is more in you than you think'. He is married to Lucy and they have four boys, all of whom attend Saint Kentigern Boys' School and a daughter who attends Saint Kentigern Preschool. He thoroughly enjoys his role as Chaplain. He says he can say that as a former student, a staff member and a father, that the Saint Kentigern community is an amazing community to be a part of.

### ANDREW FINN

#### Year 4 Teacher at the Girls' School



Andrew was a student from 1988-1995. After university he went on to teach at King's Preparatory School and then Saint Kentigern College over a period of seven years. Andrew became Associate Principal at Epsom Normal Primary School and during this time he completed his Masters of Educational Management.

In 2008, Andrew won a contract to teach at a prestigious IB World School, the United World College of South East Asia (UWCSEA) in Singapore. Outside of his teaching duty, Andrew's main area of responsibility was as the Local Service Coordinator at UWCSEA, where he was responsible for setting up new and sustainable service initiatives for student signees, such as weekly visits to rest homes, hospitals, schools for special needs education and the SPCA.

After six years in Singapore, the family repatriated home and he now holds the position of Middle School Dean at Saint Kentigern Girls' School. Andrew has also rejoined the SKOCA Executive Committee. His wife Su is a tax consultant at Ernst and Young and together they have three young children, Kaythi, Zeya and Ninsi, all of whom attend Saint Kentigern.

### ELLIOT SHARP

#### Social Studies, Physical Education and 1st XV Coach

Elliot attended the College from 1996-1998 and again in 2001. He then took a place at the University of Waikato on a Rugby Scholarship. Whilst there he studied a degree in Sports Science and completed a postgraduate diploma of teaching in Physical Education. After receiving his teaching registration he travelled to the UK to coach rugby in Yorkshire before getting a teaching and coaching role at an independent school in Edinburgh, Scotland.

In 2013, he returned to New Zealand to an exciting job at his old school, where he teaches Social Studies, Health and PE and coaches the 1st XV rugby team. Elliot is a passionate member of the Saint Kentigern

### RICHARD KIRK

#### Year 7 Teacher at the Boys' School



Richard attended Saint Kentigern School from 1984 until 1991 and then moved on to the College from 1992-1996. After this, he took a GAP year in the UK before attending Auckland University to train to be a teacher.

He completed a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and a Bachelor of Education (Teaching) in 2001 and then moved straight back to the UK to begin working as a teacher at Crosfields School in Reading, Berkshire. He

worked here for four and a half years before applying for and getting the Head of English role at Moultsford Preparatory School in Oxfordshire. This was a challenging role, but one that he loved and so he stayed in this post for eight years until December 2013.

He spent most of his time in the northern hemisphere working, travelling, playing a bit of cricket and trying to experience everything it has to offer. During 2013, he decided to return to New Zealand to live. Just before he moved home, an opportunity to work in the Senior School at the Boys' campus became available and he was lucky enough to be offered the job. He is now combining the teaching of English and Social Science to Year 8 with being Head of English at Saint Kentigern Boys' School. He says that being back in New Zealand has been great, as has being back in the Saint Kentigern community.

### STUART SAUNDERS

#### Music and Christian Education Teacher



The College of 2014 bears scant resemblance to the institution I remember between 1967 and 1974. No girls in my time! Then, A and B stream boys mostly took Maths, English and three Sciences, possibly Latin and Greek too. I was the only music student in my year and music comprised only history and theory; no performance or composition. HOD John Bayfield was inspirational - that time would later redefine my life.

Unsure what to do after school, but having all that Biology, Chemistry and Physics, I was pointed towards Pharmacy as a secure career. I discovered after a couple of years that it wasn't for me! I saved hard, gradually put myself through a Music degree and played the piano professionally.

The 1987 crash eviscerated live music, so I taught secondary school. A Christmas Carol Service 'gig' one year lead to a job offer. Even 30 years on, it was awkward initially being on first-name terms with staff members who had been my teachers in another life! Sitting in a staffroom briefing and feeling that I was maybe 'out of bounds' took some ignoring too! Now, I enjoy so much about work - particularly the way Christian Education is taught. I'm blessed to be here.

College community who values the holistic education he received and the expectation that students and staff alike should strive for excellence in all aspects of College life.

On the final day of College for the 2014 Year 13 students, Elliot addressed the graduates on behalf of the Old Collegians, telling them that they will always be part of the extended Saint Kentigern family and the importance of staying in contact with their peers and place of learning.





## PAUL BENNETT

Physical Education Teacher



Since leaving the College in 2003, Paul went to the University of Auckland, to study a Bachelor of Physical Education. Finishing his studies in 2007, he went travelling and working to Rhode Island in the United States, taking on teaching and leadership development roles. He also spent some time in Canada.

He returned to the College in 2009 and began teaching in the Physical Education

Department. Paul's major roles involve the facilitation of the senior Physical Education programme, as well as coaching roles in the Rugby and Touch programmes. Paul is recently engaged and is busy renovating his first home.

## LACHLAN CRAIG

Music Teacher, Choral

Lachlan attended the College from 2001 – 2007, was Arts Prefect and involved in most things 'musical' at the College, 'Thankfully not to the detriment of passing school exams.' He went on to the University of Auckland to study Choral Conducting and Performance Voice. He sang for five years with the NZ Youth Choir and has since moved on to Voices NZ, the country's top Chamber Choir and has a busy schedule as a freelance solo and ensemble tenor. He also has frequent work as a Guest Conductor, Choral Clinician and Adjudicator, and he was recently appointed Director and Conductor of the Auckland Youth Choir.



After teaching stints at Mangere College, Rangitoto College, Pakuranga Intermediate, Saint Kentigern Boys' School and St Peter's College, he returned to build the Choral Programme at the College in 2011, at the suggestion of HOD Music, Ross Gerritsen. Lachlan says that returning to College was 'both weird and excellent!' He says that, as an environment to teach in, it's second to none, but it was a little strange using first names of staff that taught me. There are still a few that I call by their last name; Cowie, Holmes, Venter... but the rest of the teaching staff do too, so I figure I'm safe!

## OLIVER GILMOUR

Music Teacher



Oliver has been a Music and Social Studies teacher at the College since 2012. He currently directs several ensembles and coordinates the Chamber Music Programme. He attended Saint Kentigern College from 2003-2007 and was a Hamilton House Prefect in his final year. He became fully involved in the Music Department, playing in many musical ensembles and productions throughout his time at the College.

After leaving College, he studied a Bachelor of Music at Auckland University and a Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching. During this time, he taught as an itinerant music tutor at several schools including Saint Kentigern Boys' School and College, and Pakuranga Intermediate.

Oliver's family owned and operated a music school in Howick for several years which taught a variety of instruments to children and adults. Musical theatre has become a passion for Oliver and he has become involved in many amateur productions at various theatre societies around Auckland. Oliver is really enjoying beginning his teaching career in such a great environment.

## TAI LAVEA

Head Coach Of The College 1st XV



Tai (along with his twin brother, Tasesa) attended the College from 1996-1998. He returned to the College in 2010 as Head Coach of the College 1st XV. Before joining the staff, Tai was the Head Coach of the 1st XV at Aorere College where he worked for three years after his position as Assistant Coach of the Auckland U18s.

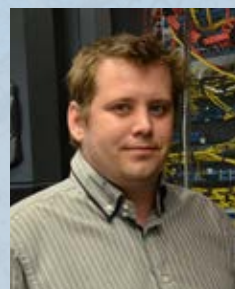
Tai's rugby background prior to making the move to coaching saw him play for the Melbourne Storm Rugby League where he stayed for three years from 1999-2001.

Some of his most notable achievements with the Saint Kentigern 1st XV have seen the team win the 2010 and 2011 National Co-Ed Top 4 Competition, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Auckland 1A Competition, 2012 National Top 4 Competition and the 2013 Sanix World Cup held in Japan.

He said that for him, the most memorable time of his career was coaching the 1st XV to win three Auckland 1A Competitions back to back.

## MATTHEW WAY

Technical Lead in ICT Services



Matthew was a student from 1998-2002. Whilst at the College he was involved with the PAL (Peer Assisted Learning) tutor programme (similar to the current SIT (Students in IT) programme) throughout most of his time at the College, leading the group for a number of years. He enjoyed being able to use his own rapidly developing IT knowledge and skills to help others. He was awarded leadership colours for his work

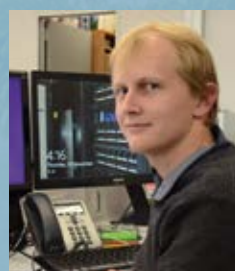
in this area.

After graduating from the College, he was given an opportunity to start working part-time in the ICT Services department whilst still studying through the Cisco networking academy that was running at the time.

Eleven years later and he's still here! His current role is Technical Lead in ICT Services which calls on him to manage the network infrastructure and provide technical leadership to ICT Services across the Saint Kentigern organisation. He says it's never a boring job as there is always something new or different happening. Matthew's services are well appreciated by staff when 'things go wrong' on their PCs!

## NIC SCHOFIELD

Network / Systems Technician



Nic attended the College from 1997 to 2003 firstly as day student and then a boarder.

He went on to study at Manukau Institute of Technology in Computer Networking, before returning to the College in 2007 as a casual technician before becoming full time in 2008.

Nic currently works in the ICT Services Department as a Network/Systems technician working closely with Matthew Way managing the Network/Servers infrastructure and supporting staff and students across the four campuses.





## Academy Award for Areito Echevarria



Currently Head of FX at Weta Digital, Old Collegian, Areito Echevarria is living every young movie-maker's dream, working on some of the biggest name films ever to hit the silver screen – and this year, he went one step further, sharing in an Academy Award with his team of four for developing a new technique of creating digital images. His career proves that with hard

work, persistence and the right training, a job making movie magic is not out of reach.

Areito graduated from Saint Kentigern in 1993, going on to join South Seas Film School. He quickly showed tutors that he was committed and intent on his goal of working internationally in the film industry. By the end of the course he was so skilled in both online and offline Avid Editing that he had no trouble finding an editing job with Ambience Entertainment in Sydney.

His career ended up leading him to London where he helped create the world of Harry Potter for the big screen. Since joining Weta Digital in 2005, Areito has worked on a number of films, including as a compositing sequence lead on King Kong, a lead compositor on The Lovely Bones and Avatar, and as an effects technical director on Rise of the Planet of the Apes and The Adventures of Tintin.

In 2010, Areito joined Weta Digital's FX Department as an effects technical director, working on fluid simulation and rendering. His recent credits include The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey and The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug. He has recently completed work as the Head of FX on the final film in the trilogy, The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies.

While working as compositing supervisor for The Day The Earth Stood Still, Areito co-prototyped the Weta deep compositing work flow – which is now the industry standard for integrating CG images without using traditional holdouts. It was for his contribution to this innovation that he was recognised this year with an Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences technical achievement award (a 'scientific/technical Oscar').

Weta is celebrating its 20th year and Areito has been with it for ten. He has said that the job is perfect because it combines two things he loves - computers and film but the hours can be long and leading a team of 42 people is challenging at times. 'That's the thing about filmmaking, it's a collaboration, so you are always dealing with people and managing expectations.' The best part for him is seeing the results on screen and the satisfaction of making a film that will be a part of popular culture.

He recently told reporter, Simon Smith from the Eastern Courier that he has good memories of his time at Saint Kentigern College. He was a member of the drama and philosophy groups as well the rowing club. Our congratulations to Areito on his remarkable career so far.

Source: Simon Smith, Eastern Courier. South Seas Film School



## Calvin Sang

We caught up with Calvin Sang recently when an agency employed him as the photographer at a photoshoot,

working with our students to create the 2015 Open Day advertisement. It was great to see Calvin in action, doing what he has always loved – working with a camera.

Remembered for his passion while at College for making movies, first noticed as a young Year 9, Calvin has since gone on to work as a freelance videographer and photographer. He says, 'It is mostly video, and video is my main passion, but I love photography too!'

Most of his work is in the corporate world, creating advertising and promotional videos - which he says, 'Doesn't sound as bland as you may think. You can definitely have fun with it and it beats working in an office.'

He did undertake a 'couple of film papers' at university but decided that getting real world, hands-on experience was what he really needed to achieve his own goals, so moved towards full time employment. His work has taken him up and down the country shooting a huge range of experiences as diverse as fashion shows, research expeditions, giant squid, film premieres, cooking competitions and ice cream buffets! He was also on hand during the 60th Jubilee at the College to record events and create a short video of the celebration weekend.

Calvin said that there is a huge variety in the projects he takes on and that's what he really likes about it; his work is never boring and he learns so much about new areas of life – things he didn't even know existed! He says that he's glad he can say that he's able to do what he loves for a living!

As for his 'own' projects, when he is able, he dedicates his time to a TV series called 'Oddballs' that he's working on with Jason Hoon, a friend from College. It's a comedy about two flatmates who live with a robot. Calvin is writing and directing while Jason is producing. They've shot a pilot episode that they are trying to pitch to get it on TV. He says it's a slow process as he currently doesn't have much spare time to dedicate to it.

<http://www.overbridgemediacom/oddballs/> for more information.

One day, Calvin says he'd really like to direct a feature film. How he's going to get there, he's not really sure yet but until then he says he's going to continue with his current working role and then try find time to make more of his own work.





## James Ioelu

– OPERA SINGER

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We were pleased to hear from 2003 Head Boy, James Ioelu and learn about his dedication to his chosen career.

'The years since I finished at Saint Kentigern College have been exhilarating ones. For those of you who don't know me, I am a New Zealand born Samoan opera singer. This career path was first forged under the guidance of a very prudent Saint Kentigern teacher who pointed out, after overhearing me sing during a break, that I should probably get some singing lessons. At the time, I thought it was an insult but what she was really saying is that I had talent that needed to be honed and developed. It was through this recommendation that I started to see Ian Campbell, who was my singing teacher in my last year of College.

My love of opera was set in stone at the New Zealand Opera School, which I attended in Year 13. I continued with my vocal studies privately while I completed another degree through the University of Auckland. It was here that I learnt the ropes of vocal technique. After my studies at the University, I set a firm resolution to head to the United States and it helped that I was accepted into the prestigious Manhattan School of Music in New York.

Since completing formal training in NYC, I've split my time between intense professional development - studying with renowned singer and coach, Madame Virginia Zeani - and performing a number of roles and concerts in America, Europe, and New Zealand. Highlights include the role of Bruno in Michael Williams' original work, 'The Juniper Passion', which premiered in Rome, understudying the bass soloist in Haydn's, 'The Creation' with the NZSO, and most recently performing the role of Raimondo in Donizetti's, 'Lucia de Lammermoor' produced by Auckland Opera Studio.

I have also been extremely fortunate to receive a number of awards ranging from New Zealand Young Performer of the Year and Iosefa Enari Emerging Pacific Artist Award, to more recently placing in three of the top Aria competitions in the Southern Hemisphere. Within the last year, I have won the NZ Aria, as well as taking home the runner-up prize in both the Joan Sutherland and Richard Bonyngel Bel Canto competition and the Sydney Eisteddfod Operatic Aria.

Professional development, competitions, and performing roles are the bread and butter for young singers. This is a usual path for a singer before they head out into the ruthless world of auditions - where it becomes very clear that you need a lot more than talent to get by. You need to be brilliant, in every sense of the word, as there are often hundreds of other singers vying for the role you are. It is extremely competitive. Currently I am in New York for my first audition season and have had some success so far. I would definitely say that Saint Kentigern played a crucial role in my pursuit of this craft - the work ethos, a focus on excellence, as well as a competitive and sporting spirit were all fostered during the years I spent at College.

To learn more about James, go to [www.jamesioelu.com](http://www.jamesioelu.com)

## Ashlee Lennon

– SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETER



I refuse to believe it's been eight years since I became the first 'girl' House Leader and led Wishart to a winning House choir performance, singing 'I Believe' from the Honey soundtrack.

What I can believe is that the values instilled in me at College around leadership, integrity and excellence, to this day, pave my thoughts and shape my days.

In the past three years, I've been lucky enough to travel the world; watch elephants washing in the Indian monsoon, visit the Dalai Lama's home in Dharamasala, trace the steps of Sir Edmund Hillary in Nepal and get helicopter rescued off Mount Everest. I have experienced the magic of Venice and the pulse of London. These times of travel and living abroad have given me great perspective and I encourage everyone to seek it too.

Having spent a few years working in Public Relations and not enjoying it, I made some changes. I now call myself a Social Media Marketer - a real Gen Y title I know! I love working with different brands and figuring out how to do cool stuff on social media.

To all you leavers this year - the time is now. Agreed, it's hard to know what you want to do for the rest of your life. Listen to your instincts, imagine the end result and start your engines!

## Alistair Kendrick

– UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE TEAM

We recently learned that the television show of 'fingers on the buzzers' fame, University Challenge, has started to air again on Prime TV and that College Dux in 2010, Alistair Kendrick, features in the show as part of The University of Auckland team.

Alistair has recently completed a Bachelor of Arts and Science conjoint degree at The University of Auckland, majoring in Biology and Anthropology. He will graduate in May next year but will be continuing with postgraduate study in Biology.

He reports that he had a great time filming the TV series. The show last aired in New Zealand in 1989 and was brought back this year by Cue TV, a production company based in Invercargill. He was one of the five members (four students appear in every game + one reserve) of the Auckland team. All 31 episodes of the show were filmed at the beginning of July in Invercargill and the show will continue to air at 11:30am on Saturdays on Prime until next June. Whilst he knows the outcome, he isn't giving anything away!

Alistair is currently doing a research project on the genetics of rifleman (NZ's smallest bird) at the university. He spent the second semester of 2013 doing an exchange at King's College London, after which he spent 10 weeks travelling around Europe.

He says he is currently training to do the Oxfam Trailwalker in March next year, which requires his team to walk 100km in 36 hours and raise money for Oxfam - something he did in 2010 as a Year 13. Earlier this year, he was elected to the National Council of Scouts NZ, the National Council is a governance body that elects the board of Scouts NZ.

We'll watch with interest to see how Alistair's team fares!







## Melissa Percival

(NÉE O'KEEFFE) – TRAINER AND NUTRITION

I was one of the founding girls at Saint Kentigern and the main reason I chose to change schools to the College was for the Tennis Academy. I did mainstream schooling and Tennis Academy at the same time, so most days I would be at school from 6am until 6pm at night; I was dedicated to becoming a tennis player!

In the time I was at the College, I learnt great work ethics and came to appreciate the high academic expectations – all while playing four hours tennis a day. I was Sportswoman of the Year twice, the first girl sports captain, overall Academy winner and our tennis team won Team of the Year. So sports was my life and I knew that's the avenue I wanted to take in later life.

I was going to continue my tennis but found a new love in Year 13 which was a shift to Triathlon and now Ironman. So I stayed in Auckland to study sports science at Auckland University, followed by nutrition at Massey University.

After four years I came out as a sports scientist and nutritionist. In the first year of studying I got a personal training job at a gym and everything grew from there. I didn't go in thinking I was going to be a personal trainer. But over the years I kept growing and found my niche in women's health.

When I joined Contours Highland Park at age 20, I got my first client, then within three months I was taking spin classes, pump classes, Bootcamp and was full on with personal training clients. Within two years I came up with a programme called, 'Better for you'. I started with eight ladies and grew to two groups of sixteen ladies.

I was loving it, but after five years of working for someone else, I thought, 'I am going to do it myself,' so I took the leap and now my business is placed under Sunnyhills Tennis Club – close to College! It was a total renovation of the building and I have now made it my own space called 'Peak for Life.' I have over 90 ladies participating in my programmes, 20 men, a teens' group, over 40 personal training clients, over 50 nutrition clients and I am continuing to grow.

I also help out at the Tennis Club with some fitness tennis sessions and sports nutrition. I love going to work every day and my clients love the fact that they know each session is never the same; they are always challenged, motivated and there are always new recipes and nutrition ideas.

The future plan is to take my concept and share it with the rest of the nation with a bit of spice and personality, with the help of my husband who is also very successful with a fast growing signage and project management company: Onform and Signarama.

If you would like to know more, visit my site: [www.peakforlife.co.nz](http://www.peakforlife.co.nz)



## Duke of Edinburgh GOLD AWARD

Taking on the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award is a huge commitment in time during the final year at College and such are the requirements of the Award, most students achieve gold status after leaving school. Thirty five of our 2013 graduates have gone on to receive their Gold Award with those who were able, attending the ceremony at Government House in Auckland or in Wellington, where their awards were presented by the Governor General.

The Gold Qualifying group undertook their practice and qualifying expeditions during the summer break at the start of 2014. They initially completed a three day kayaking expedition on the Tamaki Estuary and across to Browns Island. The final qualifying expedition took place around Kawau Island where the students displayed leadership, teamwork and mastered skills.

Throughout their final year at College in 2013, the Gold Award students went far and wide as they completed their residential project. This required them to spend five days in an unfamiliar environment undertaking activities that are of benefit to themselves or others.

**2014 Gold Awards (2013 Graduates):** Tia Ansell, Amy Aspoas, Jessica Aspoas, Shaan Bone, Jacky Cheng, Finlay Christie, Louis Christie, Maddy Cron, Kandarp Dalal, Jack Elliott, Grace Findlay, Sam Grant, Patrick Gu, Jack Gudgeon, Daniel Guthrie, Tyler Hendricksen, Sheryl Ho, Sandy Huang, Andrew Lindsay, Rosemary Longstaff, Jason Mackey, Sean Mackey, Alex McKenzie, Elyse McSkimming, Laura Myers, Anna Piaggi, Richard Power, Letitia Puni, Casey Seto, Claire Skelton, James Stevens, Chelsea Tong, Anna Wei, Kirsten Wong, Mabel Ye.





## Paige Hourigan

After leaving the College earlier this year, tennis powerhouse, Paige Hourigan went out on the professional circuit playing predominantly in Australia and China. In April, she went looking for scholarships in the US and secured a full scholarship to Georgia Tech in Atlanta where she is studying chemical engineering.

Her parents, Doug and Tracey Hourigan said, 'Paige is really intent on going pro and a college scholarship in the US is a good way to prepare. We finally decided on Georgia Tech in Atlanta. The tennis conferences around that area are the strongest in the US and Georgia Tech is one of the strongest on the college circuit.'

The Hourigans say that Paige's coach, Rodney Harmon, is also one of the best and was only the second Afro-American to reach the quarter-finals of a US Open, so his own record is great. 'His training regime is brilliant and he's got Paige looking awesome - she's really strengthened up.'

Paige's first tournament was the Georgia Tech Yellow Jacket Invitational at the Ken Byers Tennis Complex in September against three other strong colleges. She won all three of her doubles matches and two of her singles and lost one - that loss was her first since April.

Paige has a career-high ranking of 175 in the International Tennis Federation rankings, an overall career singles record of 48-29 and career doubles record of 45-26. During the early part of the 2014 season, she took part in numerous international tournaments, gaining experience and strengthening her game. We wish her well as she pursues her tennis dream.



## James Raea 2005-2011

Member of the 1st XV in 2010 and 2011, James Raea played for the Cook Island 7s at the Hong Kong 7s in March this year. He went on to play for the Cook Island 7s at the Commonwealth Games in August where they placed top amateur team in the Commonwealth. More recently he played for the Cook Islands at the Oceania 7s in Australia. He has also played for the Auckland 7s this year at the World Club 7s Series in Limerick and at Twickenham, London where the team placed runner up in both of these tournaments. In April this year, James played for the Cook Islands 1st XV against Fiji in a World Cup qualifier match. James is currently studying towards a conjoint Bachelor of Commerce and Property degree at the University of Auckland.

## William Raea 2007-2013

2013 Dux Ludorum and member of the 1st XV between 2011 and 2013, William Raea has continued on with his sporting career since graduating from the College last year. In April, William played for the Touch Blacks in the Open Men's New Zealand Touch team in the Trans-Tasman series in Australia. In September, he played for the Cook Islands 7s team in the Oceania 7s in Australia. William is currently studying towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of Auckland. He will be taking up a contract with the Canterbury Bulldogs NRL team in November and transferring to a university in Sydney next year to continue his university studies.



## Old Collegians vs College Premier Netball



The Old Collegians Netball team was stronger than ever before when former players from across the years came together to take on this year's Auckland Champions, the College Premier Netball team. The stage was set for a great battle and indeed it was! The teams were extremely well matched and it wasn't until the last quarter that the SKC Premier team managed to hold on to a narrow lead. The final score was 33-21.

It was a truly a wonderful occasion to catch up and relive memories of games played before. Enthusiastic Old Collegians reminisced about their time playing netball and were keen to give their congratulations to the 2014 Premier players for their successes this season.

Ideas were muted of a three match series next year and the possibility of the Old Collegians training together prior to the series to be even better prepared! Delicious nibbles and drinks topped off a great night.

## WHERE ARE YOU?

WHAT DO YOU DO? EVER WONDERED WHAT YOUR  
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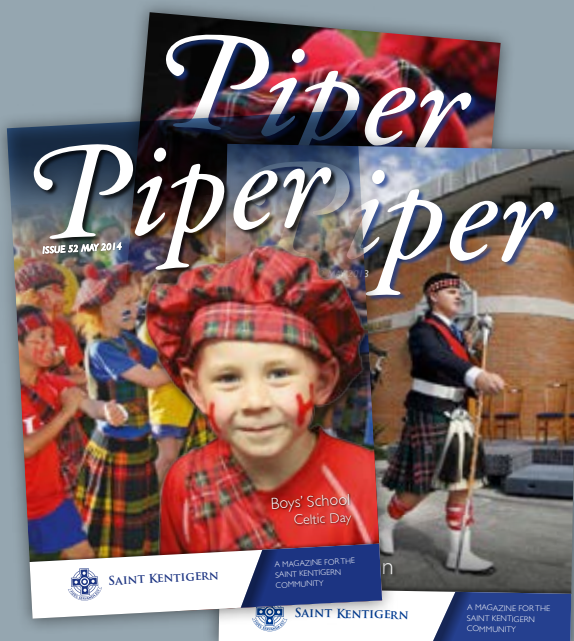
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