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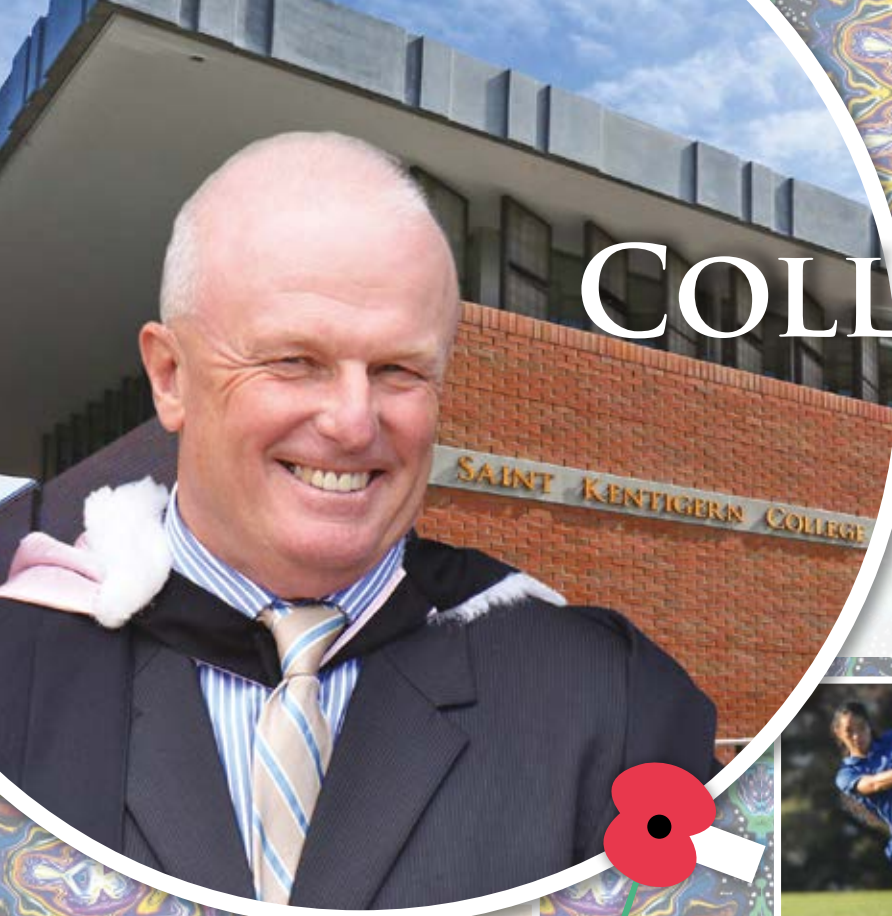
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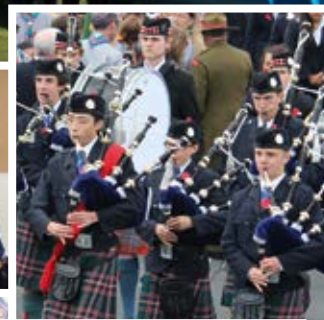
COLLEGE



I have been immensely proud of our students throughout the first part of the year... a kaleidoscope of images show these exceptional young people's involvement and successes in a wide range of academic, service and co-curricular pursuits.

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Steve Cole, Head of College





Student Leaders 2015

In the second week of Term 1, we commissioned our new student leadership team for 2015. This year we congratulate Oliver Hadfield and Grace Wood who have been appointed as Head Prefects. Oliver and Grace are mature, personable students whose conduct is exemplary and have the right characteristics of confidence, pride in the College, leadership skills and commitment to duty. They also have a strong moral centre and display integrity in all areas of their leadership. Congratulations to these all these students on being selected for the role.

We congratulate the following students who have been appointed as prefects for 2015.

DEPUTY HEAD PREFECTS

Amorangi Malesala and Ayden Lamont



Oliver and Grace will be ably assisted by Ayden Lamont and Amorangi Malesala in their roles as Deputy Head Prefects. Ayden is an accomplished sportsman focussing on cycling and rowing. He is a College Cycling Champion, a member of the Rowing U17 Quad, Cycling

Senior A squad and was a member of the AKSS Cross Country Mixed team. Amorangi is a high achieving netballer having won the College Netball Player of the Year, Premier Team Captain Award, John Irvine Cup for Outstanding Performance in Sport – Premier Netball team and Wayne Michael Robinson Cup. This cup recognises a Year 12 student who has experienced a difficult time, yet is a person of integrity who through his or her achievements and actions has inspired others to contribute to the well-being of the College. She is also a member of the Chapel Band and Cultural Group.

HEAD BOY - Oliver Hadfield



Oliver gained an Excellence Endorsement at Level 2 NCEA, Merit at Level 1 and has achieved Academic Honours. A previous student at the Boys' School, Oliver travelled to Vanuatu for Service and has been awarded Duke of Edinburgh Gold. Throughout his time at the College, Oliver has been a member of Kentoris Choir; and been involved in music and drama productions. A keen

sportsman, he has played for the Water Polo Premier and 3rd XI Cricket teams, and has been a student coach in Water Polo.

HEAD GIRL - Grace Wood



Grace was the recipient of a Top Academic Award in both Year 11 and 12, also achieving Academic Colours Awards in both years. She gained an Excellence Endorsement in Level 1 NCEA and is studying towards her International Baccalaureate Diploma. She is a long distance running athlete who was selected for the NZ U18 Cross Country and was a national representative in the Australasian

Cross Country. Grace is a talented musician and a member of the Concert Band. In 2014 she won a prize for her composition in the 'Play it Strange' music competition.



HOUSE LEADERS HAMILTON Braydon Ennor and Lauren Dalton

James Ellis, Amorangi Malesala (Deputy Head Girl), Steel Strang (Arts Prefect)



HOUSE LEADERS CARGILL Joseph Bradshaw and Emily Cran

Jessica Allen (Chapel Prefect), Jonathon Baskett, Christina Oscar, Nick Stanfield, Grace Wood (Head Girl)



HOUSE LEADERS CHALMERS Lauren Hendricksen and Henry Saker

Oliver Hadfield (Head Boy), Trent Macdonald (Head Boy Bruce House), Jared Schnell (Sports Prefect), Rachel Worthington



HOUSE LEADERS WISHART Anthony Grant and Keshini Ketheeswaran

Lucy Conyngham (Service Prefect), Emma Hanley (Sports Prefect), Ayden Lamont (Deputy Head Boy), Becky Lane, Melissa McNaughtan, Valentine Pons (Deputy Head Girl Bruce House)

2014 External Examination Results

The 2014 results in both NCEA and the International Baccalaureate Diploma qualifications were extremely good with a pleasing increase in the number of NCEA students gaining Excellence Endorsements across all three levels of this qualification. Overall, the majority of our students can be proud of their achievements with the vast majority gaining their respective NCEA Level Certificate.

91% of our students gained University Entrance.

Of further note, we also have a far greater number of students than ever who gained results high enough to be awarded Saint Kentigern Academic Colours and Honours, testament to student effort and acclaim of these awards. Details of this appear on page 46.

National Certification of Educational Achievement (NCEA)

The majority of students at Saint Kentigern College sit the NCEA and we are extremely proud that the majority of our measurable indicators at all three levels of the qualification have shown improvement on the previous year. Of greatest note is the continued rise in the number of students who have strived for and attained either a Merit or Excellence Endorsement.

The % of students gaining NCEA Certificates and Endorsements

	Saint Kentigern	National	Decile 10
NCEA Level 1	98	82.7	92
Excellence Endorsement	33.6	17.8	31.4
Merit Endorsement	48.4	35.7	44.2
NCEA Level 2	99	86.9	92.9
Excellence Endorsement	24.4	14.1	23.9
Merit Endorsement	41.2	27.3	36.6
NCEA Level 3	99.6	78.8	88.8
Excellence Endorsement	13.6	12.8	18.3
Merit Endorsement	42.3	29.3	38.2
University Entrance	91	59.4	78.5

NCEA Level 1

At Level 1 (Year 11), 98% of all the students gained their certificates with 34% attaining their certificates with an Excellence Endorsement and a further 48% gaining a Merit Endorsement. We are pleased for the 55 students who have met the criteria for gaining Saint Kentigern Academic Colours or Honours.

Congratulations to our top five NCEA Level 1 students:

Has Brooke	Average GPA – 99.0
Cameron Low	Average GPA – 99.0
Kevin Shen	Average GPA – 97.5
Emma Westbrooke	Average GPA – 97.5
Nicola Williams	Average GPA – 97.3

Has Brooke



NCEA Level 2

Our Level 2 results continue to remain strong with 99% of all students gaining their certificates. 24% gained their certificates with an Excellence Endorsement, representing an increase of 6% from the previous year and our highest results recorded to date. A further 41% gained a Merit Endorsement. We are proud to acknowledge the 60 students who have met the criteria for gaining Saint Kentigern Academic Colours or Honours.

Congratulations to our top five NCEA Level 2 students:

Marieke Kruiswijk	Average GPA – 96.2
Rachel Worthington	Average GPA – 95.5
Scott Murray	Average GPA – 95.2
Brandon Hoon	Average GPA – 94.5
Jessica Allen	Average GPA – 93.7

Marieke Kruiswijk



NCEA Level 3

Our 2014 leavers also produced a very good set of results. 99.6% gained a Level 3 Certificate while our University Entrance success rate was 91%. Excellence Endorsement was achieved by 14% of these students with a further 42% gaining a Merit Endorsement.

Congratulations to our top 5 NCEA Level 3 students:

Sarah McQueen	Average GPA – 96.6
Lucy Verry	Average GPA – 96.0
Sian Seeley	Average GPA – 95.6
Andrew Jackson	Average GPA – 95.0
Hannah Wood	Average GPA – 95.0

Sarah McQueen



International Baccalaureate Diploma

At the end of 2014, our fifth cohort of 35 Year 13 International Baccalaureate Diploma students completed their two year course of study, culminating in their final external examinations. As in the previous years, our students performed extremely well.

100% of those examined gained 24 points or more with 97% being awarded a Diploma. The Average Diploma Points for Saint Kentigern College was 36 points which compared very favourably against the world average of 29.94 points and 34.15 points for the rest of New Zealand.

We are particularly proud of three students, Shuo Yang (43 points), Rachel Smith (42 points) and Andrew Qi (42 points) who gained '40 points and over' from a maximum of 45. They join the elite few that gain more than 40 points in the Diploma Programme worldwide; their results are outstanding.

Top Performing IB Diploma Students

Shuo Yang	43 points
Rachel Smith	42 points
Andrew Qi	42 points



Shuo Yang

Explanation of the IB Diploma Points

NB: The point scale used for IB subjects is 1 (poor) to 7 (best). Students take six subjects = 42 points. A further 3 additional points* are available based on individual performance in the Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge. Therefore, the maximum available score is 45.

NZQA Scholarships 2014

In the end of year NZQA Scholarship examinations, 23 of our students gained a total of 30 Scholarships, with one classed as Outstanding, across a broad range of 16 subjects. In particular, we offer congratulations to our highest performing students; Georgia Foster for her Outstanding Scholarship, and Aditya Arolkar, Ashley Chan, Bokai (Andrew) Qi, Callum Andrews, Hannah Wood, Max Christie and Theodore Lloyd David who were each awarded two Scholarships.

Scholarship exams are rigorous, requiring high level abstract thinking and the application of knowledge and ideas to complex situations. NZQA's intention is that 3% of the total number of Year 13 students in the country sitting Level 3 in each of the 27 available subjects will be awarded a Scholarship, provided Scholarship standards are met. Of this top 3% nationwide who gain a Scholarship pass, a small number, equating to approximately 0.5% nationwide will be accorded an Outstanding Scholarship.

At Saint Kentigern, our brightest NCEA students can elect to study towards Scholarship exams. Scholarship exams are offered by NZQA and are, therefore, aligned to NCEA. Where course content is similar, our IB Diploma students can also elect to sit Scholarship exams. However, in many cases this is not possible for some of our brightest IB Diploma students as each year there are examination clashes.

There is great monetary incentive for students to aim to achieve in these exams. New Zealand students who do well in Scholarship gain substantial monetary awards. A Scholarship in just one subject receives \$500, as a single payment. Georgia's award as Top in a subject is worth \$2000 a year for three years of tertiary study, provided a B average is achieved.

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Top NZQA Scholarship Mark in New Zealand for Georgia!

Our congratulations to Georgia Foster who has been awarded Top in Subject in New Zealand and an Outstanding Scholarship Award for her NZQA (NZ Qualification Authority) Scholarship exam in Printmaking. Georgia is one of 23 Saint Kentigern students to be awarded a Scholarship in the 2014 external Scholarship examinations.

Printmaking has been offered at NCEA Level 2 and 3 since 2013 through the combined paint and print course with students selecting their medium according to their strength or interest. Art teacher, Ms Vicci Sword said, 'Georgia produced a brave and contemporary folio that was grounded in traditional print practice but used a new vocabulary of modern technologies. The context of her work surrounded people and place, developing formalist abstract imagery from a realistic starting point.'

Georgia also integrated photography, design and drawing-based approaches to extend her work and utilised the technologies and equipment available to her in the Jack Paine Centre, including the dark room and laser cutter. Ms Sword said Georgia's outstanding achievement was the result of 'Hard work, late nights and high level thinking!'

Well done Georgia!

NZQA Scholarship 2014 Results

Subject	Scholarship Recipients	Total
Biology	Hannah Wood	1
Calculus	Aditya Arolkar Max Christie Kevin Shen Andrew Jackson	4
Classical Studies	Lucy Verry	1
Dance	Ishara Dhambagolla	1
Drama	Theodore Lloyd David Benjamin Riedstra	2
Economics	Shuo Yang Bokai (Andrew) Qi	2
English	Sian Seeley Joanna Tao Callum Andrews	3
Geography	Bokai (Andrew) Qi Max Christie Francesca Duncan	3
History	Alexandru Costache	1
Media Studies	Hannah Wood Greta Sutcliffe Sophia Newcombe	3
Music	Ashley Chan	1
Photography	Katherine Ford	1
Physical Education	Courtney Rowse Theodore Lloyd David	2
Printmaking*	Georgia Foster*	1*
Spanish	Callum Andrews	1
Statistics	Aditya Arolkar Ashley Chan Sarah McQueen	3
16 Subjects	23 Awardees	30 Scholarships

*Georgia Foster was awarded an Outstanding Scholarship
She was also awarded the Top Mark in NZ for Printmaking

Academic Colours and Honours

At special assemblies early in Term 1, Academic Colours and Honours were awarded to our highest achieving Senior School students whilst our top Middle School students received their Academic Endeavour Awards.

In recognition of our students who strive to achieve at the highest academic levels, Saint Kentigern College awards Academic Colours and Honours twice a year. Those awarded in Term 1 are recognised for their achievement in the previous end of year external examinations.

The standard set to gain Academic Awards is high and intended to motivate our top academic students to achieve at the highest levels of excellence. We are extremely pleased that the number of students attaining Colours and Honours is growing each year; showing our students' commitment to achieving at their personal best; a philosophy we promote to our students. The students who are awarded Colours receive a special breast pocket to wear with pride on their blazer.

NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement)

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Year 13 NCEA Academic Colours

Marieke Kruiswijk, Rachel Worthington, Scott Murray, Brandon Hoon, Jessica Allen, Byron Lam, Georgina Alcock, Finn McGregor, Yingqi Wang, Jeffrey Chan, Keegan Chessum, Daniel Clark, Caitlin Houghton, Joseph Sterritt, Devika Dhir, Emma Hanley, Harry Rillstone, Sarah Courtney, Meheer Zaveri, Rebecca Lane, Keshini Ketheeswaran, Matthew Swiatek, Kelvin Chiu, Ezra Puni, Isabella Richards, Andrew Wei, Ginna Auld, Lucy Conyngham, Samuel Broadhead, Oliver Hadfield, Thomas Hammond, Zachary Searle, Charlotte Walkley, Anthony Grant, Joshua Waterman, Joshua Holroyd



Year 12 NCEA Academic Colours

Haswell Brooke, Cameron Low, Kevin Shen, Emma Westbrooke, Nicola Williams, Andrew Fu, Samantha Louie, Joanna Mao, Zirui Yao, Chava Arymowicz, Victoria Zhu, James Hansen, Henry Mellsop, Dominic Devlin, Emily Peart, Erik Jorgensen, Edward Barry, Wing Kei Tang, Harrison Fleming, Harriet Carter, Alexander Monk, Greer Hunter, Jonathan Lee, Kelly Anne Connolly, Caitlin Walker, Matthew Wong-Kam, Nicholas Allen, Maximilian Ballard, Samuel Elliot, Benjamin Rutherford, Iris Lee



Year 13 NCEA Academic Honours

Bentley Atkinson, Samantha Brown, Claire Carville, Dayna Chung, Emily Cran, Caitlin Dodd, Henry Donald, Martin Dow, Aaron Duncan, Miracle Faamalosi, Alana Gillespie, Caitlin Hogan, Annelise Katz, Stephanie Kirkman, Melissa McNaughton, Claudia McVey, Harrison Rainger, Henry Rowden, Charles Rillstone, Alexander Sames, Jaiden Walmsley, Sophie Watson



Year 12 NCEA Academic Honours

Francesca Armstrong, James Brown, Katherine Chang, Otto Couper, William Eaddy, Alexandra Gordon, Kurt Hawkins, Spencer Johnstone, Matthew Kelly, Connor Mattson, Ella Mayhew, Aislin McGinity, Karinne Moss, Elizabeth Mudford, Oliver O'Rourke, Jason Owens, Anna Patton, Charlotte Powell, Kevin Reid, Timothy Roxburgh, Amelia Sayes, Rose Sudworth, Zachary Tucker, Sarah Weston, Jong Won

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA



Year 13 IB Academic Colours

Daniel Ng, Grace Wood, Willam Xu, Kevin Yi

Year 13 IB Academic Honours

Hanna Thompson, Ming Hong Huang

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR AWARDS

Year 8 (Year 7 in 2014)

Sarah Braid, Lulu Denholm, Kate Eastgate, Robbie King, Ling Kong, Grace Maddren, Caitlyn McKenzie, Erin Porter, Olivia Powell, Dion Shen, Rebecca Stewart, Helen Yu

Year 9 (Year 8 in 2014)

Kate Armstrong, Alice Donald, Libby Downs, Tess Elliott, Claire Hollingworth, Jenny Jiang, Emma King, Connor McKenzie, Isobel Merrie, Olivia Montgomery, Sarah Peart, Annabel Shepherd, Ben Shepherd, Alice Smith, Felicity Williams

Year 10 (Year 9 in 2014)

Andrew Chen, Olivia Dodd, Zara Iqbal, Natasha Leishman, Hannah Williams



Bruce House Head Prefects

At the first formal dinner for 2015, the newly appointed student leaders for Bruce House were presented with their Bruce House prefect's badge. This was a proud moment for the new Bruce House Head Boy and Head Girl, Trent MacDonald and Sienna Spence. Trent will be supported in his role by Deputy Head Boy, Charlie Rillstone and Sienna will have the support of Deputy Head Girl, Valentine Pons.

This year's cohort of 115 boarders has 84 boys and 31 girls from Year 7 through to Year 13, including 19 international students. This year 29 new boys and 17 new girls have started boarding.

This is now the 61st year of boys' boarding and the 5th year since girls first had the opportunity to board. The transition to a co-educational boarding facility has been so seamless that it now feels as if the girls have always been there!

In a message to the new boarders, both Trent and Sienna said that they will come to understand that it is a privilege to board. *'Although it all seems a bit much at the start, living with your peers allows a close bond to occur that day students may not be able to achieve. They don't have the same sense of family and teamwork that boarders do. The availability of resources that we all have access to is another huge benefit of boarding. We are a walk away from trainings, a second from class and it only takes a minute to spark up a game of touch or volleyball out on top of the field.'*

There is another perk that other students might not know about... Prep! Even though it's a hassle, it does help to get work done in a sensible time frame that could easily turn to procrastination at home with the vast amount of distractions. And an added benefit, is the possibility to get extra help from teachers up here and from other students.'

Over the years, Bruce House has been the home of some very fine young men and women like Trent and Sienna. There is an emphasis on Bruce House adding value to the College and boarders develop as leaders and willing contributors. Whether academically, on the sports field, the music centre or the stage, there are many boarders who are not only involved, but excel at all they undertake. For the senior students in particular, their



BRUCE HOUSE HEAD BOY
Trent MacDonald



BRUCE HOUSE HEAD GIRL
Sienna Spence

proximity to the College facilities mean that they are easily able to juggle their academic and co-curricular commitments without spending time travelling to and from school.

House Master, Reverend David Smith and his wife, Karen, live onsite, as does Mrs Cathy Kirkman who has current responsibility for the girls while Mrs Juliet Dale is in maternity leave. These families are at the heart of Bruce House ensuring that the boarders feel like they have a true home base at College when they are away from their own families. The overwhelming feeling is that of a community where inclusion across the age groups is the norm and students come to recognise fellow boarders as an extension to their family. Just as the duty staff play an important role in boarders' lives, so too do the matrons who care for them and kitchen staff who prepare their meals. They all play a part in the Bruce House Family.

Boarding has come a long way since Bruce House first opened in 1954. Cold showers, muddy fields and frozen sandwiches at lunchtime are definitely a thing of the past!



WELCOME TO OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

This year there are 19 international students in the boarding houses representing many countries as diverse as Indonesia, Germany, China, Taiwan, Tahiti, Fiji, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Thailand, Korea, Australia, Fiji and Tahiti. It's fantastic to have such a mix of nationalities and cultures at Bruce House adding diversity and richness to our boarding fraternity.



College Receives Butterfly Garden Award

During term 1, the College welcomed Glenn Johnstone and Cheryl Krull, trustees from MBNZ (Moths & Butterflies of New Zealand) to award the College a plaque for their outstanding work in creating a successful butterfly habitat. The 'Certified Butterfly Garden or Habitat Award' is only granted to well-established gardens that have proven successful in attracting butterflies for at least two to three seasons. There are generally only one or two habitats a year that are granted an award and it recognises the College's commitment and perseverance in creating an environment that encourages Lepidoptera*, in particular the monarch butterfly, to our horticultural area.

The Lepidoptera Club at the College has been a labour of love for English teacher, Mrs Xanthe Noble. The Butterfly Garden was first established three years ago with a five year plan to gain certification from the Monarch Butterfly NZ Trust. Over the last three summers, and again this year, the gardens have been filled with the signature orange and black monarch butterflies and their green and gold chrysalises. The students have protected and released over 300 first generation butterflies that have enjoyed the protection the College gardens have given them.

Students have cleared areas of land in the horticultural area and planted over 300 swan plants. Each week building up to summer and over the summer months, students meet to plant advantageous flowers and plants, weed plots and nurture the swan plant seedlings – the favoured plant for monarch butterflies. They take huge pleasure in watching the chrysalises form and the subsequent butterflies emerge.

One of the group, Year 13 student, Matthew Swiatek, explained that the voracious appetite of the 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' in Eric Carle's popular children's book is founded on reality. The group have learnt that it is necessary to protect the young swan plants until they are strong enough to withstand the onslaught of the caterpillars!

Last year a group of practically minded students gathered together at lunchtimes and planned, designed and created seating for the gardens with materials kindly donated by Martin Baker Timber. Signs have been created by the students to provide an outdoor learning environment for visiting classes, including our Preschoolers, as well as a restful place to sit and enjoy the gardens.

*Lepidoptera

Butterflies and moths are members of the insect order Lepidoptera, from the Greek meaning 'scaly wings'.



Applying for Certification from MBNZ (Moths & Butterflies of New Zealand)

Before applying for certification, gardens or habitats need to meet a strict set of criteria:

- They can be privately owned or public spaces, e.g. owned by council, land care groups, schools etc
- They must host plants for at least three different Lepidoptera species
- They must have nectar plants for all seasons of the year
- They must have evergreen shelter trees of appropriate height on the southern side of the garden
- There must be water for 'puddling'
- In public spaces, signage must be on display to explain the purpose of the plants for each species (hosts) and/or nectar during which season of the year (to inspire and encourage others to keep a continuity of planting)
- Predators and parasites are to be discouraged by natural means
- The gardens must have been established for two or three seasons with evidence to show on-going commitment and perseverance. Indoor habitats with tropical species do not qualify, as the idea is to boost numbers of NZ's endemic and native species





Saint Kentigern Uniforms for Malawi!

Working through World Vision NZ, the College was pleased to recently donate 165 kg of obsolete Saint Kentigern uniforms to our partner school in Chigodi, Malawi. The partnership with the school is an initiative led by Service Coordinator, Mr Mark Robinson who visited the small village last year and witnessed their hardship first hand. After years of devastating drought and more recent flooding, this landlocked African country is one of the poorest worldwide and in need of life-changing support. Chigodi has become the World Vision 40 Hour Famine focus project for the College for the next three years.

The uniforms were remainder stock after a recent change of fabric and style for some of the College clothing items. Former House t-shirts, sports uniforms and senior boys' formal shirts were all donated by the College to be shipped by World Vision for distribution to the high school students in Malawi. For those who do not own much in the way of clothing, the uniforms were all gratefully received. When World Vision delivered the consignment, there was a huge amount of excitement as the students unpacked and tried on their new clothing; later banding together on the school field to spell out an enormous 'Thank you' for our donation.

Saint Kentigern has had a long and significant relationship with World Vision and has been one of the top fundraising schools in the country for a number of years. Through World Vision, the College has already been able to make a worthy difference to Chigodi School and its community. In 2014, we provided 125 goats to the school which has helped to vastly improve the students and their families' health, nutrition and quality of life. Most importantly, the livestock has provided the basis for on-going, sustainable income.

Service to Malawi

Our partnership with World Vision and the Chigodi community has also created a special service opportunity for some of our older students. During the July holidays this year, a group of students from Years 10, 11 and 12 will be taking a 19 day trip to Malawi, with six of those days assigned primarily to work at the two schools in Chigodi. In addition to their service component and seeing aid work in action, the students will also be climbing Malawi's highest mountain, the Mulanje Massif, visiting a game reserve and exploring Malawi.

Through their visit, the students will gain a fuller understanding of the hardships faced in an impoverished nation and the difference that can be made to those whose needs are greater than our own when we offer time, resources and new opportunities to help improve the quality of life. We look forward to hearing their impressions when they return.





Performing Arts and Media Tour

San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles. Where better in the world to take Performing Arts and Media students to absorb live theatre performances, behind the scenes studio tours and hands on workshops than the homeland of the motion picture and entertainment industry?

With many months of meticulous planning, the Performing Arts and Media tour of 56 students and 8 staff headed to the USA during the Easter holidays for a programme chock full of events and sightseeing. What lay ahead over the next 15 days would take them from the West Coast to the East and back again, and to some of the best theatres, television studios and dance academies in the world. From warm, windy San Francisco to cold and wet New York and on to a very hot Los Angeles, the students and staff thoroughly enjoyed this amazing opportunity.

Whilst the group travelled as one, at each location they split into their media, drama and dance-focussed groups to undertake their own programme of subject-specific visits and workshops.



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MEDIA

With thanks to Amy McLeod

How lucky are we to travel to the one and only, United States of America! Beginning our trip in San Francisco, we visited famous tourist attractions such as the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz prison, but to me, nothing compared with what our next stop, New York, had to offer. Lights, noise, signs, people, people, people, you honestly can't put a price on that overwhelming feeling experienced in Times Square! New York was definitely my highlight of the trip.

As a media student, I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Paley Centre, the Museum of Moving Image and New York University. As a group, we also enjoyed fabulous Broadway shows, the Empire State Building and the moving 9/11 memorial. After eight fantastic days exploring all of what New York had to offer, we moved on to our last leg of the trip, Los Angeles. The city of fame and fortune, Los Angeles was one of the most exiting parts of the trip that taught me a lot about the opportunities available in the media industry. We also spent the day at Mira Costa High School, pairing up with one of their students and attending their everyday classes where we learned a lot about typical teenage culture in America.

We spent our last three days touring around the DreamWorks and Warner Brothers studios, and then finishing off with two days at the happiest place on earth, Disneyland! Overall, this trip had an impact on me in ways I certainly did not expect. I not only learnt about the incredible opportunities the media industry has to offer but I also learnt a lot about New Zealand. New Zealand!? But you went to America!? Odd, I know, but I truly came to appreciate how beautiful New Zealand really is. So we are pretty lucky. We get to live in this amazing country we call home and we get to visit crazy exciting ones like America!

DRAMA

With thanks to Keshini Ketheeswaran

On behalf of all of the drama students, I can confidently say that it was one of the most amazing and educational trips that we have ever been on. The drama group were fortunate enough to see a whole different side to the world of theatre. Especially in New York, the drama we witnessed and were taught was of a whole different level to anything we've ever experienced. We were made aware of the extreme performance levels of theatre and just how much it is possible to achieve.

We were fortunate to attend many workshops with incredible people who are currently in the business. Some of these people included Clay Thomson and Chris Rice, who have been in many Broadway shows in New York including *Oliver*, *Newsies*, *West Side Story* and *Matilda*, just to name a few. We also did a musical workshop with a cast member from *Wicked* and visited the New York Conservatory of Dramatic Arts for a class on acting for screen. Surprisingly, these weren't even all of our workshops but the list is too extensive! Getting to work with these unbelievably talented people was definitely a once in a lifetime opportunity and we all greatly appreciated it.

Visiting San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles in such a jam packed two and a half weeks was truly inspiring. We all saw the massive world that was ahead of us outside New Zealand and the idea of 'anything is possible' was definitely a lasting concept that was left within us all. America was an amazing gateway to show us what is possible in the world of drama. Meeting people who have actually been successful in the business, getting advice from them and hearing first hand experiences is something that is indescribable for young kids with aspirations. This trip couldn't have been better!





DANCE

With thanks to Lucy Floyd

On arrival in San Francisco, the dance students, along with teachers Mr Wilcox and Mr Harada, went straight to a dance studio called ODC where we were fortunate to see their Youth Dance Company perform. This was our first look at American dance training and the style of contemporary dance and it was so exciting for us to see. The following day we went to the San Francisco Ballet to watch their morning class. It became clear that the ballet dancers in America are trained very differently and we loved seeing the contrasting techniques and the different ways of teaching. Following a contemporary class at Alonzo Kings Lines Ballet, we were able to see the company perform; it was an incredible show and all of us were in awe of how much strength and control each of the dancers had.

Heading to New York, we visited the Lincoln Centre of the Arts – the home of Julliard School, the New York City Ballet, the American Ballet School and the Philharmonic Orchestra. Later that day we travelled to Harlem and were given a guided tour of the Apollo Theatre; a place where many greats have performed. Mr Apollo invited some of us on stage to do an impromptu talent show! After seeing the dressing rooms, backstage area and wall of signatures we left feeling star struck to have stood on the same stage as Beyonce!

Whilst in New York, the dance students went to the Broadway Dance Centre and Steps on Broadway where we each selected two classes to join. All of us took this opportunity to try new genres of dance. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to try new dance styles and get a better understanding of the sort of dancer that I am.

Along with the drama students we attended a Broadway workshop where we all learnt a part from the Broadway musical 'Wicked'. Our teacher was fabulous – we all left with big smiles on our faces! Immediately after, the dance girls had a class with a Broadway dancer and learnt two high energy pieces from the musicals Memphis and Mama Mia, again we had a ton of fun!

We saw dance performances by The Dance Centre of Harlem and Stephen Potronio and two Broadway musicals: 'Something Rotten' and the highly anticipated 'Chicago'. We also watched the New York Spring Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall. The set was amazing and the Rockette dancers were stunning!

In Los Angeles, each of us chose two classes at the Edge Performing Arts and the hip hop classes, in particular, provided entertainment for all our students whether participating or watching! Each of us took something valuable from our time there. The following night we went to see Alvin Ailey perform. The performance was truly inspiring and all of us left the theatre with an even greater love for dance.

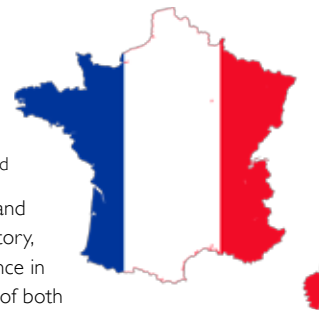
The trip provided the dancers with the opportunity of a lifetime. To go to so many classes and see so many world class companies perform was invaluable to each of us. All of us fell in love with dance all over again and that is due to the incredible experiences we had. We are so grateful to have had the opportunity. We would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Bishop, Mr Wilcox and Mr Harada for organising the dancers, we had an amazing time and know that it was down to your hard work and organisation - thank you!



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Tour to France



With thanks to English teacher; Mrs Joanne MacDonald

For the purpose of practising language skills and learning more about French culture and history, twenty students and three teachers visited France in the Easter holidays. The group was comprised of both NCEA and IB students from Years 12 and 13. The trip began and ended in Paris, with short stays in Nice and Bordeaux filling the weeks in between.

In Paris, the students visited la Tour Eiffel, l'Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, le Louvre and le Sacré Coeur. They toured the Latin Quarter, Monet's house and garden and Paris by night; by bus, boat and on bikes. The cycle tour was one of the highlights for many of the students; navigating Parisian traffic and stopping for photo opportunities. As use of language and comprehension was a focus, Mrs Mcmillan's and Mr Navarro's instructions and conversations were delivered in French. Tour guides also led the tours in French. As a result, the students' comprehension skills and confidence in speaking greatly improved. Listening and time management skills were honed when catching the metro. Students gained a new appreciation for the meaning of rush hour Paris-style.

Extended time was provided at le Louvre as well as an additional trip to le Musée d'Orsay for interested art students. Some directly related the visits to their IB Extended Essay assessments. Time in Paris was brought to a close with another highlight of the trip; Disneyland.

In Nice, students attended a language school each morning and explored cultural and historic attractions each afternoon. Walking tours in Nice, Monte Carlo and parts of the Cote d'Azur gave students an insight into Italian architectural influence, medieval villages, majestic cathedrals and the life of the rich and famous in Monaco. The Matisse museum was another highlight for art students in this area. The weather was unfailingly beautiful and a number of students spent a very enjoyable afternoon swimming in the Mediterranean Sea. The broad variety of experiences gave practical and memorable ways for students to learn new vocabulary. Students attended a French cooking class and played pétanque, having learnt a few tips from the pétanque club members.

The evenings in Nice were spent with host families who gave the students more opportunities to use their French. They toured the perfume factory at Eze and enjoyed the picturesque French countryside from the train, between each main centre.

The homestay students and families were a highlight in Bordeaux. Pupils of Lycée Vaclav-Havel had been corresponding with the College students since 2014. Many Saint Kentigern College students considered attending classes in Bordeaux as a highlight of the trip. The principal of the lycée was very welcoming to the students and staff; giving a tour of the eco-friendly school himself and passing the rugby ball with our Saint Kentigern College rugby players.

One morning's class was taken by five year olds at the Elisabeth Milot and Ferdinand Buisson kindergarten. The pre-schoolers performed skits, sang, posed questions to the visiting kiwis and gave gifts they had made themselves. The Saint Kentigern College students did their best to keep up with the language skills of the five year olds and gifted picture books, written in English, to the kindergarten.

Afternoon excursions in Bordeaux included visits to Chateaux de Roques, St Emilion, Dune du Pyla and the beach at Arcachon. In the city centre, the students completed a scavenger hunt that gave them a good idea of the layout and attractions. Mrs MacDonald gave some of the English students an introduction to the French play Antigone, as part of the IB course. They attended a live performance, asking questions of the actors afterwards.

The last evening in Bordeaux was the main highlight for the students. At the musical café, Cajou Café, students joined in with singing traditional French songs and sang some kiwi numbers.

Students were very pleased with the progress they made in understanding French and using it themselves to communicate. Many thanks to Mrs Mcmillan for the time and effort put into organising this trip for the benefit of her students and to Mr Navarro and Mrs MacDonald for assisting with the smooth running of this memorable trip.





Tour to Japan

With thanks to Japanese teacher, Mrs Christine Leishman

Traditional meets modern, east meets west, temples shrines, shopping and language, language, language!

During the April school holidays – fifteen students, accompanied by Mrs Leishman and Mr Hart, travelled to Japan for 13 days of sushi, Sakura (the famous Japanese cherry blossom), shinkansens (the bullet trains that reach speeds of 320km per hour), shopping, and of course speaking Japanese as much as possible.

The group left early on Easter Friday and after an eleven hour flight and a further one and a half hour coach ride, we arrived at Sakura Youth Hostel in Tokyo's Asakusa. Over the next three days we were able to visit very traditional places such as the Meiji Jingu temple, the Asakusa Sensoji temple and Ueno Park, alongside the latest that Tokyo has to offer in Ginza, Shibuya, Akihabara (electrical city), Odaiba and Shinjuku. Along the way we tried out Japanese food, as well as fitting in a few shopping opportunities! We spent the day at Tokyo Disneyland on the first Monday and rode subways, the famous Yamanote circle line, and walked at least ten kilometres each day.

Wednesday saw us lining up on the Shinkansen platform at 9:00am for our first experience on the bullet train. The seats were far more comfortable and spacious than economy class on our flight so we all really enjoyed that, and all subsequent, bullet train rides. Kyoto is organised in a grid-like pattern, and we were able to walk to our hostel which was clean, modern and centrally located. At every stage, we tried to ask for information using Japanese and most of the time we were understood!

We spent our first evening in Kyoto in Gion, watching the traditional entertainers called geisha and walked along a street built in the style of 16th Century Japan. The following day we took in the sights of central Kyoto. We saw the beautiful golden shrine at Kinkakuji, the former Imperial castle called Nijojo, followed by lunch and a visit to Kiyomizudera up on top of the hill overlooking Kyoto city.

From Kyoto we made a day trip to Nara, the first capital city of Japan. Famous for its big Buddha statue, I think the wild deer roaming the park remained the real attraction for our students. The rain held off on this day and it was an enjoyable day out.

On Sunday morning we made a start on the last leg of our trip to Hiroshima, with a stop-off at Himeji castle – one of the iconic images of Japan. It was a stunning day – and a beautiful castle.

The A-bomb Dome in Hiroshima and the museum in the Peace Park were always going to be a focus of our visit to this city. We were careful to take our time as we went through the museum so that the students could understand the full impact of what happened to Hiroshima on August 6th 1945. It was a horrific event and the images we saw in the museum will stay with us for some time.

The students were 'set free' that afternoon to wander around downtown Hiroshima, shopping and using their Japanese some more. Tuesday morning we went to Miyajima Island – a local tourist attraction for foreigners and Japanese alike, starring the Itsukushima shrine (the shrine in the water). It was nice to get out on the water and enjoy a lovely day in the sun on our last day in Japan.

It was a really long trip back to Auckland on Tuesday. A six hour ride on the bullet train, another two hours changeover in Tokyo onto the Narita express for the airport trip, and a further three hours waiting for our flight before the eleven hour flight home.

The tour to Japan was an amazing trip with a great group of students who really got a lot out of the experience. Japan is an incredible place – full of contrasts – and I would encourage all Japanese languages students to take the opportunity to go if it is offered to you.



European Physics Tour

With thanks to student reporter, Georgina Alcock

On the first day of April, 27 aspiring physicists from the Senior School, along with five staff members, met at Auckland airport to embark on an experience of a lifetime to Europe. After over 30 hours of flying and airport lingering we touched down in Paris. All slightly exhausted but buzzing with excitement we set out on an orientation tour of Paris and an afternoon exploring the Louvre museum.

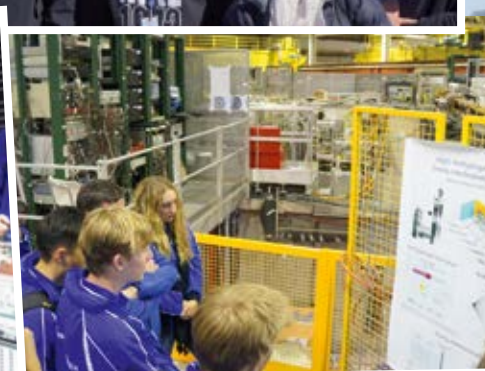
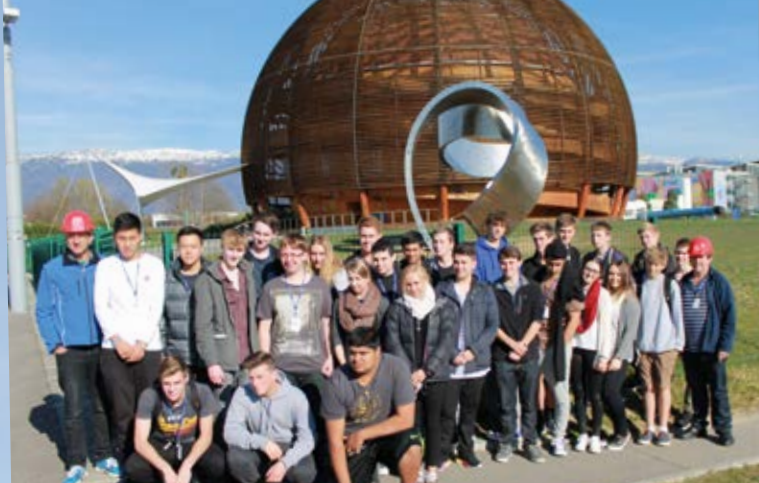
Our physics experience started on our second day where we spent the day at the Palais de la Decouverte science museum in Paris; a museum created by physics Nobel Prize winner Jean Baptiste Perren. Firstly we enjoyed an electromagnetism workshop where we explored the phenomenon of electromagnetism using huge currents, huge magnets and magnetic fields. We discovered Lorentz's force law, with some students personally experiencing the pure strength of the force created by the mega magnets. We spent the remainder of our day exploring the extensive museum on a self-guided tour, where we created standing waves on a huge suspended slinky and tested our knowledge on torque, using our own human weight and strength.

Next we spent a day of enjoyment and entertainment thanks to physics at Disneyland Euro. We spent our final day in Paris exploring the city, including a climb up one of the world's most famous infrastructures, the Eiffel Tower, and discovering the beauty of the Palace of Versailles.

Our journey continued as we made our way on a seven hour bus ride from Paris to Geneva, Switzerland. Here we experienced the highlight of the trip at a full day visiting CERN, the world's largest particle physics laboratory. During our special visit, we were launched into a world of fundamental research where we were guided through parts of the experimental areas. This included an up close encounter with an antimatter decelerator experiment, where we were walked through the concept of antimatter and CERN's role in accessing their suitability for purposes such as cancer therapy. The afternoon was spent in a hands-on computer data analysing workshop where we were all got the opportunity to analyse real data from the ALICE (A Large Ion Collider Experiment) experiment which is used to study the physics of strongly interacting matter at extreme energy densities, mimicking conditions similar to the big bang. The day, in whole, was a hugely inspiring insight into contemporary physics research and its role in both the present and future.

The next morning we visited the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The WMO is the UN system's authoritative voice on the state of the Earth's atmosphere, and during our visit we had a talk on the statistics and nature of global warming. We were exposed to the questions of what is causing climate change and what we can do as a society to minimise its effect on our world.

The next morning we made our way to Lausanne to visit The Centre for Research in Plasma Physics (CRPP) at the École Polytechnique Fédérale



de Lausanne (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology). Here, through a guided tour, we were introduced to the concept of plasmas, fusion and their related experimental devices. This included a visit to the Tokamak which is the most advanced concept for a thermonuclear fusion reactor; a conceptualised way to produce energy through fusion in the future.

That afternoon we continued our journey to Mühleberg to explore the physics of nuclear fission where we enjoyed a guided tour through the Mühleberg Power Plant. We were walked through exactly how the plant utilises energy from these nuclear fission chain reactions and also the security and safety required to work with such dangerously radioactive materials.

Next we began our seven hour journey to our last hotel in Munich Germany. On route to Munich we stopped at Berne to take a tour of Einstein's house, where he lived between 1903 and 1905. We were guided by a local physics professor to explore a bit of Einstein's life history and better understand his special theory of relativity, which he developed during his time in Berne.

Our first day in Munich was spent at an excursion to Dachau, one of the first Nazi Concentration Camps of World War II. Our tour of the grounds and museum was a chilling experience for everyone; it was an eye opening experience which will not be forgotten.

Our physics journey continued as we spent a full day visit to the Deutsches Museum; the world's largest museum of Science and Technology. We started the day with a two hour specialist physics guided tour where exhibitions took us from classical mechanics to modern particle physics. The tour finished with a high-voltage demonstration of alternating 300,000 volt pulse discharges simulating lightning hitting a building with 800,000 volts. We spent the remainder of the day exploring the huge museum and its excessive experiments, demonstrations and expeditions discovering the world of science and technology.

On our final day we visited the BMW Plant to gain an insight into the state-of-the-art automobile manufacturer. On our guided tour through BMW's original plant, following the production from the press shop and body shop to assembly, we witnessed the precision and quality gained by the robotic production line which gave us an exciting insight into all areas of automobile production.

The physics tour was an amazing and inspiring experience for the lucky students involved. As well as expanding our knowledge on physics and its role in our evolving world today, it also opened our eyes to the study and jobs available to us involving the ever developing subject of physics. On behalf of all students involved I would like to thank all staff and parents for making this amazing once in a lifetime experience possible and especially Mr Naude who led the organisation of this amazing and successful trip.

Monty Python's SPAMALOT

When considering the classic British legend of King Arthur and his fabled Knights of the Round Table, we think of chivalry, bravery and the epic quests, dangers and challenges faced in their pursuit of the ultimate prize - the Holy Grail. We also think of the ethereal, Lady of the Lake clad in white silk, holding the jewel encrusted sword, Excalibur, aloft. The man brave, strong and righteous enough to make Excalibur his, is destined to be the King of England. The legend teaches strength, courage and most importantly, loyalty.

OK, throw those thoughts out the window... just as the Monty Python team did when they first penned the 1975 film, 'Monty Python and The Holy Grail'. A musical theatre spin-off, 'Monty Python's Spamalot' was 'lovingly ripped off' from the original film and parodies the Arthurian legend by following the trials of King Arthur and his servant/horse, Patsy, as they wander the countryside in search of candidates to join the Knights of the Round Table.

For those who arrived in Elliot Hall with no foreknowledge of Monty Python – the team of comedians who changed the face of British comedy in the early 70's – it didn't take long to discover that their humour was absurd, farcical, cheeky, irreverent and squirmingly, unashamedly hilarious!

As the man whose adventure was bequeathed to him by the 'finger in the sky', Braydon Robinson was dashing as Arthur, King of England; his majestic presence gaining the audience's attention with his passion, position and arrogance. Unfortunately, the audience were not his loyal subjects! Despite not receiving one iota of respect from anyone he encounters on stage, Arthur manages to recruit a motley crew of Knights including the strangely flatulent, inept scholar, Sir Bedevere (Kurt Hawkins); Sir Galahad (Sid Chand), the once grubby 'mud gatherer' who becomes dashing handsome once knighted; the homicidally brave Sir Lancelot (Oliver Hadfield) who is fearless to a fault; and Sir Robin the Brave but-not-quite-so-brave-as-Sir-Lancelot because quite frankly, he isn't (Nick McQueen).

The diversity of talent that Sid, Kurt, Oliver and Nick brought to the stage as a quartet of marvellous misfits was fantastic to watch. These were fine character actors who displayed excellent comic timing along with strong vocals for the musical numbers.

Sam Elliot played the role of the King's greatly under-appreciated servant Patsy, who longs for Arthur's approval but never receives it. We also discover from the outset that he doubles as the King's horse and gains untold comedic mileage with a pair of halved coconuts to beat out the thrum of horses' hooves - a low-budget stand-in for a cantering horse! As the 'pack mule' to Arthur, he was lovable, presenting bright optimism with his rendition of the much loved song, 'Always look on the bright side of life.'

The final lead role belonged to the big voice of Lili Taylor playing the Lady of the Lake; strong, beautiful – egotistical and petulant, a high maintenance Diva! As a true Diva, her amazing singing voice, and the ability to sing effortlessly in many styles and vocal registers, was crucial to the role; one



that Lili played to a tee. Backed up by the all singing-dancing Laker Girls, she revels in the Las Vegas-style show scene that was definitely not the Camelot of folklore, and then returns later to vigorously complain 'Whatever happened to my part?' when she 'disappeared' from the stage for far too long in her view.

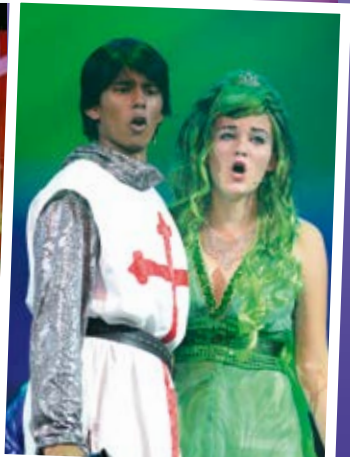


It's almost five decades since Monty Python first aired on newly coloured television and for the nostalgic fans who were familiar with Python's 'off kilter brand of humour; they must have been well pleased with this faithful rendition. For a cast who were born almost 30 years later, the students did a brilliant job of keeping up the high energy, madcap mayhem as King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table galloped into Elliot Hall. The physical and comedic demands of the show could have been daunting but the combined ensemble of character actors, dancers and musicians did a fantastic job of rising to the challenge. A brilliant night of comic theatre, well done!

Our thanks to Head of Music, Ross Gerritsen who compiled a mixed orchestra of students, Old Collegians and professional musicians to piece together the 230 pages of 'complex music' to support the cast on stage. He also designed the set which was built to compliment a 24m2 proscenium projection screen to depict time and place. Assistant Musical Director, Lachlan Craig worked with the cast on the large chorus scenes while directing some of the lead characters through their feature items. Head of Dance and the show's Choreographer, Mr Geordan Wilcox spent considerable time introducing the cast to the myriad dance styles they needed to master before the show opened and Director and Head of Drama, Ms Emma Bishop took on the costumes, designed and coordinated to combine the 'ridiculous' with the period dress of medieval Europe; and also worked with the leads to establish characterisation and style while working on accents, comic timing and the unity of the team of misfit Knights. Along with lighting and sound, the technical aspects were skilfully programmed and executed to make this a truly magical night of musical theatre.



'We dine well here in Camelot.
We eat ham and jam and Spam a lot.'



Historic Debating Win for College!

Russell McVeagh is the most prestigious debating tournament of the year. It is fair to say that for the debaters, it is the equivalent of the 1A competition for the 1st XV! Throughout the tournament, selectors are looking to pick teams to represent Auckland at the debating nationals in May. Over a weekend in late March, Saint Kentigern College sent three teams to compete at the annual Russell McVeagh Auckland Debating Regional Championship held at Auckland Grammar School.

After the initial preliminary stages of the tournament, SKC1 (Becky Lane, Rachel Worthington and Keshini Kestheeswaran) was the only team left unbeaten and were top of the table. SKC2 (Sarah Courtney, Josh Looker and Oscar Simms) placed third with three out of four wins. In the history of the tournament, this is the highest ever placing by a school's 'second' team after the first day of debates. This allowed both teams to progress to the second day of the tournament which was structured as an eight team single elimination bracket.

In the quarterfinals, SKC1 defeated Kings 2 while SKC2 won a hard fought battle against Macleans 1. In the semifinals, SKC1 defeated Westlake 1 while SKC2 defeated Lynfield, both with 2-1 split decisions. This lined up an all Saint Kentigern final. The significance of this achievement cannot be undersold. This is the first time in the tournament's history that one school has had two teams in the Grand Final. It would be the equivalent of the 1st and 2nd XV making the final of 1A. Truly a groundbreaking achievement.

In the Grand Final, the teams debated over whether women should have places reserved for them in science, technology, engineering and mathematics at university with SKC2 affirming and SKC1 negating the motion. After an incredibly high quality debate, SKC1 emerged victorious and successfully defended their title from last year. This in itself is significant as it is the first time since 1999 that a school has managed to defend a Russell McVeagh title.



After winning the tournament, a few speakers were singled out for their incredible performance over the weekend. Josh Looker (Year 11, SKC2) was named 'Most Promising Speaker' of the tournament; an award reserved for a speaker who is not Year 13 who the adjudication team thinks shows incredible promise. Rachel Worthington and Becky Lane were named as members of the Auckland Regional Squad which represents the highest level of achievement possible for a student at the tournament.

Jesse Hart was the head coach of both SKC1 and SKC2 and was capably assisted by Old Collegian Arun Prakash (who was a member of the New Zealand team last year). The debating programme is overseen and run by Mr Chris Hodder.

Kevin to represent New Zealand

Congratulations to Year 12 mathematics student, Kevin Shen, who has been selected to represent New Zealand at this year's International Mathematical Olympiad in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in July.

Kevin will be joining a team of six students from schools across Auckland when they take on the challenge in Thailand. These six were selected from a larger squad who have been training together in recent months hoping for a place on the team. The Olympiad aims to promote enthusiasm and curiosity in mathematics and to give young people an opportunity to exhibit their problem solving skills through a wide variety of challenges put to them by mathematicians.

Kevin was also successful at the inaugural New Zealand Linguistics Olympiad; an event which uses language data to solve logic problems. After his success at regional level, Kevin has also been selected to progress to this national event in July.



Auckland Win

Year 10 student, Andrew Chen also proved he knows his sums when he placed 1st in his age group in the Auckland Mathematical Olympiad held at the University of Auckland. This demanding examination was hosted by the Department of Mathematics.

Sample Maths Olympiad Question:

On an infinite chess board, a whole number value is assigned to every square of the chessboard, such that the value of each square is the average of the value's 4 squares adjacent to it. Prove that every square has the same value.

Answer: Consider a square with a minimal value of S , which is the average of the values of the 4 adjacent squares. The 4 squares adjacent to it must also have the value S . If there is a square with value less than S , it contradicts the minimality of S . If any adjacent square had value larger than S , then it is larger than the average, so there must be another square with value less than S , again contradicting the minimality of S . We can apply the same reasoning to the 4 adjacent squares with S . Thus the value of the every square is equal to S .



Kentoris Sing at the Dawn Service

The College was well represented at the Anzac Dawn Service held at the Museum in celebration of the centenary. Students in their formal uniform were easily spotted and many Saint Kentigern Families were in attendance.

Our Premier Choir, Kentoris, was given a fantastic opportunity to be part of the impressive 100-voice choir for the centenary celebrations; a choir which also featured many recent Old Collegians. It was an early start to the day with some of the students up as early as 3.30am to be part of the official proceedings.

The Dawn Service drew a crowd of over 20,000 and the choir led the singing of the hymns 'Abide with Me' and 'Lest We Forget' from the steps of the Museum. The choir, together with the Auckland City Salvation Army

Band also sang, 'I Vow To Thee My Country' as Mayor Len Brown lay a cross in the Fields of Remembrance. The choir then led the singing of both the Australian and New Zealand National Anthems before the veterans and servicemen marched off the forecourt.

Several of our senior students together with recent Old Collegians then joined the Auckland Youth Choir to perform a concert in the Sanctuary of the Museum. Surrounded by the thousands of names of fallen New Zealanders, they performed poignant and moving music that was accompanied by very emotional readings from Percy Hillary's diary; read by his grandson Arthur Boyer. The choir then sang the 11.00am Civic Service, and a small group travelled out to Ranfurly Village in Mt Albert to sing for the Veteran's service there. The day finished with choir members sharing tea, biscuits and stories with the Veterans and their families.



Website Whizzes!

UNDERLINING:

We believe in beautiful websites – designed with you in mind!

When Underlining Web Development was initiated in late 2014, the founders, Year 12 College students, James Brown and Harry Mellsop, set out with the goal of earning some money in their spare time. Today, with several clients in the US and elsewhere abroad, Underlining is becoming less of a hobby and is rapidly closing in on a full time job. Armed with an education in Design and Digital Technology from the College, and putting all their spare time into trying to grow the business and client base, James and Harry are getting a taste of the real business world, and gaining knowledge and experience in the process.

In early 2015, the team acquired a new member – Operations Manager; Harry Rillstone. With the addition of a second Harry, Underlining was able to expand internationally; Brown and Mellsop were left to focus on producing a great and reliable product for the client, and Rillstone was able to utilise his skills learnt through the Accounting department at College in order to keep everything operating smoothly. The team currently specialise in creating beautiful websites, and also providing effective social media marketing campaigns and company rebranding solutions for businesses.

It's still very early days for Underlining but their growth and initial success is a testimony to the education that all three current members have received from the College, in each of their areas of knowledge. Their passion for design and creativity, coupled with several years of combined experience developing websites is what drives the trio, and they have plans for the future; hoping to keep the momentum going for a long time yet.

If you want to get in touch with Underlining, or browse their portfolio of work, you can find their website at www.underlining.co/, or other information can be found on their various social media accounts:

@_Underlining for Twitter and Instagram, Underlining Web Development on Facebook, or you can email them at team@underlining.co.



Solo Music Competition 2015

How do you compare a pianist to a violinist, a singer to a saxophonist, a cellist to a flautist or clarinetist? Clearly not without a huge amount of deliberation - and a great deal of understanding about the technical aspects of a solo musical performance!

A stellar line up of twelve of the College's best musicians dressed in their finest recently to compete for the title of this year's Solo Music Champion. Selected through earlier audition, the finalists performed to an appreciative audience in one of four categories: Piano, Strings, Voice or Wind.

Unlike the many other musical performance opportunities during the course of the year, this event put each individual player in the spotlight under the watchful scrutiny of our three guest judges for the evening: Catherine Blomfield, who works for the Auckland Philharmonia; Old Collegian, Nelson Lam, who is an avid musical performer and composer; and Nicholas Forbes who currently teaches music at King's College.

As the winners were announced, the judges conveyed the difficulty of their decision. They were most complimentary about the level of technical and musical proficiency of our musicians but indicated that at competition level, it was not just about playing the piece but the total performance from the time they stepped onto the stage and the connection they made with their audience that counts. They said there were moments of breath-taking ability and control of technique from each of the students but in this evening of exceptional talent, one performer stood out and they were universal in their decision to award saxophonist, Daniel Ng the title of Overall Solo Music Champion. For string and voice finalists, Ryan Tong and Sid Chand, this was the second year that they have won their section title. Iris Lee was a first time finalist and winner of the piano section with her exceptional performance.

This is now the ninth consecutive year that this competition has been run. Judge and Old Collegian, Nelson Lam was a finalist himself in 2009. He thoroughly enjoyed his return to College and said he felt truly humbled by the calibre of the performers. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Nelson, Catherine and Nicholas for sharing their time and expertise to make the evening such a success.

Solo Musician of the Year
Daniel Ng - Saxophone

Piano Finalists

Yu Chen Dong
William Xu
Iris Lee

Piano Winner: Iris Lee

String Finalists

Emily Young - Cello
Joshua Pan - Violin
Ryan Tong - Violin

String Winner: Ryan Tong

Voice Finalists

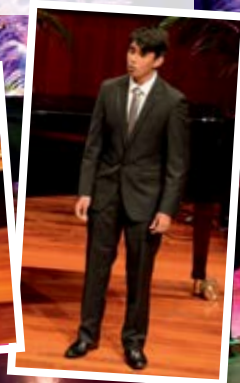
Lili Taylor
Aaron Leng
Sid Chand

Voice Winner: Sid Chand

Wind Finalists

Ethan Blight - Clarinet
Daniel Ng - Saxophone
Annelise Katz - Flute

Wind Winner: Daniel Ng





ANZAC Parade

As New Zealanders and Australians looked back on 100 years of Anzac Day Remembrance, it was fitting that the College Pipes & Drums marked the occasion after 50 years of parading for Anzac Day ceremonies and services.

Fifty years ago, on the 50th Anniversary of this day, the then fledgling Saint Kentigern Pipe Band answered an invitation from families of Saint Kentigern College boarders and travelled to the Waikato town of Te Kauwhata to lead their Anzac Day parade. Over the following four and a half decades, without fail, the band returned each year to lead the parade, renew old acquaintances and meet up with Saint Kentigern farming families from around the Waikato. The band's involvement was important to successive generations of our students as they quickly recognised the significance of the World Wars and the devastating effect they had on small New Zealand communities.

In just recent years, with the passing on of many veterans and the closure of the Te Kauwhata RSA, the Pipes & Drums took the opportunity to shift its attention and serve the local community and accepted an invitation to take part in the Parade and Remembrance Service at Stockade Hill in Howick. This year Saint Kentigern was well represented as the College



Pipes & Drums, The Old Collegians Pipe Band, College Prefects and student representatives from Saint Kentigern Girls' and Boys' Schools joined the parade of veterans and current serving personnel. During the very poignant service, prefect representatives, Jonathan Baskett and Lauren Dalton laid wreaths on the memorial, before the full parade reformed and marched back down through the village.

Even with the passage of time, ANZAC Day is just as relevant to our students now, as it ever was. There is important recognition and an acute awareness that so many who paid the ultimate sacrifice were not much older than themselves. For the students of the Pipes & Drums their continued commitment is their tribute to all of those who have served.



Eight in a row!



In the blistering heat of a February Saturday, the Pipes and Drums of Saint Kentigern once again kilted up and competed at the Auckland Provincial Pipe Band Championships. This annual event sees competition across the grades, culminating in the Massed Bands at the end of the day. Saint Kentigern were again victorious, successfully defending the U19 grade title. This is the eighth year in a row the band has been awarded the Alexander Family Trophy, once again establishing them as the top juvenile band in the region!

One of the highlights of the full day of competition was the band's third place across all disciplines of piping, drumming and marching drill in the Street March event, judged against the adult bands across their grade, which is a significant accomplishment for such young players. The extra practice hours required of the students, as well as extra rehearsals in the summer holidays and weekends, helped secure the band their success. Special mention should also be made to the new members who have graduated through to the Pipes and Drums this year. This was their first taste of the pressure of competition and they rose to the challenge, ably supported by the senior students.

The Saint Kentigern CEILIDH

Saturday 22 August 2015
7.00pm for 7.30pm
Elliot Hall

Dress: formal – and a kilt if you have one!

You are cordially invited to The Saint Kentigern Ceilidh. A social event in support of the Pipes & Drums tour to Scotland. The evening includes great hospitality – drinks on arrival – dancing to live music – roast dinner of fine Scottish fare – a traditional haggis piped in with due ceremony in honour of the Great Poet – Scottish Country Dancing – Scottish Songs – and a couple of Highland Flings for good measure.

A cash bar will operate from 7.30pm
Auctions will take place during the evening.

Tickets \$70 each, available from
the Music Department Administrator,
Anne Clifford phone 577 0707

Challenge, Fun and Smiles at Year 7 Camp

There were smiles all round when our youngest sons and daughters of Kentigern headed to the Year 7 orientation camp at Chosen Valley in the Bombay Hills. All 126 students enjoyed the sun, fun and camaraderie of a 'full-on' camp run by Head of Year 7, Mr Kevin Taylor and the Year 7 teachers. The many activities on offer provided an excellent means to ensure that the new students were well integrated into our College community.

Activities are plentiful at camp to provide new challenges, plenty of fun and the chance for students to get to know one another. Of all the activities on offer, the students definitely put a positive spin put on those that involve water – fresh and clean or cloudy and muddy, it doesn't seem to matter!

Wherever there's the opportunity to enter water at high speed - the bigger the splash the better!

These camps are an invaluable part of our orientation for students who are new to Saint Kentigern. New bonds are formed, House loyalties are entrenched and big, tired smiles of campers saying, 'Awesome, let's do it again,' make the experience worthwhile.

Our thanks go to all the staff but in particular to the many parent helpers who were able to join us at camp and provide valuable assistance and supervision.

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I loved how on the trolleys you thought you were going to die, but you did it anyway!

Connor Popplewell

I found camp valuable because I know the College now and that I belong here.

Nathaniel Hutchinson



One of my favourite parts of camp was the Flying Fox because I overcame my fear of heights.

Archie Freeland



Before camp I would never have dreamed of attempting the Confidence Course, let alone loving every second of it. The rope swing, the struggle of climbing nets and the splash of falling into the eely river made it my camp highlight!

Lucas van den Brink



Camp taught me how to respect others and myself. Sleeping in tents taught me real friendship and good bonding. I found the food made me appreciate my mum's cooking way more!

Charlotte Parke



I learnt at camp how to work well with a team and how to be a good group member. Camp has helped me to develop new skills such as cooking and to never give up as you can do anything if you want.

Emma Savory

The weirdest thing I did was touch an eel when I was swimming to the stairs from the waterslide.

Siobhan Balle



The main thing I got from camp was to put others before myself and encourage others in activities they weren't so good at like the confidence course.

Lucia Newcombe



I really enjoyed how we said Grace because it is respecting God and thanking him for the food he has provided.

Kayla Cammish

The best thing about camp is cooking noodles with a billy.

Anna Liu





Camp was a great experience in many different ways. It was action packed from the fast paced hydro slide hiding new excitements past each bend, to the dangerously dare-devilish abseiling, to the flying fox, an opportunity to fly like a bird, to becoming a modern day Robin Hood on the archery range. There really was never a dull moment.

Isobel Merrie



Camp was like surviving in the wild, but safely while having fun! There was a lot of walking but the best bit was bombarding into the murky water on the Canadian slide.

Annie Yu



Camp was great. It was full of activities, friends, water, frights and 9JJO.

Jessica Grainger

Rain and Sun at Year 9 Camp

Year 9 had a fantastic week away at Totara Springs Camp in Matamata with students in Hamilton and Wishart heading off for the start of the week, dodging the rain, followed by Cargill and Chalmers taking their place for the second half, in glorious sunshine!

The Year 9 camp so early in the year is a great opportunity to help cement new friendships and create strong bonds in each of the Tutor Groups. With a new intake of Year 9 students at the beginning of the year; joining those who have already been at the College for two years, this camp is strategically timed to bring new groupings together in a week where activities and the opportunity for challenge were plentiful.

Camp is a fantastic opportunity for the boys and girls to step out of their comfort zones and challenge themselves physically and mentally in a new yet supportive environment. Through their time away from home, they were able to learn more about themselves and others, while growing in self-confidence. Our Year 13 Peer Support leaders played a big part at camp, providing support, encouragement and guidance for the Year 9's and instilling a sense of what it means to be a son or daughter of Kentigern.



I learnt more about most of the girls in my tutor group and discovered that we are a loud bunch!

Jaymie Kolose



From the Canadian waterslide to team building, camp was a great way to get to know our peer support, tutor class and tutor. I got to know everyone and had experiences unable to be replicated inside the classroom or at home.

Samuel Clarke



Not only was it a really good way to start off the year and a super fun trip, but we got to know our tutor group, we learned vital independence skills, and values that I bet will stay with most of us forever."

Gibson Nevill



During camp I realized that I wasn't that different to the others in my class and I found out that they were quite funny, friendly people.

Lewis Redmond



I learnt to be a risk taker:

Kishan Soma



A moment I found quite challenging was convincing myself to jump of the bridge into the cold river:

Lewis Redmond



I learned to accept other's ideas.

Monty Scholtens



Hamilton Wins College Swimming Sports!

It was a clean sweep for Hamilton House at this year's College Swimming Sports. They proved strong in the preliminary rounds, taking the lead with some feisty swimming, but really came into their own on finals day, winning by a whopping 201 points ahead of nearest rivals Wishart!

In a summer that has been blessed with amazing sunshine, finals day was in complete contrast to last year's damp overcast event. This year, the day dawned with bright blue skies and stayed that way as the four Houses made their noisy arrival poolside, with plenty of friendly banter between sides.

Whilst part of the fun is bringing the Houses together on mass for the first full College event of the year, the main focus is on the swimmers themselves and the skill and effort they bring to the races. For our youngest swimmers in particular, it can be quite daunting to step up to the start of the race in front of so many onlookers but our newly elected prefect teams and older students were on hand to lend support.

We also welcomed the Year 7 and 8 girls from the Girls' School to compete with some strong performances from their Year 7 girls.

Congratulations to all participants but to our age group winners in particular. A special mention to Year 8 Boys' Champion, Tom Harford who won all his races! Well done Tom.

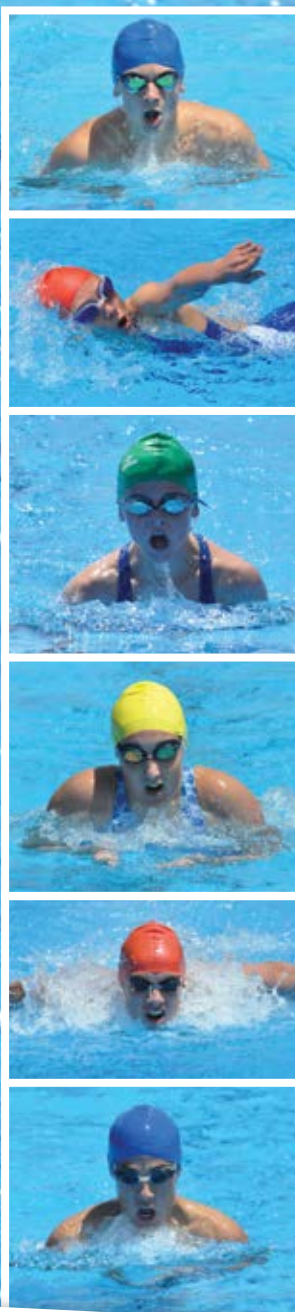
Our thanks to Sports Manager, Miss Lynne Scutt and her team for an incredible amount of organisation across the preliminary and final events to give as many students as possible the chance to compete.

COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS 2015

1ST	2ND	3RD
YEAR 7 GIRLS (COLLEGE ONLY)		
Brooke Hill (Ch)	Sophie Spencer (Ch)	Ava McKenzie (Ca)
YEAR 7 GIRLS (COLLEGE AND GIRLS' SCHOOL)		
Florence Dallow (W)	Brooke Hill (Ch)	Elyse Tse (Ca)
YEAR 7 BOYS		
Harry Lowe (H)	James Oliver (W)	Samuel Everitt (W)
YEAR 8 GIRLS		
Beth Harford (Ca)	Holly Simmons (Ca)	Abbey Keyte (H)
YEAR 8 BOYS		
Tom Harford (Ca)	Fraser McOmish (W)	Logan Cowie (Ca)
JUNIOR GIRLS		
Olivia Overfield (Ch)	Madison Clarke (H)	Annabelle Waterworth (Ca)
JUNIOR BOYS		
Cameron Church (Ch)	Dylan McCullough (H)	Liam Hosking (Ch)
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS		
Mayah Coleman (W)	Chelsea Simmons (W)	Lisa Miyaura (H)
INTERMEDIATE BOYS		
Benjamin Fleming (H)	Jonte Wright (H)	Benjamin Morrison (W)
SENIOR GIRLS		
Emma Hanley (W)	Samantha Brown (W)	Alexandra Gordon (Ca)
SENIOR BOYS		
Thomas Moulder (H)	Joshua Scally-Sherborne (Ch)	Liam Ward (Ca)

HOUSE SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

1ST	HAMILTON	1122 Points
2ND	WISHART	921 Points
3RD	CARGILL	863 Points
4TH	CHALMERS	771 Points



Hamilton Wins College Athletics!

It's been a great start to the year for Hamilton House at the College. Hot on the heels of winning the Swimming Sports, they also laid claim to the House Athletics title!

Over two fantastic days of competition, the students were out in force, representing their Houses on the track and field. In the preliminary rounds, the students made the most of competing in as many events as possible for House points, with an equal measure of fun, competitive drive and friendly rivalry. At the end of the preliminaries, Chalmers was in the lead with Hamilton in second place and Wishart following in third.

Finals day brought some fantastic racing on the track in front of the College crowd. With some close calls on the 100m and relays, Hamilton took the lead with Chalmers dropping back to fourth. When all points were combined and tallied, Hamilton retained the lead to win overall. Well done!

The logistics for this event is huge with well over 5000 participants across all events over the course of both days. Our thanks to organiser, Miss Lynne Scutt and the team of staff for a well-run event.

HOUSE ATHLETICS

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

COLLEGE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

1ST	2ND	3RD
YEAR 7 GIRLS (SKC & SKGS combined)		
Florence Dallow W	Ava McKenzie Ca	Addison Peebles Ca
YEAR 7 GIRLS (SKC only)		
Ava McKenzie Ca	Mia Harries W	Hannah Riley Ch
YEAR 7 BOYS		
Jacob Spring Ch	Harry Lowe H	Ajay Smith Ch
YEAR 8 GIRLS (SKC only)		
Briana Gibson W	Caitlyn McKenzie H	Sarah Braid H
YEAR 8 GIRLS (SKC & SKGS combined)		
Zara Smith W	Briana Gibson W	Moiralisa AINU'u Aneru Ch
YEAR 8 BOYS		
Mac Rogers H	Zander Diedricks W	Logan Cowie Ca
JUNIOR GIRLS		
Jaymie Kolose W	Sam J Watson Ch	Lisa Putt Ca
JUNIOR BOYS		
Ben Pauga Ch	Theo Thomson H	Cameron Church Ch
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS		
Hannah Ward W	Mayah Coleman W	Tori Kolose W
INTERMEDIATE BOYS		
Dylan Bartholomew W	Ethan Blight Ca	Michael Wood Ca
SENIOR GIRLS		
Isabella Richards Ca	Sydney Fraser H	= Grace Wood Ca = Hanna English H
SENIOR BOYS		
Braydon Ennor H	= Harrison Gosling Ca = Cameron Low W	



Conditioning for Peak Performance

The importance of good physical preparation for our growing sporting talent at the College is essential to our students' wellbeing. In recognising that it takes more than skills coaching for our top athletes to perform in peak condition, in recent years the College introduced a Strength and Conditioning programme.

Whilst the programme was originally devised to prepare our Premier teams for top competition, it was further extended this year to include the sports development teams and core Physical Education at Year 10, with the intention to later include Year 9.

The specific training aims to carefully build our athletes to be faster, stronger and more powerful through exercise prescription to improve their individual performance in competition. Additionally, it helps to prepare the students mentally for some of the hardest school competitions in New Zealand.

The College now employs the services of two full-time Strength and Conditioning Coaches who are assisted by two students from AUT. The College is also in the throes of employing a PhD student who plans to write a curriculum for Strength and Conditioning to be used in schools.

Jan Reyneke oversees the Strength and Conditioning programme, bringing a wealth of knowledge to the role, sourced from a strong background in coaching. He worked in this same role for the North Harbour Rugby Academy and New Zealand Secondary Schools Rugby, and was Head Coach for the North Harbour Rugby ITM Cup.

Prior to this, Jan held a coaching position at Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh and in Chile he combined coaching with teaching PE. He holds a Bachelor of Sport and Recreation and is currently studying towards his Master of Philosophy in Strength and Conditioning, investigating the movement patterns, heart rate demands and match activities during international women's rugby sevens match play.

Jan is assisted by Angelo Hubert who has been working with athletic development for more than ten years in Brazil and eight years in New Zealand. His specialty is to develop training programmes for athletes who aspire to the next level of their physical condition; improving speed, agility, strength and power. Angelo used to work for Ulbra - Lutheran University of Brazil as an Athletic Performance Coach which is where he completed his Bachelor of Physical Education. During this time, he worked with many high performance and college athletes and with some of the top coaches from Brazil, USA, Cuba, Jamaica and Russia. Angelo also had the opportunity to gain in depth learning about many different schools of sports at a high level - on track, court and field.

In New Zealand, he has been working with elite athletes, including the Black Sticks, Rugby (NZ Academic), the Wellington Hockey and Wellington Basketball teams. Since 2006, Angelo has been doing speed and agility research and studying sports courses from the International Youth Conditioning Association in the USA. His training methods are unique. They have been developed in conjunction with several different styles of training - athletics, gymnastics, weightlifting, capoeira, natural fitness, boxing and jiu-jitsu. He is constantly updating and developing new programmes.

This conscious decision to extend the programme has seen it evolve to another level altogether says Director of Sport, Mr Martin Piaggi. Before and after school sessions in the Sports Centre turns the Weights Room to a hive of activity as the students work with the coaches on their sports code-focused programmes at assigned times across the week. These are attended by both the girls' and boys' Premier teams, the Sports Academy development players, as well as individual athletes. Training can begin as early as 6.00am, before the sun is even up, and finish at around 4.30pm, with an average of three or four sessions per week. After their warm up, the students work on everything from speed and power to weightlifting and conditioning, with a big emphasis placed on the individual's movement patterns. It is essential that they learn to perform all exercises correctly and are well educated to help prevent injury and increase the longevity of their sporting career past College life.

Mr Piaggi says, 'Quite simply, we are doing what no other school in Australasia is doing, and we actually have the pick of the crop in the people we have delivering the programme. We are always judged on our results but regardless of whether our athletes win or lose, they are as well prepared as any. They are working physically hard but they are also mentally stimulated to think why and how the things they are being asked to do will help their performance.'





Filming with the All Blacks!

It was the opportunity of a lifetime for some of our youngest rugby boys when five All Blacks visited the College at the beginning of Term 1. Captain, Richie McCaw and team mates, Sonny Bill Williams, Ben Smith, Keven Mealamu and Old Collegian, Jerome Kaino were on location to film a television commercial with a selection of Year 8, 9 and 10 players.

The advertisement, for Sky Sport to promote the upcoming rugby season, followed a story line about the All Blacks as youngsters who dream of making the New Zealand team. Included in one of the feature scenes was Year 10 student, Carter Armitage who played winger, Ben Smith as a young boy. In his scene, Carter stands at the Bruce House changing room mirrors, deep in a moment of pre-game thought. As he fits his mouthguard, the scene travels forward in time to show All Black, Ben Smith running out on to the field.

Once filming had wrapped up at Bruce House, the production crew moved down to the rugby field to begin filming with the mix of Year 8, 9 and 10 boys. For their scene, the students displayed their tackling and passing skills under the watchful eyes of Richie, Jerome, Keven and Sonny Bill from the sidelines.

Along with Jerome, also returning to the College was second generation Old Collegian, Campbell Hughes who was producing the television commercial. Campbell attended the College from 1991-1995 and now works for Sky Television as a Sports Promotion Producer.

The afternoon's activities were a unique opportunity for our students to experience being involved on a professional set - and was truly memorable for the students to meet their sporting heroes on College grounds!



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Kayaking, Snorkelling, Navigation and Service

With thanks to PE Teacher, Mr Chris Dowdle

Early in Term 1, the Year 12 Outdoor Education students travelled to Tawharanui Regional Park for an overnight trip to put their skills to the test in an outdoor setting. The students completed four activities over the two days: kayaking in the surf, service, snorkelling and a half day walk.

A steady surf provided an ideal first opportunity to gain confidence and skills to be ready for their kayak assessment in Term 2. In these rough water conditions, students had to learn to control their kayak and complete a roll. Also in the water, the snorkelling session provided the first chance to start their scuba licence with this activity counting towards their dive licence which they will gain in Term 2.

Out of the water, navigation skills were taught on a day walk to prepare the students for their three day tramp which is part of Achievement Standard 2.9.

Finally, in line with the Saint Kentigern Mission Statement, the group linked up with Park Ranger, Maurice Puckett to contribute their time over the two days to help maintain the Regional Park. Two jobs were completed including the metalling of a track and the pruning of trees from another coastal track.

Opportunities such as this beyond the College gates are vital for extending our students and putting their learning into context. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience!



Success for Premier Tennis

NEW ZEALAND TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saint Kentigern College has a proud history in this event with the Premier Girls team having won the national championships five years in a row and the Premier Boys three years in a row. We knew this year would be tough with a new look boys' team and injury-struck girls' team. Both teams qualified for the nationals in February and went into the tournament with the boys as top seeds and girls as third seeds.

Over the first two days of competition, the boys' team made it through pool play without too much trouble to place top in the pool. They played many close games against Christ's College in the semi-final, holding out to win 7-1 and qualify for the final, once again against Scots College. The boys played to the best of their abilities but were unable to defend the title. Despite many close games, the boys were 3-1 down after the singles and had to win both doubles in two sets to win the title. The result came down to the very last match but in the end they lost 4-2 to a very good team from Scots College. Whilst the winning streak has been broken, full credit to all the boys as 2nd in New Zealand is still a fantastic result!

The girls' team settled in well and were unbeaten in their first two games but came up against a higher ranked St Peter's team in the final pool game. At the end of the singles it was 2-all, with all four girls playing well against higher ranked opponents. In the doubles the following morning, both pairs unfortunately lost in very close games, placing them against top seeds, Westlake in the semi where they lost 4-2, losing two 3 setters which could have changed the match. Overall the girls ended up 3rd in New Zealand which was a great effort and they, like the boys, look forward to attempting to claim the title back next year.

Premier Boys Tennis: Connor Williamson (Captain), Reid Burrows, Liam Stoica, Freddie Cashmore Chatwin, Trenton Leleni.

Premier Girls Tennis: Shaylee Syme (Captain) Lana Popovich, CT Ampornachariya, Sarah Wardenburg, Julia Woolf



AUCKLAND CHAMPIONS OF CHAMPIONS

Over three days in March, twelve Saint Kentigern College students competed in the Auckland Tennis Champion of Champions competition. This is an individual event with the points of the students' individual results going towards an overall top boys' school and top girls' school trophy.

This long-standing annual school tennis event was established to give the top two players at each age level from each school in the Greater Auckland area the opportunity to compete with their peers and become Auckland Champions. Many of New Zealand's leading tennis players have taken part in the tournament during their school days.

Congratulations to Connor Williamson who continued Saint Kentigern dominance of the Senior Boys singles event to win the Senior Boys Singles and combined with Reid Burrows to win the doubles. Liam Stoica also won the intermediate Boys Singles and then the doubles with Freddie Cashmore Chatwin.

Ten out of the twelve Saint Kentigern students entered made it through finals day with the following results:

Boys' Team	1st Overall Boys Competition
Girls' Team	2nd Overall Girls Competition
Connor Williamson	Senior Boys Singles and Doubles Champion
Reid Burrows	Senior Boys Doubles Champion, Singles Semi-finalist
Shaylee Syme	Senior Girls Doubles Runner up, Singles Semi-finalist
Sarah Wardenburg	Senior Girls Doubles Runner up, Singles Semi-finalist
Liam Stoica	Intermediate Boys Singles and Doubles Winner
Freddie Cashmore-Chatwin	Intermediate Boys Doubles Winner; Singles Semi-finalist
Lana Popovich	Intermediate Girls Doubles Runner Up, Singles Semi-finalist
Maja Wendlik	Intermediate Girls Doubles Runner Up
Max Allias	Junior Boys Doubles Runner up
Sean Kelly	Junior Boys Doubles Runner up

AUCKLAND TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

With over 30 tennis teams competing in Term 1 across all age groups it has been another outstanding season for the top tennis teams with all but one of the A1 teams making it to the finals (the Premier A1 Boys team competition will conclude in Term 3).

Results

Premier Boys	Competition still going currently in 1st place
Premier Girls	2nd in Auckland Senior Girls competition
Intermediate Boys	Auckland Champions
Intermediate Girls	3rd in Auckland
Junior Boys	2nd in Auckland
Junior Girls	2nd in Auckland

New Zealand Titles for Triathletes!

Lake Taupo was the venue this year for the 2015 New Zealand Schools Triathlon Championship. Thirty two Saint Kentigern College triathletes lined up to showcase their season's training efforts over four events: the Open Water Swim, the Aquathon, the Triathlon and the Tag Team Triathlon.

Dominant all four events was Dylan McCullough who claimed three New Zealand titles and a silver medal over the two days. Dylan gained gold in the Aquathon, the Triathlon and as anchor for the three person Tag Team Triathlon, after narrowly missing the Gold against specialist swimmers in the Open Water Swimming Championship. Of note is that Dylan led from start to finish in every multi-sport race he has contested while representing Saint Kentigern College this year.

The blue and white of Saint Kentigern was also on the podium in the feature event of the day, the Senior Boys (U19) Triathlon. Liam Ward raced with a smart race strategy and full determination to gain Silver against formidable opposition. Similarly, Sophie Wilkinson showed she is a triathlete to watch in the years to come achieving Bronze in the U16 Girls Triathlon.

In the very popular teams event, where schools present their best in each discipline, the College proved successful with three Golds and one Silver.

Our first Gold in the Tag Team Triathlon Championship was in the Junior Boys: Cameron Church (swim), Callum Walsh (cycle), Dylan McCullough (run).

This was followed by the Junior Girls win: Olivia Overfield (swim), Sophie Wilkinson (cycle), Maddy Clarke (run).

Our third Gold was by the Senior Girls with the very competitive line-up of Emma Hanley (swim), Lizzy Mudford (cycle) and Isabella Richards (run). In the final event, the Senior Boys gained Silver with a gallant display of determination from Tom Moulder (swim), James Fouche (cycle) and Liam Ward (run).

The Saint Kentigern College Triathlon Team was once again successful in taking the prestigious Best Overall School Trophy, based on best placings in both the individual and teams categories. This is the thirteenth time the College has won this Award!

TRIATHLON NZ CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Top School Trophy for the overall results

Individual Medal Winners

Dylan McCullough Junior Boys Gold
Sophie Wilkinson Junior Girls Bronze
Liam Ward Senior Boys Silver

Team Medal Winners

Junior Boys Gold: Cameron Church, Callum Walsh, Dylan McCullough
Junior Girls Gold: Olivia Overfield, Sophie Wilkinson, Maddy Clarke
Senior Boys Silver: Tom Moulder, James Fouche, Liam Ward
Senior Girls Gold: Emma Hanley, Lizzie Mudford, Isabella Richards



AUCKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL EVENTS

	AKSS AQUATHLON	AKSS TRIATHLON
U19 Boys	Liam Ward, 1st	1st Team: Tom Moulder/James Fouche/ Nick Houghton-Brown
U19 Girls		1st Team: Emma Hanley/Lizzy Mudford/ Isabella Richards
U16 Boys		Daniel Whitburn, 2nd
U16 Girls	1st Team: Mayah Coleman/ Hannah Ward	1st Team: Mayah Coleman/ Kate Fouche/Hannah Ward
U14 Boys	Dylan McCullough, 1st	Dylan McCullough, 1st Jacob Hannan, 3rd
U14 Girls	Maddie Clarke, 2nd	Sophie Wilkinson, 3rd
Yr 7/8 Girls		Emma Hannan, 2nd

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES

Impressive results at Kinloch in February earned three College triathletes places in the U19 team to represent NZ at the World Triathlon Championships in Chicago later this year. Considerable talent combined with total commitment to their rigorous training programmes has seen 16-year-olds Fraser Hamilton, Daniel Whitburn and Anna Wilkinson gain selection despite being some of the youngest qualifiers in this age group. College Deputy-Triathlon Captain Joshua Chapman also gained selection, but having competed for NZ last year has decided not to do so in 2015. Congratulations to all these triathletes on their well-deserved selection. We look forward to seeing them representing the College and NZ with pride!





New Zealand Rowing Championships

Students from the College Rowing Club continued their season of improvement and success with two medals at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing championships.

Known as the Maadi Cup, this year's championships were held at Lake Karapiro with over 125 secondary schools from around New Zealand, represented by 2,400 students competing in over 600 races across the week.

Racing is held over the course of six days with heats and D-F finals on days 1 & 2, Repechages, semi-finals and C finals on days 3 & 4, and A & B finals on days 5 & 6. Despite bad weather forecasts the weather for the whole week was ideal, providing, smooth calm conditions which presented rowers with excellent conditions. As a result competition was tough and race times fast.

Given the larger squad this year, the club was able to compete in more events and took to the water in a total of 20 events over all categories from Novice to U18 and in over 68 individual races in order to qualify for an impressive 7 A finals and 7 B finals – a pleasing improvement on last year's finals numbers.

Medal Winners

Silver, Under 16 8+

Tom Mills, Angus Wilson, Matt Kelly, Joshua Grant, Nicholas Lyon-Ramsdale, Ethan Blight, Sam Morrow, Harry Ramakers + Sam Ingleton (cox)

Bronze, Under 15 8X

Abigail Pool, Lauren Oliver, Jessica Munnik, Lucy Farnsworth, Emily Swiatek, Grace Barry, Lucy Wilson, Alex Hynds + Georgia Evans - (cox)

North Island trialists Edward Barry and Oli Rhodes

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rowing Club enjoyed a successful weekend at the North Island Secondary School championships held on the familiar waters at Karapiro.

Our rowers competed in a total of 62 races over a wide range of categories from Novice to U18 and went on to contest 15 A finals and 5 B finals; a very pleasing result at this level of competition.

Medal Winners

Gold Boys U16 8+

Tom Mills, Angus Wilson, Matt Kelly, Joshua Grant, Nicholas Lyon-Ramsdale, Ethan Blight, Sam Morrow, Harry Ramakers + Sam Ingleton (cox)

Silver Girls U16 4+

Rebecca MacQueen, Olivia Hofer, Georgia McLeish, Claire Hofman + Georgia Evans (cox)

Bronze Boys U17 8+

Tom Mills, Angus Wilson, Matt Kelly, Joshua Grant, Nicholas Lyon-Ramsdale, Ethan Blight, Sam Morrow, Harry Ramakers + Sam Ingleton (cox)

Bronze Boys U15 4+

George Beggs, Harry Church, Sam Russell, Matt Graham-Williams + Alex Johnston (cox)

Bronze Boys U17 4X+

Ollie Rhodes, Edward Barry, Andrew McBain, Jamie Sinclair-Eagle + Thomas Hussona (cox)



OLD COLLEGIAN HONOURED

The College Rowing Club proudly unveiled their newest rowing sciff at the North Island Secondary School Championships. With ever increasing levels of high performance at secondary school level, the need to be equipped with the best available boats for College rowers remains a constant priority.

The recent naming of Old Collegian, Anthony Allen (SKC 2006-2011) into the 2015 New Zealand Rowing team in the Coxless Four was both the cause of much celebration and perfect timing as our new boat had arrived and was in need of a worthy name. We were delighted to welcome Anthony and his parents Tony and Lyn to the naming ceremony at Lake Karapiro and, likewise, they were all very excited and humbled by the naming of our new Four, the 'Anthony Allen.'



Touch Girls Claim Auckland Title!

The Premier Girls Touch team has had a very successful start to the season with an unbeaten run through the Eastern Zone and Auckland Championships to claim the Auckland title for the first time ever!

Throughout the Eastern Zone tournament, the Premier Girls squad were split into two teams with the Premier team scoring 63 tries for and 8 against in just seven games. The girls moved on to the Auckland Championships, which is also the zone qualifier for the New Zealand Championships later in the year in December. At Auckland level, the well-disciplined girls' team beat Auckland Girls 12-1, Botany Downs 9-4, Alfriston 5-2, McAuley 10-0 and also Mt Albert Grammar 6-3 to take out the title.

Year 13 team captain, Chrissy Oscar, displayed strong leadership throughout the tournament to lead the girls to victory. Chrissy, along with Year 12, Sydney Fraser and Year 11, Tori Kolose, all produced outstanding performances throughout each game. We now wish the girls all the best for the National Championships in December.

BOYS TOUCH

The Premier Boys Touch team were successful in the Eastern Zone competition, upholding their proud tradition of winning the Eastern Zone title to reach the National tournament qualifier. The Zone 2 qualifier, however, didn't go to plan with a tough assignment against Mt Albert Grammar, St Paul's College, King's College, Sacred Heart College and Alfriston College. The team only managed one win, beating Alfriston College 11-2 in the final game of the day. This young team continues to develop knowledge of the game and with more time and leadership, this group of players will perform well as their skills mature.

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES

We are particularly proud of the students who have been selected as NZ representatives and wish them well as they take on this higher level of competition.

NZ Women's Open Team
Mererangi Paul

NZ Women's U19 Team
Mererangi Paul
Sydney Fraser

NZ U17 Girls Team
Tate McGregor
Tori Kolose
Mererangi Paul

NZ U15 Girls Team
Summer-Jean Motufoua
Jaymie Kolose
Lisa Putt
Amy Waters

NZ U21 Men's Team
Brosnan Meleisea

NZ U17 Boys Team
Brosnan Meleisea

NZ U15 Mixed Team
Rivez Reihana



Great Results for Swimmers

Sixteen students represented our College at the Counties-Manukau Zone Champs in March. Against strong competition, our swimmers performed extremely well with Emma Hanley, Tom Moulder, Ben Fleming, Cameron Church and Liam Hosking all gaining top three places in the individual events. Congratulations also to the Senior Girls' Backstroke and Breaststroke Relay Teams, the Open Boys Butterfly Relay Team, the Intermediate Girls Backstroke Relay Team and the Intermediate Boys Freestyle and Medley Relay teams, all of whom also placed in the top 3.

Later in March, Emma, Tom, Ben, Cameron and Liam also qualified and raced in the Auckland Champion of Champions. With tough competition throughout Auckland, we came away with pleasing results with Emma Hanley securing 1st place in the Senior Girls Breaststroke. Also congratulations to the Senior Girls Backstroke relay of Chelsea Simmons, Alex Gordon, Mayah Coleman and Emma Hanley who also paced 1st.



New Zealand selection for Waterpolo Players

Boys' Premier Team

After a large number of Year 13 boys left the team at the end of 2014, 2015 has been a year of rebuilding. With a new coach and captain, the boys trained hard throughout the term and finished a very creditable 4th in the Auckland League. Next was the North Island Secondary Schools Division 1 Tournament where the boys faced a tough draw, ultimately only losing two games - to the teams that finished 1st and 2nd - for a 5th placing. During the holidays, the boys went on to compete at the National Secondary School Division 1 Championships in Wellington. With strong performances across the pool and a developing squad the boys finished 6th, the best placing of a Saint Kentigern team in this tournament. With the bulk of the team being Year 11 and 12 students, the prospects look bright for a big year in 2016.

Congratulations to the following players for their selection as New Zealand representatives. We wish them all the best for play at this level:

Ryan McEwen, Dominic Rankin-Chitar, Ben Wharton-Benedict, Ben Fleming and Alex McDonald.

Girls' Premier Team

The girls competed in the North Island Secondary Schools Championships and began the tournament with wins in the pool rounds over Rutherford (17-0), Western Springs (6-2) and Marist (9-3), followed by a loss to Hillcrest (8-11) which took them to the semi-final. The semi-final was an extremely close game against Mt Albert Grammar, who grasped a one goal lead to narrowly win the game (5-4). The bronze medal match against Hamilton Girls High School was a tough yet low scoring game. Our girls were unable to convert shot attempts to goals and despite a solid effort, lost the play-off (2-1) to place 4th overall.

During the holidays the girls also took part in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Division 2 Championships. The girls won their six pool games which took them through to a semi-final against John Paul College where the girls won in a penalty shoot (13-10) out to take them through to the gold medal match. Despite beating Hamilton Girls earlier in the competition, the team edged away to beat Saint Kentigern in the final (6-4), placing the girls as Silver Medalists.

Congratulations to Gabriella MacDonald and Christina Middlebeek-Harrison who were named in the tournament team.



Auckland Golf Champions!

During Term 1, our golf teams performed extremely well and won all three levels of competition in the Auckland College Sports Team tournament, staged at various Auckland Golf Club venues.

All our teams were unbeaten during the term by any other school, however, there was one half when horrendous conditions made play near impossible, eliminating all skill levels and a half was recorded.

The Premier Team was represented by six players. Andrew Meng, Karan Nalam, Erik Jorgensen, Jonothan Farrow, Kelvin Chiu and Tommy Liu, who not only won the Premier Auckland section of the event but also defeated the 2014 National Champions in a North Harbour v Auckland Premier Final.

In the final, the team scored well with Tommy Liu shooting a 70, Karan Nalam and Andrew Meng recording 72 each and the Academy Captain,



Kelvin Chiu scored 75. Saint Kentigern College beat a quality Massey College team by two shots at the Pupuke Golf Club. At one point the team were well in front but a few errant tee shots saw a large 9 hole advantage disappear. Nerves stood strong as the last putt dropped on the 18th green for the team to win the Auckland title!

Athletics Record Breakers!

GREATER AUCKLAND ATHLETICS

Over 30 students competed at Mt Smart Stadium in the Greater Auckland Athletics Championships. All these students had qualified in the top three from the Eastern Zone championships a few weeks earlier.

The 4 x 400m Open Girls Relay team finished the day off with a blistering performance, beating all other teams by 50m! The Junior Girls 4x 100m Relay team won gold and set a new College record. Bella Richards secured her second Gold with a great run in the 1500m, breaking her own 1500m record for the third time this year. Lisa Putt, along with setting the relay record, also set a further two new College records in the Junior Girls long jump and triple jump.

Jaymie Kolose was part of both gold medal relay teams and added a further gold, silver and bronze to her tally. Dylan McCullough dominated his race from start to finish winning gold in the Junior Boys 1500m. Mayah Coleman won gold and silver in the Intermediate javelin and discus. Braydon Ennor ran a very impressive 100m to win silver.

Overall, the students amassed 22 Track Top 10 results and 15 Field Top 10 results and 2 Relay Gold Medals.

The 3000m was held at King's College two days later with two outstanding races from our College students. Dylan McCullough cleared his field with ease to win the Junior Boys 3000m and in the Senior Girls race, the only person pushing Isabella Richards was fellow student, Hanna English - but she too couldn't keep up with Bella who won with a new College Record!

Medal Winners

Jaymie Kolose	Gold 4 x 100m Junior Girls Relay, Gold 4 x 400m Open Girls Relay, Gold Junior Girls 200m, Silver Junior Girls 100m, Bronze Junior Girls Long Jump
Lisa Putt	Gold 4 x 100m Junior Girls Relay, Gold Junior Girls Triple Jump (new college record), Silver Junior Girls Long Jump (new College record)
Isabella Richards	Gold 4 x 400m Open Girls Relay, Gold Senior Girls 1500m, Gold Senior Girls 3000m (new College record)
Braydon Ennor	Silver Senior Boys 100m
Hanna English	Gold 4 x 400m Open Girls Relay, Silver Senior Girls 1500m, Silver Senior Girls 3000m
Grace Wood	Gold 4 x 400m Open Girls Relay
Imogen Pilkington	Gold 4 x 100m Junior Girls Relay
Elise Conway	Gold 4 x 100m Junior Girls Relay
Dylan McCullough	Gold Junior Boys 1500m, Gold Junior Boys 3000m
Sydney Fraser	Silver Senior Girls Long Jump
Mayah Coleman	Gold Intermediate Girls Javelin, Bronze Intermediate Girls Discus



NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The North Island championships were held at Mt Smart stadium. Five of our students were selected to represent Auckland in these championships.

Medal winners

Hanna English	Gold, Senior Girls 3000m
Lisa Putt	Gold, Junior Girls Long Jump (new College Record)
Lisa Putt	Gold, Junior Girls Triple Jump (new College Record)
Jaymie Kolose	Silver, Junior Girls 100m
Dylan McCullough	Silver, Junior Boys 1500m (new College Record)

Yachting

Our top sailors have been out on the water representing Saint Kentigern at a variety of events. Early in the term, the team comprising Stephanie Kirkman (captain), George Kirkman, Thomas Morton and James Delegat sailed at the Harken Schools Regatta hosted by the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron to finish 3rd overall in the Gold Fleet racing.

This was followed by the Regional Championship held at Bucklands Beach Yacht Club later in the term where, after two days of racing in light to moderate winds, the Premier Yachting team finished in 2nd place in the Gold Fleet. The Development Team were first in the silver fleet which was a great effort and indicates good depth in the squad.

During the second week of the April holidays, thirty of the best sailing teams from around New Zealand converged on Lake Taupo to contest the Secondary Schools Team Racing Nationals. Conditions ranged from 0kn to 25kn with morning temperatures averaging 2 degrees and ice on the decks! Saint Kentigern finished 7th in the first round robin but with the numbers in the repechage increased from 2 to 6, Saint Kentigern was included in



the Gold/ Silver repechage. As a result, the team was relegated to the Silver Fleet, which they won quite comfortably but could not finish better than 11th overall. So great to win the Silver Fleet Trophy but not really the 'colour' we were after!

Team: Jessica Allen (Captain), Thomas Morton, Crystal Sun, George Kirkman, Nicholas Allen, Alexander Maehl and Ben Nathan



Auckland Cricket Champs!

AUCKLAND SEASON

Our Premier Girls Cricket team played well throughout the Auckland season with only two losses in the weekly rounds. This meant that their last game for Term 1 was to be the final of the Auckland competition, competing against Diocesan for the Auckland title.

In an exciting, final game of cricket, the Saint Kentigern girls drew on vital playing skills and team-determination. In a tight, well-matched game, Diocesan's total of 79 for 6 was not enough to prevent Saint Kentigern from scoring 80 for 6 to take back the trophy from Westlake, who won the competition last year. This was a great finish to a successful season for the 1st XI Girls Cricket Team.



REGIONAL NZ QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

During Tournament Week, the Premier Girls competed in the NZCT Girls Secondary School National Qualifying Tournament at Keith Hay Park.

Firstly, the girls played Westlake who were soon all out for 76. Saint Kentigern then batted scoring 77 for 3 wickets. Up against Diocesan, the girls achieved 107 for 4 wickets but in a very exciting and close game, the opposition scraped in a win by scoring 108 for 8.

Following this loss, the girls went on to beat Mt Albert Grammar and Glendowie College. Next up was Epsom Girls Grammar but unfortunately the rain appeared and affected the game. Our girls were batting well and had scored 81 for 3 when rain interrupted play. Unfortunately the rain continued on and off and the game could not be completed. The end result of this vital game was unfortunately a draw.

On the final morning, Saint Kentigern beat Baradene, scoring 103 for 7. Congratulations to Rae Allright who top scored with 28 not out, Ella Mayhew for taking 3 for 10 runs and Isabella Ching for taking 3 for 22 runs. In their last game the girls played Westlake for 3rd and 4th positions. With 117 for 6 against Westlake's 79 for 10, the girls placed 3rd overall, unfortunately not qualifying for this year's national tournament.

Junior Boys National 3 on 3 Basketball Champs!



For the second year, the College entered three teams – Senior Boys, Senior Girls and Junior Boys – into the 3 on 3 Basketball National Secondary School Championships at Trust Stadium in West Auckland.

This was definitely the Junior Boys time to shine! After 16 fast paced games, the team won the National Championship! Their overall skill and team work in pool play resulted in beating Kelston 10 – 5, Te Aroha 18 – 4, Palmerston North Boys 18 – 10, Pukekohe 16 – 9 and Rangitoto 14 – 9, to make it through to the Top 8 teams.

After playing Kelston 12 – 10, Hobsonville Point 13 – 9, Fraser 21 – 7, Palmerston North 15 – 12, Ashburton 21 – 11, and Northcote 18 – 16, they qualified for the semi-final where they beat Fraser High School.

The Junior Boys final featured the unbeaten Saint Kentigern College team against favourites, Kelston Boys' High School. Kelston led 5-3 at the mid-point and were 9-8 entering the final two minutes. However, in an exciting finish, the score was tied 10 apiece with 30 seconds remaining ... in nail-biting final moments, and with time about to expire, Zac Chang scored the game winning basket – 11-10, Saint Kentigern were the winners! Well done boys!

Junior Boys Team: Ryan Laumatia, Max Shorter, Zac Chan, Tom Chester, Lachie Harvey

P&F Asian Parents Social Group

The Asian Parents Social Group has been a roaring success since the meetings started up this year by College parent, Ms Jessie Liu and Chairman of the P&F, Mr David Courtney. At their first monthly gathering in February, 44 parents joined together in the Saints Café to ask questions about all aspects of their children's life at College. Also present for this meeting was Trust Board member, Dr Vivienne Adair and Deputy Head of the College and Head of the Senior School, Mrs Suzanne Winthrop, whose responses were translated into Chinese for the parents by Ms Liu. The group is a fantastic support network of parents who are provided with guidance and information in their own language, that they might otherwise find hard to understand. If you have difficulty with English and want to participate more fully in College life and meet new friends, please email jessie.liuxq@gmail.com to obtain WeChat Code to join the group.

今年年初，亚裔家长联谊会会在学生家长Jessie Liu女士和家友会主席David Courtney先生的带领下取得了迅速的发展。在二月份举行的第一次每月例会中，44位家长聚集在高中部咖啡厅，询问他们孩子在校期间各方面的情况。当天参会的还有校董事会成员Vivienne Adair博士和学校副校长及高中部校长Suzanne Winthrop女士，她们解答的问题由刘女士提供中文翻译。联谊会会成为能够运用中文提供指导和信息的交流平台。如果您有英语语言困难，希望更多地了解学校的教育教学情况、结交新朋友，请电邮jessie.liuxq@gmail.com获取微信二维码，加入亚裔家长微信群。



College Parents and Friends



David Courtney, Chairperson

The Parents and Friends started the year with a very busy first term including hosting the Year 7 Parents' Social Evening and the Year 9 parents at their Meet The Tutor Evening as well as supporting students and staff with grants for travelling sporting and cultural groups.

We held our AGM in March at which two new members were elected to the Management Committee. These are Jessie Liu who is the Convener of our Asian Parents Group and Margaret

Wind who will understudy Amanda Selvadurai in the role of convener of the Saints Café and the Tuckshop.

The meeting also marked the retirement of Pippa Styles from the Management Committee after many years of service to the Parents and

Friends and Saint Kentigern College, including two years as Chairperson. We all thank Pippa for her work and dedication to SKC P&F.

The Management Committee members for 2015 are: Sandra Oliver; Treasurer; Claire Russell, Functions Convener; Julia Clancy, Social Convener; Amanda Selvadurai, Saints Café and Tuckshop Convener; Desiree Jenkins-Allright, Secretary; and David Courtney, Chairman.

The Asian Parents Group has been a great success, holding regular meetings at which parents have been able to ask questions and receive information that they have missed out on due to the language barrier. The meetings have been strongly supported with attendances by Mr Cole, Mrs Suzanne Winthrop, Mr Duncan McQueen and Dr Vivienne Adair. This group is an opportunity for Asian Parents who have little English to meet other parents and to engage more in College activities.

MEETING DATES FOR 2015

All parents are welcome to attend our meetings. We have a speaker on a subject of interest to parents at each meeting. The meeting dates these year are: May 25; June 22; July 27; August 24; September 21; November 2.

Can you help?

We always need parent volunteers to help at Saints Café, the Tuckshop and at functions such as the Parent/Teacher evenings and Open Days. Parent volunteers at these events make a vital contribution to the running of the College. If you can help at Saints Café or the Tuckshop please email Carla Perry at: SKC_Cafe@saintkentigern.com If you can help with functions and social events such as parent/teacher evenings or Open Days please email Claire Russell at: claire.russell@blackpepper.co.nz