

From the President of the Old Collegians

A major event in the spring calendar is the Old Collegians' Golf Day, held annually at Remuera Golf Course. If you're a regular player or a newbie, please register your interest soon as places tend to fill rather quickly. Funds raised will go towards our continued support of the Old Collegians Field Centre Fund. This allows those in Year 10, who would otherwise struggle to make it to Tongariro, to attend. Equipment is a costly business and our ever-growing outdoor equipment cache, helps make the week all it can be. This year we are also raising funds for student/s to help complete their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Students will be able to apply for a partial scholarship starting 2020.

Winter Sports have finished for another year at the different campuses, and there have been a number of outstanding achievements by top teams at all three campuses. Again, I would like to encourage you all, as Old Collegians, to re-engage with sporting teams and go along to watch. The standard of sport is high and it's great to see different teams competing so well in their respective Auckland competitions.

We have a number of special reunion dinners/weekends coming up for Saint Kentigern College past students. Leavers from 1989 are having a weekend reunion over the weekend of 18-19 October to celebrate graduating 30 years ago. Spread over two days, Friday involves meeting at the College in the afternoon for a light afternoon tea and a full College tour. For those who haven't been back for 30 years, be prepared for a few major shocks! On Saturday, Old Collegians reassemble in the afternoon for a few games for camaraderie, hopefully watching the 1st XI Cricket Team, then a dinner



in the Sports Lounge. Please contact Mark Richardson markr@metropolitanair.co.nz to register your interest.

As Term 4 comes around, the number of events SKOCA is involved with increases as we sponsor events like the Leavers' Dinners at all three campuses and the Senior College Sports Awards. It's a special time for students who are leaving their respective campuses and either heading to their college years or indeed moving into a different phase in their lives, be it university, travel or straight into the workforce.

Please check the SKOCA calendar for the events yet to occur in 2019. As mentioned previously the Annual Golf Day is on 11 November. We also have a number of Recent Old Collegian Events being held in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin over the next few months. Our final event of the 2019 calendar is the Boys' School 2014 Leaver's BBQ in December. Every year it increases in size and last year we had a fantastic turnout. I encourage you all to become more involved in your respective alumni events.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I advise of the passing of one of our biggest supporters, Mr John Gilbert. John was a former Head Boy of the College and served on the Trust Board for over 25 years. He worked tirelessly to foster fellowship and philanthropy with Old Collegians and his long years of service to the Saint Kentigern Community will not be forgotten. Rest in Peace John.

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**Mr Hayden Butler,
President of the Old Collegians**

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

SKOCA 2019 Calendar

**OCTOBER 17th - FRIDAY
DUNEDIN - ROC'S (RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS)**

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Starters Bar

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

**OCTOBER 18th - SATURDAY
CHRISTCHURCH - ROC'S (RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS)**

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Fox and Ferret, Riccarton

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com



**NOVEMBER 11th - MONDAY
SKOCA - COLLEGE GOLF DAY**

Time: Assemble at 11.00am

Venue: Remuera Golf Club

Ticket: \$100.00 per head. Refreshments provided.

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

**NOVEMBER 22 - FRIDAY
AUCKLAND - ROC'S (RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS)**

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Lula Inn, 149 Quay street

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

**15 DECEMBER - FRIDAY
BOYS' SCHOOL BBQ
FOR 2014 LEAVERS**

Time: 3.30pm

Venue: Boys' School Sports Centre

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

Lucy Scarborough – Sky High!

After graduating from Saint Kentigern in 2017, Lucy applied to Victoria University to study a Bachelor of Communication Design. In February 2018, she moved into Katharine Jermyn Hall ready for the new adventure ahead. She loved her first semester and made some amazing new friends - 'it was a true halls of residence experience.' However, by the time the second semester came around, she found herself unsatisfied and was unsure that university was the right choice. During that time, Lucy visited Nelson and experienced her first tandem skydive, something she had wanted to do for years. After the jump, Lucy said she had never felt so alive and knew this was how she wanted to feel every day. The next day she researched how to become a skydiver, without knowing it was an actual career option. Lucy found Parakai's New Zealand Skydiving School - a school that allows you to achieve a Diploma in commercial skydiving. She applied and before she knew it, her life had completely changed, taking up the course in January 2019.

Lucy said leaving University was one of the hardest decisions she has ever had to make but now says it was the best. 'There are no words to describe my love for skydiving and how it makes me feel, but I know this is what I am meant to be doing. It's different, it's me!'

Skydiving school was hard, both physically and mentally, and she had to push herself to the ultimate limit. Lucy completed five months of training, including completing 200 jumps and now lives in Airlie Beach, Australia where she is completing her three-month work placement.

After her placement, Lucy hopes to work as a camera flyer until she can reach her goal of becoming a tandem master which requires 800 jumps. 'If there was one thing I could say to any students unsure of what they want to do after school, there is no rush to decide. We are all still so young! If you can find something you love and are passionate about, the training and hard work to get there becomes much more rewarding,' she said.



Isaac Williams – Girls' School Teacher



Isaac says, 'I'd describe teaching at Saint Kentigern as a return home for me. I was lucky enough to not only attend Saint Kentigern as a student, but I also grew up living on the College grounds as my father was Chaplain and later, Headmaster at the College. As a family, we lived on the campus until we decided to move to Australia when I was 13. After finishing school in Sydney, I moved back to Auckland to study at the University of Auckland. There I completed a Bachelors Degree in Music and later finished my Grad Diploma in Primary Teaching.



I taught for two years at Saint Thomas's School in Kohimarama before my wife, Chloe and I moved to London - Chloe is also an Old Collegian! After a year in London, I took on an Assistant Chaplain role at Newington College in Sydney where we stayed until the beginning of this year. Although we loved living in Sydney and had the joy of welcoming our first daughter, Aria, there, we felt a strong call home to be with our friends and whanau in Aotearoa. We recently welcomed our second little girl, Eden, into the world and we're hoping to put down permanent roots here in Auckland.

The return to Saint Kentigern has been wonderful, surreal and without a doubt, a homecoming. I truly feel part of the family at the Girls' School and look forward to being part of the life of the school in the years to come.

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we record the passing of the following members of the Saint Kentigern community. We express our condolences to their families.

BANBROOK Anthony David (Tony) #478

GILBERT John Evans #1019

POLLOCK John Bretton #1448

SHAND Bruce Innes #576

MURRAY Evan - Boys' School teacher 1959-1970



Mike Morgan – Dental Dean

Raised in a rural town, Mike was a boarder at the College from 1970 to 1974, holding the position of Head Prefect of Bruce House and Deputy Head Prefect of the College in his final year. He said, 'My parents believed in the value of education, so after primary school, my siblings and I were 'dispatched' to Auckland to board. For me, leaving home at 13 was a scary proposition.'

But, he says, that 'scary start' led to an education, insights and leadership that are still with him today. 'It was at school that I began to appreciate the value of leadership and how good leaders can shape the fabric and the future of an institution, and in this case, its students.'

At that time, Reverend Dr Adam McFarlan was headmaster, 'He recognised and instilled educational and community values, the importance of self-development and importantly how organisational change is fundamental to ongoing relevance. His insights into education and learning stay with me today. The fact that Saint Kentigern continues to go from strength to strength today could, in large part, be traced to Dr McFarlan's vision. I was very privileged to have his guidance and support.'

Mike also pays tribute to former staff, Ron Stone and Warwick Bell. He says, 'Ron was housemaster when I was at Bruce House and he provided strong direction and managed the boarders with skill and understanding. Warwick was also a great mentor and provided quiet encouragement to those under his care, having

experienced boarding himself as a former College student.'

Following graduation, Mike studied at the University of Otago in Dunedin, graduating as a dentist in 1979. The following decades have mostly been spent in Australian academia – as well as a three-year spell in Hong Kong. During those years, he has undertaken significant research and filled many leadership positions – including his current role as Head of the Melbourne Dental School, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, at the University of Melbourne.

At the start of 2020, Mike will take up the position of Dean of the University of Otago's Faculty of Dentistry. University of Otago Vice-Chancellor, Professor Harlene Hayne said the appointment of such a well-respected, highly qualified and vastly experienced person was worthy of celebration.

University of Otago's Faculty of Dentistry, founded in 1907, is New Zealand's only dental school and is ranked as one of the top dental schools in the world. Mike said the opportunity to return to the faculty, with its long history, brand-new world-class facilities, and its ranking as one of the world's top dental schools, was an honour. University of Otago Division of Health Sciences, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul Brunton said Professor Morgan was an excellent researcher, teacher and senior administrator.



Steve Armitage – General Manager Ateed

Steve graduated from Saint Kentigern in 1996, having been Chair of the School Council, Captain of the 1st XI Football team and winning the School Soccer Cup and First XI MVP award (1996) and was also a member of the 1st XI Cricket team.

He says, 'My career path has evolved organically rather than being part of a long-term plan. I had always had a passing interest in politics and can recall first contemplating this as an area of deeper learning and perhaps a potential career while I was at college. I remember discussing with one of my teachers the possibility of working within the foreign service, and also remember Q and A sessions with central government ministers who came to visit the school from time-to-time. These encounters spurred me to learn more and I began to read about the 'art of politics' and to take a closer interest in civil society in all its forms. It eventually led me to determine that political science was the subject I wanted to major in and went on to study at Auckland University, gaining a Master of Arts in Political Science.

Initially, my career path was centred around central government with roles in the New Zealand High Commission in London, followed by a stint in Wellington. Eventually, I became 'seduced' by the opportunity to work within the Beehive and took on a strategy role within a senior minister's office across a range of portfolios, including tourism. It was a real privilege to work within this environment and to be immersed in the mechanics of how the country is run. This experience – and the diplomacy skills that it helps to foster – has proven to be transferrable into other sectors. Afterall, where there are people, there is politics!

I am presently the General Manager – Destination at Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) which requires me to utilise the skills I honed in the political arena to balance the

expectations of central and local government, the wider tourism sector, and Auckland's visitors and residents. Overall, I lead a team responsible for promoting Auckland domestically and internationally as a place to visit, invest, study and do business in. Most visibly, this is seen through the delivery of our major events portfolio which includes annual events like the Lantern, Pasifika and Diwali Festivals, but also includes key roles with events like the upcoming America's Cup and APEC meetings in 2021, as well as the Women's Rugby World Cup and Cricket World Cup, respectively.

Having recently visited the campus with my daughter's future schooling in mind, I can safely say that it has undergone a vast amount of change in 20 years! The facilities are simply incredible and provide such a great platform for students and their families to use before embarking on their chosen vocations, but my reflections on my time at Saint Kentigern tend to centre more on the people and the strong impression that they made on me. Through the support of certain teachers and then Headmaster, Nigel Toy, I built confidence, resilience and determination which continues to serve me well and has indelibly shaped who I am. Whatever your background and personal circumstances, your time at Saint Kentigern is a golden opportunity to shape your future – don't take it for granted!



Mark Graham - Sponsorship & Events

I was at Saint Kentigern from 1980, graduating in 1984. Living on the North Shore, I was part of a small group of boys who would catch multiple buses from over the bridge to Pakuranga each day. The irregular bus services in those days meant for early starts and late finishes!

My time at the College taught me to take advantage of all the opportunities that come my way in life, stemming from a well-rounded education across academia and sport, but also great memories of such things as Field Centre and NZ's great wilderness. I had the privilege of experiencing the end of the 'old school era' with the first Headmaster, Dr Adam MacFarlan and the beginning of the modern school era in Nigel Toy's first year. Along with legendary Deputy Principal, Jack Paine and a few influential teachers, they all helped shape the importance of core values in our lives. In my final year, I was a school prefect and was awarded Dux Ludorum, sharing the award with Gary Howard, after representing the school in basketball, volleyball, athletics, cricket and swimming.

I credit Jack Paine for encouraging me to enrol at Auckland University, where I studied and completed a Bachelor of Commerce, while still continuing my basketball career. I was fortunate to play for ten years in the NZ National Basketball League for North Harbour, Nelson and Canterbury teams, playing in three National finals. I made the NZ Under 20's team and went on to play for the NZ Tall Blacks from 1988 to 1990, touring the USA and playing against global powerhouses Russia, Australia and England.

Graduating from University of Auckland in 1988, I combined my interests in business and sport, setting up a sports marketing and event company with a fellow basketballer friend. The company continues to operate today under the name of SMC Events, running the likes of the Weetbix Tryathlon Series here in NZ and Australia, Big Boys Toys, ASB Polyfest and the NZ Horse of the Year show.

After retiring from competitive basketball in 1995, I travelled overseas for 12 months with my eventual wife, Lynne. Landing back in NZ in 1996, I began a 23-year career working in the sponsorship and event industry, primarily for NZ's major banks, ASB and Westpac, as well as a stint as CEO of Tennis NZ. I currently am Head of Community, Sponsorship & Events for ASB.

I am forever grateful for my parents supporting my time at Saint Kentigern. I learnt about working hard to get results, taking the opportunities in front of me and the importance of friendship to get you through the tougher times. I still have many friends that I keep in touch with from school days. My sporting career has taught me the importance of working in a team environment to achieve great things and how to get back up after a loss or failure. I encourage all students to make the most of their time at the College - they are likely to be some of the best years of your life!



Grant Calder - Managing Director of America's Cup Events Ltd

I graduated from Saint Kentigern in 1998 and I would have to say sport was my main passion. I was involved in weightlifting, coxed the Senior Eight Rowing team and captained the 2nd XV before joining the 1st XV in my final year. I was also a prefect and was deeply involved with House duties for Hamilton.

One of my most memorable College moments was winning the Senior Eight North Island Rowing Championships in 1997. As we came into the last 500m metres of the race, we were four lengths ahead and we could hear the clubs chanting from the banks of Lake Karapiro and saw a wave of blue and white supporters, with flags, running along the banks cheering as we crossed the finish line. Another was playing for the 1st XV against the New Zealand Barbarians, with All Blacks such as Scott McLeod, Mark Hammett, Ofisa Tonu'u and Isitolo Maka playing, with the All Black coach and selectors in attendance.

Saint Kentigern for me was defined by the quality of teachers we had and their ability to get the best out of us, either in the classroom or on the sports field and although I wasn't 'an academic,' I felt the approach from our teachers made all the difference, as they were invested in our success.

My current role is Managing Director of America's Cup Events Ltd, which is headed by Grant Dalton, CEO of Emirates Team New Zealand and America's Cup Events Limited. Grant is also an Old Collegian. I am also Managing Director of Mayo&Calder, an events delivery company with offices in Auckland and Hong Kong, that has previously delivered the World Rowing Championships, and is the exclusive event delivery company for The Ocean Race in Asia Pacific, delivering events in New Zealand, Hong Kong and Australia.

As for my current interests, it's off-roading and diving, whether it's diving in the Maldives with manta rays, ship wreck diving in Bali or shark diving in Fiji. I am currently planning on doing the Reno to Vegas Desert Race in America next year with a friend in a trick truck!

Take everything you can out of your time at Saint Kentigern, from your friendships, teachers, classroom, sports and other activities. This school offers a great platform to learn about who you are and who you want to be!

Cooper Rand – New Zealand Police

Devon Rand – Saint Kentigern Preschool Teacher

Saint Kentigern is very much a family affair for the Rand family with siblings, Cooper and Devon having attended the College and mother, Julie, working in Admissions at the Boys' School.

Devon was one of the inaugural intake of girls at the College and after graduating in 2009, went on to study at Auckland University, completing a Bachelor of Teaching (ECE). After three years working in a childcare centre, she returned to Saint Kentigern in 2015 to take up a teaching role at our Preschool. She is now Assistant Supervisor, having made her mark as a passionate and enthusiastic teacher with huge empathy for the children in her care.

Her brother, Cooper recently visited the Preschool in his new role as a member of the New Zealand Police force based in Otahuhu. Cooper graduated from the College in 2011 and having excelled in multisport, he was named Dux Ludorum in his final year. After graduation, he pursued his love of sport, competing internationally in triathlons, but he always had a focus to join the police and was proud to graduate from the New Zealand Police College in February this year.

It was a proud sister who introduced him to our preschoolers during his recent visit with fellow police officers, including a police dog handler. In anticipation, the Preschool was adorned with 'all things blue' - including a life size portrait of Cooper in his uniform!



Eddie Stoica –

Tennis Scholarship

I started playing tennis at 10 years old and loved it from the start! I would go all the time to the local club to play with my dad until I was good enough to play tournaments. Once I started to do well, I heard about the programme at Saint Kentigern and looked at continuing my studies there, as at the time, I was attending high school in Christchurch.

I moved up to Auckland and started to train with the Saint Kentigern Tennis Academy and play for the College. It was a great experience, learning and competing with guidance from Peter Langsford. He really took my tennis to another level enabling me to aim to play college tennis in America.

Not knowing anything about college sports in the USA, I started emailing schools and coaches trying to get my foot in the door and find a school that would maybe sponsor me and let me continue my education and earn a degree in a specialised field while continuing developing my tennis game. Of course, in every situation you need some luck and I think I got pretty lucky finding Wichita State University (WSU). I had a few offers but the best offer financially and tennis-wise was WSU. They were a top 75 programme in Division One which is the highest division in college sports in the US.

With the help of my family and coach, Peter Langsford, I went through the huge process to move to the States and I could not have been happier with that decision. I played four years for Wichita and helped the school obtain a conference championship my first year, which is like winning regionals, improving the school's high ranking.



At the athletic awards at the end of each year, I was lucky enough to receive the award given to someone with overall excellence in sports and academics. This was an honour and after receiving this, I was also blessed to be granted a manager position for the men's tennis team, which would allow me to go on and pursue my masters. I am currently in the process of finishing my degrees and starting my Masters.

Most people don't know about college sports here in America but, similar to high school sport competitions New Zealand, it continues on in America into tertiary years and there is nothing quite like it. I would encourage all young athletes to work hard and strive for a scholarship to continue their sport and studies. I encourage young athletes to look at this option as it has been the best experience of my life.



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