

# In Memoriam: John Beckett (1945–2022)

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of John Beckett on 4 December 2022. John was recognised as one of four inaugural recipients of the Saint Kentigern Distinguished Alumni Awards in September this year for his outstanding achievements in business. He will be remembered for his significant contribution to New Zealand over the span of his illustrious career.

Leaving Saint Kentigern in 1962, he completed a degree in engineering with first class honours at the University of Auckland, and holds the distinction of being the first Old Collegian to be awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to attend Oxford University in England in 1967. Continuing the interest in running he began in school, John became the national junior mile champion, and set a New Zealand Universities mile record.

At Oxford University, John completed his Master of Philosophy in Management Studies in 1970, specialising in the economics of industry. Working in London as a consultant for Peat Marwick Mitchell and Co., John had several assignments which took him to the Falkland Islands, West Indies and Belgium. He returned to New Zealand to work for the government mainly in major national infrastructure development projects in transport and energy, with periods in the New Zealand Railways, the Prime Minister's Advisory Group, and the Ministry of Transport.

John then moved to the New Zealand Dairy Board where he was a senior executive for 15 years before he returned to economic consulting in the transport, agriculture and education sector, and for a period was on the New Zealand Apples and Pears Board. He was appointed in 2008 as Executive Director of the Board of Airline Representatives (BARNZ).

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to his wife Ann, children and their families for their loss.



## 1000 Christmas Hampers

As an organisation rooted in faith, Christmas is a time when we have an opportunity to give generously, reflecting the abundant blessing the birth of Jesus is to us. One small tradition we have instilled at this time of year is the '1000 Christmas Hampers' effort. Each school has a hand to play as a One Organisation initiative. For some, it's food and resource donations or time given to packing boxes. Others partnered with local charities for distribution efforts. We are thankful to all the people who enabled us to provide these little practical miracles at Christmas.

Our 2022 Christmas hamper packing and delivery went off without a hitch, and we are grateful for the tremendous support from so many. Thank you to all who donated, time or otherwise. We want to highlight the SOPHIE Store, Frondent Construction Ltd, the Boys' School Parents and Friends, and the Fisher family for their extreme generosity towards this initiative.



## Master Plan Update

### Shore Road Campus Now Complete

The Shore Road Master Plan draws to a close with the completion and move-in of the Preschool in January. This was the final piece of many years of work on Shore Road, including a new Girls' School, the Boys' Senior School, and a shared Specialist Facilities. The staff and children at the Preschool have settled well into their new home and are enjoying the proximity to the Girls' School and Boys' Schools.

### Pakuranga Campus

A review and refresh of the Concept Master Plan developed in 2018 is progressing well with phase one completed. Phase two (final) is currently in progress, with an anticipated completion date of mid-2023.

If you have any queries about the Master Plan review process, please email [masterplan@saintkentigern.com](mailto:masterplan@saintkentigern.com).

