

## President's Report

The rugby season this year saw many close games at the top of the 1A competition. The SKC vs AGS (Auckland Grammar) at College on 25 June was no exception, however, SKC won the day, after which an after-match function was held in conjunction with Ron Stone's family in memory of Ron, the Saint Kentigern teacher and the Grammar old boy. Ron's 1955 AGS's 3A rugby side survivors made the effort to attend to honour Ron, and it was a memorable occasion in memory of a great man, and we thank the family for their kind contribution.

The College 1966 1st XV held a 50th reunion luncheon at Bruce House on 2 July to coincide with the SKC vs King's home game. Willy Akel organised an excellent attendance of old team mates which included Jack (former coach) and Beverly Paine and Frank Bull as former assistant coach. The team turnout was excellent as was the rugby match after the lunch which saw SKC gain victory over King's. A number of the King's 1966 team were also present at the after-match to celebrate the game and remember those matches before.



The London Annual Reunion was held at the iconic Tempio Restaurant, off Fleet Street, on Friday 15 July and was well attended with a wide spread of decades, thanks to coordinators, John Shuker, Daniel Quigley and Danny Gowan. For some of the younger members, which included Larissa Pedersen, it was their first attendance, as they had only recently commenced their careers in London. The evening provided a great opportunity to catch up with old school friends after following many different study paths after college.

The Otago ROC's (Recent Old Collegians) was held on Friday 12 August and our thanks to Josh

Bardell for organising the event. Out thanks to Richard Cryer for organising the Christchurch ROC's event. These events enable OC's at the local universities to socialise with other OC's whether in their first or last year of study, and build the OC fellowship network.

The Boys' School Annual Dinner was held on Friday 12 August with a focus on the foundation decade of 1959-69. The guest speaker was an old boy of the School, Jamie Beaton, who has embarked on an amazing early career whilst only graduating from Harvard this year. Jamie spoke of his fond memories at the Boys' School and how he created Crimson Consulting Group, based on his own endeavours to get selected to attend Harvard. His company is now a multi-million dollar success and is now advising students globally and we wish him ongoing success. Our thanks also to the School Jazz band, Peter Cassie, and foundation school old boys, Mike Gowan, Phil Recordon and Peter Nelson for their involvement in making the evening so enjoyable.

The Australian Reunion was held in Sydney on 19 August to coincide with the first Bledisloe Rugby match, and again the weather and rugby were both superb. A number of OC's made the trip to Sydney from NZ to join the local group of 40 for the dinner on the Friday, with some meeting later for the rugby on the Saturday. It was pleasing to have a number of College foundation decade OC's attend to join with Michael Braham, who lives in Sydney and is a regular attendee. Our thanks to Scott Beach and Rodney Steel for organising a solid attendance of Sydney based OC's. My thanks also to Rick Flower and his enthralling 'story telling' ability.

Please check the SKOCA calendar for the events yet to occur in 2016 with the SKOCA College Golf Day at Remuera Club, the Netball and ROC's Auckland and the final event being the Boy's School 2011 Leaver's BBQ in December. Fides Servanda Est.

The committee welcomes feed-back from members so please keep in touch via the website; [skoca@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skoca@saintkentigern.com)

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**Andrew Morgan,**

President of the Old Collegians Association

## SKOCA 2016 Calendar

**20 OCTOBER - THURSDAY**

**SKOCA - Netball**

**Premier and Senior A Netball versus Old Collegians Girls**

**Start:** Games start at 6.00pm (contact: Kelly Alexander)

**Venue:** Gym1 and Gym2

**RSVP:** [skoca@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skoca@saintkentigern.com)

or [kelly.alexander@outlook.com](mailto:kelly.alexander@outlook.com)

**14 NOVEMBER - 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](mailto:skoca@saintkentigern.com)



**18 NOVEMBER - FRIDAY**

**Auckland - Roc's (Recent Old Collegians) Cocktails**

**Time:** 6.15pm

**Venue:** Juice Bar, Windsor Hotel, Parnell

**RSVP:** [skoca@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skoca@saintkentigern.com)

**FRIDAY 7 April 2017**

**AGM and Annual Dinner, Focus Decade 1970-79**

**Venue:** Elliot Hall

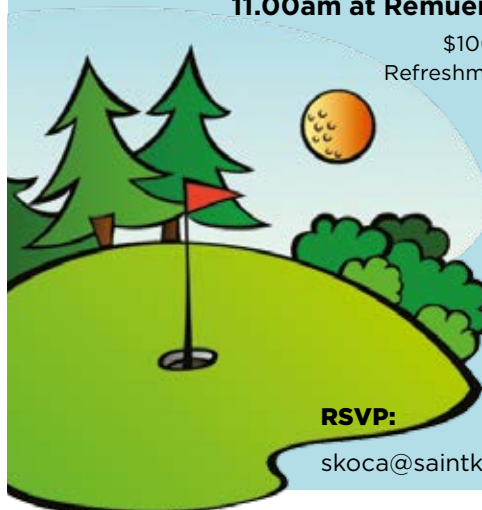
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## Past Presidents' Lunch

A luncheon is held every two years at the Northern Club to which surviving past presidents of the Saint Kentigern Old Collegians Association are invited, along with the three Heads and Trust Board members. This is a time of fellowship and the chance for the Old Collegians to be updated on many of the advancements that have occurred at the Saint Kentigern campuses during the previous two years.

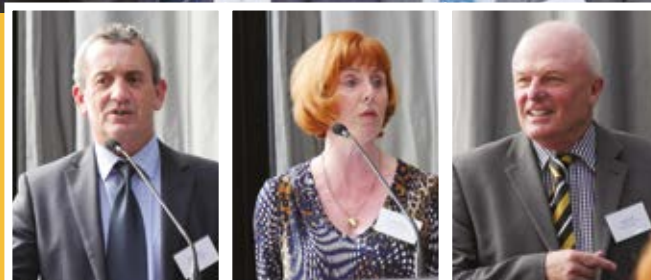
The Association was originally formed in February 1959, the year the Boys' School opened and was formerly known as the Saint Kentigern Old Boys Association. This was renamed Old Collegians in the year the girls joined the College. The luncheon recognises 57 years of leadership by former students who have taken an active interest in maintaining the ties to their place of schooling. It also provides a forum to reconnect and maintain the two way flow of information to ensure that the members of the Old Collegians Association have a continued voice at Saint Kentigern.

Current President, Mr Andrew Morgan brought everyone up to date on current activity and explained about the need to encourage a greater philanthropic interest, particularly in support of the Old Collegians' Scholarships which afford opportunities for the children of Old Collegians and others to benefit from a Saint Kentigern education. The Old Collegians currently support 16 annual scholarships across the campuses and numerous grants for sporting and other endeavours.

Ms Juliet Small, Principal of the Girls' School, Mr Peter Cassie, Principal of the Boys' School and Mr Steve Cole, Head of College each gave a report on their campuses. Mr Cole used the opportunity to announce that he will retire as Head of College mid-2017.

## Past Presidents in Attendance

This year 21 of the 24 surviving past presidents attended. The attendees included Mark Conelly (2001), Peter Coote (1963), David Corbett (1966), Don Craig (1980), Michael Daniel (1974-75), Rick Flower (1973), David Grove (1976-77), George Grove (1991-92 & 1995-96), Bryan Haggitt (1965), Nigel Harrison (1993-94), Andrew Jarvie (1997-2000), Andrew Morgan (2007-), David McCulloch (1989-90), Bob McMillan (1968-70), John Patterson (1981-82), Grant Plimmer (1987-88), Murray Shaw (2001-03), Garth Stewart (1964), Jim Syme (1971-72), David Thomson (1962), Malcolm Wilson (1978-79)



## 1966 1st XV Reunion

Members of the 1966 College 1st XV gathered for a 50 year reunion in July. The players and coach, Mr Jack Paine met ahead of the current 1st XV's match against King's College. They enjoyed a lunch at Bruce House before watching the match from the Sports Centre lounge and then were joined by fellow Old Collegians at the Jack Paine Centre. The thrilling match was won by the College 24-17 with a try in the final minutes. The 1966 team had a record of 10 wins, 8 losses and a draw, scoring 207 points and conceding 115.





# Boys' School SKOCA Reunion Dinner

Many old friendships were rekindled when former students were welcomed back to the Boys' School for a dinner held in JC Chalmers Hall. Principal, Mr Peter Cassie extended a warm welcome to the guests, telling them that the School is in good heart. He said that the continued keen interest for an all boys' primary education sees the projected roll extending to 550 during Term 4. He paid tribute to all former students acknowledging that it is their willingness to live by the values learnt at school, and actively get out into the community and make a difference, that is part of the fabric and success of Saint Kentigern.

Roselle House holds a special place in the hearts of Saint Kentigern boys and guests were told that plans are well underway to 'bring the boys back' to Roselle House, which is where many of them started when the School first opened and the Junior classes occupied the upper floor. Planning is in the final stages for a Library and Learning Commons to occupy that space, once sufficient funds have been raised. This is a project that will be watched with great interest!

The traditional 'roll call' was then taken before special guest for the evening, former student, Jamie Beaton was invited to speak. At just 21 years of age, Jamie has created a multi-million dollar company. Jamie attended Harvard University and completed a Master's degree in Finance two years ahead of schedule. He then used his experience of studying towards and applying for prestigious universities, to co-found Crimson Consulting, a tutoring and mentoring service that assists students on the path to entry to Ivy League/Oxford/Cambridge universities. The company has been valued at nearly US\$60 million, with Jamie's stake worth US\$26 million.

In addressing the guests, Jamie said that he believed that his foundation years at the Boys' School set him up to be a true all-round student who could thrive in the rigour of an academic world. In referring to the wide range of co-curricular activities, he said he cherished those years that 'made it unacceptable not to at least try.' In his current role, he sees himself as an ambassador for the next round of students aiming for a top university. His aim is to 'help break the glass ceiling' for prospective students and use his experience to assist others follow in his path.

As Mr Cassie concluded the evening, he told the former students that they are always welcome to visit the School; they will always be part of 'our family.'



## Honours Tie for Hamish Carter

It was with great pleasure that the Boys' School welcomed back former student, Hamish Carter to assembly to be awarded an Honours Tie. This is the highest honour the Boys' School can bestow and is given only to a select few former staff and students of the School who have gone on to make a significant contribution to the community.

Hamish attended the Boys' School for Years 7 & 8 in 1983-1984 and went on to Auckland Grammar where he initially took up rowing before turning his full attention to becoming a triathlete. He held the World No 1 ranking when he attended his first Olympics in Sydney but a 'shocker' of a race left him trailing out of medal contention. Two years later at the Manchester Commonwealth Games, he finished in bronze position. By the time he earned selection for the 2004 Athens Olympics, his friend, Bevan Docherty had overtaken him as the leading NZ triathlete - but no-one should have under-estimated Hamish's drive to win! Few will forget the incredible sight of the two New Zealanders crossing the line eight seconds apart with Hamish taking the gold medal and Bevan right behind in silver place!

Hamish won the Sportsman of the Year award that year and was awarded Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the New Year Honours list of 2004-05. Hamish continued to compete until his retirement from competition in 2007. In 2011, he joined the board of High Performance Sport New Zealand.

Our boys thoroughly enjoyed hearing Hamish speak about his years of competitive sport and were left with a true understanding that getting to the top and staying at the top in elite sport requires hard work, focused determination and personal sacrifice.



# So proud for Blair!

We were all so proud to hear that Old Collegian, Blair Tuke, with his 49er sailing partner, Peter Burling, were selected as co-captains of the New Zealand Olympic team on the eve of the opening ceremony; the first time in New Zealand history that two athletes have been named as flag bearers. How proud were we as they led the New Zealand athletes into the Maracana Stadium in Rio!

The flagbearer is chosen by the New Zealand Olympic Team Chef de Mission, taking into account a wide range of factors including past performances, ability to lead and inspire New Zealand athletes, competition preparation and performance standards. Blair and Peter's performances have been and continue to be awe-inspiring!

Four time world champions, the pair were attending their second Olympics, having won a silver medal at the London Olympics in 2012. How proud were we when Blair added an Olympic 2016 gold medal to his winning tally!

Along with Blair, Old Collegian, Marcus Daniell and tennis doubles partner, Michael Venus, were the first Kiwi males to qualify for the Olympics since Brett Steven at Atlanta in 1996. They faced a tough early round, unfortunately ending their Olympic dream.

At the time of writing, Old Collegian, Rick Dodson will be competing in the Paralympics as part of the Kiwi Gold Sailing team. Rick, who was the on-board strategist for Team New Zealand's successful 1995 challenge and 2000 defence of the America's Cup, took up para-sailing in 2012 after being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 19 years ago. By the time this Piper goes to print, we hope he, too, has realised his Olympic dream.

Old Collegian, Teddy Stanaway was also named in the All Blacks Sevens team for the sport's introduction at the Olympics but was sadly ruled out of the Olympics after sustaining an injury on the eve of the Games.



# Talented Choristers

A love of singing during their College years has continued beyond the school gates for Sam Downes, Grace Sturgess, Alex Lee and Manase Latu. All four sing with the New Zealand Youth Choir (NZYC). Members of the choir are between 18 and 25 at the time of their audition, which leads to a three year term which concludes with an international tour. As part of 49-strong choir, the four Old Collegians recently competed against 15 European choirs from Russia, Poland, Latvia, and Czech Republic, receiving standing ovations after achieving a clean sweep at the 24th annual International Festival of Academic Choirs in Pardubice, Czech Republic.

After winning all four categories and being awarded a special prize for outstanding vocal culture, they completed their tour by winning the overall grand prize - the Grand Prix. This is the first time a choir has achieved such success.

While the choir focuses on classical music, they also perform contemporary New Zealand music, including Māori waiata. Their music director, David Squire, said, 'The highlight was when the choir delivered the most intense performance yet of Waienga-a-Hika, which had audiences and judges in tears.'

Following the competition, the choir continued on to Le Quesnoy, a small town in northern France, which was liberated by the New Zealand Division just four days before the end of WWI to participate in their memorial services.



# Hamish Miller - Commercial Rights Broker

From captaining the College 1st XI Cricket and Football teams, to undertaking missions for FIFA around the world, working for the NZ Warriors and being a founding member of the New Zealand A1GP motor racing team – sport has played a huge part in the life of Old Collegian, Hamish Miller. Hamish attended the Boys' School, where he was a prefect, and the College, graduating in 1983. He was Head Boy of the College in his final year, which coincided with the final two terms of Reverend Dr Adam MacFarlan's tenure. 'It was an emotional time,' Hamish recalls. 'We all loved 'Doug's' and had enormous respect for him.' As well as his sporting commitments, Hamish and his fellow prefects attended many formalities that surrounded Dr MacFarlan's retirement. The 1983 Yearbook pays tribute to the way they 'conveyed an atmosphere of continuity to the year and seemed nearly always to put the College ahead of all else.'

Hamish went on to complete a BCom majoring in marketing at Auckland University. His first role was with a cycle importing company, which maintained his connection with sport. While setting up a division in Australia, he learned the ins and outs of what became a specialist area of expertise, the brokerage and management of commercial rights and sponsorship.

A connection with a fellow Old Collegian, Callum McNair, who was marketing manager for the Auckland Warriors, saw Hamish return to New Zealand and join the NRL franchise as national sales manager in 1998. From there he was involved with the FIFA U17 World Cup staged

in New Zealand in 1999, and was New Zealand Football's commercial manager from 2000-2004. The success of the Small Whites junior football programme he created and implemented saw Hamish appointed a FIFA Marketing Instructor and subsequent consultancy work around the world advising national football associations on marketing and sponsorship practice. From 2005-2010, he was a founding member and commercial director of A1 Team NZ's entry in the A1GP motor racing series. 'I've enjoyed some great sporting experiences in my life but A1GP was particularly special,' he says. 'Closing Fisher & Paykel's sponsorship of A1 TeamNZ at the Paul Ricard race circuit in the south of France remains a highlight. It was a substantial deal concluded in the presence of A1GP series owner Sheikh Hasher Maktoum of Dubai's ruling family with whom we became good friends.'

In 2010, Hamish re-joined New Zealand Football's ranks as commercial director for the All Whites' FIFA World Cup campaign in South Africa. This added to a long association he has had with former All Whites' captain, Ryan Nelsen. The pair are both friends and business partners and have acquired the rights to the internet domain names .basketball and .rugby in partnership with world governing bodies, FIBA and World Rugby.

Recently, Hamish has been back at Saint Kentigern to lend his expertise on developing opportunities with our business partners. He and his wife, Amylouise, have a nine-year-old daughter Chloe and a five-year-old son, Nelsen.



# Rachael McCormick - Science

After graduating from Saint Kentigern in 2012, I began a Bachelor of Health Sciences at Auckland University. From around the age of 15, my sights had been firmly set on becoming a doctor, so I chose this pathway with the goal of being accepted into medicine at the end of my first year. Despite achieving GPA and UMAT scores that were high enough to get an interview, I didn't progress any further. I can still clearly remember opening my rejection email two days before Christmas, and battling through constant feelings of disappointment and failure in the months that followed. Despite this, I never once considered reverting to a plan B, and instead pursued with a population health major. I am really thankful that I kept going, as my degree significantly influenced my relationships, political views and academic interests - all of which I believe made me a stronger candidate for medicine. Studying something I enjoyed helped me to thrive academically, and I was blessed with the Senior Scholar Award when I graduated.

During the final year of my BHSc, the idea of studying medicine in Australia was introduced to me. I was still focused on getting in to Auckland via postgraduate entry, but I sat the GAMSAT and preferenced the Australian National University (ANU) in my application papers. After a couple of interviews, I was put in an incredibly fortunate yet difficult position when ANU, Otago and Auckland

all offered me places in their medical programmes.

Based on a gut feeling, I made the unexpected (and controversial!) decision to accept my offer at ANU and move to Canberra. As you can imagine, the stakes were high but within a few days I knew I had made the right decision. I am now almost one quarter of the way through my four year MChD. In a short space of time, I have managed to build incredibly strong relationships within my peer group, which has been instrumental in making medicine a manageable pursuit. Since I made the move, I have also been working as an Education Consultant for Crimson Consulting, mentoring university students who are interested in following a similar path to myself. It is a highly rewarding position, and really appeals to me as I now support graduate-entry medicine almost exclusively.

At school, I took both science and humanities-based subjects - I think this gave me the best of both worlds and helped me to thrive in my essay-based BHSc whilst also retaining a fascination for the human body. With my roots in population health, I see myself working in rural and remote medicine, and ideally with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. I'm not sure if I'll ever move back to New Zealand permanently, but I appreciate it much more now and will always consider it to be home.



# Hannah and Lucy Aston - Shepherds

Twin sisters, Lucy and Hannah Aston are excelling in the agricultural field, working as shepherds on Aratiatia Station in the central North Island. Lucy has recently been promoted to Head Shepherd. The Old Collegians, from the class of 2008, have paved different paths in their budding careers, but their shared dream has culminated in them living and working together on the 2000ha sheep, beef, dairy support and deer farm run by Landcorp. Their love of the land was sown while growing up on the family farm near Pukekohe. After graduating from the College, both completed a Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences at Massey University, majoring in agriculture. Hannah then went into a research role for a fertiliser company, while Lucy entered the Future Farmer programme at Aratiatia, with a desire to move into shepherding.

Lucy's skills and attitude impressed Landcorp and she was offered a shepherd general role on a farm in Southland, before being promoted to head shepherd back at Aratiatia. Meanwhile, Hannah wanted a more active career than research provided, and she also became a senior shepherd on the station. They are in charge of feed budgeting and planning and are also responsible for training cadets. The pair's rise through the ranks was featured in Young Country magazine, with station manager, Mark Cunningham singing their praises. 'They're very organised with their systems, they've got maturity and are very good with the cadets.'

On top of their work commitments, both are completing further qualifications through Primary ITO and have held leadership roles as part of the New Zealand Young Farmers organisation. While at the College, Hannah and Lucy studied sciences, mathematics, accounting and technology, all with a view to assisting in their farming careers. Biology and chemistry gave a base knowledge of animal health and reproduction, soil nutrients, nutrition requirements and chemicals used for weed control. They use calculus and statistics to calculate potential weight gains, lambing and calving percentages, future pasture and crop growth rates, and feed requirements. Accounting helps with the financial aspect of farming while technology comes in handy while building and fixing all kinds of farm infrastructure. The College was also pivotal in giving a foundation of being proud of achievements and striving for success, while building team skills through co-curricular activities.



Photo Credit : Young Country Magazine

# Calvin Sang and Jason Hoon - Videographers



Calvin and Jason were in same tutor group (11JJS1 with Mr Swart) at College and eventually started working together on film projects outside of school. Since leaving school, Jason went to University of Auckland to do a B.Com in finance and economics and Calvin began freelancing as a videographer and photographer. When Jason graduated, he joined Calvin and their production company, Eyes and Ears was formed. They specialise in bespoke commercial video for companies and agencies, that includes anything on the web, TV advertisements and documentaries.

The pair say that their videos always have 'heart' behind them and they believe that's what sets them apart. They said, 'Most of our clients are corporate, but that's not an excuse to avoid crafting high quality artistic content. Every video is individually crafted and we keep things fresh, original and constantly push the boundaries. We're always thinking and honing what the audience is feeling when they walk away from watching our videos, hence our tagline 'move your audience.' We want to move an audience emotionally and move them to take action. If we've made them 'feel', changed their perspective and inspired them once the video ends, then we know we've done our job.'

'We also pride ourselves on being very attentive to detail, and being honest and reliable. We believe in collaboration and building mutual trust and friendships with all our clients.'

They have had the privilege of working with a range of companies like Rialto Channel, AUT, 20th Century Fox, TEDx, Vodafone Events Centre, Royal NZ Navy – and, most recently, Saint Kentigern. Calvin and Jason worked with the marketing team from the Trust Board to create the College sports documentary, 'For the Love of the Game' that now can be seen on the College section of the Saint Kentigern website: [www.saintkentigern.com](http://www.saintkentigern.com)

When they were invited back to the College to work on a documentary project about the winter sports programme, they said they found it to be a fascinating and challenging project as, being Old Collegians, it was something close to their hearts. 'In a little over 7 minutes we had to capture the passion and ethos of the winter sports at the College. We had to get up very early to catch the early morning practices, stayed late to catch the evening games. This was a small glimpse into their lives and we saw the passion and dedication that students and coaches had for their sports. In this documentary, we hope we have shown our huge respect for the dedication of all involved in sports at the College.'

If you are interested in a video production for your company, Calvin and Jason would be pleased to hear from you: [www.eyesandears.co.nz](http://www.eyesandears.co.nz)



Photo courtesy of Howick and Pakuranga Times



## Jeremy Kyle - Graphic Artist

Jeremy Kyle's artistic creations are in hot demand from high-profile clients that include the Chicago Bulls basketball team, the New York Times and the United Nations! After graduating from the College in 2008, Jeremy completed a Diploma in Visual Art and Design at Whitecliffe, where he experimented with a range of media including photography and painting. He then developed his technical graphic design skills at Yoobee School of Design, while also gaining knowledge of how the creative industry operates. He graduated with a Diploma in Computer Graphic Design and Advanced Diploma in Digital Media. His study pathway culminated in a degree in Graphic Design and Animation at Unitec, which cemented his unique style of working with watercolour and ink mixed media. His style is known for its splatters and intricate linework creating highly detailed and dynamic pieces of art.

A chance encounter through his church led to an opportunity to create the artwork for a music album and as his portfolio grew, he garnered worldwide attention for his specialisation in visual communication. He has subsequently been commissioned to produce campaigns for powerhouse brands such as Under Armour, Dior and the History Channel. His work for the Chicago Bulls put him in contact with

his childhood hero, Michael Jordan. 'I have been in touch with Michael Jordan personally and told him how he is my role model,' Jeremy told a local newspaper. 'I do believe that you can achieve the impossible, like he did. I am doing it in my own way in the creative field.'

One of his most recent assignments was to create illustrations for the United Nations' inaugural World Humanitarian Summit. Jeremy was charged with designing a series of art works to explain Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon's 'Agenda for Humanity' vision. Another meaningful project was collaborating with the New York Times and History Channel to illustrate promotional material for the reboot of canonical 1970s miniseries, 'Roots.'

With his brand firmly established and his work seen by millions of people around the world, Jeremy is also a passionate public speaker who loves to inspire both students and professionals alike about thriving in the industry. He has been invited to speak at numerous academic and creative settings both in New Zealand and around Australasia where he unpacks his in-depth knowledge, detailing his professional insight and work experience for world brands.

## Jordan Noah - Fashion Designer



Earlier this year, fashion student, Jordan Noah was featured in the New Zealand Herald after entering a garment into a fashion show inspired by the 'Colours of Resene.' Subsequently, Jordan was privileged to be chosen to receive a Prime Minister's scholarship to Asia (Indian Textile & Apparel), along with eight other students from Diploma of Fashion class at NZ Fashion Tech.

Jordan reports on her exciting trip to India:

I have just returned from studying at the Bannari Amman Institute of Technology in Southern India (Tamil Nadu). I was privileged to receive a scholarship to attend there for six weeks to extend my learning. This scholarship is given to encourage understanding of other cultures and to encourage trade between New Zealand and selected countries in South East Asia.

Prior to leaving New Zealand, I had learnt about the manufacture of textiles in class, so it was amazing to visit the factories that manufacture yarn and lace, and dye all types fabric and silk reeling, as well as attending classes on this subject at the Institute.

While there, I recreated my Resene project for the Bannari Amman fashion show. I chose a hand woven silk sari as material for this. It was the best feeling to see my garment being modelled on a runway for the first time!

We also had the opportunity to sightsee. One of my favourite sights was the Big Temple in Tanjore. It had the most beautiful, carved detailing. Another favourite was the Mysore Palace with its breath-taking interior. The

colours were stunning! I also attended a Yoga camp!

Since leaving Saint Kentigern, I spent a year overseas. I firstly spent time volunteering in Israel with school children and the elderly, spending two months doing basic training for the Israeli army and travelling in Europe. On my return, I studied Fashion design at Massey University in Wellington for two years. Last year I decided I wanted to move to NZ Fashion Tech for a more hands on approach and for more in depth learning in pattern making, construction and the design aspects of fashion in keeping with industry standards, as well as gain periods of work experience.

Next year I am going to pursue a career in the fashion industry.

When I look back on my time at 'Saint Kents' I realise how this has shaped me to always give it my best and to appreciate and make the most of any advantage that has come my way. 'Saint Kents' also helped me find my love for fashion and sewing right from the start in my Year 10 fabrics class which has determined my chosen career path.





# Chris Farnell - dedicated to service

Chris Farnell is remembered as an active participant across all aspect of College life, including being a member of the Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band as well as captaining the 1st XI Cricket team in his final year. After graduating in 2013, Chris went on to study engineering at Auckland University, however, he soon realised that he wanted a career that offered a more active lifestyle. He was encouraged to apply for the NZ Fire Service last year, and now works out of the Otahuhu station. His life outside of work is also dedicated to service, as an up-and-coming football referee.

'My Fire Service career began with three months of live-in training in Rotorua. We were taught about fire science - the way fires grow, the different stages, the dangers, and how to spot the signs of backdraught and flashover. We were also trained in search and rescue, hose running, first aid, patient extrication from vehicles, fires safety and how to promote this in our communities. I began working on the trucks in July 2015, and have attended a wide range of incidents. I hold the rank of firefighter and am completing the work to move up to qualified firefighter. From there I will continue to gain more qualifications which require specialist training.

Initially I wasn't intending becoming a firefighter. I looked into it and realised that the idea of being out in the community and making a difference and the active lifestyle that came with the work we do was the kind of job I wanted. As an 18-year-old, I was about 3-5 years younger than the majority of applicants. I feel that when I got to the interview after having passed all four previous stages that it was my time at Saint Kentigern which had prepared me for this. The opportunities given at Saint Kentigern and the support you're given to grow and build yourself are what I believe made me stand out from the 300+ applicants for Auckland and be one of the five chosen.

I began refereeing football in 2009. I was playing and coaching football at the time and wanted a greater knowledge of the laws of the game. Over the years I have progressed my refereeing credentials by attending various courses and academies, as well as opportunities to officiate in Australia. At two of the academies, held in conjunction with the NZ Secondary Schools Premier tournament, I was named the top referee and I was on the referee panel for the National Youth League last summer. The highlight of my refereeing career came in June when I was selected to referee an international match between the USA U19 team and NZ U20 women's teams. This was a nerve-wracking and exciting experience that went really well.



# Neala Ye - Food Technologist

Back in 2007, when Neala was in Year 11, she went along to a Careers Evening and met a food technologist who developed new flavours of ice creams and got to eat ice cream all day - to her, this sounded like an awesome job! It was from there that Food Technology teacher at the time, Ms Carolyn Norquay, encouraged her to get involved with other Food Technology activities such as Food Tech Big Day Out and the Royal Society Team Silver CREST/Student Product Development Challenge. The College constantly pushed Neala to go beyond the curriculum and gain an understanding of what Food Technology actually entailed within industry.

Neala graduated from College in 2009 and began her study in a Bachelor of Food Technology (Honours) at Massey University, Albany in 2010. The degree shares many similarities with a Bachelor of Engineering degree, including a summer work component. Neala was fortunate enough to receive a summer internship at Frucor Beverages (one of the largest beverage manufacturers in New Zealand) within the Research and Development (R&D) team over the summer break before her final year of study. Frucor and Neala built on the relationship formed over the summer during her final year, as Frucor sponsored her dissertation project.

Before her final exams, Neala was offered a position at Frucor in the Quality Assurance team, where she stayed for three months before moving into the technical team in R&D. During this year, Neala was working for the International V team where she got to launch V in the USA. The following year she moved into the Product Development team in R&D, where she is developing new beverages for both New Zealand and Australia markets.

Neala is involved in the food industry as a member and Treasurer of the Auckland branch of NZIFST (New Zealand Institute of Food Science & Technology). She is also heavily involved with Futureintech as an ambassador, explaining her job and encouraging students of all

ages (from primary school to high school) to study food technology and food science. This includes being featured in Futureintech posters which are prominently displayed around the College!

Neala has also been involved CREST/Student Product Development Challenge as both a guest speaker and a mentor. This year she is mentoring two Saint Kentigern College teams, helping them develop beverages which are healthier alternatives than those on the market right now.

Neala is getting married to a fellow Saint Kentigern College Old Collegian, Jesse Hart, in April 2017. Their relationship started in April 2006, making them one of the longest standing Saint Kentigern College relationships! After 10 years of being together, Jesse popped the question. Jesse is on the verge of completing his PhD in Mathematics at Auckland University and has been extensively involved with the Saint Kentigern debating program for the past four years.





# James Gordon - Actor

After I graduated from the College in 2010, I went on to study Business at Otago University. Graduating after three years of study, I still wanted to learn and follow my passion for the arts, specifically acting. I then auditioned for and was accepted into Toi Whakaari: New Zealand Drama School, where I am in my third and final year.

Drama was my favourite class at College because it was my outlet, giving me freedom to express and explore. Likewise, when I finished studying business, I wanted to be doing something I loved. I came to the realisation that you can get paid to be on camera; from my degree in marketing, I knew that advertisers pay their actors well. I felt that if there was anything I could get paid for that would give me pleasure, it was going to be in front of the camera. I was fortunate to meet well-known actor, screen writer and director, Rene Naufahu, who showed me a taste of what film is. I found my passion right then and there. After that, my father suggested Toi Whakaari. I had no clue what the school was about but I auditioned without a second thought.

I have made it my short-term goal to be working as an actor before I graduate. I am currently finishing my first professional feature film as the lead which will enter the NZ film festivals next year. I am also playing the character Daryl Warwick on Shortland Street, who first appeared in June. I am developing my accent repertoire and working in close contact with my agency, auditioning frequently for roles across NZ, Australia and the USA. My longer term goal is to be working fulltime as a professional actor in the USA by 2019.

If I had anything to say for those who are soon to graduate from Saint Kentigern, it would be this: 'Wherever your passion truly lies, whatever makes your brain tick most and your heart beat its hardest, there will always be a way to make a living from it, no matter what it is. The worst thing you could do is do the thing you 'think' you should do. As teenagers, we spend too much time thinking with our head, that we forget how important it is to think with our heart.'



Toi Whakaari: NZ Drama School. Photographer: Philip Merry.

## Old Collegian named in All Blacks squad



Old Collegian, Seta Tamanivalu made his international rugby debut for the All Blacks during the June test series against Wales. Seta was one of six uncapped players to be named in the 32-man national squad for the three-match series, joining fellow Old Collegian and 67-test veteran, Jerome Kaino in the squad.

Seta graduated from the College in 2011. In his final year, he was a member of the 1st XV that won both the Auckland 1A and national co-ed competition. Seta was outstanding in the 1A final, scoring an amazing individual try and setting one up for second-five TJ Faiane. In 2012, he was signed to play provincial rugby for Taranaki and made his professional debut that year. By 2013 he had secured a starting position at centre and was named Taranaki's most promising player of the year. 2014 was a breakout year in which he helped Taranaki become national champions and was named the ITM Cup player of the year. His form led to his first Super Rugby contract, signing with the Chiefs for two years. His superb skill and fierce commitment has now been rewarded with All Blacks selection. 'I am excited and pretty proud as well. I have come a long way and the hard work has paid off now,' he told TVNZ.

Another Old Collegian, Sean Reidy also experienced international rugby after being selected in the Ireland team to tour South Africa. Sean graduated in 2007 and was vice-captain of the 1st XV in his final year. He is remembered as a totally committed forward and gifted leader. He went on to represent Counties Manukau in the ITM Cup, and has played for Irish club Ulster since 2014.

## Three Generations

### The McKenzie Family

John McKenzie has written to tell us that the McKenzie family has had three generations on 'both sides' attend Saint Kentigern. John's father's younger brother, Stephen McKenzie, attended the College in the 1960's (absent from photo). His mother's younger brother, Rodney Gray, attended the College from 1954-1960 (Wishart). His younger brother, David, attended Saint Kentigern from 1981-1987 (Hamilton). John attended Saint Kentigern 'Prep' and College from 1980-1986 (Hamilton).

John's daughters, Anna and Jane, are now at the Girls' School in Years 7 and 8. Anna is a prefect and has responsibilities for Chapel and Hamilton House. Jane is working hard towards her Service Awards. John says he is delighted with the Girls' School and the support and care that both Anna and Jane are receiving.



From left: Anna McKenzie (Y8), Jane McKenzie (Y7), John McKenzie, David McKenzie and Rodney Gray

# Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award ceremony

Taking on the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award is a huge commitment in time during the final year at College and such are the requirements of the Award, most students achieve gold status after leaving school. The Gold Award alone is the culmination of at least 300 hours of commitment in order to meet the requirements for service, skill, physical recreation, the adventurous journey and 'residential.'

Saint Kentigern now ranks amongst the top schools in the country with regards to the number of students taking part at all levels. The growth of the award has been enormous at College with 197 students enrolled this year to begin their Bronze award - compared to the 122 students at that level when these Gold recipient students began their 'Duke of Ed' journey.

Thirty of our 2015 graduates have gone on to receive their Gold Award with those who were able, attending the ceremony held at the Boys' School where their awards were presented by the Governor General of NZ - Lt Gen The Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae.



## Gold Award Recipients

Shaan Bone, Isabella Clark, Grace Dalton, Aaron Duncan, Lucy Dunlop, Lucy Floyd, Caitlin Houghton, Claudia Luke, Cameron Mayhew, Harrison Mead, Nick Stanfield, Jaiden Walmsley, Josh Waterman.

## Gold Award Approved

Congratulations to the following students who have had their Gold Award approved but were not in attendance at the ceremony.

Jeffrey Chan, Brianna Garus, Jeffrey Garus, Richard Gourlie, Oliver Hadfield, Ethan King, Merry Liu, Trent Macdonald, Jason Massa, Daniel Ng, Harry Rillstone, Isaac Schanzer, Jordan Service, Sam Ward, William Xu, Theresa Yeung, Kevin Yi

## In Memoriam

It is sadness that we note the passing of those connected to the Saint Kentigern community.

### Nesbit Neil Stanton

Mr Neil Stanton, Bursar to Saint Kentigern College and Saint Kentigern School from 1959 to 1982 and Secretary to the Saint Kentigern Trust Board, died on 11 June 2016 at the age of 91.

Mr Stanton came from an accounting background of experience with the large Auckland Hospital Board. As a well-organised, reliable, thorough and systematic person, his twenty three years of financial administration at Saint Kentigern were invaluable in an era of development and consolidation as the College and School were established on the two campuses at Pakuranga and Remuera.

Neil was a gregarious, cheerful and approachable man, with a great love of sports, particularly tennis. He became involved in major activities around the College and School, and his involvement with staff, Parents and Old Boys associations, as well as the students themselves, particularly those in the rugby teams he coached, were greatly appreciated by the Saint Kentigern community of that time.

### Douglas Alistair Hay

Douglas Hay passed away peacefully in Tauranga in June this year. Douglas (known as Doug) #422 was a student at Saint Kentigern College from 1956 to 1963. After his College years, Doug went to university and gained an accounting degree, later becoming an auditor. At a memorial service held in Auckland, Doug was remembered as a real gentleman who was fastidious in all he did.

Doug's brother Robert is also an Old Collegian.

### Malcolm Kurt Hetherington Carruthers

Malcolm (#283) came to Saint Kentigern from Western Samoa as a boarder in the 1955 3rd Form. As the only Polynesian in Bruce House, let alone the College, he must have been incredibly lonely. Quiet and retiring, not a sporting type, he found himself amongst a bunch of farmers' sons from the Waikato where rugby and rough and tumble was life.

He was given the name 'Jimmy' on arrival at Bruce House, as shyness delayed his reply to a brusque ask for his name and 'Jimmy' stuck. Always the quiet guy at the back of the class 'Jimmy' came to terms with college life in New Zealand - and hockey goalkeeping!

Malcolm had tremendous flair for design. After college he worked for a number of shops - Matiche in Parnell and Milnes, before joining Garlands in Remuera. A furnishing and design shop, Malcolm's talents blossomed; he devised a stunning showroom and, later, he bought the business.

Malcolm's designs became legendary, Garlands was an iconic Remuera shop. He ran a top interior team of seamstresses and decorators. An excellent boss and shrewd businessman, he eventually sold Garlands to two of his protégées but continued working for the firm as a designer.

In retirement, Malcolm continued to live in Remuera and regularly attended St David's Presbyterian Church in Khyber Pass. He died last July aged 74.

### The Reverend Robert Matthews

Robert Matthews (#554), a student at Saint Kentigern College from 1957 to 1960, died in July this year after a brief illness. Attracted by the challenges and satisfactions of the Presbyterian ministry, Robert studied at Auckland and Dunedin and was ordained in 1971. Thereafter, he served in parishes in New Plymouth, Kelso, Christchurch, and Epsom.

Robert was much respected for his wisdom, pastoral sensitivity and practical concern. As a chaplain at North Shore and Greenlane Hospitals Robert found a new impetus and direction in his ministry.

Formally retiring in 1995, Robert continued working as chaplain in the Mercy Hospices in Mountain Road and College Hill, Auckland.

Robert is survived by Louise (nee Edgar), whom he married in December 1967, three children, John, Anna and Campbell (#5850) and six grandchildren.





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