

From The President of the Old Collegians

The final weeks of the 2016 school calendars are fast approaching with final exams, sports and graduation dinners sponsored by the Old Collegian's Association held at each campus, the annual Year 10 College Field Centre trip to Mt Ruapehu, and the excitement of the summer vacation signalling the end of another year of excellence at Saint Kentigern.

The SKOCA vs College annual Netball event was held in October and, with some high-scoring players joining the SKOCA team in the last two years, a tight game was witnessed. It was pleasing to see SKOCA regain the cup after the last couple of years' losses, with a final score of 40-43. Players, parents and supporters enjoyed refreshments after the game, and clearly there will be

some further top players joining the SKOCA ranks for next year's challenge.

The SKOCA College Golf Day was held at Remuera Golf Club in early November and again drew a full field with 23 Fours competing to share in the impressive prize pool. The weather was ideal and the standard of play 'encouraging to impressive' depending on the calibre of each team. Again my thanks to the generous prize sponsorship from Bayleys, Ricoh,

Toshiba, ANZ, Lexel Systems, Jack's Coffee, Camelot Group, Test & Tag and Spices Thai. The winning Four was the Bayleys No 2 Team, led by OC Nick Bayley. Our thanks to OC's John Gilbert and Robert Johnstone for marshalling the hole-in-one to ensure fair play. Thanks also to Trust Board member, Rosemary Harris for her involvement on the day and patrolling the course with refreshments with long standing committee member, Sandy Campbell, and her forthright attempts to provide some golfing-etiquette directives to those few considered to lack such skills - all with variable success!

The Auckland Recent Old Collegians (18-26 years) event was held in mid-November in Parnell to provide a fellowship opportunity for recent past students/members returning home for Christmas after university exams, OE, as well as recent College leavers all able to network amongst past school friends and meet new friends/members.

The final SKOCA event for 2016 was the Boys' School 2011 leavers BBQ in December, where boys and their parents met for an informal barbeque to catch up with old friends from 2010's Year 8, prior to departing to university, OE or to begin their working careers.

We wish all members at the greater Saint Kentigern family a happy and festive summer holiday.

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

Andrew Morgan,
President of the Old Collegians Association



WHERE ARE YOU?

WHAT DO YOU DO? EVER WONDERED WHAT YOUR OLD CLASSMATES ARE UP TO? EVER THOUGHT THEY MAY BE INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU DO?

These pages belong to you, our Old Collegians. We need your help to make these pages interesting and informative. Write a few lines to fill us in on what you've been doing since leaving school, or what you are about to do, a recent achievement, a momentous event or any other item of interest. Alternatively, we also welcome more in depth articles, as appear on these pages. Family and friends, tell us what our sons and daughters of Kentigern are up to nowadays.

Pictures speak a thousand words! In this digital age, it's really easy to provide a photo but please email all digital pictures at maximum resolution. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Have you
moved?

Are you
moving?

People are constantly on the move and sometimes forget to let us know! Please help us to keep our database up to date so that you can continue to receive Piper Magazine and email news of upcoming SKOCA events. If you request us to do so, we will amend any personal information about you, held by us, which is inaccurate, incomplete or out of date, however, we can't do it if you don't let us know! There are many younger Old Collegians who are still receiving Piper via their parents' address.

If you have moved to your own address, please let us know!

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

SKOCA 2017 Calendar

SUNDAY 4 MARCH SKOCA - CRICKET DAY



Time: 12 noon
Venue: No 1 Field, College
 Refreshments provided
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

SATURDAY 1 APRIL SKOCA - Rowing Reunion BBQ @ MAADI Cup Final

Time: 12 noon
Venue: College Designated Area,
 Lake Karapiro, Cambridge
Format: BBQ Lunch & Watch Finals,
 All Welcome.
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

In Memoriam

We express our condolences to the families of these members of our community who passed away recently.

MRS KATHLEEN HOWSON

Mrs Howson, who was Headmaster's Secretary at Saint Kentigern College from 1967 to 1983, passed away at the end of October in Kerikeri. She was age 93.

When Mrs Howson began working at the College, there were only two administration staff in the office. Her role in supporting the day to day administrative tasks at the College was vital.

The Howson family have a long association with Saint Kentigern. Jim Howson, Kath's son, is an Old Collegian, and Brenda Howson, her grandson's wife, worked for some years at the College as a Receptionist and also as an ICT administrator.

'Mrs K M Howson' is one of the earliest names on the new Ancillary Staff service Honours Board that hangs in the MacFarlan Centre.

MICHAEL CAREY GREEN, BA DIP TCHG

A teacher of English and Journalism at Saint Kentigern College from 1993-1995 and 1997-2002, Mr Michael Green passed away in August 2016.

Mr Green, who came to New Zealand from the United States, was highly regarded by his department colleagues and had an excellent rapport with his students. Continuing the publication of the Saint Kentigern student newspaper The Voice, Mr Green made an outstanding contribution to secondary school journalism, winning a prestigious Churchill Fellowship in 1997 to travel and study overseas.

Mr Green later taught at Macleans College including several years as Head of English.



SAINT KENTIGERN OLD COLLEGIANS'
ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER & AGM

FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017

COLLEGE 1970-79 DECADE FOCUS

Guest Speaker:

Head of College, Mr Steve Cole -
 'My Time at Saint Kentigern College'

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

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TICKETS:

\$70 per head
\$650 per table of 10
ROCs \$50 per head

PROGRAMME:

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

BOYS' SCHOOL SKOCA GOLF DAY

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY

Registration: From 11.30am for 1pm start

Venue: Auckland Golf Club

\$100 per player
 Refreshments provided



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Grant Halley – Supporting College Students for 30 Years

A student at the Boys' School from 1961-1968, and the College from 1969-1973, Old Collegian, Grant Halley has had an enduring connection with Saint Kentigern, in association with recently retired Head of Commerce, Mrs Val Little.

Grant is currently the Managing Partner for RSM New Zealand, an accounting firm that has recently been awarded RSM Member Firm of the Year at an international conference held in Beijing, China.

Grant began work with RSM in 1977, becoming a partner in 1983. His role has evolved over the years and he has accumulated an impressive diversity of knowledge.

From the basic beginnings of his accounting career, using book keeping ledger machines (complete with ledger cards) and hand drafting accounts, to today's current paperless accounting software system, Grant is now a highly regarded business consultant with expertise in management accounting, strategic management, tax advice, acquisitions, divestments and company and group restructuring.

Thirty years ago, Grant returned from his OE in London, where he had broadened his experience, working at Deloitte. After a two year spell with Hally Labels, Grant resumed work at RSM. As one of four Partners, he was 'charged' at the time with the job of renewing his links with Saint Kentigern. In so doing, the primary aim was for the firm to attract potential future staff and, while still students, to



stay in contact with them as they progressed their studies through university.

In 1986, Mrs Val Little had recently been appointed as Head of Commerce at Saint Kentigern. Through a joint meeting, the RSM partnership with Saint Kentigern was born. For the past 30 years, RSM has offered a scholarship exclusive to Saint Kentigern, to award to a promising Year 13 accounting student to continue his/her studies. The scholarship provides \$4800 for university study assistance over four years, together with the chance of an internship at RSM during the holidays to help students further their knowledge. RSM also funds the Accounting prize at the Senior School Prizegiving.

In 2016, the 30th RSM Scholarship was awarded to Year 13 student, Ryan McEwan who is ecstatic to be this year's recipient. He follows a long line of students who have taken advantage of the mentoring offered and have gone on to achieve highly in business.

As RSM's consulting practice has grown over the years, the opportunities across Auckland, further afield and internationally for bright, young graduates has grown. Grant says, 'We think the scholarship is an amazing win-win for all because we can get to know the students through holiday assignments. We assist them financially, mentor them through holiday internship, and in so doing, help them to choose the appropriate direction for their careers. For the right candidate, there is also significant opportunity for future employment at RSM.'

Saint Kentigern continues to be extremely grateful to RSM for their long-standing partnership to assist Saint Kentigern students with their studies. This has been an incredibly generous offer over the last 30 years that we know our students have benefitted from.

Graeme Hawkins – Former Scholarship Recipient



I was awarded the Prince & Partners Scholarship in 1988, which helped cement my interest in Finance and launch me on a business career that led to companies and countries that I had never dreamed of visiting, working with or living in. From the outset, I felt honoured to receive this award, not least because the scholarship helped fund my university years. Importantly it gave me the opportunity of holiday work, a taste for city life, the service industry, and wearing a suit-and-tie, back when this was highly desirable.

After completing two degrees at the University of Otago (a B.Com in Accounting and a B.A. in Economics), I completed my Chartered Accountancy membership with one of the 'big six', first in auditing and then management consulting, before being headhunted by Fletcher Challenge's energy team where I worked daily with famous names like Angus Fletcher and David Kirk.

A few years later, I couldn't delay my O.E. any longer and departed for Europe and the unknown. I made the most of London's vibrant consulting scene, spending a year in each of British Airways Finance-Operations, BBC Broadcasting-Finance and Redstone Telecom, then Britain's 6th largest telecom as the IT bubble grew and burst. Progressively moving from analyst to senior and then to manager, these roles gave me experience in all the core finance fields, as well as areas further from the core finance competencies like strategy and operations. I then settled in another media firm, Central European Media Enterprises, which took me to exotic places like Ljubljana and Bratislava on a monthly basis, working with amazing people at a very dynamic time for Central Europe.

Falling in love, first with Europe, then with central Europe and then with a German, I moved to Berlin in 2005, where I am still based with my wife and two perfectly bilingual children. Here, The Coca-Cola Company gave me the change to progress to Director level via Marketing Controlling, Commercial Finance and Procurement, as well as travel globally in my international roles - plus it bought me very close to FIFA's Soccer World Cup!

Since 2015, I have been a Finance-On-Demand freelancer where I am currently CFO, Finance Advisor or Finance Mentor to a number of clients: mostly start-ups in the vibrant Berlin start-up scene. It's worlds away from the blue-chip companies I've worked for, but the core skillset of Finance that Prince & Partners was instrumental in helping me build, is easily transferable from industry to industry, country to country, and between languages and cultures... an amazing path that I could never have predicted!



Alex Southwick – Apprentice Chef

During my time at Saint Kentigern College, I came to realise that I was passionate about food and, in particular, creating interesting food that was appealing to look at as well as eat.

Food Technology staff, Mrs Susanna Pattison and Mrs Julie Pearson, allowed me to experiment and I learnt to love working with food and learning about the many different aspects of food. I spent many hours in the 'Food Tech' rooms developing new dishes for competitions and assessments. I also loved making coffee and learnt my barista skills from many hours making coffee at school when the espresso machine was introduced.

In Year 12, I did some work experience at Sails Restaurant and at the Hilton Hotel, and this confirmed that the career I wanted to pursue was as a chef. I knew university wasn't for me as I wanted to cook and learn hands-on through an apprenticeship which would offer the chance to gain a qualification and to really learn my trade.

Sky City affords great opportunities for apprentice chefs as it offers an International Programme through City and Guilds. They take on between 10-15 apprentices each year and these places are greatly sought after. I was the youngest apprentice selected and I love that I get to work with world class chefs and have the opportunity to be involved with major charity events such as Dining for a Difference. Whilst Sky City is best known for its casino, it is way more than that. It has multiple restaurants – all those in Federal Street as well as those in the Sky Tower itself – so the breadth of experience I am gaining is amazing. I feel incredibly fortunate to have been chosen.

I started doing food competitions at school, coming runner up twice in the Secondary Schools City and Guilds Cooking competition, through the support and guidance of Mrs Pattison. These competitions helped give me the confidence to apply for the Sky City Apprenticeship. Since joining Sky City this year, I have also competed in The Teams Challenge for Sky City run by the Chef Association, where we again came second and I learnt silver service waiting skills. Next year will bring more opportunities to compete in chef competitions.

Sky City has a large production kitchen where I learnt to cook large quantities such as 200 litres of soup, 400 litres of butter chicken, 80 kg of braised lamb ribs or 50kg of chocolate brownies! The quantities were mind blowing initially but now I am not fazed at all by the size of the task. I have also worked in the convention (conference) kitchen where I was able to assist in the plating of dinners for up to 1000 people at a time. I enjoy plating food and making it look good to the eye. We have done dinners for the likes of Vodafone Warriors, the Mayor of Auckland,

and large companies both at Sky City and off site in venues such as St Matthews-in-the-City, Auckland War Memorial Museum and The Cloud.

In looking back at my time at Saint Kentigern, I was allowed to follow my passion and the teachers supported both my love of food and photography, enabling me to gain NCEA in subjects that I enjoyed. I was able to link photography and food technology together for my Year 12 photography board. In Year 11, I was able to write and design a cookbook in digital technology. It was these innovative teaching solutions that supported my learning and allowed me to gain confidence in my own abilities through the phenomenal support of the Technology Department.

I would encourage any students to follow their dream, even if it is different to what your friends are doing and to remember that university is not the only way to gain qualifications or a career. I earn while I learn and have no student loan at the end of my training – a huge advantage. But most importantly, I'm doing what I love!



Phillip Christopher - National IT Manager



Phillip attended the College from 1985 -1989. He is currently the IT Manager for DLA Piper which is a global law firm with over 4000 lawyers in more than 30 countries. Phillip enjoys the challenge and the technical aspect of the role. He especially likes collaborating with DLA Piper colleagues, vendors and clients all over the world.

Phillip has always had an interest in ICT and trained in Minnesota, USA. Prior to DLA Piper, Philip worked at Watercare Services Limited

where he was a team leader and involved in the Auckland Super City Project. He has worked for various ICT companies such as Axon Systems, Integral and as a consultant. He has provided support and advised clients such as Air New Zealand, Bridgestone Firestone and many more.

He has always had a passion for information technology, even though it was not a core subject at the College in the late 80s. He is a qualified Systems and Network engineer in Microsoft, Cisco, Citrix and ITIL.

He recommends, for any students wanting to pursue a career in information technology, that the key to achieving success in the industry is good technical skills. He also advises that to achieve long term success, make sure you have exceptional interpersonal skills. From a hiring perspective, he wants ICT professionals with a personality that will suit the culture of the firm. Phillip recommends while at College, alongside your studies, hone in on developing your people skills with your peers and teachers.

Philip has fond memories of the College, especially the friendships he developed with teachers and students. His most memorable sporting moment was winning the soccer premiership two consecutive years in a row and winning the 'golden boot' at the Nationals.

Phillip has been married to his wife Jacqui for 17 years. He has three children, Madeline 15, Ruary 12 and Lachlan 6. He has been fortunate enough to travel, play and coach football at a high level in NZ, USA and UK. He says it was all due to Malcom Cowie who still attends the College today. Lately, Phillip's focus is on coaching his children's football teams.

Duncan Jessep and Joshua Impey Business Development Managers, Singapore

Whilst Duncan Jessep and Joshua Impey followed separate paths after leaving College, a job opportunity has brought them together to work for the same company in Singapore. Both Business Development Managers for IT company, Pure Storage, they are responsible for exploring and evaluating new opportunities in Australia and New Zealand. Pure Storage is an enterprise all-flash solution to tackle the most demanding business and IT problems, currently providing service to companies such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Nielsen, ANZ Bank, AirNZ, Foodstuffs and Russell McVeagh. They are both enjoying their work and lifestyle in Singapore.

Duncan Jessep: The transition for me from Onehunga Primary to Saint Kentigern in 2000 was a bit of a shock but after seven years I graduated as a Son of Kentigern. Mr K. Taylor, Mr S. Wackrow and Mr D. Lowe were among many others who provided guidance that I did not fully appreciate at the time, but very much contributed to where I am today.

In 2008, I enrolled at the University of Auckland to study a Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) and after graduating, started my first job at Ernst & Young through their graduate programme. It was a great place to learn the foundations of working within a corporate environment, performing under pressure and understanding what type of business I was truly passionate about.

In 2012, I handed in my notice and flew to Melbourne, landing a job at Capgemini, a management consulting company, soon after my arrival. My 'Melbourne Chapter' was an incredible experience and I would encourage anyone considering Australia to live there. In late 2014, I received an offer to join a Silicon Valley based start-up called Pure Storage. The role was based in their APAC head office in Singapore.

Since joining, I've had the absolute privilege to see our company go from strength to strength – first \$1m deal in NZ – IPO on the New York Stock Exchange – and continued growth of products and customers in APAC and globally.

Now based in Singapore full time, I am fortunate to spend my weekends exploring South East Asia, competitive trail running, and playing touch rugby with our community of expats who live on the equator.



Joshua Impey: After graduating in 2006, I went on a GAP year Kingsmead School near Liverpool, England. I travelled extensively through Europe during this time and it helped me further mature prior to starting tertiary study. I did a Bachelor of Commerce in Auckland and as part of my final semester, I completed an internship at Southern Spars, the world leader in carbon masts, booms and rigging for yachts of all sizes, including the America's Cup and the Volvo Ocean Race yachts. The internship led me, in time, to become Global Marketing Manager, a position I held for over three years, responsible for the development and management of the international brand. This allowed me to travel all over the world, including attending the Monaco Yacht Show.

After a year travelling from South America to Canada in 2015, I returned to the job hunt in 2016, securing a position as a Business Development Manager at Pure Storage in Singapore, alongside an old Saint Kentigern friend, Duncan Jessep.

Singapore is a fantastic place to live and we both manage to get out and travel regularly. The opportunities in Singapore are endless and I have no doubt that Saint Kentigern provided the perfect platform for success.

Shane Van Gisbergen - Born to Race!



Shane van Gisbergen attended Saint Kentigern College from 2001 through to 2006. While at the College he pursued his love for speed racing Karts and ATV's. His talent shone through and he won the 2004 SpeedSport Magazine Formula First Scholarship and, later that year, won the title 'Rookie of the Year'.

Since leaving College, Shane has long been tagged as 'one to watch.' He has been on a fast track to success, winning the New Zealand Formula Ford Championship in 2006 while he was still at school. He then finished a

close second in the Toyota Racing Series in 2007, 1st overall in the TRS International series, plus another Rookie title. Later that same year, Shane signed a contract with Stone Racing Brothers, making his V8 Supercar Championship debut he had always dreamed about at the Oran Park round. He was with Stone Racing Brothers until 2012.

In 2016, Shane moved to the successful Triple Eight Race Engineering team, alongside two of the most successful drivers in the series history: Jamie Whincup and Craig Lowndes. In December 2016, Shane achieved his lifelong dream, by winning the Virgin Australia Supercars Championship title. He became the first New Zealand driver to win this title since Jim Richards, in 1991. The win wasn't smooth sailing, as things did not go to plan! After a horror start, Shane dropped five spots from pole position and then got hit with a pit lane penalty for spinning Mark Winterbottom. But a smart strategy, fast car and timely safety car intervention allowed the Red Bull Racing driver back into the game and he collected enough points to take an unassailable lead in the build up to the finale.

Shane's brilliant driving had fans and teams on their feet and holding their breath. On lap 60, he set a new lap record. Not happy with just finishing fifth which was adequate to seal the title, he had his sights set on a podium finish which would also help his team mate Craig Lowndes in his quest for 3rd overall in championship. Over the next 10 laps, he managed to finish another two spots up to 3rd which gave him the final step of the podium and cemented the Championship.

In the final race of the Championship Shane managed to survive three safety car interventions to seal the win and finished the year with eight race wins, 19 podiums, seven poles, a win in the Pirtek Enduro Cup, the prestigious Driver's Driver Award, and lastly, the ever important Jason Richards Memorial Trophy which he won at the ITM round of Supercars at Pukekohe in November.

Not one to sit back, no sooner had he secured his win in Australia and he was off to Malaysia to compete in the Sepang 12 Hours Intercontinental GT Championship! He has already won the 2016 Blancpain Endurance GT Championship in Europe for McLaren.

Shane has long realised the importance of his family and the support they have given him and so dedicated the win to his parents for the sacrifices they made, saying 'I owe everything to my family'.



SKOCA Netball

With thanks to Amorangi Malesala, Sharnika Leleni and Kelly Alexander



It was a pleasure for a team of Old Collegians to return to the College to take part in the annual Old Collegians versus Premier Netball team game.

We knew that the netball match against the current National secondary school champions, was not going to be easy! Going in to half time, our team was down by 10 goals, however, we stepped up the action in the second half and managed to pull through with a final score of 40-34.

Following the match, we enjoyed an after match function hosted by Glennis Pearson in the Sports Centre Lounge, where we were able to interact with current players and parents. As members of the Old Collegian Committee, we would like to congratulate the girls on their achievements throughout the year; we know that all their hard work has paid off.

A special mention to our 'good luck charms,' Mr Malcolm Cowie and Glennis' for hosting this annual event, the work that both of you do on behalf of the Old Collegians does not go unnoticed.

We would like to thank the College girls and Miss Nicola Lewis for the hard fought, competitive game. It's good to see the depth of netball continues, and the competitiveness of these annual matches will only get better and better. All the best for your future endeavours.

Sarah Zhang

Saint Kentigern College Class of 2015, Cornell University Class of 2020



The story behind how I ended up studying at an Ivy League school in New York starts in Year 10. As a Year 10 student, I found myself spending countless hours gazing at senior art and architectural projects in the JPC. This experience, paired with a strong wanderlust, spun a crazy fantasy of studying Architecture in New York City in 'a near future.'

Fast forward to Year 12 and 13 - to the arduous IB Diploma years! One of my main incentives for choosing the International Baccalaureate was due to my desire to study overseas. My dreams of going to America had struck me as unrealistic by then and, instead, I had

my eyes set a little closer to home - studying in Australia.

For anyone reading this and considering the IB, I won't sugar coat it; it wasn't easy! Even as my first year of university draws to an end, I still have yet to encounter anything as challenging as the IB. However, don't let that deter you, as I can confidently say that it is well worth it. I don't think anything could have prepared me so well for university as IB did. It taught me many academic and organisational skills that I am extremely thankful for.

During Term 3 of Year 13, I revisited my forgotten dream of NYC and decided that I would apply for the USA. For anyone considering studying in America, I strongly advise you to begin your preparation in Year 12; this way you will have time to create a quality application and still be able focus on your end of year exams. I paid the price for my indecisiveness by having to balance SAT preparations with my IB exams. I sacrificed my entire summer holiday in order to prepare

for SAT exams, writing supplementary essays for American universities and creating my portfolio.

Since the American academic year does not begin till August, I was accepted into the University of Melbourne in January 2016, and began my university experience there. Despite having already applied to the States, I chose to do this as a fall back, just in case I was rejected from the American schools I wanted and would, therefore, already be sorted and secured in another university. At the University of Melbourne, I majored in Architecture under the Bachelor of Environments for one semester. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience in Australia and would recommend it to anyone who would like the experience of studying overseas but remaining still relatively close to home.

Halfway through my first semester in Melbourne, I received an unexpected acceptance letter from Cornell University, an Ivy League school based in Ithaca, New York. Although Cornell is not located in what had been my dream location of NYC, I have come to like it better as the tranquillity of upstate New York gives me the peace and quiet to focus on my studies. Not to mention, I'm able to visit NYC and experience the city life during the weekends.

My time at Cornell so far has been an amazing experience. Although the semester is nearly over, I'm still constantly being amazed every day. I'm surrounded by driven and studious students, bright professors and talented individuals. It's all very overwhelming and more often than not I feel like the small fish in a big pond. Although it's a challenging environment, I wouldn't have it any other way. If I have learnt anything through my journey, it's that as cheesy as it sounds, nothing is impossible. Saint Kentigern offers many opportunities, you just have to look for them and make the most you can out of them. You determine your future.

If you're seriously considering studying overseas, it's always good to research, talk to the career advisor, work hard and know that it's not impossible. Stick to your ambitions, no matter how crazy and fanatical and never let anyone stop you from achieving them!



Claudia Gibb – Published Children's Author



After graduating from Saint Kentigern College in 2011, I moved to Upstate New York, USA on a scholarship to Keuka College. I studied Communications and Business and then in my second year, I transferred to Brooklyn, NYC to attend Saint Francis College. I loved New York and I had always dreamed of living there! During this time I worked as a local TV news reporter for Yates County and on the St Francis College newspaper.

When I returned to New Zealand, I wrote and collaborated with Colombian

Artist, Camila Abondano to create the recently published children's picture book 'Minty Wants to Go to New York City'. A tale about a young whale dreaming big, overcoming obstacles, having the courage to do the right thing and raising awareness to save our precious oceans.

All of the illustrations are hand drawn by Camila. The book is proudly 100% New Zealand made and published by Snow Globe Publishers.

'Minty Wants to Go to New York City' is now being turned into a book series about the adventures of Minty and his sea mates. We hope to inspire young people between the ages of 4-10 to become big dreamers.

One of the highlights of having my first book published is the amazing feedback from young readers around the world, from school children in New York to South American children reading 'Minty' to learn English.

I am honoured to have worked with Camila to create this book. 'Minty' has been featured in National Geographic Kids for New Zealand and Australia and the book is selling at Paper Plus and bookstores nationwide.

For more information, go to: mintywantstogotonyc.com



Hanna English

Saint Kentigern College Class of 2015, St Mary's College of California, Class of 2020



Hanna graduated from Saint Kentigern at the end of 2015 and we were proud to hear that she had gained a significant 100% scholarship to study in the USA. A boarder, Hanna is well remembered as a strong athlete, named as Runner-Up to the Dux Ludorum in her final year. Whilst she excelled at football, having been named in the U20

NZ Squad for the 2016 FIFA World Cup, it was on the strength of her running that she was selected for scholarship. Hanna has now begun her studies in San Francisco and tells us of her first impressions.

'I arrived at Saint Mary's College of California in the San Francisco Bay Area in August to start the next chapter of my life as a student athlete at a Division 1 College in America. During my first week, I went to Lake Tahoe with the cross country team for a four day training camp at altitude. I was surprised at the impact of running at altitude and at first I struggled to adjust - but the scenery was amazing!

I am really enjoying the balance between my academic studies and athletic training. I am majoring in kinesiology - Health and Human Performance. My four classes are all scheduled around our team trainings during the week, which takes up an average 20 hours and 80+ kilometres of running per week. The team

environment makes training so much more competitive and motivating compared to what I had been used to back in NZ. Training consists of rep training, hill reps, tempo running, long runs, gym work, cross training (biking or swimming), acupuncture sessions and stretching/recovery management.

The weather in Moraga is perfect for living and training. Temperatures have been around the mid-20s since I have arrived but got as warm as 36 degrees earlier in the semester. So far I have competed at the West Coast Championships in San Diego and also at an invitational meet in San Francisco where I placed 5th. We have had five other races this season with regionals left to race. I've been surprised by the number of entries in each race with fields of over 200 runners. In spring the focus changes to track and field working towards the 1500m and 5km races.

It's been a fantastic start to my studies but I'm also looking forward to returning to NZ for Christmas!



Ayden Lamont

Saint Kentigern College Class of 2015, Princeton University Class of 2020



With his shared strength in rowing and cycling, coupled with sound academic abilities, 2015 Deputy Head Boy, Ayden Lamont, caught the attention of five Ivy League universities in the United States. He accepted an early application to Princeton University where he is currently rowing with their light weight crew and studying.

Ayden reports on his experience to date:

I started rowing for the first time at the end of Year 8 (2010), so this is now my seventh year of rowing - it feels like a long time to say the least! During the 2012-2013 rowing season, personally my favourite season, I was in the U18 VIII as a 15 year old. I learnt so much that season being surrounded by 18 year olds who I looked up to greatly. I was fortunate to share their greater experience and they were great role models.

In the seasons following that, I won gold in the U17 Quad at the North Island Secondary School competition in 2014. I rowed for the Auckland Light Blues in the Queensland State Championships where we came away with gold and this remains one of the best rowing opportunities that I have experienced so far. My final season, before I travelled to the USA, was with West End Club where I rowed the eight and single.

Being Deputy Head Boy in my final year was an awesome experience and I learnt a lot from that too. I learnt valuable leadership skills as well as how to work efficiently in a team.

Over here at Princeton University, it is a completely new experience and I am loving it! As expected, there is a lot of hard work and study, but I am enjoying the experience and am very grateful to be here. My intended major is Economics with a certificate in Finance. Currently in the first semester of my freshman year, I am taking an Economics class, a Math class, Spanish and a writing class. I am enjoying stepping up to the challenge and striving to achieve my best

Princeton University is a private Ivy League research university in Princeton, New Jersey. Its acceptance rate is 6.5% where, in last year alone, 29,303 applicants applied for a place at the university and only 1894 students were accepted. I am part of their Class of 2020 and I am very proud and honoured to be attending such a prestigious university.

The level of rowing at university level here is very strong. In my lightweight team alone there are over 70 rowers and the depth is incredible in terms of performance ability. I was particularly proud to be selected onto the team to compete in the Head of the Charles Regatta, held in Boston MA recently.

Overall the experience is awesome, as well as being challenged academically and improving, I am also physically improving as my rowing makes great gains with the training I receive. Whether for academic or sporting reasons, or a combination of the two, I definitely recommend to other students to looking at coming to the USA to gain new experiences that will set you up for life.





SKOCA Golf Day

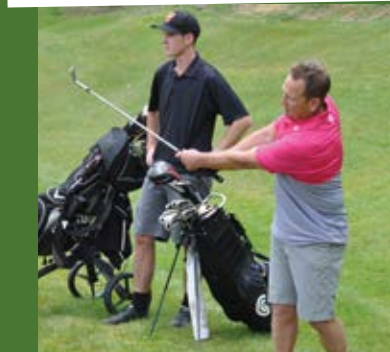
On a grey day, but with otherwise perfect conditions, a record twenty-two teams of four gathered for the Ambrose Tournament at Remuera Golf Club. A barbecue lunch was served while the teams readied themselves for tee-off.

The main focus of the day was on fellowship and fundraising, which is a polite way of saying - all levels of skill on the course are acceptable! Whilst there is an element of fun, and some seriously competitive golf between 'certain' teams, the primary goal of the day was to raise money for the Old Collegians Scholarship Fund that helps to assist a child of an Old Collegian, or a child with a family connection to an Old Collegian, to secure a place at Saint Kentigern. The Old Collegians fund scholarships to each of the campuses.

There were additional incentives to rise to the occasion with prizes which included closest to the pin and longest drive, as well as a \$2000 cash prize on the line for a hole in one on the 8th.

The 'Bayleys Team 2' which consisted of Nick Bayley, Andrew Wills, Mike Brickland and Joseph Grima were the winning team, with Joseph also taking out the 'closest to Pin Hole 17'. Dave Stanley, Scott Campbell, Brent Leslie and Josh Bardell took out the remaining closest to pin honours and 'Best Dressed when Viewed from a Distance' went to Hayden Butler.

With help from sponsors including Toshiba, Test & Tag, Jack's Coffee, Lexel Systems, Camelot, Ricoh, Spices Thai, And Bayleys St Heliers, a significant amount was raised for the scholarship fund, which makes a real difference to the recipients.



Wirihana Cup Returned!

With thanks to student reporter, Regan Nash, Year 8

It was a very determined Boys' School 1st XV that set out on a very hot and sunny evening, to try and win back the Wirihana Cup from the Old Collegians.

The cup was first played for in 1961 and this was a feature on the calendar until the cup went missing some years later. When it resurfaced in 2012, it was 'game on!' Each subsequent year, the former cricket players from the Boys' School have been invited back to school for a challenge match and barbecue always played with a dose of good fun.

This year, the Boys' School team wanted revenge for the loss last year and there was a definite air of confidence in the team!

Year 8 student, Regan Nash was excited to be playing against his two older brothers - Harrison and Mitchell who had both captained the 1st X1 at school. Charles Wilkes was playing against his brother Edward and father, Paul.

Batting first the Boys' School scored in excess of 200 runs with a consistent batting effort from everyone. Fronting for the Old Collegians, Principal, Mr Peter Cassie struggled as wicket keeper at times - preferring to use a softball mitt than cricket 'wicket' gloves. Not really cricket! Umpire, Deputy Head, Mr Grayson Aspinall, made some 'interesting' but the boys thought 'very fair' calls! No surprises whose side he was on! The Old Collegians were automatically out if they hit a 6 - and many fell to this trap!



With great fielding and bowling from the boys, the older players were soon out with lots of runs needed. The Boys' School 1st X1 achieved their aim, bringing back the Wirihana Cup to its rightful place in the trophy cabinet on Shore Road!

Our thanks to Old Collegian, Peter Nelson, for his fabulous BBQ expertise, and to the returning Old Collegians and the parents for their support.

Boys' School Class of 2001

On a scorching evening just before Christmas, a large group of boys from the Boys' School Class of 2001 (now college graduates) along with their parents, came together for a BBQ to catch up with old friends before they head off on the next stage in their lives.

It was great to see these friendships rekindled as the boys shared stories of their respective college experiences and talked about 'where to from here.' Parents also had chance to reconnect and remember a time shared during their sons' days at the School.

The boys took the opportunity to take a look around the grounds to see how things have changed on campus before tucking into a BBQ dinner cooked up by Principal, Mr Peter Cassie and 'Student No 20,' Peter Nelson.



Boys' School Head Boy 2001, Isaac Samuels, then and now!





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