OLD COLLEGIANS

From the President of the Old Collegians

The Boys' School Annual Golf Day was held in early February and again attracted a resilient and talented field of golfers. With the perfect summer day, the attendees were treated to a prestigious course in top condition and a handsome prize pool. It is a fantastic way to start the Saint Kentigern year and it would be great to see more OC's with a Boys' School connection attending the day.

The College 1st XI Cricket side played a gifted SKOCA Cricket team in mid-February on a perfect No 1 wicket. A number of district reps were included, however, the College were too strong and won by 11 runs. We wish the College Cricket team every success on their UK tour in mid-June and that they will be up to the mark against rivals including Eton and Harrow in their seven match tour.

The College Hockey 1st XI also had an annual match against a SKOCA team which also included some national reps and at full time were drawn 3-3, however in a penalty shoot-out the College won 1-nil. The game was fast and furious and teams well matched, and again, we wish the College side all the best for their season.

The 64th Annual Dinner was held in Elliot Hall on 7th April with guest speaker, retiring Headmaster Mr Steve Cole (2009-2017). The introduction was by Rev David Smith who spoke of the Head's primary focus always being his students and striving to ensure they put their utmost effort into everything they did, every day. The Head's address included his early teaching years. He spoke proudly of his time at Saint Kentigern, striving for excellence in everything, every day. Speaker thanks was by 2013 Head Girl, Sharnika Leleni, a student during Mr Cole's tenure, who gave a passionate congratulations to the Head for a job very well done, and for instilling in her the passion to excel and succeed. and never doing less than 110%. and being proud to be a student of Saint Kentigern. Shanika is a valued member of the Old

Collegians committee and provided a reflective thanks to a Head who has clearly made Saint Kentigern College an outstanding campus. The evening included the Old Collegians Pipe Band, also an Old Collegians Choir led by Lachlan Craig. Representatives from kindred schools, King's, Sacred Heart, Auckland Grammar and St Peter's also attended.

The 58th AGM was held prior to the Annual Dinner, and the treasurer Neville Lyne presented the accounts and confirmed another profitable year despite supporting 20 SKOCA events, 16 scholarships and various sporting and cultural grants at all three campuses. The meeting also recorded the election of a new SKOCA President, Mr Hayden Butler, who attended both the Boys' School and the College and has a son and daughter attending Saint Kentigern schools. Hayden is a proud Saint Kentigern Old Collegian and will lead the SKOCA committee of 20 with commitment and passion, to enhance the opportunities for members of the greater Saint Kentigern family.

I have enjoyed my time as President, meeting so many proud Saint Kentigern Old Collegians around NZ and the world in business, at OC events and socially. I thank my committee for the nine years of support and the extra efforts each member has made to ensure SKOCA makes a positive difference at all three campuses. The support of the Trust Board and the three campus Heads/Principals has been noticeable in making things happen. I thank members of the Trust Board, the SMT and Saint Kentigern staff who all contributed to this support.

I wish Mr Steve Cole every success in the future, and know that as an Honorary Old Collegian, we will see Steve at events in NZ and UK as we further what he has started. I remain proud to be a Saint Kentigern Old Collegian, and look forward to the years ahead as Saint Kentigern continues to excel in all areas, in the classroom and on the field, court and stage.

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

Andrew Morgan,

President of the Old Collegians Association



Hayden Butler: New President of the Old Collegians Association

We congratulate Mr Hayden Butler on his election to the role of President of the Old Collegians Association, taking the chains of office from former long-serving President, Mr Andrew Morgan.

Hayden is a past student of the both the Boys' School and the College having spent Year 7 and 8 at the Shore Road campus from 1986-1987, before moving on to the College from where he graduated in 1992. Whist at school, he was a keen sportsman, playing rugby during his school years and becoming a member of the Senior Rowing Squad and the Senior A Basketball team at College.

After graduating from the College, Hayden spent 15 years in banking and finance in London and New Zealand. He then went on to manage Bayleys Central Auckland for four years and is currently a property developer and investor.

Hayden and his wife, Abi have two children, 12-year-old daughter Tyler who attended the Girls' School and 9-year-old son, Tom who is currently in Year 5 at the Boys' School.

We wish Hayden well in this challenging role and look forward to his contribution to the Old Collegians Association.

SKOCA 2017 Calendar

8 JULY - SATURDAY **SKC 1st XV 1967 REUNION LUNCHEON**

Pre-1st XV Game: Saint Kentigern v Mt Albert Grammar

Time: 11.45am Price: \$25

Venue: Bruce House

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

8 JULY - SATURDAY **After Match Function**

Join us for drinks and nibbles following the 1ST XV game:

Saint Kentigern v Mt Albert Grammar Venue: Elizabeth MacFarlan Centre RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

14 JULY - FRIDAY LONDON REUNION

With Pipes and Drums in attendance.

Calling all UK based Old Collegians! Join us for dinner in London during the Saint Kentigern Pipes and Drums tour to the UK and Switzerland.

Time: 6.45pm

Price: £65 (ROCS's £40)

Venue: Overseas House, St James, London

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com



TBA AUGUST - FRIDAY OTAGO UNI - ROC'S RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS COCKTAILS

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Starters Bar, Frederick Street, Dunedin

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

18-19 AUGUST -FRIDAY/SATURDAY **AUSTRALIAN REUNION - SYDNEY**



Calling all Australian based Old Collegians. Join us for a get together on Friday night followed by the Bledisloe Cup game on Saturday. (Rugby tickets purchased separately.)

Time: 6.30pm Friday

Venue: TBA

Ticket: A\$65 (ROC's A\$40) Refreshments provided.

Saturday 19th - 2rd Bledisloe Cup Rugby - ANZ Stadium

(Tickets Available- Enquire to SKOCA)

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com scott.beach@bigpond.com rodney.steel@mainfreight.com.au

TBA AUGUST - SATURDAY CHRISTCHURCH/LINCOLN-ROC'S **RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS COCKTAILS**

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Volstead Trading Company, Riccarton.

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

8 SEPTEMBER - FRIDAY

BRUCE HOUSE BOARDERS DINNER 2000-2010 LEAVERS

MATRON OF 25 YEARS RETIREMENT

Calling all former boarders, especially those from 2000-2010. Join us for dinner as we celebrate the retirement of our much-loved matron, Mrs Rosemary Capill after 25 years of dedicated service to our boarders.

Time: 6.30pm

Price: \$65 (ROC's \$45)

Venue: - Bruce House, College. RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

19 OCTOBER - THURSDAY **SKOCA NETBALL**

Premier and Senior A Netball v Old Collegians Girls

Start: Games start at 6.00pm Venue: Gvm 1 and Gvm 2

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com kelly.alexander@outlook.com

13 NOVEMBER - MONDAY SKOCA - COLLEGE GOLF DAY

Time: Assemble at 11.00am Venue: Remuera Golf Club Ticket: \$100.00 per head. Refreshments provided.



TBA NOVEMBER - FRIDAY AUCKLAND - ROC'S RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS COCKTAILS

Time: 6.15pm

Venue: Juice Bar, Windsor Hotel, Parnell RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

15 DECEMBER - SUNDAY **BOYS' SCHOOL - TOUCH RUGBY & BBQ FOR 2011 LEAVERS**

The 2011 leavers and their parents are invited to return to the Boys' School to rekindle old friendships before the boys move on to tertiary studies or work.

Time: 3.30pm

Venue: Jubilee Sports Centre & No 1 Field RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com sue.bowskill@saintkentigern.com







Old Collegians Annual Dinner

ollowing on from the 58th AGM where former President of the Old Collegians, Mr Andrew Morgan, handed the chains of office to newly elected President, Mr Hayden Butler. Old Collegians from all walks of life gathered in Elliot Hall for their 64th annual dinner.

As is traditional, the Old Collegians Pipes and Drums led the diners to their tables.

Don Craig gave thanks to Andrew for his nine years of loyal service to the Old Collegians Association, a tenure that has been unprecedented in the history of the Association. Don paid tribute to Andrew's outstanding leadership, enthusiasm and devotion to all matters relating to the Old Collegians and, through him, their association with each of our schools. His energy for the cause has been tireless and his motivation unwavering. Don finished by looking back to our founding Headmaster, Rev Dr Adam MacFarlan, who established so many of the Saint Kentigern traditions, and in quoting the School Song, said that Andrew has undoubtedly been 'loyal to the faith we've known.'

Prior to dinner, each of the four Principals had the opportunity to give an update on activities at their campuses. Now in her second year as Principal of the Girls' School, Ms Juliet Small spoke about the need to develop strong resilient girls in preparing them for College life. Principal, Mr Peter Cassie, fresh from Celtic Day, said he believed he had the best job in the world! On behalf both schools, he thanked Andrew Morgan for his constant presence and support at all school functions throughout the year.

For the first time, Mrs Suzanne Winthrop and Mr Duncan McQueen spoke as newly appointed Principals of the Senior College and Middle College. With the retirement of Head of College, Mr Steve Cole, the structure of the College has changed in 2017 with the Principals now taking responsibility for the running and functioning of their own

Colleges 'within a College.' All four Principals will report to a new position, the Head of Saint Kentigern, Mr David Hodge. Both Suzanne and Duncan paid fond tribute to Mr Cole, saying that during his tenure he brought passion and drive for a truly student-centred education.

Prior to dinner, we welcomed back a growing choir of Old Collegians to entertain. This is a group who loved to sing while at College and have continued their love of singing as choir 'beyond the College gates.'

The true focus of this year's dinner was to honour retiring Head of College, Mr Steve Cole. Reverend David Smith was given the honour of introducing him saying it was a true privilege as he has 'much aroha for this man.' He described Steve's relentless passion, drive for excellence and immense capacity for work, saying that above all else, this has always been 'about the kids' - his desire to see staff improve was to ultimately see the students improve. Rev Smith said he would be remembered for his unrelenting commitment to holistic education, to academic rigour, to pastoral care, to a robust co-curricular programme with all its breadth and diversity and for being inclusive, compassionate and competitive.

In making his address, Mr Cole reflected back on his 42 years in education. He said that he could not be prouder of the College as the leading independent school in Australasia. He recalled his first walk around the campus believing that the challenge ahead was all that his previous experience had led to. He finished by saying, 'We are privileged to be associated with this institution and undoubtedly that privilege carries with it expectations and obligation which we all know we must embrace. Would be wrong for our graduates to not succeed, excel and lead.'

Former Head Girl, Sharnika Leleni gave an impassioned thanks to Mr Cole, wishing him well as he heads into retirement.





























Our Old Collegians' Choir

At the Old Collegians Annual Dinner this year, a group of former College choristers came together to entertain the dinner guests. All were recent graduates with the exception of Lachlan Craig, who graduated in 2007 but has since returned to the College as the Director of Choirs. Each of the other singers were taught by Lachlan, many of them encouraged to follow musical studies at tertiary level.

The Choir: Lachlan Craig (graduated 2007, College Director of Choirs); Manase Latu (graduated 2013, final year of Music Honours degree in Classical Voice); Jessica Allen (graduated 2015, second year of Medicine); Iris Lee (graduated 2016, first year Medicine); Isaac Samuels (graduated 2016, first year Medicine); Emily Young (graduated 2016, first year of Music degree in Classical Voice); Nick MacQueen (graduated 2015, first year of Music degree in Classical Voice); Caitlin Houghton (graduated 2015, second year of Music degree in Classical Voice); Jack Muirhead (graduated 2014, third year of Music degree in Popular Music); Sam Elliott (graduated 2015, first year of Music degree in Popular Music); Harry Matheson (graduated 2012, third year of Commerce Degree).



Address to Steve Cole



At the Old Collegian's Dinner, former Head Girl, Sharnika Leleni gave a heartfelt thanks to Mr Steve Cole as he headed to retirement.

y first meeting with Mr Cole was not actually in person. I was an enthusiastic Year 9 student when Mr Cole appeared on screen at assembly. He was still in England but was addressing the assembly in preparation for his arrival. My first impression was of someone authoritative, passionate and excited

authoritative, passionate and excited about the prospect of leading Saint Kentigern College and although I have come to know him a lot better over the last eight years, those qualities I saw as a Year 9 student haven't changed.

During Mr Cole's first two years at the College, I was a Middle School student and so most of my contact with him was observing him from afar. His presence was everywhere and it became very clear, very quickly that excellence and giving your absolute best was an everyday expectation. I remember vividly walking to class one day and Mr Cole shouting at boys to pull their socks up and then pulling them aside to explain how important pride in the Saint Kentigern uniform was, and being proud of your uniform meant you were proud of yourself. I remember, too, him running onto the running track in the middle of the Athletics Day to pull students out of the race because they were being silly and not giving it 100%. He followed up at the next assembly by reminding us all that it doesn't matter whether you are the worst runner in the school, it is the effor you put into something that counts.

Mr Cole is often talked about in reference to the sporting arena and I hear people talking about how he is so passionate about sport at the College and, during his time here, how well our sports teams have done - which is oh so true! During his tenure, we have been world champions in rugby and national champions in rugby, football, tennis, touch, table tennis, netball, cycling and cross-country. So extremely impressive!

However, I was also involved in the Arts programme through both the Music and Drama productions, and being a member of the Kentoris Choir. I have to say that the passion and interest Mr Cole showed in that aspect of the College was second to none. I remember him sitting in Elliot Hall late at night watching us rehearse and showing real emotion when he listened to Kentoris run through their last set of songs before we travelled to Nationals

Whether Mr Cole was watching netball or touch training, or whether he was sitting in the Music Centre or Elliot Hall, the message was the same - give nothing less than your best. It was truly amazing how the tempo, energy and focus of those trainings and rehearsals increased when the whispers went through the students that Mr Cole was 'watching!' For me Mr Cole's passion has translated into every part of the College.

Saint Kentigern College is at the forefront of educational innovations and has the reputation of being the best co-educational College in Australasia. To lead a College like this, you need to be a very special person who can relate to a vast array of students. And Mr Cole is that person. He has always had the time to talk to, give confidence and encourage all students whatever their aspirations may be.

In 2013, I was made Head Girl of the College. It was in this role that I really saw how much Mr Cole cared about every student and made their problems or triumphs his own. He respected individual difference. I quickly learnt that he lived and breathed for the College and that his unlimited energy never wavered.

James Thomson - Former Guards Officer

ike his father, Peter Thomson, James attended Saint Kentigern for his secondary schooling from 1988 – 1993. After graduating from Auckland University, he also followed in the family tradition of service. James was accepted as an officer cadet at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst and was commissioned a year later into the senior regiment of the British Army, The Life Guards. He served in the Household Cavalry Armoured Regiment for three years as an Armoured Reconnaissance Troop Leader and in Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment in Knightsbridge on State Ceremonial Duty for two years before resigning his commission in 2006.

During his time in the Household Cavalry, he recalls one occasion leading the British Army contingent down the Champs Elysee in Paris at the head of the Bastille Day Parade in 2004. The British Government had been invited by Jacque Chirac, who was President of France at the time, to send a contingent to lead the annual Bastille

Day Parade through Paris to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Entente Cordiale agreements between France and the UK and James was given command.

This is the only time foreign troops have been invited to parade down the Champs Elysee. James took a division of Household Cavalry men and horses across the channel to Paris from Hyde Park Barracks. The officers had great fun riding around central Paris with their French counterparts, the Republican Guard, prior to the parade. The Pariships of Guard are Parish.

mounted police when not on ceremonial duty so he says they had free reign of the city and it was a great way to see the sights of Paris!

James was also the Queen's Carriage Officer on a number of occasions, including a State Opening of Parliament and was a Life Guard Divisional Commander for a number of State Visits including that of Hu Jintao, who was the leader of China at the time. His time as an Armoured Reconnaissance Troop leader in the Household Cavalry Armoured Regiment coincided with 9/11 so he undertook a lot of counter-terrorism work, mainly domestic with the Metropolitan Police.

After leaving the Army, James moved with his Kiwi wife, Laura, to Sydney for six years before returning to New Zealand four years ago to educate their three daughters, Grace (7) Mirabelle (5) and Poppy (3). Since leaving the Army, he has held senior executive roles with both privately owned and publicly listed companies. He is currently

involved with an inbound tourism business specialising in luxury travel in New Zealand, Australia and the South Pacific. He is a keen scuba diver, ocean sailor, horseman and naturalist.





Happy 90th Jack!

ormer Deputy Headmaster, Jack Paine celebrated his 90th Birthday on 18 April 2017. Andrew Morgan, retiring President of the Old Collegians, and a group of Jack's former students from the early days of the College, celebrated with Jack, his wife, Beverley and daughter, Bronwyn by bringing a special morning tea and 90th birthday cake to his residence in Huntington Park. On behalf of the Old Collegians Association, the group presented Jack with a knitted rug in Saint Kentigern blue and white stripes.

Jack Paine began teaching at the College in 1954 and retired in 1992 with 25 of those years as Deputy Headmaster. Many Old Collegians share memories of Jack.





David Thomson, Andrew Morgan, Warwick Bell, Bruce Goodfellow, John Gilbert, Malcolm Wilson with Jack Paine



Ambassador Peter Thomson

President of the United Nations General Assembly

Born in Fiji, the second eldest of eight children, Peter Thomson, along with his brothers, Andrew and John, were boarders at Bruce House during the 1960s, Peter attended for three years from 3rd form to 5th form before moving to the UK to complete his secondary education. His son, James, followed suit, attending Saint Kentigern from 1988 to 1993.

Further back, his father, Sir Ian Thomson read economics at Glasgow University in Scotland with Saint Kentigern's founding headmaster, Rev Dr MacFarlan before the Second World War. Sir Ian was a colonial administrator in Fiji for most of his career and then Governor of the British Virgin Islands. Peter followed his father into a life of civil service.

The Thomson family have a long history in Fiji, dating back to the arrival of Captain William Petrie, on his mother's side, in the 1870s. Like his father, James was born in Suva, Fiji, making him the sixth generation of his family to live in Fiji. Sir Ian Thomson arrived from Glasgow on the cusp of World War II as an army officer and was aidede-camp to the Governor of Fiji in 1941 serving as an officer with the Fiji Army during the Solomons Campaign.

On 13 June 2016, the United Nations General Assembly elected Ambassador Peter Thomson of Fiji to serve as President of its seventy-first session, running from September 2016 to September 2017. Peter had taken office in New York as Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in February 2010, serving concurrently as Fiji's Ambassador to Cuba until assumption of his duties as President of the UN General Assembly's seventy-first session.

He held office at the UN as Vice-President of the UN General Assembly in 2011-2012 and was elected as President of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority's 2011-2012 session, and then as President of the Council of the Seabed Authority's 2015-2016 session. For the duration of 2013, he chaired the United Nations' largest negotiating bloc, the Group of 77 and China. From January 2014 to January 2015, he served as President of the Executive Board of UN Development Programme/UN Population Fund/UN Office for Programme Support (UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS).

In a speech opening the 71st session of the General Assembly, the UN's prime decision-making body, Peter said the session would be the year for action on implementing all of the Sustainable Development Goals. He said he had appointed a team dedicated to getting meaningful momentum in implementing the goals aiming to end poverty, fight inequality and tackle climate change. He also pledged



to strengthen relationships between the UN's various bodies and help find new ways of resolving conflict, better management of migrant flows and reversing the decline in ocean's health.

A graduate in political studies (Auckland University, New Zealand) and development studies (Cambridge University, United Kingdom), Peter has had lifelong involvement in the field of development. Following university, Peter worked from 1972 to 1987 as a civil servant in the Government of Fiji, working in the fields of rural development and then foreign affairs. His Fijian government career began as a district officer in the rural regions of Navua, Macuata and Taveuni. In 1978, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Suva, where he took on political and overseas development assistance responsibilities before being seconded to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in 1979.

He was posted to Tokyo in 1981 with the responsibility of opening the Embassy of Fiji in Japan. He remained in Tokyo thereafter as First Secretary (Economic) until 1984, when he was appointed Consul-General of Fiji in Sydney.

In 1986, he returned to Fiji to become Permanent Secretary of Information, first under the leadership of Prime Minister Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, and then under Prime Minister Dr Timoci Bavadra. In May 1987, he was appointed Permanent Secretary to the Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, a position he held until his resignation from the civil service following the second military coup d'etat of 1987.

Peter has served as a board member of the Fiji Visitors Bureau, Fiji TV and the Fiji Broadcasting Commission. From 1988 to 2009, he worked in private enterprise as a company director, an investment consultant and a management consultant specialising in Pacific affairs, with clients ranging from government agencies to regional organisations, banks, universities and investment corporations. He is a founding member of the executive committees of the Australia-Fiji Business Council and the New Zealand-Fiji Business Council and in 2007 was made a life member of the latter.

In 2014, he was made an Officer of the Order of Fiji, an award bestowed by the President of Fiji recognising contributions and achievements by Fijians to the nation. He married Marijcke in Suva in 1973 and they have a son (James), a daughter (Nicola) and three granddaughters.

For more information about Peter's role in the United Nations General Assembly, visit:

http://www.un.org/pga/71/

Dean Poole – Award Winning Graphic Designer

ean attended the College between 1984-1988. He is now the founder and creative director of a multi-discipline design studio called Alt Group. They work across all aspects of design, brand strategy, graphic communication, digital, product and experience design.

During his time at the College, Dean won many Art Prizes, which he says was not surprising given he spent every spare second in the Art Rooms! He said, 'In fact, I often went to art instead of all my other subjects. I also got in trouble for 'crucifying' a Pterodactyl in an art show at the Fisher Gallery (Te Tuhi). I spent my weekends doing all the ball decorations and stage sets for the school musicals from my fourth form year onwards.'

Dean always knew what he wanted to do and tried leaving school in Year 11 to go to university and study art. The teachers at the College realised that this was Dean's 'destiny' so they helped support him to stay in the system. Dean says his Art Teacher, Mrs Robin Binsley was 'the most amazing art educator you could ever have'. He said, 'I still reflect on the impact she had on me when I was young. She encouraged me to have exhibitions of my work at the Fisher Gallery, connected me with famous New Zealand artists and at a very young age she also helped me to sell my work.'

In the years following his graduation from the College, Dean spent a year at AUT in a foundation course doing Art and Design, he then went on to Elam School of Fine Arts where he majored in sculpture. Dean was awarded the top prize at Elam, the Scott Ellery Medal.

After spending a couple of years immersed in the Art world in London, Dean returned home and set up an ideas company called Alt Group. He said he had never worked for anybody else, 'It is the classic start up story where we went from a small garage with four of us to a now busy studio of 26 designers.'

Dean has won 460 National and International awards for his work including The German Design Prize, Red Dot Grand Prix, Cannes Lions, D&AD's, Webby awards. In 2010, Dean won the John Britten Black Pin to acknowledge his contribution to design in New Zealanc and Internationally.

He was also invited to be the first New Zealand member of the prestigious AGI (Alliance Graphique Internationale) which is group of the world's leading designers with 450 members from different countries.

Dean said that the best thing that came out of his time at Saint Kentigern College was friendship. He said, 'Fellow Saint Kentigern student Aaron Edwards and I have been working together and creating things ever since school. He is one of the lead designers at Alt group. We still sit side by side at a desk all these years later. We have been working together for over 30 years!'



Show 'People!'

Prior to the closing night of this year's Senior College musical, Les Miserables, a group of former 'show students' convened for drinks and nibbles in the Goodfellow Centre - the first time most had seen the amalgamation of the library and the former administration block. Whether an actor on the stage, or part of the technical and backstage crew, the affinity to being part of a production is long-lasting.

Former cast: Lucy Dunlop, Jessica Allen, Annelise Katz, Jack Hofer, Sam Elliot, Alexander Maehl, Sharnika

Former crew: Andrew Lindsay, Philip Dnlop, Emily Levin, Claire Skelton, Matt Ellwood















SKOCA Boys' School Golf Day

n relatively cool conditions compared to other years, a field of over 70 players convened at the Royal Auckland Golf Club for the annual SKOCA Boys' School Golf Day. The guests, many of them former students, enjoyed lunch and a catch up prior to play.

Principal, Mr Peter Cassie outlined the high stakes for the afternoon, notably 'The Mungo Cap' - a replica of the original grey school cap worn in earlier times - to be awarded to the top team at the end of play. At the other end of the scale was the gaudy, multi-coloured blazer, not exactly a prize to be coveted; one that would be awarded for 'blooper of the day.' As the first recipient of the jacket two years ago for a less than admirable shot, Mr Cassie is always keen to see the jacket go to a new home!

As the fours headed out to their starting tee, carts loaded with provisions did the rounds to keep the players fed and hydrated. Frozen ice-blocks were very well-received at the mid-way point!

Following play, the teams retired to the club house for refreshments and the prize giving. The School is grateful to the many generous sponsors who provided some fabulous prizes for those whose score cards were favourable; we thank them for their generosity.

The winning four and recipients of the Mungo Cap was a team hosted by Deputy Principal, Mr Grayson Aspinall, including Mark Sixton, Warren Douglas and Neil Wang. The 'Longest Drive on the 18th' was won by Amanda Wilkinson for the ladies, with Alex van Shaardenburg picking up the award for the men. 'Nearest the Pin on the 7th' was awarded to Tessa Larsen and Nigel Smith.

The Ron Stone Memorial Trophy is awarded to an Old Collegian displaying 'the true spirit of sportsmanship.' This year it was presented to Peter Nelson who continues to do a tremendous amount for the School.

And the Jacket? It was awarded in the first few minutes of play for a 'slightly unusual' first drive off the tee by former student, Alex Smith!

This was a fabulous afternoon and it was great to see former students of all ages turn out to support the School. Our thanks to organisers, Mr Grayson Aspinall, Mrs Sue Bowskill and Mrs Karyl Kidd for their work ensuring that the day ran smoothly and to Old Collegians' representative for the Boys' School, Mr Peter Nelson for his support.

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arly March saw a number of Saint Kentigern Old Collegians complete the gruelling New Zealand Ironman in Taupo. Matthew McQueen, Olivia Faulding and Jono Bacon, along with Saint Kentigern College Latin teacher, Mr Jared Banham, successfully completed the 3.8km swim, 180km cycle and 42km marathon run. Not only were the distances challenging while competing against over 1200 athletes, but the conditions were appalling this year with a choppy lake make swimming difficult and a strong gusty wind on the bike section. With over 170 participants failing to complete the race, the Saint Kentigern competitors did particularly well to strike a 100% success rate.



Jono Bacon

After graduating from Saint Kentigern College in 2011, I got into Engineering at the University of Auckland, specialising in chemical and materials engineering. In my second year, I was lucky enough to gain a scholarship with Jacobs SKM, an engineering consultancy, where I worked for all the subsequent summers, also landing my first job there at the end of my degree. I finished my degree achieving a Dean Honours List Award.

While studying, I went back to Saint Kentigern to become the Head Coach for the Girls' Cycling Squad, alongside my best mate from College, BJ Ludlam. We coached the squad for three years.

After University, I wanted another individual challenge, hence the Iron Man! Mr Rick Faulding was certainly my inspiration for this and after chatting to him and receiving a programme, I just really took to it. During my time at the College, I hadn't really learnt how to swim properly so I took adult swimming classes and became proficient enough at it. The cycling was never really an issue as I'd done lots of big rides, and getting a lot of kilometres under the belt, was the key for running.



Matthew McQueen

When I graduated from Saint Kentigern College, I took a gap year in 2011 working at St Bede's in England and travelling around Europe. I then returned to study at Auckland University from 2012-2016 completing a double degree in Commerce (Economics and Finance double major) and Civil Engineering (with first class honors). In 2016 I was co-president of MCC (Management Consulting Club), the largest academic club on campus at Auckland University, leading a committee of 24 running events for our 1000 student members. I was awarded a University of Auckland Blues award for my service and leadership to the club in 2016.

I decided to do Ironman as it has been on my bucket list ever since I did Triathlon and Cycling competitively while at Saint Kentigern. Since leaving the College, I continued to do triathlons, shifting my focus to more endurance races doing several Half Ironman events. This summer, having just completed my degree and with time off before starting work, I decided it was a perfect time to tick off Ironman training over the summer months to be ready for the race in March.

In April I moved to Sydney to work at BCG (Bolton Consulting Group) and, therefore, I will be having a break from triathlon. I will, however, continue to run as I would like to run a sub 3-hour marathon time!



Olivia Faulding

After graduating Saint Kentigern College, I embarked on a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Psychology and Anthropology at Victoria University in Wellington, before returning home to Auckland to complete my studies. This degree began to shape my world view and sparked a passion for a more specific cross-cultural gender and sexuality studies. During student employment, I really found my passion working as a youth educator for the Auckland-based organisation 'Rape Prevention Education', which aims at promoting healthy and consensual relationships in adolescents.

I have always been relatively fit throughout my life and have strongly valued sports as part of my lifestyle having been involved at school completing multiple half-marathons and TearFund Poverty cycles. Following school, I watched my dad (Rick Faulding) coach Jared Banham for Ironman and I knew it was also my time to embark on this challenge too. To add an extra element to the race, Jared and I both chopped off our long hair to raise money for the Starship Foundation. We both raised over \$3,000 with the help of friends, family and co-workers. This journey has been incredibly tough in every way, but the support and love of everyone made Ironman feel like a team sport.

My first memory of Ironman was in 2003 when dad raced in the World Championships in Hawaii. I was super young and I remember watching dad and not comprehending the insanity of it all. I do remember understanding that he was doing it in memory of my brother James, who passed away in 2001. This became a key motivator and source of inspiration in committing to Ironman.















Rebecca Clarke – Triathlete

Rebecca started at Saint Kentigern as a Year 11 in 2004, the second intake of girls to the College. While at the College she pursed her love for swimming and Waterpolo. With her exceptional swimming skills, Rebecca became a National Champion in her age group for the 400m medley and had multiple placings in various National swimming events. At College level, she also won the Swimming Cup for two years, received Swimming and Waterpolo colours, was Captain of her Waterpolo team and was nominated for Sportswoman of the Year.

Since leaving College, Rebecca has gained a Bachelor of Physical Education from Otago University. This included an exchange semester in her last year to the University of Alberta, Canada. After university, Rebecca moved back to Auckland and started working as a swimming instructor and fitness trainer. At the same time, she turned her attention to triathlons, after enjoying competitive multisport events while at the College.

Rebecca had success in her first year, winning her age group (20-24) at the World Triathlon Age Group Championships in Beijing in 2011. Following this she moved up to racing as an Elite Triathlete and progressed from racing Elite Continental Cups in New Zealand, Australia to World Cups in Europe and America.

Her results gave her enough points to be ranked 65th in the world and go on to competing in her first Elite World Championships in Edmonton in 2014, placing 23rd in the world. In 2015, Rebecca raced on the ITU Triathlon World Series spending five months overseas and having the opportunity to race in the Rio Olympic Test Event, qualifying for the World Final. Unfortunately, after a run of injuries, missing the Olympic selection and a bad

bike crash, Rebecca took a step back from full time triathlon training and competing. After settling into fulltime work at a physiotherapy practice in Auckland, she switched her attention to training for long distance triathlons and competed in Taupo and the Port of Tauranga Half, placing 4th and 6th respectively.

Rebecca said that being a student at Saint Kentigern College helped her focus on her academic studies, which allowed her to pursue her choice of study at University and sporting wise it encouraged and gave her the confidence to challenge herself in triathlons. After competing in triathlons at the College and attending the triathlon camp, it gave her a 'little taste' and knowledge of the sport. She wanted to build on this to challenge herself after university, which led to success as an elite triathlete.

Rebecca said what she enjoyed the most while attending the College was the sporting programme - being encouraged to compete in a wide range of events and sports teams such as. cycling, team triathlon, swimming, waterpolo and cross country. She said she always felt supported by the sports department and facilities such as the Sports Centre were amazing.

She said, 'There was a well-equipped gym, and swimming pool which along with swimming, was used for kayaking training in physical education class. I also enjoyed the run along to the Yacht Club and back when training for the secondary schools duathlon. I really enjoyed the Camaraderie within my house, Cargill, and the rivalry and fun of inter-house competitions whether it was swimming sports, athletics, or house music.'

Recently Rebecca joined the staff at Saint Kentigern as a Sports Administrator.

Maddy Park - Living Her Dream!

n 2015, while still a Year 12 student at College, Madeleine Park achieved a double medal win at the Junior World Track Cycling Championships,

winning gold as part of the NZ Women's Pursuit team, setting a new world record. She then went on to win bronze in the 2000m Individual Pursuit. Since that moment, Maddy has had a very clear goal in mind – to live her dream and cycle professionally.

On graduating from Saint Kentigern in 2006, Maddy moved to America, having been selected as part of the Team Tibco Silicon Valley Bank Women's Professional Cycling Team. She

is based between Menlo Park in the San Francisco Bay Area and Boulder Colorado. Maddy said, 'These are two great places for training with a mix of flats, climbs and altitude. I came to be selected into my team, after applying to them in 2016. I was

lucky enough to make the roster, as their youngest rider. My daily life is fairly similar to what is has always been, although my training load is higher now that I am competing in the Elite Ranks. I am training 60% of the time and racing the other 40%. The races we compete in take us all over America, Europe and Asia. My next race is the Tour of Chongming Island in China, this will be my first Women's World Tour event and I am really looking forward to the step up. The lifestyle is definitely not that of an average 18 year old and it can be

pretty demanding, with a lot of travel and intense racing, but I am living my dream!'

We'll follow Maddy's progress with interest!



Chris Clegg – Aspiring Dancer



Chris graduated in 2015, having found his passion as a dancer whilst at College. He excelled in this art and was a key performer in the Dance Showcase under the tutelage of College Head of Dance and former New Zealand Ballet dancer, Mr Geordan Wilcox. Chris reports on his first year as a dance student in Wellington.

My first year at the New Zealand School of Dance in Wellington has been a fascinating adventure filled

with exciting and difficult challenges that have pushed my body to its boundaries. The physicality of the course has done so much with engraving my body with new skills and movement styles that over time, I have come to learn the way to move like a New Zealand contemporary dancer, under the teachings of Jarek Cemerek, Paula Steeds-Huston and Tor Colombus.

Jarek has taught our class a very fine European styled of moving to physical law and making our movements seem effortless and easy from floor work to partnering. Paula has impressed us with the way she finds fluidity in her body to produce beautiful movements which

she has passed onto us and, last but not least, Tor Colombus has enveloped each of us with skills we thought we never had; skills to create and modify our own individual and group pieces to an extent that it can be performed professionally in front of an audience, finding different ways to affect and involve those watching.

Tor has also given our class the opportunity to be involved in the World of Wearable Arts Awards Show, in which we discovered the professional working environment and were able to interact and entertain the crowds which attend this magnificent event.

These new-found skills have compelled me to further pursue this career as an art form, for not only my body, but also my mind. Other than the school and specific dance styles, living in Wellington has been excellent for all my other skills to improve in skateboarding and breakdancing to keep me sane during the long weeks there away from

breakdancing to keep me sane during the long weeks there away from friends and family. Overall the year has been an amazing experience and I would have loved to have started this style of dance earlier in my life now that I can see where the potential leads.

Thank you to my teacher at Saint Kentigern College, Mr Geordan Wilcox for taking the patience and interest in me to lead me into this life, the journey is hard but a fulfilling one and an amazing experience



Photographer Stephen A'Court, for the New Zealand School of Dance.

Jared Kristensen – Online Marketer



Jared Kristensen is the Founder and CEO of Audience Republic, an online marketing platform helping event organisers increase their ticket sales – primarily for concerts and music festivals. The company is Sydney-based, and has attracted \$600k investment to date.

Jared reports: 'When I finished school in 2007, I studied a Bachelor of Commerce at The University of Auckland, majoring in marketing and

commercial law. On the side, I had a business where I promoted music events. I'd book bands and DJs 'off the back' of Australian music festivals, and brought them to New Zealand to perform.

Over three years, I produced around 20 events and some did very well, and others not so well! There was one in particular where I lost

\$20k in one night because I didn't sell enough tickets. That was an immense learning curve and eventually became the inspiration behind starting Audience Republic.

Straight after graduating university, I moved across to Sydney where I worked for two technology start-ups: ASX-listed Flamingo as Head of Marketing, and OneSaas. Eventually, I resigned my job to concentrate on my own start-up, Audience Republic.

At Audience Republic, we're growing fast, have an incredible team and are very fortunate to be backed by some amazing investors. Currently we're focused on the Australian and NZ market, but will be soon expanding to the UK and North America. We're also looking to go beyond music and in to other customer segments including sport, theatre and conferences.

Saint Kentigern College certainly provided a fantastic platform, and I'm very grateful to all the people who supported me along the way.







Steffi Jamieson – Volunteering Overseas

Steffi was one of the Foundation Girls who started at the College as a Year 7 in 2003, graduating in 2009. Unsure what she wished to pursue at university, Steffi chose to initially take a GAP year and worked at St Bedes, East Sussex in England - Head of College, Mr Steve Cole's previous school.

While working as a 'Gappy' Steffi undertook a variety of jobs around the school and came to realise that she has a passion for helping people and, as a result, decided to enrol in a Bachelor of Nursing at the Manukau Institute of Technology on her return. On completion of her studies, Steffi said she was offered her 'ideal' job at a busy medical centre in Mangere, where she stayed for three years.

Through a friend, she heard about IVHQ, a New Zealand based volunteering programme with many projects worldwide. Steffi thought it would be the perfect opportunity to do a childcare project and give back to a less fortunate community. She said, 'I worked at, both an orphanage and day care in Costa Rica for two months. Most of my two months was spent working in a day care in an impoverished area where all children are also supplied food. I looked after and fed sick babies, and taught the older children hygiene and English through games, crosswords and singing.'

Steffi said what she loved the most about the whole experience was seeing the smiles on the children's faces when they arrived at the childcare centre ready to learn English and play games. She said, 'They seem to have never ending energy and love for us volunteers. Even when I know some of them come from very sad backgrounds.'

Steffi said that she feels volunteering is the perfect opportunity to appreciate and understand another culture. She said, 'Volunteering was a good break from nursing to open my eyes to how another culture lives and experience things that I can take with me into future pursing jobs and life'







Connor Mattson - Animation Workshop

uring Term 1, Old Collegian, Connor Mattson returned to the Jack Paine Centre to share his knowledge and expertise with the Year 12 and 13 Animation and Motion Graphic students. Connor is a former Animation student who excelled in the subject and, understanding the pressures associated with project based learning, was a perfect candidate to share his knowledge and experiences.

Connor is passionate about all aspects of design and was a founding member of the Year 13 Design Council. He is currently completing his undergraduate degree in Engineering and Science at the University of Auckland and is a member of the Jack Paine Centre Collective, which is set up for past students who are keen to share their creativity with the next generation of students.

The two-day intensive workshop covered what could have taken up to eight weeks to cover in class time. Students were introduced to the concepts surrounding 'the illusion of movement' and were challenged to create a convincing ball bounce using vector based graphics in After Effects, hand drawn rotoscoping from live action in Animate (formerly Flash) and 3D CGI in Maya. One of the most

obvious outcomes of the course is how we take animated outcomes for granted in everyday life! The course was held in JPCOM, the digital lab in the Jack Paine Centre. Here students used specialised software and the new industry standard Wacom tablets.

Animation and Motion Graphics is a specialist Technology subject offered in Year 12 and 13 and follows on from Digital Technology and/or Digital Art. It is a dedicated subject that is unique to Saint Kentigern College and has been developed with tertiary providers to ensure the content and experiences are robust and relevant for tertiary and industry. Teaching and learning in such an environment can be challenging as students join Year 12 Animation with a wide range of experiences of the craft and software involved. All students have different interests, strengths and weaknesses so it is vital the class runs more like a studio where all members work together to share information and mentor each other. A key to success in industry is understanding how to work in a pipeline environment and effectively collaborate towards an end goal. With past experience in exactly this, Connor had a great deal of insight to offer.

Old Collegians Hockey

on Wednesday 5 April, the 1st XI Boys Hockey played their 2nd annual fixture against an Old Collegians side at Lloyd Elsmore Park. The match served as preparation for the College 1st XI's up-coming season, with the experience and talent the Old Collegians possessing and providing a decent challenge for the current College team!

After a rigorous but evenly matched game, the score was tied 3-3 at full time, so the winner was decided in an exciting penalty shoot-out. On this occasion, the current 1st XI won, with Josh Child scoring the game winner. As per the 2016 event, the afternoon was very enjoyable, serving as a great opportunity for Old Collegians to catch up and share advice and stories with this promising team. Thanks to Mr Chris Dowdle, Mr Ramesh Patel, Mr Paul Bennett, and in particular Mr Malcolm Cowie for making the arrangements.





Annual SKCOCA Cricket Day

Beautiful cricket weather set up what was a fantastic day out for all at the annual College 1st XI cricket match against the Old Collegians X1. The toss was won by 1st XI captain, Fergus Ellis and on the back of SKC's good form, had no hesitation in batting first. The Old Collegian's X1 were made up of some highly talented cricketers, many representing their respective clubs at a high level. Last year's captain and New Zealand U18 representative, Sandeep Patel, was also present.

The 1st XI were off to a slow start. Ryan Phizackerley bowled a difficult line and length at good pace and bowled two maidens. He only bowled the two overs with figures of 2 overs 0-0. Despite the slow start, there were some lusty blows from Jono Low before he was removed for a very handy 30. There was also some assistance from Shane Setia and Jimmy Webb who contributed 19 and 22 respectively. Then Nikith Perera played a nice hand in the last few overs, hitting a few boundaries to finish on 35° and help lead the Saints to a competitive total of 163 from their 20 overs.

The Old Collegians' batsmen came out all guns blazing. However, Matt Soroka picked up a wicket in the first over of the innings, placing pressure on the Old Collegians. Sandeep Patel, the classy right hander, now came out to the middle and looked in ominous form. He blasted his way to 49 with a strike rate of over 200 until he was given out Ibw and had to depart. It then looked all too much for the Old Collegian's X1. Nikith Perera picked up 3-10 from his 3 overs. There was still a twist in the tail, or so it seemed, when big hitting Ryan Phizackerley came to the crease and hit six 6's in 12 balls. Thanks to some handy death bowling by Jimmy Webb, the Old Collegian's X1 fell 10 runs short of the target, and the SKC first XI came out victorious.

A fantastic barbeque and much needed refreshments capped off a fantastic afternoon of cricket. Special thanks to Malcolm Cowie, Ben Williams, and Pat Lowe for their work behind the scenes, organizing food and umpiring for the lads, thanks fellas!

Results:

Saint Kentigern 1st XI - 163/7 from 20 overs Old Collegians XI - 153/7 from 20 overs



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Jared and Anna Graham (Nee Simpson)

W hen Anna Simpson joined Saint Kentigern in 2008 as a Year 12 student, she organised to join the French and History trip that was travelling to Europe that year, in the hope of making new friends at her new school. Anna said 'Who knew I would come back from France with a boyfriend and then eight years later we would be married!' Anna and Jared join a growing number of Old Collegians who met at College and went on to marry.

Anna and Jared said that they were incredibly grateful to all their friends and family who were able to be at their wedding to celebrate their special day with them. Their bridal party included Old Collegians, Renee Simpson, Jenni May, Alex Clark, Tim Wilson and Seb Graham.

They report that since leaving Saint Kentigern College, they have remained in Auckland. Anna said that after graduating she went on to work at TVNZ and now works as an Event Manger whilst Jared is in the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

We wish Anna and Jared happiness in their life together.



Will and Laura Hughes (Nee Wright)

With a sister, Sarah (2006) and two brothers, Anthony (2003) and James (2010) who are former students, along with mother, Renae who is a long-serving member of staff at the College, there was certainly a strong Saint Kentigern presence when Old Collegian, Laura Wright (2007) married Will Hughes in December! The wedding took place at St Luke's Church in Remuera followed by a reception at Coatesville Settlers Hall.

Laura was a Foundation Girl at the College, one of the brave group of girls who formed the first intake when the College opened its doors to girls in 2003. Laura graduated in 2007 and currently works in marketing for Ford Motors, while her husband, Will is a Product Owner at Movio Media, a company that aggregates demographic and behavioural film audience data for film studios and distributors. We wish the couple all the best for a happy life together.

In Memoriam

David Russell Sarah	1968-1970	26/08/2016
Liam John Stewart	2011-2014	17/10/2016
Peter Hal Wilson McCowan	1954-1959	16/01/2017
Timothy Patrick Hutchens	1994-1996	10/03/2017
Terence Douglas Blewett	1963-1969	26/03/2017
John McCristell Webber	1953-1956	3/04/2017
Tony Beckett	1961-1965	6/04/2017
Alastair Robert Thomson	1960-1962	21/4/2017



involved, but for five years Mike coached the 1st XI Cricket and also coached 3A Rugby, training many who went on to play at 1st XV under his coaching to be national champions five times. Many Old Collegians will also remember Mike's long contribution to outdoor education - organising two of the Cashmore Valley camps and as a leader in the Fourth Form Field Centre; ski trips to Ruapehu, and chool holiday time. Mike later taught at Dannevirke High School. He survived by his wife, Jean.

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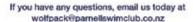
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