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John Kernohan Elected Chairman

From the Trust Board

The Saint Kentigern Trust Board is pleased to welcome Dr John Kernohan and Mrs Rosemary Harris as its new Chairman and Deputy Chairman respectively. These appointments were unanimously approved at the Trust Board Annual General Meeting held in late May. The Trust Board also took the opportunity to thank Dr Bruce Goodfellow, who will remain as a Board Member, for the exceptional service he has provided as our Chairman over the last 18 years.

The new appointments reflect the Trust Board's stated intention to re-evaluate its strategy for the long-term enhancement and growth of Saint Kentigern as a successful, leading educational organisation. As part of this strategy, Saint Kentigern committed to significant structural change last year. Following the announcement that Head of College, Steve Cole planned to retire at the start of 2017, it created the new role of Head of Saint Kentigern, appointing David Hodge to the position, and more clearly defined the separate roles of its four schools. The College's new structure was implemented at the beginning of the year with Mrs Suzanne Winthrop taking up the role of Principal - Senior College and Mr Duncan McQueen, Principal - Middle College.

In keeping with this new direction, and to ensure the Trust Board continues to refresh its membership, Dr Kernohan said it will also be establishing a nominating process to secure the continuing appointment of suitably qualified Trust Board members to lead Saint Kentigern in the future.

Dr Kernohan said that while Dr Goodfellow did not seek re-election as Chair, the Trust Board is very pleased that he is remaining as a Board member and will be making an on-going contribution to Saint Kentigern. During Dr Goodfellow's 33 years on the Board thus far, he has given outstanding service, often going above and beyond the call of duty. In his time as Chairman, our Saint Kentigern schools have more than doubled in size and now include over 400 staff teaching 2846 students, making it one of the largest Independent Schools' groups in Australasia. The Trust Board is proud that through this growth, Saint Kentigern has retained its firm commitment to excellence and service to the community.

With the 2017 year now well underway, The Trust Board, in conjunction with management, has started the process of master planning for our campuses. This is an opportunity to further bring our 'one organisation' together to provide benefits for the advancement of our students.

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Newly elected Chairman of the Trust Board



Dr John Kernohan

As a past parent, John has had a long association with Saint Kentigern. He has been a Board member since 2000 and now takes on the role of Chairman. John was founding Chief Executive Officer of Auckland Uniservices Ltd, a company owned by the University of Auckland to undertake commercial research projects and to develop technology. He is now retired but active in a number of church related organisations.

Newly elected Deputy Chairman of the Trust Board



Mrs Rosemary Harris

One of the longest serving, Rosemary has been a Board member since 1996 and is pleased to accept the role of Deputy Chairman. Rosemary is a past parent at both the College and the Boys' School. Rosemary is particularly involved with the Boys' School and is on the Roselle Foundation committee; part of the Saint Kentigern Development Office which focuses on fundraising for the Boys' School and other philanthropic activities.



A Tribute To Rev Dr Glen Pettigrove

The Rev Dr Glen Pettigrove has been a member of the Saint Kentigern Trust Board for the past five and a half years and tendered his resignation from the Board to take up a new role in Scotland at the end of April.

Glen was originally nominated to the Trust Board by the Northern Presbytery. He had held the position of Associate Professor in the Philosophy

Department of the University of Auckland and is a world authority on grace and love, meekness and ambition, anger and moral judgement, and forgiveness; all areas of interest lying behind the Saint Kentigern ethos. In May he took up the prestigious Chair of Moral Philosophy at Glasgow University, whose predecessors include the well known philosopher/economist Adam Smith.

During his time on the Board, Glen contributed well-received devotional insights at most Trust Board meetings and has involved himself widely both as a trustee and parent in the affairs of each of our schools, as well as providing support for our chaplains. Glen's wife, Kaila has also assisted with pastoral concerns and as assistant from time to time in Christian Education.

The Trust Board congratulates Glen and gives thanks of appreciation to him and his family for their involvement with us. We offer the family our best wishes and prayers as they establish themselves in Glasgow, the home of Saint Kentigern. Whilst it is our loss, at least we will have our own representative in our ancestral home city! Enjoy the bagpipes Glen!



Our Thanks to Mr Steve Cole

Eight Years of Loyal Service



During his tenure at Saint Kentigern, Steve Cole has shown unwavering dedication to his role as Head of College, a sincere passion for the achievement of every student and a vision and desire for success.

The profile and reputation of the College has steadily grown under his leadership and demand for places at the College is extremely high. Mr Cole embraced a non-selective student entry policy resulting in a diverse and interesting student cohort with a mix of ethnicities, abilities, talents,

academic prowess and gender. He has led the growth of the roll from 1630 to 2050 in eight years.

The 2013 introduction of girls' boarding substantially increased the roll of the boarding house and together with the increased numbers of international students, it means that Bruce House is now at full capacity. The College now has the biggest roll in its history.

With his relentless pursuit of continuous improvement, he established the absolute expectation of success for every student and set NCEA target pass rates of 100% at Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. The interest in the IB programme has grown over the past eight years and, as the overall achievement of every student entering the programme has improved, many successive students have gone on to achieve over 40 points in the Diploma. The higher levels of academic achievement have seen more students than ever being accepted into New Zealand and international tertiary institutions.

He fostered the introduction of innovative teaching and learning programmes. He reinforced the shift away from a separate intermediate years programme to the more progressive Middle School model. He initiated the integration of the traditional library with a learning commons to create the Goodfellow Centre; a modern, flexible, collaborative learning space that encourages both students and teaching staff to experience different ways of learning. The curriculum has expanded to include a broad array of options designed to prepare students for the rapidly changing workplace. He fostered the expansion of the Enhanced Learning Centre supporting the idea

that not all students learn the same way but that all students have the right to be well prepared and empowered for whatever awaits them in the future.

He revitalised the teaching cohort by recruiting the-best-in-their-field, qualified and committed, academic teaching staff and setting the expectation that all of them would also invest time and energy in the co-curricular life of the College.

His development of an unrivalled co-curricular programme led to 16 national sports championships, unprecedented national achievements for choirs and music groups and numerous awards for the drama productions and musicals. To support these programmes, he recruited specialist coaching and teaching staff from the ranks of New Zealand's best sports people and performance artists.

A significant capital development programme over the past eight years has seen the completion of the Macfarlan Centre in 2013 and the Goodfellow Centre in 2015. An indoor cricket pavilion to provide facilities for year-round practice was constructed in 2016. The Sports Centre is undergoing major renovation and expansion work to include an improved strength and conditioning gym, more dance studios, more gym space and added teaching spaces. It is due for completion in 2018.

The Service programme at the College has expanded significantly. The appointment of the Service Co-ordinator in 2010 to develop more and broader service opportunities in New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and Africa means that all but a handful of students, are now involved in spending time in the service of people less fortunate than themselves. The pastoral care programme has been strengthened by the introduction of two new Houses added to the existing four. This has engendered more leadership opportunities for both students and staff, and has reinvigorated the traditional spirit of competition between the Houses.

The Chapel programme flourished under his leadership through his strong advocacy for it. He appointed the Chaplain to his Senior Management team to provide counsel and a Christian perspective at the leadership table.

The Board would like to thank Steve for his extensive contribution and wishes him all the best in his retirement.



Head of Saint Kentigern Commissioned



At the beginning of Term 2, the Saint Kentigern community came together at Somervell Presbyterian Church for the formal commissioning of the new Head of Saint Kentigern, Mr David Hodge, marking a new chapter in the history of Saint Kentigern education.

The commissioning of a new school leader is a formal Saint Kentigern tradition, dating back to the founding of the College in 1953 by a group of Presbyterian elders,

and the commissioning of the first Headmaster, Reverend Adam MacFarlan.

The official party was piped in by College piper, James Milner with the Head Prefects from all three schools joining Trust Board members, Principals and invited guests in the processional. Mr Hodge was supported by his wife, Maggie, his mother and two of his children, Caitlyn and Charlotte, along with staff and students from his former school, Rangitoto College.

The Minister of Somervell, Reverend Brett Johnstone welcomed the congregation before Chaplain to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, Reverend Reuben Hardie, made the call to worship.

It was a pleasure to invite Deputy Principal of Rangitoto College, Mrs Ros Robertson to speak on behalf of their students and staff; her words confirming that in choosing Mr Hodge, the Trust Board made a sound decision for the future of Saint Kentigern. She concluded, 'David is an exceptional leader, and his educational vision is vast, exciting and challenging - he will serve and lead you well.' The Fundamentals Choir from Rangitoto offered a moving performance of 'Muse E' as they made their final farewell to their former Principal.

Following on, it was the turn of the Girls' School Kapa Haka group to entertain with a polished performance of 'E te Hokowhitu a tu' accompanied on guitar by Whaea Vikki Demant. The Boys' School Head Boy, George Beca then led the congregation in the Prayer of Saint

Kentigern before Reverend David Smith addressed the congregation, welcoming Mr Hodge to 'this exciting new era in the life of our Trust.' As the new Head of Saint Kentigern comes to know the Trust Board, the Principals of each school, staff and students, Reverend Smith encouraged him to 'walk with them, listen to them, teach them, guide them, lead them and serve them.'

Accomplished Year 13 College soloist, Sophie Maehl, well known for her jazz vocals, gave a powerful rendition of 'Have a little faith in me' accompanied by College pianist, Mr Stuart Saunders.



In undertaking the Commissioning, Chairman of the Trust Board, Dr Bruce Goodfellow spoke of the history and accomplishments of our schools. He said, 'In 2016, the Trust Board determined that to enhance the organisation and to provide for its future growth, including evaluating new educational opportunities which may arise, it needed to appoint a Head of Saint Kentigern who, through outstanding educational leadership, can take us into the future. Following an extensive search and interview process in late 2016, the Trust Board selected Mr David Hodge for the new role of Head of Saint Kentigern. Mr Hodge has extensive experience in education in New Zealand with outstanding achievements. He is internationally recognised for this work and we are delighted and privileged that he has accepted our offer of the position.'

Dr Goodfellow asked Mr Hodge, 'David, to the best of your ability, will you uphold the objects of the Saint Kentigern Trust Deed? Will you, to the best of your ability, serve the students of Saint Kentigern, its staff, its Principals and its Trust Board?' Dr Goodfellow then addressed the Saint Kentigern Community asking, 'Will you, to the best of your ability, support David as Head of Saint Kentigern?'

Dr Goodfellow concluded the commissioning saying, 'On behalf of the Saint Kentigern Trust Board, I now commit to your charge, the role of Head of Saint Kentigern, the care of our Principals, teaching and administration staff, students and all whom we serve as a community, assuring you of the Board's confidence in you, and





support of you in implementing the objects of the Trust. May God richly bless you in this task.'

The Boys' School choir came forward to sing 'The Saint Kentigern Blessing,' a beautiful piece written by New Zealand composer, David Hamilton for the School, with Oscar Van Druten taking the lead solo.



Representatives from each of the age groups, the College, Schools and Preschool, then came forward to present gifts to Mr Hodge. College Head Boy, Matthew Stirling, Girls' School Head Girl, Lola Wiltshire and preschoolers, Monica Qian and Oscar Hunter were given the honour. As Mr Hodge gratefully accepted the gifts, bending down to greet the preschoolers, he was left with no doubts about where his allegiance now lies – he was presented with a Saint Kentigern Bible, a Saint Kentigern presentation tie and a Saint Kentigern supporter's jacket – all in blue and white!

In response, Mr Hodge gave thanks to all those who came in support, in particular his family and representatives from Rangitoto. Humbled by the trust that has been placed in him to serve Saint Kentigern, he said, 'In the past week, I have been overwhelmed by the strength of commitment, the enthusiasm and the expertise that exists within each of the schools. To be tasked with bringing these people together so that they can build the capacity of one organisation is truly exciting. The role of facilitating the sharing of perspectives and expertise for the benefit of all is something I look forward to with great anticipation.'

The service concluded with the 'Saint Kentigern Song' and, out of respect for our forebears, a Scottish Benediction delivered by Reverend Reuben Hardie.

Mr Hodge is now formally a member of our community. The Trust Board is confident that Mr Hodge will provide robust and effective leadership for Saint Kentigern as it continues to build on the strong foundations and achievements of the past 63 years of Independent Education.



Introducing David Hodge

The Saint Kentigern Trust Board has great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr David Hodge, M.A. (Honours), M.Ed. (Honours) to the newly created position of Head of Saint Kentigern, effective from the beginning of Term 2 this year.

Mr Hodge has considerable experience in the education sector and is held in high-regard by his peers. For the last eleven years, he has been Principal of Rangitoto College, a Decile 10 school on the North Shore; the largest and one of the most successful coeducational schools in the country. During his tenure, Rangitoto College has enjoyed unprecedented improvement in its academic performance, as well as excelling in co-curricular activities. Prior to this, Mr Hodge had a most effective period as Principal of Tamaki College, a Decile 1 school in Glen Innes, raising the profile and driving exponential improvement in the educational performance of the school. Whilst at Tamaki College, he was recipient of a Woolf Fisher Fellowship.

Mr Hodge is also actively involved in wider educational circles. He is a Board member of the Global Connections International Principals' Group; an educational leadership organisation of 100 school leaders worldwide that promotes an international exchange of ideas on excellence in education. He is also a Board member of the AUT Millennium Operating Trust and was a member of the Education NZ Advisory Committee. In addition to this, he has been a presenter, facilitator and mentor in the New Zealand First Time Principals training programme, part of the Reference Group for the Ministry of Education's e-learning policy, and the University of Auckland's research into school leadership.

The appointment of the Head of Saint Kentigern concludes a restructuring of the organisation that has been under rigorous review by the Board over the course of the last year, since Head of College, Mr Steve Cole indicated his intention to retire from the teaching profession this year.

Under the new structure, following Mr Cole's retirement, the position of Head of College will be disestablished. From the beginning of 2017, the former positions of Heads of Senior and Middle Schools at the College will be renamed, Principal Middle College and Principal Senior College, with their roles moving towards a full responsibility principalship. Mr Duncan McQueen (Middle College) and Mrs Suzanne Winthrop (Senior College) have been appointed to these roles. They, along with the Principals of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, Mr Peter Cassie and Ms Juliet Small, will report to the new Head of Saint Kentigern. Mr Hodge will have oversight of all four schools on the three campuses with responsibility for providing excellence in the education of over 2750 students, including pre-schoolers, across the Saint Kentigern organisation.