

The Pipes & Drums Continue Winning Ways!

Early in the year, The Pipes & Drums of Saint Kentigern successfully competed at the annual Auckland Centre Pipe Bands Championship. Bands from around Auckland and neighbouring provinces gathered in Drury to compare their performance skills in various disciplines. Despite the record high summer temperatures, the bands enthusiastically pressed ahead, dressed in Scottish Highland uniforms, and still managed a full day of outdoor competition.

Our Pipes & Drums once again established themselves as the top juvenile band in the region, in the U19 grade, holding on to the Alexander Family Trophy for the tenth year in a row. At the massed bands and prizegiving at the end of the event, they were also awarded the Auckland Challenge Shield as the 'Best Turned Out' band over the entire competition. Notably, the band was complimented on its very good sound. One of the highlights was attaining excellent marks in the categories of piping, drumming and ensemble, which carried them into third place in the Grade 4 Street March event against an all-adult field. Drum Major, Fraser McEwen; Pipe Major, Lewis Hoggard and Leading Side Drummer, Alice Smith were proud to bring the trophies back to College.

After a strong start to 2018, The Pipes & Drums continued with a very busy schedule performing at the College Open Day before heading to Rotorua to compete at the RNZPBA National Championships. They were also be involved in the 65th Anniversary celebrations, at the Boys' School, Flora MacDonald Day at the Girls' School and they represented the College at the ANZAC Day service in Howick.



Challenge, Fun and Smiles at Year 7 Camp

There were smiles all round when our youngest sons and daughters of Kentigern headed to the Year 7 orientation camp at Chosen Valley in the Bombay Hills. 144 students enjoyed the sun, fun and camaraderie of a 'full-on' 5 day camp run by Head of Year 7, Mr Kevin Taylor and the Year 7 teachers. The many activities on offer provided an excellent means to ensure that the new students were well integrated into our College community.

After the deluge of last year, that dumped endless rain on the camp, flooding the site and calling for every ounce of resilience, this year's camp, by comparison, was a breeze! Once Cyclone Hola departed at the end of the first day, the weather stayed fine and warm for the rest of the week.

Activities are plentiful at camp to provide new challenges, plenty of fun and the chance for students to get to know one another. Of all the activities on offer, the students definitely put a positive spin put on those that involve water – fresh and clean or cloudy and muddy, it doesn't seem to matter! Wherever there's the opportunity to enter water at high speed – the bigger the splash the better!

In addition to the action-packed activities were the slightly more mundane as the students worked together on duties such as table preparation and clean up before and after each meal, and keeping their living quarters tidy. These duties are part and parcel of a successful camp routine and help students build independence, cooperation and a sense of responsibility.

These camps are an invaluable part of our orientation for students who are new to Saint Kentigern. New bonds are formed, House loyalties are entrenched and big, tired smiles of campers saying, 'Awesome, let's do it again,' make the experience worthwhile.

Our thanks go to all the staff but in particular to the many parent helpers who were able to join us at camp in the afternoons and provide valuable assistance and supervision.





Glorious Sunshine for Year 9 Camp!

During a week of glorious sunshine, with just the occasional drizzle to cool things down, Year 9 had a fantastic camp away at Totara Springs in Matamata, with half the students heading off for the start of the week, followed by the rest taking their place for the second half from Wednesday.

The Year 9 camp is a great opportunity to help cement new friendships and create strong bonds in each of the Tutor Groups. With a new intake of Year 9 students at the beginning of the year, joining those who have already been at the College for Years 7 and 8, this camp is strategically timed to bring new groupings together in a week where activities and the opportunity for challenge were plentiful.

Set amongst 90 acres of park-like grounds and native bush, Totara Springs offers a multitude of challenges both indoors and out. The students enjoyed many of the traditional camp activities including abseiling, archery and the kart track. Highest in the popularity stakes by far, however, was the downhill, high speed foam slide, awash with bubbles!

The students were also set team-building tasks that were particularly worthwhile as it got the whole Tutor Group talking, helping to set up their Tutor Group dynamic. Amongst these tasks was the requirement to build their own shelter from supplied materials for a night camping out. Some were successful but others found themselves up in the dead of night reconnecting their sagging shelter! Regardless, fun was had by all!

Camp is a fantastic opportunity for the boys and girls to step out of their comfort zones and challenge themselves physically and mentally in a new, yet supportive, environment. Through their time away from home, they were able to learn more about themselves and others, while growing in self-confidence. Our Year 13 Peer Support leaders played a big part at camp, providing support, encouragement and guidance for the Year 9's and instilling a sense of what it means to be a Son or Daughter of Kentigern.

There is an enormous amount of careful planning to ensure trips beyond the campus are challenging, have a true sense of purpose, are safe and run smoothly. We accord our thanks to staff, together with their team of House Tutors, and senior students who worked together to ensure the camp was once again a great success.





Extended Sports Centre Now Fully Operational!

Our physical education, sporting, fitness and dance communities were waiting with great anticipation over the course of last year, as work progressed on fantastic additions to the sports and dance facilities at the College, in readiness for the start of 2018.

Completed on target, the extension to the Old Boys Sports Centre was formally opened on Friday 16 March by special guest, former Head of College, Mr Steve Cole. Mr Cole is well remembered for his love of sport and was instrumental in getting this project underway.

Whilst both the Middle and Senior College students gathered for a whole College assembly, Mr Cole and Middle College Principal, Mr Duncan McQueen, along with Sports Prefect, Sam Scott and the Arts Prefect, Molly Griffiths, stepped outside to cut the ribbon – with the ceremony live-streamed back to the assembly. Year 13 student and keen sportswoman, Tayla Earle offered thanks on behalf of all the students for the outstanding new facilities to support the growth of student sport at the College.

Our current students and staff were eager to begin their new school year in the extended and greatly enhanced building, but there are probably not many people on the College campus today who realise that prior to 2001, the original College 'gymnasium' was housed in what is now the Music Centre! A look at the roof line inside that building gives away its early origins.

In 2001, a time when the College was still all boys, the original Old Boys Sports Centre was opened on the hill and hailed as 'one of the best college sports centres in New Zealand.' At the time, this was a

magnificent addition to the College campus to meet the needs of an ever-growing roll of students. It boasted two gym spaces, three class rooms and a small boutique fitness centre. There was a new staff room catering for the five PE staff and an office for the Director of Sport. The College roll at the time of its opening was 1100 boys from Years 7 to 13. At the time, we were proud that we had 'future-proofed' the new Sports Centre by including a dance studio, and both male and female changing rooms, in anticipation of girls joining the College in 2003.

As the years passed, the roll continued to swell, putting pressure on the Sports Centre facilities that, in recent years, has been operating at full occupancy from very early morning to well into the evening to cater for the extra demands of an increased roll. To cater for this growth, construction work for an expansion to the Sports Centre began late in 2015, when 4800 cubic metres of soil was moved from the 'Bruce House end,' to open up a flat building platform. The soil was relocated to the sports grounds, where it was used to extend a training pitch into a full-sized playing field.

Now in 2018, seventeen years since the original sports centre first opened, an extension to cater for this year's 1207 boys and 818 girls is now complete. The work has doubled the size of the former number two gymnasium, meaning that the centre now boasts two court

Gyms 1 and 2





Fitness Centre



Classroom Space



Dance Studio

spaces, one catering for volleyball, basketball, netball and badminton and the second catering for netball, basketball and badminton. One of the court spaces has an electric curtain that allows it to be configured into two distinct teaching spaces or left as one large 1,800m² space. This greatly enhances the opportunities for both physical education classes during school hours and co-curricular sport before and after school.

The strength and conditioning programme has come to play an important part in our sports programme in recent years. The original 'boutique' fitness centre has been replaced by a centre which is more akin to tertiary sports facility and will be the envy of any Australasian college. This new, greatly extended fitness centre includes a physiotherapy room and a presentation room for video analysis. Most importantly, it will now allow access for a greater number of students at any one time, ensuring that their bodies are well-prepared for the rigours of competitive sport.

The increasing popularity of dance as an examinable subject has meant that the original dance studio, along with a second 'temporary' studio that had been created in the area of the former squash courts, was no longer sufficient to meet demand. A state-of-the-art dance studio has now been added, which has the capacity to host performances as well as be divided into two acoustically separate teaching spaces. This is achieved by having an electrically operated, sound proof, dividing wall which retracts into the ceiling space to give greater flexibility of available space. The existing dance studio has been revitalised and another multi-purpose dance/activity room has been created downstairs. These studios have suitably cushioned floors, fit for purpose, to reduce the impact on students' bodies.

Following the ribbon ceremony, guests, staff and students were invited to the dance studio for an inaugural performance from two Old Collegians now studying dance at tertiary level. Erin Meek and Chris Clegg both graduated from the College with a love of dance and are now both studying dance in Wellington. In addition, there were performances from talented Year 11 ballerina, Monet Hewitt, a contemporary duet by Isabella Fox, Year 11 and Hayley Adams, Year 10, as well as full class demonstrations.

In addition to the 'active floor' space throughout the centre, the area vacated by the original weights room has been converted to a further two and a half classrooms, to increase the PE and Health teaching spaces to five. Additional changing rooms have been created for both girls and boys. The PE staff room now caters for 13 PE staff and office space has been included to support the Sport Development coaches.

In recent years, there has been a growing focus on health and well-being for all sectors of our communities, but in particular with a focus on young people in their early, formative years. Increasing and maintaining fitness is fundamental to good physical health, but being involved in a physical group activity, team sport, or working under the guidance of a mentor such as in the fitness centre also has proven benefits for the well-being and developing mental health of our young people. Extra-curricular activities at the College play an important part in developing 'all-round' students, encouraging them to find a passion that may well last a lifetime.

With recladding to the outside finishing the building, the extended, revitalised and refurbished Old Boys Sport Centre has further enhanced the fantastic College facilities for our students. Staff and students have waited with anticipation through the construction phase and are now loving the new spaces!

GROWTH IN DEMAND FOR THE OLD BOYS SPORTS CENTRE FACILITIES

A small sample of figures clearly show why there was a need to extend our sporting, fitness and dance facilities!

In 2001...

1100 boys
4 boys-only basketball teams
10 boys-only football teams
No netball teams
No dance classes
5 PE staff
No strength & conditioning coaches
No strength & conditioning programme

In 2018 - a snap shot

1207 boys and 818 girls
19 girls and boys basketball teams
32 girls and boys football teams
32 netball teams
369 dance students
13 PE staff
2 fulltime strength & conditioning coaches
500+ students involved in strength & conditioning





HOUSE SWIMMING CHAMPIONS	
1ST	WISHART
2ND	CHALMERS
3RD	STARK
4TH	HAMILTON
5TH	CARGILL
6TH	WILSON

Wishart Wins College Swimming

On a day when the rain fell but failed to dampen spirits, Wishart laid claim to the House Swimming title, knocking Hamilton from their three season winning streak.

Preliminary heats had been raced during the first days of term, to award House points for participation and determine which swimmers would race in the finals. To say the weather was a little unkind is an understatement! Not so bad for the swimmers who came and went for their races, but for staff on the side of the pool on the days of rain, it was a test of endurance!

On finals afternoon, the atmosphere around the pool was buzzing as the first group of swimmers took their mark. The noise was deafening as the

races got underway and the House prefects led their students to cheer on their House representatives. Once again we welcomed Year 7 and 8 swimmers from the Girls' School who put in a strong performance.

The day concluded with relay racing and as always, it was heartening to see our newly appointed student leaders rally around our youngest swimmers to give them support. The annual staff v prefects' race. Who won? Hard to tell but each would like to claim the victory!

Congratulations to all swimmers, age-group champions and Wishart for winning the first House event for the year.



INDIVIDUAL HOUSE SWIMMING CHAMPIONS 2018

	1st	2nd	3rd
SENIOR GIRLS	Olivia Overfield (CH)	Chelsea Simmons (W)	Maddy Clarke (H)
SENIOR BOYS	Josh Harford (CA)	Ryan Church (CH)	Ben Morrison (W)
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	Beth Harford (S)	India Doo (W)	Grace Chang (CA)
INTERMEDIATE BOYS	Will Bason (CH)	Danny Weng (CA)	Eamon Foley (WL)
JUNIOR GIRLS	Isabella Campion (CH)	Hannah Iosefa (W)	Sophie Spencer (CH)
JUNIOR BOYS	Oliver Avis (W)	Alex Perry (W)	Charlie Bassett (CH)
YEAR 8 GIRLS SKC & SKGS	Zara Nelson (W)	Kaia Ashmore (W)	Olivia Rooney (H)
YEAR 8 GIRLS SKC	Kaia Ashmore (W)	Ruby Spring (CH)	Charlotte Richardson (WL)
YEAR 8 BOYS	Sunny Sun (W)	Jack Dempsey (CH)	Liam Marks (CA)
YEAR 7 GIRLS SKC & SKGS	Alex Campion (CH)	Imogen Perry (W)	Claudia Spencer (WL)
YEAR 7 GIRLS SKC	Imogen Perry (W)	Claudia Spencer (WL)	Issy Orlandini (H)
YEAR 7 BOYS	Samuel Boyes (CA)	Matthew Phipps (W)	Max Lye (H)

Fantastic Results at Eastern Zone Swimming!

The Girls' School and College combined Year 7 and 8 swimming teams put up a great show at the Eastern Zone event collecting 33 podium spots between them! (The Girls' School individual swimmers are listed in the Girls' School section.)

100m Freestyle	3rd	Sunny Sun (Year 8)
50m Breaststroke	3rd	Julia Huang (Year 8)
Year 7 Girls Free Relay	1st	Imogen Perry, Edith Li (SKG), Alex Campion (SKG), Claudia Spencer
Year 7 Boys Free Relay	2nd	Max Lye, Samuel Boyes, Ethyn Brookes, Wil Graydon
Year 8 Girls Free Relay	1st	Miabella Robertshaw (SKG), Zara Nelson (SKG), Ruby Spring, Kaia Ashmore
Year 8 Boys Free Relay	3rd	Jack Dempsey, Harry Moulder, Samuel Boyes, Sunny Sun
Open Girls Medley Relay	2nd	Alex Campion (SKG), Imogen Perry, Zara Nelson (SKG), Olivia Rooney (SKG)
Open Boys Medley Relay	3rd	Sunny Sun, Sam Boyes, Jack Dempsey, Liam Marks





Hamilton Wins College Athletics!

After an intense two days of athletic competition, Hamilton House out-ran, out-threw and out-jumped the other five Houses to claim the overall College House Athletics Cup. Calculated by percentage on the number of students in each House, Stark won the participation numbers, putting up a great showing in each event. Previous overall winners for the last two years, Chalmers rose to the top on finals day results, however, when all the scores were tallied across participation and finals, it was Hamilton who took top honours.

The competition, which also included the Year 7 and 8 students from the Girls' School, was held over two days, with perfect weather on both occasions allowing the athletes to perform at their peak. On the first day, the winners of all but the 100m and relay disciplines were decided, with both track and field events run simultaneously all day.

On Finals Day, the semi-finalists of the 100m first returned to the track for additional races to determine who would go on to the contest the finals, sprinting down the track in front of the entire College, as cheers rang out in support. The day concluded with House relays in each age group, with one final race when the prefects took on the staff – and won!

Congratulations to all our age group champions!



HOUSE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

1ST	HAMILTON
2ND	STARK
3RD	CHALMERS
4TH	CARGILL
5TH	WILSON
6TH	WISHART

INDIVIDUAL HOUSE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS 2018

	1st	2nd	3rd
SENIOR GIRLS	Jaymie Kolose (W)	Lisa Putt (Ca)	Hannah Blake (Ch)
SENIOR BOYS	Alex McRobbie (H)	Sam Scott (Ch)	Peni Lasaga (W)
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	Cecile Velghe (S)	Mia Harries (W)	Catlyn McKenzie (H)
INTERMEDIATE BOYS	Logan Cowie (Ca)	Jordan Warren (H)	= Quinn Thompson (W) = Harry Strang (S)
JUNIOR GIRLS	Charlotte Manley (W)	Neve Webster (H)	Isabella Campion (Ch)
JUNIOR BOYS	= Louis King (S) = Matthew Larsen (Ch)	Kiyaan Manukonga (S)	
YEAR 8 GIRLS SKC & SKGS	Ruby Spring (Ch)	Jade Nomani (W)	Emily Clark (H)
YEAR 8 GIRLS SKC	Ruby Spring (Ch)	Emily Clark (H)	Isabella Nigro (Wn)
YEAR 8 BOYS	Daniel Hayes (S)	Broughton Weenink (H)	Jaxon Wilson (Wn)
YEAR 7 GIRLS SKC & SKGS	Alex Campion (W)	Madeline Ballard (Ca)	= Isabella Mills (S) = Katelyn Quay-Chin
YEAR 7 GIRLS SKC	Madeline Ballard (Ca)	= Isabella Mills (S) = Katelyn Quay-Chin	
YEAR 7 BOYS	Dejan Naidoo (H)	Max Lye (H)	Ryan Ellis (W)





HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS	
1ST	CHALMERS
2ND	HAMILTON
3RD	WILSON
4TH	WISHART
5TH	STARK
6TH	CARGILL

Chalmers Wins Cross Country

With the College calendar becoming increasingly busy, the decision was made to move the College cross country championships from Term 2 to the last week of Term 1 and, for the first time in a number of years, it was not elective - all students were required to run.

With the Senior College and Middle College originally scheduled to run on two separate days, more rescheduling was required when wild weather moved through at the start of the week! However, by Thursday, the morning dawned gloriously and the sun shone down on our early Middle College runners - but by the time the seniors took to the course later in the day, a chill autumn blast had set in!

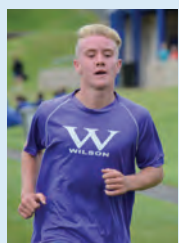
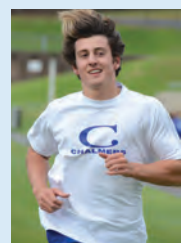
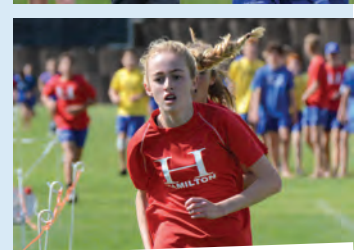
Once again, we welcomed the Year 7&8 runners from the Girls' School who put in a good showing in both age groups, winning places on the podium.

Congratulations to all the runners but especially those who took the top spots and will go on to represent Saint Kentigern at the zone competition. After all the points were tallied, including places and participation, Chalmers were the winners!



CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2018

	1st	2nd	3rd
SENIOR BOYS	Sam Waldin (CH)	Sam Russell (S)	Fin Orr (W)
SENIOR GIRLS	Maddy Clarke (H)	Hannah Blake (CH)	Sam Watson (S)
INTERMEDIATE BOYS	Logan Cowie (C)	Aiden Iqbal (WN)	Jack Melhuish (CH)
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	Sasha McLeod (H)	Emma Hannan (CH)	Genevieve Trimble (H)
YEAR 10 BOYS	Tommy Stevenson (W)	Jacob Spring (CH)	Sam Gunn (C)
YEAR 10 GIRLS	Sophie Spencer (CH)	Zara Jancys (W)	Jadore Harris-Tavita (CH)
YEAR 9 BOYS	Issac Wong (WN)	Callum Murray (W)	Dylan Rueben-Menzies (H)
YEAR 9 GIRLS	Neve Webster (H)	Brooke Conover (H)	Jasmine Zhang (C)
YEAR 8 BOYS	Daniel Hayes (S)	Maddix Brady (CH)	Clarke Gleeson (W)
YEAR 8 GIRLS (SKC & SKGS)	Olivia Rooney (H)	Ruby Spring (CH)	Alya Blackler (H)
YEAR 7 BOYS	Dejun Naidoo (H)	Ryan Ellis (W)	Charlie Hughes (S)
YEAR 7 GIRLS (SKC & SKGS)	Madeline Ballard (C)	Alex Campion (CH)	Mya Zoricich (WN)



Auckland Athletics Medal Winners!

It was a fantastic day of competition for our athletes at the Auckland Secondary School Auckland Athletics Championships held at Mt Smart Stadium. The students hauled in 18 medals, including eight gold – a proud moment for each of the medal winners, especially for those in first place.

For the second year in a row, Year 12 student, Lisa Putt led the charge with the most medals on the day, achieving gold in the long jump, triple jump and as part of the Senior Girls 4 x 100m Relay team. She added a 3rd place in the 100m to her haul.

Well done to all who competed on the day!

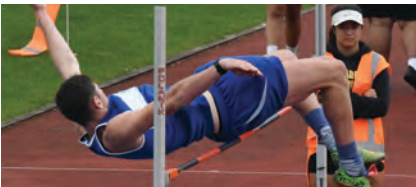
Junior Girls	
Charlotte Manley	2nd 200m
Natalia Rankin-Chitar	1st Shotput
	1st Discus

Intermediate Girls	
Cecile Velghe	2nd Long Jump
	1st Senior Girls 4 x 100m Relay
	2nd 200m

Senior Girls	
Mahina Paul	2nd 100m
	1st Senior Girls 4 x 100m Relay
Lisa Putt	1st Long Jump
	1st Triple Jump,
	1st Senior Girls 4 x 100m Relay
	3rd 100m
Jaymie Kolose	1st Senior Girls 4 x 100m Relay

Junior Boys	
TJ Panini	3rd 4 x 100m Relay
Callum Murray	3rd 4 x 100m Relay
Kiyaan Manukonga	3rd 4 x 100m Relay
Anish Edekar	3rd 4 x 100m Relay

Senior Boys	
Sam Waldin	2nd 3000m



North Island Athletics

Natalia Rankin Chitar and Lisa Putt were part of the team representing Auckland at the North Island competition. Both girls had some fantastic results with Natalya winning gold in the discus, breaking both the College Record and North Island Record. She followed this up breaking another College record when she placed 3rd in the shotput. Lisa also broke two 13 year old College records when she won gold in the long jump and placed 2nd in the triple jump. She also placed 2nd in the 100m.

Junior Girls	
Natalia Rankin Chitar	1st Discus (New College and North Island Record)
	3rd in Shotput (New College Record)

Senior Girls	
Lisa Putt	1st Long Jump (New College Record)
	2nd in 100m,
	2nd in Triple Jump (New College Record)

Greater Auckland Girls Touch Champions!

The College Sport Greater Auckland Premier Girls Touch competition provided our Premier Girls' team with a strong early season challenge against tough opposition, and a chance to show their true mettle – winning the event for the second year in a row!

Held at Cornwall Park over three consecutive Mondays, the girls dominated the pool play beating Westlake Girls, Mt Albert Grammar, Howick College, Baradene College, One Tree Hill College and Saint Cuthbert's College. Having won all six games comfortably, scoring 58 tries with only 4 against, they went on to face Westlake in the final and

had to work hard to finally secure the 5-4 win!

The team now qualify in top position from the region for the NZ Secondary School Championships in December – a title they won last year!

Congratulations to talented young sports woman, Mahina Paul (Year 13) who has been named in the NZ Women's team to play in a Trans-Tasman tournament. As last year's Girls Runner Up to the Dux Ludorum, Mahina is no stranger to international competition, representing NZ for the second year in a row.





Top Multisport School in NZ!

Our triathletes were thoroughly prepared and excited about the racing during Term 1, following the intensive three-day training camp in Taupo in January, which focused on racing skills and fitness. Training continued during the term providing an ideal platform for the racing ahead.

Auckland Championships

The season began with the Auckland Triathlon Championships at Maraetai – which quickly turned to a duathlon when the swim leg was unfortunately cancelled due to lack of a suitable water safety patrol. Triathlon is usually a three part event consisting of a swim followed by a bike leg and finishing with a run – an event in which Saint Kentigern typically does very well. In this instance, the swim portion of the race was replaced with a 2 km run prior to the cycling and second run. Seven medals were gained, including three individual golds and two team golds. This haul was added to at the Auckland Aquathon Champs (swim/run) held at the College, where the team again amassed seven medals including two individual golds and one team gold.

New Zealand Championships

The College Triathlon team travelled to Nelson for the highlight of the racing season, the National Triathlon and Aquathon Championships. This event is a step up from the regional competition, so it was with a good deal of pride that we gained nine medals across the individual and team events. Along with two individual gold medals and one team gold, we also had two silvers and four bronze places on the podium. With this medal tally Saint Kentigern achieved sufficient points overall to be named overall top school for the competition!

Saint Kentigern College was also, once again, named overall top School for the Competition!

Auckland Secondary School Triathlon Championships

Sophie Spencer	Gold Junior Girls
Maddy Clarke	Gold Senior Girls
Finian Orr	Gold Senior Boys
Will Bason, Jensen Foster, Logan Cowie	Gold Intermediate Boys Team
Sam Waldin, Callum Walsh	Gold Senior Boys Team
Ruby Spring	Silver Junior Girls
Sacha McLeod	Silver Intermediate Girls

Auckland Secondary School Aquathon Championships

Sophie Spencer	Gold Junior Girls
Will Bason, Logan Cowie	Gold Intermediate Boys Team
Finian Orr	Gold Senior Boys
Emma Hannan	Silver Intermediate Girls
Hamish Jones, Zachary Clarke	Silver Intermediate Boys Team
Ryan Church	Silver Senior Boys
Maddy Clarke	Silver Senior Girls

National Secondary School Individual Triathlon

Sophie Spencer	Gold U14 Girls
Ruby Spring	Silver U 13 Girls

National Secondary School Aquathon

Sophie Spencer	Gold U14 Girls Race
Ruby Spring	Bronze U 13 Girls Race
Alex Campion	Bronze U12 Girls

National Secondary School Teams Event (4 Person Team)

U14 Team: Eva Melhuish, Alex Campion	Gold (combined schools)
U 14 Team: Hunter Donley, Isabella Campion, Ryan Gill, Ruby Spring	Silver (1st single school team)
U16 Team: Jack Melhuish, Emma Hannan, Tommy Stevenson, Sophie Spencer	Bronze (1st single school team)
U19 Team: Ryan Church, Maddy Clarke, Finian Orr, Sacha McLeod	Bronze (1st single school team)



Tough Challenge on the Water

Our premier sailors have faced some tough battles on the water in recent weeks. Beginning with the 2018 Harken National Secondary Schools Keelboat Championships, they started well with two 1st place positions in the first five races on finals day. The team were narrowly holding onto 2nd place but unfortunately could not hold off a late run by Rosmini College and Westlake Boys and were bumped out of podium contention to 4th place.

During Tournament Week, the team competed in the Auckland Cup Teams Racing Championship and after some epic battles on the water, finished 3rd overall. The team sailed fourteen races over the two days in variable condition, with light winds and calm seas on the first day and heavy seas and winds blowing over 20 knots on the last day, so they were well and truly tested!

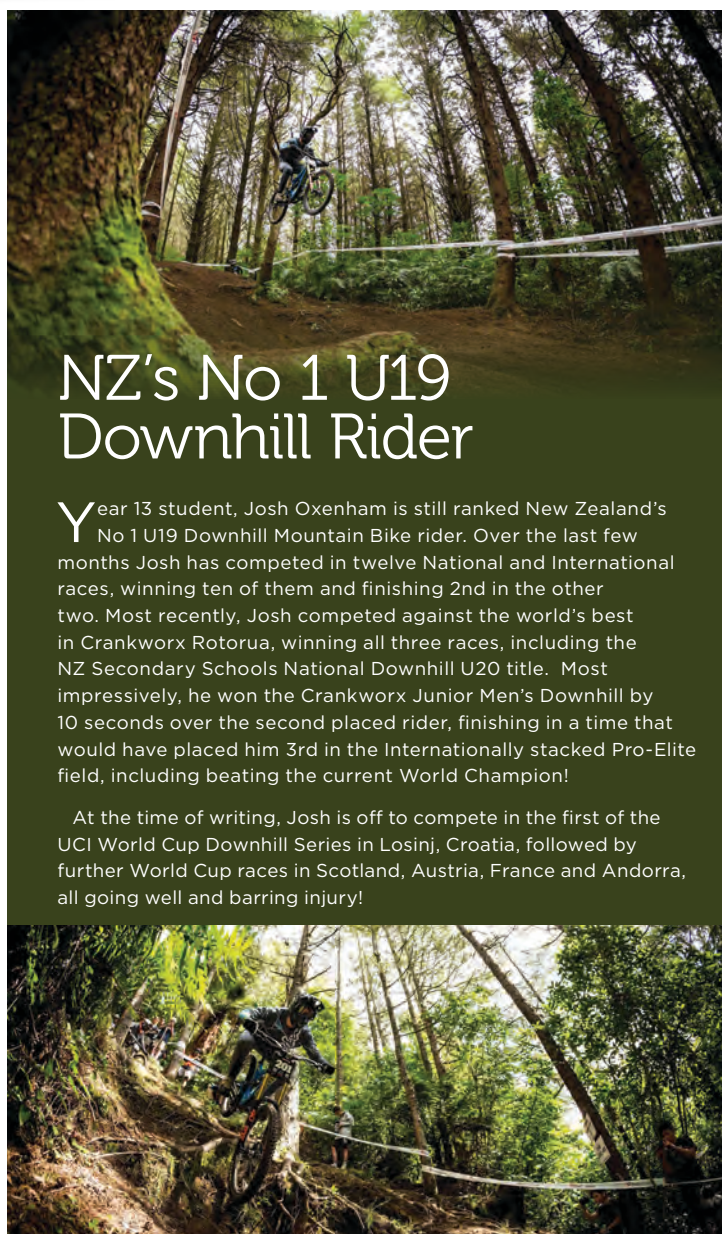
Gold on the Track!

Eight cyclists represented the College at the inaugural New Zealand Schools Track Cycling Championships held at the Avantidrome in Cambridge during Tournament Week. The competition was run in an Omnium format with each age group contesting three events to determine the overall medallists. There were also team events for both U16 and U20 categories.

In the U16 category, Ben Connell finished just outside of the medals in 4th place overall with a 3rd place in the 3000m Scratch race and 2nd place in the 4000m points race.

Three riders competed in the U20 events with Zac Cantell-Roberts riding a great scratch race for 3rd place and 8th overall. Cam Manley raced consistently for 4th place overall after a 4th placing in the 6 lap Keirin Final and 5th in the 7500m Points Race. Following a strong 3rd place in the Points Race and a 4th behind Zac in the 5000m Scratch Race, Callum Walsh received a Bronze Medal for 3rd overall.

The Pursuit Team of Callum, Cam, Zac and Jensen Foster were fastest qualifiers in the 3000m event on the first night of competition to make the final for the following day. The final was against the local Cambridge High School team. With an adjustment to the starting order and Ben stepping in for Jensen, the team produced a great ride with an exceptional last lap by team captain, Callum to pip Cambridge by 0.349s and win the gold medal. This was a great team effort by all five riders! Well done boys!



NZ's No 1 U19 Downhill Rider

Year 13 student, Josh Oxenham is still ranked New Zealand's No 1 U19 Downhill Mountain Bike rider. Over the last few months Josh has competed in twelve National and International races, winning ten of them and finishing 2nd in the other two. Most recently, Josh competed against the world's best in Crankworx Rotorua, winning all three races, including the NZ Secondary Schools National Downhill U20 title. Most impressively, he won the Crankworx Junior Men's Downhill by 10 seconds over the second placed rider, finishing in a time that would have placed him 3rd in the Internationally stacked Pro-Elite field, including beating the current World Champion!

At the time of writing, Josh is off to compete in the first of the UCI World Cup Downhill Series in Losinj, Croatia, followed by further World Cup races in Scotland, Austria, France and Andorra, all going well and barring injury!

Auckland T20 Win for 1st XI

The change in format to T20 during Term 1 brought new determination to the 1st XI. Prior to the Summer Tournament Week play at Parrs Park, the boys had beaten Botany and MAGS, lifting their confidence as they went into three full days of cricket. As the tournament progressed, the team's performances improved, putting on clinical performances for the first two days of play, making it to the final day sitting comfortably at the top of the table.

The last day of the tournament saw Saint Kentigern play the final round robin against Westlake Boys High School. With the toss won and our boys batting first, a formidable total of 182 was set. Contributions from skipper Conor Ansell and a quick half century from Sajith Dhambagolla allowed them to set an incredibly competitive total. A mammoth chase eventually proved too much for Westlake as they were all out for 111, with the wickets being shared equally among the bowlers.

It was to be a Westlake vs Saint Kentigern double header for the final. The toss was lost and Westlake chose to bat. As Westlake finished the power play only one wicket down, they looked set for a big score, however, fantastic bowling contributions throughout the middle overs limited Westlake to a total score of 132/9 from their 20 overs. Opener, Simon Keene and number 3, Sajith Dhambagolla made small work of the total, scoring 47 and 55* respectively. In the end, Saint Kentigern had another convincing win, beating Westlake in the final by 8 wickets to gain the Auckland T20 title and cap off an unbeaten tournament!



Colts National Tournament

It was with great excitement that our younger, Colts Cricket team travelled to Palmerston North to play against the best Colts teams in the country. We started with a very thorough win against King's from Dunedin, which saw a nearly faultless bowling, fielding and batting display. Unfortunately, in the next two matches against St Andrew's and Wellington College, the boys were unable to reproduce the same consistency to put enough pressure on the opposition and, as a result, had two close losses. In their last match, our young men again showed their capability and had a comprehensive win against Saint Johns from Hamilton, to finish 4th overall. The represented their school with pride and Harry Lowe led the team with real quality and character over the week.



More Gold for Nathan!

Year 10 table tennis player, Nathan Xu, has had stellar results in his competition as he builds up so far this year to the Youth Olympics in October.

Recently, Nathan returned from Australia after competing in the 2018 International Table Tennis Federation Oceania Senior Championships. Only 14 years old, he travelled to the Gold Coast as part of New Zealand's Under 21 Men's team!

After five long days of competition, Nathan returned home with gold in the team event, as well gold in the Under 21 Men's Singles and a bronze in the Under 21 Men's Doubles!

Nathan was only 13 when he qualified last year for a place in the 2018 Youth Olympics taking place in Buenos Aires, Argentina in October. He is likely to be one of the youngest competitors at the games where he will come up against the best youth players in the world.

Nathan began playing table tennis at just four years old and, despite his age, is currently ranked as one of the top three male players in



New Zealand. He said 'Seeing the ball fly over the net to win a game after countless hours of practising and trying to master that shot is simply the best feeling ever. Table tennis is a really complex sport which requires the player to constantly adapt. The way every shot is different and the fact that you have to react to those changes swiftly is what makes table tennis beautiful.'



A Winning Season for Tennis!

In the final weeks of Term 1, our tennis teams were involved in both national and regional competitions proving that the tennis programme at Saint Kentigern continues to be strong with some great results from both our boys and girls!

National Tennis Teams Championships

Saint Kentigern was the only college in NZ to have a team in all three national championship events in Christchurch. The Mixed Premier Tennis team made it through to the final unbeaten and then went on to beat St Andrew's comfortably to win the mixed title. The Boys' Premier team had a much tougher journey through to the final. Initially losing on countback to Christ's College, they went on to beat top seeds Wellington College in the semi and replayed Christ's College in the final, this time winning 4-2 to also claiming the New Zealand title!

NZ Tennis Championships

NZ TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS	
Mixed Team:	
Ana Tamanika, Sam Hodges, Max Allais, Ema Miyaura	New Zealand Champions
Boys' Team:	
Nick Beamish, Rudolf Aksenoks, Sean Kelly, Max Dickey, Liam Stoica	New Zealand Champions

Auckland Champion of Champions

Our premier players represented the College at the Auckland Secondary Schools Tennis Champion of Champions, competing in singles and doubles with Saint Kentigern represented in nine of the twelve finals.

AUCKLAND CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS	
SENIOR	
Ema Miyaura	Senior Girls Singles Champion
Ema Miyaura and Aimee Brown	Senior Girls Doubles Runner Up
Sean Kelly and Rudolf Aksenoks	Senior Boys Doubles Champions
Rudolf Aksenoks	Senior Boys Singles Runner Up
INTERMEDIATE	
Ana Tamanika	Intermediate Girls Singles Champion
Ana Tamanika and Ela Vakaukamea	Intermediate Girls Doubles Champions
JUNIOR	
Jack Loutit	Junior Boys Singles Champion
Jack Loutit and Alex Mirkov	Junior Boys Doubles Champions
OVERALL SCHOOLS TROPHY	
Boys' Team: Champions: Rudi Aksenoks, Sean Kelly, Max Dickey, Samuel Hodges, Jack Loutit, Ales Mirkov	
Girls' Team: Runner Up: Ema Miyaura, Aimee Brown, Ana Tamanika, Ela Vakaukamea, Meg Downs, Annabelle Loutit	

Auckland Secondary Schools Tennis Teams Championships

At the Auckland Secondary Schools Tennis Teams Championships, the Boys' Premier Tennis team continued their dominance of this competition winning it for the 4th year in a row, beating Botany 4-2 in the final. The Girls Premier Tennis team beat Westlake Girls 5-1. This was really exciting play as it is the first time the girls have won this title for 4 years!

AUCKLAND TEAMS COMPETITION

Boys Premier Tennis Team

Liam Stoica, Nick Beamish, Rudi Aksenoks, Sean Kelly, Max Allais	Champions
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Girls Premier 1 Tennis Team

Ema Miyaura, Ana Tamanika, Ela Vakaukamea, Aimee Brown	Runners up
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Rowing Gold for Harry and Alex!

With the rowers encouraged to involve themselves in winter training ready for the first half of the season at the end of 2017, followed by a solid training camp at Finlay Park, Karapiro during January, the rowers, under the watchful eye of coaches Peter Mason and Guy Williams, were ready for the Term 1 regattas, building to the nationals in Twizel this year.

The North Island Rowing Championship Regatta was held over four days with heats taking place on Thursday and Friday, followed by the finals on Saturday and Sunday. This year, the College had an astonishing 26 crews qualifying for A, B or C finals. This volume of successful crews has clearly shown that the many hours of training for this season have paid off.

North Island Rowing Championship

Silver Medal	U18 Double: Alex McRobbie, Harry Church
Bronze Medal	U18 Boys Quad: Ben Franich, Alex McRobbie, Harry Church, George Beggs, Grace Barry (Cox)

New Zealand Secondary Schools Championship

Gold Medal	U18 Double: Alex McRobbie, Harry Church
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Some notable results from this regatta included a Silver medal in the U18 Boys Double for Harry Church and Alex McRobbie, who then followed this up with a Bronze in their U18 Quad with team mates Ben Franich and George Beggs, coxed by Grace Barry.

A successful season was completed with all of the crews that were taken down to the New Zealand Secondary School competition in Twizel making A or B finals. The success of the campaign, however, was the Boys U18 Double of Alex McRobbie and Harry Church winning the Gold medal in this event. This is the first title won at U18 level in 18 years! Harry has gone on to be named in the NZ Junior Quad to race at the Junior World Rowing Championships at Racice, Czech Republic, in August. Well done!



Competitive Season for Waterpolo

The Premier Water Polo season wrapped up in late April after a competitive and tightly-fought New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships.

After a good build up, the Premier Boys' season was highlighted by a place in the Auckland League final for the second consecutive year. The 2018 edition was played at the National Aquatic Centre as a part of the FINA Inter-continental World League qualifying event. The opportunity to play in a fully set up, world championship level pool was a once in a lifetime opportunity. The team came up against arch rivals Sacred Heart College, who after a tight tussle in the opening half, pulled away to win 8-6 leaving the boys in second place in Auckland.

The boys travelled on to nationals, determined to right the ship after the loss in the Auckland Final and a fourth place finish in the North Island. They had a real fight on their hands in the quarter-final against surprise package, St Peter's who pushed them all the way to a Penalty Shootout. However, young goalie, Alex McNaught's quick reflexes proved decisive as he made two clutch saves to secure a third consecutive national semi-final. However, it was a tough last two games for the squad who fell to Westlake Boys' High School and Rangitoto to finish fourth in the country.

It was a season filled with learnings for this young team who will no doubt be back pushing for titles in 2019. The premier girls also travelled to Wellington after finishing 7th in Auckland, 8th in the North Island and wrapped the season by finishing 10th in the country.





Presbyterian Quadrangular Tournament

For three days during the April holidays, our Saint Kentigern 1st XV hosted fellow Presbyterian school teams, Scots College from Wellington, St Andrew's College from Christchurch and Lindisfarne College from Hawkes Bay for the Annual Presbyterian Quadrangular Rugby Tournament. Bound together by our strong Presbyterian roots with links to Scotland, the tournament is keenly contested each year by the 1st XV's from each school.

Now in its 30th year, with each school taking it in turn to host the tournament, many players have taken to the field over the years since its inception. Before play began, we welcomed almost 100 young men into the Chapel of Saint Kentigern for an ANZAC service conducted by Chaplain (and keen rugby supporter!), Reverend David Smith. It was a pleasure to hear the boys, in full voice, singing the National Anthem together before laying poppies in memory of those, many similar in age, whose lives were cut short by war.

Soon after Chapel, the first games were played with St Andrew's beating Lindisfarne 31-5 and Saint Kentigern beating Scots 62-5.

As much as the competitive spirit of the tournament is important, so is fellowship and with the teams billeted in Bruce House, there was plenty of opportunity for new friendships to be forged. This carried through into the evening of the first day of play when the formal Quadrangular Dinner was held in the setting of the Year 13 Common Room, with the schools sharing the tables that had been beautifully set for dinner.

Senior College Principal, Mrs Suzanne Winthrop welcomed the guests to dinner, including fellow leaders and special guest speakers for the evening SKY Sport rugby reporter and commentator, Mr Scotty Stevenson, and former players, Mr Grant Fox, now an All Black selector and Mr Ian Foster, an All Blacks Assistant Coach.

Run as a question and answer session, Scotty asked Grant and Ian pertinent questions to give the boys insight into what it takes to become a professional rugby player. Both Grant and Ian made it clear that to succeed and take the sport to the next level, talent is not enough, the boys need to be of a mindset to work hard at the game to maximise their chances, but also ensuring they have a strong educational fall back if they don't attain their dreams. In conclusion, Grant told the boys to wake up every day grateful for what they have been given - each boy attends a great school with opportunities to make the most of their talent both on the field and in the classroom - the rest is down to hard work and 'bit of luck.'

Prior to dinner, Deputy Head Boy, Ben Staite made the address to the haggis and during the course of the evening, the captains from each team, Dom Cornish from St Andrew's; Jaylen Tuapola from Scots, Daniel Livingstone from Lindisfarne and Rivez Reihana from Saint Kentigern all made toasts.

ANZAC Day was a day of rest before it was back to the business of rugby the following day. On a brilliantly sunny autumn day, with our grounds beautifully prepared, Scots and Lindisfarne were first to playing for 3rd and 4th place with Scots winning the game.

The final game of the tournament was a spirited game between St Andrew's and Saint Kentigern but the home side proved too strong with our boys winning the game 29-21 to claim the Quadrangular Cup.

With the Auckland 1A competition underway, the tournament was a great opportunity for our boys to get some early season game time. We thank St Andrew's, Scots and Lindisfarne for making the journey and hope they enjoyed their time with us as much as we enjoyed hosting them.

