

From the President of the Old Collegians

Another year is well underway and as we move into the programme of Old Collegian events for 2019, it is great to see Old Collegians who have recently finished at the different campuses coming back and involving themselves in some of the events we have. What is also pleasing is that three new members have joined the committee from the graduating class of 2018. I would like to welcome Laura Porteus, Laura Porter and Henry Fitzgerald to the committee, they have already had some great ideas to further engage our Old Collegian network with graduating students.

As of writing, we have had a number of events involving our OC's and I am pleased to report on these events as follows:

We had a very successful Boys' School Golf day at Royal Auckland Golf Course early in February. Its always a great day on a superb golf course, and I would encourage all those past students of the Boys' School to dust off the golf clubs and put together a four with some of your old school mates. The prizes make the entry fee worth it alone!

Staying with the Boys' School, the annual Wiriha Cup for Cricket was played on March 29th against the current First XI. After being set a very imposing 165 to win by the Boys' School, I am very pleased to report that the 'Old Fellas' got there with a ball to spare in the final over. It was great to see the boys look up to ex-Black Cap, Tim McIntosh who opened our innings. The cup match has become a firm favourite in the sporting calendar and we look forward to competing again next year. Given the success of the Wiriha Cup, we are exploring options of having Tennis, Touch and Basketball games matches as well. Watch this space!



Some College matches have also been played, our Old Collegian XI had another impressive victory against the College 1st XI cricket team, winning for the third year in a row. For the second year in a row, our OC Hockey team played out an entertaining 4-4 draw at Auckland Hockey's Lloyd Elsmore Park. The OC's went behind three times in the match, only to come back every time and score the equaliser in the final minutes.

We are making a major drive to 'RECONNECT' with our alumni. Shortly we will be reaching out to all our current database members with a plea to contact as many of their old SK friends and forward our 'RECONNECT' request. This is a major first step in making sure our Alumni contacts are as up to date as possible and allows us to effectively communicate with all of you. Please help us when the opportunity arises.

This year we are trying a couple of new initiatives in the form of Year Reunions. We are trying to organise both a 25th year and 30th year reunion. If you started the College in either 1985 (30 years) or 1990 (25 years) then please register your details with:

25th year reunion: Attn Cam Marcroft
skoca@saintkentigern.com

30th year reunion: Attn Mark Richardson
skoca@saintkentigern.com

We continue to work on our core goals of Fellowship, Scholarship Support, Philanthropy, Special Grants and Graduation Celebrations and welcome any suggestions or enquiries to our committee members, so please keep in touch via the website; skoca@saintkentigern.com

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**Mr Hayden Butler,
President of the Old Collegians**

SKOCA 2019 Calendar



20 JUNE - THURSDAY LONDON REUNION JULY

Time: 6.45pm

Venue: - The Green Room @ Ball Brothers, 10-11 Austin Friars, EC2N 2HG
skoca@saintkentigern.com

17 OCTOBER - THURSDAY CANTERBURY/LINCOLN UNIVERSITIES

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Fox & Ferret, Riccarton, Christchurch

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

18 OCTOBER - FRIDAY OTAGO UNIVERSITY

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Starters Bar, Dunedin

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com

11th NOVEMBER - MONDAY SKOCA - COLLEGE GOLF DAY

Time: Assemble at 11.00am

Venue: Remuera Golf Club

Ticket: \$100.00 per head.

Refreshments provided.

(John Howard)

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com



26 JULY - SATURDAY SKC v St Peters - 1st XV Rugby

Time: 2.30pm

Venue: No 1 Field, College
After match refreshments & BBQ provided



4 AUGUST - SATURDAY SKC v AGS - 1st XV Rugby

Time: 2.30pm

Venue: No 1 Field, College
After match refreshments & BBQ provided



15 DECEMBER - SUNDAY SKBS - TOUCH RUGBY & BBQ FOR 2014 LEAVERS

Time: 3.30pm

Venue: SKS Sports Centre & No 1 Field

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com



Boys' School Golf Day

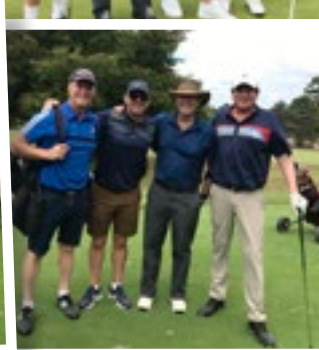
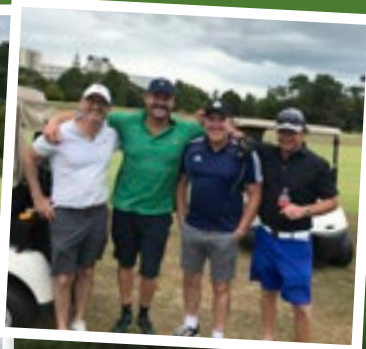
On a day filled with sunshine, almost 60 players convened at the Royal Auckland Golf Club for the annual SKOCA Boys' School Golf Day. The golfers enjoyed a day of laughter and camaraderie as they vied for the 'prestigious' Mungo Cap and Ron Stone Memorial Trophy, amongst other generous prizes.

Players were surprised, but not deterred when they were confronted with an altered course, due to major developments taking place. With the heat of the day, they were pleased to meet Mr Whippy on the 16th hole to enjoy a cold ice-cream. On the 18th hole, the clubs of yesteryear were brought out as a challenge to golfers to see who could drive the furthest. It goes to say that regardless of the vintage, if you have everything aligned the ball travels well!

The winning team and recipients of the Mungo Cap were Paul Carsen, Gordon Charles Finlayson, Frank Tauveve Matautia and Noel Dryland, and the Ron Stone Memorial Trophy was awarded to John Hooper who displayed 'the true spirit of sportsmanship.' Other players were recognised and given prizes for getting closest to the pin (Nigel Smith), and having the longest drives (Tracey Bishop and Simon Rowntree). And for the 'Bloopers' jacket - a number of contenders were put forward but in the end, Shelley Springford was given the dubious award for racing off in her cart - only to discover further down the track that her clubs had fallen off the back!

Many thanks to all who helped ensure the day ran smoothly and to the sponsors for their generosity.

Our special thanks to the following 'Hole' sponsors: Outline Design, Matassa Property Services, Brez Electrical, Ace Care and Boyd Visuals. Thank you also for the range of prizes donated by: Sundown Gin and Hint Vodka, Paper Plus St Heliers, East Imperial, The Gift Loft, Lexel, Abbex, Winger Maserati, Ricoh, Toshiba, Resene, Odyssey Wines, Framingham Wines and Saint Kentigern Boys' School.



ReConnect

Update your
Details

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Title
First Name
Middle Name
Last Name

Have you moved? Are you moving? Have you changed your name? Do you know of former classmates, past parents or teachers who no longer hear from us? People are constantly on the move and sometimes forget to let us know. Don't lose touch, we'd like to maintain that connection, we'd like to RE ► CONNECT!

A project is currently underway to update the Saint Kentigern database and RE ► CONNECT with those Old Collegians, past parents, teachers and administration staff who have 'dropped off our radar!' You are reading this in Piper because we have your contact details, but there may be others in your Saint Kentigern network who no longer hear from us - spread the word, we'd like to RE ► CONNECT!

There are many younger Old Collegians who are still receiving Piper via their parents' address. If you have moved to your own address, let us know, so we can stay in direct contact - RE ► CONNECT!

If you request us to do so, we will amend any personal information about you, held by us, which is inaccurate, incomplete or out of date. Keep your details up to date - RE ► CONNECT!

To update your details, visit the Saint Kentigern website - www.saintkentigern.com/old-collegians/update-your-details/

Spread the word and help RE ► CONNECT our community!



Lucy Broadhead – Boys' School Teacher

I entered the gates of Saint Kentigern College in 2007, as a fresh-faced Year 7 student. Brimming with enthusiasm and a love for all areas of school, Saint Kentigern College became my second home. The seven years that I spent at the College shaped me – as it truly was 'a world of opportunity'. Little did I know, the Saint Kentigern community would continue to provide me with opportunity years after finishing high school.

After my time at the College came to an end, I moved to Dunedin to complete my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Education. During my studies, my passion for education further developed, prompting me to specialise in papers relating to child development, educational psychology and social psychology. These avenues allowed me to recognise that being involved in the developmental stages of a child's life is a true privilege. This inspired me to complete my Master of

Teaching and Learning during 2018, in order to become a primary teacher. During my final months of completing my Masters, it was time to start thinking about my next move... putting theory to action and entering the teaching world. Finding an advertisement for a teaching position available at Saint Kentigern School for Boys' was all the encouragement that I needed! I am now proud to teach a class of Year 2 boys at the School.

I believe that to teach is to open doors for children to develop mentally, physically, socially and emotionally – and this alone is one of the greatest gifts that we can pass to the next generation. I am incredibly grateful for the role that the Saint Kentigern community has played in my journey thus far, not only in providing me with my own education, but giving me the opportunity to give back to the community and teach those that will one day also be Old Collegians.



Alice Peacock – Journalist

I graduated from Saint Kentigern in 2011, after three years at the College. I didn't have a clear idea of what my career path would entail, but knew it would be in the arts. English, history and classics were my strengths throughout my senior years, with my successes helped along by some brilliant teachers. I enrolled in a conjoint degree; a Bachelor of Law with a Bachelor of Arts at Victoria University. Wellington was an easy choice – it seemed far enough away to gain a bit of independence, but close enough for my parents to visit and take me out to dinner. I was underwhelmed after my first semester of law, so decided to focus instead on my arts degree. I majored in English literature and media and tried out a number of minors, eventually settling on management.

In my second and third years as an undergraduate, I volunteered for Victoria's Salient Magazine. I'd whiled away many of the free hours in my first-year timetable reading the magazine with a coffee and was keen to give news writing a shot. With the guidance of a Salient's news editor at the time, I started writing articles every couple of weeks, mainly news with the odd opinion piece. I loved it and started to look into how I could turn the hobby into a career!

After a bit of investigation, I packed up my life in 'Welly' and headed to Christchurch in 2015. With an arts degree under my belt, I got stuck into a post-graduate Diploma in Journalism, at the University of Canterbury. As part of the course I dabbled in radio journalism, news reporting for Mediaworks' RadioLIVE during my break, as well as print journalism – working for The Press.

Choosing between the two was difficult. Radio was fast-paced and opened up opportunities down the track to get into television, while print allowed for more words to get my teeth into a story or issue. After a stint working for RadioLIVE, the Paul Henry show and the AM Show, I switched allegiances.

I'm now working at the Herald, writing for the Weekend Herald and the Herald on Sunday. I'm a general news reporter, meaning I write about a variety of topics. As cliché as it is, this means no two days are the same. I have a lot of freedom to pitch my own stories and have written about everything from wayward freedom campers to bigger features. One of the latter that stands out is a piece about the Wahine disaster, on the 50th anniversary of the boat sinking.

In the 'work perks' side of things, I also do the odd brunch review for Canvas, and a bit of travel writing. A recent trip for the Herald's Travel magazine landed me in Utah for a week of skiing and hiking – not your average work trip! I consider it a pretty privileged career, in which you get to hear the stories, struggles and triumphs of a range of interesting people.



Nick Stenner – Oxford PhD Student

After my time at Saint Kentigern, I studied economics, maths, and statistics at the University of Auckland before moving to Sydney to work as an economist at the Reserve Bank of Australia. After working for a few years, I was fortunate to get the opportunity to study at the University of Oxford. I completed my Master's in Economics in 2018, and I am currently studying towards my PhD.

My three years at Oxford have been a truly unique experience, not only due to the academic environment but also the broader University lifestyle. Postgraduate students come from a very diverse range of backgrounds, so you get to know some really interesting people. In addition, the University attracts a wide range of prominent individuals who come to speak or debate. For example, I've attended talks from past Prime Ministers such as Gordon Brown and Malcolm Turnbull, as well as professional athletes and artists. While most of my time is spent researching, I also tutor undergraduate economics, which has taught me a lot and is something I never thought I would do.

Aside from academia, I have enjoyed getting involved in sport and the College lifestyle. Every student is assigned to a College, which is a community that students often live and eat in and go to for social activities and academic events. For my first two years, I lived in College accommodation with my fiancée. I signed up for the College rowing crew when I arrived, which was a good way to meet people studying other degrees. It had been around 10 years since I rowed at Saint Kentigern, and I really enjoyed getting back in the boat!

I would not have had the opportunity to study at Oxford without the education and guidance I received at Saint Kentigern. For anyone considering studying economics I would highly recommend it. Economics teaches you to think analytically and develop quantitative skills that are demanded by a broad range of occupations and industries.



Sam Rich – Professional Percussionist

After graduating from Saint Kentigern College in 2012, I decided to pursue my Bachelor of Music in Percussion Performance at Auckland University. During that time, I performed frequently with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra alongside my teacher Eric Renick. 2013 and 2014 included trips to Melbourne to compete in the Melbourne Snare Drum competition where I was awarded 2nd and 1st place respectively, earning a mentorship with the Melbourne Symphony. In 2015, I was involved in the New Zealand Symphony Fellowship Programme, frequently travelling down to Wellington to observe rehearsals, get lessons with the percussionists and learn about the management side of a symphony orchestra.

The following year, I began a Bachelor of Music with Honours degree at Te Kōi New Zealand School of Music where I graduated with First Class Honours, studying with NZSO's Principal Percussionist Lenny Sakofsky and Principal Timpanist Larry Reese. During that same year, I spent two months at the 'Music Academy of the West' summer festival in Santa Barbara as one of five Percussion Fellows, performing with some of the USA's best youth musicians. On my return to New Zealand, I won the Principal Timpani audition for Orchestra Wellington which I held between 2016 and 2017.

Feeling the need to return to the USA, I left my timpani position in August 2017, after being accepted into the San Francisco Conservatory of Music to pursue a two year Master's Degree under the guidance of Jacob Nissly, Principal Percussionist of the San Francisco Symphony. Studying in the USA was only possible due to the generous support I received from both the Patricia Pratt and Kiwi Music Scholarships. My time at the conservatory has been absolutely incredible for my musical education. Working alongside so many talented colleagues and teachers has helped my musical growth immensely.

In March 2019, I briefly returned to New Zealand to audition for the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, who had announced an opening for the Sub-Principal Percussion position. After surviving three audition rounds, I was named the successful candidate and was offered a trial with the orchestra to start in September 2019.

I am currently back in San Francisco, about to complete my Master's degree, and I will be returning to New Zealand in June.

