



Dear Parents and Guardians

On Friday, 28th November 2014, it was our great pleasure to host the Minister of Primary Industries, the Honourable Nathan Guy, local dignitaries and representatives and guests from our Principal and Business Partners for the Centre of Excellence for Agricultural Science and Business™.

The morning started with a "sod turning" ceremony for the foundation of the new Centre of Excellence building, which will be situated on the boundary of the main cricket oval, adjacent to the classrooms of the Science faculty. Honourable Nathan Guy received a rousing St Paul's Haka, from the students of the Junior School, before turning the first sod of earth for the foundations that will constitute what will be both a state-of-the-art teaching resource for the new subject area in our School, but will also be a very valuable community resource for our various partners and the rural sector for groups such as Young Farmers.

The Minister then moved onto the St Paul's Dining Room where representatives of the Principal partners (Mr Tim Mackle, CEO of Dairy NZ and Mr George Tatham, regional representative of Beef + Lamb) and the Headmaster addressed the 120 invited guests on the reasons that each of the groups had made a commitment to the Centre of Excellence initiative – specifically the development, resourcing and roll-out of a new subject for the New Zealand curriculum framework – Agri-Business. The Minister highlighted the importance of the new initiative for the Agricultural sector and the New Zealand economy as a whole and thanked St Paul's Collegiate School for its leadership role in the genesis of the new curriculum. The Honourable Nathan Guy then went on to present framed certificates, which recognised both the

The Honourable Nathan Guy 'turns the first sod' for the Centre of Excellence



generous financial and moral support of the Principal partners (St Paul's Collegiate School, Dairy NZ and Beef + Lamb) and the ten Business partners (Greenlea Meats, BNZ, LIC, AGMARDT, NZ National Fielddays Society, Waikato Milking Systems, Waitomo Petroleum, Zoetis, Campbell Tyson, AGrowQuip). St Paul's received hugely positive exposure from this 'Ground Breaking Event' on national television, radio and in the print media, the benefits of which we believe we will see in enhanced senior enrolments over the next 3-5 years.





Centre of Excellence Principal and Business Partners' representatives, accompanied by the Honourable Nathan Guy, Minister of Primary Industries; Headmaster, Mr Grant Lander and Director of Agribusiness, Mr Peter Hampton



Junior School perform a rousing Haka for Minister Nathan Guy

The site of the new Centre of Excellence facility



PROFILE OF A KEY BUSINESS PARTNER FOR THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE - LIC



LIC is one of the oldest farming co-operatives in New Zealand, with a proud history of providing service and solutions to improve farmer prosperity since 1909.

The co-op has pioneered some of the biggest innovations that provides today's farmers with their competitive edge on the world stage, including the systematic testing of milk quality, Long Last Liquid (fresh) semen, DNA technology to genomically identify and select elite sires, and more recently, a short gestation bull team bred to deliver offspring an average 10 days early.

LIC's commitment to farmer prosperity and productivity continues, with genetics and information to create superior livestock; information to improve decision making to enable superior livestock; hardware and systems to improve productivity and decision making; and LIC International - adding value for shareholders, focussing on key markets. Strong investment into research and development also continues, to deliver on future farmer needs.

The co-op supplies three-quarters of the country's bull semen from its farm outside Hamilton, as well as information and automation systems, herd testing and diagnostics to drive efficiency and productivity gains on-farm. Subsidiary business, Dairy Automation Limited (DAL), also provide milk testing sensors that measure fat, protein, somatic cell counts and volume, and present real-time data while a cow is being milked.

With offices locally and internationally, LIC employs a large team of staff with a wide range of knowledge and expertise. More than 800 employees are based in offices around New Zealand, increasing to around 2000 for the peak dairy mating season.

For more information visit www.lic.co.nz

PROFILE OF A KEY BUSINESS PARTNER FOR THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE - BNZ



The Bank of New Zealand, BNZ, is delighted to sponsor the St Paul's Collegiate Agribusiness Centre of Excellence. I congratulate all those involved in developing this invaluable facility which will help lift New Zealand's agribusiness capability and knowledge across the sector, so I wish everyone the best of luck with the programme.

At BNZ, we are proud to be a part of the rural economy, supporting New Zealand farming enterprises with over 100 specialist Agribusiness Partners based across 24 provincial locations. We are committed to helping New Zealanders realise their potential and achieving their long-term financial goals.

With 178 stores across the country, our staff are on hand to help find the right solution that suits your needs, so you can make sound financial choices - now and for the future.

With over 150 years experience in supporting New Zealand farmers, BNZ has much to offer including a nationwide network of 33 BNZ Partners centres, available for our customers to do business in, coupled with a specialist corporate agribusiness, providing capability in family succession and governance to agribusiness, BNZ really understands the role we play in making our customers more successful.



We understand the volatility of the sector; the varied challenges and opportunities, the constant drive for improved productivity and the need to balance present needs with future planning. Over the years we've gained a clear picture of how practical industry experience can make a real difference to our agribusiness clients.

I wish all the students a very successful and enjoyable programme, and look forward to watching their developments and future successes, as the participants will undoubtedly become the future agribusiness leaders.

Stephen Veitch | Senior Partner | BNZ Partners Hamilton

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTINUES WITH ENCOURAGING MOMENTUM

We are incredibly supportive of the families, organisations and Trusts who have chosen to pledge over four years (or give a one-off donation) towards our four key future-proofing projects. So far we have raised an encouraging \$1.75m for the Capital Campaign and we would like to thank the following people and groups who in 2014 have made a generous donation to this crucial initiative within St Paul's Collegiate School.

Donations of \$100,000 and over

Anonymous (3), John and Sarah Oliver

Donations between \$50,000-\$99,000

Anonymous (2), Chris and Jill Grace, Greg Thompson, Andrew Johnson and Sarah Morton-Johnson, Lion Foundation, Donny Charitable Trust, Gregg and Suzanne Brown, Chris and Liz Trower.

Donations between \$10,000-\$49,000

Jon and Sue Tanner, Anonymous (2) The Johnstone Trust, John and Jenny Jackson, Tom and Diane Ammann, Annabel Cotton, Lex and Christina De Jong, Ken and Julie Williamson, Kerry and Susan Kirk, Ian and Penny Taylor, Earl and Jo Rattray, Lloyd and Olwyn Downing.

Donations up to \$10,000

Great Oaks Trading Company, Grant and Judith Lander, Rod and Jenny Carr, David Kidd, Anonymous (5), Leveson and Vicki Gower, Spacific NZ, Bryan and Gareth Sanson and Kylie and Michael Rameka, Biocel Health Ltd, Mr RB and Mrs CE Armstrong, Wayne and Jan Doran, Pamela Harington Trust, Rev Loris and Colin Eyre, John Dawson Consulting, Barrie and Jude Tatham, Former friends of St Paul's Association, Giles Chanwai and Tammy Wong, Lloyd and Karen Jones, Hugh Potter, Barry Galpan, Keith Sutton, Jefferis Family, Colin and Fran Jackson and Trevor and Yok Hickmott.

We are delighted to be working with the following organisations as partners in the Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Science and Business™:

DairyNZ, Beef + Lamb

BNZ, LIC, AGMARDT, Zoetis, NZ National Fieldays Society, Greenlea Premier Meats, Waikato Milking Systems, Waitomo Petroleum, AGrowQuip NZ Ltd and Campbell Tyson.

LONG-SERVING STAFF MEMBER FAREWELLED

The following is the speech delivered by the Headmaster at Mr John Oehley's community farewell held on Wednesday, 26th November 2014:

"In December 2014, we farewell Mr John Oehley from the St Paul's Collegiate School staff. After just over 20 years of outstanding service, in a variety of crucial roles in our School, Mr



Oehley recently indicated that he would be retiring and ending his impressive teaching career.

Mr Oehley came to St Paul's Collegiate School in 1994 as a teacher of Mathematics, having emigrated from South Africa, where he had been the Senior Deputy Headmaster of the prestigious Pretoria Boys' High School. Almost immediately his leadership ability was recognised with his appointment as Housemaster of Hamilton House and then as Boarding Housemaster of Clark House (a position he held for five years) and school timetables, before being appointed as Assistant Headmaster, around the start of the new millennium; a position he held until the end of 2010, when he took up a part-time role as Careers Advisor.

Mr Oehley's tenure saw the school roll rise from 450 students to just under 700. He played a crucial role in the implementation of NCEA into St Paul's; managed the School curriculum, assessment, student option choices and the timetable. An outstanding Mathematics teacher in his own right, Mr Oehley had a significant influence on raising the School's academic performance. His Mathematics with Calculus students consistently achieved impressive results in the tough national Scholarship examinations. Dedicated and interested in the welfare and personal development of his students, Mr Oehley coached both Cricket and Rugby sides and more recently, coordinated the Weights Club.



Past Headmaster,
Mr Steve Cole and
Mr John Oehley

Hugely loyal and committed to St Paul's, Mr Oehley has been a magnificent servant of our school. He possesses an amazing work ethic and a drive and determination to achieve top quality outcomes. Particularly, in the challenging period of the late 1990's, Mr Oehley played a pivotal role in the leadership of the School and its ultimate revival. Passionate, articulate and possessing a sharp intellect, which enabled him to quickly get to the hub of an issue, Mr Oehley proved a great Assistant Headmaster. He wore so many hats at St Paul's and had a huge amount of responsibility which he managed in an efficient, thorough and effective manner. Latterly, Mr Oehley has enthusiastically thrown himself into his responsibilities as a Careers Adviser. His grasp and understanding of student curriculum options, tertiary opportunities and his ability to relate easily to teenagers have enabled him to be very successful in this role.

We thank Helene and the Oehley family for giving us so much of their husband and father's time over the past two decades. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to John Oehley. We thank him for his amazing contribution to the development of St Paul's and for his loyalty and commitment. His wisdom, institutional knowledge and dedication will be sorely missed. We wish John all the best for his well-earned retirement".

FAREWELL TO REVEREND CRAIG LUCCOCK

The following is the speech delivered by the Headmaster at Reverend Craig Luccock's staff farewell held on Friday, 21st November 2014:

“At the end of the year, we farewell our much loved and respected Chaplain, Reverend Craig Luccock, who leaves St Paul’s Collegiate School to take up a Chaplaincy position at prestigious Appleby College in Ontario, Canada.

Reverend Luccock arrived in New Zealand in 2007, having had an extensive history of work with youth in Canada. He started as the Vicar of St Stephen’s Anglican Church in Tamahere and as the Associate Chaplain of St Peter’s School in Cambridge. In 2009, he was appointed to the fulltime position of Chaplain at St Paul’s Collegiate School. Craig’s arrival at his new school in term two marked a period of considerable turmoil for St Paul’s. Within the first few weeks, he proved his worth in the calm and empathetic manner in which he led the community through their grief at the sudden passing of beloved Housemaster, Mr Keith van Niekerk.

Over the past five and a half years, Reverend Luccock has impressed students, staff and parents with his thought provoking sermons. He has had the gift of being able to engage young people through a mixture of audio-visual cues (he seems to have an encyclopaedic knowledge of movies!); contemporary music; down-to-earth, highly relevant messages. Incredibly articulate and able to think comfortably on his feet and an excellent story teller, Reverend Luccock has been able to express himself in a sincere and genuine manner, which has gained him creditability and the support of the young people in the congregation.

Very empathetic and supportive, Craig has shown an intuitive understanding of the needs of both students and staff and proved an effective listener to those requiring assistance.

Reverend Luccock and Mr Roger Bell - Photographer



During his time at St Paul’s, Reverend Luccock has gained his Diploma in Teaching and really developed his skills and understanding of the profession, proving an effective teacher of both Religious Studies and Social Studies. He and his very supportive wife, Ellen have raised three young girls since 2007. In her own right, Ellen has gained huge respect within Anglican Church circles for the tremendous job she did as Personal Assistant to Archbishop David Moxon.

Reverend Craig Luccock would rightly be viewed as one of New Zealand’s best School Chaplains. A warm approachable person, with a great sense of humour and a love of all things Canadian, Craig will always be remembered fondly by the St Paul’s community. A person who seeks ‘to build people up’, he actively looks for the good in individuals and has encouraged them in their strengths. Craig embodies the faith he preaches and shows a real palpable commitment to the values and teachings that he believes in. There can be no higher praise for a School Chaplain. The Reverend Craig Luccock has proved a terrific citizen, colleague and supporter of those in need. We wish him, Ellen and his family our Lord’s blessing, in their move back to their homeland. We hope it is a very successful and satisfying experience. We thank Craig for his commitment, loyalty and his generosity of spirit – he will be sorely missed.”

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

JUNIOR CORE CLASS PLACINGS

At the Junior Graduation Ceremony, held on Monday, 1st December, we recognised overall first, second and third placings in each of the junior core classes. The summary of the top three placings includes:

YEAR 9

Subject		AV	TH	CN	PW	AT	GJ
English	1 st	Patrick Dowd	Conor Horrigan	Tom Nicholson= Harry Forte=	Jamie Sandford	Aidan Lee	Henry Carr
	2 nd	Joe Harris	Tony Wu		Tom Brown	Millar Groube	Tab Hickmott
	3 rd	Lane Tims	Dylan Woodhouse	Sam Weir	Carter Wrathall	Jasom Khatkar	Xavier Staheli
Maths	1 st	Patrick Dowd	Tony Wu	Tony Jiang	Tom Brown= Jamie Sandford=	Jasom Khatkar	Matthew Spence
	2 nd	Ben Chungsuwanich	David Su	San Chinda-Udom		Aidan Lee	Toby Coupar
	3 rd	Giovanni Glendining	Shantanu Rawal	Harry Forte	Jack Walters	Chase Beadle	Tab Hickmott
Science	1 st	Patrick Dowd	Toby McDonald	Harry Forte	Jamie Sandford	Millar Groube	Tab Hickmott
	2 nd	Lane Tims	Dylan Woodhouse	Tom Nicholson	Carter Wrathall	Jasom Khatkar	Xavier Staheli
	3 rd	Keith Thorburn	Tony Wu	Kamsan Govender	Ayden Ellis	Jack Fraser	Henry Carr
Social Studies	1 st	Patrick Dowd	Conor Horrigan	Henry Carr	Jamie Sandford	John Palmhof	Tom Nicholson
	2 nd	Keith Thorburn	Heath Johnson	Tab Hickmott	Carter Wrathall	Millar Groube	Sam Weir
	3 rd	Joe Harris	Tony Wu	Edward Sclater	Ayden Ellis	Aidan Lee	Anjan Singh



John Richardson (L – 2014/2) and Oliver Saunders (R – 2014/1) – named as Most Outstanding Students for Tihoi intakes in 2014

YEAR 10

Subject		MS	DS	RO	MS2	DS2	RO2
English	1 st	Aidan Phillips	Judd Redmond	Robert Morbey	Michael Turnbull	Reon Bruce	Joshua Andrew
	2 nd	Shay Dickson= Shaun Campbell=	Sam Cooper	Tony Peacham= Liam Tyndall=	Jordan Wise	Darius Hasan-Stein= Felix Rolls=	Oliver McCurry
	3 rd		Sam Densem		Daniel Wheeler	Callum Rawlings= Amit Chatrath=	Wilson Wolfe
Maths	1 st	Connor Edwards	Sam Cooper	James Mitchell	Benjamin Wheeler	Darius Hasan-Stein= William Morrow=	Joshua Andrew
	2 nd	Geo Ryu	Andre Kleuskens	Brad Edwards	Jamie Brown		Reece McKie
	3 rd	Carne Lincoln	Sam Densem	Robert Morbey	Josh Grindlay	Alex Wang	Invinder Singh
Science	1 st	Shane Reddy	Judd Redmond	Robert Morbey	Benjamin Wheeler	Darius Hasan-Stein	Joshua Andrew
	2 nd	Carne Lincoln	Sam Cooper	James Mitchell	Josh Grindlay	Callum Herbert	Invinder Singh
	3 rd	Ben Johnson	Henry Brown	Brad Edwards	Jamie Brown= Daniel Wheeler=	Reon Bruce	Oliver McCurry
Social Studies	1 st	Carne Lincoln	Sam Cooper	Brad Edwards	Michael Turnbull	Cameron Leng-Uch	Oliver McCurry
	2 nd	Shaun Campbell	Henry Brown	Robert Morbey	Josh Grindlay= Logan Jarvis=	Sam Forte	Wilson Wolfe
	3 rd	Shay Dickson	Callum Skelton= Cameron Fleming=	Tony Peacham= James Mitchell=		Liam Pepper	Joshua Andrew

FURTHER SENIOR STUDENTS SECURE PRESTIGIOUS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

In the October newsletter, we highlighted the achievements of 14 of our Year 13 leavers who have been offered prestigious Tertiary Scholarships:

- Sahil Patil University of Auckland Scholarship
- Jessica Chanwai University of Auckland Scholarship
- Kendal Buchanan Future Leaders Scholarship – Lincoln University
- Pare Gilmartin-Kara Future Leaders Scholarship – Lincoln University
- John Penyas University of Waikato – Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship
- Cameron Downey AUT Significant Student Scholarship
- Jasper Hankins AUT Significant Student Scholarship
- Daniel Johnson AUT Significant Student Scholarship
- Tessa Whale AUT Significant Student Scholarship
- Emma Walker University of Waikato – Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship
- Samuel Masterson University of Waikato – Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship
- Holly Hardie David Johnstone Memorial Scholarship
- Rachel Brandt David Johnstone Memorial Scholarship
- Tyler Gyde Queenstown Resort College



This group have been joined by:
Renee Piggott (left) and **Ben Brogden** (right) who have been awarded Lincoln University Global Challenge Scholarships – covering the cost of their first year's tuition fees at Lincoln University.





William Kenna (left) – Zespri Horticulture Scholarship, offered annually to assist students of strong academic calibre to undertake a tertiary qualification in Horticulture or a related field – valued at \$3,000, which assists with the payment of tuition fees.

GORDON FULLERTON TO REPRESENT NEW ZEALAND IN DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING AT THE SYDNEY ROYAL SHOW

Gordon Fullerton (Year 12) represented the Mid-Northern District for the national finals of the New Zealand National Judging Competition held in Fielding during November and hosted by the Manawatu A&P Association. Gordon achieved extremely well, gaining two first placings and two third placings.

In his preferred discipline of dairy, Gordon won both as a judge of animals and as a parade of animals – this win entitles him to now represent New Zealand at the Sydney Royal Show next April. One of the Over Judges made the following report to Doug Lineham: “Gordon’s personal grooming, his delivery of decision making and attention to detail are a credit to him, his family, his school and supporters, all of whom have helped to prepare this young man as a scholar, rational thinker and member of the community.” We congratulate Gordon on this amazing achievement and wish him well for his time in Sydney.



CULTURAL PARTICIPATION

CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Speech and Drama Achievements

New Zealand Speech Exams - ChatterBox (www.chatterbox.net.nz - Roz 027 248 2888) congratulates the following students on their achievements at the recent Speech Exams:

Grade Exams:

Sam Goodey	Grade 6	Honours Plus & Leadership	Honours Plus
Isabel Hulme	Leadership	Honours	
Darius Hasan-Stein	Grade 5	Honours	
Matthew Jayasuria	Grade 5	Honours Plus	

Trinity College Examination results:

Kaenan Ferguson	Grade 3	Musical Theatre	Distinction	92%
Casey Roycroft	Grade 4	Musical Theatre	Merit	76%
Katie Trigg	Grade 6	Musical Theatre	Distinction	85%
Daniel Johnson	Grade 8	Musical Theatre	Distinction	89%
Moses Day	Grade 3	Performing Text	Merit	82%



Heath Campbell	Grade 4	Speech & Drama	Distinction	87%
Heath Johnson	Grade 5	Speech & Drama	Distinction	89%
Thomas Wilson	Grade 7	Speech & Drama	Merit	82%

Royal School of Music result:

Chester Hulme	Grade 2	Violin	Distinction
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SPORTING ENDEAVOURS

1ST XI CRICKETERS FOURTH RANKED TEAM IN THE COUNTRY

St Paul's 1st XI cricket team contested the Gillette Cup National Top Six Finals at Lincoln from the 8th to the 12th December 2014.

8th December v Christchurch Boys'

St Paul's were put in to bat in overcast conditions on a hard green wicket against two time champions, Christchurch Boys'. **Christopher Fawcett** hit a stunning pull shot for four first ball of the tournament and put on 48 runs with **Dillon Kelliher** in very quick time before Fawcett was out for 21. At 75 for 1 off only 12 overs and then 125 for 3 from 26 overs St Paul's looked set for a big score. However a big collapse of 7 wickets for 10 runs to one of the Christchurch spinners saw St Paul's bowled out for 135, which was a very disappointing ending to a promising innings. Dillon Kelliher with 45 top scored with **Chris Swanson** also making 18.

In reply **Simon Morbey** with 1 for 23 from 6 and **Tom Yarrall** 1 for 17 from 6 bowled well early on, while **Eli Spadoni** bowled a good spell to take 2 for 29 from 8. However St Paul's never had enough runs to challenge Christchurch Boys' and went down by 6 wickets.

9th December v Nelson College

St Paul's got off to another excellent start through Christopher Fawcett 22 and Dillon Kelliher 50, but again both got out just as big scores loomed. Chris Swanson with 42 and **Reuben Andrews** 21 kept the momentum going, but also couldn't give the team the match winning innings we needed. At 149 for 6, **Aubrey Fish** stepped up to play a superb innings with 51 not out from 49 balls including 4 big sixes, along with **Bede Higgens** 21 from 10 balls as St Paul's made 223 for 7.

St Paul's had Nelson struggling at 25 for 3 early, through two wickets to Simon Morbey and one to Chris Swanson. However an 88 run partnership put Nelson right back in the game, before **Alastair Blackett** dismissed both set batsmen in an inspired spell to take 4 for 41. Chris Swanson also returned to take 3 for 14 from 6 as St Paul's bowled Nelson out for 162, to give St Paul's their first victory by 52 runs.

10th December v King's High School

In bitterly cold and wet conditions in a match shortened to 37 overs St Paul's asked King's to bat first. Having lost their first two matches, King's batted conservatively but sensibly to make 133 for 5. **Cameron Wratt** took 2 for 8 from 7 overs to be the best of the bowlers. All the bowlers stuck to their guns in very difficult conditions.

Promoted to open **Reed Fisher** and Christopher Fawcett saw off the opening bowlers, but only Fawcett with 13 in the top order could get above double figures as St Paul's struggled against a naggingly accurate King's High bowling attack. It was not until Tom Yarrall 27 and Bede Higgens 14 came together at 72 for 7 that St Paul's put any pressure back on the opposition. With deft nudges and deflections and very intelligent running, this pair put on 47 runs with relative ease, looking like they were going to get St Paul's through. However when



Higgins was out at 119, a bad run out ensued and St Paul's were eventually out for 123, some 10 runs short of the target.

11th December v Hutt International

Again in very cold conditions, St Paul's opening bowlers didn't have the best of starts and at 48 without loss the powerful Hutt batting lineup looked set for another big score. However Chris Swanson turned the match on its head with a sharp run out and taking 4 wickets in 4 overs including a very sharp catch by Christopher Fawcett. Spinners Bede Higgins with 3 for 14 and Eli Spadoni 2 for 5 also bowled well as Hutt went from 48 for 0 to 122 all out.

In reply, most of the St Paul's top order got starts with Fawcett 13, Kelliher 19 and Swanson 19, but none could go on to play a match winning innings. At 88 for 5 and most of the top order gone, the game was finely balanced. However Bede Higgins promoted to number 3 batted with great concentration for 92 balls to make 33 not out, found a capable ally in Aubrey Fish with 20 not out and this pair put on 39 runs to win the game for St Paul's by 5 wickets.

12th December v King's College

Batting first it was again a case of the top order getting starts but not going on with it as 4 of the top 5 made between 13 and 21 and every time the innings started to build momentum, a wicket would be lost. Chris Swanson batted with real guts and determination to make 60, but too many wickets were lost to put real pressure on King's at the end of the innings. Tom Yarrall with 21 and Simon Morbey 14 not out helped St Paul's scramble up to 209.

St Paul's got off to a flyer in the field with the opening bowlers bowling superbly and Yarrall taking 2 wickets in two balls along with another superb Swanson run out to have King's floundering at 3 for 5. Enter King's captain Mitchell Murray who had broken the Gillette Cup record with 171 earlier in the week, who today struck a superb 134 not out. St Paul's took one further wicket to captain Swanson, but with the sun finally reappearing, the wicket became baked hard and St Paul's found the going tough. St Paul's had a couple of chances later in the innings to put pressure on King's but couldn't take them as King's won the game by 6 wickets.

This ended a wonderful experience for the team who had to scrape very hard for everything they got, in often cold and miserable conditions. With Christchurch Boys' winning and King's College second, St Paul's tied with Hutt International on two wins each, but were placed 4th in New Zealand on run rate. Nelson College was 5th and King's High School 6th. Our thanks go to coaches, Mr Mark Bailey and Mr Garth Littlejohn for helping to provide the boys with this opportunity to showcase their talent and abilities against NZ Secondary Schools' best 1st XI sides. Making the finals was a great achievement, but the boy's performance while at the national finals was impressive and if they had won the game against King's High School, they could easily have finished in the top two sides in the country.

GREAT SUCCESS AT NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS' TRACK AND FIELD AND ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's edition of this annual event was held in Wanganui over the weekend of the 6th-7th December. A relatively inexperienced team of 13 travelled with Mr Henley-Smith, Mr Wilson and Mr Holmes, by school vans, on the Thursday before the weekends' competition. What the team lacked in experience, they made up for in determination and in a strong work ethic. Most of the team had trained for a number of months in preparation for the challenges that lay ahead.

Saturday's competition saw **James Wilkins** and **Paris Kingston-White** competing in the Open Boys and Girls 300m Hurdles respectively. Both athletes were very new to this event and they both acquitted themselves very well. Neither athlete made the final, but James did

run a personal best and Paris finished with a ranking of 20th in New Zealand. Another six months training could really see these two young athletes easily making national finals.

The sprinters were up next over 200m and **Jade Henley-Smith** (Junior Girls), **Sal M’Boge** (Senior Boys) and **Emanae Ferguson** (Senior Girls) all ran well to qualify for the semi-finals on Sunday. Jade was one of the top three qualifiers for the semis.

While the team had been racing on the track **Jimmy Christey** in the Junior Boys Long Jump and **Ryan Ballantyne** in the Junior Boys Shot Put had also been competing. Jimmy placed 20th in his first national athletics event and gained a lot from competition at this level. Ryan on the other hand was at his third National Secondary Schools and had the added pressure of being one of the favourites for the event. He did not falter and immediately put his competitors under pressure with his early “Puts”. The benefit of regular trips to Auckland to compete were showing and the other athletes could not match Ryan’s effort. His best effort of 16.36m was 40cm better than his nearest rival and he deservedly went on to win the gold medal.

Jade Henley-Smith



Emma Walker was our first track athlete to compete after the lunch break, in the heats of the Senior Girls 100m hurdles and she ran strongly to easily qualify for the Sunday final, as one of the fastest competitors.

Sal and Jade were then back in action in the 100m heats. Jade once again qualified for the next round, but Sal was unable to and finished with a credible ranking of 32nd in the 100m. Emma Walker was also out on the track running in the Senior Girls 100m 1st round and she also comfortably qualified for the next round too.

Two “rookie” 400m runners in the form of **Ryan Wilkins** and **Jack Gordon** were next on the track running in the heats of the Junior Boys 400m. Both boys ran superbly well to qualify for the next round, with Jack’s performance especially pleasing as he had to run in lane 7, which is a difficult lane to run in at your first major event.

Seb Ellice



The evening session then saw Ryan (Wilkins) and Jack back out on the track to run in the semi-final of the Junior Boys 400m. Jack ran very well, but didn’t quite have the “legs” to qualify for the final and instead finished with an impressive 11th in New Zealand ranking. Ryan though, went one better and ran another fantastic race to place second in his semi-final and automatically qualify for the final in a time just outside the personal best he had set of 53.02 seconds in his heat.

Jade was next to compete, in the Junior Girls 100m quarter finals, and she was again one of the fastest qualifiers after her effort. It was becoming clear that she was one of three athletes who could win this title.

Seb Ellice was the last individual to compete on Saturday in the heats of the Junior Boys 1500m. He drew the first heat, and it was run at a very fast pace, with Seb finishing 9th in a time of 4minutes 32.20 seconds. In order to qualify for the final, he needed the 6th place getter in the second heat to run

slower than this time, unfortunately the 6th place getter ran 3 tenths of a second quicker than Seb and he missed out by one place in making the final, but he did finish with a ranking of 15th as some compensation.

The final events for the day for St Paul's were the Junior Boys and Senior Girls 4 x100m relays. Unfortunately, the Junior Boys team (in no particular order) of Ryan Wilkins, Jack Gordon, **Connor Gordon** and Ryan Ballantyne were disqualified for breaking at the start, which provided a stark reminder for the team of the need to be careful at this point of the race. However, the girls were not deterred and the senior team of Paris Kingston-Smith, Jade Henley-Smith, Emma Walker and Emanae Ferguson duly ran their heat and qualified 7th for the final.

After a busy day of competition, that had started with warm ups for some athletes at 8.00am, the team returned to the motel at 8.30pm for their evening meal and well-earned showers.

Sunday saw an early start for Ryan (Ballantyne) Junior Boys Discus; Jimmy Junior Boys Triple Jump; Seb Junior Boys Road Race; **Jack Davies** Senior Boys 3000m; Jade Junior Girls 100m and Emma Senior Girls 100m. The first of this group to complete their event was Seb. In a field of 74 athletes he ran superbly to make up for the disappointment of the previous days 1500m by placing 5th in the road race.

Jack Davies was the next St Paul's athlete to complete their competition. In a season plagued by injury, Jack did well to be able to race and because of these problems he did find the pace very tough, but he hung in there to place 22nd. Jimmy also competed positively in the Triple Jump in tough conditions to place 12th. In the Discus Ryan (Ballantyne) was holding 3rd place going into the final round, but one of the lower ranked qualifiers in the top 8 "nailed" his last throw to pass Ryan, meaning he had to settle for 4th place. Which was still a fine effort at a National level.

Jade and Emma then both competed in their 100m semi-finals with Jade again one of the top qualifiers as she moved to the final. Emma's performance didn't quite have her qualifying for the final, but she did have the satisfaction of a ranking of 13th in New Zealand.

By mid-morning the wind was up and more of the team were competing. Sal and Emanae competed in their 200m semi-finals and although neither made the final they can be pleased with their efforts and their respective rankings of 15th and 20th. Emma also had her 100m Hurdles final and placed 8th in difficult conditions.

After the lunch break, Jade's 100m final was the first event for our team. The standard of competition was amazingly high in the Junior Girls final, with all three place getters running faster or as fast as the winner of the Senior Girls final. Jade ran her heart out in this final, but she couldn't quite match the speed of the defending title holder and placed an extremely impressive 3rd (8 hundredths of a second behind 2nd). Less than 80 minutes later she was again back in action in the final of the Junior Girls 200m. Jade again gave it everything and ran the best that she could, after seven races in the weekend, and earned herself another bronze medal by placing 3rd.

This left our final individual competitor to step out onto the track before the relay finals and Ryan Wilkins did not disappoint in his final of the Junior Boys 400m. He put in an amazingly gutsy effort in his third race over this grueling distance in the weekend. He can be proud of the 7th place finish he achieved in the final.

There were only two events left for the school at this stage, the Senior Girls 4 x 100m relay and the Junior Boys 4 x 400m relay. Our athletes were tired but they lifted for one last effort. Unfortunately for the girls, this resulted in the baton being dropped and they did not finish.

So all eyes then turned to the Junior Boys 4 x 400m relay team of Jack Gordon, Seb Ellice, Connor Gordon and Ryan Wilkins. The coaches (Wilson, Henley-Smith and Holmes) were confident that this team could perform well and they did not disappoint. Jack ran first and ran a strong leg to have the team easily in second place behind St Pat's Silverstream. He handed the baton to Seb, who ran a fantastic leg (after having raced over 4km in the morning). Seb held second for the team before handing the baton to our secret weapon Connor. Connor had 20 metres to make up on St Pat's and he flew the first 200m, narrowing



the gap all of the time. Entering the straight he was still 8 metres behind, but he dug in and passed the St Pat's runner just as he handed the baton onto Ryan. For the first 150m the two teams were neck and neck, until Ryan made a little surge, to hit the front with 200m to go. He at first maintained the small lead his surge had gained him and then gradually extended out to just under 1.5 seconds. He was absolutely "spent" as he crossed the line, but he had crossed in first place. The training the boys had put in really came to the fore in this relay, as other teams faltered up the home straight, while into the strong wind our boys got stronger and took time off their competitors.

The winning of the relay was a fantastic way to finish the meeting and was great reward for the boys (*pictured above L-R: Ryan Wilkins, Seb Ellice, Jack Gordon, Connor Gordon*).

The team received tremendous support from many parents and we are sure this helped play a part in the success of the team. This group only loses one Year 13 student and could be even more successful in the future. As such we are already turning our attention to Nationals in 2015 in Timaru.

CORRECTION FROM OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

At the top of Page 26 of the October 2014 Newsletter, there was an incorrect name given for the winner of one of our most prestigious St Paul's sporting trophies, for which we apologise. The young man who won this award deserves the recognition of having this error corrected and therefore, below is how the passage should have read:

THE COLE CUP

(FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN AN INDIVIDUAL'S CHOSEN SPORT)

Nominees: Pareraukura Gilmartin-Kara, Emma Walker, Daniel Scanlon,
Samisoni Taikei'aho, Jacob Nelson, James Ingham, Henry Wills

Overall Winner: **Daniel Scanlon**

OTHER SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

- **Harry Smith** and **Charlie Crawford** have been named in the Waikato Under 15 Softball Representative team.

CHRISTIAN DIMENSION

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENT

One of the biggest challenges of moving to a new country is the fact that you have to leave the familiar behind and embrace that which is unfamiliar or perhaps even a bit disorienting. When my family and I moved from Canada to New Zealand in 2007, we left behind Tim Horton's Donuts and instead embraced the Flat White when stopping for petrol (as opposed to 'gas') at the Wild Bean Cafe. Conversations about Ice Hockey (we just call it Hockey) were replaced with conversations about Rugby and Cricket. Pies were filled with meat rather than fruit. Maple syrup was hard to find - and expensive, but marmite was easily accessible (except for the great shortage of 2012!).

As a Priest, this disorienting experience was most deeply felt when observing the liturgical year. Living in the Southern Hemisphere meant that Easter was now in Autumn. I always remember the surreal experience of celebrating a Harvest Thanksgiving service at St Stephen's Tamahere one week after Easter! Then there is the experience of celebrating Christmas in shorts and jandals while having a barbecue and going for a swim! This can be very disorienting for a group of northerners who associate Christmas with snow (or rain if you live in Vancouver), Yuletide logs on a fire, and hot apple cider. As I reflect on my eight years in New Zealand, there is a part of me who will miss these aspects of living in a new country.

As we prepare to move through Advent, I think this disorienting feeling offers an important message about the Christmas season. It is ironic that our (mostly Northern Hemisphere) concept of Christmas includes winter imagery when Jesus himself would have been born into a warm climate and context. However, I think there is a deeper issue at stake here - I believe that Christmas should be disorienting. The story of Christmas is a story of The Prince of Peace – God incarnate – coming to live with humanity as a child born in a feeding trough in a backwater town of the vast and powerful Roman Empire! When the Israelites were awaiting their Messiah – the Anointed One – they expected a great military and political leader. Instead God himself comes in the form of a peasant!

The challenge for us is to rediscover the true power of the Christmas message. To do this we need to go back to the original message of Scripture. Consider Mary's song from the Gospel of Luke after she finds out she is pregnant with the Christ child:

*"My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.
His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors."*



These are not simply poetic words from a young woman, this is a powerful political statement with a call to re-orient and destabilise the accepted social order.

This potent political message comes into sharper focus as we read the story of Jesus' birth in chapter 2 of Luke's gospel. We begin with the Caesar – the most powerful man in the world – demanding a census of the Roman Empire. From here the scene narrows and narrows to the Christ child born in a manger to Mary and Joseph, poor peasant parents who are without friends or family. And who are the first to celebrate his birth? Not wealthy and powerful nobles, but simple shepherds who happen to be working in the fields.

The story of Christmas comes with powerful political implications, yet we have turned it into a feel good movie that might be seen on the Disney channel. We need to reclaim the mystifying and disorienting power of the Christmas message. Christmas is a time where we are called to bring about God's Kingdom here on earth through acts of goodwill, compassion and generosity. It is a time where power is not measured in wealth or strength or prestige, but in the ability to seek and serve Christ through selfless acts of love and kindness.

In the words of Luke's Gospel, it is a time to bring rulers down from their thrones and lift up the humble. This glimpse of God's kingdom – this vision of a different way of being – can be disorienting and destabilising. Yet it also gives hope to those in despair, peace to those in anguish, faith to those who fear, and joy to those who feel sorrow! The challenge is to turn this vision - this fleeting glimpse - into an everyday reality in our lives.

As for me and my family, a small part of us will miss Christmas barbeques in shorts and jandals. However, we will also find great comfort and familiarity of a (hopefully) white Christmas in Canada. My prayer for you this Christmas is that may you not only feel the joy and aroha of the Christmas season, but also experience its wondrous and disorienting power as well. In the words of the Blessing spoken each year at St Paul's 9 Lessons and Carols Service:

*Hold fast to hope.
Hold fast to the elusive, the intangible, the never-to-be-had.
For stars fall from Heaven sometimes,
And kings are born in barns,
And miracles rise out of little things.*

*And now,
may the quiet trust of Mary,
the graciousness of Joseph,
the humility of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the joy of the angels,
and the Peace of the Christ-child,
Be God's gifts to you, this Christmastide and
the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be Upon You and All Whom You Carry in Your Hearts
Tonight and Always*



Have a safe and blessed Christmas Season!

SPECIAL CHARACTER

2014 LEAVERS' GIFT UNVEILED AT DAWN BLESSING CEREMONY

On the morning of Wednesday, 3rd December at 5.40am, representatives of the 2014 Leavers' and the boarding community gathered in front of the Student Centre, while local Komatua blessed the Pou that has been erected in the garden, the first of three. Below is a detailed account of the meaning behind each of the three Pou's that will eventually be situated in this key central location on the Hamilton campus. The first of the Pou's represents the Waka Maumahara

Waka Maumahara and Tiki Wānanga

This three piece carved installation encapsulates the values and aspirations of St Paul's Collegiate School. It is a visual representation of the interconnected cultures, beliefs and values in the school's strong character and tradition. It also refers to the influences of the past, present, and future which guide students to become meaningful contributors to society.

1. Waka Maumahara—Te Taiuhu		
Kaupapa—Concept	Design	
	<i>Front</i>	<i>Back</i>
<p>The Taiuhu is the prow of a waka (canoe). As such it leads the way, guiding the waka into the future.</p> <p>Representing Saint Paul, this piece acknowledges the significance of Christianity in the culture of the school.</p>	<p>The abstract figure of Saint Paul has a halo behind his head and a korowai around his shoulder to acknowledge his mana (prestige and authority).</p> <p>Below this is a crucifix outlined by kowhaiwhai designs which represent the whakapapa (genealogy) of Christianity.</p>	<p>Surface patterning in the form of a number of traditional patterns.</p> <p>These represent the Christian values of the school.</p>

2. Waka Maumahara—Te Taurapa		
Kaupapa—Concept	Design	
	<i>Front</i>	<i>Back</i>
<p>The Taurapa is the stern post of a waka. It provides stability, a sense of place, and houses the mauri (life force) and other treasured taonga.</p> <p>Representing the tangata whenua of the region, this piece recognises the mana of local iwi (Ngāti Wairere, Waikato-Tainui) as well as the parallels between Māori and Christian values.</p>	<p>This abstract human figure represents local iwi (Ngāti Wairere, Waikato-Tainui). Below this is kowhaiwhai patterning which acknowledges their whakapapa from Pre-European times to the present day.</p>	<p>Surface patterning in the form of a number of traditional patterns.</p> <p>These will be similar to those on the Taiuhu, acknowledging that many values are shared between Māori and Christians alike. These values then extend to be inclusive of all cultures represented at the school.</p>



3. Tiki Wānanga—Figure

Kaupapa—Concept	Design	
<p>A tiki is an abstract human form. A wānanga is a place of learning. This Tiki Wānanga is a manifestation of the skills, knowledge, and values that students develop while at the school.</p> <p>It acknowledges the concepts of past, present, and future—we look to the learning of the past to guide us into the future while remaining firmly grounded in the present.</p>	<i>Top</i>	<i>Bottom</i>
	<p>A fully 3 dimensional abstract figure (Tekoteko) This represents those who pass through St Paul's. It represents the individual the embodiment a St Paul's graduate. It holds a tiki poutangata—an adze, a symbol of leadership begin endeavours and to clear the way ahead.</p>	<p>The pole on which the Tekoteko stands will have a woven pattern carved into it. This will represent the act of binding together the many values, characteristics and learning that students acquire both at St Paul's and in their life.</p>

Michael Matchitt is a tohunga whakairo (master carver). He descends from a line of carvers from Te Whānau-ā-Apanui of the East Coast. He graduated with honours from Te Puia (The NZ Māori Arts and Craft Institute) in 1988.

The gift of the initial Pou would not have been possible without the generosity of so many of the 2014 leavers' families. Hopefully they are as proud as we are of the impressive statement the Pou makes about the importance of the Christian Dimension in underpinning the School culture within St Paul's Collegiate School.

Dawn blessing of the Pou – 2014 Leavers' Gift



TIHOI INTAKE 2014/2 MAJOR PRIZE WINNERS

MORTIMORE PRIZE FOR MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT – John Richardson
Most Outstanding Student nominations: Ben Johnson, Robert Morbey, John Richardson

MURRAY HARINGTON CUP FOR MOST IMPROVED STUDENT – Liam Anderson
Most Improved Student nominations: Liam Anderson, Quinn Bowie, Sam Densem, George Dyer, Brad Edwards

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS – William Eyre, Carne Lincoln, Tony Peacham, Hamish Tapp, One Tuantong, Tom Watson

FURMINGER AWARD (Student who has shown respect to staff and other students): Shay Dickson

COULTER SETTLEMENT CUP (for student who has gained the most virtues) – Robert Morbey

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENVIRONMENT AWARD – Lachlan Finch

CROSS COUNTRY AWARD (winner of 14km race) – John Richardson

OUTDOOR EDUCATION AWARD (most Excellence grades) – James Watson-Holmes

EXPEDITION AWARDS (for all round excellence on expedition):

- WHITE WATER KAYAK: Judd Redmond
- MOUNTAIN BIKE: Connor Edwards
- CANOE: Callum Skelton and Aaron Humble
- ROCK CLIMBING: Jamie Carlson

MOST VALUED HOUSE MEMBERS:

- HART: Fergus Burke
- JOCKS: Shaun Campbell
- POLLYS: John Richardson
- PURPLE: Lachlan Finch
- MORTZ: Luke Donaldson
- VILLA: Aaron Humble
- GILLS: Ben Johnson
- FRANKS: Robert Morbey

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

Shay Dickson (English, Science, Social Studies); Carne Lincoln (Science, Social Studies); Ben Johnson (Science, Social Studies); Freddy Corkill (Maths); Connor Edwards (Maths, Science); Shane Reddy (Maths); Shaun Campbell (English); Aidan Phillips (English); Elliot Ware (Maths)

CHEF'S AWARDS:

George Amos, Freddy Corkill, Hamish Simpson, Fergus Burke, Marcus Hamilton, Tom Watson, Mitchell Bailey

TIHOI MASTERCHEF AWARD – Hamish Simpson

LUDER TROPHY (Overall winning House) – Frank's House (Matthew Fisher, Marcus Hamilton, Robert Morbey, Tony Peacham, Hamish Simpson, Kyle Quedley, Jeevan Singh and Tom Watson)

Dr Alastair Fraser (father of William – 2014 leaver) won a defibrillator at a conference and gifted it to the Tihoi campus – our sincere thanks for this generous gift



ANNUAL TIHOI COMMUNITY DINNER RAISES FUNDS FOR TAUPO RESCUE HELICOPTER



At the annual Community Dinner hosted by the Tihoi Venture School, proceeds from the dinner were donated to the Taupo Rescue Helicopter, which is a service that the members of the local district would rely on in an emergency. In fact, the helicopter has been to the Tihoi region twice in the last two years, both times to assist neighbours of the

Venture School. The evening raised a total of \$1270, which Mr Chris Wynn presented to the Pilot/Base Manager for the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter – Mr Nat Every.

ST PAUL'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association would like to thank all of the supporters and helpers throughout the year, with a particular mention to our calf-rearing folk who ensure the cattle scheme continues to be a huge success. We have had a great year as an Association and have some exciting plans to enhance the educational opportunities of our sons and daughters in 2015. Thanks everyone and have a safe and Merry Christmas.

REMINDER OF THE SCHOOL'S MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS

A reminder for 2015 that St Paul's position on the use of motor vehicles to and from school is as follows:

- (1) No Year 11 student is allowed to bring a motor vehicle to and from school.
- (2) Year 12 students upwards, **who have completed at least six months experience with their restricted licence**, can apply for consideration to bring their cars to school. Preference in granting permission will be given to those who have completed a Defensive Driving course. All vehicles used must have a current WOF, registration and at least third-party insurance. Under no circumstances can a Day student or Boarder transport another student to/from school unless they have a full licence and the prior written permission of the passenger's parents (i.e. in the case of Boarders, they need the additional approval of their Housemaster in their capacity as Loco Parentus).

Students who bring a motor vehicle to School without permission or carry passengers without the School's authorisation, will be viewed as being blatantly disobedient and risk suspension or a serious sanction.

HAIRCUTS AND COLOURING OF HAIR

We would appreciate it if parents could be quite proactive in ensuring that all students have their hair cut in the week prior to their return to school (i.e. before Monday, 26th January 2015). Boys' hair should not touch the collar of their shirt or their ears and must be well-groomed. As a Senior Leadership Team, we reserve the right to have your son's hair cut during the first week of school in 2015 and have engaged a hairdresser to be on site to cut any boy's hair which does not meet these requirements.

Girls' hair must be neatly pinned back behind their ears. No strands can be left loose at the front and only black hairclips or ties are acceptable to keep their hair neat and tidy.

A small number of students will have their hair blonded or coloured during the Christmas break. All hair must be returned to its natural colour before the commencement of school. Students who haven't had this attended to, will miss time at school in the New Year, while they are sent to the hairdressers at their own expense to have this sorted out.

Adherence to the School's uniform and hair regulations is part of the criteria for attendance at St Paul's.

ST PAUL'S SWIMMING CLUB SEEKS CHAIRPERSON



Swimming Club Chairperson Vacancy

The St Paul's Swimming Club, which operates at the St Paul's Collegiate School swimming pool, is actively seeking a new Chairperson. This new three-year-old progressive club has 292 swimmers; 177 in Learn to Swim, 24 in Junior Development, 24 in Junior Potential, 21 in Age Group, 7 in National Development, 7 in National Age Group, 2 in National Performance and 19 in Multi-Sport squads. The committee meets once a month.

If anyone would be interested in becoming the committee chairperson please contact Vicki Taylor, v.taylor@windowslive.com

CONCLUDING REMARKS

This year we farewell 141 students who leave our school for the final time after the end-of-year prizegiving. At the Leavers' Dinner on Tuesday, 2nd December, we recognised that for many families, 2014 marks an end to their longstanding association with St Paul's. For a number of these families, they have had two or more of their sons/daughters attend our School and in some cases, the fathers are in fact Old Collegians themselves, so their association can stretch back decades. For those families, who we are aware of, who have lengthy associations (based on consecutive years within the School), that are leaving the School in 2014 are as follows:

Fletcher Family (11 consecutive years – three students):

Nicholas Fletcher	2004 – 2008	(5 years)
Christopher Fletcher	2007 – 2011	(5 years)
Timothy Fletcher	2010 – 2014	(5 years)

Bovill Family (10 consecutive years – three students):

Sean Bovill	2005 – 2008	(4 years)
Rian Bovill	2007 – 2011	(5 years)
Jackson Bovill	2010 – 2014	(5 years)

Hsiao Family (10 consecutive years – two students):

Roc Hsiao	2005 – 2009	(5 years)
David Hsiao	2010 – 2014	(5 years)

Te Whare Family (9 consecutive years – two students):

Thomas Te Whare	2006 – 2010	(5 years)
Hamish Te Whare	2010 – 2014	(5 years)

Buchanan Family (7 consecutive years – two students):

Liam Buchanan	2008 – 2012	(5 years)
Kendal Buchanan	2012 – 2014	(3 years)

Larkman Family (7 consecutive years – three students):

Harry Larkman	2008 – 2012	(5 years)
Polly Larkman	2009 – 2010	(2 years)
Eliza Larkman	2012 – 2014	(3 years)

Brogden Family (6 consecutive years – three students):

Joanna Brogden	2009 – 2010	(2 years)
Arie Brogden	2009 – 2012	(4 years)
Benjamin Brogden	2011 – 2014	(4 years)

Note:

Two longstanding St Paul's families are also leaving:

Fawcett Family (8 consecutive years – two students):

Joshua Fawcett	2007 – 2011	(5 years)
Christopher Fawcett	2010 – 2014	(5 years)

In addition, Kit Fawcett (father) was a student of the School for four years (1968 – 1971)

Elliott Family (7 consecutive years – two students):

Aaron Elliott	2008 – 2012	(5 years)
Cameron Elliott	2010 – 2014	(5 years)

In addition, Tim Elliott (father) was a student of the School for five years (1983 – 1987)

And grandfather, Cam Elliott, served as a Trustee of the Waikato Anglican College Board for 22.5 years; has been a Fellow of St Paul's since November 2002 and is still a Director of the Great Oaks Trading Limited (School shop). While Lee Elliott (grandmother) currently works in the International Department, as our well-respected ESOL teacher.

We recognise that sending even one child to St Paul's is a huge financial commitment and multiple siblings is a very significant family decision. We thank each and every one of the families leaving our school, for the support they have offered and the confidence they have shown in St Paul's. We hope that you will keep in touch and keep us abreast of the progress and future achievements of your sons/daughters.

From St Paul's perspective, 2014 has been an amazing year, full of high points and new and exciting milestones; record breaking NCEA Level Two and Three results; long overdue work commencing on the redevelopment, expansion and earthquake strengthening of the Williams Boarding House; the amazing performances of our bands at the regional musical festival and



our choir at a Chief's rugby fixture; two superb productions with 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' justifiably receiving great acclaim and enthusiastic feedback from the full house audiences; our 1st boys' cricket side making the national finals of the Gillette Cup; our 1st XI boys' hockey side finishing seventh in the Rankin Cup; our futsal side replicating the runner-up position they achieved in 2013 in their national tournament; the magnificent support our Capital Campaign received from the wider St Paul's community; the buzz of playing such a pivotal role in a major national curriculum change in the development and trialing of a new Agribusiness subject ... the list of achievements of the School and its students just seems to go on.

The final term has been capped off by the outstanding success of our athletics team, which won two Gold and two Bronze medals in the recent New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championship down in Wanganui. Ryan Ballantyne won a Gold medal in the Junior Boys' Shot Put; the Junior Boys' relay team (Jack Gordon, Seb Ellice, Connor Gordon and Ryan Wilkins) winning in the 4 x 400m event; Jade Henley-Smith's two Bronze medals in the Junior Girls' 100m and 200m sprint finals; as well as impressive top ten performances by Seb Ellice (5th in the Junior Boys' Road Race); Ryan Ballantyne (4th in the Junior Boys' Discus); Ryan Wilkins (7th in Junior Boys' 400m); Emma Walker (8th in Senior Girls' 100m); and many other personal bests for many of our other athletes. While our 1st XI cricket side, in the Gillette Cup finals in Christchurch, with encouraging wins against Nelson College and Hutt International Boys' School (HIBS), proving extremely competitive in this toughest of one-day New Zealand Secondary Schools' competitions, tying with HIBS on points, but on run rate finishing in a very respectable fourth place nationally – an impressive achievement which we haven't replicated for just over a decade. Cole Lucas (Biking) and Jacob Nelson (In-line Hockey) were chosen as the Waikato Secondary Sports People in their chosen area of endeavour. While in our academic cornerstone, an amazing 17 of our Year 13 students gained prestigious Tertiary Scholarships, including Sahil Patil and Jessica Chanwai (\$50K – Auckland University Scholarships) and John Penyas (Waikato University – Hillary Scholarship).

It continues to be a real privilege to be a part of a community that is on such a pathway of positive momentum. It is the unique combination of people that makes St Paul's Collegiate School such a special place; self-motivated young people who are prepared to push themselves out of their comfort zone to fulfil their potential; highly committed staff who are prepared to go the extra mile to ensure the teenagers in their care receive the best possible academic, co-curricular and pastoral mentoring; and an incredibly supportive parent body and wider school community, who are hugely proud of their school and committed to its ethos, philosophy and goals.

Over the past term, Judith and I have been the direct beneficiaries of the caring and supportive community of St Paul's Collegiate. We have received a huge number of emails, cards, gifts of books, venison, lamb, baking and meals. It has been both humbling and uplifting and we thank all those who have taken the time to send us messages and signs of their support. With three chemotherapy sessions behind us, we are well on the way through the treatment process for my Lymphoma cancer. Encouraged by an incredibly emotionally charged School Haka and the overt, loving support at the end-of-year prizegiving, I feel very upbeat, positive and determined to face up to the challenges that this insidious disease puts before the huge numbers who daily face up to it and fight its symptoms and affects. Judith and I very much know that we are not facing these challenges alone, but have the wider support and encouragement of family, friends and the St Paul's and Lindisfarne communities. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement of your support and heartfelt thanks as we are unable to individually thank you all.

2015 will see the School led, in Term One, by Mr Ainsley Robson (Acting Headmaster), Messrs Peter Hampton and Jed Rowlands (Acting Deputy Headmasters) and Mr Peter



Gilbert and Mrs Helen Bradford (Acting Assistant Headmasters) and our capable Business Manager, Mr Peter Welham. I feel sure that you will give this capable Senior Leadership Team your total support and that in January next year we will return to a record school roll of around 700 students and impressive academic success in NCEA, Cambridge and the national Scholarship examinations.

2014 held many successes and achievements for our School. A big thank you to the parents, students and staff that made these huge individual and collective milestones possible. My hope is that each of you will enjoy a lovely, relaxing and satisfying Christmas with your family and friends.

Until we meet again, May Our Lord provide you with his guidance, support and strength for the challenges that await you.

God Bless.



**G W LANDER
HEADMASTER**



Stage One of the Williams House Expansion and Redevelopment Project is well underway – the above shows the considerable progress that is being made

