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## DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

WE HAVE JUST FINISHED WHAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS A MAGNIFICENT FIRST TERM, FULL OF A SUCCESSION OF HIGH POINTS AND EXTREMELY MEMORABLE INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS.

Obviously, one of the most memorable moments was the visit of the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable John Key, to the School on Thursday 7 April, to officially open the Gallagher Agribusiness Centre of Excellence building. This \$1.8m facility has been in use by our senior AgHort Science and Agribusiness classes since the start of the year and has immediately proved a most valuable teaching resource. The two state-of-the-art classrooms, have high-tech video conferencing capabilities, which allow our students to interact with the best practitioners in the agricultural sector, anywhere in the world. The facility is a community resource, which outside normal school hours is being used by groups in the sector and our business partners. It wouldn't however have been possible without the extremely generous support of the Gallagher Group and so many St Paul's families who have had a strong, on-going involvement in agriculture. We received just over \$1m in donations for this project and are incredibly appreciative of the kind and encouraging support of so many in our community.

The Prime Minister's visit also provided us with an ideal opportunity to promote the national initiative that St Paul's is

leading – the development, resourcing and rollout of new Agribusiness achievement standards for NCEA Level 2 and 3 of the curriculum. With the support of our principal partners in this project (Beef+Lamb NZ and DairyNZ) and our ten business partners (Greenlea Meats, BNZ, AGMARDT, NZ National Fielddays Society, Waikato Milking Systems, Waitomo Petroleum, Zoetis, Campbell Tyson, LIC and AGrowQuip), we have been able to draft a group of achievement standards which are currently being critiqued by a contractor selected by the Ministry of Education. It is our hope that the eight lead schools (Southland Boys and Girls High School, John McGlashan and Columba Colleges – Dunedin, Christchurch Boys' High School, Feilding High School, Lindisfarne College, St Paul's Collegiate School and Mount Albert Grammar School) will be able to officially trial the standards in 2017, with the final achievement standards available for all schools to use in 2018. We have had 40 schools express an interest in including Agribusiness in their own curriculum and we believe that next April, when we host a national conference of educators in the Waikato, that we will have over a 100 schools represented at that event. For the Prime Minister's visit, we had just over 170 guests from groups around the country



**Grant Lander**  
HEADMASTER

keen to see this initiative implemented and the Right Honourable John Key expressed support for the initiative.

John Key is only the second Prime Minister to visit St Paul's, the first being the Right Honourable Robert Muldoon in the early 1980s. Our students showed their appreciation of John Key visiting the School and the financial support (given by the donors to the Gallagher Agribusiness Centre of Excellence) by delivering a rousing full school Haka to mark the occasion. The Prime Minister made a point of specifically addressing and providing a motivational message for the students and proved very personable and engaging in his interaction with our pupils.

However, the Prime Minister's visit was not the only important event hosted at St Paul's over the first term. On Friday, 26 February we hosted a special community



function to honour the contribution of Daniel Vettori to New Zealand cricket and to our School. We named the viewing gallery of the Sports Centre, which overlooks the main cricket oval, the 'Vettori Gallery'. While just over 150 people attended an 'on-the-couch' interview by Old Collegian, and highly successful media personality, Jeremy Wells, in the School Dining Room. It was a fantastic evening, with Daniel proving to be relaxed and very honest and upfront to questions about his long, successful cricketing career. As an added bonus we were able to raise \$54,000 towards a scholarship fund that will support students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds to attend St Paul's Collegiate School for their secondary education.

On Wednesday 6 April, we hosted the funeral for an icon in the history of St Paul's Collegiate School; long-serving past staff member, Mr Evan McCulloch. Evan had been the Director of Music at our school for three decades, during which time he took an active part in pastoral care, as a housemaster for School and Williams. Upon his retirement as a teacher, for a further 16 ½ years, Evan was the executive secretary of our Old Collegians' Association, actively travelling the country to meet with past pupils and organising regular gatherings. Just over 350 Old Collegians, as well as past and present staff members, attended a celebration of Evan's

almost 47 years of service to St Paul's. A man who was held in great regard and with much affection within our community, the students gave Evan a full school Haka and then provided an honour guard down the main driveway as his body was conveyed, by hearse, for the last time from his beloved school's grounds.

However, the past twelve weeks have not been solely defined by these large events in our school's life. We have enjoyed fantastic success in: athletics track and field (26 podium placings in the WBOP and 11 at the North Island secondary school championships); in rowing (crews in seven 'A' finals and three 'B' finals, and a gold and two silver medals at the NISS regattas; eight 'A' finals and two 'B' finals and a gold and two silver medals at the prestigious Maadi Cup regatta); in cricket (where our 1st XI won the Waikato Valley Men's final and our Year 9 team won their WSS competition). In swimming at the WSS championships our team members gained seven gold, seven silver and thirteen bronze medals, while also achieving three new records.

While individuals receiving national honours include: Aidan Phillips and Katie Trigg in being selected for the NZSS Choir; Victoria Chanwai selected for the NZSS Symphony Orchestra; Zachary Newdick for the NZSS football side; Grace Watson for the NZSS netball side; Kate Littlejohn for

the Aotearoa Maori netball international Secondary school team; Madeleine Gordon selected for both the NZ U15 and NZ U19/ U23 lacrosse teams.

Almost certainly the most heartening experience of the past few months has been the positive and enthusiastic manner that our students have embraced 'the over-the-fence ministry' initiative, with an amazing 260 St Paul's students volunteering to help at local primary schools with the distribution of breakfast to needy children and helping with the organisation of lunchtime sporting games. Service is something that is becoming a big focus within the School (see further references under the 'Christian Dimension' section of this newsletter) and we believe this is another area that students should be encouraged to explore, whether it be in a local or international setting and whether it be transactional or transformational – it ultimately depends on what a student is able to best give.

I look forward to catching up with many of you on the side-lines at winter sporting fixtures, the annual School Ball or while viewing the very exciting forthcoming School production, Oklahoma.



# EXCELLENCE



## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

### TEEN-AG COMPETITION – ST PAUL’S EARNS A PLACE TO COMPETE AT NATIONALS

St Paul’s Collegiate School took two teams to the Waikato / Bay of Plenty Regional TeenAg competition in Huntly on 27 February. TeenAg is the teenager equivalent of the Young Farmer of the Year competition.

The two teams consisting of Amber Humphreys, Donna Smit, Brad Edwards and Quinn Bowie had to compete in eight modules. These ranged from loading and tying down a trailer, identifying alpaca fibre, sorting sugar and calories in drinks, safety, identifying risks, and seed identification. They competed against about 20 other school teams from around the region.

The top five teams, which included the St Paul’s Collegiate School Musterers of Brad and Quinn then had to do a Face Off.

This is basically carrying out three tasks in 15 minutes with the points awarded being for working as a team and on quality. The three tasks were putting up a tent, building furniture from four planks of wood and erecting a fence. The St Paul’s Collegiate School Musterers got the top points for putting up the tent (probably thanks to Tihoi) and for working together as a team. Their fence was also ranked very high.

The points from the Face Off were combined with the Module points, where Brad and Quinn came out with a second placing. This means that they have earned a space to compete at the National TeenAg competition, which will be held on Thursday 7 July in Timaru, alongside the Young Farmer of the Year competition. Well done to both teams for giving it a go and a fantastic effort by the St Paul’s Collegiate School Musterers!

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED FOR TOP BOARDING STUDENTS

At the boarders’ end-of-term prizegiving and dinner, held on Thursday, 14 April, the following students were recognised for their academic achievements:

Level	Clark	Sargood	Williams	Harington
9	Trey Lincoln	Harrison Cullen	Jack Caldwell	
10	Edwin Wills	Adam Jefferis	Henry Mandeno	
11	Harry Forte	Matthew Winefield	Lane Tims	Sarah Jackson
12	Zacharias Campbell	Michael Turnbull	Ryan Kim	Madison Tims
13	Blair Foster	Benjamin Negus	Thomas Wilson	Felicity Whale

### OTHER ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

- At the age of 14, Elliot Leighton is the youngest of 10 students selected to represent New Zealand at the United Nations (UN) Youth Pacific Project 2016. This project will run for two weeks starting in Wellington with an introduction to UN processes and debating coaching. Then on to the Australian UN Youth National Convention before going on a field trip to Samoa for a week where they will meet dignitaries and politicians and complete service-orientated work in the field, focusing on issues that face our Pacific neighbours.

- The following students have had their names added to the list of 2015 Scholastic Centurions following a recount of their external exam results. We congratulate them on their academic achievement:

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| Michael Torrance | Level 2 Calculus and Chemistry     |
| Emily Naylor     | Level 2 Agribusiness               |
| Sebastian Ellice | Level 2 Sports Science and History |
| Shaun Campbell   | Level 1 Graphics                   |



### 2016 ANNUAL PRODUCTION – OKLAHOMA

You just “cain’t say no” to St Paul’s production of *Oklahoma*. Based on the 1931 play “Green Grow the Lilacs,” by Lynn Riggs, *Oklahoma!* is the first musical written by the legendary team of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II.

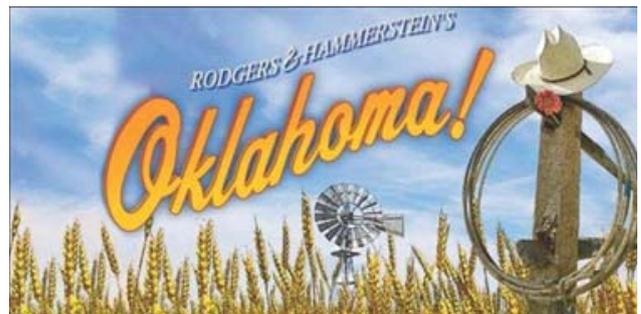
The setting is the Indian territory, now known as the state of Oklahoma; the time, soon after the beginning of the 20th century. Aunt Eller (Victoria Ware and Talitha Patrick) is churning butter outside her farmhouse, as from offstage come the strains of *Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin*. The story goes that Laurey (Ella Reilly and Jessica Hood) is a headstrong farm girl and the woman with whom both cowboy Curly (Oliver Massey and Kenan Grant) and farm hand Jud (Geordie Migo and Callum Rawlings) have fallen in love. When she plays hard-to-get with Curly and instead accepts dangerous Jud’s invitation to the upcoming box social, tensions rise between the men and capture the interest of the whole town.

Will Parker (Tamati Thomson and Shay Dickson) now appears with a description of his recent experiences at a fair in Kansas City, where he won fifty dollars in a steer-roping contest. That fifty dollars is highly important to him: he wants to marry Ado Annie (Emily Dela Rue and Phoebe l’Anson) and her father, Judge Andrew Carnes (Kaenan Ferguson), had specified that he

will not give his consent until Will can manage to accumulate such a sum.

In spite of her assumed diffidence towards and anger at Curly, Laurey is really in love with him. Meanwhile, Ado Annie has let it be known that her partner Ali Hakim (Suvarn Naidoo) would be the Persian peddler, at the same time she reveals that she is the kind of a girl who cannot refuse a man anything.

We invite you to come and enjoy this production with us and our talented crew of students. We open Tuesday 5 July to Friday 8 July, 7.30pm, Southwell Performing Arts Centre.



### CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED FOR TOP BOARDING STUDENTS

At the boarders’ end-of-term prizegiving and dinner, held on Thursday, 14 April, the following students were recognised for their cultural achievements:

Level	Clark	Sargood	Williams	Harington
9	Caleb Weck	James Robinson		
10	Temple Beauchamp		Marcus Kereopa	
11	Thomas Brown	Anjandeep Singh	Dallas Taikato	Genevieve Scott-Jones
12	Zacharias Campbell	Heath Campbell	Felix Rolls	Ella Reilly
13	Oliver Massey	Joshua Balme		Felicity Whale

# KATIE TRIGG AND AIDAN PHILLIPS SELECTED FOR NZSS CHOIR

We are very proud of Katie Trigg and Aidan Phillips' selection as members of the New Zealand Secondary School Choir 2015-2016.

The choir has gathered each school holiday break (since April 2015) for intensive rehearsals and public performances. The 2016 choir programme included rehearsals in the April school holidays, a performance in Parliament, CD recording, public concert and a performance at the nationally televised ANZAC Day service at the Pukeahu National War Memorial.

The choir's term will culminate in an overseas two-week tour to Canada and the International Kathaumixw Choral Festival in June-July 2016. The choir is honoured to have been invited to attend as the guest choir at this prestigious internationally recognised event.



## OTHER CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS



Over Easter, two St Paul's students, Emily Dela Rue (Year 12) and Aidan Phillips (Year 12) travelled to Hawkes Bay to compete in the Napier Performing Arts Vocal Competition.

Emily competed in the 14 years and under-16 section, gaining first place for Restricted Vocal Solo, Song in Costume (she was also awarded the Helen Dykes Challenge Cup) and Musical Theatre Song (receiving the Maxwell Jarman Challenge Cup). She also placed second for Folk or Traditional Song. To cap off what was an outstanding effort over the course of the competition, Emily was also awarded the Peter Tait Challenge Cup for the Most Promising Vocalist 14 years and under-18. Emily is a talented singer who we will continue to watch with interest.



Aidan competed in the 16 year and under-18 section, gaining a first place for Song Accompanied by Self, Oratorio; Folk and Traditional and Musical Theatre Song – for which he was also awarded the Napier Frivolity Minstrels Trophy. He also placed second for Sacred Solo, Vocal Solo, Song in Costume and third for Spiritual. Yet again, Aidan has shown his outstanding musical talents with a range of top placings in these prestigious competitions.

Aidan also competed in the Association Francaise de Hawkes Bay Recital class for 16+ and while he unfortunately didn't place, he was able to perform convincingly in that class, alongside third year university students and graduates from this year's NZ Opera School.

## FRANCIS-DOUGLAS CRICKET EXCHANGE

### 1st X1

Batting first, St Paul's innings was held together through a 137 run partnership between Sean Dykes who made a fantastic 123 and Edward Sclater who made an excellent 62. There were other contributions from Alastair Blackett 20, Bede Higgens 23 and Reuben Rajan 17 as St Paul's made 249 for 7. Matthew Fisher continued his excellent recent form to be the bowler of the Francis Douglas innings taking a very good 5 for 21. He was well supported by Aakaash Chimanlal with 3 for 31, as St Paul's again hung onto some excellent catches to bowl Francis Douglas out for 96. St Paul's then went out in search of quick runs with Mitchell Bailey 44, Reuben Andrews 50 and Alastair Blackett 41 not out, scoring rapidly as St Paul's declared on 182 for 5, setting Francis Douglas 335 to win. All the St Paul's bowlers bowled well in the second innings with Tom Yarrall having the best figures with 4 for 32 as Francis Douglas were bowled out for 105 to give St Paul's a 230 run win.

### 2nd X1

St Paul's batted first and straight away were under the pump, losing newly promoted Matthew Winefield. Dylan Bartels (score 6 for 2) and Jamie Sandford (14 for 3). Francis Douglas were on top and had all the momentum, restricting St Paul's to 50/9. Craig Stocker (Captain) and Aidan O'Connor worked hard to show the batsmen how to bat. For the last wicket, they showed the full face of anything straight and bringing the horizontal blade out for anything short. Our number 10 and 11 managed to push our score to 125/10 with Craig not out on 38 and Aidan 27.

Francis Douglas in reply also had similar issues with the bat, losing wickets on regular intervals. St Paul's didn't have much luck with our pace attack, so spin was introduced. Our spin twins, Jamie Sandford and Alex Johnson ripped through their batting line-up. Jamie taking 5 wickets for 26 and Alex taking 2 wickets for 43. However, the spin twins couldn't prevent Francis Douglas marching past our score, taking first innings points. St Paul's managed to clean up the tail shortly after, leaving Francis Douglas with a 20 run lead.

St Paul's again failed to get through the new ball, losing early wickets. However, the line-up remained positive, applying pressure to the opposition. Our batsmen worked hard and climbed into anything over-pitched. Dylan Bartels 33,

and Ben McColgan 31 managed to bat through the first hour of play, making batting look easy. This gave our stroke makers Joshua McLaughlin 38 off 31 and Sam Demsen 62 off 68 to play without fear. This allowed the team to declare with a score of 227/9. The equation came down to Francis Douglas needing 207 runs off 45 overs and St Paul's needing 10 wickets.

In the second innings, our open bowlers had the ball singing and was unplayable at times. Four wicket bags a piece went to St Paul's opening bowlers Craig Stocker (4 wickets for 9 runs) and Jarrod Mealings (4 wickets for 13 runs) were the highlights of the second innings. The teams work in the field was especially good with Jamie Standford, Matthew Winefield, Aidan O'Connor and Jamie Carlson catching anything that came their way. St Paul's managed to bowl Francis Douglas out for 28, winning the match by 171 runs.

### Colts

St Paul's won the toss and elected to bat. Tom Glenn and Jack Sturm got the team off to a good start putting on 62 for the first wicket. The loss of Tom brought Oliver O'Meeghan to the wicket and the runs starting to flow. Both Ollie and Jack were hitting the ball well and it came as a surprise when they were both dismissed, Ollie for 72 and Jack 57. The failure of one of these two to push on to a hundred meant that we were restricted to 239-7, when at one stage we were likely to get 260-270.

239 would prove to be plenty though, as our bowlers made light work of their batting. At one stage Francis Douglas were 25-5, but recovered somewhat to make 99. Following on, we destroyed their batting again to bowl them out for a paltry 64. George Ott was the pick of the bowlers, taking seven for the match with David Hancock gaining four wickets. We therefore secured a comfortable win by an innings and 70 runs. It was a top effort from the boys and the experience gained from their previous two day fixture against Lindisfarne proved invaluable.

# 1ST XI TAKES OUT WAIKATO VALLEY MEN'S CLUB FINAL FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

On Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 March, St Paul's 1st XI played Kaipaki in the Waikato Valley Men's Club final. Mitchell Bailey (19) and Reuben Rajan (26) got St Paul's off to a solid start in the club final. However, it was Sean Dykes with 103, who played brilliantly to give St Paul's the basis for a big score. He was well supported by Edward Sclater (32), coach Mark Bailey (57), Tom Yarrall (53) and Ben McColgan (16) as St Paul's scored 340 all out in the innings.

Matthew Fisher with 4 for 28, bowled superbly with the new ball to take three early wickets. However, Kaipaki batted well right throughout the order to make St Paul's work extremely hard to bowl them out. Tom Yarrall returned to take two wickets, Bede Higgins also took two wickets as St Paul's bowled Kaipaki out for 249 to record a 91 run win and win the championship for the second year in a row.

# 1ST XI FINISH THIRD IN NORTHERN DISTRICTS PLAYOFF FOR GILLETTE CUP

Rain over the weekend leading into summer tournament week meant that St Paul's lost the opportunity of a warm up match on the Saturday and then all matches had to be transferred to artificial pitches on the Monday morning. While all teams had had very little cricket due to Easter and the wet conditions, St Paul's chose a bad time to turn in a very poor performance batting first against St John's to be bowled out for only 83, with only Mitchell Bailey with 26 batting for any length of time. Matthew Fisher led the bowling attack with 3 for 16, but St John's were able to take their time in limping to the target 7 wickets down.

On Day 2 St Paul's were much more polished in easily beating Whangarei Boys' who were rolled for only 98 with Bede Higgins taking a brilliant 7 for 22. St Paul's cruised to the target only 4 wickets down with Reuben Rajan the mainstay, with 31.

On Day 3 St Paul's scored a massive 346 for 4 against Pukekohe High. Ben McColgan was promoted to open due to injury to Reuben Rajan, scoring a very impressive 107. Alastair Blackett a hard hit 75 and Reuben Andrews a brutal 74 not out off only 30 balls. St Paul's then blew away Pukekohe for only 74, with Matthew Fisher and Bede Higgins 3 wickets each and Eli Spadoni 4 for 10 bowling well. The team then had the agony of watching Whangarei drop two easy catches late on against St

John's, either of which would have put St Paul's into the final against Hamilton Boys' only to see St John's scramble home against Whangarei with one wicket and one ball to spare to win the group.

On Day 4 in the playoff for third and fourth place, St Paul's again did well to shrug off the disappointment of missing out on the final by comprehensively beating Tauranga Boys' College. Mitchell Bailey 19 and Ben McColgan 26, got the innings off to a good start, but then Sean Dykes with 66 and Alastair Blackett with 88 dominated the Tauranga attack in a 150 run partnership with St Paul's making 224 for 4. In reply Tauranga could only manage 121 with Tom Yarrall bowling superbly to take 6 for 24 and Bede Higgins 3 for 23.

While disappointed with their inability to qualify for the Northern Districts final, the team's consistent form over the season indicates that it would be ranked as one of the top two secondary school sides in the region and as a result, one of the top 12 high school teams in the country. This high level of performance would not be possible without the superb coaching input of coaches, Messrs Mark Bailey and Garth Littlejohn. Both men have given a huge amount of their personal time on weekends and over the holiday breaks in supporting and mentoring the boys in this successful team.

# END-OF-SEASON CRICKET PRIZEGIVING

## 2nd XI

Most Valuable Player: Jamie Carlson  
Best Team Member: Craig Stocker  
Most Improved: Sam Densem

## 3rd XI

Most Valuable Player: Matthew Spence  
Best Team Member: Hamish Tapp  
Most Improved: Aaron Alderslade

## Colts

Most Valuable Player: Jack Sturm and Shivam Achary  
Best Team Member: Matthew Forward  
Most Improved: Declan O'Sullivan

## Year 9

Most Valuable Player: Ben Strang and David Koshy  
Best Team Member: Patrick Wood  
Most Improved: Primo Singh



## CRICKET CAPS AWARDED

- On Saturday 13 February, against Otorohanga, Mitchell Bailey scored 66, which was his second score of 50 or more for the 1st XI and therefore earned his black playing cap. Mitchell also scored 74 not out against Pirongia earlier in the season. Mitchell has developed into a fine slip fielder and done a fantastic job at batting in the very difficult opening position. The Cap was presented at a full school assembly held on Friday 19 February.
- By scoring 62 against Francis Douglas Edward Sclater earned his 1st XI black playing cap. Edward also scored 66 earlier in the season against the Indian Raiders. He has batted impressively throughout the season in the middle order fighting hard and making many runs in valuable partnerships at crucial times. He is also an exceptional fielder and thoroughly deserves his black playing cap. The cap was presented at a full school assembly held on Friday 11 March.
- Sean Dykes has only been playing for the 1st XI cricket team for the past term, but made an immediate impact in scoring a fantastic 123 against Francis Douglas and recently followed that up with a brilliant century 103 against Kaipaki in the Waikato Valley Men's Club final. Sean has also been keeping wicket extremely well and was fully deserving of his 1st XI playing cap, which he was presented with at a full school assembly held on Friday 1 April.
- In taking 6 for 24 against Tauranga Boys' College, Tom Yarrall achieved his second honours board performance and as he has played for three years in the 1st XI he has now earned his ceremonial cap. This season Tom has played for the Northern Districts under-19 side and has played for the Bay of Plenty development mens team in recent years. Tom has been an extremely consistent opening bowler, hard hitting lower order batsman and safe fielder and thoroughly deserves his ceremonial cap.



## WAIKATO REPRESENTATIVE SIDE PLAYS IN MALAYSIAN 10'S RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Monday 15 February Sam Cooper, George Dyer, Connor Collins and Jackson Morgan (Connor Gordon wasn't able to travel because of an injury) gathered at 2am to start our 10-a-side tour to Kuala Lumpur with the New Zealand Harlequins team. The trip was hosted by KL Saracens and took place over nine days with the tournament played over the weekend. Leading into the tournament we had a few trainings, a pool session, a high intensity field session and a captains run the day before the tournament. The main initial focus was trying to acclimatise and get used to the conditions of South Asia. The tournament had teams from under-4 up to under-18. Playing in the under-18 competition. The tournament was made up of a combination of Malaysian and Singaporean teams and a lot of English international schools. The first day we played three 15 minute games, winning all very comfortably (over 50 points), putting us straight into the quarter final.

Day 2 came around with the boys ready for the challenges ahead. They played our quarter final just before lunch, which we also won by 40 points, putting us into the semi-final where we played the hosts and last years' finalist, KL Saracens. They brought a much stronger game compared to previous games, being a lot more physically similar to teams we play back home. The Harlequins were still too good out wide and were able to put 30 points on them, which put the Waikato side into the final, where they wanted to be the day they started this campaign.

The final was two ten minute halves playing an English school based in North Malaysia. The team brought together all that we had been practising for and finished with one of their best games of the tournament, winning the final 42-0. This left them with a tournament total of 286 points, having zero points scored against us. In the end, a very successful tour. Special mention goes to Sam Cooper for having an outstanding tournament and being the team's top try scorer with five tries.

# NATIONAL ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS – ST PAUL’S WIN BRONZE

Four crews represented St Paul’s at the National Club Championships, 16 -20 February, at Karapiro.

Mathew Caskie and Kate Littlejohn raced in the men’s and women’s club single sculls. Both are extremely competitive events, racing the best adult scullers in the country. Both acquitted themselves well and although failing to qualify for finals against their more experienced opposition, they were “in the middle of the pack” and earned valuable racing experience before racing their age groups at Maadi.

Georgia Dobbe and Olivia Warlow qualified directly for their semi-final, where they recorded a personal best time and qualified 5th fastest for their A final in the novice double sculls. Conditions were extremely windy for their final, however, and they failed to find their good form from the semi, finishing 8th in their first national level final.

The senior boys four of Shaun Cox, Tom Coleman, Josh Balme and Hamish Haycock, with cox Blaire Fullerton-Smith, qualified an easy 2nd from their heat of the U19 coxed 4. In the final St Paul’s followed a more aggressive race plan, pushing hard out in the first 500m, a strong Hamilton Boys’ High crew eased ahead in the middle 1000m, eventually winning by 3 seconds, while Whakatane and St Paul’s fought for the silver all the way down the last 1km, with Whakatane edging it to take 2nd place by 0.2s. Although disappointed to lose such a tight a battle for silver, this represents a significant improvement on the crew’s previous race in January, where Hamilton Boys’ High and Whakatane were 13 and 14 seconds ahead of the St Paul’s crew. The bronze medal in the national champs was a great achievement.

## NISS CHAMPIONSHIPS - TWINS TAKE GOLD!

A total of twenty St Paul’s crews competed at this year’s final Karapiro regatta of theseason: the North Island secondary schools rowing championships.

The U15 boys 8+ just missed out on making the A final by 0.22s in a fast heat, recording another season’s best time. Meanwhile the U15 quad were forced to reshuffle after losing stroke Max Dobbe, and whilst only qualified for the C final in their first race together, they ultimately won that very convincingly and in great style.

Despite these hiccups, the club produced a commendable total of seven A and three B finalists, with at least one boat from each age group making an A final, including every single one of our girls in the St Paul’s squad! Kate Littlejohn, cruised through the early rounds of her U16 single sculls, but struggled a bit to find the same mid-race speed in the final, finishing 5th in her A final. The U18 boys’ 4+ of Shaun Cox, Josh Balme, Tom Coleman, Hamish Haycock and cox Blaire Fullerton-Smith raced an extremely aggressive first half in an attempt to put Hamilton Boys’ High under pressure, but this early pace, whilst enabling them to hang onto second place for 1200m, cost them in the last 500m. They were unable to hold off Westlake Boys’ and Auckland Grammar, finishing 4th in their A final. In contrast, the newly formed girls’ novice 4 of Georgia Dobbe, Olivia Warlow, Grace Watson, Alice Emeny and cox Victoria Chanwai, gained confidence and speed throughout the regatta, and finished extremely strongly in the last 500m of their final, closing on the leaders after a measured first half, and although running out of race course, finishing an exciting and still gaining - 4th. Considering this was only the third time this combination had rowed together, this was an

outstanding race. Other A finalists were the girls U18 novice double of Georgia Dobbe and Olivia Warlow and the girls U18 novice 8 of Dobbe, Warlow and Donna Smit, Willow Lodge, Grace Watson, Alice Emeny, Grace Li, Sophie Egan and Victoria Chanwai as cox. Both crews rowed well, and while not winning a medal they both rowed very good races, finishing within the top eight crews in the North Island. The boys’ U15 4 of Adam Jefferis, Isaac West, Max McLean-Bluck, Edwin Wills and cox Sarah Best, raced their A final in choppy conditions to finish a commendable 8th.

The highlight of the weekend was the final of the girl’s lightweight double scull, with Paris and Sinead Kingston-White, holding off a strong charge from Wellington East Girls’ College to win by half a length.





## GOLD AND TWO SILVER MEDALS FOR ROWERS AT MAADI CUP REGATTA

Having just returned from 10 days at Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel, the St Paul's rowing squad are celebrating as proud holders of two silver medals and one gold medal. This places them 14th out of the 120 schools competing in the secondary schools ranking, ahead of some other very prominent rowing schools.

The St Paul's squad was made up of 34 rowers and coxes and the regatta commenced with gruelling heats on the Monday and Tuesday, do or die repechages on the Wednesday and Thursday and then the toughest of the tough, finals on the Friday and Saturday. The boys and girls all gave it everything in the early part of the regatta, and ten crews, which was basically half the squad, managed to get themselves into A or B finals, which placed them in the top eight or sixteen in the country. All of the squads were fantastic ambassadors for our school and we are tremendously proud of them all.

We want to acknowledge the whole squad and the time and commitment that they have all given, especially a huge amount of holiday time, with three camps in the holidays and then the whole of the Easter weekend, were utilised in order to make themselves go faster! Just before leaving for Maadi, every single one of the overall squad did a PB in a 2km erg test, including Josh Balme, who clocked up a record breaking 5 min 58 sec score. His previous record was a 6 min 5 sec erg set in February of last year. That's an incredible erg score for an U18 boy, in fact we are still finding out if it's the best in the country - and with that Josh has earned himself a New Zealand junior trial.

Once the entire squad had all PB'd on the land, every crew that went down to the amazingly beautiful Lake Ruataniwha in the South Island, then PB'd again in their boats during the Maadi regatta. Just to reiterate; every crew raced their fastest race of the season at some point during the New Zealand secondary schools national championships, from the girls U18 novice second four, to the boys U15 double of Harrison Stace and Blair Wells, to Kate Littlejohn and Matt Caskie in their single sculls. As a rower, you want to be able to row your best race at the end of the season, so it's very important to be able to do that and feel satisfied that you gave it your best shot.

Some crews were disappointed as that performance wasn't necessarily enough, but the competition was extremely tough (over 2100 athletes) and we were in those cases, beaten by better crews, because we knew we had given our best performance.

Maadi 2016 is a long story. It's a story of courage and disappointment, of resilience and victory. In some cases, it's about being able to deal with the bitter disappointment of a loss and then picking yourself up for another race and another test of your character. Like the Kingston-White twins that went into the competition as hot favourites to win the lightweight doubles, only to not make the weigh-in by 200grams. They had to swallow that desperate disappointment and gather themselves to race in the heavyweight girls U18 double, knowing that they were out of their league and yet still gave a credible performance, which is a real credit to themselves and their school.

Then of course, there are the happy stories, where crews go into the regatta with fewer expectations, due to injuries through the season, or just a lack of practice – and they rise to the occasion and produce the race of their lives, like Max Dobbe and Tom Seuren, who raced back to back doubles to secure both a silver and a gold medal, all within the space of one hour and the U18 girls novice 4 of Georgia Dobbe, Olivia Warlow, Grace Watson, Alice Emeny and Victoria Chanwai as cox, who were rank outsiders, but raced into second place in a fantastically exciting race.

The St Paul's squad between them made an outstanding eight A finals and two B finals. Hard physical training, great friendships and fun have contributed to an amazing rowing season. All of the squad can be incredibly proud of their achievements throughout all of the camps and regattas. Considerable thanks go to Messrs Chris Foot, Andy Hadcroft, Reverend James Stephenson and Mr Chris Grace (Club Chairman), as well as our two Australian Gappies, Lizzie Treloar and Sophie Camens; for all of their support, motivation, time and effort that they put into making this a very successful rowing season.



## ANNUAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Thursday 17 March, despite the predicted weather forecast for rain, the clouds parted by lunchtime and the sun shone through so that the student body could cheer on their housemates at the annual St Paul's Swimming Sports. The overall results for the day were:

### Junior Boys Champion (winner of the Jenkins Cup)

1st Equal	Thomas Griffin	(Fitchett House)
1st Equal	Ben Littlejohn	(Fitchett House)
3rd	Jacob Gibbs	(Hall House)

### Intermediate Boys Champion (winner of the Fitchett Cup)

1st	Shay Dickson	(School House)
2nd	Brendan Hunt	(Hamilton House)
3rd	Joseph Dean	(Fitchett House)

### Senior Boys Champion (winner of the Smart Cup)

1st Equal	Jimmy Christey	(Hall House)
1st Equal	Connor Egan	(School House)

### Senior Girls Champion (winner of the Ronaldson Cup)

1st	Kate Littlejohn	(Fitchett House)
2nd	Olivia Warlow	(Hall House)
3rd	Mackenzie Batters	(School House)

### Champion of Champions (winner of Sandford Cup)

Kate Littlejohn (Fitchett House)

**Inter-House Relay Cup:** Hall House

### House points placings for Swimming Sports Overall:

1st	School House
2nd	Hall House
3rd	Fitchett House
4th	Hamilton House
5th	Williams House
6th	Sargood House
7th	Clark House

With records set by:

Girls 50m Backstroke	Kate Littlejohn	34.30
(previous: 34.93 in 2006)		
Junior Boys 50m Butterfly	Ben Littlejohn	27.81
(previous: 30.70 in 2005)		





## WSS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

It has been some years in the making, but now St Paul's Collegiate School swimmers have claimed the honour of becoming the 2016 "Overall Points Champions" at the Waikato Secondary Schools Swimming Championships. With the boy's squad achieving 670 points (2nd) and the girl's squad achieving 233 points (6th), our combined scores made us first overall, with 903 points, 107 points ahead of second place.

It was an exhausting day of heats, finals and timed finals, but the squad held its nerve and composure right to the bitter end with the relays to await the final points tally. A jubilant gathering of squad members posed for photos with their trophy presented by Swim Waikato.

Apart from this spectacular team performance, three records were also broken: Thomas Griffin broke two records: his own junior boys 200m IM record with a new time of 2.24.67 and Connor Egan's junior boys 200m freestyle record (2012) with a new time of 2.07.41; Ben Littlejohn broke the junior boy's 50m butterfly record with a new time of 28.03 seconds.

Further individual podium finals results from this championship included:

Thomas Griffin: 1st junior boys 200m IM (new record)  
1st junior boys 200m Free (new record)  
1st junior boys 100m IM  
2nd U14 boys 100m freestyle relay  
2nd U14 boys 100m medley relay

Ben Littlejohn: 1st junior boys 50m butterfly (new record)  
1st junior boys 100m butterfly  
1st junior boys 100m backstroke  
2nd U14 boys 100m freestyle relay  
2nd U14 boys 100m medley relay

Shay Dickson: 1st intermediate boys 100m butterfly  
2nd intermediate boys 50m butterfly

Jacob Gibbs: 2nd U14 boys 100m freestyle relay  
2nd U14 boys 100m medley relay  
3rd Junior boys 50m backstroke

Jess Allen: 2nd U14 boys 100m freestyle relay  
2nd U14 boys 100m medley relay

Jimmy Christey: 2nd senior boys 50m freestyle

Connor Egan: 3rd Senior Boys 50m Fly  
3rd 15+ Boys 100m Freestyle relay  
3rd 15+ Boys 100m Medley relay  
2nd Senior Boys 100m Freestyle  
3rd Senior Boys 50m Freestyle  
3rd 15+ Boys 100m Freestyle relay  
3rd 15+ Boys 100m Medley relay

Mackenzie Batters: 2nd Intermediate Girls 50m Backstroke  
3rd Intermediate Girls 50m Fly  
3rd Intermediate Girls 100m Fly

Olivia Warlow: 2nd equal Senior Girls 50m Fly

Rudi Grace: 2nd Senior Boys 100m Backstroke

Kate Littlejohn: 3rd Senior Girls 50m Backstroke  
3rd Senior Girls 100m Backstroke

Brendan Hunt: 3rd Intermediate Boys 50m Freestyle  
3rd Intermediate Boys 100m Backstroke

Marcus Hamilton: 3rd 15+ Boys 100m Freestyle relay  
3rd 15+ Boys 100m Medley relay

Georgia Dobbe: 3rd Senior Girls 200m Freestyle

In total, the St Paul's swimming squad achieved:

- 3 new records
- 7 Gold medals
- 7 Silver medals
- 13 Bronze medals

The squad gained a further 13 fourth place finishes and 19 5th to 8th place finishes in finals, all of which contributed to our 903 points and "First Place Overall" ranking.

This was a truly sensational team effort and all swimmers, irrespective of their individual results, can feel very proud of this remarkable accomplishment given the size of our school. Well done to all and a special thanks to the squad of parents who not only supported our swimmers, but who also help out with marshalling and time-keeping on the day. Also a big thank you to Mr Roger Bell who as both coach and manager of the swimming squad has been of tremendous support to this group of youngsters.



## ANNUAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

Held at Porritt Stadium on Wednesday 24 March, in glorious sunny conditions, this annual championship and inter-House sporting event saw the following results:

### Junior Field Event Champion

1st Sam Harcourt (Fitchett House)

### Junior Individual Champion

1st Harry Coxhead (Sargood House)  
2nd Mitchell Clark (Hall House)  
3rd Sam Harcourt (Fitchett House)

### Intermediate Field Event Champion

1st Lane Tims (Williams House)

### Intermediate Individual Champion

1st Lane Tims (Williams House)  
2nd Temwa Chileshe (Hamilton House)  
3rd Samuel McClay (Clark House)

### Senior Field Event Champion

1st Ryan Ballantyne (Fitchett House)

### Senior Individual Champion

1st Ryan Wilkins (Clark House)  
2nd Jack Gordon (Sargood House)  
3rd Connor Gordon (Clark House)

### Girls Field Event Champion

1st Sarah Parker (Hamilton House)

### Girls Individual Champion

1st Jade Henley-Smith (Fitchett House)  
2nd Madison Tims (Williams House)  
3rd= Kate Littlejohn (Fitchett House)  
3rd= Paris Kingston-White (Hall House)  
3rd= Sarah Parker (Hamilton House)

### Senior Boys 4x100m Relay

Clark House

### Senior Boys 4x400m Relay

Hamilton House

### Senior Girls 4x100m Relay

Fitchett House

### Relay Cup

Clark House

### House Cup

Williams House

### Records that were broken include:

#### Girls Shotput

Sarah Parker (10.91) Previous: A Morgan (2004) 10.67

#### Senior Boys Discus

Ryan Ballantyne (50.26) Previous: C Burton (1996) 48.94

#### Senior Boys 4x100m Relay

Clark House (45.37) Previous: Sargood (1976) 45.80

#### Senior Boys Shotput 5kg

Ryan Ballantyne (19.73) Previous: J Morgan (2015) 15.38



# CENTRAL ZONE ATHLETICS

The central zone athletics championship sees students from all of the Hamilton, Cambridge and Morrinsville secondary schools competing at Porritt Stadium; and St Paul's athletes were again in record breaking form. Ryan Ballantyne and the senior girls' 4 x 100m relay team, comprising Jessica Hood, Emanae Ferguson, Madison Tims and Jade Henley-Smith were the athletes to achieve this feat. Ryan broke the senior boys shot put record by 4 metres and now has the distinction of holding both the intermediate and senior shot put records for the zone. The girls blitzed the other teams in a commanding performance, that again confirmed why they are the current New Zealand secondary school champions. The School's proud relay history was further enhanced by a dominant performance by the intermediate boys and easy victory for the senior boys.

Nineteen titles in total were won by our athletes and as a result, 35 athletes in total qualified for the Waikato Bay of Plenty secondary schools based on their results.

Event title winners on the day included:

## Senior girls

Jade Henley-Smith	1st 100m, 200m, long jump and 4 x 100m
Jessica Hood	1st 400m, 800m and 4 x 100m
Madison Tims	1st 300m hurdles (Open), 80m hurdles, 4 x 100m relay
Emanae Ferguson	1st 4 x 100m relay
Sarah Parker	1st javelin and 2nd shot put

## Intermediate Boys

Temwha Chileshe	1st discus, 3rd triple jump and 1st 4 x 100m
Lane Tims	1st high jump, 2nd 100m hurdles
Valynce Crosby-Te Whare	1st 4 x 100m and 2nd 100m
Temple Beauchamp	1st 4 x 100m and 4th 100m
Albert Talakai	1st 4 x 100m, 3rd shot put and 6th 100m

## Senior Boys

Jack Gordon	1st 4 x 100m, 3rd= 110m hurdles and 5th 100m
Della Neli	1st 4 x 100m, 5th 110m hurdles and 6th 100m
Connor Gordon	1st 4x 100m, 2nd 200m and 3rd 300m hurdles
Ryan Wilkins	1st 400m, 800m and 2nd 300m hurdles
Jimmy Christey	1st= triple jump, 6th long jump
Ryan Ballantyne	1st shot put (record), 1st discus
Alastair Blackett	1st javelin
Tom Yarrall	1st 4 x100m

Other athletes to qualify for Waikato Bay of Plenty secondary school championships

## Junior boys

Charlie Oliver	2nd 80m hurdles
Benedict Scanlon	3rd 300m and 4th 200m
Benjamin Strang	6th 200m
Matthew Johnson	4th triple jump
Mitchell Clark	3000m
Max Campbell	5th 3000m
Nathan Ingham	6th 3000m

## Intermediate boys

Luke Donaldson	6th 800m
Liam Allen	4th 3000m
Lachlan Finch	4th shot put
James Mitchell	4th Javelin
Elliot Ware	6th Javelin

## Senior boys

Sebastian Ellice	4th 3000m, 5th 1500m
Lwamba Chileshe	5th 3000m
Andre Kleuskens	3rd triple jump, 5th long jump
Jackson Morgan	2nd shot put, 3rd discus
Cameron Smale	3rd javelin



# RECORD BREAKING PERFORMANCES AT WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY SECONDARY SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

An impressive day of competition saw numerous titles won by athletes from St Paul's. Ryan Ballantyne was again in record breaking form smashing the senior boys shot put record. His distance of 19.10m will take some beating in the future.

Our female athletes were also to the fore with Jade Henley-Smith, Madison Tims, and Jessica Hood each winning two individual events convincingly and then combining with Emanae Ferguson to put in a commanding performance to win the senior girls 4 x 100m relay. The School's relay dominance was further demonstrated by large winning margins in the senior boys (Ryan Wilkins, Jack Gordon, Connor Gordon and Della Neli) and Intermediate boys (Valynce Te Whare –Crosby, Temple Beauchamp, Temwa Chileshe and Liam Allen).

Valynce also finished first in the intermediate boys 100m as too did Cameron Smale in the senior boys javelin.

The result of their fine individual performances has seen the following 14 athletes qualify to represent Waikato Bay of Plenty at the North Island Secondary School Championships.

- Ryan Ballantyne
- Ryan Wilkins
- Andre Kleuskens
- Sarah Parker
- Cameron Smale
- Jade Henley-Smith
- Madison Tims
- Jimmy Christey
- Valynce Crosby-Te Whare
- James Mitchell
- Jessica Hood
- Connor Gordon
- Sebastian Ellice
- Temwa Chileshe

## TITLE WINNERS

### Senior

Ryan Ballantyne	1st shot put (record), discus
Jade Henley-Smith	1st 100m; 200m; 4 x 100m and 2nd long jump
Jessica Hood	1st 400m; 800m and 4 x100m
Ryan Wilkins	1st 4 x100m; 2nd 400m, 800m
Madison Tims	1st 100m hurdles; 4 x 100m; 1st 300m hurdles open girls
Cameron Smale	1st javelin

Della Neli	1st 4 x100m relay; 4th 110m hurdles
Connor Gordon	1st 4 x 100m; 2nd 300m hurdles open boys; 5th 200m
Emanae Ferguson	1st 4 x 100m
Jack Gordon	1st 4 x 100m

### Intermediate

Valynce Crosby-Te Whare	1st 100m; 4 x 100m
Temple Beauchamp	1st 4 x100m; 5th 100m
Temwa Chileshe	1st 4 x100m; 2nd discus
Liam Allen	1st 4 x 100m

### Other place getters

Andre Kleuskens	2nd triple jump senior boys
Jimmy Christey	3rd triple jump senior boys
Sebastian Ellice	3rd 3000m senior boys
Sarah Parker	3rd javelin; 4th shot put senior girls
Lane Tims	2nd 100m hurdles; 4th high jump intermediate boys
James Mitchell	3rd intermediate boys javelin

### Other competitors

Lachlan Finch	4th shot put intermediate boys
Benedict Scanlon	5th 300m; 6th 200m junior boys
Mitchell Clark	5th 3000m junior boys
Matthew Johnson	7th triple jump junior boys
Nathan Ingham	9th 1500m junior boys

# ATHLETICS NEW ZEALAND TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

This event is the national championship for club athletes in New Zealand. It was held in Dunedin this year and was dubbed by Athletics New Zealand as “the road to Rio runs through Dunedin”. The calibre of competition was high with athletes of the quality of Olympic champion Valerie Adams and world indoor championship medallist Tom Walsh competing.

Ryan Ballantyne, Jade Henley-Smith and Jessica Hood were the athletes from our school who competed in Dunedin, and all came away from the event with national titles.

Ryan competed in three shot put competitions over the weekend. He first stepped out in the senior men’s event on the Friday where he was up against Tom Walsh and Jacko Gill. Ryan performed outstandingly to place third. This is a fantastic result in an open competition throwing a 7.26kg shotput. In the years before the arrival of Tom and Jacko on the shot-putting scene, Ryan’s effort would have seen him win the title. On the Saturday, Ryan competed in the junior men’s event (throwing a 6kg shot put) and he won comfortably against older competitors. After two days of tough competition, Ryan

competed again on the Sunday in his own age group, the U18 category (throwing a 5kg shotput). In a surprise, Ryan was beaten by another talented field eventer from Northland. It took a significant personal best from the Northland athlete to beat Ryan, but overall Ryan performed outstandingly over the weekend, winning three medals in three different age groups.

Jade Henley-Smith also had a busy weekend in winning three national titles in the women’s U18 100m, 200m and 4 x 100m relay. Along the way, she ran a personal best in the 200m. To prove how versatile she is, she also gained a silver medal by being part of the Waikato Bay of Plenty 4 x 400m relay team.

Jessica Hood after an injury hampered her final month of preparation, did well to place third in her favoured event the 400m in the Women’s U18 age group. She then backed this up with gold as a member of the Waikato Bay of Plenty 4 x 100m relay team and a silver in the 4 x 400m.

## THREE TITLES AT THE NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ten athletes from St Paul’s travelled north to compete as part of the Waikato Bay of Plenty team in the final major athletics meeting of the season. It proved to be a highly successful competition for our athletes with titles, records and personal bests among many of the personal highlights for the athletes. Ryan Ballantyne was again in record breaking form as he improved the senior boys shot put record by over a metre on his final throw of the season. He also showed his versatility by placing 2nd in the discus.

Lane Tims also had an impressive competition in the intermediate boys high jump as he bounced back from the disappointment of only placing 4th at the Waikato Bay of Plenty secondary school athletic championships. Lane put in a title winning performance this week and on his way to winning the North Island title, Lane lifted his personal best to 1.83m. He is now only 3cm from breaking a school record that has stood for 20 years.

The other title winner from the weekend was Jessica Hood, she was part of the open girls’ Waikato Bay of Plenty 4 x 400m relay team that convincingly beat the opposition. It was a busy but successful weekend for Jessica as she also had two silver

medal performances in the senior girls’ 4 x100m relay and 400m and a bronze in the 800m.

Ryan Wilkins was part of the open boys Waikato Bay of Plenty 4 x 400m relay team that placed 2nd. He also continued his development from a 400m runner to 800m runner, with a 5th placing in the senior boys’ 800m in a personal best time that saw him dip under the two minute barrier for the first time. Another successful athlete on the weekend was Madison Tims, who set a personal best by placing 2nd in the open girls’ 300m Hurdles and she was also part of the intermediate girls’ 4 x 100m relay team which finished 2nd.

Sarah Parker continued her return from a serious knee injury with a pleasing performance in the senior girls javelin where she placed 3rd.

The other athletes that competed all achieved top 8 placings with Valynce Crosby-Te Whare 7th intermediate boys’ 100m; James Mitchell 8th intermediate boys’ Javelin; Andre Kleuskens 6th senior boys triple jump and Cameron Smale 8th senior boys’ javelin.

## PRE-SEASON RUGBY EXCHANGE IN GISBORNE

On Saturday 9 April, the 1st XV and U16 development XV travelled to Gisborne for pre-season games. The U16 development XV had played St Laurence's, a visiting Queensland school, on Thursday and went down 17-12. The physicality of this game was great preparation for Gisborne with the boys producing an excellent performance, winning 23-10. For the majority of the game, we were in our 22 but took our chances well, scoring four excellent tries including a suburb solo try to Temple Beauchamp. This was a very good performance by the team as we were playing Gisborne's 2nd XV. Valynce Crosby-Te Whare scored the other three tries and was a constant danger on attack.

The 1st XV put in a solid performance, but went down 13-5 against a talented Gisborne team. Due to a lack of cohesion, the team struggled to put phases together and made crucial mistakes, conceding a soft try in the first half. Two further penalties to Gisborne extended their lead to 13-0 before we hit back with an excellent try to Della Neli. We finished the stronger team, but we were unable to score anymore points. While it was disappointing to lose, it was a solid first up effort from the boys and showed the promise the team has.



## FUTSAL SUMMER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The St Paul's Collegiate School 'Soul Brothers' were true to their name when they acquitted themselves admirably at the tournament in Wellington. The team went from strength to strength throughout the tournament. They showed their camaraderie and team chemistry by bouncing back from three losses on the first day, to winning twice on the last day, by playing fluent futsal with a fantastic team spirit which had every brother prepared to shed blood for the betterment of the team. It was inspiring for coach, Mr Groom, to watch as in all of the games many of the soul brothers were playing against boys two, three, and in some cases, four years older than they were. It was boys against men on a physical level but on the level of spirit our boys were intense and aggressive, getting in their opponents' faces and dominating spaces, which then allowed them to implement their rhythmical style of futsal and score sensational goals. Goal-scorers at the tournament were George Ott (who is in Year 10 and finished with a total of six goals) Conor Horrigan, Zac Newdick, Lwamba Chileshe, Jasom Khatkar, Jacob Rae and Harry Porritt, who as the team's goalie, was able to volley the ball out of his hands the length of the court, where it went over the head of the opposing goalkeeper to register the final goal in the 5-0 victory over Wainuiomata from Wellington. Sam Dean, Nick Smallwood, Matt Jayasuria, Nathan Guilford and Jakob Merson were tremendous in their contribution to the team's energy and enthusiasm. The team were led very impressively by inspirational captain Zac Newdick and the very experienced Harry Porritt, who not only scored the goal of the tournament,

but pulled off some breathtaking saves to keep the team up in crucial games. The tournament was the culmination of 10 weeks of preparation and determination and there can be absolutely no doubt that this was a very positive experience. As a consequence, it was one of the most memorable for Mr Groom in his 20 years of involvement with soccer at St Paul's Collegiate School. All of the aforementioned was made possible by the invaluable organisation, support and X-factor of Mrs Julie Goodwin who had things running so smoothly off the court, the boys felt like they were being treated like the superstars from Barcelona. Mrs Teresa Porritt was an invaluable presence and indispensable support and Mr Groom is indebted to both of these remarkable ladies for making such a magic time possible for the soul brothers. The sight and sound of Matt Jayasuria soulfully leading the boys on the sideline in the Soul Brother chant will be a memory that will last forever for Mr Groom. Because, in the years to come, the results from the tournament will fade, as all things do in time, but the feeling of being a St Paul's Soul Brother, will, for these boys, last a lifetime, for, as everyone knows, the soul and the spirit are timeless.

# TRANS-TASMAN NETBALL QUAD TOURNAMENT WINNERS FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING

The St Paul's Open A and development netball teams travelled to Kristin School on the North Shore, Auckland on Friday 8 April to participate in this annual tournament. A full timetable of seven round robin matches – 3 x 40 minute games per day, with the final round robin game played on the last day of tournament, before the semis and finals.

## Development team

The development team took nine girls, providing everyone with good game time. Several girls made huge improvements within their own play and an outstanding contribution to the team.

Once again, St Paul's 'bookended' the tournament in terms of the results, but staff believe we won hands down on the team spirit, behaviour and school pride.

Our reward was to have Katie Begbie and Emma Smith, our hard-working defensive pairing, named in the tournament team for the development grade.

This team was selected by the opposing teams and these two players had the most votes, with Katie being the MVP for the development grade.

## Open A

The first game ended in a convincing win, ably led by Teri Wathen-Smith, captaining the team for the tournament.

Play was not as convincing during the second game against Ballarat Grammar's premier team, running out of time to lose the game by one goal – final score 29-30.

The remaining game for the day was against our own Development team, which was played in true school and team spirit, with Open A taking the win.

Day 2 saw three wins from three games for the Open A.

With the cross-over of summer tournament week and the Quad tournament, numbers were bolstered with Serena Lim-Strutt joining the team for the first two days and the inclusion of Grace Watson and Georgia Dobbe from their silver medals at Maadi Cup.

Kate Littlejohn joined the team on Day 3, after her Aotearoa Maori secondary school netball trial over the weekend. The first round robin game of the day was won and team headed into the semi-finals seeded second.

This time around, the final result was not so easily achieved, with a draw at fulltime. Extra time (2 x 5 minute halves) was to be played to decide the winner, with St Paul's coming out on top. The true strength and versatility of the team was exhibited, with players coming off the bench into the game in extra time, nailing some courageous intercepts and rebounds.

The cup final was against Ballarat Grammar's premier team. The score remained close throughout the final, with Ballarat holding a 1-2 goal advantage for most of the game. The depth of the team was again utilised throughout the game, with changes being made to keep the opposition guessing.

Heading into the last two minutes of the final quarter, the team were up by one goal. With the full team pressure on defence exerted on the opposition, this created critical turnover ball, which was to be converted, placing the team five goals ahead at the final whistle.

St Paul's remain the title holders for the second year in a row! A fantastic outcome.

To top off the tournament, Teri Wathen-Smith, Anahia Noble and Talia Namana were named in the premier tournament tea, with Talia Namana being awarded MVP of the entire tournament.

Thank you to our large contingent of supporters who travelled big distances to support us. Our thanks also to Mesdames Helen Bradford (team manager), Marg Landon and Sonya Noble (coaches) who provided the girls with the opportunity to participate in this annual tournament. This tournament goes to Pembroke School, Adelaide, 2017.

# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED FOR TOP BOARDING STUDENTS

At the boarders' end-of-term prizegiving and dinner, held on Thursday 14 April, the following students were recognised for their sporting achievements:

Level	Clark	Sargood	Williams	Harington
9	Trey Lincoln	Hector Munro	Charles Oliver	
10	Temple Beauchamp	Harry Coxhead	Jack Deane	
11	Edward Sclater	Liam Allen	Max Dobbe	Alice Emeny
			Tom Seuren	Grace Watson
			Lane Tims	
12	Judd Redmond	Sean Dykes	John Richardson	Georgia Dobbe
				Madison Tims
13	Ryan Wilkins	Thomas Yarrall	Bede Higgens	

## OTHER SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

- Oliver O'Meegan (Year 9), playing for the Colts cricket side, against St Peter's School, achieved a very rare feat, scoring a double century in their forty over match. Oliver made a total of 202 not out, hitting 24 fours; 5 sixes, on his way to a double century. His best partnership was for the seventh wicket, where he scored 110 runs with George Ott (41). An amazing achievement, which has not been achieved by a St Paul's Colts player in at least a decade.

- Over the Easter weekend St Paul's had four girls who had been selected to take part in the Aotearoa Maori netball national championships:

- Anahia Noble (Captain, Tainui U15)
- Sophie Carr Patterson (Tainui U17)
- Grace Watson (Waiariki U17)
- Kate Littlejohn (Tainui Premier)

It was a great two days of netball with Waiariki gaining second place of 10 regional Waka in the U17 grade and Tainui Prems placing second in their grade. To top the weekend off, Grace Watson and Kate Littlejohn were named as trialists for the New Zealand Maori secondary schools team.

- Grace Watson was recently selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools netball team. Grace was one of 24 girls from around the country to compete in four days of trials from 31 March – 3 April. The team will play in an international schools competition from 2 – 6 May.

- Kate Littlejohn has been selected to represent the Aotearoa Maori international secondary schools netball team that will compete in the 2016 International Schoolgirls Netball Challenge – a tournament featuring teams from Australia, New

Zealand, Malaysia, South Africa and the Pacific Nations. The tournament will be held in Auckland from 3 – 6 May.

- Joshua Andrew (Year 12) recently represented Waikato in the three day North Island championship diving competition in Wellington. He competed in three events. The one and three metre springboard and the five metre platform. He gained a score of 90 points and over for all three events to gain a silver medal. Josh will now compete in the national springboard and platform diving competition to be held later on this year.

- On Saturday 19 March, Craig Scott played in a New Zealand Chess Federation tournament super class event in Auckland. This was the latvian rapid where each player had 25 minutes on their clock. Craig played in the D Division against adults and students and won five out of six of his games. This was a fantastic effort that gained him second place and a cash prize.

- St Paul's had three teams competing at the Waikato schools teams triathlon championships, which were held at the Lake Karapiro Domain on Wednesday 16 March. The standard of competition in age group was very high and teams had to work hard to gain a placing. In the U19 age group, the race consisted of a 500 metre swim, a 17 kilometre cycle and a 4 kilometre run. The St Paul's team consisting of Thomas Griffin in the swim, Brad Edwards on the bike and Seb Ellice in the run competed very well to finish 3rd. Competitors in the U16 age group raced over the same distance as the U19 age group.

Our team in this category consisted of Brendan Hunt, Jack Deane, and Sam McClay. This team also performed strongly to place 4th. In the U14 division we were represented by

Ben Littlejohn, Lachlan Coleman and Trey Lincoln. Their race consisted of a 300m swim, a 12k bike and a 3k run. The boys raced superbly throughout their race in 4th position.

- The first squash tournament of the season was held in Cambridge over the weekend of 27 and 28 February. St Paul's students performed outstandingly well in all divisions. In the open mens' division, Lwamba Chileshe, finished 4th. Temwa Chileshe comfortably won Division 1, convincingly winning the final against the Hamilton Boys' High number one in three games. Sam Wilson continued St Paul's domination by winning Division 2. St Paul's head of squash, Hugh Jackson, was runner-up in Division 3. Josh McLaughlin dominated all of his opponents, not dropping a game to win Division 5. Brendan Hunt finished 4th in Division 7. In his first ever tournament, Elliot Ware had an outstanding win in the junior division, showing he has the potential to rise through the ranks quickly.

- Lwamba and Temwa Chileshe played in the Epsom Open in Auckland. Lwamba won the plate in the men's open grade, and Temwa won Division 1. Five students played in the Hamilton squash tournament. Pat Jirapanyayut and Luke Halliwell played their first tournament with Pat playing very well to finish 3rd in his division. Raymond Chen was runner up in the same division losing in a tough five-set match in the final. Brendan Hunt comfortably won Division 6 only dropping one game in the process. Josh McLaughlin was 3rd in Division 4 and Hugh Jackson was runner up in Division 2. Elliot Ware played in the Waikato U23 and was 4th in Division 3.

- Lwamba and Temwa Chileshe have been selected for the Waikato squash team which competed in the Junior quadrangular held 1 – 3 April at the North Shore Squash Club in Auckland. Two boys are selected for each age group and they played teams from Northland, Auckland and Bay of Plenty. Temwa was the U17 number one player and Lwamba was the U19 number one player (which is a higher age group, as he is eligible for U17).

- Nine players took part in the Waikato secondary schools tennis champs. In the juniors, Carlin Vollebregt won his first match, but was knocked out of a top finish by the fourth seed in a very close match. He went on to finish 5th in his later matches. The junior doubles combination of Nathan Ingham and Henry Mandeno played well throughout and made the final four, finishing strongly to come 3rd.

The intermediate doubles pairing of Ben Scaramuzza and Nic Kyon started strongly, but Ben suffered a back injury in the opening match. He continued on through the pain to finish fourth. Conor Fuller and Joshua Yee went through the competition unbeaten, to be the Waikato doubles champions, as did Maggie Powell and Sarah Jackson, who found no real opposition as they powered through, also to become the Waikato senior doubles champions for 2016.

- Madeleine Gordon made the NZ U15 lacrosse team to play in the Nationals, held in Te Awamutu on 19-20 March. She has also been selected in the NZU19/U23 team to play an ANZAC

test against Australia on ANZAC day in Melbourne. A magnificent achievement from this talented athlete.

- Eight St Paul's students have been selected for the Midland's U18 hockey squad:

Reuben Andrews, Richard Bloor, Aakaash Chimanlal, Garrick du Toit, Arthur Rasmussen, Felix Rolls, Ben Sarikaya and Maks Wyndham-Smith. In addition, Reuben Andrews and Garrick du Toit also made the Midland's U21 hockey squad.

- In only his second ever Kayaking competition, Wes Hitchcock won gold for the U14 boys 200m K4 (team of four); U14 boys 500m K4; and the U14 boys 200m K2 races at the National Kayak Champs.

- Four Forty Mountain Bike Park, located south east of Auckland, was the venue for this year's North Island Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Championship event. St Paul's Collegiate had three riders competing in the downhill event. The morning was used as a practice session and to get familiar with the course. The track was dry and fast, but not as technical as previous years.

Keith Thorburn competed for the first time in a downhill event and came a credible 20th in the U17 age group. In the U20 age group, John Richardson took out 1st place, with Shaun Campbell six seconds behind him in 2nd place. St Paul's taking out 1st and 2nd is a great result and both John and Shaun should be proud of their achievements, as we are of them.

- Rico D'Anvers competed at the 2016 BMX national championships, which were held at the Sunset Coast BMX track in Puni over the Easter weekend. Pleasingly, he came away with NZ3 and a third in the national series. Rico has had a very successful season, competing at the North Island championships in Taupo and the Oceania Championships in Puni, achieving a third placing at both events. Well done on these outstanding achievements Rico.

- Jack Deane competed in the highly regarded Te Awamutu cycling tour over the weekend of 9-10 April, in the U17 grade, along with 54 other riders. It was a tough weekend for Jack, who recently turned 14 and was up against 16-year-olds with a lot more experience. He finished 36th, after completing three stages of an 11km individual time trial; 54km and 86km road races and learnt a lot about how to endure in longer stages. Past winners of this race have gone on to represent New Zealand in cycling and triathlon and as Jack will be in the same age group next year, his coach expects he will be able to place far higher after another 12 months of training. We will follow his progress with great interest.

- Aaron Humble has been nominated for Speedway Ministock driver of the year award. He competed at 38 tracks for the 2015/16 racing year and is a four time regional champ after winning the Waikato, Christchurch, Wellington and Wanganui competitions. He has also placed second in Gisborne, Napier Christmas Pair and the Future of Speedway and third at the Auckland championships.

## RECORD GIVING FOR MUFTI DAYS



Our students really stepped up and gave generously for the two mufti days held in Term 1. \$1,237 was raised for Mary's Meals – a charity to help provide daily lunches for children attending African schools. While a record \$3,724.50 was raised for the victims of devastating Cyclone Winston in Fiji. The funds were entrusted to one of our parents, Mrs Gaetane Lee, who has used the money to support schools and families in one of the hardest hit regions of this Pacific nation.

## SARGOOD HOUSE CHAPEL SERVICE

*Sunday 28 February*

WELCOME BY: BEN MCCOLGAN  
PRAYERS BY: HUGH JACKSON  
READINGS BY: HEATH CAMPBELL  
SERMON BY: JOSHUA BALME / SAM PORRITT

### Theme: Sargood House culture change

Who am I? Does that sound right? No. Who are we? This sermon is not about me and who I am, but it is about something greater - over 90 times bigger than me. Who is Sargood? Well obviously we are the best all-round house in the School; with a real tight brotherhood.

Now, I am not just here to brag about Sargood, I am here to speak to you today about how we have changed as a group and as people. Today Sargood House is not the same as it was; we are not known as the ruthless rugby playing boofheads we once were; we are not 'Sarhood' anymore.

We are not the House that are just here to play sport. We are a mixed group of people, coming from China, Thailand, Australia and of course from the mighty King Country, where champions are made; for example, the two fine specimens delivering this sermon to you. However, we are still one; we build on the strength of these people. For example, the chess master, he had the passion for chess and the rest of the house followed behind and backed him up and the chess master had his own chess army. For all the chess master's effort, we came an unheard of second in the chess competition that year; this is

just one of the cases where we built on each others strengths, no matter what they might be.

It is important to stress that the change in the House culture has been noticeable. Sure we still have our friendly games of ping pong and pool now days, but since Year 9, the culture has gotten better and better. There are less problems of bullying. As a Year 9, it felt hard to even talk to a Year 11, as it wasn't our place, or to even think about having some good banter with them. Now days, all the year levels can mix with each other and banter non stop, like Year 9s pushing the boundaries, getting cheeky to the Year 13s and maybe get away without getting some sort of retribution. But of course we are never going to be the perfect house.

There will always be differences between us, but one thing we have learnt, is to accept each others differences and build on from that. Even if we have individuals who make toasties at 10.30 at night after being roasted.

As a house we can now accept every one because we have the strengths in all areas. So as you can see, the diversity shown by the boys of Sargood is very big. We have people from all walks of life and who are into all sorts of different things. But it's how we all come together and bond and get along that makes our house special. Wind back time to five years ago and anyone that didn't play rugby or wasn't ruthless, wouldn't have been accepted into Sargood. Now we accept anyone, no matter who they are or what they do. A really positive change in the house's culture.

# SERMON ON GENEALOGY *by Tom Wilson*

In Year 11 History at St Paul's, your first task is to complete an internal that is called, and completely based on, "Who am I?" You look into your family tree and find someone who was involved in some sort of significant event or may have done something interesting as an individual.

This internal was particularly interesting because, as you find out something about your ancestry line, you begin to dig deeper and discover more interesting content about your relatives. This could have been them making a positive or negative change in the world. The idea of looking into your family tree is called genealogy. It is a phenomenon that is taking the world by storm. As is evident from the wide popularity of the television series, "Who Do You Think You Are?" and the dozens of websites (such as Ancestry.com, Family Tree DNA, and Family Search), and also software, designed to help people construct their family trees and discover unknown ancestors and relatives. We as individuals clearly have a tremendous fascination with genealogy. An anthropologist named Beverley Strassman, who is based at the University of Michigan, has researched that, "Genealogy is said to be America's second-most popular hobby", this being behind gardening. It is a hobby that is helping to make individuals work out how they tick as they use their detective skills to discover who they are and then come out of their investigation with satisfaction, or in some cases bragging rights.

In my case study I was lucky, or not so lucky, to discover that one of my ancestors, Henry Williams, translated the Treaty of Waitangi from English to Maori. This, in some cases, may be something to be proud of, as he was part of the founding document of New Zealand. However, in recent times many New Zealanders see the treaty as a rushed job, despite its good intentions. It has caused protests and created divisions, as is evident in protests at the TPPA or getting some harsh banter from John Oliver. But many historians look at the Waitangi Tribunal as a great vehicle for righting past wrongs. The beauty of looking into your personal hereditary is that it enables you to imagine yourself in your ancestor's shoes.

Genealogy enthusiasts are relating your personality to your ancestor's personality. For example, almost every single one of us in this room are a New Zealander. All New Zealanders are migrants. Maori and Pakeha both came in boats and more recent arrivals by plane. All our ancestors would have taken risks – leaving family and friends - to get to New Zealand. This may have been because they felt adventurous or they may have fled the country they originally lived in to have their children live in a safe environment. Some of us may love travelling, while some of us might value family. Both of these traits would have been similar to your ancestors which is the whole idea of genealogy. How we act is a defining factor when looking into the similarities to whom we descend from. As we did in Level 1 History, you begin to look more into letters and stories written from the individual you are studying and you

begin to relate more and more to them. People may think you are strong willed like your great grandfather or they may think you have a dry sense of humour like your great grandmother. All of these comparisons are what drive us to make us want to learn more about our family's past. I myself was asked to deliver this sermon mainly due to my research that I gathered for my 'Who Am I?' internal. However, I wanted to try and steer clear from going on about myself as it is not interesting to you. However, what I did want to highlight is how my family line affects me and you now.

The reading tells us that we should not forget anything we have seen and to teach what we have seen and heard to our children, so they can tell their children. It is important that we gift our family stories to the next generation. Henry Williams had a brother named William. Yes, William Williams. He is my direct descendent and he held a strong Anglican faith, as he was the first missionary on the North Island's East Coast, and he correctly translated some of the Bible into Maori. His son, James, was a visionary farmer, and he converted large tracts of land on the East Coast and Poverty Bay into arable land. He had eight children, but two of them Arnold (AB), and Heathcote (HB) are significant to me and us as a community. AB and HB did reasonably well for themselves in regards to wealth, as they continued to expand the farming empire of their father. AB married a woman from the Ngati Porou iwi, which is shown in my dark skin. AB sadly lost two of his three sons in the war. This had a profound effect on him, which resulted in him and HB getting involved in the development of St Paul's and assisting students from the Gisborne area to come to St Paul's. They saw St Paul's as an appealing place due to its Anglican background and decided to pump some money into this school. Outside the chapel on a plaque, HB has been recognised for helping to build this chapel and buy the organ. Williams House was named after AB. AB's son Desmond, who did survive World War II, was a soldier in the Long Range

Desert Group, which fought in the Middle Eastern countries. He was the subject of my 'Who am I?' assignment. The Long Range Desert group became the core of what is now known as the NZSAS, which is reflected by the Williams House motto being, 'Who Dares Wins.' As mentioned earlier, the reading says to help and tell our grandchildren what we see. I feel that my ancestors exemplify this, not only to their grandchildren, but also to the people of St Paul's and of the Gisborne area. They taught the children they sent from Gisborne, to embrace the opportunities that are thrown at them, which is much the same as to what us St Paul's students do too. So to reflect, I challenge you to join the global phenomenon and find out about your family's background. There may be some events that your ancestors contributed to that you might not be so proud of, however that adds to the enjoyment of your search, because you are able to grasp who you are and find out how your particular traits are in fact similar to people who have been on earth hundreds of years before you.

# SCHOOL HOUSE CHAPEL SERVICE

Sunday 13 March

PRAYERS BY: TULLY DICKSON  
 READINGS BY: SHAY DICKSON  
 SERMON BY: CRAIG SCOTT

## Theme: Winning vs Losing

Winning. Everyone loves winning. Winning in life gives you a great sense of euphoria or joy, a boost in confidence, and the push to strive to do better. Winning that rugby final, winning a place in a subject, winning in that super intense chess game, does all this. Even the word winning sounds good in itself. When you're winning events, you feel as if you're winning in life.

But what about losing. No one likes losing. So when we're on the opposite side of the spectrum, how do we feel? If we get so amped up about trying to win, expecting the victory, and knowing how great that feeling will be once again, what happens when this all gets crushed? Now you're losing. You must be losing in life as you are no longer winning. This would now mean that you have no feeling of achievement, or the happiness that comes with it; you would have no confidence in yourself next time or place. You wouldn't want to do better. And where would we be as people be if that was the case?

We are here because winning is not everything. This does not mean that winning is not important. If you are in the final for a tournament, of course you want to win. In the game nobody thinks "it's alright if we lose", because where does the motivation come from, that mental force that pushes you over the edge and into the winning potential. But life is not about winning. Life is about learning. When you are making that crucial chess move, under extreme pressure, and you make the worst move on the board, rather than throwing a tantrum and spilling the pieces across the floor like kids with bad tempers (which was me), you remember what happened, you practice those specific types of situations, and you learn and improve. Winning gives you the confidence. Losing gives you the experience.

So this all takes me back to three years ago, to the infamous Tihoi experience. My house, the great, but not so mighty, Frank's house; well, we were a very competitive house with a strong will to win. So when we basically always came runner up to Gill's in the house cleaning, losing a mark for the house never went down well. I happened to be one of those people, who just managed to fail cleaning somehow. So I copped a decent amount of flack. But looking back, I'm not sure if my house mates really ever took a step back and realised that the house tidiness is basically a ploy by the Tihoi staff to get you to learn what it was like living in the old days, back when they were younger, because you know, kids these days. The competitive notion forcing us through the most annoying tasks, all in the name of winning a cleaning trophy. But really, think about it now. Is it really all that great coming first in the cleaning? It just means that your house is the most try-hard house. And the sporting events, does it matter now, at this

point in time, if we won or lost? No, of course not. It was a house bonding task. Problem is, if you're house mates think all about the winning, how can we bond as a house? Frank's house wasn't like that really, maybe just a couple of incidences that didn't go well, but that's Tihoi. In all honesty, Tihoi just seems like a massive social experiment, putting eight random, different people into a house to live and compete together, to try and win, and see how messed up they can get before they come right. The student of concern list, was just pointing out the ones that were helping with their data analysis, their test subjects. All the distractions of school and sport and cleaning are just hiding the real fact behind Tihoi. When we get our letters back after five years, it'll probably just have a slip of paper in there saying, "it was just a prank, bro".

Jokes aside, I learnt a lot from Tihoi and I cannot be more grateful for the place. Probably the biggest thing I learnt is that school is not all about getting absolutely everything at excellence level. Once again, this doesn't mean that I shouldn't try to do that, but if I put the effort in and get a merit, it really isn't the end of the world. I grew up with basically an Asian dad, excuse my stereotyping, but he didn't give much leniency for 'bad' marks. Back in the Year 9 Science exam, out of the seven papers, I got five excellences, one merit and one achieved. When I told my dad, the funny thing was he completely disregarded the excellences and just hammered me down for getting one question off a higher grade in the other two. He even went on to say he would go and send me to Fairfield because he doesn't want to waste money on me if I'm not going to get perfect grades and get first in every subject. No joke, he literally used to say that he expected me to be first in everything. I guess that gave me a lot of motivation and determination, but the problem was that I ended up wanting to win for my dad, not for myself. It took me a while to get out of this motive and realise that I really should be trying to win for myself.

Winning is great, losing is great, great for your life and really you need a balance to maintain your skills and the mental strive to be able to achieve to the best of your potential. Even when we lose to a better team, we always hear in assemblies that "it's some of the best rugby we play", because when we are put up to the challenge, we go for it, and reach new heights and goals. Squad goals. So if there is one thing I want you to take away from this, it's this; when you're at university, and you're going to try pick up girls at the bar, out on the town, or in my case at the library, just remember that if you get the girl, it gives you the confidence. If you get rejected, you get the experience and learn what the most effective way to talk to a girl and get her interested is. Because winning the girl isn't everything, and anyway, that girl probably would have been a bit... annoying. And girls, well, good luck.

And to quote the LEGO movie theme song, "It's awesome to win and it's awesome to lose." So live your dream, winning or losing, life is always awesome.



# HALL HOUSE CHAPEL SERVICE

Sunday 3 April

PRAYERS BY: RUDI GRACE  
MICHAEL ANDREEF  
READINGS BY: KURT PHILBIN  
SERMON BY: CRAIG STOCKER

## Theme: Why should you serve others?

Matthew 20:28 says:

*Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Couch potato. According to the Oxford dictionary a couch potato is defined as: 'a person who takes little or no exercise and watches a lot of television.' The word was actually invented in 1976 and spread quickly into the English world.

I am sure that as soon as I said 'couch potato' many of you pictured someone you know whom you consider a couch potato: That image in your mind probably includes several common points. The person you're picturing probably has a remote or game controller in his/her hand.

I'd guess they have something to drink in one hand and a bag of chips in the other and no doubt they have a blank stare on their face.

I'm not here to advocate the destruction of your TV set, X-box or Play-Station or ever doing away with chips and salsa while watching late night TV. Rather, today I want to look at reasons we should serve others.

Firstly let's look at excuses people might give for not wanting to help:

- (1) They don't feel they have anything to offer.
- (2) That service is to be done by professional, full time people like the Rev etc.
- (3) All the work is currently being done and when a slot opens up, they figure they'll jump right in. They are just waiting.
- (4) The positions of service that are available do not fit my gifts.
- (5) I'm too old.
- (6) I'm too young.
- (7) To offer my services might make me feel embarrassed.
- (8) The available jobs are not very appealing.

We would all be liars if we said some of those things had never crossed our minds.

But the fact is none of those are very good reasons for not getting out there and doing something truly meaningful. There are some excellent reasons why we should fight being 'couch potatoes' and get into a place of service.

Why should you serve others? Because we were created for service.

Ephesians 2:10

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

The Bible says that even before you were born, God planned a life of service for you.

The reason why so many people are miserable today or feel empty, is because they've missed the point of life. The Bible says that long ago God planned that you and I should serve others. As I serve others, my own needs are met and as I give my life away, I find it. You were created for service.

Why should you serve others? Here are some more reasons to serve:

### Serve to discover abundance: the radical shift from 'me' to 'we.'

When you serve, you discover that often the most important things you have to offer are not things at all. You start to uncover the full range of resources at your disposal – your time, presence, attention – and recognize that the ability to give, stems from a state of mind and heart, a place much deeper than the material. Inspired by the possibilities this opens up in every moment, you begin to discover humble opportunities to serve – everywhere.

This process begins a shift from a me-orientation to a we-orientation. You start to look at people and situations with an eye for what you can offer them, and not vice versa. You break the tiresome tyranny of questions like "What's in it for me?" The mind set shifts from consumption to contribution. Paradoxically, when serving in this way, you are no longer operating from a space of scarcity. Your cup fills and overflows.

### Serve to express gratitude.

When you acknowledge the fullness of your life, you can manifest a heart of service in any situation. In that sense, service doesn't start when we have something to give – it blossoms naturally when we have nothing left to take. And that is a powerful place to be.

We begin to play our part – first, by becoming conscious of the offerings we receive, then by feeling gratitude for them, and finally by continuing to pay forward our gifts with a heart of joy.

Yes, external change is required for the world to progress, but when coupled with inner transformation, it can affect the world in a radically different way.

It's a matter of what we focus on. In other words, it's not just what we do that matters, but the inner impetus behind our action that really counts.

**Serve to align with a natural unfolding.**

When we increasingly choose to remain in that space of service, we start to see new things. The needs of the current situation become clearer, we become instruments of a greater order and consequently our actions become more effortless.

When a group of people perform this kind of service as a practice, it creates an ecosystem that holds a space, allowing value to emerge organically. All of this indirect value, the ripple effect, has space and time to add up, synergize with other ripples, and multiply into something completely unexpected.

In humble fashion, these ripples continue to seed unpredictable manifestations. Such an ecosystem can have its plans and strategies, but places more emphasis on emergent co-creation. So a lot of the ripples will remain unseen for years; some perhaps will be the basis for a seventh-generation philanthropy. It doesn't matter, because they are unconditional gifts.

The video that's about to play starts off in a rubbish dump near the outskirts of Phnom Penh in Cambodia. Families with no hope for a better future are forced to pick up rubbish, in order to try and earn something they can live off. But they can't. They can't do it, and they need your help. The video goes on to show an organisation called 'Flame Ministries', who provide the support and rehabilitation facilities needed for the families

to break the endless cycle of poverty. These people dedicate their lives to serve and help those who are far less fortunate than themselves. Director of the ministry, Sue Hannah says that "What makes her [my] day is one person becoming more than they thought they could be." You may be sitting here thinking, what's that got to do with the price of fish? How does this even affect me? You're too young; don't have the time; have nothing to offer. Let me just tell you, that you don't have to spend your life in a foreign country in order to live a life of service. There are so many ways in your everyday lives that you can serve with the benefit of the fulfilment and satisfaction of pleasing others.

Look at it from a leadership perspective. "Authority cannot be bought or sold, given or taken away. Instead authority is always built on service and sacrifice" – James C. Hunter. You can't expect to be an effective leader just by telling people to do stuff. You need to show respect for them, if you want them to show respect for you. The prefects as an example, dedicate so much of their time and energy for you. They earn your respect through service. Don't live your life as a couch potato, instead, stand up, be humble, and better yourself for the needs of those around you. What each of us can do, on a personal level, is make such small offerings of service that ultimately create the field for deeper change. The revolution starts with you and me.

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## CHAPLAIN'S COMMENT *by Reverend James Stephenson*



There are countless articles and research papers explaining that those involved in service are happier people. The service being discussed is of the 'transformational' type – an experience that changes both the person receiving and the person giving. A mutually beneficial relationship – a symbiotic relationship. 'Transactional' service – raising money to give – is good to a point, but the opportunity for personal and spiritual growth is less.

The School is moving towards a programme of 'transformational' service. Relationships are being fostered with local primary schools. Those schools have had the opportunity to tell us how they would like to use our voluntary service. If there is one thing that the students of St Paul's are experts in, then it is education. We can give them an opportunity to use that expertise to transform their own character. If the studies are right, then those students that volunteer for the initiative, will feel a greater sense of well-being, will gain a greater perspective on the world, and therefore on their own lives, and will grow as individuals and 'be happier'.

With Love, Rev, James Stephenson.

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**SPECIAL CHARACTER**



## TIHOI HIGHLIGHTS

Fifty students have enjoyed the fabulous weather that Term 1 brings to Tihoi and the adventures of living away from home at Tihoi. We are currently completing Outdoor Programme activities in mountain biking, rock climbing and sea kayaking.

The Great Lake Trails of Waihaha and Waihora are superb grade three riding for our students. The students camp near the trails and on the middle day of this rotation, students cycle 35km on the Waihora trail to Lake Taupo. The trails in this area continue to expand, with hundreds of kilometres of riding accessible from within a short drive from Tihoi.

Lake Tarawera is the destination of our sea kayak programme with boys working together to paddle the lake in double sea kayaks. Camping on the shores of the lake and paddling to Hot Water Beach, are both highlights of the programme along with the great views at Tarawera.

Rock climbing and abseiling skills have improved immensely, with most boys completing the 40 metre abseil at Tihoi and learning a range of climbing techniques on the crags of Tihoi and at Kinloch. The high ropes course develops the trust in each other and the equipment.

Intake 1 2016 is nearly half way through and the fitness of the boys is improving with each week. The 3km runs have stretched out to 7km and we continue to enjoy superb access to the bush running trails in our neighbouring property. Our assault fitness course continues to develop strength, balance and agility. It was great to see some boys complete the monkey bars for the first time in Week 7, after building their strength to do so in the first few weeks.

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## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ACROSS THE HOUSES

The following students have been selected as the International Student representatives for this year:

Fitchett House	James Feng	Williams House	Blair Wang
Hamilton House	Nicholas Chen	Sargood House	San Chindaudom
Hall House	Yuning Zhao	Harington Day	Amelia Chu
School House	Ashton Finau	Harington Boarding	Bonnie Tan
Clark House	Ryan Liu		

# CITIZENSHIP ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED FOR TOP BOARDING STUDENTS

Level	Clark	Sargood	Williams	Harington
9	William Moss	Charles Jackson	Mark McCluskey	
10	Samuel McNaughton	Ryan Tyndall	Finley Skelton	
11	Blake Ryan	George Fullerton-Smith	Jack Walters	Shannon Lemon
12	Tuatao Savou	Quinn Bowie	Ben Truebridge	Bonnie Tan
13	Ryan Liu	Hugh Jackson	Jack Oliver	Emma Smith

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

We are very proud that Michael Turnbull has been selected to attend this year's Sir Peter Blake Youth Enviro Leaders' Forum. From the almost 200 applications received for this event, 50 successful delegates were selected. The Forum will take place in Nelson from 16th – 22nd April. The selected delegates will join The Sir Peter Blake Trust and the Ministry for the Environment for an 'expedition' through Nelson and the surrounding region, experiencing and learning about biodiversity, pest eradication and marine health.

## FAREWELL TO TIHOI CHEF – GERARD PASCOE



After ten years service, Mr Gerard Pascoe (affectionally known as Gee) is leaving Tihoi to pursue his career as a catering manager in Hamilton. Gee joined the Tihoi staff at the start of 2006, moving from the Melbourne restaurant scene to the remote village of the Tihoi Venture School – culture shock! With enthusiasm, good humour and a passion for a challenge, Gee took on the role of catering manager at Tihoi. He has served over 1200 students, fantastic food during his tenure here and was known for the great food, ample quantity for growing teen boys and the fun and positive work environment that he has created in the Tihoi kitchen. Gee has delivered on every level of his job – showing interest in every boy that came to Tihoi and inspiring many, whether it be to run a half marathon or to pursue a career in catering. He embraced many other aspects of his role: Girls Camp, Leadership Camp, Rugby Camp and annual Board meetings. Within the wider Tihoi community, Gee has developed our wonderful facilities as a function centre for conferences; having hosted the NZ Landscape conference and the NZOIA conference during his time here and most summers we have had a wedding in our beautiful centre.

Accommodating, cheerful, calm and positive, Gee has been a constant figure of strength at Tihoi. His professionalism and service have been of the highest standard and we wish him well in his new position as catering manager at Waikato Diocesan.



EVAN MCCULLOCH  
1931-2016

## ST PAUL'S ICON PASSED AWAY

*Headmaster's tribute to Mr Evan McCulloch*

Evan McCulloch, as he often stated, joined St Paul's Collegiate School reluctantly from King's College, after Easter 1961. He arrived at a school that was just in its infancy with modest grounds and facilities and a staff unhappy with its leadership. He commenced duties, as Pat Plant has explained, as a house tutor in a school boarding house and as director of music, when St Paul's had a role of just 194 students – 151 of whom were boarders.

Evan's arrival immediately gave music in the School a huge boost, forming a choir and leading (often cajoling) the School in congregational singing.

In 1963, he was invited to lead, as housemaster, the brand new Williams House – which in its day was five star accommodation with its four large dormitories to accommodate the 99 boys who were its residents. Former headmaster Mr Reg Hornsby didn't take kindly to Evan's first draft of students, indicating that the diminutive, newly appointed housemaster had taken the cream of the boarding community of the time. However, Evan did a superb job in mentoring the young men who made up the final draft of Williams students. Stepping down in 1969 from his pastoral duties with many lifelong friends and a set of routines and established traditions that are still evident today.

In 1976, the Mary Hornsby Music School was officially opened. Evan had the magnificent facilities that he had always dreamed of and music at St Paul's went from strength to strength, with a thriving band programme. The fruits of Evan's weekly entire school singing lessons were rewarded and recognised when the magnificent Canadian organ was installed in 1991, in the Chapel of Christ the King, a year after Evan stepped down from his teaching role after almost 30 years of amazing, dedicated service. Evan, up to this point, had lived at 77 Hukanui Road for 15 years and had spent almost all of his St Paul's career living onsite. He regularly entertained groups of boys at his much anticipated dinner parties and inviting them to sessions of his acclaimed music society. These sessions opened the boy's eyes up to music. He was cunning in his choice of boys for the choir, often choosing members of the 1st XV, and organised and coordinated great musicals such as *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, *Salad Days*, *Oliver* and 'Grease'. Throughout his teaching career, Evan had no trouble with discipline. Boys regarded him with great affection and respect, but he was capable of the odd cutting comment and when needed, could wield a powerful cane.



The end of his teaching career in 1991 didn't mark the end of Evan's long association with St Paul's, but instead marked the start of a new phase as he took over the position as Old Collegians' secretary, a role that he held for 16 years. Whether it be organising reunions or welcoming Old Collegians back to the school; Evan had a presence at everything St Paul's, all around the country. In 2001, he was deservedly selected as a Fellow of St Paul's for his extraordinary loyalty and dedication to the School. While it is incredibly appropriate, given his extraordinary contribution that Evan gave his permission before his passing, for the new music classroom in the expanded Performing Arts complex to be named after him and that he was keen for a trust to be set up in his name to focus on growing the interest amongst current and future St Paul's pupils towards his passion – music. Evan loved keeping in touch with Old Collegians. He attended countless twenty-firsts, weddings, christenings and reunions. Evan was incredibly dedicated, loyal and committed to 'his school' and in turn he

earned the love, respect and admiration of those whom he had worked with and alongside – winning them over with his ready smile, geniality and dry humour. In 2007, Evan stepped down from official duties at St Paul's after 46.5 years of amazing service. He once said "I often receive phone calls from my old students asking me for advice. It is an honour really to be considered as a role model to these men".

However, Gary Schofield said it best, in an email, "Evan was a warm-hearted and loving friend to so many of us: a sage in difficult times and very proud of you in good times. He was a generous man, a philanthropist and Evan extended his family across the oceans."

It has been wonderful to have been able to celebrate Evan's life and his outstanding commitment to the people and to the place he loved so dearly. After a brave fight, rest in peace Wee Mac, your legacy is evident in the hearts and minds of the people gathered in this Chapel. God bless.



## DANIEL VETTORI TRIBUTE A GREAT SUCCESS

On Friday 26 February, we welcomed two very familiar and successful Old Collegians - Daniel Vettori and Jeremy Wells - back to St Paul's for a fundraising event hosted by St Paul's Foundation.

While the event was to honour and celebrate Daniel's very successful cricketing career, we were so grateful that Jeremy agreed to play an important role in this celebration as MC and interviewer. Jeremy and Daniel were at St Paul's together and have remained very good friends since.

The first part of the evening was to recognise the contribution Dan had made to St Paul's through his cricketing success. The viewing platform overlooking St Paul's cricket oval has been named the Vettori Gallery in his honour and this space was unveiled by Dan in front of guests attending the event.

Following the unveiling, close to 150 people filled St Paul's dining room, which had been transformed into an elegant cricket commentary box at Seddon Park. Expertly interviewed by Jeremy, guests were treated to honest and private thoughts of the highs and lows of one of New Zealand's greatest cricketers.

The second purpose of the evening was to fundraise for a very special cause – to provide scholarships for worthy teenagers. A new scholarship fund was announced on the night, the Daniel Vettori Scholarship Fund. This fund will ensure that a family's household income does not stop a worthy and talented young teenager from having the opportunity to learn at St Paul's. The scholarship is designed to make a real difference to the lives of a number of young men and women.

The event was undoubtedly a success, raising \$54,000 towards the scholarship fund through an auction of game shirts worn by and kindly donated by Dan and through the generosity of guest who pledged donations on the night. We are so grateful for the contribution made by supporters of this wonderful evening.

We hope to host another fundraising event at the School later this year with special guest and Old Collegian Daniel Ammann – President of General Motors Company, in the US. Dan's role is to oversee General Motors' operations around the world. He is responsible for revitalising Chevrolet and Cadillac, while also unifying how the company's historically fractured regional businesses make and sell vehicles. We will let you know once a date has been confirmed for this function.



# ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

We have had very strong interest for 2017 enrolments, with over 65% of the Year 9 placements for next year having been offered following interviews and over 88% of Year 9 boys boarding and Year 11 girls boarding already having been allocated. It is crucial that current St Paul's families (who have brothers, sisters and cousins who would like to attend the school next year) make an enrolment interview appointment with the Headmaster for early in Term 2. Enrolment interviews in Term 1 were well above the norm and as we will not be accepting any more than 110 Year 9 students, it is crucial that current parents both complete enrolment forms ([stpauls.school.nz/enrol](http://stpauls.school.nz/enrol)) and make an interview time to ensure their sons/daughters are not disappointed. Interviews can be scheduled by contacting Mrs Donna Shalloe – 07 957 8889.

## CORRECTION TO FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

We sincerely apologise that in the February edition of the *Informer*, the very well prepared and presented speech entitled "Waitangi Day Reflections" was incorrectly attributed to the wrong student. This speech was in fact the work of Heath Campbell (Year 12). Heath can be justifiably proud of his efforts in regards to this speech and deserves to be recognised as the author.



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# PARENTS' ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The next meeting of the Parents' Association is on Sunday the 8th of May in the Long Room at 7pm. Meetings are generally set for the second Sunday of each month. We would love to see you at the meeting - there are many projects on the go and we appreciate offers of help as well as your input with the decisions made at the meeting. The Headmaster also attends to provide an update on the school.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Parents Association, we receive the monthly subscription included in your school fees and are tasked with four main functions:

1. Provide amenities and enhancements for St Paul's and Tihoi
2. Build the Parent Community of St Pauls
3. Review and approve funding applications for students
4. Fundraise to help with all of the above

We are currently in the process of setting up sub committees representing each of these functions, so if you are keen to help us please email [belinda@giltrapag.co.nz](mailto:belinda@giltrapag.co.nz) with the details of the sub committee you would be able to help with. There will also be opportunities for parents to be part of working groups on some of the initiatives from these sub committees.

A new executive team of the Parents' Association was formed at the last meeting and we wanted to introduce ourselves and look forward to meeting you soon.

## Belinda Mulgrew, Chair



I've worked in the corporate sector for 20 years in roles ranging from Company Secretary, CFO to CEO for publicly listed and private equity companies. Two years ago I made the decision to leave the corporate world in order to have more time with my family and to work within our own business, Giltrap Engineering Limited.

My son Dillon is in Year 10, currently away at Tihoi, and is in Hall House. I also have a daughter in her final year at Southwell.

## Sanet Jooste, Secretary



I am a civil engineer by occupation and this is the first time that I will serve in a secretarial role like this. Any assistance and positive criticism are encouraged!

Our family is originally from South Africa. We came to New Zealand during 2007 and became citizens in 2012. I have two sons at the school, Fritz in Year 10 and Gustav in Year 9. Both are members of Fitchett house. I feel proud to be part of the St Paul's community and privileged to be involved with the Parents' Association.

## Robyn Harris, Deputy Chair



Our family has been involved with St Paul's since 2014 when our son Joe started as a Year 9 day boy in Hamilton House. We also have two daughters, one in Year 13 at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls and one in Year 8 at Kimihia School in Huntly. We live on our family dairy farm west of Huntly.

I have been the Chairperson of the Kimihia School Board of Trustees for 8 years and have enjoyed this

challenging and rewarding role focused on raising student achievement. My background is in education, having worked as a primary school teacher with children of all ages, in various schools in New Zealand and England. I currently work part time and have a particular interest in Gifted Education.

## Jenny Jackson, Treasurer

Our family has been involved with St Paul's since 2012 when our eldest son Hugh started as a Year 9 Boarder in Sargood House. He has been joined this year by his younger sister Sarah (Harington Year 11) and brother Charlie (Sargood Year 9). My husband is a third generation farmer on our property at Te Akau.

I have held Treasurer roles for various organisations including the Te Akau School PTA which saw a very enthusiastic group of parents manage a cattle scheme that traded more head of cattle per year than there were children at the school. I am also the Treasurer/Secretary for our local Voluntary Fire Force and two Early Childhood Centres in Hamilton.

