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DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

IT IS SO GREAT TO BE BACK; TO HAVE SOME SORT OF NORMALITY TO MY LIFE, TO HAVE THE CHANCE TO AGAIN WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE – TO SHARE IN THEIR OPTIMISM AND TO HELP THEM TO REALISE THEIR HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS. WITHIN DAYS OF MY RETURN, I KNEW THAT IT ISN'T SO MUCH A JOB FOR ME, BUT A VOCATION THAT HAS ENERGISED AND DRIVEN ME FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS.

I also want to express my gratitude to Mr Ainsley Robson who has really stepped up and made a great fist of the role of Acting Headmaster. Young, energetic and full of vitality, he has captured the heart and minds of the students, staff and wider St Paul's community. He has led St Paul's in a confident, enthusiastic and committed manner and worked some massive hours over the past five months. His efforts have been really appreciated. Mr Robson has been ably supported by the Senior Leadership Team of Messrs Jed Rowlands, Peter Hampton, Peter Welham, Peter Gilbert, Mrs Helen Bradford and Mrs Michelle Smith, as well as outstandingly professional, loyal and dedicated staff and a talented group of Year 13 student leaders. It has been very much 'business as usual'. The school has been run smoothly and efficiently in my absence. I am very grateful for the effort, time and commitment that has been given by so many. I thank each and every one of those that have kept the school 'ticking along' in such a positive and progressive manner.

I hope that you will allow me the privilege of a few thoughts and musings. I certainly won't be offended if you skip the next section and move straight to

the outstanding achievements we have experienced as a school community over the past few months.

What are the benefits of having experienced Cancer?

A personal view from a Headmaster:

After my diagnosis 36 weeks ago; numerous ultrasounds, CAT and PET scans; six sessions of chemotherapy; 20 sessions of radiotherapy; a couple of biopsies; hundreds of blood tests and needles; being forced to welcome in the New Year in an acute ward at Waikato Hospital; what are the positives that I have taken out of the experience; what have I really learnt about myself and others; and what are the action points for the future?

(1) There always seems to be someone worse off than yourself. This is both humbling and strangely motivational at the same time. When you start to feel sorry for yourself, you are uplifted by the positive and courageous way others are handling 'their lot'.

(2) You will discover who your true friends are. I thought I was a pretty strong and independent sort of person, but soon learnt that cancer has an insidious impact on your physical and moral strength and



that we really need friends at this tough time. Not the sort of people who ask "what can I do to help?", but the sort of people that blow you away by the little surprises they bring to an otherwise regimented pathway (i.e. the gift of veggies, a home-cooked meal, a book, movie or meal voucher, the gift of time when they visited). Most valuable of all are people that actively displayed or carried out random acts of kindness. I've found that I have strengthened friendships and made many new ones. They are the people who never make you feel like it is an effort. In fact, they make it seem like a favour that you allowed them to help in some small way. People feel helpless in times of stress and tragedy. We need to recognise that there is a great feeling that you can get from helping someone in need.

(3) People don't really have a great understanding of cancer treatment and its impact on you. Everyone has a horror



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story or two from someone close to them who has experienced cancer. But no two cancer journeys are the same. People don't seem to really know what chemotherapy is and what it is like to be in a room with 20 others on Lazyboys and beds for up to nine hours, receiving plastic bags of toxic drugs. They don't really know how different radiotherapy treatment is for different parts of the body. They don't know the joy one can get from an easy bowel motion, when you take so many drugs! Or the simple thrill of walking 100 metres pain free and with energy.

(4) We take too much for granted.

When a doctor tells you 'to get your affairs in order' you start to look at the world differently. You think this may be the last Christmas, the last birthday and that those things you planned for in retirement might no longer come to fruition. But you also look at the so-called small things in life (previously taken for granted), in a different light – a glorious summer day; the birds singing in the Pohutakawa tree above you; the beauty of the sea or a landscape you had not looked at closely for a long time. You will certainly appreciate life better.

(5) You reflect on the lack of balance in your past life.

How you haven't seized the day and moment and taken in a movie, show or spent that crucial time with loved ones. A friend who recently retired from being a Headmaster at 61 years of age, sent me this quote which he attributed to the Dalai Lama and it says it all about this particular lesson from a journey with cancer: 'When asked what surprised him most about humanity, he answered; "Man. Because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he doesn't live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived.'

(6) Positivity makes a big difference.

No one can be positive all the time. We all at some time experience dark thoughts. There is no point though in dwelling on the 'why?' It is more important to focus on the 'how you can improve things'. Cancer is a rollercoaster. It has its highs, but it also has its deep lows; steps forward and then disappointments that seem to stunt and even negate progress. It is hard to stay "up", but long term negativity is a waste

of energy, when you are dealing with a precious reserve that you have to fight hard to preserve. When you are "up", you really can feel the strength and power of that positive emotion on your pathway to recovery.

(7) Faith provides us with peace.

Judith and I have a strong faith and there is no doubt that this was important in our journey. We didn't worry about what was going to happen if the medication didn't work; the doctors weren't giving the best advice or guidance; or when the next new problem was going to come our way. There was a certain 'Karma' – what will be will be! It doesn't mean you lie down and don't fight, but you don't stress the potential long term outcome. You make the most of what you have left. It is invariably humbling to have so much money and resources, so many lovely medical staff, directed towards saving one's life. It is important to appreciate that and not take it as something that 'you are owed'. Yes, people have a job to do, but when they do it with such a happy, positive, supportive and even loving attitude, you know you are in God's hands. Things may not work out so much as you planned, but more as they were meant to be.

(8) You really truly value your family and your partner.

Judith and I have been married for 35 years. I thought I knew how compassionate and generous my wife could be, but I have learnt that there is a new depth to love that goes beyond understanding. I have learnt that love can sustain you when nothing else seems to work. To have your partner in your corner, rooting for your recovery; a soul mate; a shoulder to cry on; makes you feel incredibly grateful and uplifted.

Then there are my two sons and my daughter, and their partners. I've learnt so much more about them. They have impressed me by their strength, their support and their love and their laughter.

Why do we not tell people how much we care about them; how much we appreciate what they do for us; how they positively impact our lives until they are really sick or at worst, during the eulogy for their funeral. I have received some amazing feedback in cards, emails, letters, and phone calls. It has been incredibly uplifting and heartening. It has made a huge influence on my recovery. I realise that I will never be cured and will always be in remission.

Yes I do appreciate life more. Yes I do need better balance in my life. Yes I love my job and working with spontaneous teenagers. But I also know better what a lucky person I am. Getting cancer taught me a few things and I hope I will have the strength and determination to put them into action in the future.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The past couple of months have been incredibly productive and successful ones for our students.

We have had a significant number of inter-House activities including the Harington Fashion Show, House Choir, Road Relay and annual School Cross Country. While Year 9 and Year 10 students have sat their mid-year examinations. In many of these activities, our students have been very much put out of their comfort zone and have responded positively to the challenges.

In co-curricular group activities, particular highlights have been the performances of our Open A and Development netball teams in making their respective finals of the provincial secondary school competition; the 1st XI boys team in winning both the Matt Allen Memorial Trophy and Bartholomew Cup in beating a Hamilton Boys' High School team that had been previously undefeated since September 2013; our 1st XV rugby team's commendable performances in the Chief's Cup against nationally ranked sides Rotorua Boys' High School and Hamilton Boys' High School; the success of the Chileshe brothers in taking out Waikato age group squash titles at U15 and U17 level and the impressive achievement of our Choir, who have taken the change in choir-masters in their stride and gained a Highly Commended award in the regional 'Big Sing' competition.

The school is in great heart and this appears in a very positive culture. The second half of the second term is always challenging as winter sets in and colds and flus start to hit. We have our fair share of sickness, particularly in the Boarding Houses, but to their credit, our students have remained upbeat and productive in their approach towards their studies and with our major drama production of the hit movie, "Brassed Off" fast approaching, there is a lot to look forward to before the term finishes.





ISNZ HONOURS AWARD FOR MR CHRIS WYNN AND MS CYN SMITH

We were very proud and thrilled that our Co-Directors at Tihoi Venture School: Mr Chris Wynn and Ms Cyn Smith were one of eleven recipients recognised with an ISNZ Honours Award at this year's Independent Schools of New Zealand (ISNZ) annual conference in Queenstown on 19 June for outstanding service to Outdoor Education. Sadly, due to the adverse weather conditions which cancelled their flight to Queenstown, Ms Smith and Mr Wynn were unable to accept their award in person.

An ISNZ Honours Award is presented to 'honour exceptional staff who have demonstrated talent, service and commitment to Independent Schools that is truly above the ordinary'. In recent years, as a School, we have been fortunate to have Mr Duncan Smith (HOF Science) in 2012; Mr Martin Holmes (HOD Commerce) in 2013 and Mr Gary Henley-Smith (Guidance Counsellor and Housemaster) in 2014, receive this prestigious award from their Independent School colleagues.

As a husband and wife team, Ms Smith and Mr Wynn have done an outstanding job in their leadership of

the school's outdoor education centre. They have successfully lobbied and assisted with the major upgrade of the campus; the resourcing and restructure of its programmes and the introduction of NCEA Level One assessment for the Year 10 students. They have taken Tihoi to the next level. Under their tutelage during the past nine years we have seen a significant improvement in the grounds; the new Franks student house and classroom; the high ropes and assault fitness course and many other physical developments to the site. The values programme; the addition of canoeing as a rotation; the addition of girls, music, 1st XV rugby and the senior leadership training camps have all seen the venture campus more highly utilised by seniors and junior students of our main campus as well as enhancing the amazing experience of our fourth form boys. In addition, Chris and Cyn have taken a proactive leadership role in outdoor education within New Zealand. They have supported the many schools who regularly visit to see for themselves "best practice in the outdoors" first hand. Last year, the Directors and Tihoi staff successfully hosted the NZOIA

Conference – the major professional development opportunity for the national outdoor instructors. We received amazingly positive feedback on the lengths that Tihoi went to make the visitors feel both welcome and challenged.

Ms Smith and Mr Wynn have been a huge asset to our School. Innovative, forward thinking, dedicated and hard-working; they, along with the other Tihoi staff, work in a very challenging environment. Highly safety conscious, with boys living on your doorstep for seven days a week for month long stretches, the directorship of the venture campus is both rewarding and demanding. Chris and Cyn's commitment, passion and enthusiasm for the centre and the life-changing outdoor experiences it offers, has been greatly valued by its graduates, their parents and the School community as a whole. Their ISNZ honours award is well-deserved recognition of their tremendous efforts.





HUMAN RESOURCES / HEALTH AND SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR APPOINTED

We have appointed Mrs Kathryn Conaghan to the new role of Human Resources and Health and Safety Co-ordinator at St Paul's Collegiate School. Mrs Conaghan has had over eleven years of experience working in

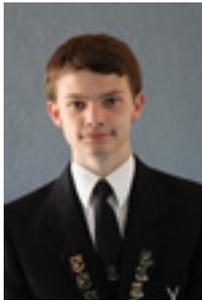
the fields of Human Resources and Health and Safety in large businesses and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and skills. We welcome her to the St Paul's team.

NEW PREFECTS COMMISSIONED

At a special ceremony presided over by Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley on Wednesday 6 May, we commissioned a further six Year 13 students as full School Prefects:



Ciara Gyde



Sam Goodey



Timothy Husband-Dravitzki



Saladin M'Boge



Nicholas Simpson



Joshua Voigt

All of the above students have shown significant existing leadership in all aspect(s) of school life. With a huge seventh form in 2015, it has proven challenging to choose which seniors to add to the student leadership team. We are still open to considering further additions to this group if there are seniors who are proactive, take the initiative and are willing to put themselves out to assist others and in the operation of the School.

Brassed Off

TUES 30 JUNE TO FRI 3 JULY, 7.30PM

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Proposed look of our new Learning Hub which includes an extension and upgrade of our current library.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS WILL IMPROVE FACILITIES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

There is a significant gap in what is received through school fees and what is required for St Paul's to maintain its independence while also providing on-going development at the school. As an independent school with minimal financial assistance from the Government, crucial investments in our infrastructure are only possible with the on-going support of people like you – members of our wonderful school community.

Through generous donations, sponsorship and external funding, the second of four major capital projects the school has undertaken in the past two years, is on track to be completed. The Gallagher Agribusiness Centre of Excellence building will be complete in the latter part of term three.

Over the next couple of years the future projects and major developments to improve facilities for our young men and women include:

- The overdue expansion and redevelopment of the library into a modern Learning Hub (spaces for collaborative, quiet study, reading and tutoring of students requiring academic assistance, as well as a new base for

our learning support department within the School)

- The expansion of the Hornsby Music Centre (an extra classroom, recording studio, new group and individual instrumental practise rooms)
- Major upgrade of the Mathematics teaching block (including new toilet facilities, an extra classroom and resource area for our Mathematicians and an IT support centre for our students)
- Another new classroom for the Tihoi Venture School
- Expansion and an upgrade of Clark House senior boarding accommodation (increasing the capacity of the house to similar levels as Sargood and Williams Houses and providing improved recreational spaces)

Funding for many of the projects above will be met by the Waikato Anglican College Trust Board, but a number of the developments will depend on support from our community. We have, for example, already received pledges of \$370,000 towards the new Learning Hub.

Every generation of St Paul's students have had improvements in their school environment and facilities provided by

generous benefactors before them.

We are a young school with high aspirations and we will continue to be reliant on the generosity of donors.

We have received close to \$120,000 in donations to St Paul's Foundation Ltd since our last newsletter and we thank the following for their generosity:

John Rhodes Trust, JA & RA Blakely, DS & JM Carden, WM Gallagher, The Johnstone Trust, JB Mortimer Trust, Susan Waddell and Kevin and Andrea Deane.

Our thanks go out to all those who have shown confidence and support for the vision we have for the School, as one of the nation's best resourced educational institutions in the country. We are proud of what we have achieved in the past five years, but we have many more ambitious projects to complete. We hope that many of you will show a similar faith and a commitment to the educational opportunities that these facilities will create for our young people. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Michelle Smith, our Director of Development and Marketing if you require further information.



PROFILE OF KEY BUSINESS PARTNERS FOR THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE

AGMARDT

The Agricultural and Marketing Research and Development Trust, better known as AGMARDT, invests millions each year aimed at exploring market opportunities, encouraging innovative ideas and developing future leaders within the agribusiness sectors.

AGMARDT is an independent charitable Trust set up by the Government in 1987 with initial funding of \$32m from the wind up of the British, Christmas Island and New Zealand Phosphate Commissions. Now with a fund of \$86m we invest around \$3m

annually back into the Agribusiness sector. Over \$65m has already been reinvested since inception.

AGMARDT has a proven track record of making targeted investments that aim to make a positive contribution to the agricultural, horticultural and forestry sectors by:

- Supporting business and industry groups to gain a deeper understanding of their markets and identify and exploit potential opportunities, as well as providing funding assistance to industry groups and businesses for international keynote speakers and experts to come to New Zealand and speak at conferences and forums.
- Encouraging and supporting industry sectors and businesses to develop and

implement innovative solutions to assist with transformational change within agribusiness value chains

- Building research capabilities within New Zealand science community in new and expanding areas of research
- Supporting initiatives that develop future leaders and improve the leadership and governance skills of individuals involved in agribusiness

With a vision **“to catalyse and enable compelling innovation and leadership”**, it is imperative that we have capable and talented people to take the industry forward to meet the challenges of tomorrow's markets successfully.

CAMPBELL TYSON

THINKING FORWARD

St Paul's Collegiate School's agribusiness programme received a promotional boost on 6 May as the star of a new TV series on Country TV.

Provincial business specialists Campbell Tyson have produced 'Thinking Forward', a 12 part TV series that showcases successful agribusiness ventures which have sprung from a "can-do" approach to problem solving. The show interviews regional businesses that have developed new products and services in response to a changing economy.

Campbell Tyson are the oldest and largest Chartered Accountancy firm in the Franklin District, and they've worked with thousands of provincial businesses, families and individuals, to help them solve immediate problems and to achieve their long-term goals. The firm is a proud partner of our Centre of Excellence for Agricultural Business and Science and will provide access to a wide range of training programmes and resources for St Paul's students.

The first episode of 'Thinking Forward' featured our Agribusiness programme, which we hope to have accepted into the NCEA curriculum by 2017. The programme interviewed students, teachers and

business experts on the syllabus and follow up episodes are planned for in the next three series of 'Thinking Forward' which will track the progress of the Agribusiness programme and the students who graduate from it.

'Thinking Forward' airs Wednesday nights on Sky Channel 081 until 22 July. You can enjoy a free subscription to Country TV from the voucher below. St Paul's looks forward to working with Campbell Tyson in 2015 and beyond.



EXCELLENCE



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

ACORN RECIPIENTS

At a special morning tea held on Wednesday 29 April, the following members of the junior school were recognised for having been the top recipients of 'Acorns' for the first term of this academic year.



Year 9

- Jess Allen (HL)
- Jarrod Dean (HL)
- Liam Farrell (CL)
- Jacob Gibbs (HL)
- Adam Jefferis (SA)
- Samuel McNaughton (CL)

- Jack Morton (FT)
- Bradie Ollington (CL)
- Daniel Rickman (SC)
- Callum Shepherd (FT)
- Campbell Smith (FT)
- Carlin Vollebregt (HM)

Year 10

- Luka Benseman (CL)
- George Fullerton-Smith (SA)
- Jesse Hill (WL)
- Alex Johnson (CL)
- Daniel Johnson (WL)
- Cameron King (SC)

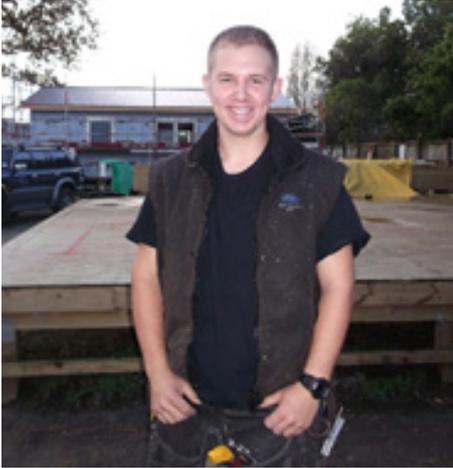
- Jonathon Porritt (HM)
- Elijah-Wade Potter (WL)
- Sam Reeves (WL)
- Charlie Saxton (CL)
- Edward Sclater (CL)
- Dallas Taikato (WL)

SUCCESS AT NATIONAL FIELDDAYS FOR AGRIBUSINESS STUDENTS

Kinneir Groube, Scott Spence, Jessica Crow and Sarah Collinson-Smith exhibited their 'Easy-Use Feed Bin Wires' at the Fieldays Innovation Centre. The four Year 13 Agribusiness students won the Vodafone People's Choice, Fieldays Young Innovators and James & Wells Intellectual Property Service awards. All three awards totalled \$4000 worth of cash and prizes.



EXCELLENCE



YEAR 13 CONSTRUCTION CLASS PROJECT UPDATE

The Year 13 Construction class students have made considerable progress on the single bedroom dwellings behind the Harington Boarding House. The students managed to complete both properties up to the floor level by the end of last term. With a concerted effort and a strong pace, the students, under the guidance and support of Mr Gavin Jakes, have managed to manufacture all the wall framework on site as well as placing the roof trusses supplied by ITM. Recently Gavin supervised the roofing and we now have a 'dry building' as the doors and windows also went in.

At the start of this term, the Tuesday and Thursday group foreman positions were announced. Congratulations to Joshua Voigt and Brad Hermsen. These two young men have demonstrated the leadership and aptitude to support Gavin in ensuring the process runs efficiently and safely. As the Year 13 Construction liaison I (Mr Iain Rudkin) have been consistently impressed when I visit the site on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the industriousness demonstrated by all the students and the results of their hard work at the end of each day.

We are desperately looking for additional support from builders who can provide help for one day a month. If you, or someone you know could volunteer labour towards this project, please make contact with Gavin Jakes on 021 127 5216.

Currently there is a flurry of activity with electricians, plumbers and IT service engineers. This is a particularly exciting project as given its scale and permanent location the students will also have the opportunity to build a deck and install landscaping around the dwelling when the weather improves.



We are so appreciative of the support we receive from the following organisations for their time, product and advice to enable this construction class project. Thank you.

Major Supporter ITM

Builders

Livingstone Brothers, Martin Dobbe, Trent Andrew

Sub-Contractors

Central Scaffold Ltd, CJ Cant Plumbing, Waikato Electrical Services Ltd, Montage Kitchens, The Floor Store, Heathcote Appliances, JD Engineering, DW Contracting, Mark Cowen Bobcats, Mark Mazzola Brick Layers, Bowers Concrete, Brewer Joinery, Select Alarms, Waikato Decorators, Eade Building Consultants, Fusion Technologies, 4 Seasons



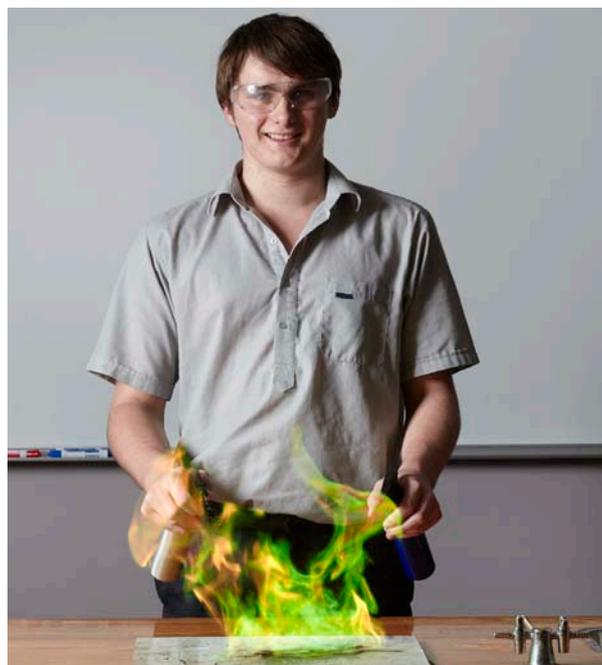
ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS



Bethany Langton (Year 13) received advice from the Royal Society of New Zealand that she has been selected for the London International Youth Science Forum which takes place in London from the 22 July to 5 August. They stated that the calibre of applications was of a very high standard and therefore it was a real credit to Bethany to have been selected. Only six New Zealand students were selected to attend this Forum. Bethany will also have the option, following the completion of the Forum, to visit CERN, one of the world's largest and most respected centres for scientific research, with over 2500 scientists researching fundamental physics, finding out a little more about what scientists believe the Universe is made of and how it works.



Non Seehamart (Year 13) received advice from the Royal Society of New Zealand that he has been selected for the 9th Asian Science Camp with Nobel Laureates and Eminent Scientists in Patumthani (situated on the outskirts of Bangkok), Thailand from 2nd – 8th August. This camp is organised by the POSN Foundation, Faculty of Science at Chulalongkorn University and will involve world distinguished scientists who will provide a stimulating programme of plenary lectures and workshops. Twenty-nine countries have been invited to send students to participate, with only five students having been selected from New Zealand to attend.



Hugo Brown (Year 13) has been named in the team of four to represent New Zealand at the International Chemistry Olympiad in Azerbaijan from 20 – 29 July. This is an outstanding achievement. (In 2005, **Lewis Winn** [School House 2001-2005] was also selected to attend the Olympiad, which that year was held in Taiwan.)

Head Girl of St Paul's Collegiate School in 2012, **Elizabeth Rajan**, recently received an award from the Waikato University Alumni Association for getting the highest grade point average out of all the first year students in the Waikato Management Faculty. Elizabeth received a cheque for \$500, along with her award. She followed this up by winning a Brian Perry Charitable Trust Undergraduate Business Management Scholarship with a value of \$2,000, which is for a one-year period. We congratulate her on her continued success.

PARTICIPATION



CULTURAL PARTICIPATION



HOUSE CHOIR COMPETITION

Arguably one of the most challenging events of the year, the House Choir competition was held on 8 May. This year proved to be very different in the dynamics of the singing, where for the very first time, the girls joined their boys' Houses. This created some really great opportunities in tone and pitch and proved to be highly successful with all Houses taking advantage of the girls' voices to add harmonies and melodies. This also added a lot more creativity to the singing of the songs.

The theme for this year's competition was ANZAC; songs that were written and composed by New Zealand or Australian artists. This theme was very becoming after recently commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the creation of the ANZAC spirit and potentially the creation of our national identity, arguably formed at Gallipoli. A range of classics and modern songs were then used by the Houses which created an entertaining variety of songs, awesome for the audience, but making it very hard to judge. This year we were very lucky to have two experienced judges, Julia McIntyre who is the Director of Music at Southwell School and Victoria Trenwith

who is Director of Music and Performing Arts at St Peter's School and Musical Director for the Operatic Society. These judges had an extremely tough job with the high calibre of creativity and singing ability that all seven Houses showed. The judges had to take into account song choice; integration of the whole house in the song and quality of the delivery. The enthusiasm that the Houses showed really set out some of the Houses from the rest.

School House kicked off the fiercely competitive competition with a musically talented rendition of "Somebody That I Used to Know" by Kimbra. Following School was Hall House, led by an interestingly dressed Stefan Andreef performing a great classic: "April Sun in Cuba" by Dragon. Hamilton then followed with another NZ classic, linked beautifully with the ANZAC theme: "Better Be Home Soon" by Crowded House. Fitchett then sang a wonderfully emotive, older song:

"The Ship Song" by Nick Cave. Clark House followed this with another great toe tapper: "Counting the Beat" by The Swingers. Williams House was up next,

making an interesting entry as they performed an acapella version of the extremely well known song of "Royals" by Lorde, with Tom Wilson performing a great Lorde inspired dance. And last but certainly not least was Sargood with a song that everybody knows, "Slice of Heaven" by Dave Dobbyn.

After the performances the judges revealed their decisions, in 1st place was Hall House, 2nd was Sargood, 3rd place went to School, followed by Williams in 4th, Clark in 5th and tied for 6th place was Hamilton and Fitchett. The House Choir event was thoroughly enjoyed by all with great songs and a successful dynamic of singing by integrating the boys and girls together. This event is always a challenging one, which puts many students out of their comfort zones. However it is a great event which unites the entire House and always proves to be very enjoyable for all involved.



CHOIR PERFORMS AT CHIEFS GAME

by Head Chorister, Bethany Langton



The St Paul's Collegiate School Choir began the year on a high note. Following on from our performances at the Chief's games in 2014, we were approached to sing both the Australian and New Zealand national anthems at the internationally televised ANZAC day game at Waikato Stadium. This was very exciting for all involved. From singing the anthems at a recording studio; walking onto the pitch from the tunnel; to leading a full stadium of people singing their countries song; this experience was unforgettable and very humbling for the Choir. A great way to begin the year!

More recently, the Choir performed at the regional Big Sing competition. The Big Sing was held at St Peter's and we competed against 20 choirs from the Waikato region. We sang; 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' by John Rutter, 'O Come Ye Servants of the Lord' by Cristopher Tye and finally 'A Poem

About the Sun Pinning Up a Notice' by David Hamilton. The Choir sang with focus and precision which reflected the choir practises leading up to the event. We were awarded a 'Highly Commended' award and the adjudicator commented we sang "secure in our repertoire, giving an assured performance overall". This placing was a great starting point for the Choir under the new leadership of Mr Nigel Williams and something we can all be very proud of!

As the year continues, the Choir will be expanding their song choices and looking to sing more well-known, light hearted pieces at upcoming events. We will be performing at the Celebration of Music and the Friends of the Hospital Chaplaincy Concert in the coming term – be sure to keep an ear out for us!

FRIENDS OF HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Friends of Hospital Chaplaincy
Fundraising concert

Featuring over 100 performers from 10 local choirs and soloists
Date: Saturday 22nd August 2015
Venue: St. Pauls collegiate Chapel
 77 Hukanui Road, Chartwell
Time: Doors Open: 7pm
Show Starts: 7.30pm
Tickets: Adults \$20, Students \$5 (Door sales- Cash only)
 Tickets can be purchased from:








St Paul's is hosting the "Friends of the Hospital Chaplaincy" fundraising concert on 22 August. This concert is to raise money for the chaplains who volunteer every Sunday at the hospital, running a service for the very sick and elderly. St Paul's has a strong connection with this volunteer group, as every three weeks our students volunteer for the service, by wheeling patients from their rooms and then back after. The concert is full of popular performers, including some of our own, such as the St Paul's Collegiate School Choir and solos from Katie Trigg, Aidan Phillips and Jonathan Mayer. Keep this date free and come and support the 'Friends of the Hospital Chaplaincy' and what they do for our community.

48 HOUR FILM FESTIVAL *by Mr Joshua Howard*

48HOURS is New Zealand's #1 Limited-Time filmmaking contest. Hundreds of teams write, shoot, cut and hopefully survive making a short film in one weekend. Then over a million view the shorts in cinemas and online. The event is open to anyone with a camera and a passion for filmmaking to join.

Filmmakers do not know what genre they will be shooting until the start of the competition. All creativity (writing, shooting and editing) must be produced within 48 hours, beginning the Friday evening and ending on the Sunday evening at 7pm.

48HOURS is a serious challenge for anyone from first time filmmakers through to experienced directors.

2015 was the fifth year that St Paul's has entered teams in the competition. This year the school entered two teams: Grasshopper Studios and Hourglass Productions. Both teams contained members returning from last year's competition, as well as students competing for the first time. The teams both had to include the following elements into their film: bread; a thoughtless character named Harper Harrison; a match cut; the line "Oh, really?" and a random genre.

GRASSHOPPER STUDIOS

Grasshopper Studios was led by director Sam Goodey. This was Sam's fourth year involved in the competition, and he has developed a passion for filmmaking over this time. Over the weekend he ably led a team of eleven students, ranging from Year 10 to Year 13. At the launch they were given 'Other Dimension' as a genre to work with. The team created their own version of Fair Go, called Fine Print, which looked at a company whose inter-dimensional travel was bringing people back loaves of bread and left their loved ones a little annoyed. They did a great job at recreating this genre, down to the interaction between the host and reporters, undercover footage and ambush interviews.

The film starred Jonathan Mayer, John Deroles and Hemi McLaren-Mellars. In the end the team made a film entitled "Fine Print", which they managed to hand in with 10 minutes to spare.

HOURLASS PRODUCTIONS

Hourglass Productions was led this year by Geordie Migo and Joe Bradly-Arthur. This team had a little less experience in film making than Grasshopper Studios, but were eager to tackle

the weekend and do well. They worked together as a great team, utilising each other's strengths, to create an entertaining short film. The team were given a choice of 'Musical/Dance/Beach Party/Rockumentary' for their genre, something they were very excited to tackle, and they quickly went into creative mode to develop their story. While at first they wanted to combine all four together, they finally settled on creating a Rockumentary.

Grasshopper Productions film was called 'Glazed and Confused: The Rise and Fall of Max Baker'. It was a behind the scenes documentary of a young rock star, whose dreams are ruined by his thoughtless agent. The lead characters were played by Michael Turnbull, Jonathan Mayer and James Krippner.

As a rockumentary the team needed to incorporate some original music. Fortunately they were able to utilise the skills of Aidan Phillips and Emi Ng to develop a number of songs based around bread, the inspiration for our aspiring rock star. Both teams thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and they have already begun planning how they can improve both the experience and their films for next year. It was great to see students who may not usually spend time together bonding over a project which they all enjoyed and of which they can feel proud. Unfortunately the films cannot be shown in a public setting until such time as they are no longer in the competition, either through not making it past a particular round of judging, or after the screening at the grand finals. A screening will be organized for the school of both short films as soon as possible.



HARINGTON HOUSE FASHION SHOW REPORT

by Brianna O'Donoghue



Harington House held their annual fashion show on Friday 1 May. This year we took a trip around the world with the girls embracing their creative sides to showcase the seven continents of the world. Each girl in the Houses had to be involved in creating a wonderful garment; producing an amazing baking item or performing an entertaining item in front of everyone. Each House had two months to organise everything to showcase on the night. Sargood House was given the continent of Antarctica, Fitchett - Africa, Hall - Oceania, Clark - South America, School - Asia, Hamilton - North America and Williams - Europe. Each House had a unique perspective of each continent and it was a very entertaining time on the night.

There were four sections that each House was judged on. The baking that was judged and enjoyed on the night had to represent the continent that the House was given, along with the garment created. The musical item was purely there for the enjoyment of the audience and also to showcase the incredible talent of the Harington girls. The speech that introduced the continent of each House and also described the garment, was judged on how well it was written and presented.

Here are the final results from the night:

1st Baking – Hall

1st Garment – Hall

1st Speech – School

1st Performance – Hall

Overall:

3rd place – Williams (Head of Williams - Georgia Burke)

2nd place – Hamilton (Head of Hamilton - Nelly Conway)

1st place – Hall (Head of Hall - Sarah Kosoof)

Every single girl in the House put in an incredible amount of effort to put on an amazing evening for the school. The money received from the night went towards our charity, Women's Refuge, to help out those woman in need, and also towards a water cooler/boiler for the girls in Harington House. Thank you to everyone who attended the event to support the girls - it was hugely appreciated.

CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Michael Torrance's Chamber Music group, 'Litomysl', a string quartet, won the district round of the Hamilton Chamber Music New Zealand award for the Best Group Overall. This saw them automatically go forward to the Northern District (Whangarei, Auckland, New Plymouth, Hamilton, Tauranga) finals which will be held on 21 June at Diocesan School for Girls in Auckland.

Emi Ng's group, 'Klaviolsche' was one of four in the Hamilton Chamber of Music competition who received the Highly Commended award. They were later advised that they had been selected as one of the 12 groups being put forward to compete in the Northern District contest.

SPORTING ENDEAVOURS



PRE-SEASON TRADITIONAL FIXTURE: 1ST XI HOCKEY BOYS vs WESTLAKE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

On the afternoon of Wednesday 22 April the St Paul's 1st XI hockey squad travelled up to Pukekohe to play Westlake Boys' High School. The playing conditions were good. The team started with 14 players against a top Rankin Cup school which had returned recently from a European hockey tour.

The game started with St Paul's taking their first opportunity in the first two minutes with Jonathan Bloor passing off to his brother Richie who flicked the ball into the goal. Westlake bounced back by scoring two goals in quick session. Westlake seemed to control the game and were making lots of attacks into the circle. Goal keeper, Simon Morbey was in good form saving a number of goals. Aubrey Fish scored the next goal after receiving an excellent ball from a Jonathan Bloor break away. Westlake responded late in the half to score another goal.

St Paul's struggled at times to keep up with Westlake's speed of pass and movement in the first half which had St Paul's 2 and Westlake 3.

After some Coach Hardman constructive feedback during the break, St Paul's settled down into their coach's game plan which helped to nullify most of the opposition attacks. St Paul's played some good hockey providing some excellent opportunities to score goals. Finally in the last two minutes of the game Conor Shalloe showed his skills, moving through the opposition into their circle to put the ball into goal to draw the game 3 all.

St Paul's were pleased with this result which places them in a good position for the upcoming season in the Waikato competition.



1ST XI HOCKEY WINS PRESTIGIOUS TROPHIES IN DEFEAT OF HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

On the evening of Wednesday 3 June the 1st XI team played against traditional rivals and National Champions in both 2013 and 2014, Hamilton Boys' High School, for the Matthew Allen Memorial Trophy and Bartholomew Cup (similar to the Moscar Cup for NZSS rugby or the Ranfurly Shield of NPC rugby).

The 1st XI realised the importance of the game, having being unlucky not to win the trophy for the past couple years. The team needed to play at their best both individually and collectively as a team. The wet and slippery hockey surface made playing attractive hockey difficult. However, the St Paul's XI adapted well to the playing conditions and made the most of their opportunities within the opposition circle. Reuben Andrews scored the first goal from a penalty corner which provided immense relief for everyone watching. The team continued to demonstrate their excellent skills in the first half to lead with a half time score 1 - 0.

In the second half HBHS came back at St Paul's, but St Paul's defensive skills remained strong and robust. St Paul's scored another goal from a well taken penalty corner from Reuben Andrews. In the last ten minutes HBHS tried hard to crawl back into the game, but Simon Morbey our 'man of steel' goal keeper was at his best and denied the opposition any opportunity of scoring.

Final score 2 - 0 win to St Paul's.

Finally, thank you to all those who attended the game and for supporting us on this momentous occasion and congratulations to the whole team and management on their excellent efforts. It is the first time we have won the Matt Allen trophy since 2010 and it was great to take the Bartholomew Cup from Hamilton Boys' High School – a cup they have held since September 2013.

CHIEF'S CUP: 1ST XV RUGBY FINISHES IN FOURTH PLACE

On Saturday 9 May the 1st XV travelled to Cambridge High School keen to put in a good performance against a team we haven't played for a number of years. The team knew that this would be a hard game against a team keen to prove they can foot it with the big boys. As predicted Cambridge dominated the start with St Paul's finding it difficult to win the ball. However the boys held their line and mid-way through the half began to dominate. This domination was rewarded with a penalty to Fergus Burke and a try to impressive lock Joshua

Balme. This proved to be a turning point in the game with the Cambridge defence beginning to open up. Tom Yarrall then scored the team's second try outpacing his opposite after some good phase play. With a 20-0 lead the boys entered the half time break full of confidence. In the second half it was more of the same with another try to Joshua Balme, Samisoni Taukeiaho and Blake Wilson. The eventual score was a commanding 39-5 win to St Paul's.

1ST XV RUGBY vs ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH

The 1st XV faced a tough challenge in the form of Rotorua Boys' on Saturday 16 May in a virtual semi-final of the Chief's Cup. The team got off to a poor start and after only ten minutes were 8-0 down. However, as the half progressed the boys got more and more into the game despite some aimless kicking at times. Fergus Burke kicked three penalties and with ten minutes to go before the break St Paul's was ahead 9-8. A try to Tom Yarrall extended the lead close to the break, but Rotorua managed to score a try on the stroke of half time. Half time score 16-13.

St Paul's made the best possible start to the second half

with an early try to Samisoni Taukeiaho and the team was looking good. However, a couple of quick tries to Rotorua swung the momentum back to in their favour. The second of these two tries was crucial as St Paul's were virtually certain to score if the Rotorua winger hadn't managed to intercept the final pass.

Blake Wilson managed to score a consolation try in the last play of the game, to make the final score 46-33. The final score didn't reflect the very even nature of the game and the boys were disappointed to let slip a victory against a school that is traditionally one of the best in New Zealand.

1ST XV RUGBY vs HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL - FOR THIRD AND FOURTH PLACE

St Paul's 1st XV Rugby team took on arch rivals Hamilton Boys' High School on Saturday 23 May. The game was played in terrible conditions, with constant rain and a heavy field. Despite the conditions, both teams attempted to use the ball and an excellent game resulted. St Paul's got off to a great start with a try to Connor Collins after a charge down. Hamilton Boys' hit back quickly though, with a try in the corner. A Fergus Burke penalty and one to Hamilton Boys' meant that the teams entered half time locked up at 8 all.

As conditions worsened in the second half, scoring became more and more difficult. Unfortunately though, St Paul's

conceded a try after 10 minutes following an excellent break by the Hamilton Boys' halfback. The conversion was successful which gave Hamilton Boys' a commanding 15-8 lead. St Paul's continued to make much of the play and were awarded with two kickable penalties. Fergus Burke and Dillon Kelliher duly obliged to make the game 15-14 with 10 minutes to play. Despite a massive effort, St Paul's couldn't penetrate the Hamilton Boys' defence and the game ended with an agonising 15-14 loss. The team should feel very proud to have got so close to Hamilton Boys', who in the last five or so years have been the most successful rugby school in the country.



FURNWARE CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND 1ST XV RUGBY COMPETITION

On Saturday 23 May the 1st XV started their title defence of the Furnware Central North Island (CNI) competition with a comfortable 97-0 win against St John's from Hastings. In what can only be described as an extremely one sided game, the boys ran riot against the

Hawkes Bay side scoring 15 tries with Fergus Burke converting eight and Dillon Kelliher three.

The whole team played well, especially, Connor Gordon, who cleared ruck after ruck rather than hang out on the wing looking to score.

Try scorers were: Tom Yarrall (2), Fergus Burke (2), Della Neli (2), Alex Mitchell, Samisoni Taukeiaho, George Dyer, Callum Brown, Sal M'Boge, Blake Wilson, Asipeli Mafuataimi, Connor Collins and Dillon Kelliher.

NETBALL TEAMS PERFORM IMPRESSIVELY IN WAIKATO FINALS

The Waikato Secondary Schools' league has already come to completion, with St Paul's Open A gaining a place in the top four. St Paul's hasn't placed this highly since 2009.

In horrific weather, St Paul's played Hillcrest High School in the semi-finals, losing by two points (final score 30-28 to Hillcrest). Disappointed, as we felt the weather definitely limited our style of play, St Paul's got ready to attack a star-studded Hamilton Girls' High School team, playing off for third and fourth. After a shaky first couple of minutes, settling into play, St Paul's dominated the game from the third minute, right through until the end. In the shooting end, Meg Skilton, Teri Wathen-Smith, Jessica Hood and Ella Petursson put on full court defence and provided balanced safe play on attack. Defensive duo, Georgia Dobbe and Kate Littlejohn,

completely shut out the strong HGHS shooters, even putting in a few jump shots. This year, the strength of our team is 'the team' and how we play for each other. This was clearly evident when beating one of the dominant netball schools in the Waikato. Final score 25 – 33 to St Paul's.

While our Development team entered the Monday Night league for the first time this year and proved that they deserved the opportunity. After a tough draw to Sacred Heart two weeks ago, we knew our final against the same side would be a challenging game, playing off for first and second in our grade. We started off slowly before we gained in confidence and found our feet with a number of intercepts throughout the mid-court by Jessica Crow. Turning the ball over multiple times gave the opportunity to put us in front, with

great shooting by Briarna Rae and Greer Baldwin. An outstanding performance in the defensive circle meant that the game was tense and we put pressure on our opponents. After a huge effort by the whole team, we came out on top by four goals. Final score 28-32 to St Paul's.

The following girls made up the side that took out the development division:

- Greer Baldwin
- Briarna Rae
- McKinley Vollebregt
- Jessica Crow
- Maggie Powell
- Olivia Carter
- Emma Smith
- Allaynah Hill
- Abigail Helm
- Olivia Gray

CLARK TAKES OUT ROAD RELAY



A great afternoon of racing on Friday 22 May saw a number of dominant performances from individuals and Houses. Clark House were exceptional in the "A" team race leading for 11 of the 12 stages and eventually winning by a comfortable 90 seconds from Williams and Hamilton.

In the girls race over six stages, Hamilton House led from the start to finish over two minutes ahead of Clark in second place. The dominance of the Hamilton House girl's performance was reflected in the fact that it was also a record breaking effort.

The race for the "B" teams was a closer event with Clark, Hall and Williams all holding the lead at different times, but in a final surge Clark broke away from Williams to win by 11 seconds in the closest finish of the day.

Noticeable individual performances included:

- Jessica Hood on the senior leg, where she ran the fastest time for a female in the last 18 years
- Jack Davies fast time of 5 mins 25 seconds on the Senior leg
- Seb Ellice breaking 5 minutes on the Intermediate leg

In the overall House competition, which combines the results of all three House teams the placings were as follows:

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| 1st | Clark |
| 2nd | Williams |
| 3rd | Hamilton |
| 4th | School |
| 5th | Hall |
| 6th= | Sargood and Fitchett |



CROSS COUNTRY 2015

In perfect conditions along a new course around Porritt Stadium made for a great day of racing on 29 May. Jessica Hood continued her fine form from the track season and recent Road Relay to put in another dominant performance. She finished 45 seconds ahead of second place getter Felicity Whale, with Josie Butcher a further four seconds back in 3rd place.

In the Junior Boys race, the closest finish of the day saw Jack Russell narrowly hold off Lane Tims in a sprint over the final 50 metres with Clay Richardson not far behind.

Lui Chileshe in the Intermediate Boys race was too strong for the rest of the field winning convincingly from the steadily improving Drew Gordon. Ryan Wilkins the National Secondary Schools' 400m finalist showed his strength by finishing third.

The final race of the day for the Senior Boys is the longest. It is a demanding 4.5km with over 150 students tackling it with mixed degrees of enthusiasm. A small bunch that included Jack Davies, Adam McCarthy, Cole Lucas and Charles Christey moved to the front for the first half of the race. However as the race progressed, Jack turned up the pressure on the others and steadily moved away from them to win comfortably in the end by twenty three seconds from Adam and forty-one seconds from Cole.

Cups

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| Junior Boys | Jack Russell |
| Intermediate Boys | Lui Chileshe |
| Senior Boys | Jack Davies |
| Girls | Jessica Hood |

House Cup – awarded based on the Top 30 place getters in each race.

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| 1st | Williams |
| 2nd | Clark |
| 3rd | Hamilton |

House Points Competition

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

WAIKATO / BAY OF PLENTY SCHOOLS TEAMS DUATHLON

St Paul's had six teams participating in the regional duathlon championship on Wednesday 3 June. These were held at the Karapiro Domain. The event was held on a very demanding course in cool and rainy conditions.

In the U14 age group race Jack Russell competed as the runner and Jack Deane as the cyclist. Against a field of 10 teams, they finished in a highly creditable fourth position in a time of 42.55. Jack ran two legs of 2.5km each and Jack Deane completed a 12km bike leg.

In the U16 race which consisted of 11 teams, Lui Chileshe and Matthew Bond finished in 6th place in a time of 47.36. Lui ran 3.5km in the first leg and 2.5km in the second leg. Matthew completed a 16km bike leg. Lane Tims, as the runner and Henry Carr, as the cyclist also competed in the U16 race and placed 7th.

In the U19 race, competitors competed over the same distances as in the U16 age group race. Madison Tims and Josie Butcher competed very well against a small number of quality teams and were very successful in gaining third place. In the boys' race, Jack Davies and Adam McCarthy were also very successful against strong opposition from Boys' High and placed second in a time of 41.48. Connor Egan competing as the runner and Aaron Parkinson competing as the cyclist did very well to finish in 4th position in their first team duathlon event.

Congratulations to all the students participating in this event who put a huge effort into their races against the best from schools throughout the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions.

ANNUAL WINTER EXCHANGE AGAINST WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

Our senior sportsmen and women travelled down to Wanganui on 10 June. The following is a summary of the results of their respective matches:

1st XI Hockey:

St Paul's 1st XI controlled the game but were unable to get the ball into the back of the Wanganui goal. A number of errors occurred on attack in the opposition circle which nullified St Paul's ability to score goals until half way through the first half. St Paul's attack did improve and at the end of the first half the score was 5 – nil. In the second half St Paul's put together some good passing. However the opposition goal keeper again stopped too many St Paul's attacks into the circle and shots at goal. The final score was a 9 - nil win to St Paul's.

1st XI Girls' Soccer:

The girls' 1st XI had a hard game against strong opposition from Wanganui Collegiate. Without two of our key defensive players and our regular goalkeeper, it was always going to be an uphill battle. Vade Jamieson played a superb role in defence, and saved a number of goals on the line, once our defensive line was breached. A strong game from Brittany Griffin, Kacey Diggelmann and Georgia Burke up front saw St Paul's have a number of attempts on goal, and although we were pleased not to have conceded a goal at half time, we could have easily been up a goal had our chances been converted. The pressure began to tell though, later in the game, and Wanganui Collegiate scored three goals. Silvana Ground made her debut in goal, playing a solid game, and making a number of excellent saves.

1st XI Boys' Soccer:

In the warm up before the game, the St Paul's 1st XI had an air of confidence about us and were set upon a victory against the Wanganui 1st XI team. A shaky start was the only time Wanganui saw anything close to a victory. Ten minutes in, a goal from centre back Michael Weir would see the opening of the floodgates that would finish the game 7-0 to St Paul's. Goals from Michael Weir, Luke Goodwin, Matt Collier, Jin Seo Yu, and a hat-trick from defender Chris Swanson saw us finish the game very comfortably. Highlights were Michael's goal from halfway and Matt Collier's performance. A good performance by all involved

Development Rugby:

The Development XV rugby team arrived eager to stretch their legs and play some fast paced rugby against the Wanganui 2nd XV. The St Paul's team asserted their dominance early on through the forwards and scored a well worked try under the posts after consecutive pick-and-goes. This solid platform continued throughout the game and allowed the backs good go-forward ball which they utilised well, scoring a number of tries through strike moves out wide. Tries were shared among various players, but the stand out player of the day who worked tirelessly was lock forward Jason Dhesi. Final score was 41 - 5 to St Paul's.

Open A Netball Team:

After a busy week of netball, with most of the girls playing three days in a row; including a tournament on the Sunday; we took on Wanganui Collegiate. Although we looked the dominant team throughout the game, we just didn't win. We took the opportunity to trial new combinations. Losing by three, we have a lot to reflect on as it wasn't one area that resulted in the loss, just several minor errors. Final score was 38-35 to Wanganui Collegiate.

Girls' Hockey:

This was a very tight game, played in good spirits. Wanganui scored first after putting us under pressure. We were able to equalise through Madison Tims and so the game was to continue. At no stage was the score different by more than one goal. Jade Henley-Smith scored our second goal and Madison our third. Wanganui were able to score once more and although we got close, we were not able to draw even again. The girls are to be commended on a great effort, and a never say die attitude, even though we got tired towards the last 10 minutes of the game. Final score was 4 – 3 to Wanganui Collegiate.

ANNUAL WINTER JUNIOR EXCHANGE AGAINST LINDISFARNE COLLEGE

We hosted our Hawkes Bay brother school in Hamilton with the following results:

U15 Hockey:

With the St Paul's team never having played a game together before the exchange it was always going to be difficult. St Paul's played some good hockey at times and were only 2 – nil down at half time. We continued to resist the Lindisfarne attack until late in the second half when they started to dominate our defense ending the game with a 6 – 0 win to Lindisfarne.

Player of the day Campbell Smith

U14 Rugby:

Mercedes Hodge scored a try in the first minute of the game which set the scene for a total team effort to effect an historic win. The forwards created good turnover ball and gained three tight heads in the scrums giving the backs excellent ball with which to set up attacks. The half time score was 26 – 15 and the final score was 38 – 15. The try scorers were Sam Ogilvy 2, Daniel Johnson 2, Alex Johnson 1 and Mercedes Hodge 1.

Colts Football:

In the first half, the teams were evenly matched. With both teams having the opportunity to score. First to convert their opportunities were Lindisfarne. The Colts A came straight back, with a skilful run by Owen Comber entering the goal box and being fouled, resulting in a penalty that George Ott converted into a goal. Just before half time, Lindisfarne scored to go to half time 2-1 up. After the break, the Colts missed a number of opportunities to score and Lindisfarne converted theirs. Final score 4-1 loss.

ANNUAL WINTER EXCHANGE WITH TAURANGA BOYS' COLLEGE AND BETHLEHEM COLLEGE

Open A Netball:

The St Paul's Open A were clearly the dominant team from the very first whistle. On attack Kelly Forde and Talia Namana combined well in the shooting circle while full court defence ensured there was plenty of turnover ball to score from. Final score 31-17.

Development Netball:

The Development netball team travelled to Bethlehem College on Wednesday 17 June. With perfect sunny weather, we had the privilege to play inside. We had a slow start on a very slippery court and had to quickly adjust our game. After the first quarter, we refocused and started to play our own game

again. Our defence was superb, getting many intercepts which the shooters turned into goals. All players worked hard and we dominated the game with the final score being 35-9.

1st XI Girls Football:

A flurry of early goals to Bethlehem saw the football girls 5-0 down in a short period of time. Once the team rallied together, the game became more even. A beautiful goal from Georgia Burke led a mini-resurgence, but at half time the score was 7-1 to Bethlehem. The second half saw St Paul's show a lot of heart. Solid defending by Emi Ng, ably backed up by Donna Smit and Tori Reeves, and strong performances up front from Kacey Diggelmann and Georgia Guest meant that the second half remained scoreless.



1st XI Girls Hockey:

Playing on a sand turf took a little bit of adjustment, but it meant for a fast game. St Paul's took control fairly early on, but found things quite congested going into the circle. We scored through Jade Henley-Smith almost a quarter of the way into the match. Four minutes later Madison Tims scored off a great reverse stick shot and she scored again six minutes later – 3-0 up at half time. The second half got under way with a greater focus on width and eight minutes into the half Ishita Rawal drove across the circle taking a shot from the right which was helped into the goal by Millie Yarrall. Holding a better structure, and finding many combinations working across the field, saw us score five more goals – Madison (2), Sarah Collinson-Smith (2) and Millie her second – in the second half. 9 – 0 the final score.

Player of the day: Georgia Thompson

U16 Rugby:

Perfect conditions for rugby in the Bay of Plenty, St Paul's came out on top after some resilient defence in the second half. Leading 12 – 0 at half time with tries from Matt Wilson, Lachie Finch and one conversion from Aaron Humble. Early into second half Valynce Crosby-Te Whare scored two converted tries from turnovers to take a commanding lead at 26-8 with 20 minutes remaining. Tauranga came back scoring two tries, but some great defence got the team through. Outstanding defence from Liam Allen and a solid team performance leaves this team still unbeaten and ready for their next challenge. Final score: 26-20 to St Paul's.

U14 Rugby:

The opposition were too big, strong and fast for our team. Tauranga's big forwards took the ball up strongly for their fleet-footed backs to out run our defence. The final score was 71 nil. Despite the score line St Paul's made valiant attempts to tackle with Daniel Johnson and Albert Talakai the standouts.

Chess:

There were four games played with time control of 15 minutes each by all six players. So there were a total of 24 games played. St Paul's only lost two games and drew one for a final score of 21.5 to 2.5. Mr Judkins was very pleased with how well everyone played.

Team members were:

- Board 1 – Daniel Davis (won all games)
- Board 2 – Craig Scott (won 3 and drew one)
- Board 3 – Michail Andreef (won all games)
- Board 4 – Aaron Taylor (won all games)
- Board 5 – Michael Torrance (won 3 games)
- Board 6 – Grace Li (won 3 games)

Debating:

The team of Josie Butcher, Felicity Whale and Tully Dickson acquitted themselves very well in the Tauranga Boys' exchange debate. The moot was particularly tricky: "That this House would limit the media coverage of terrorism" and we were negating arguing for freedom of speech and that ignorance is definitely not bliss. It was a closely argued debate but the more experienced Tauranga Boys' team took it out narrowly.

Theatre Sports:

Theatre Sports was played in very good spirits. While the St Paul's team gave it their all, they were out played by a much more experienced team. The final scores were indicative of this with Tauranga Boys' College winning by six points.

1st XI Football:

Heading over the Kaimai's to a warm morning in Tauranga, the St Paul's lads were keen to face off against a strong Tauranga Boys' side whom haven't conceded more than one goal in a game. A warm-up without standing coach Mr Warwick Gibson was a bit odd, but stepping up was assistant coach, Mr Keegan Stewart to give the boost the boys needed. The traditional St Paul's shaky start was ever present. However a goal from Waikato Ball boosted the team full of confidence and an equalizer soon after was dismissed by another goal from Waikato Ball. A goal just before half time put Tauranga ahead then straight back at them came a goal from Luke Goodwin, levelling the score. The first half full of goals saw the teams head into the second half at 3-3. Two sloppy goals saw Tauranga lead 5-3 with about ten minutes to go. A goal from right back Tom Goodwin made St Paul's fight for a draw at least. However we couldn't find the back of the net and ended the game 5-4 to Tauranga. Great performance from Zac Newdick.

Colts Hockey:

Tauranga Boys' started strongly and got a number of goals early in the first half. We made some position and tactical changes for the second half which improved defense and created some attacking opportunities. We could not be competitive against a very skillful team. Final score 7 – nil win to Tauranga Boys'.

1st XI Hockey:

In the first defense of the Bartholomew Cup, St Paul's 1st XI team stepped up a gear both in attitude and skill. The team realised the importance of the game and showed what they are capable of. The half time score was 2 - 0. In the second half the team continued to show good team work, and patience and accuracy within the opposition circle to score another four goals. The final result 6 - 0. An excellent result against a top 10 Rankin Cup side.

Development Rugby:

The Development XV rugby team ran out against Tauranga's 2nd XV for the annual exchange on Wednesday, 17th June. In the past, this has always been a closely contested game with either side only winning by a few points, so the St Paul's men knew that they were in for a hard-fought battle. Allowing Tauranga to score from a slip in our midfield defence, we replied immediately with a well worked try to Hunter Johnson. An additional conversion and penalty to Ben McColgan saw us head into halftime 10 – 7 in front. Unfortunately in the second half, the Development XV allowed poor discipline and decision making to impact on their performance. Tauranga were thus able to spend long periods of time in our half which eventually resulted in them crossing the line. Despite various valiant efforts, we were unable to finish off opportunities and Tauranga ended up victorious 12 – 10.

Squash:

St Paul's took on the current national champs and top seed for this year from Tauranga Boys' High. With two of our top six unavailable, it was always going to be tough against a full strength Tauranga side. Lui Chileshe, feeling very unwell, came up against the current national junior champion who just returned from winning the Oceania Junior Champs. However he put up a good fight going down 3/0. Sam Wilson came up against another A grader and even though Sam gave it his all he was out played and also went down 3/0.

Hugo Brown, number three and Hugh Jackson, number four both came up against B1 players and pushed hard, but went down 3/0. Hugo came very close to winning a game, but couldn't quite do it. Our highlight of the day came when Kieran Hitchcock played an opponent who was a full grade higher. With the scores tied at two games all, Kieran got off to a great start in the last and even though his opponent fought hard towards the end Kieran managed to hold on to a 15/12 win and a 3/2 victory overall. Josh McLaughlin's opponent was also

a grade and a half higher, but Josh performed very well losing 3/1, with him losing two of the games 16/14.

Premier Boys Basketball:

Tauranga Boys' came out hard putting St Paul's under huge amounts of pressure. In the first quarter Tauranga Boys' outscored St Paul's 27 – 13, mainly due to the full court pressure applied by Tauranga Boys'. In the second and third quarter St Paul's managed to lift their intensity, however we couldn't match or better the travelling team. In the second Tauranga Boys' scored 19, St Paul's 16, and in the third Tauranga Boys' 19, St Paul's 15. However in the fourth Tauranga Boys' changed gear once again and blew the team out 23 – 11. Top scorers for St Paul's were shared between William Te Tomo and Wade Paniora with nine points each. Tauranga Boys' ended up winning with an 88-55 victory over St Paul's. The loss shows that when the team trains to their potential we can compete with the best of them.

Junior Basketball:

The junior premier basketball team had their first inter-school game on Wednesday against Tauranga Boys' College. Unfortunately, it was not a tight contest and the boys had a tough time of it against the more gifted athletically and skilled opposition. Despite the lopsided score, the boys played with heart and managed to have periods of real intensity. Clay Richardson ran the point position extremely well and found his shooting rhythm. He was supported well by Alex Zhong who was aggressive offensively and played stern defense. Both players were constantly harassed all game. Sam Harcourt toiled all day against their tall timber and Jerimiah McDonald was impressive off the bench and showed real heart. The rest of the squad all contributed and they held their heads up and played to the final whistle. It was an example of the next level of competition for the boys and they will learn from the experience. Final score was 44-124 to Tauranga Boys'.

COLTS FOOTBALL SQUAD PLAYS IN HILLSDENE TROPHY COMPETITION

The Hillsdene Tournament ran for three days (14 – 16 June) in Tauranga. The competition consisting of two pools of six teams.

Game 1 began at 9:30am on Sunday 14 June against Bethlehem College. The game was evenly balanced through the first half with both teams unable

to convert opportunities. 0-0 at half time. The closeness of the game, meant that the first team to score would win. Bethlehem scored and this lifted their confidence. They then got a couple of soft goals as we committed players forward to try to equalize. Final score 3-0 loss.

Game 2 began at 12:00am on Sunday 14 June against Rotorua Boys' High School. Our boys dominated from the kick off. Skilful play and learning from our mistakes from the previous game, saw us score goals at will. Final score 13-0, with 6 to George Ott, 3 for Jansen Cao, Patrick Dowd 2, Connor Downey 1 and Jasom Khatkar 1.

Game 3: Monday at 10.00am against Hastings Boys' High School. Again another balanced game with both teams evenly matched. The Hastings Boys' team were physically aggressive at both ends of the field. Our goalkeeper receive a knock requiring time off to recover. The intensity of the game resulted in penalties given to both teams. The half time score 1-1. Again it was going to be a case of the team to score first in the second half would probably go on to win. Hastings came out stronger. Our boys were always competitive, but the more aggressive play by Hastings and the resulting injuries to our players, saw us go down 3-1 at the final whistle.

Game 4: Monday at 1.00pm against Kapiti College. After recovering from the previous game, our boys started strongly against Kapiti. With goals to Owen Comber and George Ott we lead

2-0 early in the first half. The opposition then rallied and the teams went to half time at 2-2. In the second half, Kapiti used impact players well from the bench and our boys started to fatigue. Final score a loss 5-2.

Game 5: Monday 4.00pm against St Peter's College (Auckland). St Peter's had arrived at the tournament with Year 11 players, so defaulted all of their games. Thus a friendly game was played. The bigger and faster St Peter's players scored a number of goals, but to our credit, George Ott made a break and drove a powerful shot into the St Peter's net to lift the morale of the team.

We finished fourth in our pool and were drawn to play Tauranga Boys' College (who finished third in their pool). Our boy's played well and have gotten the better of the Tauranga Boys' team

at times, but we were unable to convert our opportunities into goals. A couple of defensive mistakes gained Tauranga the lead 2-0 at half time. We decided to take a risk of pulling players forward in search for a goal, which left us vulnerable at the back. Tauranga took advantage of this opportunity resulting in us going down 4-0.

Final game was a play off for 7th and 8th position against Bethlehem. The boys were determined to get their revenge on losing to Bethlehem at the beginning of the tournament. The boy's lifted their game and played with energy and controlled the game throughout the match. George Ott scored 1 and Owen Comber scored 2 goals, resulting in a win 3-1 to finish 7th in the tournament.

TREMENDOUS SUCCESS IN WAIKATO AGE GROUP SQUASH CHAMPS

Year 10 Temwa Chileshe was competing in the Waikato Under 15 Boys Champs. Temwa was seeded number one and had three wins and went on to meet Logan Webber from Matamata in the final. Although Temwa was clearly the higher ranked player he had been at Tihoi and hadn't had a lot of game time. However while Temwa's opponent pushed him hard at times, Temwa had too much class and ran out a deserved 3/0 winner in the final. Brendan Hunt also played well to finish 4th in this division.

Year 11 Lwamba (Lui) Chileshe was competing in the Waikato Under 17 Boys Champs. Lui comfortably won his first two matches, but in the final Lui come up against Angus MacDonald the HBHS number one. The Boys' High player, while lower ranked on points, came out firing and had Lui struggling at 2-0 down. In the third game things were tight until halfway through when Lui started to get in front of his opponent and won his first game 15-9. Eventually Lui was able to assert his dominance and win the Under

15 title in five hard fought games. Hugh Jackson also did well to finish 4th in this division.

Hugo Brown finished 4th in the Under-19 boys and was the highest finishing high school student.

Alberto Argonauta, Joshua McLaughlin and Kieran Hitchcock also played and had some good wins.

OTHER SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Ryan Ballantyne departs on Friday 26 June and will be away for a month to compete in the World Youth Games to be held in Colombia from 12 July. Ryan's first day of competition will be 15 July and we will report back on how he fares in future

editions of the *Informer*. Prior to getting to Colombia he will head to Brisbane for a few days of competition and then head onto San Francisco where he will have a two-week training camp to prepare for the Games.



PROMISING START TO THE YEAR FOR 1ST XI SOCCER

by Tom Goodwin



The St Paul's Collegiate School 1st XI football team has shown some good promise to start off the 2015 season. Third on the table with two narrow defeats against Hamilton Boys' High School, St Peter's and strong victories over the bottom half of the table bodes well for the second round of the Premier division. With 11 Year 13 players in a squad of 18, the team has good experience and maturity. Key players such as centre back Chris Swanson, striker Waikato Ball and skipper Tom Goodwin, have all stepped up in the 2015 season to try and take the team to its full potential.

The squad consists of mostly the same players who won the Hillsdene competition in 2012, along with the new coaching staff; previous 2012 Colts A Coach Mr Warrick Gibson and last year's St Johns 1st XI Coach, Mr Keegan Stewart.
Defenders: Tom Goodwin (Captain), Chris Swanson, Samuel Lockwood-Geck, Stefan Andreef, Jonathan Van Ness;

Midfield: Reed Fisher (Vice Captain), Michael Weir, Hamish Comber, Matthew Collier, Zach Newdick, Sam Dean
Goal Keepers: Harry Porritt, Geo Ryu, Matthew Fielding
Strikers: Waikato Ball, Luke Goodwin, Shane Reddy, Jin Seo Yu
Guest appearances from Colts A Year 9 players: Owen Comber and George Ott

We are looking forward to the next half of the season, where we will be looking to better last year's position of 18th at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Football Nationals which will be held in Nelson in the first week of September. We are also showing promise to finish within the top three in the Waikato Premier division.

With sickness and injury hitting the team early on in the season, it has been hard to gather a full squad for most trainings, but we are a tight knit squad and have shown resilience and determination to work hard as a team on the pitch and give it our all.

This showed in our national qualifier against Trident High School situated in Whakatane. After a 4.5 hour long minivan ride to Whakatane (due to mechanical difficulties), we arrived at Trident High School grounds ten minutes after the game should've started. The team was graciously given five minutes to warm up before kick-off, which was then followed by 15 minutes of rocky play as we gradually got used to the slippery, muddy surface and the touch of the ball. The team battled ferociously, as we all knew that every goal in a national qualifier counted. The final score was 3-0 to St Paul's - a well-deserved victory. At our full potential we feel we can beat teams such as Hamilton Boys' High School, but for the moment we are still working on getting the right combinations and working as a solid unit, which will hopefully apex towards NZSSF Nationals so the, mostly Year 13 team, will end their school football career on a high.



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT *by Jonathan Mayer*

28 April 2015

I want to take this opportunity to talk to you about something central to this School and more specifically to this building. You see it almost every single day, but may not even know what it actually means. I'm talking about this cross right here (window behind the sanctuary). Obviously the cross shape itself symbolizes the Christian faith, but what about the words inside it?

These are the words from Matthew Chapter 5, which were just read to you. Or at least, as much of Matthew 5 as would fit inside the cross as the size of font used required the architects to end half-way through a verse which does leave out key information further on, but that is a good topic for another sermon. Seeing it's already long enough, I'll just be focusing on the first part of this teaching.

So what do I want you to hear about today? First I want you to know what this text does NOT mean - it is very easy to get the wrong idea when reading through it. Secondly, I want you to understand what is actually being said. And thirdly, I want you to understand the applications of this teaching.

So Number One: Where might it be easy to accidentally interpret the message in a wrong way? Well for example, when verse 4 says "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" Mourning is about being sad right? Now that is true, but it's not talking about the day to day sadness that might first come to mind. It has nothing to do with that scratch you got on your car the other day and how God will now comfort you about it and everything will be happy dandy. It has nothing to do with your current emotional state about life, or random things in the classroom. No this links to verse 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit" and that is where my second point comes in.

So what does being "poor in spirit" mean? Why are you then blessed? What does being blessed actually mean? And why on earth would you get to the Kingdom of Heaven for being "poor in spirit"?

Let's start with the word blessed. Now this text was originally in Greek. There are two words in Greek that translate to blessed - one has the meaning of happiness, but the one used in Matthew 5 describes the happy state of those who find their purpose and fulfilment in God.

Now what does "poor in spirit" mean and how does that make you fulfilled and find your purpose in God? Well, being "poor in spirit" is basically the centre of Christianity, the

reason this Sermon on the Mount is so significant and also the greatest reason people struggle with the teaching itself.

Being "poor in spirit" is having a deep humility, it means you realise that you are spiritually bankrupt, that you are separated from God because of your natural born sin, originating from Adam and Eve, and that there is no natural "goodness" that could allow you to be close to God. Therefore you are literally poor, poorest of the poor, you have nothing to show for against a perfect God who cannot coexist with a sinner, someone who isn't as perfect as he is, because of his divine nature.

Being "poor in spirit" means you have realised that there is nothing you can do to earn your way in to Heaven. And this is how it relates to the story of the tax collector. No amount of good deeds will make God welcome you at the gates of Heaven. This is what the Pharisee thought he could do by boasting of good deeds such as fasting and performing religious practices. When in reality God welcomes those who realise they have fallen short of his grace because of sin and have therefore asked for forgiveness, like the tax collector.

This realization means that you acknowledge that the only way you can be saved from your sin is by the grace of God. That your sins have been paid for by Jesus on the cross and his death has covered up your imperfect nature with his perfect and completely blameless life. All you have to do is believe and accept that you cannot save yourself. This is the reason why you then would have "The Kingdom of Heaven". Because you will have been saved. And this "Grace" from God is the key. It is a gift, it cannot be earned, only asked for and the ones who receive it are the "poor in spirit".

Now how can you apply this in daily life? Well one question you might ask yourself is why would God save me if I'm a sinner at all, why does he care about me? And this is where it relates to Monday's ANZAC remembrance. The reason why you only have to ask to be saved is because Jesus died on the cross for your sins. Why would he do that? Because there is no greater love, than to lay down your life for another. It's because he loves you, every single one of you are loved. His love is why you have this opportunity at salvation and the one thing you can take away from here today, is that you are loved so much that someone died for you.

I hope that has cleared up the importance of this cross and why this particular message was chosen to be put inside. So next time someone asks what makes those words so special? I hope you remember enough of this sermon to give an answer.

SCHOOL HOUSE CHAPEL SERVICE

Sunday 3 May

READINGS BY: CONOR SHALLOE (DEUTERONOMY 31:1-8)
CHRIS SWANSON (JOSHUA 1:1-7)
PRAYERS BY: MARC BRADFORD
AUBREY FISH
SERMON BY: INVINDER SINGH

Theme: What is courage?

In the readings we just heard, Moses, being a 120 year old man who was close to death managed to summon the courage that he drew from God and speak to his people. If it were not for the confidence and courage that Moses had when speaking the words of God the people would not have listened and said that he was crazy. After Moses passed away, God said to Joshua "Moses my servant is dead" and now Joshua had to take on the amount of courage and the leadership that Moses had at such an old age.

It was Christ's courage, as well as His love, that led Him to the cross. It was His courage that enabled Him to love in those last dark hours. Jesus gives to us the real meaning of courage! Courage is more than power of the will. Courage is more than simply enduring physical pain. Courage is more than stepping into danger. Real courage is a quiet and determined thing, not loud. Courage is firm, unyielding resolution to live out the values of eternity, no matter what forces of destruction throw themselves against us.

What is courage? The dictionary definition for courage is the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face a

difficulty, danger and pain without fear and with bravery. In far simpler words to stand up for something that is right. I was looking at how courage changes people and this story caught my eye.

'Late in the evening I was walking in the park. Suddenly I heard a scream coming from behind bushes. I stopped to listen and understood that a woman was being attacked. I heard sounds of fighting and muttering. For several moments I was hesitating, should I get involved?

I panicked. I was frightened for my own safety. Maybe it is better to call the police? Then I realized that the woman's voice was becoming weaker, so I knew I had to act quickly. Can I run away from this? Finally I decided that I have to help this unknown woman even if I am risking my own life. I felt some strange transformation inside, the moral and physical strength, so I ran behind the bushes. I pulled the attacker off the girl. We fell to the ground and grappled for several minutes. Then the assailant jumped up and ran away.

Breathing hard I slowly came up to the girl, who was cowering behind a tree. It was dark, so I could not see her face clearly. I felt, that she is very frightened, so I talked to her from a distance: „You are safe now, it's okay, the man has run away“. After a few moments I heard her words with a great amazement in her voice: „Dad, is that you?“ And then I realized that the girl was my youngest daughter.' This man showed courage at the right time to save the unknown women who proved to be his loved one.

CLARK HOUSE CHAPEL SERVICE

Sunday 17 May

READINGS: CHARLIE SAXTON (ROMANS 5:1-5)
CARNE LINCOLN (PETER 1:5-8)
PRAYER: SIMON MORBEY
SERMON BY: CONNOR GORDON

Theme: Virtues- perseverance – resilience- diligence

Success guys is a very lonely road. Very few people are willing to endure the pain, the sacrifice, the diligence to be successful.

PERSEVERENCE, persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success. It comes in all shapes and forms and can bring someone from their lowest point in life to their highest point in life. It all starts with a little

perseverance and the will to continue and reach success.

If you want to make it happen you have to have perseverance. It's you. And only you that can make it happen. What do I think perseverance means to me? For me it's kind of easier to put it into rowing terms. When you're at that last 500m and you are completely stuffed and you've got nothing left in the tank, you've got two other boats neck and neck with you and all you want to do is lay down and stop. Then the coxswain tells you to lift it up for the sprint, even though you have nothing left to give. You find the inner strength and push past that wall to push your body to the limits. Crossing that line, knowing you gave it everything despite the outcome, to me that's perseverance.

But it's not just in sport where perseverance comes into play, it's everything from doing that assignment you didn't want to do that weekend, but you busted it out and know you've put some hard work into it, or studying for internals, putting in that extra effort to get the best possible result. Even in things like doing a production or being in the choir takes perseverance, whether it's remembering your lines to your lyrics - everything, anything you do takes perseverance.

Perseverance is just another word for self-motivation. Now you might be thinking 'I don't have that', but you do. We all do, some more profound than others. Ask yourself, do you practice like a champion? Do you study like you're the smartest person in the school? The heart of a champion is a light switch that's always on, it doesn't go on and off when someone's watching - it's consistent. People that succeed in things would have never made it without perseverance. Anything we do comes with perseverance. I believe it's the building blocks for success.

I can say personally I've watched perseverance happen and I've seen the rewards from it. Through my older brother, Thomas who some of you might know from last year. He never

got noticed in rugby from Year 9 and in his early years at St Paul's. He didn't get picked for the Waikato U14s team. He played Harlequins U15s then trialled for the Waikato U16s, but didn't make it. Despite this, it never stopped him as a player, he just kept at his game. In Year 13 he made the Harlequins U17. He didn't initially get picked for the Chief's U18s, but he got the call up, made his mark, but still the coaches didn't see much in him. He finishes Year 13, goes over to Scotland on a gap year this year and within his first four weeks of being there, made the Scotland U18 squad, played for their development side. Goes on to make the number one team and becomes a starting member of the team. From this he got to play lots of different countries like Romania, Ireland, France, and England. Thomas' light was never on and off when people were watching; his light was constant and from this and his perseverance, his work paid off and he reaped the rewards from it.

Perseverance can take you places if you let it. All you need to do is work hard and give everything 100% effort. It's all in you. Just takes a bit of reaching. Thank you.

ST PAUL'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION HALF YEARLY UPDATE

We have had a busy first half to the year and want to say thank you to all that have purchased cook books in support of our fundraising drive.

With the funds raised, in conjunction with previous fundraising, the Parents' Association have supported the building of the magnificent second Pou for the School.

We have also allocated grants to students to attend National sporting fixtures and other events, such as supporting Bethany Langton on her trip to the International Science Forum in London, Non Seehamart on his attendance to the International Science Camp in Thailand.

We have a busy second half to our year ahead and are always looking for lovely parents/helpers to assist at the upcoming events that the Parents' Association will be assisting the School with, including refreshments at the 'Brassed Off' showcase.

Please note the tickets will be out shortly for the Parents' Dinner for the School Ball.

Please contact the Parents' Association by email parentsassociation@stpauls.school.nz if you would like to help in any way or if you have any questions to ask of us.





CHAPLAIN'S COMMENT

(from the Bishop of Waikato - The Right Reverend Dr Helen-Ann Hartley)

It has been an immense privilege to have participated in the worshipping and pastoral life at St Paul's over the past two terms. In my role as Bishop, our Anglican schools are vitally important to the life of the whole Diocese, and I want firstly to pay tribute to the staff and students at the School during the past months that have seen a number of significant challenges along the way. I also want to pay tribute to Dean Peter Rickman, for his outstanding commitment to the School in this period of a Chaplaincy interregnum. We eagerly look forward to the arrival of the 'new Rev', the Reverend James Stephenson, and his family in July. James was a student of mine in Oxford, and so I am delighted that he is joining the Diocesan family through his role as Chaplain. All the staff and students have been incredibly welcoming and helpful to me, and I'd like to thank Mrs Karen Johnson for her help in the weekly preparation for Thursday Chapel, and to all the members of the Chapel team. Thanks too of course to Mr Ainsley Robson, and to our Headmaster, Mr Grant Lander who continues to be an inspiration in his leadership.

As I write, I reflect back to the start of my week, and my visit to Tihoi. I really enjoyed my time there this week, and was incredibly impressed with what I saw, but what really stood out for me was the quality of the conversations

that I had with the staff, and particularly with the boys. Karen (Johnson) and myself visited every House, and without exception we were welcomed in and offered hospitality and friendship, most especially by Cyn and Chris, and the other dedicated staff members. All credit to the boys of Mortimer House in particular, who shared their evening meal with us, and who (take note) even managed to put a tablecloth down, and offer us just that extra gesture of welcome. It is clear that 'Bishop's brownies' will become something of a tradition at Tihoi (they certainly disappeared quickly off the plate!). I will never forget the welcome, and see it as a credit to the School and to you all too, parents, friends and supporters, that each of you strive to help your sons and daughters be the best that they can be, better than the best in fact, at all times. In a sense, that is what Jesus encouraged his disciples to be, always be their best, not just for themselves but most importantly for the lives of those around them. That is why in the Gospels, Jesus calls the disciples his friends, and indicates that that although that friendship will be tested at times, it is the quality of those relationships, and the commitment shown to one another in times of joy and sorrow, that marks them out as different from the culture within which they live. The St Paul's family stands out in its commitment

to journey with its students and staff through all the circumstances of life, and that is a commitment that is reflected in the lives of its pupils once they leave the School.

On Tuesday morning, I took the service in that wonderful outdoor chapel space at Tihoi. Later that day, the boys were all heading out on their 44-hour solo. They will of course have reached the end of that now, and I have been keeping them much in my thoughts and prayers over the past couple of days.

I hope that their time will have given them the opportunity to pause and reflect, because we all need to do that sometimes. I certainly do in my role as Bishop.

Perhaps today, and in the days to come, you can take a moment to reflect on friendship, and the importance and quality of the relationships you have with those around you. You never know when you will need to call on a friend for help, and indeed, you never know when you will be that friend to someone in need.

My experience of St Paul's this year has been rich and rewarding, and I look forward to many more opportunities to be part of the life of this remarkable and unique place.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

CHARACTER



SPECIAL CHARACTER



TIHOI CELEBRATES FIRST INTAKE GRADUATION

MORTIMORE PRIZE FOR MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT :
Sam Weir

Most Outstanding Student nominations:
Harry Forte, Millar Groube, Sam Weir, Carter Wrathall

MURRAY HARINGTON CUP FOR MOST IMPROVED STUDENT:
John Palmhof

Most Improved Student nominations:
Byrun Day, Max Dobbe, John Palmhof, Dylan Woodhouse

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS:
Sam McClay, Kaenan Ferguson, Pat Jirapanyayut, Conor Horrigan, Jamie Sandford, Leigh Punivalu, Fergus Grant

FURMINGER AWARD (Student who has shown respect to staff and other students) :
Toby McDonald

COULTER SETTLEMENT CUP (for student who has gained the most virtues):
Carter Wrathall

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENVIRONMENT AWARD:
Millar Groube

CROSS COUNTRY AWARD:
Sam McClay

MIKE and JUDY SHAW TROPHY for BUSH CRAFT:
Harry Forte

EXPEDITION AWARDS (for all round excellence on expedition):

White Water Kayak:
Kaleb Williamson and Bennet Groube

Tramp:
Harry Forte

Sea Kayak:
Matthew Winefield

Rock Climbing:
Max Dobbe

Caving:
Callum Prosser

Mountain Bike:
Jarrad Dixon

MOST VALUED HOUSE MEMBERS:

HART: Carter Wrathall
JOCKS: John Palmhof
POLLYS: Millar Groube
MORTZ: Sven Pedersen
VILLA: Jarrad Dixon
GILLS: Cameron Coull
FRANKS: Marcel Bihl
PURPLE: Matthew Winefield

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

Ben Chungsuwanich (Maths); Toby McDonald (English, Social Studies); Jamie Sandford (Social Studies); Tony Wu (Maths, Social Studies); Shantanu Rawal (English); Dylan Woodhouse (English); Sam McClay (Maths); Kaenan Ferguson (Science); Fergus Grant (Science); Heath Johnson (Science)

CHEF'S AWARDS – TIHOI MASTERCHEF AWARD:
Jack Walters

CHEF'S CERTIFICATES:

Jason Allen, Marcel Bihl, Millar Groube, Aidan Lee, Jamie Sandford, Anjan Singh, Ben Scaramuzza, Jack Walters, Harry Forte

LUDER TROPHEY (Overall winning House):
Mortz House





MISSION AND OUTREACH – SERVANT LEADERSHIP WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

Following on from the amazingly generous efforts towards the “Shave for a Cure” (i.e. the Sargood men raised \$9,700 and the rest of the School, a further \$1,000), the Boarding Houses took part in a 12-hour charity walk/run on the afternoon of 25 April, negotiating a 0.5km course around the residential Houses to raise funds for classroom furniture for high schools in Tonga – particularly our brother school, St Andrew’s High School in Nuku’alofa.



Impressively the Harington House girls raised \$67.25 per person, while the Sargood boys once again showed the depth of their hearts, raising the highest amount of the boys Houses at \$33.35 per head. The students that went on to raise the most funds for this excellent charitable cause in our Pacific neighbourhood were as follows:

CLARK

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| Simon Morbey | 87 laps | \$210 |
| Tim Husband-Dravitzki | 84 laps | \$160 |
| Jack Davies | 80 laps | \$144 |
| Robert Morbey | 68 laps | \$140 |
| Henry Laycock | 100 laps | \$ 80 |
| Charlie Saxton | 85 laps | \$ 80 |
| Carne Lincoln | 85 laps | \$ 60 |
| Hemi McLaren-Mellars | 35 laps | \$ 60 |
| Willis Webb | 22 laps | \$ 60 |

WILLIAMS

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| Patt Buddhari | 41 laps | \$420 |
| Jack Deane | 85 laps | \$256 |
| Simon Healy | 66 laps | \$114 |

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| Michael Scott | 54 laps | \$100 |
| Jack Oliver | 85 laps | \$ 90 |
| Alex Potter | 84 laps | \$ 80 |
| Andre Eksteen | 47 laps | \$ 60 |

HARINGTON

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| Maggie Powell | 92 laps | \$400 |
| Josie Butcher | 144 laps | \$290 |
| Kacey Diggelmann | 40 laps | \$115 |
| Ella Reilly | 84 laps | \$110 |
| Olivia Street | 113 laps | \$100 |
| Alicia Stace | 101 laps | \$100 |
| Emma Smith | 100 laps | \$100 |
| Phoebe Thompson | 103 laps | \$ 80 |
| Georgia Thompson | 70 laps | \$ 80 |
| Sara Ryan | 81 laps | \$ 70 |
| Madison Tims | 120 laps | \$ 60 |
| Rose Pickernell | 81 laps | \$ 60 |

SARGOOD

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| Ben Hunter | 50 laps | \$200 |
| Matthew Bailey | 30 laps | \$ 80 |
| Michael Turnbull | 40 laps | \$ 70 |
| Adam Jefferis | 70 laps | \$ 60 |
| Shaun Drew | 35 laps | \$ 60 |
| Hugh Jackson | 30 laps | \$ 60 |

(Note: A marathon is a distance of 42.195 kilometres.)

The boarding community raised an amazing \$9,680 (i.e. following on from the \$11,300 they raised for the Njombe Academy project in 2014.) The challenge is now out to the Day students to give two hours of their time to assist others (i.e. an elderly person, a neighbour or a parent) to raise at least \$20 per Day student for our Tonga secondary school counterparts. Furnware, a world leading school-furniture company is helping with the container to transport the chairs and desks. We would like to fill it up with other school equipment (i.e. pens, rulers, exercise books, refills and recreational reading material), but we will get back to you later about that when we know when it will be shipped over to Tonga. In the meantime, you can be very proud of your son or daughter if they are a boarder – they rose up and met the challenge to help our brother teenagers who aren’t as well off in Tonga. The challenge is out there for our Day boys and girls to also put themselves out to make a contribution to this worthy cause!



A POEM WRITTEN BY SAMUEL McCLAY WHILE ON 'SOLO' DURING TIHOI INTAKE 2015/1:

A man, long ago, must have thought of an amazing concept,
That to take from a young man everything, but necessities,
Is to give a young man more than man could possibly imagine,
That to strip away his privileges, is a privilege of its own.
That to show hardness and strictness to a boy,
Would deserve gratefulness and appreciation back from a young man.
The man would have thought, a boy needs not an I-Pad,
So much as he needs knowledge, needs not a mother,
So much as he needs himself, needs not social media,
So much as he needs society, he needs not others rules and guidelines,
So much as he needs his own morals and instincts.
This man must have thought,
Do not show a growing boy what a good life looks like,
Instead show him how to have a good life of his own.
The man thought,
Let us do this and allow growing boys to become men.
And thus the Tihoi Venture School was born.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

We have had very strong interest for 2016 enrolments. It is crucial that current St Paul's Collegiate School families who have brothers and sisters that would like to attend the School next year make enrolment interview appointments with the Headmaster as soon as possible. We have already allocated well over half of the Year 9 boarding places for next year's intake and have only a few spaces left for Year 11 girls who wish to board. Day boy enrolment interviews are also well

underway. We will not be accepting any more than 110 Year 9 students, so it is crucial that current parents both complete enrolment forms and make an interview time to ensure that they and their sons/daughters are not disappointed. Interviews can be made by contacting:

Miss Jennifer Purvis
07 957 8830

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS: DROP OFF AND COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

For Health and Safety reasons, we would respectfully ask that parents drop off and pick up students in the special loading zone down by the Chapel of Christ the King.

As a boarding school, we have a large number of students at any one time, moving between the Boarding Houses and the Day School, across the circular driveway in the centre of the School or near the main exit for the Dining Room.

To avoid frustration, delays and to ensure the safety of students, we would ask that Day School parents do not bring their vehicles past the roundabout beside the Chapel.



