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COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

# THE INFORMER

KEEPING THE ST PAUL'S PARENTS AND STUDENT COMMUNITY INFORMED

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DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

STUDENT "WELLBEING" IS THE FOCUS OF THE INTRODUCTION TO THE FINAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FOR 2015. I RECENTLY READ AN ARTICLE ON 'STUFF' THAT HAD BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE DOMINION POST, ENTITLED "REFEREEING YOUR TWEEN AND THEIR PHONE". IT WAS WRITTEN BY A BLOGGER AND MOTHER OF A 13-YEAR OLD BOY IN SAN JOSE, MICHELLE QUINN, WHO A YEAR AGO HAD GIVEN THEIR SON A USED I-PHONE FOR HIS 12TH BIRTHDAY. IN READING THE ARTICLE ONLINE, I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK ABOUT THE EXPONENTIAL CHANGE IN OUR LIVES SINCE CELL PHONES WERE CREATED AND THE HUGE CHANGES IN THE CAPACITY OF TASKS THAT THESE DEVICES CAN NOW HELP US TO COMPLETE.

What struck me most from the newspaper article was how the writer was reflecting on her decision to empower her son with a smartphone and how "it's been a 'challenge', as parents say these days. That's a euphemism for 'nightmare'". The journalist goes on to say that it has been a constant 'cat and mouse' game between her and her son to ensure that he wasn't sneaking the phone into his bedroom for late night gaming, chatting to friends or searching the net inappropriately. For how many St Paul's households would this sound familiar?

How many of us experience disquiet when seeing three-four teenagers, all friends, while sitting together, all texting to some other friend somewhere far off?

As parents and teachers, we find it increasingly necessary to create guidelines and rules and to make decisions we've never had to consider before; When will we allow text messaging and phone calls to be taken?; Where is it appropriate

to have access to a phone at school? A smartphone is basically a mini-computer with instant access to gaming, music and the internet. Then there is its 3G capacity to bypass safety software in schools to access Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Ask.fm or to take pictures of fellow students or videos of what is happening in a classroom or chapel or maybe a social gathering or party outside school. Not only do so many teenagers use almost all of these applications/functions at some point, they are often using them almost simultaneously.

In my mind, there is no doubt that technology 'brings you great gifts with one hand and it stabs you in the back with the other'. The gifts: knowing where your son or daughter are at any given time; face time with friends and family instantaneously, anywhere and at any time overseas; being able to send helpful reminders; allowing them/us to be up-to-date with the world around them/us. New technology has often bewildered those



**Grant Lander**  
HEADMASTER

who have grown up without it.

It almost always raises new questions about wise and ethical ways to use it. Staying current and involved with your teenager's technology habits can provide challenges, opportunities for some very meaningful conversation and in many cases, a personal growth curve for parents.

As a school, we endeavour to limit cell phone use during 8.00am and 3.30pm to our student's house – the Student Centre or their boarding houses; we require cell phones to be kept in the bottom of bags during classes; are turned off during chapel, assemblies and lessons; cannot be used while students are walking around the campus during the school day. We put consequences in place to restrict use or for misuse; we take the cell phones off junior boarders into safe-keeping during



the evening; any phones misused are confiscated and held for a period of time in the Management Centre – they can only be retrieved by parents; while repeated misuse can result in a mobile phone/ device being held for up to a term.

Research shows the highest use times for teenagers of their mobile phones/ devices is between 10.30pm and 1.00am in the morning. The final paragraph of the San Jose newspaper article summed up the parent's response, "I try to play the dispassionate smartphone reference – semi-vigilant over his use; checking what he is doing on a monthly, but not a daily basis; issuing consequences routinely for rule breaking. And no matter what, I know where that thing is at bedtime." When parents have sought my advice on cell phones, I have always stressed that as a minimum, the importance of having devices recharging on the kitchen bench, no matter the age of their teenager, after bed time each night.

Some, such as Journalist Jamie Dorward, in a recent English *'Observer'* newspaper, questioned whether mobile phones have a place in schools at all, "economists claim ... the effect of banning mobile phones from school premises adds up to the equivalent of an extra weeks schooling over a pupils academic year; according to research ... published by the London School of Economics - they found that after schools banned mobile phones, the test scores of students aged 16 improved by 6.4%". At St Paul's we do not plan to ban the devices, but instead to educate students about when it is appropriate to use them on the campus and that misuse will have clear and consistent consequences. We hope that as parents and as a school, we can work together to improve the quality of interpersonal communications between our teenagers and to educate our sons and daughters that there is an appropriate and inappropriate use of such smart devices.

On the theme of 'wellbeing', I thought it might also be appropriate to inform you of some of the key results of our most recent Wellbeing Survey:

- 87% of our students felt that St Paul's often or very often provided them

with a good setting to achieve their personal goals

- 89% felt that their teachers often or very often encourage them in their learning
- 75% felt that they often or very often are developing the skills to deal with setbacks and disappointments (i.e. resilience skills)
- 83% felt comfortable often or very often to take up new opportunities.
- Just 8% felt only sometimes and 1% hardly ever, that they make positive choices about their behaviour
- 92% felt confident talking to a teacher
- 60% felt teachers were often or very often consistent, fair and non-judgemental in enforcing the school rules
- 97% felt safe at school
- 92% felt bullying was not a problem or was a small problem
- 92% answered NO to if they had been bullied and of those that answered yes, 81% said that what they had experienced was verbal bullying
- When asked if they felt proud to be a member of our school community – 38% answered very often; 43% often; with just 4% hardly ever.

The results of the twice yearly wellbeing survey are reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team, as well as the Pastoral Care Team (i.e. Housemasters, Counsellors, etc). Within the electronic survey there is a confidential section to identify those who have been bullied this year; those who are bullied and those who are causing others to feel unsafe. Those identified in this section of the survey are followed up by Associate Headmaster Mr Ainsley Robson.

We are pleased overall with the feedback we receive from our students on wellbeing issues. We recognise that there are always areas of 'work ons' and ways in which we need to strive to improve.

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2015 has been a superb year for the St Paul's Collegiate School community; great NCEA Level Two and Three results; a record number of students gaining prestigious \$50K tertiary scholarships;

the long awaited completion of the expansion of the Williams Boarding House and the addition of a state-of-the-art new Gallagher Agribusiness Centre of Excellence; the Tihoi Directors being recognised with ISNZ Honours awards; the gold award of our Big Band in the regional music festival; the moving drama production of *'Brassed Off'*; the success of our boys' squash and 1st XI hockey players in finishing fourth in their respective nationals and our co-ed squash team and our Springbok four crew taking out national titles ... the list of achievements of the School and its students just seems to go on.

The final term has recently been capped off by the outstanding success of our athletics team down at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships in Timaru – three national titles: Ryan Ballantyne (shotput); Jessica Hood (400m) and our Senior Girls' (taking out the 4x100m relay); along with two silver medals and a bronze.

While for myself and my family the year on a personal level has posed some significant challenges, I have been continually heartened and uplifted by the positive way in which the students have approached 2015 and along with all of you, look forward to the positive challenges that await us in 2016.

We farewell 197 students from the St Paul's community this year and thank them and their families for their loyalty and commitment to our school. We give thanks to the parents, staff and students who made so many of the huge individual and collective aforementioned milestones possible.



At the Leavers' Dinner on Wednesday, 2nd December, we recognised that for many families, 2015 marks an end to their longstanding association with St Paul's. For a number of these families, they have had three or more of their sons/daughters attend our School. Those families, who we are aware of, who have lengthy associations and years of loyal commitment, that are leaving the School in 2015 are as follows:

**Torrance Family                    2005 – 2015**  
 11 consecutive years, 15 years of commitment  
 Robert                                    2005 – 2009  
 Ian    2007 – 2011  
 Michael                                    2011 – 2015

**Andrews Family                    2005 – 2015**  
 11 consecutive years, 13 years of commitment  
 Simon                                      2005 – 2009  
 Ben    2010 – 2012  
 Jacob                                        2011 – 2015

**Eksteen Family                    2007 – 2015**  
 Nine consecutive years, 15 years of commitment  
 Izak                                         2007 – 2011  
 Francois                                    2009 – 2013  
 Andre                                        2011 – 2015

**Rae Family                            2008 – 2015**  
 Eight consecutive years, 12 years of commitment  
 Jonty                                        2008 – 2012  
 Taylor                                       2010 - 2012  
 Briarna                                      2013 – 2015

**Goodwin Family                    2009 – 2015**  
 Seven consecutive years, 15 years of commitment

Daniel                                      2009 – 2013  
 Luke                                         2011 – 2015  
 Thomas                                    2011 – 2015

**Winkelmann Family            2009 – 2015**  
 Seven consecutive years, 15 years of commitment  
 Peter                                        2009 – 2013  
 Alexander                                2011 – 2015  
 Nicholas                                   2011 - 2015

**Kosoof Family                      2009 – 2015**  
 Seven consecutive years, 13 years of commitment  
 Asher                                       2007 – 2011  
 Joel                                         2009 – 2013  
 Sarah                                        2013 - 2015

**Lockwood-Geck Family        2009 – 2015**  
 Seven consecutive years, 13 years of commitment  
 William                                    2009 – 2013  
 Samuel                                     2011 – 2015  
 Hannah                                     2012 – 2014

**Hogg Family                         2006 – 2015**  
 12 years of commitment  
 Sam                                         2006 - 2010  
 James                                      2008 – 2011  
 Georgia                                    2013 – 2015

Until we meet again, may our Lord provide you with his guidance, support and strength for the challenges that await you. May you all have, over the festive season, an opportunity for some quality time with family and close friends.

May God bless you.



# PROFILE OF KEY BUSINESS PARTNERS FOR THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE



Tetra Pak New Zealand Ltd is located right here in the heart of the Waikato. From our base at Innovation Park we supply innovative designs, projects and equipment to New Zealand's leading ingredients, food and beverage manufacturers.

Our solutions are helping build profitable businesses for our customers and a sustainable export economy for

New Zealand while providing quality employment and opportunities for our staff.

Our graduate and apprenticeship programmes take our company's future leaders from the high quality pool of university and school leavers in Waikato and beyond. We support their development and accumulation of real-world skills both in New Zealand and around the world using the reach of our global company.

Tetra Pak is the world's leading food processing and packaging solutions company. Working closely with our customers and suppliers, we provide safe, innovative and environmentally sound products that, each day, meet the needs of hundreds of millions of people in more than 170 countries around the

world. Our motto, "PROTECTS WHAT'S GOOD™," reflects our vision to make food safe and available, everywhere.



Chris Morgan  
Senior Director



## Gallagher - Proudly Pioneered in the Waikato

When Joe the horse decided to use the family car as a scratching post, it inspired Bill Gallagher Senior to solve the problem by electrifying the car. Joe quickly got the message and the concept for the world's first electric fence system was born. Over 75 years on, that innovative drive remains at the heart of the Gallagher company - led by CEO and Chairman, Sir William Gallagher.

Now a large international company, Gallagher continues to push boundaries as they work alongside customers to explore and develop solutions which redefine the potential for their businesses. With over 1000 employees worldwide, Gallagher is proud to be a global leader in the Animal Management, Security, Fuel Systems and Contract Manufacturing sectors, building enduring partnerships with customers across 130 countries.

Gallagher's award winning success has a lot to do with their customer centric approach to research and development - a philosophy that's endorsed with almost 10% of the group's total revenue being reinvested in research and development each year. By working alongside their customers, Gallagher gains significant insights

which continue to inspire the design of transformational, market-leading solutions.



Gallagher Head Office at night





## CHEMQUEST 2015 – ST PAUL’S TEAM TAKES OUT THE SILVER MEDAL

The University of Waikato 2015 ChemQuest was the biggest yet, with 77 teams from 29 schools competing for the coveted James and Wells Patent Attorney trophy and cash prizes. The quiz is unlike any other, with questions relating from Chemistry to pop culture, music, video games and obscure facts. St Paul’s entered three teams. The students battled hard, with all three teams consistently in the top 15 as the rounds progressed. Jimmy Christey collected the first spot prize of the night showing off his quick thinking skills and athleticism. After the final round of questions, including exploding hydrogen

balloons and a chemi-luminescence display. Nathan Cleaver, Blair Foster and Campbell Massey finished 11th; Tully Dickson, Tom Wilson and Craig Scott finished 9th; James Krippner, Jimmy Christey and Craig Stocker ‘quizzed’ hard, coming out on top of Hamilton Boys’ High School, but were pipped at the post, placing second overall, taking home silver medals and \$120. A superb effort from all nine young men in a tough competition.

## JUNIOR CORE CLASS PLACINGS

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

### Year 9

| Subject        |     | AV                              | BD                              | GJ                | RK                | SK                |
|----------------|-----|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| English        | 1st | Max McLean-Bluck                | Harry Coxhead                   | Max Watson        | Ronin Fuller      | Lewis Candy       |
|                | 2nd | Henry Mandeno                   | Gagan Singh                     | Carlin Vollebregt | Jack Rich         | Rico D’Anvers     |
|                | 3rd | Sam Ogilvy<br>Christopher Penno | Elliot Leighton                 | Albert Talakai    | George Wilson     | Jeremiah McDonald |
| Maths          | 1st | Henry Mandeno                   | Alex Zhong                      | Carlin Vollebregt | Owen Comber       | Rico D’Anvers     |
|                | 2nd | Jack Morton                     | Adam Jefferis                   | Raja Sandhu       | Samuel McNaughton | Clay Richardson   |
|                | 3rd | Gus Hanham<br>Sam Ogilvy        | Ryan Young                      | Max Watson        | Jack Collins      | Jack Deane        |
| Science        | 1st | Henry Mandeno                   | Adam Jefferis                   | Carlin Vollebregt | Callum Shepherd   | Jeremiah McDonald |
|                | 2nd | Max McLean-Bluck                | Harry Coxhead                   | Max Watson        | Harrison Stace    | Clay Richardson   |
|                | 3rd | Bryn Singers                    | Aidan Nelson                    | Blake Price       | Max Roach         | Rico D’Anvers     |
| Social Studies | 1st | Jack Morton                     | Te Waiti Rawiri                 | Blake Price       | Jess Allen        | Clay Richardson   |
|                | 2nd | Max McLean-Bluck                | Adam Jefferis                   | Carlin Vollebregt | Jack Rich         | Jack Deane        |
|                | 3rd | Bryn Singers<br>Henry Mandeno   | Harry Coxhead<br>Daniel Rickman | Bradie Ollington  | Ronan Fuller      | Rico D’Anvers     |

## Year 10

| Subject           |     | AD                             | EG  | HJ   | AD2                                  | EG2                        | HJ2                                |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| English           | 1st | Patrick Dowd                   | Timothy Grigg                                 | Alex Johnson                                       | Conor Horrigan<br>Dylan<br>Woodhouse | Harry Forte                | Thomas<br>Nicholson<br>Anjan Singh |
|                   | 2nd | Lane Tims                      | Luka Benseman                                 | Connor<br>Downey                                   |                                      | Leigh Punivalu             |                                    |
|                   | 3rd | Joseph Dean                    | Kamsan Govender<br>Spencer Clayton-<br>Greene | Elijah-Wade<br>Potter<br>George<br>Fullerton-Smith | Bevan<br>Muirhead                    | Kieran Kusabs              | Gareth Guscott                     |
| Maths             | 1st | Patrick Dowd                   | Luka Benseman<br>Timothy Grigg                | Alex Johnson                                       | Tony Wu                              | Harry Forte                | Jack Walters                       |
|                   | 2nd | Giovanni<br>Glendining         |   | George<br>Fullerton-Smith                          | Ben<br>Chungsuvanich                 | Max Dobbe                  | San<br>Chindaudom                  |
|                   | 3rd | Keith Thorburn                 | Jack Russell                                  | Jasom Khatkar                                      | Patchara<br>Jirapanyayut             | Sven Pedersen              | Ayden Ellis<br>Jack Fraser         |
| Science           | 1st | Patrick Dowd                   | Timothy Grigg                                 | Alex Johnson                                       | Patchara<br>Jirapanyayut             | Harry Forte                | Ayden Ellis                        |
|                   | 2nd | Divakrin<br>Naicker            | Kamsan Govender                               | Sam Reeves   | Toby McDonald                        | Max Dobbe                  | Jack Walters                       |
|                   | 3rd | Keith Thorburn                 | Luka Benseman                                 | George<br>Fullerton-Smith                          | Conor Horigan                        | William Heng               | Tab Hickmott                       |
| Social<br>Studies | 1st | Keith Thorburn<br>Patrick Dowd | Turi Edmonds                                  | Cameron King                                       | Jamie Sandford                       | Harry Forte                | Jack Walters                       |
|                   | 2nd |                                | Joshua Hood                                   | Alex Johnson                                       | Conor Horrigan<br>Dylan Bartels      | Leigh Punivalu<br>Sam Weir | Millar Groube                      |
|                   | 3rd | Joe Harris                     | Luka Benseman                                 | Connor<br>Downey                                   |                                      |                            | Ayden Ellis                        |

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED FOR TOP BOARDING STUDENTS

At the boarders' end-of-term prize-giving and Christmas dinner, held on Thursday 29 October, the following students were recognised for their academic achievements:

| Level | Clark                        | Sargood              | Williams          | Harington             |
|-------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 9     | Samuel McNaughton            | <b>Adam Jefferis</b> | Henry Mandeno     |                       |
| 10    | Alex Johnson                 | Giovanni Glendining  | <b>Lane Tims</b>  |                       |
|       | <b>Patchara Jirapanyayut</b> | Thomas Nicholson     | Samuel Weir       |                       |
| 11    | <b>Matthew Jayasuria</b>     | Michael Turnbull     | Oliver Saunders   | Madison Tims          |
| 12    | Blair Foster                 | Nathan Cleaver       | Jack Oliver       | <b>Felicity Whale</b> |
|       |                              | Thomas Yarrall       |                   |                       |
| 13    | Jack Davies                  | Matthew Hill         | <b>Hugo Brown</b> | Josie Butcher         |
|       | Simon Morbey                 |                      |                   |                       |

Note: Best overall boarder in each category is in **bold**. The first name at Year 10 is the student who was at St Paul's for Terms 1 and 2 (Tihoi Intake 2) and the second was St Paul's for Terms 3 and 4 (Tihoi Intake 1).

# SENIOR STUDENTS SECURE PRESTIGIOUS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

An amazing 21 of our Year 13 students were successful in gaining Tertiary Scholarships – eight of which were for sums over \$45,000. These seniors can be justifiably proud of their achievements, which will substantially reduce the financial burden (and consequently, the level of their student loans) through their hard work over the past years, which has resulted in this tertiary recognition. It was interesting the emphasis that a number of the tertiary institutes placed on community services in awarding such scholarships.

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Hugo Brown          | University of Auckland Scholarship                                 |
| Josie Butcher       | University of Auckland Scholarship and Russell McVeagh Scholarship |
| Bethany Langton     | University of Auckland Scholarship                                 |
| Zoe Lapwood         | University of Waikato Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship               |
| Jonathan Mayer      | University of Waikato Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship               |
| Christopher Swanson | University of Waikato Vice-Chancellor's Academic Excellence        |
| Reed Fisher         | University of Waikato Engineering Admission Fees Scholarship       |
| Natasha Peiris      | University of Waikato Engineering Admission Fees Scholarship       |
| Michael Torrance    | University of Waikato Engineering Admission Fees Scholarship       |
| Robert Simmons      | EnGenius Scholarship, University of Canterbury                     |
| Gordon Fullerton    | Lincoln University Rugby Scholarship                               |
| Declan Keaney       | Lincoln University Hockey Scholarship                              |
| McKenzie Lunt       | Lincoln University Global Challenge Scholarship                    |
| Jack Schicker       | Victoria University Academic Excellence Scholarship                |
| Amy Tombleson       | Victoria University Academic Excellence Scholarship                |
| Brianna O'Donoghue  | University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship                |
| Simon Morbey        | University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship                |
| Jack Davies         | University of Otago Academic Excellence Scholarship                |
| Lara Wilson         | University of Otago Academic Excellence Scholarship                |
| Nonthiwat Seehamart | University of Otago Academic Excellence Scholarship                |
| Aubrey Fish         | Massey University Agricultural Leadership Scholarship              |

In addition, Old Collegian, Hannah Lockwood-Geck (Harington 2012-2014) gained a Lincoln University Future Leaders Scholarship. Hannah has spent 2015 on a GAP year.

Year 12 student, McKinley Vollebregt was successful in applying for and being awarded a University of Otago Ngā Mahi-a-Ringa Pūtaiao Scholarship, which is available to Maori students interested in the Sciences.

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## RUSSELL MCVEAGH SCHOOL LEAVERS' SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Josie Butcher attended the Scholarship Awards Function held at the Russell McVeagh, Shortland Street offices in Auckland on the evening of Thursday 24 September, where she received her scholarship from this prestigious national law firm.

The scholarship entitlement is as follows:

- \$1,000 for the first year at university;
- \$2,000 each subsequent year at university once into law school (for up to a maximum of four years);
- A \$6,000 payment should the scholar commence in a graduate position with Russell McVeagh;
- Mentoring by partners/solicitors and other Russell McVeagh scholars;
- Annual catch up/networking functions; and
- Summer clerk position in the penultimate year of study.

We congratulate Josie on this outstanding achievement.

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# AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The 2015 Australian Mathematics competition was sat by hundreds of thousands of students from over 40 countries. It is the major school Mathematics enrichment event and benchmark for Mathematical ability throughout the Pacific and South East Asia. It tests everything from basic numeracy skills, through to advance problem solving. Overall, there were 30 Credit, 10 Distinction and two High Distinction certificates gained by St Paul's students.

Credit award is for the top 30% and the following 30 students gained this certificate:

## Year 9

Henry Mandeno, Leo Ding, Christopher Penno, Alex Zhong, Campbell Smith, Aaron Taylor and Max McLean-Bluck.

## Year 10

Tony Wu, Jamie Sandford, Dylan Bartels, Fergus Grant, Oliver Goldfinch, Kaenan Ferguson, Luke Henderson, David Su and Cameron Coull.

## Year 11

Alex Wang, Kathy Hastie and Jordan Wise.

## Year 12

Craig Stocker, Tully Dickson, Jackson Morgan, Felicity Whale, Vincent Lu, Ken Chang, James Krippner and Blair Wang.

## Year 13

Junting Wei, Matthew Moana and Jack Davies.

Distinction award is for the top 15% and the following ten students gained this certificate:

|                |                   |                 |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Year 9</b>  | Adam Jefferis     | 98th percentile |
| <b>Year 10</b> | Ben Chungsuwanich | 96th percentile |
|                | Conor Horrigan    | 89th percentile |
| <b>Year 11</b> | Daniel Wheeler    | 85th percentile |
| <b>Year 12</b> | Craig Scott       | 93rd percentile |
|                | James Feng        | 88th percentile |
|                | Oliver Soar       | 84th percentile |
|                | Ben Negus         | 82nd percentile |
| <b>Year 13</b> | Kieran Hitchcock  | 88th percentile |
|                | Stephen Joe       | 75th percentile |

High Distinction award is for the top 2% and the following two Year 11 students gained this certificate:

Ryan Kim with 100 percentile and Benjamin Wheeler with 99th percentile.

# UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO – JUNIOR MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

This contest was sat on 18 March, with 148 schools taking part. The number of students taking part in the completion, nationwide, was 6,858. Of these, there were 2,986 in Year 9, 2,453 at Year 10 and 1,418 in Year 11.

The format for the 2015 competition was the same as for last year. There were five questions, the first of which is restricted to Year 9 competitors only. The questions provided a good opportunity for students to get started together with some challenge as well. So much of current teaching and NZQA assessments is about student's solving problems; they are expected to be able to read and interpret the information to understand the problem – the questions provided an opportunity to engage in relational thinking and extended abstract thinking.

## Top 200 Placing Award:

|         |                           |
|---------|---------------------------|
| Year 9  | Adam Jefferis             |
| Year 11 | Geo Ryu<br>Daniel Wheeler |

## Top 100 Placing Award:

|         |                                 |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| Year 9  | Alex Zhong                      |
| Year 10 | Patrick Dowd<br>Tony Wu         |
| Year 11 | Benjamin Wheeler<br>Jordan Wise |

## Top 30 in New Zealand:

Year 10 Ben Chungsuwanich  
(In addition to his certificate he received a \$50 prize)





# PARTICIPATION

## CULTURAL PARTICIPATION



## JESSICA CROW'S IMPRESSIVE MEDAL HAUL CONTINUES

Jessica Crow strapped on her dancing shoes over the Labour Day weekend to Rock'N'Roll at the Senior National Rock'N'Roll Championships in the restricted, triples and same sex categories.

Organising rehearsals with her team mates proved difficult for the 18-year-old with her restricted partner located in Auckland and her two triples partners from other schools in the Hamilton area.

Jessica and her partners were awarded three silver medals in the same sex category; a silver in the restricted category; silvers for the triples and open triples best dressed; and a bronze for same sex.

Earlier this year, a week after competing at Maadi Cup, Jessica headed to the junior nationals to compete with a new dance partner. The duo came out of the competition with two golds and a silver. An amazing achievement for the pair who had only rehearsed twice prior to the competition.

Jessica's medal tally of 10 for the year finished off another successful dance season for the rock and roller who won six gold, two silver and one bronze at the Junior Rock'N'Roll National Championships in 2014. Jessica holds the record for the most gold medals won by an individual in this competition.



# 2015 CULTURAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS

At the annual Sports and Cultural Awards Dinner held in the School Dining Room on Friday 23 October 2015, the following students were awarded Colours in their chosen cultural pursuit to acknowledge their commitment, dedication, determination and passion. They, along with the students listed below who received Supreme Awards are to be congratulated.

Note: [R] stands for re-award

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>CHOIR</b>              | Katie Trigg, Bethany Langton, Aidan Phillips  |
| <b>DANCE</b>              | Jessica Crow [R], Sarah Kosoof  |
| <b>DEBATING</b>           | Josie Butcher   |
| <b>DRAMA</b>              | Jamie Bickford-Smith, Sam Goodey  |
| <b>MUSIC</b>              | Michael Torrance [R], Robert Simmons [R],<br>Jonathan Mayer [R], Emi Ng, Bethany Griffen [R],<br>Zoe Lapwood [R], Felicity Whale, Mirjam Mayer,<br>Joshua Voigt [R] |
| <b>PRODUCTION</b>         | Claudia Miles, Helen McLean, James Ashenden,<br>Jonathan Phillips, Kurt Philbin, Sam Goodey   |
| <b>SERVICE TO CULTURE</b> | Callan Buchanan, Jaime King, Scott Mitchell,<br>Ariki Thomson, Aashima Kansal, Non Seehamart,<br>Paddy Forde [R]  |

## SUPREME AWARDS



### THE GUMMER GAVEL (FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEBATING)

Nominees: Josie Butcher, Felicity Whale, Tully Dickson

**Overall Winner: Josie Butcher**



### JANET COLE CUP (FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMING ARTS)

Nominees: Helen McLean, Claudia Miles, Jonathan Phillips, Sam Goodey

**Overall Winner: Sam Goodey**



### RODNEY HAMEL CUP (FOR THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO CULTURE)

Nominees: Katie Trigg, Felicity Whale, Jonathan Mayer, Michael Torrance

**Overall Winner: Jonathan Mayer**



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN TRINITY COLLEGE OF LONDON SPEECH EXAMINATIONS

A huge congratulations to all the following students who have passed the prestigious “Trinity College of London” Speech Examinations this year - with outstanding results. Trinity College examinations are recognised in over 60 countries worldwide and are held in the highest regard on a global standard. They are a genuine added bonus to any CV and are an excellent way of gaining recognition for a wide range of communication skills. These students are all pupils of Mrs Karen Johnson, private Speech and Drama Teacher here at St Paul’s.

|                 |                              |             |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Campbell Smith  | Grade 3 Speech and Drama     | Distinction |
| Falcon Prout    | Grade 4 Communication Skills | Distinction |
| Ryan Young      | Grade 4 Communication Skills | Pass        |
| Elliot Leighton | Grade 4 Performing Text      | Distinction |
| Emily Dela Rue  | Grade 5 Musical Theatre      | Merit       |
| Chris Penno     | Grade 5 Communication Skills | Distinction |
| Tom Yarrall     | Grade 5 Communication Skills | Distinction |
| Millie Yarrall  | Grade 5 Performing Text      | Merit       |
| Grace Li        | Grade 5 Speech and Drama     | Distinction |
| Aidan Phillips  | Grade 6 Musical Theatre      | Merit       |
| Andrei Gavrilov | Grade 6 Communication Skills | Merit       |

## CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED FOR TOP BOARDING STUDENTS

*At the boarders’ end-of-year prize-giving and Christmas dinner, held on Thursday 29 October, the following students were recognised for their cultural performance:*

| Level | Clark             | Sargood                | Williams              | Harington             |
|-------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 9     |                   |                        | <b>Lachlan Cowley</b> |                       |
| 10    | Thomas Brown      | Anjan Singh            | <b>Dallas Taikato</b> |                       |
| 11    | Matthew Jayasuria | <b>Benjamin Hunter</b> | Felix Rolls           |                       |
| 12    | Oliver Massey     |                        | Liam Dow              | <b>Felicity Whale</b> |
| 13    | Joshua Voigt      | Corban O’Connor-Harris | Kerwan Rose           | <b>Josie Butcher</b>  |

*Note: Best overall boarder in each category is in **bold**.*





## MAGNIFICENT SUCCESS IN NZ ARIA COMPETITION

Aidan Phillips, Katie Trigg and Geordie Migo competed in the New Zealand Aria Competition held in Rotorua on Saturday 31 October.

They all performed very convincingly at the national level of a country that is quickly becoming famous for its level of vocal talent. Everyone who participated can be very proud of their achievements.

Geordie was Very Highly Commended in three categories – the U18 folk, sacred solo/oratorio and own section categories.

Katie was placed second overall in the U21's category and was second in the running for the Mike Steiner Interior Junior Award; only beaten by the formidable Jonathan Evers (School House 2008-2012). Katie came second in the U21 sacred/oratorio and lieder categories also.

Katie and Aidan also won the 14-and-under-21 years duet class.

As always, our school punches above its weight in these competitions and it is great to see another successful performance from students current and past.

## OTHER CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

During the October holiday break, Chris Penno and Campbell Smith competed in the Te Awamutu Performing Arts Competitions and had great success. Individually, Chris won the 14-years-and-under woodwind division, and Campbell won the 14-years-and-under brass division. Combined, they also won the instrumental duet division for 14-years-and-under and, most impressively, they took out the 'Waikato Youth Music Association Trophy' for duets and trios, which is an open division (18-years-and-under).

Aaron Taylor received a Distinction Award for his Grade 5 piano exam through Trinity College.

Matthew Jayasuria was awarded his Level 3 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance from the Trinity College, London for Grade 7 Piano with Distinction.

ChatterBox ([www.chatterbox.net.nz](http://www.chatterbox.net.nz)) congratulates the following students on their achievements at the recent New Zealand Speech Board Exams:

Grade Exams:

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Josie Butcher      | Leader Cert Honours  |
| Darius Hasan-Stein | Grade 5 Honours Plus |
| Matthew Jayasuria  | Grade 5 Honours Plus |

# SPORTING ENDEAVOURS



## NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD AND ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A team of 20 athletes travelled down to Timaru for the New Zealand Secondary School Track and Field and Road Race Championships. The team comprised the following athletes:

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Jack Davies       | Senior boys 3000m  |
| Sal M'Boge        | Senior boys 100m and 4 x 100m relay                              |
| Jonathon Simpson  | Senior boys javelin  |
| James Wilkins     | Open boys 300m hurdles; senior boys 4 x 100m and 4 x 400m relays |
| Seton Mason       | Open boys 300m hurdles; senior boys 4 x 400m relay               |
| Ryan Ballantyne   | Senior boys shot put and discus                                  |
| Jackson Morgan    | Senior boys shot put   |
| Tom Yarrall       | Senior boys 100m and 4 x 100m relay                              |
| Jade Henley-Smith | Senior girls 100m; senior girls 4 x 100m and 4 x 400m relays     |
| Emanae Ferguson   | Senior girls 4 x 100m and 4 x 400m relays                        |
| Jessica Hood      | Senior girls 400m; senior girls 4 x 100m and 4 x 400m relays     |
| Madison Tims      | Junior girls 400m; senior girls 4 x 100m and 4 x 400m relays     |
| Connor Gordon     | Senior boys 400m; senior boys 4 x 400m                           |
| Jack Gordon       | Senior boys 110m hurdles; senior boys 4 x 100m                   |
| Drew Gordon       | Open boys 2000m steeplechase                                     |
| Seb Ellice        | Open boys 2000m steeplechase                                     |
| Jimmy Christey    | Senior boys triple jump and long jump                            |
| Ryan Wilkins      | Senior Boys 400m and 4 x 400m relay                              |
| Patrick Dowd      | Junior boys 800m and road race                                   |
| Lane Tims         | Junior boys high jump  |





The level of competition at this event is extremely high which means reaching a final is a significant achievement in itself, as some events can have up to 50 plus competitors. This year saw nine of the team come away from the championship with a medal and another three finished with top eight performances or reached a final.

Individual medals were won by Ryan Ballantyne (senior boys shot put) and Jessica Hood (senior girls 400m). They both put in dominant performances to beat their competition and were rewarded not only with gold medals, but with selection to the NZSSAA paper team. This selection entitles them both to travel grants for competition. To highlight the quality of their performance further they are both eligible to compete in this same age group in 2016 and in the case of Jessica, 2017 also.

The other medal winning performances came from our relay teams. St Paul's has a strong tradition in relays and has one of the best records in the last 10 years of any school in NZ with nine national titles and 15 other top three placings over this time.

The 4 x 100m relays were run as timed finals due to poor weather conditions on the day of the heats. The first relay team to medal this year was the senior girls 4 x 100m relay team of Emanae Ferguson, Jade Henley-Smith, Jessica Hood and Madison Tims. The girls had an anxious wait as they had run superbly to win their final with some slick baton changes, but St Hilda's Collegiate in winning their final, had run a similar time according to the hand timing of the coaches. In the end the St Paul's girls prevailed and won by three-tenths-of-a-second.

The senior boys team of Jack Gordon, Sal M'Boge, Tom Yarrall and James Wilkins then ran in the first timed final and performed outstandingly to place second in this race, but they had to wait to see what the other place getters in the second timed final ran, to see who would medal. The value of good baton changing again won out for the team with the winners of the second timed final being slower than our team resulting in a well-earned silver medal for the St Paul's boys.

Emanae, Jade, Madison and Jessica then had to lift themselves again to run in the final of the senior girls 4 x 400m relay. They again ran superbly to place second behind an exceptional team from Columba College. Our girls' time in any other year would have comfortably won them the title, but they are all back next year, and it is a definite possibility they will go one place better

and even give the record a nudge as well.

In individual events Jade Henley-Smith narrowly missed out on a medal in the senior girls 100m in placing 4th. Some of the best sprinters in New Zealand in all ages are in this group and Jade is right up there with them. Tom Yarrall took time out from cricket to also run exceptionally well to place 5th in the senior boys 100m final. James Wilkins in the 300m open boys hurdles ran a strong race to go under 40 seconds for the first time and placed 5th as a result of this fine effort. The progress he has made in the last year is a testament to the fantastic attitude and a willingness to train hard. Lane Tims in the junior boys high jump placed 5th equal in a field of 30. A very good effort that Lane has an opportunity to improve on next year as he will be in this age group again. Ryan Wilkins in his first year as an athlete in the senior boys age group ran extremely well to make it all the way to the final in the 400m. Along the way he lowered his personal best and he should take plenty of pride in his 8th placing in this event. Jack Davies in his last event for St Paul's ran well in the heats to qualify for the final of the senior boys 3000m. In the final he ran close to his best to place 14th.

Another top eight placing was achieved by the Senior Boys 4 x 400m relay team of Seton Mason, James Wilkins, Connor Gordon and Ryan Wilkins. In another timed final situation they were vying with 20 other relay teams for a medal. In the end they placed 5th an agonising five-tenths-of-a-second away from bronze.

The other members of the team, although their individual performances have not been mentioned, competed to the best of their ability. We are sure many will have gained a lot from the experience and that they will be striving for that top eight performance in Auckland next year in the 2016 edition of this event.

Finally, we must thank the parents for their support. It was fantastic to see so many down in Timaru encouraging the team. It was greatly appreciated by the coaches and athletes alike.

The coaching team of Messrs Gary Henley-Smith, Paul Wilson and Martin Holmes continue to do an amazing job in mentoring and supporting our top athletes. The amazing medal haul of three golds, two silver and a bronze medal were just reward for their fantastic commitment and effort.

## PROVINCIAL SEVENS HIGHLIGHTS

With minimal training the boys set out to qualify for the Condor Sevens final at the end of the year. Arriving at the Waikato Sevens qualifier at Cambridge, the boys were confident that we could pull off an upset at this tournament. We faced Hamilton Boys' High B for our first game and the boys pulled through for a win.

We then played Cambridge; being a must win game we started off slow, but a well worked try from our two young guns, Sam Cooper and Ferg Burke secured us a spot in the quarter finals with only one game left in the round robin against Hillcrest. Hillcrest could not contain the pressure and with silky footwork from the mess and the speed from George Dyer, this combination was deadly in this game. Going into the quarter

finals topping our pool and a moving speech by our coach, gave us confidence. St John's were next. It was a tight game throughout the 14 minutes with missed opportunities by Sal M'Boge and a yellow card to Blake Wilson pinned us to six, making the boys dig deep and pull through with a win, giving us a final against Hamilton Boys' High.

Unfortunately Hamilton Boys' beat us convincingly. The boys did not know what was worse, losing to Boys' High or missing out on the KFC vouchers. With strong performances throughout the day by Sal M'Boge, Jack Gordon, Connor Collins, Ferg Burke, Sam Cooper and Samisoni Taukeiaho. This tournament was a learning curve and we were proud to have qualified for the national final.

## JUNIOR BOYS' SEVENS SUCCESS

St Paul's sevens team travelled to Hamilton Boys' High to play the final sevens games for this year. We were automatically in the final due to having been unbeaten throughout the competition, our first game kicked off against Hamilton Boys' and we were out-played from the start. Not showing any aggression throughout the game, St Paul's lost 4-2, with tries to Albert Talakai and Mercedes Hodge. The next game was the final and we knew we had to bounce back. We played the same team we lost to earlier.

With two quick tries to Boys' High, St Paul's needed to pick up their game. With three responding tries, St Paul's looked to be in the clear, but Hamilton Boys' High, probing at the line in final play, resulted in a draw. Golden point was then played with Hamilton Boys' High kicking off to St Paul's. The ball went to Albert Talaki, as he boosted off the whole Hamilton Boys' High team to win the local competition.

## ST PAUL'S ENTER CONDOR NATIONAL 7'S TOURNAMENT (WINNERS OF SHIELD CHAMPIONSHIP)

St Paul's were excited to be entering their first foray for a decade into the National Condor 7s Championship, held at Kelston Boys' High School in Auckland.

Day One saw St Paul's draw two very tough teams. The first game was against Sacred Heart from Auckland. The much bigger side, proved too hard to handle and ran out to a comfortable win. The second game was against St Pat's Town from Wellington. This game was a hard fought battle, with both sides squandering early chances. At half-time the score was close at 7-0 to St Pat's, which they eventually won 14-7.

Two losses on day one, placed us in the Shield Championship on day two.

The Shield quarterfinal game was against St Peter's from Gore. St Paul's played with real vigor and determination and ran out to a 28-0 lead, but let St Peter's in for three late tries. Eventually winning 28-17.

Next was a semifinal against Palmerston North Boys' High School, a traditionally strong rugby school. St Paul's took advantage of the early territorial and possession advantage with some great play from Della Neli, Connor Collins, Samisoni Taukeiaho and Ferg Burke to win comfortably 28-5.

The final was against a strong Tauranga Boys' High School team. Again St Paul's started well with a nice try to Hunter Johnson and a further try to Ferg Burke to lead 10-0 at the break. However, Tauranga came out firing and scored two quick tries to level the score. St Paul's hit back with one more try and eventually held on to win 15-10 in the Shield final.

The tournament was a great learning experience for the boys, eventually placing 17th in the country. A big thank you to Mr Hodder for his time and effort in coaching and fitness training. The boys are looking forward to next year's competition.

# BASKETBALL CAPS PRESENTED AT FINAL ASSEMBLY



**Kerwan Rose**

Kerwan has played 108 games and has grown as a guard and a leader. He is the captain of the 1st V and has proved to be a man committed to the cause. He is a no nonsense leader and demands excellence from his players and coaches. He is very physical with ball in hand and very accurate from the field. Like a good guard should be, he is strong on defence and usually wins a number of turnovers due to the pressure created. Kerwan has earned the respect of his peers and coaches.



**William Te Tomo**

William has played 116 games and has developed into a fine senior leader within the team. He is an extremely tough and uncompromising player and this has led to him being a formidable foe for most opposition teams. One thing you'd notice right away is that William's ability to get his shoot off. William is superb from beyond the arc and often creates scoring opportunities because of this for others. He is superb with ball in hand and is very aggressive at rebounding on defence. William never misses a training and is a perfect role model for any 1st V member.



**Blake Phillips**

Blake has played 74 games and has grown as a player and a leader. He is an extremely tough and uncompromising player and this has led to him being a formidable foe for most opposition teams. This helps him to be an exceptional shooter of the ball, and he possesses the vision of a point guard. He also does a lot of work behind the scenes helping the management with odd jobs. This work often goes unnoticed, but is certainly appreciated. Blake is a 40 minute player whose passion and dedication optimise the quintessential team man that he is.



**Jiann Huang**

Jiann has played 58 games and has developed into a top class point guard. He is superb with ball in hand and possesses the vision needed to run a team. He is an aggressive player who has the ability to get to the basket at will. Jiann is superb from beyond the arc and this often creates scoring opportunities because of this for others. He is a determined defender which sets the tone for the team for them to follow. He has developed into a reliable team man.

## MOTO X REPORT

Early in Term 4, the St Paul's motocross team attended Hauraki Plains College 'Nailing the Peat' motocross event. The whole team rode exceptionally well and came in third overall out of 15+ very competitive secondary schools.

William placed second in his first race. However after a crash in the second race he spent the remainder of the day in the ambulance with a torn groin muscle.

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Andrew Barr       | 2nd Competitive 250cc  |
| Melissa Barr      | 2nd Women's All In     |
| Niamh Berridge    | 5th Women's All In     |
| Otis Berridge     | 5th Competitive 250cc  |
| Ben Juby          | 14th Competitive 250   |
| William Eyre      | Competitive 85cc – DNF |
| Reece McKie       | 9th Aspiring 125cc     |
| Daniel Kennedy    | 8th Aspiring 125cc     |
| Samuel McNaughton | 17th Aspiring 250cc    |

# NISS AND NATIONALS CLAY TARGET SHOOTING COMPETITION

This two-day competition was held in the Waikato this year, during the October holiday break.

Day one began on a very positive note with Max Mitchell-Clifford scoring a possible 20/20 in the opening single rise event. This was followed later in the morning with James Kenna and Jackson Mead scoring the possible 10/10 in the single barrel competition. This was PB for each of these shooters this year.

All of these scores allowed them to progress through to the medal rounds later on in the afternoon.

Unfortunately the shoot offs in the afternoon did not go so well for us and all three competitors were eliminated early in both of their respective events.

However, it did place Max in the top 15 for the single rise and

James and Jackson in the top 20 for these events on the day.

Day two proved to be more difficult for us and we struggled to produce the necessary points to move onto the shoot offs. Max and Jackson both scored 19/20 in the single rise and Max and James shot a creditable 57/60 in the points event.

It was not until the single barrel competition that Taine Groube shot the necessary 10/10. This was also a PB and allowed him to progress on to the afternoon medal event.

Regrettably, the shoot off, like the day before, proved a major hurdle and Taine was eliminated early.

Overall we are very pleased with our efforts. With three PB's and the experience of competing in a major tournament, it places us in a strong position to build towards the future.

## SKIING SUCCESS FOR MATTHEW SWEET

Matthew Sweet pulled some stunner's out of the bag for New Zealand Junior Nationals Freeski event held in the week commencing Monday 5 October. This year, Snowsports NZ changed the nationals so that the NZ Junior Freeski doubled as the National Secondary Schools Competition as well, so he was officially representing St Paul's. Unfortunately two of his strongest events were cancelled due to high winds and he is not a slopestyle or halfpipe specialist and was up against some of the guys on the NZ Development Team, so he was stoked to podium in halfpipe against them. However he did gain the following results in the races that progressed:

Slopestyle (5th), olympic halfpipe (3rd), big mountain/freeride (3rd), open slopestyle (6th)

Matthew's overall NZ junior placing saw him ranked 4th.

During the season he also competed in the NZ Junior Freestyle Tour Series of three events up and down the country. This series is sanctioned for qualifying in the Junior World Tour. He came 5th overall, which was a little bit disappointing for him, but he crashed in one out of the three events. He redeemed himself in the Junior Nationals as with his main event being big mountain/freeride, he was just behind Hank Bilous and Craig Murray (both Year 13 students from Wanaka) who are in the top ten juniors in the world, so to podium with them was a fantastic end to Matthew's season.

## ROUND-UP OF ST PAUL'S REPRESENTATIVE RUGBY PLAYERS 2015

### NZ Schools' and NZ Barbarians selection:

Samisoni Taukei'aho

### Chief's U18 Camp:

Samisoni Taukei'aho

Gordon Fullerton

Alex Mitchell

Jackson Morgan

Asipeli Mafuataimi

(Fergus Burke and Tom Yarrall – on standby)

### Waikato U18 (City):

Samisoni Taukei'aho

Gordon Fullerton

Della Neli

Sal M'Boge

### Waikato U16:

Sam Cooper

George Dyer

Connor Gordon

### Waikato U15:

Lachie Finch

### Waikato U14:

Mercedes Hodge

Albert Talakai

## CRICKET HIGHLIGHTS

### 1st vs St Kentigern College (Friday 9 October)

Bowling first, St Paul's made life tough for St Kent's through accurate bowling by Tom Yarrall, with two for 28 and Simon Morbey, two for 17. St Kent's were struggling at 16 for three, but made a brief recovery until spinners, Bede Higgens, with 3 for 5 and Eli Spadoni with 2 for 17, halted their progress. St Kent's were eventually bowled out for 113 with a very polished fielding and bowling display by St Paul's.

In reply, Mitchell Bailey and Dillon Kelliher saw off the new ball to be 25 without loss before two quick wickets saw Alastair Blackett with 18 and Christopher Swanson 45 not out come together. Bede Higgens then joined Chris Swanson and saw St Paul's through to a comfortable seven wicket win with 20 overs remaining.

### T20 Mens' Competition Final (Sunday 8 November)

St Paul's played Cambridge in the final of the Waikato Valley T20 competition. Batting first, Cambridge got off to a flying start to be 58 for 1 off only 6 overs. However, for the second time in the weekend, spinners Bede Higgens with 1 for 18 from 4 overs and Eli Spadoni with an outstanding 4 for 6 from 3 overs, completely destroyed the Cambridge innings as they were bundled out for 107.

In reply, openers Dillon Kelliher, with a superb 50 not out and coach, Mark Bailey, 43 not out, made absolutely no race of it, knocking off the target in a very classy manner in only 16.4 overs. This is the first time St Paul's have won the Waikato Valley Senior Men's T20 competition.

## ROWING HIGHLIGHTS

Te Awamutu Regatta – Saturday 31 October



The season's first regatta gave a number of St Paul's rowers their first experience of racing. A total of 14 Year 9 boys and seven Year 11 girls, raced for the first time and acquitted themselves well against a mix of club and school crews. All the novice crews were in tough competitive fields, with the U15 quad scull having the best placing of the day, finishing second.

The senior girls' race in three double scull combinations, racing mainly against club rowers, with Sinead and Paris Kingston-White the fastest of the three on the day; while Kate Littlejohn raced in a single scull for the first time, finishing fourth in her second race.

With most senior boys training at home, the result of the day belonged to Mathew Caskie, who easily won his club single event.

## OUTSTANDING RESULTS AT WAIKATO SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SPORTS AWARDS

2015 saw the best ever representation for St Paul's Collegiate School at the regional sports prizegiving held on Sunday, 1st November. Thirteen of our students were chosen as finalists in this prestigious event on the sporting calendar, with five of them winning their respective categories:

Athletics Sportswoman of the Year: Jessica Hood

Athletcis Sportsman of the Year: Ryan Ballantyne

Hockey Sportsman of the Year: Jonathan Bloor

Netball Sportsman of the Year: William Te Tomo

Squash Sportsman of the Year: Lwamba Chileshe

# 2015 SPORTING AWARDS RECIPIENTS

At the annual Sports and Cultural Awards Dinner held in the School Dining Room on Friday, 23rd October 2015, the following students were awarded Colours in their chosen sport to acknowledge their commitment, dedication, determination and passion. They, along with the students listed below who received Supreme Awards are to be congratulated.

Note: [R] stands for re-award

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <b>ATHLETICS</b>        | Seton Mason, Madison Tims, Jack Davies, James Wilkins, Jackson Morgan, Jessica Hood, Emanae Ferguson, Saladin M'Boge, Jade Henley-Smith, Ryan Ballantyne, Millie Yarrall   |
| <b>BOXING</b>           | Sebastian Ellice   |
| <b>CHESS</b>            | Daniel Davis [R]   |
| <b>CRICKET</b>          | Christopher Swanson [R], Dillon Kelliher [R], Thomas Yarrall, Alastair Blackett, Bede Higgens, Simon Morbey [R]  |
| <b>FUTSAL</b>           | Luke Goodwin, Thomas Goodwin, Harry Porritt  |
| <b>GOLF CROQUET</b>     | Hemi McLaren-Mellars [R]   |
| <b>HOCKEY</b>           | Reuben Andrews [R], Jonathan Bloor [R], Aakaash Chimanlal, Declan Keaney, Daniel Scanlon [R], Daniel Sarikaya [R], Maksymilian Wyndham-Wmith, Richard Bloor, Emanae Ferguson   |
| <b>INLINE HOCKEY</b>    | Jacob Nelson [R]   |
| <b>MOTOR RACING</b>     | Taylor Cockerton [R]   |
| <b>MOUNTAIN BIKING</b>  | Cole Lucas, Shaun Campbell, John Richardson  |
| <b>INDOOR NETBALL</b>   | William Te Tomo  |
| <b>POLO</b>             | Dean Fullerton [R]   |
| <b>ROWING</b>           | Thomas Hislop [R], Joshua Balme, Benjamin Clare, Shaun Cox, Phoenix Keyte-Williams, Benjamin McColgan, Aaron Parkinson, Aneil Khatkar, Zoe Lapwood [R], Kate Littlejohn, Claudia Miles, Sinead Kingston-White, Ciara Gyde, Georgia Burke, Jessica Crow, Talia Namana, Paris Kingston-White, Kelly Forde, Henry Wills [R], James Ingham [R], Connor Gordon [R], Charles Christey, Sam Porritt, Kerwan Rose [R], Timothy Husband-Dravitzki [R] |
| <b>RUGBY</b>            | Samisoni Taukei'aho [R], Gordon Fullerton, Alex Mitchell, Asipeli Mafuataimi, Jackson Morgan   |
| <b>SKIING</b>           | Matthew Sweet  |
| <b>SQUASH</b>           | Lwamba Chileshe  |
| <b>SWIMMING</b>         | James Christey, Connor Egan, Charles Christey, Hamish Black, Nelly Conway, Simon Cox, Tully Dickson  |
| <b>TENNIS</b>           | McKinley Vollebregt  |
| <b>SERVICE TO SPORT</b> | Conor Shalloe, Declan Keaney, Daniel Scanlon, Isaac Van der Vossen, Briarna Rae, William Te Tomo   |

# SUPREME AWARDS



## WAYNE O'BRIEN TROPHY

**PERSEQUOR OMNIS SUMMIS:** Presented in recognition of excellence in the chosen sport(s) of the recipient and the contribution he/she has made to the success of others in reaching their potential in that and any other sport

Nominees: William Te Tomo (Basketball, Netball)  
Daniel Scanlon (Hockey)  
Conor Shalloe (Hockey)  
Declan Keaney (Hockey)

**Overall Winner: William Te Tomo**

## THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT CUP FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING TEAM OF THE YEAR

Nominees: Hockey Boys 1st XI  
Rugby 1st XV  
U18 IV Rowing Crew

**Overall Winner: U18 IV Rowing Crew**



## THE MARGARET FORSYTH TROPHY FOR THE TOP SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Nominees: Jessica Hood (Athletics)  
Jade Henley-Smith (Athletics)

**Overall Winner: Jade Henley-Smith**



## THE PETER GILBERT TROPHY FOR THE TOP SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Nominees: Jonathan Bloor (Hockey)  
Samisoni Taukeiaho (Rugby)  
Jacob Nelson (Inline Hockey)  
Hemi McLaren-Mellars (Golf Croquet)  
Simon Morbey (Cricket, Hockey)  
Ryan Ballantyne (Athletics)

**Overall Winner: Simon Morbey**



## THE COLE CUP FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN AN INDIVIDUAL'S CHOSEN SPORT

Nominees: Samisoni Taukeiaho (Rugby)  
Jacob Nelson (Inline Hockey)  
Ryan Ballantyne (Athletics)  
Matthew Sweet (Skiing)  
William Te Tomo (Basketball)

**Overall Winner: Ryan Ballantyne**

# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED FOR TOP BOARDING STUDENTS

At the boarders' end-of-year prize-giving and Christmas dinner, held on Thursday 29 October, the following students were recognised for their sporting performance:

| Level | Clark                | Sargood                                 | Williams         | Harington                   |
|-------|----------------------|---|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 9     | Henry Brown          | <b>Mercedes Hodge</b>                   | Clay Richardson  |                             |
| 10    | Jack Russell         | Bennet Groube                           | <b>Lane Tims</b> |                             |
| 11    | Judd Redmond         | George Dyer                             | Fergus Burke     | <b>Madison Tims</b>         |
| 12    | <b>Connor Gordon</b> | Alastair Blackett<br>Thomas Yarrall     | Jackson Morgan   | Kelly Forde<br>Talia Namana |
| 13    | <b>Simon Morbey</b>  | Taylor Cockerton<br>Samisoni Taukei'aho | Thomas Hislop    | <b>Georgia Burke</b>        |

Note: Best overall boarder in each category is in **bold**. The Year 13 Sport Award was shared this year.

## OTHER SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

- It was the heart-warming story of the season for our Senior Girls' 3x3 Basketball team (aka Queen Bees!). St Paul's 1 went through the season with a 17 win and three loss record and the St Paul's A1 team had a 12 win, five loss record. St Paul's 1 went all season, dominating the competition and had a convincing win over Fraser High School, 12-5 in the final, taking out the Waikato Secondary Schools' 3x3 Senior Girls' competition. St Paul's A1 came third in the same competition.  
The winning St Paul's 1 team consisted of:  
Katherine Keddell (captain), Kelly Forde, Kate Varga, Olivia Carter, Meg Skilton, Kelly Forward (MVP).
- At the full school assembly held on Monday 2nd November, the following rowers were appointed as boat club captains for the 2015/2016 season:  
Boys' Captain: Joshua Balme  
Boys' Vice-Captain: Hamish Haycock  
Girls' Captain: Talia Namana  
Girls' Vice-Captain: Sinead Kingston-White
- With Temwa Chileshe's August birthday, seeing him go up a level to the U17 competition, it was unfortunate that their seedings saw him meet his brother Lwamba in the second round of the National Squash Champs,

after both having easy first-round wins. History has always seen Temwa come out on top, but Lwamba finally got that monkey off his back with a 3-0 win! That meant Temwa was down in the 9-12 positions. He won his next match in three, then lost the final match in four so he came 10th.

Lwamba went on to play the number two seed (Finn Trimble) in the quarter finals, coming out with a 3-0 win. He then met Quinn Udy in the semis, and disappointingly went down 3-1. This saw a rematch from the Secondary Nationals with Lwamba beating Corbin Faint 3-1, resulting in him coming third in the Under 17 age group.

Lwamba Chileshe has been selected for the NZ Junior (under 19) elite Squash squad. From this group they choose the top four to go to the World Juniors late next year. Lwamba will attend a number of training camps over the year and will have to attend tournaments from which the "world's" team will be chosen.

- On Saturday 21 November, Squash Waikato celebrated their 50th jubilee and held their annual awards ceremony. Lwamba Chileshe won the award for "Most Competitive Male", for the person who had played the most matches over the season. He also won the "Most Outstanding Junior Male" award, which saw him going home with two trophies.

- Harry Porritt has been selected for the WaiBOP U16 Football 'Extended' squad from which the final 18 players that will attend the National Age Group Tournament to be held in Wellington in December will be chosen.
- The New Zealand U18 Mixed Netball Team, captained by our own William Te Tomo, became Gold medalists in a New Zealand/Australia final and were crowned 2015 World Champions for six-aside indoor netball, and were silver medalists for seven-aside indoor netball, coming runners up to Australia in that respective final.
- Thomas Griffin won the XLR8 for 13 year olds for the two month period September/October 2015. This is awarded by Swimming NZ for having the highest XLR8 points. XLR8 is a motivational programme developed by Swimming New Zealand, where swimmers score points across a combination of events and are ranked nationally on their performances. The programme recognises versatility and all-round ability, rewarding correct application of the processes necessary for long term athlete development.
- Cricket Cap: Scott Spence, after serving St Paul's brilliantly well at both Colts and 2nd XI level where he was a highly respected leader and captain of the team, finally got his chance at 1st XI level in October 2014. While he narrowly missed selection for the Gillette Cup 2014, Scott continued on as a very handy all-rounder for the remainder of the season taking 20 wickets, including a four wicket bag at the Student Horizons T20 tournament in January 2015. Scott then followed this up with a career best of five for 23 v Hinuera in October this year, thereby earning his black cricket cap. Scott has also been a very handy lower order batsman with many lusty blows and big sixes, including a brave fighting knock against Hamilton Boys' in the Gillette Cup regional final which so nearly got St Paul's home for an unlikely victory. Scott has also been very quick in the outfield and displayed a consistently safe pair of hands. Scott thoroughly deserves his 1st XI black cap. Scott Spence earned his black performance cap for cricket, which was awarded at the final assembly in Week 8.
- In the last holiday break, Aaron Parkinson and Jack Deane competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' National Road Cycling Championships in Levin.

On Saturday 26 September, they competed in a road race. After the first lap, Aaron was riding with the bunch until he suffered a mechanical fault and had to stop. Re-entering the race away from the lead group hampered the rest of his ride. Jack rode in the U15 age group and had a good steady ride.

On Sunday 27 September, they raced laps in a points race around a closed track. Aaron, only having started riding this year and just entering the U20 age group, was in for a lightning fast sprint. He stayed in the bunch

for eight laps with about half of the field being pulled from behind him as they spread out. Jack stayed in the bunch through the entire race with about a third of the field being pulled as they risked being lapped.

Some gutsy riding from these two in what were fast and tight events.

- Zachary Newdick has been selected to represent New Zealand Secondary Schools' Football U19 representative team. This team will tour Australia during the second term school holiday in 2016.



## NJOMBE CLASSROOMS CLOSE TO COMPLETION

Last year, as part of the major emphasis of our Mission and Outreach programme, we raised funds through the Boarders' 12-Hour Relay and day school family's donations, totalling just under \$20,000 towards the building of two classrooms for St Mary's Anglican Primary School in Njombe, in Tanzania. Between Waikato Diocesan and our own efforts, we have been able to fund the construction of three classrooms in this under-privileged area of Africa. We all should feel incredibly proud of the positive difference we have been able to make in the lives of so many young people in this region. Education provides the opportunity of choice for the young people of Tanzania. A huge thank you to everyone that made this project possible.

## "FRIENDS OF THE HOSPITAL" CONCERT A HUGE SUCCESS

Early in Term 4, there was a very successful concert hosted in the Chapel of Christ the King to raise money for the "Friends of the Hospital". The St Paul's choir sang excellently at the concert. Deputy Head Girl Bethany Langton and fellow full School Prefect Josie Butcher helped organise the concert. A number of St Paul's students have regularly attended the hospital to lend their support and help the patients. The team consists of:

- Felicity Whale
- Pianika Taylor
- Tully Dickson
- Shay Dickson
- Nonithwat Seehamart

- Timothy Husband-Dravitzki
- Helena Light
- Bethany Langton
- Josie Butcher

To make the concert run smoothly, the Chapel IT team were co-opted into assisting on the night. Three boys in particular who dedicated their time to this cause were: Scott Mitchell, Jaime King and Callan Buchanan.

# CHAPLAIN'S COMMENT

by Reverend James Stephenson



## Appreciation and perspective

The school prayer speaks a lot about appreciation of what we have and what we experience here at St Paul's. I am sure that the majority of the community does appreciate what they have, but it is human nature to grow complacent about such appreciation. Appreciation is a relative concept. I appreciate a bar of chocolate far more after a couple of hours of rowing – I appreciate the peace of chapel far more after four lessons with the excitement of Year 9! But how can we help ourselves create something that is relative to all that we have here at St Paul's? It is not easy, but if we can have experiences that give us a healthy perspective on the world then we are more likely to appreciate what we have. When living in the bush of Africa, we would take the odd trip in a small plane to the capital city. Our children would get off the plane and run across the

runway to press their noses against the shop window that had sweets (lollies) inside. Now they nonchalantly walk past shops looking for the bigger and better one. Appreciation is relative.

The chapel theme recently has been 'Beyond the Bubble'. We have had various speakers with the aim of helping the School look beyond its own boundaries and even beyond New Zealand in the hope of changing our perspective. The hope is, even if momentarily, to create a perspective that really makes us appreciate all that we have here.

But the best way to help our perspective is through direct and personal experience. These experiences happen in our normal lives, but it is the hope that we can explore these experiences further here at St Paul's through the 'service' programme and it's ideal. By going out in the community to help, we learn and we experience and we appreciate. This can happen at a local level or within New Zealand's shores or on a global level. Each will be different and we all experience different things, but we will all share in growing spiritually, moving along our spiritual journey, gaining perspective and growing in our appreciation of what we have and our own lives and here at St Paul's.

With Love, Rev James Stephenson.

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# CHARACTER



**SPECIAL CHARACTER**

## TIHOI – INTAKE 2015/2 MAJOR PRIZE WINNERS

**Mortimer Trophy for Most Outstanding Student:** Lane Tims

Most Outstanding Student nominations: Luka Benseman, Patrick Dowd, Lane Tims

**Harington Cup for Most Improved Student:** Raymond Chen

Most Improved Student nominations: Christian Collingwood, Harrison Phillips, Liam Allen, Raymond Chen

**Shaw Trophy for Bush Craft:** Spencer Clayton-Greene

**Furminger Award for the student who has shown respect to staff and other students:** Divakrin Naicker

**Coulter Settlement Cup for the student who has upheld the virtues project ideals:** Lane Tims

**Community Service and Environment Award:** Daniel Johnson

**Cross Country Running Trophy:** Patrick Dowd

**Expedition Awards for all round excellence on expedition:**

White Water Kayak: Liam Allen and Harrison Phillips

Sea Kayak: Luka Benseman and George Fullerton-Smith

Mountain Bike: Jesse Hill

Tramp: Zachary Collier-McCabe

Rock Climbing: Elijah-Wade Potter

Cave: Tim Grigg

Mixed Adventure: Raymond Chen

**Most Valued House Members (Peer voted):**

HART - Alex Johnson; JOCKS—Patrick Dowd; POLLYS— Luka Benseman; MORTZ— Tom Brown; MOLLYS— Spencer Clayton-Greene; VILLA— Zachary Collier-McCabe; GILLS—Tim Grigg; FRANKS—Connor Downey; PURPLE— Giovanni Glendining

**Academic Excellence:**

Patrick Dowd— English, Math, Science and Social Studies

Keith Thorburn—Math, Social Studies

Joesph Harris—English and Science

Lane Tims—Social Studies, Science

Divakrin Naicker—Math

John Hollingsworth—Science

Zachary Collier-McCabe—Science

Raymond Chen—English

**Tihoi Masterchef Award:** Luka Benseman

**Chef's Awards:**

Jack Russell, Luka Benseman, Hai [Oscar] Da, Daniel Johnson, Quinlan Ingoe, Giovanni Glendining, Spencer Clayton-Greene, Henry Carr, Raymond Chen



**Luder Trophy:**

MORTZ HOUSE— Tom Brown, Reid Elkington, John Hollingsworth, Daniel Johnson, Nik Osokin, Ronin Palaone, Zachary Priest, Ben Sarikaya

**Kingham Cup—House that gained the most points in house sport:**

POLLY'S HOUSE—Luka Benseman, Sam Edmonds, Joe Harris, Fergus Hunt, Jasom Khatkar, Will Porritt, Matthew Spence, Harry Smith

## ST PAUL'S NOMINATE FELICITY WHALE AS OUR LEADER IN SERVICE

At this year's Altrusa Youth Awards, Felicity Whale (Year 12), was honoured for courtesy, attitude and initiative, sportsmanship, community work and application to school work.

## JUNIOR ACORN AWARDS FOR TERM FOUR

The following junior students received their Acorn Awards at a special morning tea held late in Term 4, to recognise their academic, sporting, cultural and service contributions:

|                   |                   |                  |                 |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Jess Allen        | Lachie Cowley     | Leo Ding         | Gus Hanham      |
| Adam Jefferis     | Max McLean-Bluck  | Kelvin Noe       | Seth Peake      |
| Daniel Rickman    | Joshua Slattery   | Max Watson       | Edwin Wills     |
| Jack Bowick       | Jarrold Dean      | George Elstob    | Sam Harcourt    |
| Elliot Leighton   | Samuel McNaughton | Bradie Ollington | Blake Price     |
| Max Roach         | Campbell Smith    | Steven Wen       | Angus Wilson    |
| Lewis Candy       | Jack Deane        | Ronan Fuller     | Oliver Hickman  |
| Henry Mandeno     | Jack Morton       | George Ott       | Te Waiti Rawiri |
| Raja Sandhu       | Alex Tod          | Isaac West       | George Wilson   |
| Owen Comber       | Sanraj Dhaliwal   | Jacob Gibbs      | Finn Holmes     |
| Jeremiah McDonald | Aidan Nelson      | Barrie Patterson | Jack Rich       |
| Baljit Singh      | Carlin Vollebregt | Luke Wetere      | Alex Zhong      |

## CITIZENSHIP CONTRIBUTION RECOGNISED FOR TOP BOARDING STUDENTS

At the boarders' end-of-year prize-giving and Christmas dinner, held on Thursday 29 October, the following students were recognised for their contribution to citizenship:

| Level | Clark             | Sargood           | Williams       | Harington       |
|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 9     | Samuel McNaughton | Adam Jefferis     | George Wilson  |                 |
| 10    | Luka Benseman     | John Palmhof      | Jack Walters   |                 |
| 11    | Carne Lincoln     | Conner Peterson   | Liam Pepper    | Phoebe Thompson |
| 12    | Blair Foster      | Benjamin McColgan | Jack Oliver    | Talia Namana    |
| 13    | Jason Dhesi       | Shaun Drew        | Scott Mitchell | Hazuki Yokoyama |





