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DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

THIS ISSUE OF *THE INFORMER* HAS A LARGE SECTION DEDICATED TO THE SUCCESS OF SPORTS TEAMS DURING WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK: OUR 1ST XI BOYS HOCKEY SIDE (4TH IN RANKIN CUP) AND OPEN A NETBALL SIDE (15TH IN UNISS) BOTH ACHIEVING THE BEST FINISHES IN OUR 56 YEAR HISTORY; THE 1ST XI BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM FINISHED IN THE TOP 20 SOCCER SIDES AND IN THE LAST ISSUE OF *THE INFORMER* WE REPORTED ON THE 1ST XV RUGBY SIDE'S TITLE WINNING PERFORMANCE FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, IN THE CNI COMPETITION AND THEIR NATIONAL RANKING OF 13TH IN THE COUNTRY. IN SQUASH, OUR BOYS' TEAM FINISHED FOURTH IN THE NZSS CHAMPIONSHIPS, WITH THE COMBINED RESULTS OF OUR GIRLS AND BOY'S TEAMS SEEING US TAKE OUT THE TITLE AS THE BEST CO-ED SQUASH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY. IN ADDITION, THE STRENGTH AND DEPTH OF THE SCHOOL'S SPORTING CORNERSTONE WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE U16 RUGBY SIDE MAKING THE FINAL OF THEIR QUAD TOURNAMENT AND THE COLTS HOCKEY SIDE JUST DEFEATED IN THE FINAL OF THE TANNER CUP.

As a School, we pride ourselves on our holistic approach to a young person's development. Sporting endeavour is just one of our four cornerstones (the other three being academic excellence, cultural participation and the Christian dimension). We view the most important of these as our student's achieving their academic potential. However, we also strongly believe it is important for our young men and women to enjoy the opportunity of success outside the classroom and to be challenged to work outside of their comfort-zone through involvement in both cultural pursuits and sport.

Across the Waikato region, just 56% of students participate in a sport, while only 35% of teachers are involved in coaching or managing a sport. In contrast, all of our students are involved in playing sport

and 87% of St Paul's Collegiate School's teachers coach a team, with the balance involved in cultural pursuits. National trends show that 72.6% of boys like playing sport a lot, with 23.9% liking it a little (this compares with 60.3% and 34.7% for girls for the same criteria), so most Kiwi teenagers enjoy their involvement in sport. While international research from universities across the globe (Britain, Columbia, Illinois, East Carolina, Humboldt, Hong Kong, Reykjavik, Tasmania and Cambridge University) has shown there is a direct link between sport/PE and academic achievement, as well as on-task behaviour in teenagers around the world.

At St Paul's, we see sport and culture as a vehicle to engage young people to achieve better outcomes in the classroom.



Grant Lander
HEADMASTER

Over the past few years, we have put a lot of attention and resources into raising the quality of the experience that our students have in both of these cornerstones. Specifically, our High Performance sporting initiative has raised the quality of advice, support and coaching that is readily accessible to all of our students.

This has involved:

Strength and conditioning

- Employment of designated Sports and Conditioning Coordinator, Mr Michiel Badenhorst
- Reorganisation and expansion of the Fitness Centre
- Standardised testing of all Year 9 and 10 students and first team members



- Sports and conditioning as a key aspect to the weekly programmes of Year 9 and 10 classes
- Employment of Mr Tama Dean as trainer and motivational expert for first teams.

Revamp of junior Physical Education programme

- Establishment of High Performance classes for our most able Year 9 and 10 sportsmen
- High Performance classes have a weekly strength and conditioning session, specific skills development session (hockey, football, rugby, etc) and a general session (nutrition, goal setting, emotional intelligence)
- All Year 9 classes will take part in Term 4 in an Emotional Intelligence (EI) programme as part of our delivery of the Health curriculum. All students had their EI tested in February and this will be retested in November, with the focus to raise awareness of the importance of EI in life and in sport performance
- Benchmark testing of all Year 9 and 10 students, to see how their fitness and strength and conditioning changes over time (specifically as a result of participation in sports and the Tihoi Venture School programme).

Establish sporting partnerships

- Midlands Hockey Centre established onsite. Access to high quality individual and team coaching expertise
- Pivotal netball initiative from Term 4, 2015 – having specific netball skill sessions based at St Paul’s and utilising the experience of ex-Magic team members, Sonya Noble and Rachel Beale with our netballers.
- Partnership with Waikato Valley and Hamilton Cricket Associations
- Fraser Tech Rugby Club – provision of coaching support, hosting 1st XV Awards Dinner, curtain-raiser for the 1st XV to senior club game
- Rugby Supporters Club – establishing an initial model for rugby which will be progressively rolled out to other sporting codes. This initiative will focus on friend-raising and fundraising

for coaching programmes within a specific code.

Specialist coaching support

- Employment of a High Performance Cricket and Rugby Coordinator, Mr Paul Hodder, whose role is to support and enhance the quality of the coaching; run coaching clinics for St Paul’s students; establish links with feeder schools such as Fairfield Intermediate and Southwell; promote skills camps for Year 7/8 students in our region
- Employ talented, respected and experienced specialist coaching assistance for swimming, rowing, cricket, netball, rugby, hockey and football
- Look to implement a similar broad high performance initiative in football in 2016.

Ongoing facilities development

- Introduce a third grass-wicket block for cricket
- Football dug-out for coaches and reserves, for number one pitch
- Hockey and football pavilion beside the current artificial turf.

The winter sporting success and the outstanding performance of our rowers in winning the prestigious Springbok Shield at Maadi Cup and our 1st XI cricketers winning the Waikato Valley competition is, we believe, highly likely attributable to the more comprehensive and professional coaching programmes we have put in place to support our young sportsmen and women.

The past few months have also featured some impressive cultural and academic achievements: The second consecutive gold award by our Big Band in the regional music festival; the impressive performances of our public speakers, debaters and mooters at regional and national competition; Hugo Brown’s success as part of the national Chemistry team in the International Chemistry Olympiad; are just a few of the amazing achievements of St Paul’s groups and

individuals in recent times.

Our seniors have just completed their Benchmark examinations. Their results will help provide them with feedback and guidance as to where they need to turn their attention to for the upcoming Cambridge, NCEA and Scholarship external end-of-year examinations.

At the start of the October holiday break, just under 80 Year 12 students attended a three-day leadership programme down at the Tihoi Venture School, led by outside facilitator, Col. Rick Dobbe.

The upcoming term is jam-packed with end-of-year functions; house dinners; Sport and Cultural Awards and the annual Prize Giving. Despite this, both juniors and seniors need to be conscious that their focus needs to be firmly on academic pursuits.



EXCELLENCE



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

BRONZE MEDAL AT THE 47TH INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

From the 20th to the 29th of July, 292 students and 237 mentors, guests and observers descended upon the little known city of Baku in the Republic of Azerbaijan for the 47th International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO). For those of you who rightfully do not know where Azerbaijan is, it is an intercontinental state in the Caucasus region, situated at the crossroads of Eastern Europe and Western Asia.

The 47th IChO was hosted by the Baku Branch of Lomonosov Moscow State University and overseen by Professor Nargiz Pashayeva. The theme of the Baku Olympiad was “life is a huge chemistry lab”, with its tasks providing the competitors with new perspectives on the role of chemistry in the world.

This year, the Olympiad boasted teams from 75 competing countries and four observing countries. The New Zealand team consisted of Hugo Brown, Brianna Nally (James Hargest College), David Kim (Macleans College) and Thomas Chang (Auckland Grammar), accompanied by Dr Sheila Woodgate (University of Auckland), Dr Jan Giffney (St Cuthbert’s College) and Dr Allick Lal (Macleans College).

The actual Olympiad competition consisted of a theoretical and practical test, both spanning five-hours in length.

The practical test required competitors to complete three separate tasks inside the five hours, a feat that proved to be very challenging. These tasks included achieving the selective bromination of a methylthiophene, quantitative analysis of a vanadium-chromium alloy, and the kinetic determination of Diclofenac.

The theoretical test consisted of eight unique tasks, ranging in topic from the thermodynamic properties of refrigerants to the issue of oil contamination in seawater. All of the tasks set by the examiners proved to be very difficult.

The remainder of the time spent in Baku was spent exploring the city and points of interest such as the Flame Towers, Azerbaijan National Carpet Museum, Maiden Tower and the Heydar Aliyev centre.

At the conclusion of the Olympiad, impressively all four members of our team came away with a Bronze medal, finishing third best team in a competition with 80 Teams of the world’s best young scientists.



OTHER ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Mirjam Mayer (Year 12) has received an Elite Award with 11.486 points, in the ‘Language Perfect World Championships’ for German, placing her in the top 0.2%. This is an outstanding achievement and we apologise that this information was unavailable at the time of printing the last newsletter.



SUCCESS IN THE WAIKATO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR

On Friday, 21 August 2015 St Paul's students participated in the Waikato Science and Technology Fair along with 400 exhibitors from all over the Waikato region. St Paul's had the following prize winners:

Max McLean-Bluck (Year 9) won his class: Year 9-10 Planet Earth and Beyond, with his entry "Crazy Clarity", in which he investigated the effect of run off from residential, farming and native bush areas on the water clarity of Kirikiriroa Stream. He was also awarded the major prize of 'Best Planet Earth and Beyond' exhibit in the whole fair. This is one of the top six prizes awarded for the entire fair, Max was awarded \$300 plus a trophy.

Jess Allen (Year 9) was placed 2nd in the Year 9-13 Observational Drawings class with his pencil drawing of Kowhai flowers.

Lucy Shilston (Year 13) received a highly commended award for her investigation into manufactures claims of the breakdown of the protective coating on aspirin tablets at the right time in the digestive process in the Senior Science class.



Max McLean-Bluck receives his prize

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STUDENT CALLS ON UN TO PREVENT GENOCIDE

A six-minute speech that called on the United Nations to prevent genocide won Josie Butcher third place at the NZ Lions Club Young Speechmakers Contest in August.

The Year 13 St Paul's student chose the speech because of her interest in the UN's work: "After reading about the UN and watching documentaries and movies such as Hotel Rwanda I realised the UN aren't heroes. In order for genocide to stop we need to identify where we are going wrong and I believe that lies with the UN."

Josie was well prepared, delivering the full speech without cue cards. She was also required to deliver a two-minute speech on the topic 'keeping safe' which was given to her 60-seconds beforehand. She pulled it off cool, calm and collected, speaking about not wrapping kids in cotton wool.

Josie's third place win awarded her a spot on a 10-day international youth camp in Rotorua in January 2016.



WAIKATO SECONDARY SCHOOLS' DEBATING FINAL GOES DOWN TO THE WIRE

On Tuesday 4 August the Senior Debating team competed in the Waikato Secondary Schools' Debating Final against the Waikato Diocesan School for Girls top team. This was after the team, comprised of Felicity (Fizzi) Whale as first speaker; Josie Butcher as second speaker and Tully Dickson as third speaker, convincingly beat Hamilton Boys' High School in the semi-final; in a debate about the obligation of other countries to accept refugees into their borders.

St Paul's last made the final for this competition in 2008 and the last time St Paul's won this was in 2005. The final was held in the Hamilton Mayoral Chambers with the Honourable Mayor Julie Hardaker a guest chairperson of the debate.

St Paul's, as the affirmative team, built a great argument about how the media influences politics too much and how

New Zealanders view politics incorrectly as a consequence of media misinterpretation.

After some great points brought up by Fizzi and Josie and some well thought-out rebuttal by Tully and a strong finish from Josie's leaders reply, most of the audience, including the Mayor herself, thought St Paul's were going to take the win. However, the university adjudicators thought otherwise and gave Dio the win, by only the slimmest margin of two points.

Despite the disappointing final outcome, the team were very pleased with how they performed in the finals and how much they have improved over the season, especially with Fizzi being in her first year of debating. The team put this level of performance firmly down to the great help and mentorship from Mrs Hansen and Mr Williams.



2015 BALL REPORT *by Henry Wills*

This year, Meg Skilton and I were very privileged and excited to take on the challenge of organising the School Ball.

Early in the organisational stages, we were pressured to pick a theme wisely, as this is a crucial element to any School Ball. We were excited to adopt the Oriental theme as its extremely vibrant, warm colours and festive culture were very appealing. This allowed us to really get creative with decorations, food and other elements of the night. We utilised a lot of projected oriental images and colours on the walls to create the mood, but a definite highlight was the amazing dragon in the foyer. We would like to thank the Art Club for putting in the huge amount of time and effort to create this truly unforgettable and unique decoration. The theme was also well utilised in the food section with dishes such as sushi, dumplings, spring rolls and kebabs on the menu. Minor details like the fan tickets and fortune cookies on entry were added to give the night the extra authentic touch.

One of the main goals for the committee this year was to reduce the ticket prices due to the rather expensive cost of last year. We were able to reduce this significantly to \$95, while retaining the exclusive nature and quality reputation that the School Ball holds. We are extremely proud of our efforts on this front as we feel like the night as a whole was on par, if not better, than last year considering our 27% lower budget.

We would like to thank Mr Gilbert, Mr Wilson and Mrs Lock for their magnificent assistance this year. We would also like to thank the Ball Committee who made sure that every task was done to perfection which really took the pressure off of us. You were all amazing to work with and this night could definitely not have been possible without you.

Overall the Ball was a huge success and we hope that everyone really enjoyed the night.

BIG BAND WAIKATO ITM MUSIC FESTIVAL GOLD AWARD WINNERS FOR SECOND YEAR

The Big Band had a great start to the year, with a successful music camp, but a series of interrupted rehearsals put us behind in the first and second term. However, a change of rehearsal time and a band workshop at the start of Term 3, enabled us to work on pieces that we haven't had time for yet.

During the weeks leading up to the Celebration of Music, the band worked really hard to get various pieces up to standard and it was an astounding success and a great way to start the show.

After the success of the show, Mr Parsons decided that we would enter in the Waikato Itinerant Teachers Music (ITM) Festival - this was two weeks away and with upcoming Benchmarks there would be many seniors absent. This meant it would rely on all prior practices for the festival.

It was held on Friday 28 August - the morning after the School Ball - so there were some tired faces before we took the stage.

The Big Band was the second band up for the morning (following on from Hamilton Boys' High School) and we performed three pieces: String of Pearls, Agu de beber and Lullaby of Bird Land. These were very well received by the audience and more importantly by the adjudicator. We were awarded a Gold Award for the second year in a row. Many thanks to Mr Stoneham, Mr Shaw and Miss Spenceley for playing in the band with us and Mr Parsons for directing the band and for the continual effort he put into the band's development. A big thank you to Miss Spenceley for also being the band administrator and to the parents and staff that attended the event.

JUDGE'S COMMENTS RELAYED BY MRS MICHELLE FLINT (DIRECTOR OF MUSIC):

Our band played in a professional manner with an excellent sense of balance between parts and a high degree of cohesion. An accurate performance was noted by the judge who enjoyed the warm big sound, good observation of dynamics and good support of our soloists. In our section there were a number of gold, silver and bronze awards given out. We were delighted to receive a Gold Award and we are very proud of the students who took part.

BAND MEMBERS:

Bethany Griffen	Craig Scott
Benjamin Hunter	Robert Simmons
Jonathan Mayer	Campbell Smith
Harrison Newdick	Aaron Taylor
Andrew Ofsoski	Hayden Trow
Sarah Parker	Joshua Voigt
Christopher Penno	Felicity Whale
Felix Rolls	Benjamin Wheeler
David Su	Jack Walters

OTHER CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Recently Katie Trigg was asked to perform at the closing ceremony ANZI Pacific Lions Forum at the Waipuna Lodge in Auckland. This invitation is very much an honour and is indicative of Katie's musical abilities and the reputation she is developing as a performer.

Emi Ng achieved 98% for her advanced certificate violin examination. The advanced certificate is the level up from Grade 8 in the Trinity College music examinations and this is an impressive result.

Matthew Jayasuria passed his Grade 5 Speech and Drama – NZ Board, with Honours Plus – an outstanding achievement.



MOOTING TEAM MAKES THE SEMI-FINALS



Mooting is a legal term for presenting a legal case in front of a judge. It requires a combination of analytical and oral presentation skills and above all else the ability to think on one's feet.

This year St Paul's entered a team consisting of Hugo Brown, Josie Butcher and Georgia Hogg. Hugo and Josie acted as counsel, presenting the case in front of the judges while Georgia provided admirable support as research assistant and back up.

The case we were presented with revolved around a young man who was refusing to cut his hair and was expelled from his school as a result. Although a fictional case, it had obvious parallels with real life. St Paul's were arguing the affirmative side of the case, that the school had been correct in expelling the young man.

For the preliminary rounds we were up against a team from Hillcrest High School. Hugo and Josie stood their ground and made a very professional presentation for the school. We were one of only eight schools from across the country to progress through to the semi-finals where we met Waikato Diocesan. Josie and Hugo were once again arguing for the school, but this time we were up against two very experienced and formidable

judges and were mooting in the District Court, which made it seem very real! Hugo and Josie acquitted themselves very well under fire from the judges. They are both to be congratulated for staying extremely calm in the face of some rather direct questions from the bench and Hugo even managed to make one judge laugh with his quip about having "A bad hair day!" Georgia was able to find a valuable piece of case law to help our two practise lawyers just at the appropriate moment.

Although we were unable to progress through to the finals, the team did extremely well. It is a very valuable experience for anyone considering law as their future profession and one that all three students can take immense pride and satisfaction from. The team are very grateful for the support we received from Mr Stephen Taylor of the University of Waikato Mooting team.



SPORTING ENDEAVOURS



BEST EVER PLACING FOR 1ST XI BOYS' HOCKEY IN RANKIN CUP

The 1st XI hockey boys placed fourth at the national Rankin Cup tournament. We were very lucky with the great support of our parents and coaching staff. The team's goal of top four was achieved with a lot of determination and grit. The team was very unlucky not to achieve higher success.

RESULTS:

Pool play – Won pool G

Won	10 – 1	St Bede's College
Won	4 – 0	Whangarei Boys' High School
Drew	2 – 2	Tauranga Boys' College

Top sixteen

Won	4-0	Waiopahu College
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Top eight

Won	4-1	Palmerston North Boys' High School (<i>Super Eight Champions</i>)
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Top four

Lost	2-1	Westlake Boys' High School (<i>Winners of Rankin Cup</i>)
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Three and four play-off

Drew	1-1	but lost in overtime 1-0
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In the pool play the team played some excellent hockey. Winning the pool was significant and allowed the team to have a softer top sixteen game. In the top sixteen knock-out game, the 1st XI played against Waiopahu College. The team struggled mentally and their skill level dropped at times,

playing against an unstructured physical side. However, after much discussion with the coaching staff, the team realised that they needed to make some changes in their mental preparation and on-field psyche.

Playing against Palmerston North Boys' High School, the Super Eight Champions, in the top eight knock-out, the 1st XI needed to play to their potential for a full sixty minutes. Coaches Hardman and Rees-Gibbs formulated a plan to shut down the opposition. The 1st XI carried out the plan and St Paul's dominated the game. Unfortunately, Daniel Scanlon was tragically hurt in scoring the team's third goal resulting in Daniel missing the final two games of the tournament. His absence was significant, which created some issues for the team overall performance.

The team carried on and played some great hockey, both against Westlake Boys' High School and King's College. In both games, the boys played to their potential and can be very proud of their achievement. Each player played with total commitment, enthusiasm and showed some great skills. The team was well led by their leadership team and captain Conor Shalloe, who worked tirelessly in the midfield all week.

The team's MVP was awarded to Reuben Andrews. He showed his excellent hockey skills throughout the week and made a significant difference in the game against Palmerston North Boys' High School.





ST PAUL'S MAKES FINAL OF THE TANNER CUP 2015

This has been the fifth year that St Paul's has organised and hosted the Tanner Cup under-15 hockey tournament. The Tanner Cup invited 12 teams from all around the country: Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Bay of Plenty and Auckland. We had the privilege of Nic Woods from the Black Sticks team being our guest speaker for our formal dinner and sharing his experiences as a top hockey player.

St Paul's started the tournament with a good 4 – 1 win over New Plymouth Boys'. Our next pool game was against Lindisfarne College. This was a busy game with loads of pressure and running, but St Paul's stuck to the game plan and ended up winning 2-1.

We woke up on Tuesday to the rain and a flooded turf that could not be played on. All morning games had to be decided on penalty strokes. Campbell Smith was focused in goal for us and stopped two of the Palmerston North Boys' strokes, which allowed us a 4-3 win and put us through to the semi-final.

Games were able to be played on Tuesday afternoon, as we prepared to play Lindisfarne Collage again. Both teams had opportunities to win the game, but St Paul's had slightly more control of the game and managed a hard fought 1-0 win, putting us into the final of the Tanner Cup.

In the final we played St Andrew's College - the big occasion brought out some nerves among the players. As the game went on, we gained in confidence, but couldn't break through the St Andrew's defence or convert our opportunities into goals. Final score 2 – 0 win to St Andrew's.

The St Paul's boys can be very proud of their achievements

and for making the Tanner Cup final. This is the highest placing we have gained in this tournament against some of the best hockey schools in the country.

A special mention needs to be given to Messrs Sam Brown and Truman Wee, who did a great job coaching the team and teaching them new skills and understanding the craft of hockey. Thanks also to all the parents for their support.

This has been a great experience for all players involved and the strength of hockey at St Paul's is looking good.

Thanks also must go to Mr Craig Hardman for organising this event; ably supported by Mrs Jan Kilmister, and to Messrs Andrew Harries, Sam Brown and Sam Holmes for running the tournament over the four days.

GOALS SCORED DURING THE TOURNAMENT

Samuel McClay	1
Harry Johnstone	1
Logan Jarvis	1
Jamie Sandford	1
Bennet Groube	1
Carne Lincoln	1
Bevan Muirhead	1
Callum Prosser	4

MIDLANDS INTERCITY SECONDARY SCHOOL HOCKEY FINAL – ST PAUL’S 1ST XI VS HBHS

On the evening of Wednesday 26 August the 1st XI hockey team played against traditional rivals HBHS in the final of the Midlands Inter City Championship. The game was played with high intensity with HBHS starting stronger. Unfortunately St Paul’s struggled to keep up with the HBHS team who played aggressively and at speed in the first 20 minutes. HBHS took their opportunities by scoring two goals in the first 15 minutes. St Paul’s finally kicked into gear and scored a nice goal from Declan Keaney. St Paul’s continuously attacked, but were unable to put the ball into the opposition goal.

The half time score 2-1.

In the second half, St Paul’s continued to put attacks together, but failed to put the ball into the opposition goal. The St Paul’s players and management became a little frustrated with some indecisive umpiring decisions that cost

the team some valuable time on attack. At one time we had only nine players on the field half.

The final score a 2 -1 win to HBHS.



EVELINE HANKERS MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS GIRLS’ HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Entered as a composite side meant that we were unable to play in the final and that third place was the highest we could finish. The girls set about their task in earnest on day one and their performance improved game by game. The toughest game was our semi-final against Long Bay College and the girls from both sides produced a wonderful spectacle - we came from 1-0 down to win 2-1. Winning this semi is the best result a St Paul’s girls’ team has achieved at a national tournament.

27 goals for and one against in six played matches. All players are to be congratulated on great results and a wonderful effort on the turf throughout the season and especially through a tiring tournament week.

Top goal scorers:

Emanae Ferguson	10
Madison Tims	7

RESULTS

vs Papatoetoe High School	5 – 0 win	PoD: Jade Henley-Smith
vs Aquinas College		Washed out so shared the points
vs Birkenhead College	9 – 0 win	PoD: Brianna O’Donoghue
vs Tuakau College	4 – 0 win	PoD: Madison Tims
vs Bream Bay College	6 – 0 win	PoD: Renee Saunders
Semi-final:		
vs Long Bay College	2 – 1 win	PoD: Ishita Rawal
3rd/4th playoff:		
vs Te Puke High School	1 – 0 win	



UP AND COMING STARS OF ST PAUL'S RUGBY NARROWLY MISS WINNING THE 2015 U16 RUGBY QUAD

St Paul's hosted the annual U16 Quad Tournament, with all involved expecting some improved results following a successful 1st XV and U16 season. The draw was favourable and a strong squad was named for three games in three days with each half being 25 minutes.

Players from four of our school teams were represented, which would test our "St Paul's Way", as this group assembled in full for the first time a couple of hours before kick-off on the Monday. Leadership was given to senior players Connor Gordon and Fergus Burke, with the aim of bonding the group and with the target of working hard for each other, with an "empty the tank attitude", with the outcome of playing smart, positive rugby.

GAME 1 VS PALMERSTON NORTH BOYS' HIGH

Wet, windy and muddy conditions greeted the players, but this didn't stop the boys having a positive attitude and moving the ball around with some real quality skill, scoring two first half tries through Hunter Johnson and Matthew Wilson, both covered by Fergus Burke who also contributed a penalty as St Paul's led 17-0 at the break. Playing into the wind created

challenges as Palmerston North Boy's High School made a come-back, putting the ball in the right parts of the field with three tries of their own and only Fergus Burke's converted try adding to the half time score to keep St Paul's in front at the final whistle - 24-19 with solid all-round performance in difficult conditions.

GAME 2 VS SCARED HEART, AUCKLAND

Again a cold, wet and very windy day was on the menu, which meant smart rugby had to be the focus as we played with the wind in the first half and after some stoic defence, with Scared Heart running the ball at every opportunity, a turnover was created and the ball moved out to Valynce Crosby-Te Whare, who finished in style, beating two players to score.

Fergus Burke converted and added a penalty to lead 10-0 at half time. Playing into a strong wind, St Paul's were under pressure as Scared Heart kicked well and put our back three under pressure. Scared Heart's big forwards challenged our

defence from all directions, but we were strong and physical. However, it became energy sapping making so many tackles, when Scared Heart finally crossed our line for a converted try, making the score 10-7 with ten minutes to go.

Our ability to carry the ball hard into contact and keeping possession ran the clock down and gave us our second win.

GAME 3 V HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH

Two unbeaten teams met and the challenge was laid down to create history for St Paul's, having never won the quad.

The game started in heavy showers with both team's playing field position and moving the ball in positive fashion, St Paul's putting HBHS under pressure and gaining a penalty, duly converted by Fergus Burke. HBHS kicking game put us under pressure, and after a sustained attack, with 15 plus phases, we ran out of defenders and HBHS scored an unconverted try to make the score 3-5 at half time. Moving the ball through the hands and challenging the HBHS defence was the story of the second half as we dominated, but couldn't finish. A sustained period of pressure created a penalty opportunity, which Fergus Burke converted, to put us in front 6-5 half way through the second half. Consistent pressure was applied by HBHS and our great defensive wall kept them at bay as the final moments

approached. However, a penalty was awarded against us and in the final play, HBHS kicked a 45m penalty, to snatch the victory 5-8.

Obviously disappointment engulfed the squad, but the boys can be proud of their performances over the three days and all players made significant contributions to the success of this team. The future looks bright as we continue to grow the depth in skill and physical development to be competitive, not just at the local level, but at the national level.

Players to impress with consistent performances during the week were: Cameron Smale, Jack Gordon, Fergus Burke, Jock Yarnley, George Dyer.

SQUAD

Ashton Finau
Sam Cooper
George Dyer
Ben Johnson
Cameron Smale
Judd Redmond
Jock Yarnley
Connor Gordon

Luke Donaldson
Fergus Burke
Jack Gordon
Aaron Humble
Hunter Johnson
Liam Allen
Valynce Crosby-Te Whare

Hamish Tapp
Angus Kelly
Elliot Ware
Lachie Finch
Connor Downey
Matthew Wilson
Jeevan Singh.





OPEN A NETBALL TEAM TAKE OUT PREMIER RESERVE TITLE

The Open A played their last premier reserve netball game on Saturday 30 August against a very competitive Cambridge side. St Paul's took an early dominance of the game, but the score line remained relatively even. St Paul's were working hard on defence in preparation for the Upper North Island Secondary Schools Tournament. St Paul's stayed calm and took the lead in the third quarter, which we maintained until the end of the game. This saw the St Paul's Open A win the premier reserve grade for the Saturday netball season - a good result, which indicates the growth of the strength of netball within the School. 34-26 win to St Paul's.

OPEN A TEAM MEMBERS

Georgia Dobbe
Jessica Hood
Kate Littlejohn
Sarah Parker
Kelly Forde

Serena Lim-Strutt
Talia Namana
Teri Wathen-Smith
Ella Petursson
Meg Skilton

ST PAUL'S NETBALL RANKING CONTINUES TO RISE IN UNISS TOURNAMENT

The Open A, having won the premier reserve grade final went into the Upper North Island Secondary Schools' (UNISS) Netball Tournament on a high.

We started well and achieved our first goal of securing a place in the top 16 of the 'A' Grade. St Paul's convincingly won the games against Lynfield College (37-21) and Kristin School (28-16). A narrow loss to Westlake Girls' High School by two, showed us that we could foot it with teams that were in the top four positions.

The pinnacle of the tournament was a closely fought match between St Paul's and Waikato Diocesan. On paper, Dio was a superior team. However, St Paul's pushed them hard in a tightly fought battle. Many local Hamilton netball staff watched this game and commented that it was widely considered the game of the tournament. Although we lost, the girls can be extremely proud of their performance. Mentally and physically we did struggle to pick back up from this game, knowing we could no longer reach top eight.

The rain didn't stop all week as we continued to play schools from the Waikato, Auckland, South Auckland and North Shore. The team had prepared extremely well for this arduous tournament and it was pleasing to rise in seeding to 15th position from 22nd place last year; beating Alfriston College in our final game 34 -28. There were 122 teams in this tournament.

We wish Mrs Hannah Munn and our Year 13 players all the best for their futures as they leave school. It is exciting to see the talent, commitment and drive in the younger members of the team and we look forward to the 2016 season.

A huge thanks to our families, supporters, school staff (Mesdames Munn, Bradford and Langdon) and pupils who supported us during UNISS 2015.

DEVELOPMENT NETBALL WINNERS OF SENIOR SECTION 2

On Saturday, 12 September the Development Netball team played the same Waikato Diocesan team they had previously narrowly lost to in a play-off for 1st and 2nd place in the Senior Section 2. As it was the last game for the team for the Year 13 girls, the entire team wanted to do their very best to make it memorable.

Finding their feet very fast in the first quarter, they started the game on a high. Being ahead by eight goals at quarter time gave them the confidence they needed to push Dio all the way. Excellent shooting by Brianna Rae and Greer Baldwin rewarded the intercepts from good mid-court play from Olivia Carter and Jessica Crow.

Defence played very well and made good use of the rebounds. A number of "held ball" proved that we were definitely the stronger team on the day. Final score was 32-19 to St Paul's.

DEVELOPMENT TEAM MEMBERS

Olivia Gray
Allaynah Hill
Maggie Powell
Greer Baldwin
Emma Smith

Mckinley Vollebregt
Olivia Carter
Jessica Crow
Abigail Helm
Brianna Rae



1ST XI FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT REPORT

The second half of the season saw our 1st XI enter the competition round of the premier boys division in second place. A tough loss against the Hamilton Boys' High School 1st XI was followed by a fantastic 3-0 victory against Cambridge High School; a game we dominated from start to finish. Our final competition game was against St Peter's College who needed only a draw to secure the title. After going down 2-0 early, we rallied in the second half to bring the score to 2-2. Completely dominating St Peter's, we pushed for a winner and missed a couple of great opportunities to win. The game ended 2-2, this was the only game St Peter's had not won this year - a great effort from our boys.

This year's Premier Boys' Secondary Schools' Tournament was held in Nelson. We flew into Wellington and rubbed shoulders with some World Cup-bound All Blacks and then onto Nelson. The first match saw Waikato Ball dominate Waimea College and take us to a 3-0 halftime lead. Resting our starters in the second half, we nearly let the game slip, with Waimea fighting back, the boys held on for a 3-2 victory.

Next match was against Taradale High School. Again St Paul's dominated, and should have had more than a 1-0 lead at half time to show for it. In the second half the team may have taken their opposition too lightly and let Taradale take the lead with two sloppy goals. Once again, a class goal from Waikato saved the team, the match ended 2-2. A missed opportunity.

Our last pool match was against Hutt Valley High School, group leaders after two wins. Victory was needed to ensure we could qualify top. A first goal in the tournament for Luke

Goodwin took us into half time at 1-0, a score which again should have been much more. This time however we kept the pressure on and scored a second, killing the game off. Hutt scored with the last kick of the game, 2-1 victory.

Qualifying top meant we played the bottom placed team from another group for places 9-16. Surprisingly this was St Peter's. In horrible playing conditions the team did not show up mentally and let in two first half goals against a more motivated opponent. The second half was an improvement. However St Peter's were able to absorb the pressure and got a third goal.

After the loss we were now playing for 17-20th place and faced King's College. Tired legs make silly mistakes, and our players were guilty of going down to opposition far below our skill level. Our last match of the season was against Hutt Valley. Playing our junior players and giving the seniors a rest saw an open game, the final result was a 4-3 loss. Two goals were scored by promising Year 9 striker, George Ott. Waikato Ball finished with MVP of the tournament, as voted by opposition coaches.

With a large group of Year 13 players moving on, the team now looks to their next challenge of rebuilding a competitive team to reach the heights of the last couple of years. A huge thanks goes to Mr Warrick Gibson for his coaching this year, and to Mrs Julie Goodwin, manager of the team, who has worked tirelessly for the last six years for St Paul's Collegiate Football.



TOP 13 PLACING IN NISS SKI CHAMPS

St Paul's took an A and a B team to the North Island Secondary Schools' Ski Championships.

The team consisted of: Max Dobbe, Georgia Dobbe, Henry Mandeno, Freddie Corkill, Sam Weir, Callum Shepherd, Rose Pickernell, Henry Brown, Blue Wynn and Cameron Truebridge.

Both teams were pumped going into the competition and adrenalin remained high throughout the two days of racing. The teams' spirit was sensational and crescendoed as more and more St Paul's skiers beat other schools that run elite ski programmes.

This was reflected in the results. There were 127 teams competing. The St Paul's A team placed 13th, ahead of Hamilton Boys' High School and the ski programme of St Peter's. The B team showed great grit and determination to place 37th.

The St Paul's athletes displayed great sportsmanship and decorum while competing as well as before and after competition. A very impressive performance by our A side in particular given the quality of the opposition they face in this tough competition.

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING COMPETITION

The final inter-school clay target competition was held at Oropi on Thursday 10 September.

Best results of the day were in the single rise with James Kenna scoring a very creditable 19/20.

In the points event Jarrad Dixon scored 58/60, Max Mitchell-Clifford 56/60 and Dylan Woodhouse and Taine Groube both scoring 55.

The team score of 265/300 was one of the best that we have posted this year. With a little more consistency over all five shooters a score of 280 is possible.

In the single barrel event both Max and Dylan scored 9/10.

Considering the difficult conditions we were happy with these scores. Hopefully we are able to maintain this form with nationals and North Island Secondary Schools looming in the weeks ahead.



GIRLS' 1ST XI FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT REPORT

For this Hamilton based satellite tournament, our first game against Kingsway College had the girls playing really well. An epic effort in the first half saw us leading at the break 5-0. This was a good opportunity to give our reserves a run in the second half and the final score was 6-3 in our favour.

The afternoon saw us in a pitched battle against Waiheke High School. It was fast and furious, with not as much skill on display as the morning. We scored first, with a beautiful solo effort from Georgia Burke. Waiheke equalised towards the end of the first half. Late in the second half, Brittany Griffin did a superb long distance shot to put us ahead, and we managed to hang on to take our second win of the day. This was despite some very soggy conditions all day, as well as some cold and wet spectators, coaches and managers.

Day two was completely rained off.

Wednesday morning saw us a little on the back foot from the start against Sacred Heart College with a ground change. We had no time to warm up, and it showed with a sluggish start. A 7-0 final score reflected the fact that Sacred Heart needed a good score against us to go through to the next round. Although we did fight to the end, we were unable to break through their defence, while they seemed to break through ours at will.

That result saw us go into the playoffs for 13-16th places. Up against St Oran's College, we didn't know what to expect. We played well, kept our structure and passed well, but to no avail. A 4-0 defeat saw the girls a little despondent. More so because we felt a little let down by some refereeing decisions.

We found ourselves playing off for 15-16th place against Pinehurst College on the final day. We were the walking wounded, with Vada Hockenull-Jamieson, Ciara Gyde, Georgia Guest, and Brittany Griffin suffering injuries. Vada's was enough to see her side-lined (hamstring), but Georgia, Ciara and Brit gritted their teeth and took to the field.

We defended solidly for the first 10 minutes, then gradually got ourselves to the ball first and started getting some of the 50/50 balls that previously were going to the opposition. A few forays into their defensive zone went unrewarded.

Nil all at half time reflected the state of play for the first half. A brilliant goal by Georgia Guest, after some great passing and quick interplay saw our heads go up and we realised that we could pull this off. Brittany scored soon afterwards as she latched onto a through-ball from Georgia Burke that split their defence.

We then had another 10 minutes of solid defending as Pinehurst attacked, seemingly wave after wave. A fab solo goal by Georgia Burke as she beat three defenders and took on the goalie to slot the goal home, was the nail in the coffin. 3-0 was a great result and this was probably the best game we played all tournament!

Georgia Burke and Brittany Griffin won most valuable player certificates, both girls gaining enough votes from opposition teams to be recognised with these certificates.

SQUASH TEAM REAPS SUCCESS HEADING INTO NATIONALS

After reaping great success over the past year, St Paul's Collegiate School's squash team is eyeing wins at the NZ Junior National Individual Age Group Championships in Invercargill in October.

Temwa Chileshe has been a standout performer for the school. Winning the South Island and Waikato Age Group competitions, as well as placing second in the North Island and sixth in the Oceania events. His impressive feats landed him the honourable spot as number one male for the New Zealand Junior Team, which competed against Australia recently in the Trans-Tasman Trophy.

The Year 10 student headed across the ditch for the week-long event, which took place from Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August.

"Being number one will be more challenging. I will be up against better skilled players," Temwa said.

Temwa was slightly nervous, moving from a number three spot in last year's competition to top spot in this year's event, but the young squash player was optimistic picking New Zealand to win – and he was right. New Zealand won 85 of the 90 matches played, taking out the competition title for the second consecutive year.

Temwa competed against Australia's number one junior players during the competition and also played a few doubles matches. The 15-year-old won all games convincingly, including a 3-2 win against Jacob Ford who placed second at the junior Oceania competition this year.

Temwa's wins come off the back of a successful season for the St Paul's squash team. In August, the team competed at the National Secondary Schools Championships in Palmerston North where the boys A team were seeded fifth of 32 competing teams (Lwamba Chileshe, Temwa Chileshe, Sam Wilson, Hugo Brown, Hugh Jackson).

The A team cruised through the first two rounds 5-0 against Hawera High School and 4-1 against Sacred Heart from Auckland. Quarter final opponents were locals Palmerston North Boys' High School. St Paul's lost the match 4-1, but followed with two wins, which secured the team a fifth placing. In the same competition, the boys A team and girls team combined score of 23 points awarded them the Co-Ed Cup.

Moving forward, St Paul's junior squash players will compete at the NZ Junior National Individual Age Group Championships.



Temwa will move to number 10 in the under-17 division from number two in the under-15 division. The young squash player is looking forward to some new competition and is aiming to move his way back up the ladder to a top position during the competition.

"I will move from being number two in the under-15s to about tenth in the under-17s, so it's quiet a big jump. There are a few people I am aiming to beat."

Both Temwa Chileshe and older brother, Lwamba Chileshe will also compete as members of the Waikato under-19 squad in the team's event of the NZ Junior National Individual Age Group Championships.



WORLD CUP AND WORLD CHAMPS FOR DOWNHILL MOUNTAIN BIKING *by Cole Lucas (Year 12)*

On Sunday 26 July I left New Zealand to compete in four downhill mountain bike events in my first year as a junior rider.

There are seven World Cup rounds every year, and I raced in three of these events. The format for these races in the junior category, is that you have one qualifying run in which you must make the top 30 riders otherwise you will not be able to race the main event the following day. I qualified at these three events.

First race was Mont Sainte-Anne in Quebec, Canada – finished 16th

We then travelled from Canada to Windham in New York State for the

second race where I qualified, but unfortunately crashed in the final ending up 28th.

From here we flew out of New York to Europe, where I raced at Val di Sole in Italy, and got my best result of 13th.

Final stop was Andorra (a small country between France and Spain in the Pyrenees) for the World Champs held from 1 – 6 September. The course is over 2.5 kms and has a vertical descent of 626 metres. There is a different format for this race where you don't have to qualify because every country has a rider limit of seven juniors, which means everyone who makes it in is usually fast enough.

The day of seeding brought terrible conditions. The temperature dropped to below 10 degrees and it was extremely wet, which left areas of the track running like a river. I finished 17th from seeding. The final was two days later and unfortunately I woke up with what we think was food poisoning and I was pretty crook – this was not in the plan! Anyway I managed to compete and finished in 23rd place but it was not the result I was hoping for.

The experience has been invaluable and I hope to return next year as my final year as a junior and improve on my results.

WILLIAM TE TOMO TO REPRESENT NZ IN U18 MIXED INDOOR NETBALL TEAM

Indoor netball is played socially and competitively throughout New Zealand by both males and females of all ages daily. A selection of players then play in the regional super league competitions from October through to February, with regional representatives selected to compete in the New Zealand Indoor Netball Nationals tournament held in March. Teams from all over New Zealand compete at this competition. There are nine grades, which consist of age group grades, open mixed grades, ladies only and men only. New Zealand's national teams are also selected from this tournament.

William Te Tomo started playing indoor netball in the 2013/14 season for Hamilton-based, Inzone Mixed U17's team.

In March 2015, he had the opportunity to attend his first NZ Indoor Netball Nationals tournament, to represent the Inzone Mixed U19 team, which placed third. As well as playing twice a week in the A grade level he also umpires twice a week.

New Zealand has five teams, individually selected based on their natural talent, skill set, motivation and availability to compete in the 2015 World Cup tour, which is going to be held in Brisbane, Australia. William trialled for the NZ Mixed U18's team and was named as one of 12 in the team.

We wish him every success for his involvement with the World Cup tournament to be held in early October.

THE GREAT RACE AND HEAD OF THE WAIKATO 2015

The Head of the Waikato has been St Paul's season opener since its inception by our current Director of Rowing, Mr Chris Foot. The Head of the Waikato is a competition for school eights, running alongside The Great Race between Waikato and international university eights, offering side-by-side competition on the fast-flowing and winding Waikato River. School crews are awarded places in the finals of the Head of the Waikato according to their results in the preliminary time trial, with the faster crew in each two boat final choosing their station.

In the preliminary time trial on Saturday 12 September, St Paul's had a scrappy start, but settled into a good rhythm, rowing at around 32 strokes/minute. The crew's lack of time together – having only started rowing full time in the week before the race – meant that they were unable to rate as high as some of the other school crews (who were rowing at 34-36 strokes/minute). After a rough section in the middle of the course the eight pushed hard up the finishing straight and it wasn't obvious whether they had gained or lost ground on the schools around them. When times were revealed later, however, the eight was 8th fastest of the crews in a tight field separated by less than a minute.

Eighth position placed them in the D final, racing against St John's who chose the favoured West station at the finish. In their final on Sunday, the eight pushed extremely hard off the start, taking a quick half-length, and making up over a length on St John's over the first straight. Unfortunately, this was not enough of a lead to cross the river cleanly in front of St John's for the start of the first bend. The crew lost momentum while St John's took the inside line and St Paul's were forced into the stream. After their hard initial effort over the start, St

Paul's dropped back in this middle section of the race allowing St John's to pull out a lead of 4-5 lengths. Recovering some of their earlier form, the St Paul's eight kept attacking up the finishing straight but could not come back on even terms. The crew displayed some promising speed for this stage of the year, although currently lack the boat fitness to compete with crews who have been preparing specifically for this event.

In the main event of the day, Waikato University easily beat the universities of Sydney and Melbourne in the women's Great Race, while Harvard returned from their disappointment last year to record a victory in the men's edition. Cambridge University rowed an inspired tactical race to sneak second place on the line against the Waikato men. Hamilton Boys' High and Diocesan School for Girls (Auckland) won their respective A finals.

ST PAUL'S CREW

Cox	Heath Campbell
Stroke	Josh Balme
7	Shaun Cox
6	Campbell Peart
5	Hamish Haycock
4	Jack Oliver
3	Tom Coleman
2	Angus Kelly
Bow	Mathew Caskie



IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCES BY OUR SWIM TEAM AT THE NATIONALS

St Paul's nine person swim team performed exceptionally well in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships held in Hamilton towards the end of term. A long course event, every one of our swimmers swam a personal best (PB) performance – in times well below their national seeding and qualifying time.

Stand out performer was Thomas Griffin, who gained an amazing four silver medals.

2nd 13 years 200m LC Freestyle	2:12.68 (PB)
2nd 13 years 200m LC Butterfly	2:28.79 (PB)
2nd 13 years 400m LC Freestyle	4:39.92 (PB)
2nd 13 years 100m LC Butterfly	1:07.04 (PB)
5th 13 years 100m LC Freestyle	1:02.10 (PB)
7th 13 years 50m LC Butterfly	30.84 (PB)

Other impressive performances were as follows:

Hamish Black	
6th 16-18 years 200m LC Freestyle Relay	1:48.30
8th 16-18 years 200m LC Medley Relay	2:06.12

Charles Christey	
6th 16-18 years 200m LC Freestyle Relay	1:48.30
8th 16-18 years 200m LC Medley Relay	2:06.12

Jimmy Christey	
6th 16-18 years 200m LC Freestyle Relay	1:48.30
8th 16-18 years 200m LC Medley Relay	2:06.12
50m 16-18 years LC Butterfly	29.35 (PB)
50m 16-18 years LC Backstroke	33.07 (PB)
50m 16-18 years LC Freestyle	26.80 (PB)

Simon Cox	
50m 16-18 years LC Butterfly	30.18 (PB)
200m 16-18 years LC Individual Medley	2:36.57 (PB)
50m 16-18 years LC Freestyle	27.82 (PB)

100m 16-18 years LC Freestyle		1:01.31 (PB)
Shay Dickson		
9th 200m 15 years LC Butterfly		2:31.83 (PB)
50m 15 years LC Backstroke		33.88 (PB)
50m 15 years LC Butterfly		30.25 (PB)
50m 15 years LC Breaststroke		38.70 (PB)
200m 15 years LC Individual Medley		2:36.91 (PB)
50m 15 years LC Freestyle		29.94 (PB)
100m 15 years LC Backstroke		1:15.40 (PB)

Tully Dickson		
50m 16-18 years LC Butterfly		33.33 (PB)
50m 16-18 years LC Backstroke		39.25 (PB)
50m 16-18 years LC Breaststroke		42.45 (PB)
50m 16-18 years LC Freestyle		30.83 (PB)

Connor Egan		
6th 16-18 years 200m LC Freestyle Relay		1:48.30
8th 16-18 years 200m LC Medley Relay		2:06.12

Jacob Gibbs		
50m 13 years LC Butterfly		35.27 (PB)
50m 13 years LC Backstroke		37.47 (PB)
50m 13 years LC Freestyle		32.21 (PB)

With 566 competitors from 150 schools contesting the NZSS finals, our swimmers were up against many of the nation's best swimmers. The collective performance of our senior men's 200m Medley and Freestyle Relay team (Hamish Black, Jimmy Christey, Charles Christey, Connor Egan) in coming 8th and 6th respectively against the best teams in the country was an indication of the depth and quality of our competing team.

OTHER SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

- Thomas Griffin competed at the National Short Course Swimming Championships (otherwise known as Springs). Competing in the 13 years men's age group Thomas achieved two medals; a gold (and national title) in the 400m Freestyle and a silver in the 200m Fly. This is a sensational accomplishment. It has been a long time since a St Paul's Collegiate School student has gained a title at a national swimming event. Thomas is now preparing himself for the National Secondary Schools Swimming Championships at Te Rapa Waterworld. He is a member of the squad of eight young men from St Paul's who have qualified for this meet.
- Jarrod Mealings trialed for the Hamilton Junior Secondary Schools Cricket squad and was recently named in the team.
- The St Paul's Ski team performed very well at the Waikato Secondary Schools' Ski Champs. Callum Shepherd, Sam Weir and Henry Mandeno all finished in the top ten in the Giant Slalom, with Max Dobbe making the podium in second place.
- Students selected to represent the Waikato/Bay of Plenty in the National Men's Futsal League for 2015 are: Tom Goodwin, Luke Goodwin and Harry Porritt. They will be joined by Old Collegian, Sam Masterson.
- Jacob Nelson was selected again this year to be part of a NZ U19 squad to attend the North American Roller Hockey Championship (NARCH) Tournament in July.

With quite an experienced team this year, they were the only NZ team that attended NARCH that were able to win some of their games. The competition in the US is very tough and they play a far more physical style of Inline Hockey than we do.

Jacob was also selected to be part of a NZ U18 team to play Australia, in Moe, earlier this year. They won two games, lost two games and lost a final game in overtime.

Jacob has also been selected to compete in a competition called Super League that is being held at Inter-Regionals this year during Labour Weekend. This is the second year that they have run the competition. All players must be selected to play and Jacob is the youngest player chosen.

- Not one to be left behind. Aidan Nelson was also selected to play for a NZ U14 Inline Hockey team to play in Australia in April. They won four games and only lost one – the second best result of the NZ teams. This is Aidan's second NZ selection in U14 age grade. However, he has his sights set on a NZ selection to the World's next year in Hawaii. In order to qualify for a possible selection for a NZ team, the boys must have first been selected for a regional representative team. All regional representative players are then trialed for a NZ squad selection.
- Simon Morbey has now played for the 1st XI cricket team for a full three years and at the end of last

season (2014/15), achieved his second honours board performance in taking 6 for 47 against old rivals Kaipaki in the Waikato Valley Club Competition, thereby earning his ceremonial cap. Simon has been an aggressive and attacking opening bowler during his career, who has won the 1st XI bowling award for the past two seasons. Simon has also been a devastating lower order batsman at times, often putting the icing on the cake of many a St Paul's innings, in the final few overs. He is a very reliable fieldsman, with safe hands in the outfield, a diligent and disciplined trainer and a fine example to younger members of the side. He thoroughly deserves his ceremonial cap.

- We are pleased to be able to recognise the following students who have been successful in being selected as finalists for the Waikato Secondary Schools Sports Awards for 2015:

Jessica Hood	Athletics
Ryan Ballantyne	Athletics
Cole Lucas	Bike
Chris Swanson	Cricket
Jonathan Bloor	Hockey
Jacob Nelson	Inline Hockey
Adam McCarthy	Multi-Sports
Oliver Soar	Climbing
Taylor Cockerton	Motor Racing
Zoe Smith	Rowing
Henry Wills	Rowing
Matthew Sweet	Snowsports
Lwamba Chileshe	Squash

- We are proud to have heard that the following two players have made the NZ Junior Hockey Squad (U19) – Reuben Andrews and Jonathan Bloor have both been selected in a squad of 45. This follows on from Daniel Scanlon's selection in 2014.

These players will go into camp from 10th – 14th December for testing, education, training and playing. They will be aiming for selection in the Juniors team in January to play Australia and Japan.

- Waikato Ball and Georgia Burke were selected as the most valuable players by opposition coaches at their respective national football 1st XI competitions.
- Samisoni Taukei'aho was selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Rugby Camp (only 50 boys are selected to attend nationwide) and then went on to be selected for the New Zealand Schools' rugby side that will play test matches against Australia. Samisoni was once again selected for the New Zealand Barbarians team that played a warm up game against the New Zealand Schools' side, but on performance and form, Samisoni won selection to the national side.



BEYOND THE BUBBLE: PARAGUAY *By Felicity Whale (Year 12)*

For today's "Beyond the Bubble", I'm going to tell you about my experiences in Paraguay.

Just think for a moment. Do we take our lives for granted? I know I do. A stay in Paraguay was a wake-up call for me, a reminder that life in other countries can be extremely different from life in New Zealand.

Especially the infrastructure. It's a hectic place. Motorbike taxis whiz around, while buses and cars belch fumes into the dusty, toxic air. It's so hot you squint. It's loud and busy and manic.

I'd been to countries with impoverished people before, but Paraguay was another eye-opener for me. One park we went to was jam-packed with indigenous Guarani Indian people who had no other home. On the streets, others made bags and jewellery – selling these was their only life source.

Then there were the street performers. At the intersections, they'd clean car windshields and do handstands and flips, in the hope of earning a coin or two. They'd frantically sell fruit through your car window during red lights, sometimes even running alongside your car when a green light interrupted the transaction. They waited outside shops for spare change. All this to maybe scratch together enough money for a meal.

We probably don't think about it a lot but if something happens to us here we know emergency services will respond in minutes. Well, in Paraguay, most people don't have this luxury.

I had the craziest encounter once. My family and I were walking along a street with cars speeding in both directions. Now, get this, there was a man sitting in the middle of the road. He just sat there. We walked closer and he was clearly sick. His shirtless chest was filthy, his stomach was bulging and bloated, his feet were bare. Cars were swerving and honking, just missing him at the last moment. We knew he'd be hit. My father put some nearby plastic chairs around the man and warned off approaching vehicles. I think this saved his life. No one seemed to be paying him any attention and we did what we could to alert them. Finally, some of the locals took notice of us. After what seemed like ages, some policemen arrived and got him off the road but what happened afterwards? Did he go to a nice hospital and live a healthy life? I just don't know. Paraguay can be a tough place for people like this guy, and there wasn't a lot we could do to help.

While this was probably a pretty bad experience for that guy, being a spoilt little girl from New Zealand I had other problems on my mind. So what was the scariest thing for me? Definitely the stray dogs. Dogs on every corner – dogs lying under tables, dogs slinking around, dogs sleeping on the sidewalk. The thing is, you never know which ones are rabid. Get bitten by one of these angry, mangy mutts, and you're in trouble. We don't have rabies here but if we did we've got medical access to rabies shots. In Paraguay, things are a bit harder.

Another problem was the roads, which we take for granted here. Roads in Paraguay were full of potholes which I was prone to tripping up in! Then, there was the flooding. In Paraguay, there aren't the storm water drainage systems like we have here. The rain's got to go somewhere, so it just runs down the nearest hill. The result is that the streets turn into mini rivers. Cars that are big enough to drive through these end up looking like boats.

Imagine being reliant on the weather whenever you needed to get somewhere. Imagine not being able to go to the supermarket when it's raining too hard. Imagine having a medical emergency and having to wait for hours until help can arrive. When we asked someone when they'd arrive after driving across the city, they said, "Either the morning or the afternoon. It depends on the weather". How crazy is that?

Crossing the border back into Argentina things weren't really any better. There were still Guarani Indians on the streets and others who juggled balls and fire batons in the middle of the road intersections to earn money. In one city we lived in there was even raw sewerage all over the street. But, don't worry all you rugby and hockey boys, I'm sure you'll survive. I mean, we did!

So, let's get back to us. Sometimes we think life's hard here, but try living on the streets of Paraguay. New Zealand's infrastructure keeps us safe and we rely on it more than we know. We really have to appreciate all that we're given in this country because in many ways we're blessed. It may not be perfect but we've got reliable transport, safety and a roof over our heads. We should all be aware of the privileges we have every day and be thankful for them. It's a good thing, I think, to sometimes reflect on what we take for granted.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENT by Reverend James Stephenson



The Development of Character:

The events of the first part of the term still leave many in grief and sadness – our thoughts, prayers, support and love go out to all those. For many a new strength has been found. Soul searching has taken place and some fundamental questions asked. The School has been exemplary with its pastoral care which has shown that this facet of St Paul's is a great strength. Although, the development of a student's character reaches far deeper than just excellent pastoral care.

The development of character is not often something that can be recorded or measured in an obvious way and yet it is at the heart of a good education. There is no point scoring top marks in exams, playing first violin and first fifteen full back if there has been no development of character.

St Paul's has overt structures in place to develop character such as, a 'Character Ed' programme; a house system and mentor groups. But a school ethos that develops character runs deeper than explicit programmes. It is implicit within the fibre of the school. To dissect this nature would take a thesis, but it is unquestionably present at St Paul's. Clear, strong and appropriate leadership is necessary but perhaps even more important is the art of being a school master/mistress which is different to being a teacher. Great school masters are also good teachers but this is just a part of their make-up. They guide, inspire, love and role model. In theological language it is called incarnational living – to live out the great virtues as modelled and taught by Jesus. While recognising the vices of human nature and insecurities that we all carry, St Paul's has more than its fair share of incarnational living school masters (male and female). This is a great strength of the School and arguably its greatest strength, because it serves the students, develops their character and inspires them to be the best that they can be.

With Love, Rev. James Stephenson.



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TIHOI MAINTAINING A UNIQUE CELLPHONE FREE EXPERIENCE

by Cyn Smith

Spring is emerging at Tihoi with the blossom in full bloom – although the cold southerlies during Leadership Camp certainly didn't feel like spring. Intake two is past half way with the boys currently enjoying the more challenging outdoor activities of white water kayaking on the Mohaka River, learning alpine skills on Mt Ruapehu and tramping skills in the Pureora bush.

Term 3 faced some challenges with students having cell phones and other devices with them at Tihoi. We are committed to our stance and principle on NO DEVICES at Tihoi.

Tihoi Venture School has thirty-six chrome book computers and students have regular access during academic classes and prep times to use these for educational purpose.

The hand writing of letters home is a tradition we intend to uphold, even with the slowing of the postal service deliveries. The use of social media

in young people's lives continues to grow and for this generation of social media natives, we strongly believe time without devices and instantaneous access to others is very beneficial. Many students have commented on not feeling the need to be attached to their phone when leaving Tihoi, a new feeling for some, and we certainly receive a lot of feedback from students regarding the 'wasted' time they used to spend gaming. Taking a complete break from social media, gaming and the internet is educational and empowering for our teens and Tihoi provides the perfect place for this opportunity.

Teen's obsession with self-promotion and the constant need for peer appraisal can have a negative impact on young people who are so aware of their peers and the environments they live in. As educators and pastoral supporters of teens it is imperative we work to nurture their self-esteem to be based on achievements, being

a good person, working hard, having in-person conversations and reminding them of the value of real life. These opportunities are enhanced by the unique experience of being at Tihoi and are the absolute core of what Tihoi stands for.

The last key point I wish to make regarding the stance on NO DEVICES at Tihoi is that without social media students are given emotional space to be themselves, to be alone, in peace and to feel good about themselves. The time at Tihoi and particularly on solo is time to think and be alone which I believe is an important developmental task for teens to grasp. To not be constantly connected, to be empowered to do things for the joy of doing and to be confident in being alone are all skills we may take for granted, but seem to be being eroded from aspects of lives in these highly connected times.

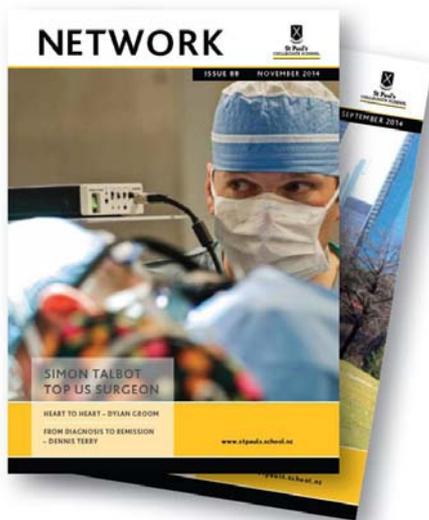


ENROLMENTS 2016 – SEPTEMBER DEADLINE



As we are in the process of finalising enrolments for 2016, we ask that any parents of an existing student from Year 9 through to Year 12, whose son/daughter is definitely leaving at the end of 2015 has to notify the Headmaster in writing (this was due to be received by the end of September 2015). If you are uncertain about your child’s returning intentions, you must notify the School no later than 1st October 2015. Any family not giving the required written, term’s notice, will unfortunately be charged Term One fees for 2016.

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