



The **Inform**er

St Paul's Collegiate School

Keeping the St Paul's Parents and Student Community Informed

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Dear Parents and Guardians

The final term has started in earnest with Cambridge examinations already having commenced and NCEA and Scholarship examinations just a week away.

We have started work on the Williams House expansion and redevelopment and the scope of what we will be able to complete will depend very much on the progress of the Capital Campaign. At this stage we are committed to significant earthquake strengthening work which will take the 51 year old Boarding House to a 100% earthquake rating and provide considerable peace of mind for parents, staff and the Waikato Anglican College Trust Board. In addition, we are also committed to the provision of a new, modern 20 bed junior dormitory (including two Prefect rooms); 14 individual single rooms for Year 13 students and six first floor bathrooms for use by Years 12/13's. The new extension will also include an attached ground floor three-bedroom Assistant Housemaster's residence and a married Tutor flat on the first floor.



The expansion and redevelopment project for Williams House is underway

The decision on the modernisation of the first floor Year 11 dormitory and new ground floor Year 10 accommodation, as well as the expanded common room, will have to wait until December when we will be in a better position to gauge the progress of the Capital Campaign.

Currently we are finalising working drawings for the Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Science and Business™ building. In the next few weeks, we will go out to tender for sub-trades to get an accurate indication of the cost of this initiative. The Minister of Primary



Industries, Honourable Nathan Guy; has agreed to take part in a 'sod turning ceremony' for the foundations of this building, on 28th November. This occasion will provide us with an opportunity to publically recognise the contribution of Principal and Business Partners to the new development and to the resourcing of the new Agri-Business subject for the national curriculum.

ENCOURAGING MOMENTUM FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Since the last newsletter in August, we have continued to receive encouraging support for the Capital Campaign – the development of facilities such as the new Centre of Excellence for Agricultural Science and Business™; the expansion of the Williams Boarding House; the development of the library into a modern Learning Hub; and the expansion of the Music classrooms and practice facilities.

Currently the Campaign has raised \$1.6m (i.e. up from \$1.3m in August). The following is a list of donors since the last newsletter:

• Earl and Jo Rattray	\$10,000	CoE
• Lloyd and Olwyn Downing	\$10,000	CoE
• Wayne and Jan Doran	\$ 5,000	Williams House
• Pamela Harington Trust	\$ 5,000	Learning Hub
• Barrie and Jude Tatham	\$ 3,000	CoE
• Anonymous #10	\$ 3,000	Williams House
• John Dawson Consulting	\$ 2,000	CoE
• Lloyd and Karen Jones	\$ 1,000	Williams House

We have coordinated Campaign Cottage Evenings in both Morrinsville and Te Awamutu to which we have invited past parents and we have received quite a number of generous donations, after explaining in more detail the purpose of the Capital Campaign.

If you, as a member of the St Paul's community, would like to consider making a donation, then please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Michelle Smith, our Director of Marketing and Development – telephone: 07 957 8818 or email: m.smith@stpauls.school.nz.

All donations will receive a receipt and enable you to receive a 33.3% tax rebate. We would really value your support for this very crucial initiative.

APPOINTMENT OF THE BISHOP'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WACT BOARD

With the appointment of Reverend Andrew Hedge as the Bishop of Waiapu, we sought a replacement to become the Bishop's nominee on the Waikato Anglican College Trust (WACT) Board and have selected The Very Reverend Peter Rickman.

The Very Reverend Peter Rickman, Dean of Waikato, grew up in Hampshire in the United Kingdom and his childhood years were shaped by the Anglican Church and traditional family values. Secondary schooling in Hampshire preceded tertiary training in banking. A Chartered Banker, he worked for Coutts and Co London and Lloyds Bank until 1994 when he entered Ripon College Cuddesdon, graduating with a BTh (Hons) Degree in Theology from the University of Oxford in 1997, before commencing a four year appointment as Assistant Curate of Bitterne Park, Southampton.

In 2001, Reverend Rickman was appointed as Chaplain to St Paul's Collegiate School for three and a half years, a time filled with so many special memories and experiences. Returning to the United Kingdom in 2004, he spent six months as Prison Chaplain at Her Majesty's Prison Winchester, Hampshire before taking up the appointment of Vicar of the United Benefice of the Parish of St Mary's Church, Bransgore, All Saints Thornley Hill and the Parish of St Michael's with All Angels Hinton Admiral Dorset, England.



After eight years back in the United Kingdom, Reverend Rickman returned to New Zealand, and to Hamilton, to take up the position of Dean of the Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter. He is married to Jane and they have three children, two of whom were born here in Hamilton. Daniel is 12 and looks forward to starting at St Paul's in 2015, back to the place where he spent the first two and a half years of his life. Toby is 10 and Breanna is eight.

Reverend Rickman enjoys the outdoors, especially water sports, cycling, skiing, kayaking, sailing and fishing. A keen scuba diver, a qualified PADI Scuba Instructor and Mixed Gas Technical Diver, he runs an active Scuba Club: St Peter's Scuba Club. While as a family they enjoy camping and hiking.

We look forward to Reverend Rickman's contribution to the life of St Paul's as a Board member. It is lovely to welcome him back into the St Paul's community.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

SENIOR STUDENTS SECURE PRESTIGIOUS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Sahil Patil has been offered two prestigious Scholarships; a University of Auckland Scholarship and a University of Otago, Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship.



For the University of Auckland Scholarship, 1250 applications, from talented and able students throughout New Zealand, were received. Sahil's Scholarship will fund his tuition fees and compulsory fees for the first three years of his undergraduate programme of study, in addition to a monetary award of \$5,000 per annum to help cover accommodation costs and academic mentoring in his first year of study.

While for the University of Otago, the Scholarship is valued at \$5,000 for the first year of study.



Our current Head Girl, **Jessica Chanwai** (left) has also been offered a prestigious University of Auckland Scholarship, with the same conditions that are outlined above for Sahil.

Kendal Buchanan (right) and **Pare Gilmartin-Kara** (below left) have been offered Future Leaders Scholarships to attend Lincoln University. These prestigious scholarships cover all tuition fees and recipients become part of a comprehensive leadership extension and development programme. Incidentally, **Pare Gilmartin-Kara** has also been offered a Lincoln University Sporting Scholarship, which would also cover her entire fees and her participation in a specialist strength and conditioning programme.



John Penyas (right) has been awarded a University of Waikato, Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship, which covers full fees to study at the University; personalised academic support; leading coaches/tutors in the student's area of expertise (i.e. academically, sporting or performing arts); leadership skills and personal development coaching and a free gym membership, up to a value of \$50,000.



Cameron Downey, Jasper Hankins, Daniel Johnson and Tessa Whale have all been awarded AUT Significant Student Scholarships valued at approximately \$15,000 as they cover tuition fees for three years.



Cameron Downey



Jasper Hankins



Daniel Johnson



Tessa Whale

Emma Walker, Pare Gilmartin-Kara and Samuel Masterson are the recipients of University of Waikato Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships valued at \$5,000.

Holly Hardie (Wintec Nursing) and **Rachel Brandt** (Bachelor of Teaching at Waikato) have been awarded David Johnson Memorial Scholarships valued at \$6,000.

Meanwhile, past student, **Tyler Gyde** has been awarded a scholarship from Six Star, worth \$26,000 (i.e. full tuition fees) for his two years of study at the Queenstown Resort College.



Emma Walker



Samuel Masterson



Hollie Hardie



Rachel Brandt



Tyler Gyde

2014 NIWA REGIONAL WAIKATO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR

More than 290 projects from students in Years 7-13 were entered in the annual fair this year from 27 schools around the Waikato.

NIWA ecologist and science fair co-ordinator, Tracey Burton said there were some outstanding entries in this year's competition and she was excited to see so many of the students investigating issues that affect our health and environment using good scientific processes.

Mr Kelvin Hogg, chair of the science fair committee and Head of Science at St Paul's Collegiate, said the quality of the exhibits had exceeded expectations. "I am very encouraged by the complexity of the topics and the thoroughness of the research. Our scientific future is in good hands."

He also wanted to thank the parents and teachers who have put in a vast amount of time and effort to support our budding young scientists.

St Paul's students involved in the fair in 2014 were:

- **Conor Horrigan** and **Patrick Dowd** – Exhibit called, Mind Phrase – research into the types of phrases people are more likely to remember. Receiving a Highly commended award from the judges. For the Year 9-10 living world class.
- **Joseph Harris** and **Jonathan Porritt** – Layer it – investigation into clothing materials to survive the conditions at Tihoi.
- **Dylan Woodhouse** – Coil and Trouble – investigating how to get the fastest projectile from an electromagnet. Dylan was placed 2nd in the Year 9-10 Physical World class, receiving a certificate and \$70.
- **Lane Tims** – Free Fall – looking at the effect height has on the time for an object to fall.
- **Logan Jarvis** – Highly commended in the open class photography class with two stunning photos of the Waikato River.
- **Qiwen Fan** – 2nd place (\$40) in the biological drawing class with his drawing of a Kowhai flower.

2014 UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO JUNIOR MATHEMATICS COMPETITION RESULTS

This contest was held on 2nd April 2014 with 167 schools taking part. The number of students participating in the competition was 7,577. Of these, there were 3,404 in Year 9, 2,686 in Year 10 and 1,473 in Year 11.

Merit Award winners (over the 90th percentile):

Year 9:	David Su Ben Chungsuvanich Luke Henderson Fergus Hunt	Year 10:	Matthew Jayasuria Michael Turnbull Jamie Brown
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Top 200 Placing Award:

Year 10:	Daniel Wheeler Oliver Saunders Benjamin Wheeler	Year 11:	Felicity Whale
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Top 100 Placing Award:

Year 9:	Tony Wu (Best in School at St Paul's campus) Patrick Dowd
Year 10:	Samuel Dean (Best in School at Tihoi campus)
Year 11:	Craig Stocker



AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION RESULTS

The 2014 Australian Mathematics Competition was sat by hundreds of thousands of students from over forty 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 advanced problem solving. 117 students from St Paul's entered this competition on August 7th with **51%** gaining a Credit certificate or better. Overall there were **39** Credit, **20** Distinction and **1** High Distinction certificates gained.

Credit award is for **top 30%** and the following 39 students gained this certificate:

Year 9 (12 students):

Samuel McClay, David Su, Joseph Harris, Joseph Dean, Kaenan Ferguson, Raymond Chen, Dylan Bartels, Fergus Hunt, Patchara Jirapanyayut, Brendan Hunt, Divakrin Naicker and Ben Scaramuzza

Year 10 (8 students):

Daniel Wheeler, Richard Bloor, Jonathan Hogg, Linus Mueller, Finn Duetz, Daniel Thomas, Michael Turnbull and Simon Healy

Year 11 (8 students):

Vincent Lu, Bo Ye, Felicity Whale, Katie Trigg, Craig Stocker, Ken Chang, Serena Lim-Strutt and Oliver Soar

Year 12 (8 students):

Michael Torrance, Daniel Davis, Stephen Joe, Non Seehamart, Junting Wei, Timothy Husband-Dravitzki, Bethany Langton and Angie Chai

Year 13 (3 students):

Benjamin Clark, Leon Chiew and Aditya Sakalkale

Distinction award is for **top 15%** and these 20 students gained this certificate:

Year 9	Ben Chungsuwanich	97 th	Percentile
	Lane Tims	94 th	
	Tony Wu	93 rd	
	Keith Thorburn	86 st	
Year 10	Jordan Wise	95 th	Percentile
	Benjamin Wheeler	95 th	
	Matthew Jayasuria	87 th	
Year 11	Craig Scott	98 th	Percentile and Prudence Award for most consecutive correct answers
	James Krippner	95 th	
Year 12	Tully Dickson	89 th	Percentile
	James Feng	89 th	
	Connor Gyde	91 st	
	Stefan Andreef	90 th	
	Tobias Dean	84 th	
	Jack Davies	82 nd	
	Jiann Huang	77 th	
Year 13	Daniel Zhuang	95 th	Percentile
	Youngmin Goo	88 th	
	Jordan Oglivy	87 th	
	Qiwen Fan	77 th	

High Distinction is **top 2%** and one student gained this certificate:

Year 9 Patrick Dowd with 99th percentile



AUSTRALIAN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATES FOR STANDOUT PERFORMANCES

The Australian Council for Educational Research each year organises the Assessment of Language Competence Certificates which are aimed at second language learners and are designed to celebrate and enhance the learning of languages in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region. The skills testing programme includes listening and reading comprehension tasks.

This year there were some standout performances by St Paul's students.

In Level 1 French, **James Hay** and **Joshua McClay** and in Level 1 Spanish, **Felicity Whale** gained High Distinction which placed them in the top 12% of all students who sat the exam this year.

In the Level 2 French, **Nelly Conway**, **Georgia Thompson**, **Non Seehamart** and **Ariki Thomson** also gained High Distinction.

Well done and congratulations to all these students.

SENIOR STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR PRESTIGIOUS SCIENCE SUMMER SCHOOLS

Josie Butcher and **Harini Meiyappan** have been selected to attend the Hill Laboratories Summer School at Waikato University from 30th November to 5th December 2014. They will experience a wide range of Chemistry, Biology, Engineering and Environmental Science opportunities including field trips, using the latest scientific techniques and equipment.

Bethany Langton has been selected to attend the National Science and Technology Forum, to be held at the University of Auckland and other tertiary institutions from 10th to 24th January 2015. She will experience an array of academic programmes in a variety of Science disciplines, including visits to ESR forensics, Living Cell technologies, Rex Bionics and more. The Forum will be a mixture of tertiary academic education and industrial technology applications of Science.

Hugo Brown has been invited (as one of only six in New Zealand) to attend the Australian National Youth Science Forum in Canberra, Australia, from the 19th to 31st January 2015. This is a prestigious event that attracts the top secondary school Science students from across the Australian area. Hugo will experience a variety of scientific opportunities, including cutting edge technological innovations at research institutions.



Josie Butcher



Harini Meiyappan



Bethany Langton



Hugo Brown

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED FOR TOP BOARDING STUDENTS

At the Boarders' end-of-year prizegiving and Christmas dinner, held on Thursday, 30th October, the following students were recognised for their academic performance:

Level	Clark	Sargood	Williams	Harington
9	Samuel McClay Charlie Saxton	Giovanni Glendining Hugo van Cingel	Lane Tims	-
10	Samuel Forte	Michael Turnbull	Oliver Saunders	-
11	Blair Foster	Thomas Yarrall	Thomas Wilson	Felicity Whale
12	Jack Davies	Jack Schicker	Hugo Brown	Josie Butcher
13	Callum Connell	Taylor Deakin	Dylan Wallbank	Tessa Whale

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

CULTURAL PARTICIPATION

IMPRESSIVE GOLD AWARDS FOR BANDS AT REGIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

On 29th August, both our Orchestra and Big Band competed in the Waikato Itinerant Teachers Music Festival (WITM) hosted by the University of Waikato. It was the first time that as a School we have competed in the Regional Music Festival for just under two decades, so we felt that the results would provide our musicians with an excellent indication of the growth and strength of Music in St Paul's Collegiate School.

With the impetus of a Summer Band Camp at Tihoi and encouraged by impressive showings at both the Notre Dame concert and Celebration of Music concert, our musicians went into the festival with a high level of self-belief and confidence.

Over forty groups performed from the Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Taranaki regions in divisions for guitar and percussion groups, orchestra, strings, concert and jazz bands. Each group performing are awarded either Bronze (satisfying technical skills and accuracy); Silver (very good accuracy and skills); Gold Award (a convincing and strong performance, with a high level of fluency, accuracy and sense of musicianship).

In their first major festival, both the Big Band and the Orchestra gained Gold Awards and monetary vouchers of \$100. These were the highest awards we could have achieved and placed us in the top echelon of music groups in the region, alongside Bethlehem College, St Peter's School and Tauranga Boys' College. We were incredibly proud of our students. Their performances were faultless, attracted a lot of attention and interest from the other schools and really showed that our instrumental programme has come of age.

Over the past four years, our band programme has made quantum improvements. Under the superb leadership of Mrs Michelle Flint (Director of Music) and Mr Ian Parsons (Director of Jazz), our musicians have been enthused, challenged and really engaged in the programme. Thanks must also go to Mr Bill Stoneham, Mr Duncan Smith, Mrs Amanda Reid, Miss Jane Spenceley and Mrs Karen Johnson for their ongoing crucial assistance with the band programme. All the hard work and practice really came to fruition at the WITM Festival with the two Gold Awards. The quality of the outcome was exceptional.

Members of the Gold Award winning Orchestra:

Daniel Wheeler, Benjamin Russell, Christopher Chilcott-Parker, Michael Torrance, Jessica Chanwai, Chester Hulme, Mirjam Mayer, Tony Wu, Zachary Watson, Callan Buchanan, Brianna O'Donoghue, Bethany Griffen, Andre Ofsoski, Harrison Newdick, Jordan Wise,

Joshua Voigt, Jeremy Doneghue, Benjamin Wheeler, Hayden Trow, Tamati Thomson, Felix Rolls, Oliver Soar, Robert Simmons, Cameron Coull, Geordie Migo, Micayla Kim, Daniel Johnson, Matthew Jayasuria, Jack Walters, Jonathan Mayer, Cameron Downey, John Penyas, Zoe Lapwood, Oliver Massey

Members of the Gold Award winning Big Band:

Zachary Watson, Callan Buchanan, Bethany Griffen, Andre Ofsoski, Harrison Newdick, Joshua Voigt, Jeremy Doneghue, Benjamin Wheeler, Felix Rolls, Robert Simmons, Cameron Coull, Daniel Johnson, Jack Walters, Jonathan Mayer, Felicity Whale, Cameron Downey, Alexander Winkelmann, David Su

A GREAT ARTS DAY

Arts Week 2014 saw another successful house competition event with students from all areas becoming fully immersed in the Arts for a day, which for many was out of their comfort zones. The aim of Arts Week is for each house to work as a team, it is a chance for new students to emerge as leaders and for many students to try things that they might not necessarily do on any other day of the year. It is a chance for creative thinking and finding enjoyment in something new.



This year the Arts Week student committee selected “Recreate / Reinvent” as the theme for the week. This theme was applied to all activities on the fun filled Monday, House Arts Activity Day. The highlights of this day were: the top 3 Short Films, the A1 Painting, Wearable Arts parade and the final Debate between Sargood and Clark, arguing which was more important – Sport or Art. Art (Clark) won on the day.



The quality of the top short films surpassed previous years. The task was for each House to recreate a famous movie in 3-5 minutes. Many of the films were not only entertaining, but technically slick, making the job of judging a tough one. Hall was the standout winner of the competition with their recreation of the movie ‘Inception’ reinventing the story to be about a young boy trapped in a detention within a detention. Both the directing and the acting skills were fantastic.



Another highlight of the day was the painting activities. This year the Houses stepped up their creativity and technical skills. Painting this year was separated into five different activities (two being new). The main A1 panel painting activity saw the Houses take a famous painting and recreate / manipulate to create their own new version. Top painting on the day was a Cubist-style take on the famous painting 'Mona Lisa' created by School House.



Photography (of a human sculpture), chalk art, stationary art (creating a sculpture from an exam pack), typography art, mural art, mixed media painting, wearable arts, and short story writing were other competitions on the day. These were great opportunities for students to flex their creative muscles in an enthusiastic environment – pushing their creativity to their limits



The final overall placing's for the Arts Activity Day are:

- 7th Fitchett
- 6th Hamilton
- 5th School
- 3rd = Clark & Sargood
- 2nd Williams

The overall winner of Arts Week 2014 – winner of the Marty Wong Trophy – is Hall House.



Arts Week is only ever a success due to all of the students letting their imaginations run wild and everyone being totally absorbed in the theme. To quote Mr Clement “you could feel the creativity in the air”. We would like to thank the students, and staff alike, for stepping outside of their comfort zones and unleashing their creativity for a day.



2014 CULTURAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS

At the annual Sports and Cultural Awards Dinner held in the School Dining Room on Friday, 24th October 2014, 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

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| CHOIR | Evie McHugh | Daniel Johnson | |
| | Jasper Hankins | Finnbar Claridge | |
| DANCE | Jessica Crow [R] | Sarah Kosoof | |
| DRAMA | Evie McHugh | Jessica Peart | Ariki Thomson |
| | Jonathan Phillips | William Kenna | Helen McLean |
| KAPA HAKA | Brielle O'Connor [R] | Hinehou Te Ua | |
| MUSIC | Daniel Johnson [R] | Cameron Downey [R] | Bethany Griffen |
| | Brianna O'Donoghue [R] | Zoe Lapwood [R] | Joshua Voigt |
| | Michael Torrance | Robert Simmons | Jonathan Mayer |
| | Zachary Watson [R] | Jessica Chanwai [R] | Tessa Whale |
| | Jeremy Doneghue | Micayla Kim [R] | John Penyas [R] |
| | Callan Buchanan | | |
| PRODUCTION | Daniel Johnson [R] | | |

SERVICE TO CULTURE:

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| Christopher Chilcott-Parker [R] | Taylor Deakin [R] |
| Paddy Forde | Nonthiwat Seehamart |
| Youngmin Goo | |

SUPREME AWARDS

THE GUMMER GAVEL
(FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEBATING)
Overall Winner: **Taylor Deakin**

JANET COLE CUP
(FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMING ARTS)
Nominees: Evie McHugh, Jonathan Phillips,
Daniel Johnson, Jessica Chanwai
Overall Winner: **Jessica Chanwai**



Taylor Deakin

RODNEY HAMEL CUP

(FOR THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO CULTURE)

Nominees: Jessica Chanwai, Zoe Lapwood, Jonathan Mayer, Brianna O'Donoghue,
Zachary Watson, Joshua Voigt, Jeremy Doneghue

Overall Winner: **Zoe Lapwood**

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10	Samuel Forte	Heath Campbell	John Richardson	-
11	Oliver Massey	-	Blair Wang	Felicity Whale
12	Joshua Voigt	Alexander Winkelmann	Wade Paniora	Helen McLean
13	Jeremy Doneghue	Taylor Deakin	Jasper Hankins	Tessa Whale

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

OTHER CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Katie Trigg** enjoyed success at the recent Te Awamutu Music Festival in the vocal section for 15 to 18 years as follows:
 - 3rd place – Folk Song
 - 2nd place – Light Entertainment
 - 1st place – Sacred Solo – Ngaire Davidson Cup
 - 3rd place – Leider/Continental Art Song
 - 1st place – Own Selection – Philip Cup
 - 1st place – Duet
 - Runner-up – Cullen Scholarships 15-18 years based on aggregate marks
- While in the same regional music festival, other impressive results were achieved by:
 - **Conor Fuller** received a first place (with much public praise from the judge) in the 'Own Selection' class for 14 and 15 year olds, playing the 1st movement of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata.
 - **Patrick Dowd** received third prize in the 'Sonata' class for ages 16 and under, as well as a Very Highly Commended in the 'Solo from Memory' class.
- On Monday, 29th September, **Jessica Chanwai** competed in the Strings Section of the Te Awamutu competitions. In the Baroque Strings Recital class, she performed all three movements of



**Katie Trigg, Patrick Dowd and Conor Fuller
Excel in Te Awamutu Music Festival**

“Winter” of The Four Seasons by Vivaldi and was awarded the RK Bent Award and the Norris Hall Baroque Trophy.

For the Strings Recital class, she performed one movement from “Autumn” of The Four Seasons by Vivaldi and “Symphonie Espagnole Movement No. 5” by Lalo and was awarded second place.

To Jessica’s surprise, she was also awarded the Russenberger Award and Norris Hall Trophy for being the “Most Promising String Player 16 years and over” in the competitions. A well-deserved honour.

- **Helen McLean** enjoyed great success at the recent Te Awamutu Drama competitions, coming runner up in the Merylyn Hey Supreme award, based on the points aggregate over the whole drama section.

Helen also came runner up in the National Award class (which involved a 15 minute solo presentation) and was nominated to go to next year’s National Young Performers Competitions in Palmerston North. She was also given the Kingston and Partners Scholarship.

In an amazing haul, Helen was also awarded the Toy Family Trophy (highest marks for Bible Reading), Norris Hall Cup (Senior Character Sketch) and Little Trophy for Speech (Highest marks over Poetry Speaking, Prepared Prose and Reading at Sight – all 16-21 year) – Helen came first in all of these areas in this age group. While she was the only competitor in some of these classes, it was pointed out that the prizes are not awarded automatically – only if the competitor’s performance deserved it.

Helen and her younger sister entered together and got Very Highly Commended for a short play and improvisation across all age groups.

- **David Su** gained a Merit for his Grade 8 Piano examination through Trinity College of London, which for a Year 9 boy is an outstanding achievement.

SPORTING ENDEAVOURS

1ST XI HOCKEY SIDE SEVENTH PLACE FINISH IN NATIONALS

The 1st XI Hockey team played six games during their tournament week.

St Paul’s played with determination and commitment in all their games. Some results did not go our way due to some dubious refereeing decisions and failing to follow the game plan. Conversely, St Paul’s played some excellent Hockey on each of the days. The coaches and supporters were very happy and proud of the boy’s results over the week. The young team was well captained by **Devon Nolan** who remained positive, thoughtful and inspirational to consistently motivate the team.

In the first two games against Rangitoto College and Napier Boys’ High school, St Paul’s dominated the opposition with good accurate passing and communication in all areas of the field. This qualified us into the top eight. In our third game against St Andrews (Canterbury Champions) the team failed to put it together. We played like individuals and forgot about the team patterns which resulted in a loss. Unfortunately, this placed us second in our pool, therefore we crossed over to play old rivals HBHS (No. 1 ranked team in NZ). The game against HBHS was fast and furious with HBHS taking the lead ten minutes into the game. However, we scored from an outstanding goal from a **Jonathan Bloor** deflection. The game was intense and finally HBHS finally scored with seven and half minutes to go of the game.

St Paul's went on the attack which created space for the HBHS to score two more goals. The boys were outstanding in their performance and commitment.

This meant we played off for 5th place – 8th place. King's College (Auckland Champions) took the initiative and we couldn't match their energy levels and accuracy in the circle. Having lost to King's College, we played off for 7 – 8th position in the last game of the season. The boys started slowly against St Andrews who put immense pressure on the back four. This paid dividends for the opposition who scored two goals in succession. However, St Paul's came back into the game. Jonathan Bloor's pressure created a goal for himself. For the next 30 minutes St Paul's were sublime in a number of areas both in attack and defense, as they scored five goals. Unfortunately, the opposition scored two more goals in the last few minutes of the game. St Paul's held on to win the final game 5- 4 with some excellent saves from goal keeper **Simon Morbey**.

St Paul's finished up 7th in New Zealand, an outstanding result. Next year, the team only loses four players from the squad of 16.

Results:

Won	6-1	Rangitoto College
Won	3-2	Napier Boys' High School
Lost	1-4	St Andrews College
Lost	1-4	Hamilton Boys' High School
Lost	1-3	King's College
Won	5-4	St Andrews College

Most Valuable Player of the tournament - **Finn Duetz**

1ST XI BOYS' FOOTBALLERS FINISH 18TH IN NATIONALS

The 1st XI continued their creditable and consistent performance at Nationals, by finishing 18th out of the 32 teams represented there. Over the past seven years this is the School's third highest placing and it was down to the determination and fighting spirit exhibited by the players over the five days of the tournament. Seven games are played during this time and this tests not only technique, but tenacity and the ability to overcome adversity. An encounter in mid-week with the mighty All Blacks at the Napier hot pools was a revelation. Drawing inspiration from their photo with Richie McCaw and interaction with other All Blacks, the team prepared for the crucial post pool round of games with an early morning Haka on the beach. Lead by **Waikato Ball**, it was as powerful as it was impressive. Onlookers stopped and stood in awe. Stoked by the spirit of the Haka, the team went on to beat Kelston 3-0 and Christ's College 1-0. It was these two results that ensured the top 20 finish and the justifiable pride that comes from such an achievement. A narrow 2-0 loss to Auckland Grammar showed the spirit of this team and how they are able to play the very best in the country and be highly competitive. Auckland Grammar have been in the top 8 of the tournament over the past 10 years and have won it several times during this period. This group of 16 players truly defined what it means to be a team and their conduct on and off the field was exemplary. Their camaraderie off the pitch was evident in their competitiveness on it. They fought for one another. They showed their style too. In the game against Nayland College the team commenced the game from kick-off with 35 passes, mesmerising the Nayland players with their tiki-taka inspired tempo and possession. This was an unforgettable tournament both on and off the pitch. The photograph the boys have with Richie McCaw is symbolic. It is symbolic, as the All Black captain embodies the pride that representation of a badge or crest requires. That the desire to fight and sacrifice for your team mates is the essence of sport. It is the essence of success. The success that these soldiers from St Paul's achieved in Napier was down to these qualities. Whenever they look at that fantastic photograph, that is what they will always be reminded of. They made their School proud. They made their coach proud. They made their supporters proud. And, without question, each one of them can be proud of themselves.



IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE IN UPPER NORTH ISLAND NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On the eve of the UNISS 2014 there was the unprecedented withdrawal of two 'A' grade teams (John Paul College and McAuley). St Paul's Netball team was promoted from 'B' grade to be seeded 31st in the 32 team 'A' grade. There are 115 secondary schools competing in this tournament across four grades. With this new draw, coach Mrs Hannah Munn, skillfully had to prepare the team for a completely different approach to this arduous tournament.

The team responded in their first game when they met the second seeded team, Baradene, College and drew 13 all in atrocious weather conditions. This result set the benchmark and the team punched well above their weight and competed well throughout the week with three draws (Baradene, Rotorua, St Peter's), three wins (Waihi, Carmel, Rotorua) and four losses (Auckland Dio, Long Bay, Rosehill, Carmel) to be safely seeded 22nd. With great heart and their best Netball, the team finished safely secured in 'A' grade. This is a great platform for next year.

Pare Gilmartin-Kara and **Kate Wilkins**, co captains, led with their experience, outstanding play, leadership and humour. They moulded this group into a true team.

Head girl, **Jessica Chanwai**, was instrumental in keeping the pride of St Paul's both on and off the court, with her help and guidance for everyone involved.

We will miss them all and wish these fine young ladies the very best for the future after they leave school at the end of this year.

Many thanks to our supporters, both those who could watch and those at home, for their positive messages of encouragement, their help with delicious food, and their side-line voices. You really urged us to be our best which was achieved by each and every one involved with the Open A.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS FOR REGIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The regional tournament, this year hosted in Mount Maunganui, can be characterised as an "eye opening experience," especially for many of the boys who have not attended or played many minutes at this level before. Hopefully the challenge and the atmosphere invigorated them and motivated them for future challenges.

Our opening game was versus an athletic Otorohanga team who featured a number of skilled dribble penetrators. This is something we find hard to deal with. The speed of the game is a big step up from the grade we play in in the local Waikato competition and this really caught the players unawares. Although we were able to claw back and finish the game with a respectable score line.

Next we played the vastly under rated and dangerous Hillcrest team, who'd decisively upset HBHS the previous Friday and entered the tournament as a dark horse contender to qualify for nationals. Once again we struggled at the commencement of the game, however we committed to executing our "Star" Triangle and Two defense in the second half and we found success with this. We were able to post a more competitive score line than we'd managed in the local competition (Hillcrest have since earned promotion).

The second day featured a match-up with the pool favourites, Tauranga Boys' College. We had been resoundingly beaten in the earlier traditional fixture. Although not perfect by any means we were much better this time around. Even though a resounding loss, once more the score line reflected a closing of the margin from our prior encounter.

The second game on day two represented an opportunity to implement what we had learnt in the first three games against an opponent closer to our level. Katikati featured two more accomplished players than us, one of which is a member of the New Zealand under 17 wider-selection squad and the other is a very skilled shooter. We attempted to compete man-to-man, but a 13-0 deficit to start the game reflected the difficulty we encountered in trying to do so. We changed once more to our somewhat gimmicky "Star" defense in order to limit the two stars catches and shooting opportunities. We slowly clawed our way back into the game and drew level in the final seconds of regulation. Having earned an overtime period we controlled the extra five minutes and then just held on to win by a sole point.

Day three opened with a clash with eventual quarter finalist Otumoetai who feature former NZ under 16 representative, Jack Neale amongst other good players. We found it very difficult to stop Neale, with him often scoring on double and triple coverage. Perhaps a reflection of our improvement, we were able to hang around all game and posted a respectable score line against a quality team.

The following day we played in a 4-team mini tournament to determine 17th through 20th place (22 teams attended the tournament).

The 'semi-final' pitted us against a quick John Paul team, whose style involves pressing full court the entire game. This is a style that does not bode well for us. Despite this we did an exemplary job of executing press break fundamentals in the first 15 minutes of the game and built a double digit lead. However, JPC's pressing style is also designed to fatigue opponents and we succumbed to this late in the second quarter allowing JPC back into the game. Following the half time break we were once again able to extend our lead back into double figures. However fatigue more quickly set in this time and we were unable to continue executing our plan. JPC roared back into the game in the 4th quarter and then took control, eventually winning the game.

This meant we once again faced Katikati (who'd won an extra game to avoid the wooden spoon game) in a battle for 19th place. We utilised a different unusual defense to effect, saving "Star" as long as we possibly could, for it to have its greatest effect at crucial times. We played well and built a commanding lead. Katikati is a conservative defensive team and therefore we were able to control the tempo, burn clock, and then limit their scoring to finish as comfortable winners. Thanks go to Mr Zico Coronel and Mr Joshua Howard for giving the boys this excellent learning experience of playing in the regionals.

1ST XI GIRLS' HOCKEY FINISH FOURTH IN SATELLITE TOURNAMENT

We were playing in a 16 team tournament – the Eveline Hanker's Memorial Tournament. Monday turned out to be a bitterly cold and wet day on the turf. We played two matches and were successful on the day with a 10-1 win over Fraser High School and a 4-0 win over Glenfield College. Goal scorers on the day included **Emanae Ferguson** (5), **Jade Henley-Smith** (3), **Zoe Lapwood** (3), **Adelle Morton** (2) and **Josie Wilson**. This set us up for a top 8 finish!

Tuesday saw us play Mt Roskill Grammar and we drew to them 1 all. This left us second in our pool on goal difference. Our cross pool quarter final was against Keri Keri High School who had won their pool. This was our best game of the tournament! We played to a game plan that frustrated the opposition, but kept them scoreless in the first half. By effectively pressurising their play makers we kept them out of our goal and eventually we scored through Emanae three quarters of the way through the match. Our structure and patience had paid off, and to cap it off we were able to score a second goal (again through Emanae) in the last minute of the game to win 2-1! We had made the semi's! On Thursday we came up against Baradene who were expected to make the final having dominated in all their matches to this point. It was a really tough game and the strength of their bench started to



tell as we wearied. We were unable to score against them and they were able to score four goals in each half.

By Friday the week's Hockey was evident in our play. Our minds were still strong, but our bodies were a little uncooperative. We played Mt Roskill in the 3rd/4th play-off and although we had our chances, we were not able to convert them all. We went to the break 3-1 down (goal scorer **Tara Vishwanath**) and they were able to score once more in the second half to make the final score 4-1.

The girls are to be commended on an excellent tournament both on and off the field. We developed further as a team and as individuals, to finish a well-deserved 4th behind Wellington College, Baradene College and Mt Roskill High School.

Thanks go to Manager, Mr Neil Muirhead and Coach, Miss Maggie Vickers for their excellent input over the season and during the tournament week.

GIRLS' 1ST XI SOCCER SIDE PERFORM CREDITABLY

The girls' 1st XI Football team travelled to Papamoa to play in the Kathy Seaward National Tournament, after a demanding season in the league. The team played a tough Marist team for the first game. The girls were competitive but were unlucky to lose 3-0 to the team that went on to win the tournament. The team needed to turn things around and played Mount Maunganui in their second game. Although St Paul's outplayed the opposition they found themselves 2-0 down, not a great start to the tournament. The girls continued to play good football and goals started to flow with the team going on to win 6-3. **Georgia Burke** scored five goals and provided the cross for **Ciara Gyde** to score her first goal of the season. The next day the girls had to beat a good Iona side in order to have a realistic chance of a top 8 finish. After a tightly thought first half the team found themselves 1-0 down. In the second half, St Paul's outplayed the opposition and deservedly equalised through Georgia Burke's well taken goal. Unfortunately, a draw didn't help our chances for a top 8 finish. The last game in the pool was against Whangaparaoa who were top of the pool. The girls lost a tight game 1-0 and were unlucky to hit the post. The girls played off for the 12-16th position. They lost to Kerikeri 2-1 (goal to Georgia Burke), but beat Waiheke 2-0 (goals to Georgia Burke and **Loren Morse**). The girls had another tough final game going down 2-1 against Woodford in their final game (goal to Loren Morse).

The team finished a creditable 14th overall. Moreover, they played good Football and were not outplayed by any team. The girls lost three games by only one goal and with a bit of luck could have achieved a higher placing.

Mr Richard Collier did a wonderful job as Coach over the season and he was ably supported by Dr Michael Simmonds as Manager.

BEST FINISH FOR U15 HOCKEY SIDE IN TANNER CUP

This was the fourth year that St Paul's organised and hosted the Tanner Cup under 15 Hockey Tournament. 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 Tim Deavin from the Australian Hockey team being our guest speaker for our formal dinner.

The first game for us in the tournament was against Tauranga Boys' College. We started with good focus and intensity. This gave us control of the game and dominated field position. We had plenty of shots on goal, but could only get three in the back of the net. Final score 3 – 0 St Paul's. Goals scored by **Aidan Lee** and **Trent Davis** (2).

Day 2 we played Christ's College in the rain. It was a close game in the difficult conditions that did not suit our style of game. Christ's College scored the winning goal on a flooded turf late in the second half ending the game with a 2 – 1 loss to St Paul's. Goal scored by Trent Davis.

Our second game on day 2 was against the new comers to Tanner Cup, Palmerston North Boys' High School in a quarter final. This was a tough game, we had plenty of opportunities inside the circle, but we couldn't get it into the goal. Palmerston North didn't give us any space and they made the most of their opportunities. Final score a 2-0 loss to St Paul's.

Day 3 we came up against Wellington College. Another tight contest and some great saves in goal by **Lane Tims**. Going into the second half it was 2 all until the last 10 minutes when Wellington scored three quick goals ending the game with a 2–5 win to Wellington. Goals by **Callum Prosser** and **Logan Jarvis**.

Entering the final day we played St Andrew's College - this was an opportunity for St Paul's to finish the tournament and season on a high. We started the game with a renewed intensity with **Shantanu Rawal** scoring off a penalty corner in the first three minutes of the game. We continued to control the game and apply pressure. **Felix Rolls** was allowed a 60 metre run to score a goal and Callum Prosser added two more goals to end the game with a 4–1 win.

We finished Tanner Cup 7th which is the best result we have had in this tournament thus far. The winner of Tanner Cup 2014 was Westlake Boys' High School.

A special mention needs to be given to Captain Callum Prosser, supported by Felix Rolls, who both led from the front and were always strong on the field. Mr Sam Brown and Mr Truman Wee did a great job coaching the team and teaching them new skills and understanding of 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 must go to Mr Craig Hardman for organising this event, supported by Mrs Jan Kilmister, Mr Andrew Harries and Mr Sam Holmes for running the tournament over the four days.



U16 SIDE DEFEAT PALMERSTON NORTH IN RUGBY QUAD

St Paul's entered in the traditional quadrangular tournament with Hamilton Boys', Palmerston North Boys' and Sacred Heart College from Auckland.

Our first game was against Hamilton Boys' in very wet conditions. We got off to a poor start however, conceding a very soft try in the first few minutes, which ultimately cost us the match. Later in the half we converted a penalty to make the score 5-3 at half time. With steady rain in the second half and a rather pedantic referee, both sides struggled and no points were scored, meaning a 5-3 loss.

Next up was a must win game against Palmerston North. Once again we conceded a very soft try in the opening minutes, but after this we started to assert some dominance. Two late tries to exciting wing **Thomas Yarrall** secured us a 17-14 win. This was a significant achievement by the team as it was the first win by a St Paul's team in this tournament since its inception in 2009.

With a win finally under our belts, our last game against Sacred Heart promised to be a close encounter. The first half saw Sacred Heart dominate, both in possession and territory, to take an 11-0 lead into half time. Despite trailing, the team had shown enough on attack to suggest that if we secured some decent ball in the second half we could do some real damage. This however, proved not to be the case. With St Paul's suffering some injuries to key personnel at the start of the half, we struggled to field a competitive team and went down 31-0.

Despite this last day blow out, the team should be proud of their efforts. In beating Palmerston North the team showed that we can indeed foot it with the big boys and with many of the team available for selection next year, the future looks bright.

Congratulations to Thomas Yarrall who won the coveted best back trophy for the tournament. A special thank you to Mr Mark Boe and Mr Badenhorst for coaching the team and to the parents for billeting the Sacred Heart boys.

2ND XI HOCKEY SIDE TAKES OUT TOUGH 'B' DIVISION

It has been an exciting and challenging season for the 2nd XI Hockey team. The B division is always going to be a challenge for a team with only under 15 players. With five wins, one draw and five loses in the round robins of the season, these score lines saw us through to the semi-finals.

The semi-final was against Matamata College 1st XI, it was a very close game with the score locked at nil all at half time. Eighteen minutes into the second half, **Richard Bloor** got one past the goalie and **Samuel McClay** scored our second off a penalty corner right on full time leaving the score 2-0 St Paul's. Due to a rain delay the semi-final had to be played the day before the final so there was no time for rest.

We were playing St John's 1st XI in the final and it was going to be a tough one with us losing twice to them during the season. St Paul's came out fighting and did not let the size of the opposition affect them, ending the first half nil all. Richard Bloor scored early in the second half. As the opposition became frustrated, we kept our composure and held on to a 1-0 win. The whole team can be very proud of winning the B division and receiving the Clark Shield. The last time St Paul's won this shield was in 1985. A big thank you to our coaches Mr Sam Brown and Mr Truman Wee for guiding us through the season.

The team consisted of:

Michail Andreef, Richard Bloor, Logan Jarvis, Aidan Lee, Samuel McClay, Bevan Muirhead, Jonathon Porritt, Callum Prosser, Marcus Ratcliffe, Shantanu Rawal, Felix Rolls, Jamie Sandford, Anjan Singh, Lane Tims

GET2GO TEAM MAKES NATIONAL FINALS

On the morning of Tuesday, 26th August, eight young men from St Paul's Collegiate embarked on the 9th annual Waikato regional Get2Go challenge, held along the banks of Lake Karapiro.

Teaming up with the girls from Waikato Diocesan, the boys were split into two mixed teams, each comprising eight students. Team One featured **Ben Truebridge, Liam Pepper, Lane Tims** and **Logan Jarvis**; while Team Two had **Connor Downey, Lachlan McLean, Liam Allen** and **Patrick Dowd** amongst its ranks.

Four activities awaited the teams, each lasting one hour, beginning with an endurance mountain bike circuit followed by an orienteering challenge, problem solving and finally a team kayak race.

With great enthusiasm and tenacity, the teams set out to tackle the day's challenges which saw them put their physical and mental attributes to the test against a strong field of 26 other teams from the Waikato region.

Knowing that victory would secure them a coveted place at the national finals, which this year will take place on the beautiful Great Barrier Island at OPC in December, the boys and girls gave it their all.

After the dust had settled at Karapiro, the St Paul's and Dio first team secured themselves a trip to the national finals, coming away with a victory by a close 12 point margin over Thames High School, with Cambridge High School four points behind that. The St Paul's and Dio second team finished a commendable 7th place, still beating 19 other teams.

We wish the Waikato Champions: Ben, Liam, Lane and Logan, the very best of luck as they take on the rest of the country in December.

A special thanks goes to the organisers of the event as well as Mr Peer Gilbert, Mr Jack Thompson and Dio's Mrs Sarah-Jane Steel for making the day possible.

DANIEL SCANLON EXCELS IN HOCKEY

Daniel Scanlon (Year 12) was awarded the Young Premier Player of the Year at the Waikato Awards function held on Sunday, 14th September. This was the first time that a St Paul's student has won this award and many of the names on the trophy presented to Daniel were players who had gone on to play National league or for the Black sticks.

In October, Daniel went on to be selected as one of New Zealand's top under 18 players to play in either the New Zealand A or B team in a series in December 2014. Daniel's selection for the New Zealand under 18 Tiger Turf team is truly an impressive achievement, of which we as a school are extremely proud of.



Daniel may find himself with another St Paul's team mate in this test series as Goal Keeper, **Simon Morbey** has also been invited to trial for the New Zealand under 18 team in November.

SAMISONI TAUKEI' AHO SELECTED FOR THE NEW ZEALAND BARBARIANS SIDE

Year 12 prop in our 1st XV, Samasoni Taukei'aho, recently played in October for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Barbarian squad against Australia, at a match held in Wellington.



Samasoni, a bustling front rower, who regularly has made power runs and provided our 1st XV with valuable momentum, was earlier in the year selected for the Chief's under 18 training camp where he was named as 'Best Forward'.

Samasoni was then selected to attend the NZRFU under 19 camp down in Wellington in October, where he was chosen for the New Zealand Barbarian side – effectively the New Zealand Secondary Schools' 'B' team, made up of some of the best young Rugby talent in the country.

2014 RUGBY PRIZEGIVING RECEPTION

On Thursday, 11th September during interval, the boys who have been involved in Rugby (with the exception of the 1st XV squad) gathered together in the Annex of the Dining Room to hear which of their team members had been named as: Best Back, Best Forward and Best Team Member for the 2014 season. Results were as follows:

Development XV

Best Back: Benjamin Clare
Best Forward: Oliver Roberts
Best Team Member: William Reeves

3rd XV

Best Back: Duncan van der Maas
Best Forward: Jack McDonald
Best Team Member: William Fraser

Under 16

Best Back: Hunter Johnson
Best Forward: Jock Yarndley
Best Team Member: Ryan Van Straalen

Under 14

Best Back: Luke Donaldson
Best Forward: Elliot Ware
Best Team Member: Liam Allen

Under 65Kg (Porcupines)

Best Back: Seb Ellice
Best Forward: Hamish Te Whare
Best Team Member: James Wilkins

Under 55Kg (Hedgehogs)

Best Back: Harry Smith
Best Forward: Drew Gordon
Best Team Member: Luka Benseman

2014 SOCCER PRIZEGIVING RECEPTION

The Football Awards evening, held on 15th October, was an opportunity for the Football community to reflect on another successful season. Season highlights included the 1st XI boys' team coming second in the Waikato Secondary Schools' competition; the boys' team coming second in the Futsal Nationals; as well as **Waikato Ball** and **Georgia Burke** being named as Most Valuable Players in their respective National Football Tournaments. The achievements of players in individual teams were acknowledged in the following awards:

St Paul's Collegiate 1st XI Boys
 Most Valuable Player: Waikato Ball
 Most Improved Player: Tobias Dean



Waikato Ball



Georgia Burke

St Paul's Collegiate 1st XI Girls
 Most Valuable Player: Georgia Burke
 Most Improved Player: Ciara Gyde

St Paul's Collegiate 1st XI Development
 Most Valuable Player: Chris Swanson
 Most Improved Player: Reuben Rajan



Chris Swanson



Alex Jackson

St Paul's Collegiate Senior Black
 Captain's Award: Alex Jackson
 Most Valuable player: Harrison Newdick

St Paul's Collegiate Colts A
 Player of the year: Shane Reddy
 Most Valuable Player: Jansen Cao



Shane Reddy



Ben Scaramuzza

St Paul's Collegiate Colts B
 Most Valuable Player: Ben Scaramuzza
 Most Improved Player: Herman Wei
 Most Consistent Player: Ayden Ellis

The Footballer of the Year award (held by Dan Goodwin) was presented this year to 1st XI Captain, **John Penyas**.

PRESENTATION OF GIRLS' HOCKEY CAPS

Josie Wilson started playing Hockey in Year 11. Her speed meant that she was well suited to playing on the wing. Towards the end of the season she helped out in goal and it was this hidden talent that saw her play a number of 1st XI games and travel to tournament as a player and reserve goalie. Josie played as a member of the first team for all of her Year 12 and Year 13 seasons, stepping in from time to time as goalie and performing with distinction. Her last tournament game this year saw her take the field as a member of our 1st XI for the 50th time.

Kendal Buchanan has been a member of the St Paul's girls 1st XI Hockey team for three full seasons. She has played virtually all of her Hockey for St Paul's in the forward line as an inner, predominantly on the left. One of her strengths is her work rate, giving her team mates confidence in defence, knowing that Kendal will always work hard on getting back. Kendal is a committed Hockey player who has never stopped attempting to improve her play and has been an absolute stalwart this season. Her enthusiasm is infectious and she is always helpful to others in the side, be it in practice or in matches. She has played 64 games for the 1st XI.

PRESENTATION OF GIRLS' SOCCER CAPS

Loren Morse has gained over 50 caps. As vice-captain, she has worked tirelessly for the team and has been a role model on and off the pitch. She has strongly supported her captain. Playing in midfield, she is a skillful player who has made many numerous and dangerous runs, where her dribbling skills have shone through. Possessing an accurate shot,

she has scored many crucial goals for the team. Loren has represented St Paul's in the Futsal Secondary Schools' Nationals and played for Melville's women's team. Loren always gives of her best and has continued to play for the team, even while injured; she is well deserving of being awarded a cap.

Hannah Lockwood-Geck has played for the 1st XI for three years (i.e. 60 games in all). While her preferred position is in attack, the team needed her to play a defensive role which she has willingly and skillfully done. As a defender, her game is characterised by a tenacious attitude – nobody pushes Hannah off the ball, backed up by skillful interceptions and tackling. On the ball, Hannah can run the ball intelligently out of defense and links well with the attack. Hannah has represented the school at the Futsal nationals and has been a rep for the Waikato U19 Futsal team. She helped organise the St Paul's Futsal team. She has regularly played for Melville's women's team.

PRESENTATION OF CRICKET CAPS – SPECIAL CRICKETING HONOURS

Christopher Swanson has played for the 1st XI Cricket side since Year 9, some three and a half seasons. He has been probably the most consistent batsman in the side over that time, scoring three centuries against Lindisfarne College, Matamata College and Waikare Club in the process. He has now scored in excess of 2000 runs for the 1st XI. Chris has also been an extremely reliable bowler for the 1st XI, always bowling with accuracy and aggression, taking 32 wickets last season. Also, one of the finest fieldsmen in the team, possessing a safe pair of hands and bullet throw, Chris was voted 'Fielder of the Year' by his team mates. After being named 'Player of the Tournament and Final' in last season's Northern Districts Gillette Cup tournament, he has earned a spot in the Northern District's Emerging Players squad. He is amongst the most committed and hardest trainers in the side. A fine captain of the team, Chris thoroughly deserves his cap.

Christopher Fawcett made his debut for the 1st XI in Year 10 and has also played for a full three seasons in the side. He immediately made an impact with his batting, showing all the qualities of patience and determination required to succeed as an opener at this level. Christopher has scored two fine hundreds for the School against King's and Rathkeale College and has now scored in excess of 1600 runs for the team. Last season, through sheer hard work at practice, Christopher transformed himself into an expert slip fielder who took 20 catches during the season, providing huge encouragement to his bowling attack. Christopher also represented Northern Districts last season in under 18 Development side. The recipient of the team's loyalty award for diligence and commitment to the cause last season, Christopher has also been a fine vice-captain and a deserved recipient of his cap.

Thomas Harsant first debuted for the 1st XI on the Australian tour of late 2011, having taken up the very difficult art of leg spin. Over the past two seasons, Tom has been a very popular team member renowned for his enthusiasm and energy in the field, pulling off some of the best run outs of the year at the T20 in Auckland and becoming an expert 2nd slip fielder through sheer hard work. Tom received the bowlers' award at the T20 tournament and has turned in some very valuable spells over the last two years.

Cameron Wratt first played for the 1st XI on the lower North Island tour of January 2013. This summer he has cemented his position as a reliable and accurate seam bowler, finishing by opening the bowling in the Gillette Cup. His best performances came in taking 3 for 26 from 10 against St Peter's in March and then a few days later against Kaipaki, taking 3 for 47 from 10. Cameron has steadily improved as a fielder and took two vital catches in the Gillette Cup final against Boys' High.

Aditya Sakalkale has played throughout the summer of 2013/14, only missing the Gillette Cup through illness. He has been one of our finest fielders, becoming an expert gully fielder, showing excellent speed in the outfield and a strong throw. Aditya showed what he is capable of in the middle order this year, most notably in equalling the club 5th wicket partnership record with coach, Mr Mark Bailey of 96 versus Hinuera.

2014 SPORTING AWARDS RECIPIENTS

At the annual Sports and Cultural Awards Dinner held in the School Dining Room on Friday, 24th October 2014, 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

ATHLETICS	Emma Walker [R], Tyrell Martin, Ciara Gyde
BASKETBALL	Pareraukura Gilmartin-Kara [R]
CHESS	Daniel Davis [R]
CRICKET	Christopher Fawcett [R], Christopher Swanson [R], Dillon Kelliher, Simon Morbey
DUATHLON/ TRIATHLON	Jack Davies, Josie Butcher, Adam McCarthy
EQUESTRIAN	Andre Stokes, Jackson Bovill [R]
FOOTBALL	John Penyas [R], Luke Goodwin, Thomas Goodwin, Uday Virmani, Samuel Masterson, Waikato Ball, Georgia Burke, Loren Morse, Hannah Lockwood-Geck
FUTSAL	John Penyas [R], Samuel Masterson, Matthew Collier, Benjamin Bowden, Hannah Lockwood-Geck, Renee Piggott, Elizabeth Main
GOLF CROQUET	Hemi McLaren-Mellars [R], Samuel Treloar
HOCKEY	Jonathan Bloor, Conor Shalloe [R], Daniel Scanlon [R], Simon Morbey, Daniel Sarikaya, Reuben Andrews, Zoe Lapwood [R]
INLINE HOCKEY	Jacob Nelson
MOTOR RACING	Taylor Cockerton
MOUNTAIN BIKING	Liam Jackson [R]
NETBALL	Pareraukura Gilmartin-Kara [R]
POLO	Dean Fullerton
ROWING	Logan Birt, Henry Wills, Jack Schicker, Benjamin Dobbe [R], Charles Christey [R], James Ingham, Thomas Hislop, Sam Rush, Timothy Husband-Dravitzki, Connor Gordon, Lachlan Lee, Saladin M'Boge, Jack Oliver, Riley Chick, Kerwan Rose, Sam Porritt, Campbell Peart, James Kenna, James Christey, Zoe Lapwood, Zoe Smith
RUGBY	Thomas Gordon, Shneil Singh, Christopher Fawcett, Samisoni Taukei'aho, Jessica Crow
SWIMMING	Hamish Black [R], Connor Egan, Ella Petursson
WATER POLO	Olivia Street
SERVICE TO SPORT	Jack Davies, Jessica Chanwai, Bethany Langton, James Ingham, Campbell Ware, James Morritt



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: Samisoni Taukei'aho (Rugby),
James Ingham (Rowing),
Daniel Scanlon (Hockey),
Simon Morbey (Cricket, Hockey),
Lara Wilson (Swimming)

Overall Winner: **Simon Morbey**



THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT CUP

(FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING TEAM OF THE YEAR)

Nominees: 1st XI boys' Hockey team, 1st XI Cricket team, 1st XI boys' Futsal team,
U17 IV Rowing crew, 1st XV Rugby team

Overall Winner: **1st XI Cricket team**



THE MARGARET FORSYTH TROPHY

(FOR THE TOP SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR)

Nominees: Pareraukura Gilmartin-Kara (Netball, Basketball),
Emma Walker, (Athletics), Olivia Street (Water Polo),
Zoe Lapwood (Hockey)

Overall Winner: **Pareraukura Gilmartin-Kara**



THE PETER GILBERT TROPHY

(FOR THE TOP SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR)

Nominees:

Daniel Scanlon (Hockey),
Samisoni Taukei'aho (Rugby),
Jacob Nelson (Inline Hockey),
James Ingham (Rowing),
Henry Wills, (Rowing),
Waikato Ball (Football),
Hemi McLaren-Mellars (Golf Croquet)

Overall Winner: **Daniel Scanlon**



THE COLE CUP

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

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

Overall Winner: **Daniel Nelson**

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED FOR TOP BOARDING STUDENTS

At the Boarders' end-of-year prizegiving and Christmas dinner, held on Thursday, 30th October, the following students were recognised for their sporting performance:

Level	Clark	Sargood	Williams	Harington
9	Harrison Phillips	Liam Allen	Lane Tims	-
10	Judd Redmond	Matthew Wilson	Fergus Burke	-
11	Connor Gordon	Thomas Yarrall	Bede Higgins	Talia Namana
12	Simon Morbey	Samisoni Taukei'aho	Asipeli Mafuataimi	Olivia Street
13	Thomas Gordon	Benjamin Brogden	Trent Collingwood	Kate Wilkins

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

OTHER SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

- **Samuel Treloar** (as well as Hemi McLaren-Mellers) has been selected for the NZC U21 Development Golf Croquet Squad who will compete over three days in December 2014.
- The following St Paul's students were nominated as finalists for the Waikato Secondary Schools' Sports Awards, which will be held on Sunday, 2nd November at the Wintec Atrium:
 - **Waikato Ball** Football
 - **Christopher Fawcett** Cricket
 - **James Ingham** Rowing
 - **Cole Lucas** Bike (BMX/Road/Mountain/Cyclocross)
 - **Jacob Nelson** In-line Hockey
 - **Daniel Scanlon** Hockey
 - **Matthew Sweet** Snowsports
- On 5th September, **Adam McCarthy** and **Logan Spaans** travelled up to Mount Wellington, Auckland to the National Secondary Schools' Individual Cycling Champs taking place over 6th/7th September. There were three stages which included a time trial, a hill climb time trial and a technical criterium points race. With Adam in his first ever Road Cycling tour and Logan struggling with a shoulder injury, it was hard to make a huge impact on the results. However, both gave it a good go, with Adam picking up points in the criterium and finishing 44th overall in the whole tour. While Logan needed to pull out of the criterium due to his shoulder, and finished in 54th place overall.
- While at the Waikato Secondary Schools' Ski/Snowboard Championships two of our students enjoyed success:
 - **Max Dobbe** – 2nd place in boys ski giant slalom
 - **Liam Allen** – 3rd place in boys snowboard giant slalom



- Earlier this year, **Dean Fullerton** (Year 12) played for the Northern Districts Colts Polo team playing away against the South Island Colts. An even game until the final chukka when South Island came out the eventual winners. He has been asked to trial for the New Zealand Secondary Schools team at the end of November, which will travel to Florida, USA in the Autumn of next year. A tremendous honour.



CHRISTIAN DIMENSION

HAMILTON HOUSE SERMON – SUNDAY, 3RD AUGUST 2014

Prayer: Devon Nolan
Reading: Jackson Bovill
Sermon: Edward Johnstone

Theme: Resilience

To be resilient, means that you are a person with the ability to bounce back from defeats, discouragements or hardships. When I think of the people who are most admirable, their resilient always come to mind. The "never say die" guys and gals, the ones who hit after hit, always get back up.

They are filled with an overcoming attitude that says, "yes, try, and try again", no matter what stands in their way.

On my first day at St Paul's, I walked into Hamilton House, and saw a quote on Mr Campbell's door, with our House mascot, the bulldog. It was short, simple, but powerful. "Tough times don't last long, tough people do". Although this poster on a door may seem small and insignificant to most, to me, it has reminded me to always keep on pushing, it is always the darkest part of the night before the dawn.

A story of resilience I like to relate to, is the story of a friend of mine. In Year 10, 2011, his mother lost her second battle to cancer. This friend of mine had his parents separate at a young age, and with his dad currently living overseas, he now lives with extended family. A lot of you will know who I'm talking about at this point.

Many people would say he has a whole lot to be not happy about, but not through his eyes. He walks around school, slapping hands with anyone who may walk past, bouncing a rugby ball, with a constant, contagious smile on his face. He has proven that no matter what life can throw at him, he will welcome it with a smile. This is something we can all listen to, and learn from.

I really could go on for hours about stories of resilience, the amount we experience in everyday life is incredible; from something as small as getting a bad mark in a Math's internal, to even something as massive as losing a loved one, and bouncing back, to be bigger and better, than ever before.

Many people think that people, who are most successful, never fail, or have never failed. This is not true.

A person is measured, not by what they achieve, but how they bounce back from defeats, discouragements, or hardships.

I would just like to briefly touch on a few people in history, who have had life slam a door in their face, but were not discouraged. These people turned out to be some of the world's most well-known icons.

After being cut from his high school Basketball team, he went home, locked himself in his bathroom, and cried - Michael Jordan, six time NBA champion, five time NBA MVP, and four time NBA all-star.

Fired from a newspaper, for "lacking imagination", and "having no original ideas" - Walt Disney- Creator of Mickey Mouse. Winner of 22 academy awards.

Finally, my personal favorite ...

A high school dropout, whose personal struggles with drugs and poverty, culminated in an unsuccessful suicide attempt - Marshall Mather's, Eminem. 13 time Grammy award winner, as well as selling over 90 million albums worldwide.

Everyday ordinary people, do extraordinary things, your future will depend on what you do today, have no regrets, live life to your fullest, get up when you are cut down.

Believe that things will work out ... follow your intuition and curiosity ... trust your heart even when it leads you off the well-worn path ... you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future ... the only way to do great work is to love what you do.

If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it. Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.

BOARDING HOUSE PREFECT'S SERVICE – 19TH OCTOBER; SERMON BY JASPER HANKINS

I think Sargood House may be onto something. Their mantra of "brotherhood" is very important and special to them. But it is not exclusive to those in red shirts. All of us, as a boarding community, have experienced a brotherly or sisterly bond with each other. But beyond that, what is Brotherhood? I've often found that it is a difficult concept to put into words. The dictionary just can't do it justice - the same with sisterhood. I believe that it is something you cannot truly understand until you have experienced it.

As I have moved along in my years of boarding, I think it is becoming easier for me to define. Brotherhood is not as vague and intangible as it was once for me. It is being a part of a community, having a relationship with those around you that entails trust and camaraderie.

Just like all of you, I have grown through St Paul's playing sports. My chosen poison was Football, then with the thrown-in games of Touch, Dodgeball, backyard Cricket and Pool. It has been an extremely fun and rewarding time playing with and against many of you in this room, during which I learned two things:

1. I will never be a professional athlete.
2. The value in being part of a team.

While the former was somewhat of a disappointment, the latter is a lesson that I will never take for granted and has proved invaluable in every facet of my life. You see, when you are part of a team you realise you can't do everything on your own. There may be stars on a team, those with exceptional talent who give your team flair and carry more than their own weight, but they are nonetheless part of a greater whole. Each part of the team must do their job in order to succeed.

Being a part of a community, in our case, a boarding community, means looking out for each other always. Together, we are stronger, faster, smarter. My point is that groups and communities are some of the most important things in our lives, if not the most important. So we must also look for groups outside of the amazing one in this room.

It is not right for us to be alone. We live in community. We thrive in community. We are born alone and we die alone, yet while we are on this earth, we are in community.

Community helps bring meaning to our lives. Working and playing with our fellow human beings is what brings the most meaning to it.

We seem to be preoccupied with what group we are in too. Some people feel like they can't belong to a certain group because they are not good enough. Many people, especially in the context of school, will find they don't fit it, and will search for a clique to call home.

We use groups to exclude, but we also use groups to include. It is a good feeling to be part of a group. To define yourself in a way you feel comfortable with and enjoy.

We define ourselves by race, creed, nationality, occupation, religion, abilities, hobbies, skills, etc. There are many ways to define ourselves and surprisingly, if we think about it, it mostly has to do with grouping.

This can't be understated. As much as some of us hate being "labeled", we do it to ourselves all the time. When asked what university we are planning to attend, we instantly label ourselves into a group and then once again we slot ourselves into a group when we are asked what we are studying. These groups, however insignificant they may seem, define a large part of ourselves. This is how humans operate. And it is perfectly acceptable.

Find the communities that you can best belong to. Learn to both give and take graciously. Love the communities you are a part of already, like the amazing one between you and those sitting around you. It's what makes us special. It's what helps the world go round.

Theme: Optimism

No one ever went blind from looking at the bright side of life! Optimism!

With all of the work and challenges given to us on a day to day basis at school, it is often easy to let your head hang low and go about the day with a dreary and sad mood. Often we look at a situation and see everything that we don't like, everything that is going to cause us to put in that extra effort which, let's face it, as teenagers, never seems to be something we want to do. But why do we always look at the negatives? Why can we not see the good in a supposedly bad situation!

So what is the difference between being an optimist or a pessimist? A pessimist is someone who makes difficulties out of his opportunities, where as an optimist is one who makes opportunities from difficulties. No matter how bad a situation may seem, there is always a flip side! An optimist can always find the best no matter how bad the situation may seem to the people around him. It is a skill which is hard to achieve, but seeing the world through an optimistic perspective will fill your life with joy, even through tough times.

For me, one of the most optimistic film characters I ever saw was Edward Bloom, from the film, 'Big Fish'.

This character has to one of the most optimistic people ever shown on film! He refuses to give up even when the odds are severely against him. This is a true reminder about how the power of optimism can change the way we look at a situation. Unlike Mr Bloom, even when the end result is not always in our favour, being optimistic makes the journey far more enjoyable than it could ever be if you look at the negatives. Why waste time worrying about things that could go wrong, when you can spend time thinking about the things that could go right, the things that make you happy. It is a two-sided coin, as the classic quote goes, you can think of the glass as being half full or half empty. Why not take the optimistic path? I think it is that choice which is something most of us struggle with. It seems to be harder now days to look at the good because it is so much easier to complain. If we can only break this mindset and strive to be optimistic in all we do, then your life and the lives of those around you will become filled with much more happiness and joy.

In the reading it said that you must learn to become content with what you have, because it is better than nothing and I believe this is very true for us. We are privileged to have the lives we have, going to this school is a testament to that. Yet often we still think that we are hard done by and that it couldn't get any worse! But I assure you that it can. So be grateful for everything we have; see all the positives out of a situation knowing that there is probably someone in a far worse situation than you. Look forward, don't get caught up in everything going on around you, because your problems only last a second in the story of your life.

Be optimistic and know that it will get better and then you are likely to realise that whatever you were worrying or complaining about, wasn't even that bad in the first place.

Being optimistic isn't always about being happy. It is taking everything that the world throws at you, and telling yourself that it is not going to get you down. You don't always need to have a plan, sometimes you just need to breathe, trust, have faith, and trust that the goodness and positives in a situation will overcome your worries.

Readings: Damon Hayward
Sahil Patil
Prayers: Patrick Dowd
Ayden Ellis
Sermon: Cameron Downey

Theme: **Generosity**

We've all heard it, we all know the fundamental meaning of it, but what does it really mean, to be generous. I know at times it can be hard, to put others before yourself, to think about benefiting others before your own personal gain. Throughout the bible, God teaches us to give, to love thy neighbour as you love yourself, to give and forgive.

Think of the parable that Jesus told about the generous lady: Jesus was in the temple observing people donate money into a large chest to give to the poor, the first person to donate opened his bag and put 50 gold pieces into the chest, surely Jesus will recognise how generous I am. Next a man came up to the chest, 100 gold coins, doubling the first man's contribution. The third, 300 gold coins!! Now this third man would surely get into heaven; after all, he had been incredibly generous in the amount he had donated. By now he had caught people's attention and they were starting to look at him showing the vast amount of cash he had just given to the less fortunate. While the rich man had everyone's attention, an elderly woman in rags put two bronze coins into the chest, no one noticed and even if they did, two bronze coins wasn't even comparable to the three men before her.

But Jesus noticed, he got everyone's attention and singled out the old woman as she was hiding amidst the crowd. He told them "This woman here is more generous than any of you" Now this perplexed the crowd, especially the three rich men. How can this be? She hardly gave enough to buy a loaf of bread? Jesus answered: "this woman is more generous than any of you, because although she had nothing, she still found something to give", "You can all go back to your mansions relatively unaffected while that was all the money she had, and she gave it up for those less fortunate than her".

Now this I believe is the true meaning of being generous. Generosity isn't measured in dollar value, nor in face value, but it is internally measured within each and every one of us. It can only be measured by ourselves, and only we truly know, just how much we are willing to put others before ourselves.

Generosity shouldn't be about praise for helping others, the idea links back to integrity, what you do when no one is around to see you do it. This is what being generous truly means, looking to serve others and to love others as you love yourself.

There is newspaper article that my parents have kept for as long as I can remember. It has remained stuck to the wall behind the kitchen so that it may always be visible. It reads as follows:

"WORDS FOR TEENAGERS":

Always we hear the cry from teenagers, 'what can we do, where can we go?'
My answer is this: Go home, mow the lawn, wash the windows, learn to cook, build a raft, get a job, visit the sick, study your lessons, and after you've finished, read a book.
Your town does not owe you recreational facilities and your parents do not owe you fun.
The world does not owe you a living, you owe the world something.

You owe it your time, energy and talent so that no one will be at war, in poverty or sick and lonely again.

In other words, grow up, stop being a cry baby, get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, not a wishbone.

Start behaving like a reasonable person.

You are important and you are needed.

It's too late to sit around and wait for somebody to do something someday.

Someday is now, and that somebody is you.

Now being a teenager myself, I am guilty of being lazy and saying the typical “there is nothing to do in Hamilton”, but I don’t know how many times I have read this small passage over the years and every time it makes me think. I should stop being so self centred and look at what I have to offer instead of what I have to gain. Mundane tasks such as mowing the lawns or doing the dishes are just one way I and all of you should give back to your parents. And instead of crying out “What can we do, where can we go?” Think instead “What can I do, How can I help”. Especially as your parents have sacrificed a lot for you and now is the time to thank them by giving something back to them, there is the obvious financial sacrifice that they have given each and every one of you, other schools are much cheaper options, but your parents wanted the best possible education for you. Now it is time for you to sacrifice some of your time and give generously to your parents as they have to you.

Generosity is no easy task. It’s easy to ignore others in need, easy to walk past a homeless person in the street. You might be able to go home and sleep easily, not worrying about it, but they sure can’t. Instead of self-justification and saying “oh he’s probably a druggo, it’s his fault for ending up that way”. Yes, maybe he is addicted to drugs, but why? What would cause him to abuse himself and escape from his reality? Maybe he had an abusive parent and doesn't know any better, maybe he has lost family members. This relates back to the ago old saying, you never know a man until you walk a mile in his shoes. God teaches us to be compassionate towards others, not be so quick to jump to conclusions and make judgments. To look to others with an open heart and be understanding of whatever situation they are in.

Now in order to be generous we must open our hearts and be compassionate towards others, looking past our own personal feelings or gain, in order to help others in need.

Just like Mufti day that is coming up tomorrow. Instead of thinking of it as an opportunity to pay a few dollars to wear different clothes, look at it as an opportunity to give to others, to better their lives, with the added bonus of going uniform-less for a day.

Generosity is about showing integrity and putting others before yourself. It isn't about giving a physical thing, but thinking of others needs, and being more compassionate to everyone around you.

CHAPLAIN’S COMMENT

Last term I had the pleasure of Preaching and Presiding at St Stephen’s in Tamahere for their annual Pet Sunday service as part of their Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. Being a part of this celebration was a privilege as it allowed me to reconnect with old friends at my former parish as well as to reconnect with a saint whose life and legacy has had a significant impact on my own life.

When one thinks of St Francis of Assisi, we are often given the image of a neo-hippie do-gooder who dedicated his life to the care of animals and those less fortunate. While it is true that love of nature and care for the poor were two of the hallmarks of Francis’ life, this only scratches the surface of a deeply complex and captivating individual. There is a great deal



more to the man who influenced thousands of people during his lifetime and continues to have a massive impact on the lives of millions nearly 800 years after his death.

St Francis was born in 1181 in the town of Assisi, in what is modern day Italy. He was a son of a wealthy merchant who, like most people, was being groomed to take over the family business. Francis was known to be a bit of a rebellious young man who liked to have a good time. In modern times, he may have been viewed as a bit of a 'party animal.' Francis was also known to be incredibly charming, jovial and charismatic. Everyone liked him! In fact, he was probably too charming for his own good – no matter how many times he got himself into trouble, his charm and personality acted as a perpetual 'get out of jail free' card.

Francis was not overly excited about taking over his father's business. Instead, he wanted to be a knight, dreaming of performing acts of great valour and winning glory (and a few damsels as well, I am sure!). Sadly, his first foray into battle against a rival city led him to be captured and held for ransom. Eventually the ransom was paid and he was free to return to Assisi. In truth, he probably would have died if it was not for his ability to charm his captors!

It was at this time that his life began to change. God began to touch his heart. Not in lightning bolts, but in what has often been called the 'small still voice' of God. Francis' transformation was a gradual one that occurred over several years. Francis' final 'conversion experience' was in meeting a leper. Being in the presence of those with skin diseases that often rendered individuals disfigured repulsed Francis, but he felt God's call to greet this man with the kiss of peace rather than turn away. When his greeting was returned by the leper, Francis knew that his life would take on a new trajectory—one where Christ would be his friend, guide and brother.

It was at this time that he turned his back on his father's business and committed himself to the monastic life of simplicity, chastity and poverty, while also committing to help the poor and needy. The combination of his unwavering commitment to God, and his sheer charm and charisma led others to follow him. After some persuasion by the church leaders in his community, he reluctantly agreed to start his own religious order.

At the time of the Fifth Crusades, Francis travelled to the Holy Land to support the Christian forces engage in dialogue with the Muslims. At one point, in a desire to end the bloodshed, he decided to ask for an audience with the Sultan of Egypt Malik-al-kamil. Once again, through his personality and charm, he forged an unlikely friendship with the Sultan. As legend has it, the Sultan once said to St Francis, "I would convert to your religion which is a beautiful one -- but both of us would be murdered."

When Francis returned to Italy, he found that his monastic community had grown to over 5000 people, and there was increasing pressure from the Church institution to formalise and codify this new movement. Not being one for structure and hierarchy, he relinquished his position as leader, and returned to his true passion. Sadly, Francis spent his final days in a great deal of pain and battling illness, yet he never lost his love of life and of people. He died in 1226 at the age of 44.

When I think of St Francis, I believe there is a great deal to be learned from him as a person and the way he lived his life. First of all, there is a danger in reducing people to caricatures—oversimplifying their life and their personalities. To reduce St Francis of Assisi to a neo-hippie do-gooder deprives all of us from gaining an understanding of this truly inspirational human being. At best, oversimplifying the character of an individual means we lose out on understanding the depth and richness of their personality. At worst, it can dehumanise that person. Psalm 139 talks about each of us being 'fearfully and wonderfully made.' This is a way of saying that each one of us, as God's creation, carries a uniqueness, richness, and complexity that cannot be simplified into a horoscope or a personality test. We must remember to honour that beauty and individuality in the people we meet.



Secondly, St Francis teaches us to expect the unexpected. In Spiritual terms, we must always listen for the small still voice of God. St Francis would never have expected to be living the life of simplicity and service when he was a young man living the wild life with his friends. If I had never listened to the small still voice of God, I would never have become a priest, moved to New Zealand, or become a school chaplain – three things which have had a huge impact on defining who I am. We all must be open to the Spirit of God to challenge and inspire us.

Finally—and most importantly—St Francis reminds us that we must never underestimate the ability to touch the lives of others. Similarly, we must allow ourselves to be touched by the presence of other people in our lives. St Francis had one of those unique personalities whereby he was adored by everyone. Francis had the ability to connect with other people, regardless of race, creed or social standing. He could have used that to his personal advantage. Instead, he used it as a way to impact the lives of others, whether it was a powerful sultan or a poor leper.

In addition, he opened himself up to others so that his life could be impacted as well. As a result, he created deep bonds of affection with others that, one-by-one, began to change the world around him—first in small ways, then in increasingly greater circles of influence. Indeed, it was this ability to connect with people that transformed his own life and the lives of so many around him.

The challenge for us is to learn from the life of St Francis. Our challenge is to have that same openness and vulnerability to allow ourselves to expect the unexpected, to recognise the uniqueness and complexity of each individual, and be willing to touch—and be touched—by those around us. When we do this, those small connections may transform a life, a community, a nation, and perhaps even our world.

SPECIAL CHARACTER

THREE NEW FELLOWS INDUCTED

On Monday, 8th September, three new Fellows were appointed at a Special Induction Ceremony in front of the current school. This year we celebrated the achievements of three Old Collegians, two of whom had been past Board of Trustee members of the Waikato Anglican College Trust and another who has risen to national prominence through his role in business and our countries Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Fellow Citation for Mr John Allen

John Allen came to St Paul's Collegiate School in 1974, having spent all of his earlier years of schooling at Southwell. He joined St Paul's at a time when the cultural side of the School was thriving. History teacher, Mr Richard Morris had arrived at the School and founded the '70 Club'. This was a group of Year 12 and 13 students who got together to have discussions on topical issues and to listen to and question guest speakers, aimed at making young people into thinking adults. John Allen was the group's first Chairman. In other cultural activities, Mr Allen took a similar prominent role; playing Oliver in the musical production of Oliver and taking a lead part in many of the school productions of the time. However, one of the real high points of John's time at St Paul's was the performances of the Debating team. Just knocked out in the National semi-finals by Christ's College in 1976, they went one better in 1977, when they won the National Secondary Schools' Debating title. Outgoing, able to speak confidently and articulately on his feet and highly responsible, it was unsurprising that John was selected as Head of Hall House and as a full School Prefect in 1978.





John gained his A Bursary at the end of his seventh form year and went on to undertake Tertiary study, an LLB at the University of Victoria, where he continued his love of the cut and thrust of debating, representing the New Zealand Universities teams in both Debating and Mooting. John then joined, in 1984, as a commercial lawyer, the large and highly respected law firm of Rudd Watts and Stone, firstly as a Solicitor and Senior Associate and then in 1989 as Partner.

Rudd, Watts and Stone did a lot of work for New Zealand Post and in 1994 John was firstly seconded, then took up key leadership roles in NZ Post prior to his appointment as Chief Executive Officer in 2003. At the time, NZ Post had just over 17,000 employees and was one of New Zealand's largest companies with an annual turnover of a billion dollars with a diversified portfolio of interest from mail, couriers, databases and IT businesses. During his tenure as CEO, John led the

establishment of the highly successful, Kiwibank.

In July 2009, he was asked to be the Head of New Zealand Foreign Affairs – Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade - the first non-diplomat to take up this role. So for the past five and a half years, he has been in charge of 1300 diplomats in 53 countries of the world. Dealing with New Zealand's position on international issues such as the Russian – Ukraine conflict; the Civil War in Syria; the tension between Palestine and the Israeli's over the Gaza Strip has been a highly stimulating and memorable experience, as has meeting world leaders such as the President of China and Barak Obama, but given the multitude of issues people and cultures it hasn't been without its challenges.

Married to his wife, Jane, they have one son who is currently in Year 12 at Scots College in Wellington. John, in addition to his roles in NZ Post and MFAT, has also held Directorships in a large number of New Zealand companies and community groups, including Datacom, Kiwibank, Te Papa Museum, the New Zealand International Arts Festival, NZ Book Council, the Board of the Paralympics New Zealand; as well as holding Chairmanship's of the Territorial Forces Employer Support Council, NZ Post Australian Holdings and the Datamail Group; and acting as an advisor to the Boards of NZ Trade and Enterprise, Education NZ and the Asia New Zealand Foundation.

John Allen is one of our most prominent Old Collegians. But he has never forgotten where his loyalties and roots lie and has retained close ties with St Paul's Collegiate. His father, Don Allen, who is with us today, made a considerable sacrifice and commitment to put John and his two other sons through St Paul's Collegiate. We, like Don, are very proud of John's achievements in the law, in business and most recently in having oversight of New Zealand's Foreign Affairs and Trade with the rest of the world.

In a rapidly changing global environment, we hope that the values and the debating skills nurtured at St Paul's, have in some small way come in handy for the challenges John has faced in later life.

Mr John Allen is a highly respected New Zealander, who is currently the government's chief advisor on Foreign and Trade policy, official development assistance, international law and diplomatic and consular issues. We have appreciated his loyalty and ongoing commitment to St Paul's Collegiate School and believe that he very much deserves his appointment as a Fellow of our School.

Fellows Citation for Mr Greg Thompson

Mr Greg Thompson came to St Paul's Collegiate School in 1971 from Melville Intermediate. As a youngster, he had developed an intimate knowledge of St Paul's, both of its Hamilton and Tihoi campuses, as his father, Mr Percy Thompson had a long time association with the School through his partnership with the then Chairman, Mr Ivan Clark. Percy Thompson was responsible for the building of the original Hall (which is now the Drama room); the old School gymnasium; various classroom blocks and the partial renovation of the old Tihoi Mill houses to make them habitable for the first intake of boys in 1978. During his teenage years, Percy's son, Greg, was a labourer for many of these building projects and was entranced by his father's love and passion for St Paul's.

Greg Thompson joined St Paul's as a day boy in Hamilton House. A handy sportsman, he was selected as an age group Waikato Cricket representative in the third form before changing to Tennis where he regularly represented the top team as their second or third ranked player. In Rugby, he largely played in the 2nd XV side, proving extremely versatile as a front rower, 2nd 5/8 and winger. In 1975, Greg was selected as Head of House for Hamilton and was made a full School Prefect. In that year, he gained an 'A' Bursary and passed all three of his Scholarship examinations.



Greg started his Law degree at the University of Waikato, before transferring to Auckland, where he gained his LLB (Hons) in 1980 and joined the Hamilton Law firm of Stace Hammond in 1981, where he became a partner from 1983 to 1987. He then moved to Auckland to join Russell McVeagh, where he was a partner for 24 years until November 2011, when he retired. Retirement was short-lived and in April 2012, he set up a specialist property law firm under the name Thompson Blackie Biddles.

The youngest of Greg's four children, Kaine (who has accompanied his father here today), attended St Paul's as a boarder in Clark House from 2006 to 2009. Kaine excelled in Rowing and was part of a crew who gained Maadi Silver in the U16 eight and Bronze in the U17 eight. In the Maadi Cup final, his crew missed out on a medal by the distance of a metre.

Mr Thompson has held many governance roles, in both corporate and not-for-profit organisations:

- 13 years on the Russell McVeagh Board – two years as Managing Partner in the mid-1990's.
- 23 years on the National Council of the Neurological Foundation from 1990-2013, including Deputy Chair from 1994-2013.
- An independent Director of the Douglas Pharmaceuticals Group of companies for the past ten years.
- He recently retired as a Director of the Waikato Regional Airport Limited.
- He is currently the Independent Chair of the Arrow International Group of companies.

Hugely respected as a Lawyer, and for his business and governance acumen, Mr Thompson has shown a strong desire to give back to St Paul's Collegiate School.

In August 2007, he joined the Board of the Waikato Anglican College Trust. In April 2009, he was elected as its Deputy Chairman and immediately, due to the illness of Mr Philp Morgan, had to assume the role of Acting Chairman, in a most tumultuous time for our School. Calm, strategic and logical in his thinking, Greg provided important leadership at a crucial time in our School's history.

A doer, rather than a talker, an example of his energy and influence was shown when at his first Board meeting held at Tihoi, Director Chris Wynn talked about a need for a High Ropes course – within six weeks, Mr Thompson had it designed, constructed and funded. Towards the end of August 2009, he was able to step down as Acting Chairman and he put his focus on reinvigorating the St Paul's Foundation, an arm of the School that he saw as crucial to its future development. In 2010, he personally secured a large portion of the external funding for the expansion of the Old Collegians' pavilion. As Chairman of the Foundation, he arranged funds from a private donor to survey key members of the St Paul's community to establish if there would be support for a major Capital Campaign and once he had ascertained that there was significant community support, he personally raised \$0.5m for the Campaign. While Mr Thompson stepped down from the WACT Board in July 2012 and as Chairman of the Foundation in 2013, he has continued to play a crucial role both on the Campaign Cabinet and as a member of the Foundation. Positive, enthusiastic and optimistic, he energises those around him and we have valued the wise and insightful governance role he has played in both WACT and the St Paul's Foundation. A calm and logical thinker, who is able to quickly get to the core of an issue, Greg as Deputy Chairman and Acting Chairman of WACT, as Chairman of the Foundation and leader of the Capital Campaign has made a very significant contribution to our School. He is a person who prides himself on getting things done. Greg's loyalty and commitment to St Paul's Collegiate is total and impressive.

It is a real privilege that Greg's mother, Freda is here to share in this occasion, because between her husband Percy and her son, Greg, she has actively supported two people who have played a crucial role in St Paul's Collegiate School's development.

Greg Thompson has given invaluable service to St Paul's and his selection as a Fellow reflects the incredibly high esteem which he is held in, within our wider School community. He had made a real difference to our School and we appreciate and value Greg's impressive input. It is a real pleasure to recognise his appointment as a Fellow of St Paul's.

Fellow Citation for Mr Robert Walters

Robert Walters came to St Paul's Collegiate School from Maihihi School in 1968. He was a reluctant addition to the St Paul's community, with his father, Frank sending him to Boarding School in order to help Robert to develop the self-discipline and motivational tools that he felt would be so important for Robert in his later life. Robert quickly accepted that this place he had been sent to wasn't as bad as he had first thought and he thrived on the sense of community and camaraderie of boarding life. School masters, Reg Hornsby (Headmaster), Evan McCulloch (Housemaster) and Rob Hamill were to have a huge influence on Robert's later philosophy on life. They set high standards and expectations that Robert has applied ever since in both his business practices and personal life.

Robert enjoyed his involvement in both Rugby and Tennis while at St Paul's and played for the 2nd XV, with his asthma at the time, restricting his involvement past that level. At the end of his fifth form year (Year 11) and after three years at St Paul's, his father decided it was time for Robert to go out to the workforce. Frank's philosophy was that three years of education at that time was enough and then you needed to go out and know how to work – education, was he believed, a waste of time on its own. He was a pragmatist of limited family financial resources and with another son, Trevor and also three daughters to educate. In 1970 Robert entered the workforce with what he believed were no great academic



endorsements, but an ability and a real desire to learn; as well as being a well-rounded individual with a drive stronger than most to achieve.

Farming was in Robert's blood. He initially share-milked with his brother, Trevor as partner. They then both went their own ways in business. Robert leased farms, built up his stock numbers and then in 1978 brought his first farm. Eventually milking over a thousand cows a day. Robert now owns eight farms, all in the Otorohanga and Maihihi area.



But never one to sit still, Robert diversified and also set up an agricultural contracting firm in 1989, which undertook agricultural, section and roading developments, hay and silage work, ground work and cropping. Today, that business employees ten permanent staff, but in the high season, Robert can have up to 15 men working for him in Otorohanga, the Bay of Plenty, Taupo, Hamilton or the wider Waikato region, with a huge number of tractors, harvesters, trucks and diggers.

But life for Robert has not been without adversity. Robert married Colleen at the age of 20 and found himself widowed at 29 years of age and with four young children that he was responsible for. However, this did not deter Robert. It instead made it more important than ever that he was an integral part of his children's lives. Robert became Chairman of Maihihi Primary, a school of 120 students, at a time when Tomorrow's Schools was just starting. It helped ignite his passion for education for providing opportunities for young people to learn.

When it came time for his own children's secondary schooling, there was only one option for his boys, St Paul's and he saw that opportunity as a privilege and reward and he was very proud of their impressive individual and collective successes. Son, Peter Walters was Deputy Head of Williams House and a full School Prefect; Christopher was Head of Williams House and a full School Prefect; daughter Michelle was Head of Harington House and a full School Prefect; while his other daughter, Rachael was the Dux of Waikato Diocesan School for Girls, while also being a full School Prefect. Peter, Chris, Michelle and Rachael were a testimony to the superb solo parenting skills of Robert and the love and encouragement he offered to each of his children.

But Robert didn't sit on the side-lines during his children's high school education; he decided to give something back to a school that he believed had made a real difference to his life. In April 1995, he joined the Board, at a time when Headmaster, Mr Steve Cole was in full stride and some key decisions needed to be made by new Chairman, John Wiltshire and his Board of Trustees (and when incidentally, one Daniel Vettori took ten wickets in the traditional fixture against Lindisfarne). A decision was made "that the school must grow or go backwards". A \$7.5m loan was sought from the BNZ and a decision made to extend the Chapel, build a new Science block, Student Centre, Technology block and the development of the student houses down at Tihoi.

This was an exciting time for St Paul's. Over the first five years of Robert's tenure on the Board, the School roll grew from 470 to 640 students. In the middle of 2004, Robert stepped down as a WACT Board member, leaving it in much better shape than when he had come on. His peers commented that his practical, no nonsense, down to earth input in decision making, was particularly invaluable. A real team man, Robert had a real feel for what a

boarding family wanted from their St Paul's experience and high expectations of the quality of educational opportunities that our students should receive.

Amazingly, given how busy Robert was with family, business and school governance duties, he still found ways to serve his community. A workaholic, he had a leadership role in the National Party, chaired Federated Farmers and was a committee member of the New Zealand Dairy Company. He also chaired the Otorohanga Community Trust Board for eight years. More recently Robert has been a crucial member of our Capital Campaign Cabinet. His passion for the School has been very clear to his fellow committee members. He has shown a willingness to lead by example in helping to ensure that St Paul's Collegiate has the facilities to meet the needs of 21st Century learners. Robert has played a key role in the success of our current campaign.

Robert Walters has been an amazing supporter and advocate for St Paul's. He sent his own children to the School he had attended; has financially sponsored a number of other students to have the same opportunity as his kids; for over a decade he played a key role in the governance of St Paul's and actively worked to set it on an exciting pathway of redevelopment and growth; while more recently he has proved a crucial member of our Capital Campaign Cabinet. Robert firmly believes "that St Paul's does not owe me as much as I owe it!" But I believe it is the other way around. He is a humble, self-made man who has overcome adversity and exhibits many of the important traits of a "man of good character" that we strive to promote within our students.

Robert Walters has served his old school well. He has shown what hard work, drive and persistence can achieve. He clearly deserved his appointment as a Fellow of St Paul's Collegiate School. Congratulations.

TIHOI – THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN

Spring has sprung at Tihoi and the boys are enjoying warming weather and longer days. The Alpine programme has enjoyed the snow experience with the most recent group completing a winter summit of Mt Ruapehu. This is a huge feat and not often accomplished at Tihoi during the winter months. The students climbed via restful ridge to the summit plateau; enjoying stunning views out to Mt Taranaki and across the central plateau. While some boys were conquering mountains others were honing their white water skills on the Mohaka River. The grade two section above and below Glenn Falls continues to offer superb technical skill acquisition and a lot of fun. The tramp two programme ensures students have accurate navigational skills and bush knowledge in preparation for the Parent Tramp and the Student Led Tramp.

The Tihoi campus continues to be developed. The ablutions block and attached laundry and storage rooms has been abolished in preparation for the first of the new classrooms. The classroom is currently on the tennis courts at St Paul's and will be transported down to Tihoi in the early days of December. This new building will offer an extended classroom space for the teaching of English and Social Studies in 2015. It is superbly situated with views towards the Pureora Forest and capturing the sun. The strategic plan for the classroom development is over four years with all three Tihoi classrooms being replaced by 2018.

The traditional Tihoi expedition trips are running November 21st till November 26th. This is a highlight of the boys Tihoi experience. Trips running this intake are mountain biking in the Opotiki area including the Motu track and in the Central North Island; canoeing down the Whanganui river, white water kayaking on the Ngaruroro river and rock climbing at Wharepapa South, Froggett and other central North Island crags.



ST PAUL'S NOMINATES ZOE LAPWOOD FOR 2014 ALTRUSA YOUTH AWARD

Altrusa Hamilton have recently rewarded outstanding school children in their city. The Altrusa Youth Awards are in their 17th year and recognise achievement for Year 12 students in secondary schools. The winners each receive a book voucher, a professional portrait photograph and a certificate from the Mayor, but there is also a motivational speaker who addresses the winners.

Zoe Lapwood was nominated to represent St Paul's Collegiate School due to her all-round abilities across the four cornerstones of the School – academic, sporting, cultural and special character (community service), which fulfils the criteria as outlined by Altrusa.



Zoe Lapwood and one of her mentors, Mrs Jackie Lock, Housemaster of Harington House

BOARDING CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Level	Clark	Sargood	Williams	Harington
9	Luka Benseman	Millar Groube	Dallas Taikato	-
10	Henry Laycock	Matthew Wilson	Oliver Saunders	-
11	Harrison Moss	Benjamin McColgan	Hunter Johnson	Tayla Edwards
12	Jack Davies	Jack Schicker	Nicholas Simpson	Georgia Burke
13	Thomas Gordon	Zachary Posa	William Reeves	Ella Strack

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

SIBLING ENROLMENTS FOR 2015 ONWARDS

A reminder to all existing School family – if you have further children to enrol into St Paul's for future years, please make sure that we have an Application for Admission form on file for them so that we can make contact with you early in the year prior to enrolment to ensure they are interviewed early to avoid disappointment. This especially applies to boarding students as beds are limited in number in each boarding house and once they are all allocated, we will only be able to offer a waitlist scenario despite family affiliations. Please contact Donna Shalloe if you are unsure about whether we have the siblings of your current students on file – 07 957 8889.

RETURNING INTENTIONS FOR 2015



As we are in the process of finalising enrolments for 2015, 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 2014 to notify the Headmaster in writing. **Any family not giving the required written, full term's notice will be charged Term One fees for 2015.**

ST PAUL'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

This year has been a fruitful year for the Parents' Association with a number of projects receiving our investment. This started with the purchase of Football team dugouts to replace the ex-Hockey goal ones that had seen better days.

Then we were heavily involved in the very successful Senior Art Competition which produced some excellent work. Part of the competition is that the work is retained by the Parents' Association and there have been a number of requests to display these works in various areas of the School.

A large amount of funding, as per usual, went to supporting students attending competitions at tournament week, helping with transport and accommodation costs.

Then there are the new blinds installed in the Chapel. These full blackout curtains were requested by Reverend Luccock to help with students being able to see the words and images projected onto the screens above the Sanctuary when the sun is streaming through the windows. They were purchased from Window Treatments, at a heavily discounted rate, (Thank you Window Treatments!) We have also been looking at providing better audio visual opportunities for the choir, as it is difficult to see what is going on from the gallery.

We have provided funding for a new video camera for the School's sporting community, to help with recording top level games for player reviews. This newer model has much better zoom quality and is linked to specific sports diagnosis software.

We have assisted sports individuals and teams providing help with the purchasing of equipment and uniforms.

There was the Parents' Dinner for the parents of the Year 12 and Year 13 students attending the School Ball, which had 75 parents in attendance.

Once again the Parents' Association supported the School production, providing refreshments for the audiences who gathered to watch the outstanding performances of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'.

As for the fundraising, the coffee cart is still ticking along and has been 'manned;' recently by the 1st XI Soccer parents, who incidentally have done a marvellous job. It seems that this is a great fundraising/service-providing enterprise which is hugely underutilised.

It has been run throughout most of the year by Eleanor Carmichael and she has been fantastic in her dedication to the cause – sincere thanks to Eleanor from us all.

The Parents' Association Cattle Scheme has continued to provide a high level of funding support. The mantle for this is about to be passed over from the longstanding Doneghue family, to the newly arrived Palmhof family. Thanks for everything Rick and Di. You've been awesome, and welcome Dirk, I am sure you're going to be equally as awesome.

Finally, if you want to be a part of the Parents' Association and help raise funds to support student success and to enhance the opportunities available to our young people, get in touch. We are on the School website: <http://www.stpauls.school.nz/page/st-pauls-parents-association>

POTENTIAL ST PAUL'S LEADERS ATTEND LEADERSHIP CAMP 2014



Thank you to the Senior Management Team, Housemasters, Tihoi and Hamilton campus staff in attendance, current Prefects and Camp Facilitator, Mr Rick Dobbie for once again making the annual Leadership Camp for Year 12 students the outstanding success it was

ST PAUL'S SWIMMING CLUB SEEKS CHAIRPERSON



Swimming Club Chairperson Vacancy

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

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

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The second half of Term 3 and first part of the final term of the 2014 academic year have proved to be fairly frenetic, but intensely rewarding. A real highlight was the outstanding performance of our musicians at the WITM regional music festival. After years of not being in a position to compete at this level, it was extremely heartening to see that we are not just competitive, but in the top echelon of the bands in the Central North Island region. The two Gold awards were great reward for all the hard work and effort that has been put in by the students and staff in the Music department. Given the depth and breadth of instrumental music within the school, we can confidently consider competing in the National Band Festival in the near future.

Our winter sports teams have excelled. A top seven placing and an 18th ranking by our 1st XI Hockey and Football team respectively was incredibly heartening, while our Open 'A' Netball team cemented their place in the prestigious 'A' grade of the tough UNISS competition and our 1st XV was ranked the 13th best side in the country. The benefits of playing in the Premier WSS competition were clearly evident by the performance of our 1st XI girls' Hockey and Football sides in their respective tournaments. What more could we ask for?

Our senior students acquitted themselves admirably at this year's School Ball with the theme of 'Sweet September'. The Sports Centre was magnificently decorated and our Year 12 and Year 13 students rose to the occasion in their conduct, behaviour and in the manner in which they positively embraced this great social event in the School calendar. I was incredibly proud of each and every one of the young men and women in attendance.

The Senior Leadership Camp saw 80 of our Year 12 students attend a three-day camp in the first week of the holidays. These potential young leaders enthusiastically embraced the experience and the learnings offered by Australian facilitator, ex-Colonel in the Australian Tank Corp, Mr Rick Dobbie. The depth of talent for 2015 has made us rethink the way in which we will structure the student leadership opportunities next year.

The focus of the next four weeks is on Academic Excellence. The good weather is upon us. There are plenty of outside distractions to take a teenager's mind off the core business of private study and revision. We must help ensure that procrastination is replaced by self-disciplined, consistent and persistent personal study, if our seniors are to realise their academic potential. As parents and as a school, we need to work together to motivate,

cajole and encourage our Year 11, 12 and 13 students to “hit the books”. It is such a short, but crucial period in a young person’s life, but it has the potential to make all the difference to the final academic outcomes.

I hope to be able to see many of you over the last weeks of term, end-of-year celebrations; the Carol Service; the Leavers’ Dinner and the annual Prizegiving. The next few months won’t be without its own personal challenges, but with a strong faith, determination and fight, we can work to overcome whatever life puts before us.



**G W LANDER
HEADMASTER**

A huge thank you to all the parents who came to the Tihoi 2014/2 Community Day and helped get the firewood supplies for the next winter underway (see below)

