



**St Paul's**  
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DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

WE ARE CLOSE TO COMPLETING WHAT HAS BEEN A MOST SUCCESSFUL AND HIGHLY MEMORABLE FIRST TERM FOR 2017 – FULL OF A SUCCESSION OF HIGH POINTS. CERTAINLY ONE OF OUR HIGH POINTS WAS THE EXTREMELY POSITIVE FEEDBACK THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SENIOR LEADERSHIP RECEIVED FROM THE EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) FROM THEIR VISIT IN MID-FEBRUARY. ERO SPENT FOUR DAYS AT ST PAUL'S IN WEEK 3 AT THE START OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR, AS PART OF THE FOUR TO FIVE YEAR REVIEW SCHEDULE AND PRESENTED A DRAFT WRITTEN REPORT, WHICH THEN GOES THROUGH THREE FURTHER PEER REVIEWS, BEFORE BEING FINALISED RECENTLY. REGRETTABLY, THROUGH THIS PROCESS, SOME OF THE MORE POSITIVE, GLOWING ADJECTIVES GIVEN BY OUR REVIEW TEAM WERE TEMPERED BY THE USE OF MORE NEUTRAL LANGUAGE.

However, in the ERO synthesis summary sheets, left with the School, we received feedback under the following headings:

## Curriculum for teaching, learning and assessment

- Academic tracking at Years 11-13 is comprehensive and effective.
- There is high expectations for all.
- There is a focus on raising student aspirations and self-belief ... There is a culture whereby high achievement is something to be proud of.
- Holistic approach to assessment in junior school.
- Students in LEU – systems that engage boys in monitoring and determining their next learning steps.
- Students with diverse learning needs are well catered for, supported and affirmed and strongly encouraged to be self-

managing learners ... There are many opportunities for extension and enrichment.

## Curriculum

- Curriculum content is well managed in the interests of students ... There are broad and rich opportunities for learning and extending learning.
- Continual review has led to ongoing improvement and innovation with a focus on preparing students for a modern economy.
- Digital technology is increasingly used to personalise learning and encourage collaboration.
- The School contributes to the wider education sector by sharing examples of learnings and successes.
- There is a strong and deliberate emphasis on student wellbeing.
- Close working partnerships with



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HEADMASTER

parents helps establish a close-knit community with a focus on achievement, wellbeing and service.

- The School is increasingly meeting society's aspirations to being a bicultural society.

## Leadership and Stewardship

- Very effective governance ... Trustees are well informed ... use information well for strategic and innovative resourcing decisions ... good communication with community ... good relationship between Board and Headmaster.
- Experienced professional leader ... Highly effective distributed leadership ... clear vision/high expectations for all ... clear roles and responsibilities, high level of empowerment ... leadership builds



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trust and effective collaboration at every level of the School community.

### Evaluation, inquiry and knowledge building for improvement and innovation

- Culture of critical reflection and ongoing improvement ... good systems for gathering feedback ... continual future focus ... good use is made of student's achievement information to improve achievements and review curriculum ... conscious of current trends in education and 21st Century learning.

### Suitable Tuition

- Strong positive relationships, supported by strong involvement of teachers in co-curricular activities.
- Teachers establish positive learning partnerships with students.
- Culture of high expectations ... strong collaboration between teachers ... many opportunities for students to revisit learning.
- Teachers have a strong subject knowledge and depth of experience ... many teachers contribute at a regional and national level.
- Well understood and appreciated structure and organisation within classrooms.
- Staff are open to professional development and improvement.

- Teachers regularly share successful teaching strategies across curriculum areas.

The students, staff, Board and parents should be collectively, incredibly proud of this excellent feedback from this respected, independent school audit agency. A full copy of the final report can be accessed electronically through the following link:

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/st-pauls-collegiate-hamilton>

However, the past eleven weeks has not been solely defined by the extremely positive reflections of the ERO team. Collectively our teams have enjoyed fantastic success:

- Our rowers gained one of their best results in the past 13 years, when they followed up the eight medals in the NISS regatta by qualifying for nine A finals in the Maadi Cup regatta – winning seven medals in nine races; including three Gold and four Bronze medals; including Gold in the prestigious Dawn Cup (U18 Coxed Four) – an amazing achievement for a Club with only 12 female rowers; as well as a Bronze in the Maadi Girls Eight. Very encouraging for the future, in the boys U15 Four, the crew won Gold. The last time (in 2000) we

had enjoyed success in this event, our boys went on two years later to win the Springbok Shield and Maadi eighth. Overall, our rowers finished in eight place, on the points table, out of the 127 schools competing in this prestigious NZSS event.

- Our mixed tennis team, for the first time since 2002, qualified for the national finals, finishing a creditable fifth in New Zealand.
- Our 1st XI cricket side won Silver, for finishing as runners-up in the Northern Districts Gillette Cup play-offs, defeating Whangarei Boys', Aquinas College and Hamilton Boys' High School, before going down to Tauranga Boys' College in a hard fought encounter, qualifying for the national finals in Christchurch.
- Our rugby sevens side, for the first time, won the Gordon Tietjens competition in Palmerston North.

While individuals receiving national honours and recognition include: Victoria Chanwai being selected for both the NZSS Symphony Orchestra and the NZSO National Youth Orchestra; Matthew Fisher the NZ U18 cricket side; Kate Littlejohn and Grace Watson were selected for the NZSS netball squad; and were chosen for a NZ Junior rowing trial; Oliver Larcombe gained Silver in the NZSS Aquathon at the Triathlon Championships.

## ADDITIONAL SCHOLARS TIES RESULTS FOR 2016 ACADEMIC YEAR

The following students (Year 12 in 2016) should have been included in the High Achievers table on page 16 of the February 2017 edition of the 'Informer'. We congratulate these students on achieving personal bests (which are calculated using the best four subjects, including English):

<b>Matthew Jayasuria*</b> (Aggregate 92%)	Music 100% Accounting 95% Economics 93% English 79%	<b>Grace Li*</b> (Aggregate 92%)	Chinese 100% Chemistry 93% English 88% Accounting 86%
<b>Talitha Patrick*</b> (Aggregate 94%)	English 100% L3 History 100% Drama 100% Statistics 75%		





## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



# FELICITY WHALE AND SERENA LIM-STRUTT TAKE OUT TWO OF THE FOUR MOST PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN NEW ZEALAND

For the first time in the past two decades, a school has taken out two of the four most prestigious international scholarships on offer to New Zealand's brightest all-rounders – Felicity (Fizzi) Whale (2016 Dux) and Serena Lim-Strutt (Proxime Accessit) were awarded the Sir Douglas Myers Scholarship and Robertson Scholarship respectively. Currently St Paul's has 2013 Dux and Deputy Head of School, Paul Newton-Jackson, studying at Cambridge University, as a Girdlers Scholar (i.e. the third of the three [two Robertson Scholarships are offered annually] scholarships on offer).

Fizzi Whale has been awarded the prestigious Sir Douglas Myers Scholarship to study at the University of Cambridge. Set up 17 years ago, the Scholarship is for academically gifted students intending to return to New Zealand, to become leaders in their chosen field. The Scholarship provides tuition and college fees and a living allowance and is worth £34,000 or NZ\$60,000 per annum. Fizzi gained four scholarships (one Outstanding) in Year 12 and five in Year 13 and was Deputy Head Girl, she is an accomplished debater, talented concert and rock drummer and received the 2015 Altrusa Award for community service work in the Hamilton region. Fizzi will study national sciences at Cambridge.

Serena was one of two young women to receive a prestigious Robertson Scholarship to study at Duke University, a private research university in Durham, North Carolina. The programme is valued at about NZ\$100,000 per year, for up to four years, and covers the scholar's study, living and travel costs. In addition, scholars participate in summer internships, research, or international community projects. Serena was a full School Prefect with responsibility for the Mission and Outreach portfolio, where she led the "Over the Fence Ministry" programme, which saw her efforts recognised with a Prime Minister's Award. At Duke, Serena plans to study economics to prepare for a future in business and social entrepreneurship.

We are incredibly proud of both of these two young women and their achievements. As the Chairman of the Scholarship selection panel, Mr John Taylor noted, "The committee is looking for academically capable students, with strong leadership potential, a genuine commitment to community service, who are courageous, collaborative and highly ethical." As a School, we will follow their future pathways with a real interest and pride.





## STUDENT EXCHANGE TO SPAIN *by Kathy Hastie*

So as a lot of you probably already know, I recently had the amazing opportunity of going on a student exchange to Spain for three months, and it was honestly one of the most incredible experiences I've ever had. Last year I won a \$4000 scholarship to go to any country of my choice through Language Perfect and an organisation called NZIIU. This was totally unexpected, and while I could have done it any time during this year, I chose to leave the day after my last NCEA exam, forfeiting my summer holidays for three months of school in the middle of winter. But trust me, it's totally worth it. Due to some unforeseen events, I didn't have any idea what part of the country I was going to until a couple of hours before leaving for the airport, and I actually only found out any information about my host family when I arrived in Madrid. The city that I did end up going to was called Bilbao, situated right on the north coast of Spain in the Basque Country, with a population of about a million people. When my bus arrived there, I was greeted by my amazing host family, which turned out to have four younger host sisters in it! This was definitely quite a contrast to my one older brother back here in New Zealand. But they came to be some of the nicest people I've ever met, and were an essential part of introducing me to the Spanish culture.

One major difference that I had to get used to, especially when I first arrived, was the daily schedule and different meal times. In Spain, lunch is the main meal of the day, and the earliest it would ever be served is 2:00pm, but it's not uncommon to eat as late as 4:30pm in the afternoon! In my family, the kids were younger, so we would have dinner at around 8:30pm most nights, but when staying with other people, we would often only eat at about quarter to eleven, and this is during the school week I'm talking about.

School in Spain is totally different to in New Zealand. In my class there were 31 other people with whom I would spend every lesson, and instead of moving around the school when the bell rang, we would stay where we were and the teachers would come to us. In the morning we had three straight hours

of classes, a half an hour break, then another two hours of classes, followed by half an hour for lunch, and finally another two hours of classes to finish the day. At first that took some serious getting used to for me, but for everyone else it was completely normal. We also only had very limited options about what subjects we wanted to take. You could either choose the course with four languages, history and economics, or one of the two science courses like I did. My eleven subjects were Physics and Chemistry in one class, Biology, Maths, Spanish, English, spoken English, Euskera, which is the Basque Language, Philosophy, Religion, Cultural Sciences and PE. The other course was exactly the same except you would do Graphics instead of Biology. There are also no extracurricular activities available, and so if anyone wanted to be involved in a sport or other activity, they would have to do it in a club.

I also got to travel a bit while I was over there, just popping off to France one time with my host family for the weekend, and I also went to Madrid and the medieval city of Toledo to meet other exchange students. It was just the best thing ever to interact with people from all over the world, with everyone talking in a variety of different languages, but still somehow managing to communicate. But because I lived so far away, I found that actually most of the friends that I made weren't other exchange students, but were native people from my school and city; and to be honest those people are the ones that have really made me the most glad that I decided to do this. I'm still in constant contact with all of them, and sometimes I just wish I could be back there for a little while.

I've truly learned so much from this exchange, not only about another culture, but I've also realised just how accepting and supportive complete strangers can be when you need them. If any of you ever get the opportunity to go on an exchange or just to travel in general, I would definitely encourage you to say yes, because I honestly think that it's the best way to learn about the world.

## MOST KIDS HAVE NO SCREEN-TIME LIMITS

Eight in ten teens say there are no limits on their screen time out of school – whether that’s playing computer games, using their phones, or browsing the internet.

The insights have emerged from the second data release from CensusAtSchool TataurangiKiTeKura, a national, biennial project run by the University of Auckland’s Department of Statistics that shows children the relevance of statistics to everyday life. In class, Year 5 to Year 13 students (aged 9 to 18) use digital devices to answer 35 online questions in English or te reo Māori, providing a unique snapshot of Kiwi childhoods. So far, more than 5,700 students have taken part.

Students were asked if, on a school day, there was a limit on the amount of screen time they had at home. Just 16% of high school students reported a limit. For those with limits, secondary students were allowed a median of two hours.

Students were asked how often their screen time was supervised – with supervised meaning a parent or caregiver was watching or was in the same room as the child. More than half of high school students said they were never supervised, with a further three in ten saying they were supervised “a little”.

CensusAtSchool co-director Rachel Cunliffe, stated that she was “really surprised” at the results. “I imagined that in this completely wired world, the majority of kids would have limits – parents often discuss ways to find a balance between screen time and outdoor play time.”

Rachel Cunliffe points to Ministry of Health advice that outside of school, 5 to 18 year olds spend less than two hours a day in front of the television, computers, and game consoles.

So how are school children using their screen time? Seven in ten students said they spent time on their phone. Of that group, the most avid users were high school girls with 89% on their phones once school was out, and for a median of three hours – though a quarter spent 5 hours 30 minutes or more.

Four in ten students said they spent time gaming after school, with the keenest gamers high school boys. They spent a median of two hours in front of their Playstation, Xbox, Nintendo and the like – but a quarter spent four hours or more gaming.

CensusAtSchool also asked students what they did most often with their cellphones. At high school, it was all about social media for both girls (49%) and boys (31%).

If you are like most parents and are looking for guidelines and input into how to manage your teenagers screen time, then we encourage you to save the date in your calendar for Dr Nicholas Kardaras’ visit to the Waikato on Tuesday, 21st November 2017.

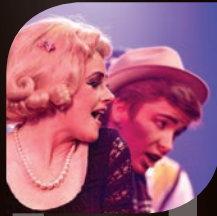
Dr Kardaras is the well renowned author of the book ‘Glow Kids’, who is currently doing some excellent work in the USA and Canada and is coming out to New Zealand in November 2017. He has produced some provocative internet clicks entitled: ‘Digital Heroin’; ‘How screen time affects developing brains’; ‘Generation Z : Online and at risk’; ‘Glow Kids : Beware of the screen’.

Our intention is to host a session for parents from St Paul’s, Southwell and St Peter’s School, in the Chapel of Christ the King - with just 800 tickets, demand will be strong.

## SEB ELLICE GAINS SIXTH SCHOLARSHIP



Old Collegian and Year 13 student in 2016, Seb Ellice gained a Scholarship in Physical Education after putting his examination script forward for reconsideration. This gives him six Scholarships overall – with the PE Scholarship, along with the five others announced in our February Informer (i.e. Art History, Classics, English, Geography and History).



## TALENTED MUSICIANS SELECTED FOR NZSS AND NZSO NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Victoria Chanwai has once again been selected this year to be a member of the NZ Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra as a First Violin. She will be sitting in the second desk of the first violin section, behind the leader of the orchestra. This will take place in the April school holidays in Christchurch. It will involve a week-long course followed by the Public Evening Concert on 29 April.

In addition, Victoria and Emi Ng were thrilled to find out that they have been selected to be members of the National Youth Orchestra (NYO) of the NZ Symphony Orchestra (NZSO) – Victoria as a Violin 2 and Emi playing Viola. They will attend a week-long course in the July school holidays, which will culminate in a public performance at the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington on 14 July and another concert at the Auckland Town Hall on 15 July.

The NZSO NYO is New Zealand's pre-eminent training orchestra for the nation's leading young musicians, giving these youngsters the chance to develop their musical skills under the guidance of internationally respected conductors and to perform music at the highest standard, with their peers, in concert halls around New Zealand.

The NYO audition was an anonymous process, and no credentials were given. It was based solely on the quality of the sound of the applicant's playing. Many of the selected NYO musicians are university music students, so Victoria and Emi should be very proud to be given this magnificent opportunity.



## CHOIR CAMP REPORT *by Emily Dela Rue*

On Friday, 3rd March, 26 St Paul's Collegiate choristers travelled to Tihoi for our first ever choir camp. Having a completely new and revamped choir, we were excited to prepare for our 2017 performance itinerary. This camp certainly gave us the opportunity to create a greater repertoire of songs for the year ahead. The first day was filled with rehearsals, delicious food and a little free time, where we all got to know each other a bit better. The movie night, complete with popcorn and beanbags, was definitely appreciated by all. Overall, the day allowed us to form a more unified and supportive choral unit.

Saturday was filled with more sectionals and rehearsals as well as time to complete several of the Tihoi activities such as the broken bridge, the swamp and the low ropes....great for team building (and without a doubt, a choir is a team!). This was followed by a run or walk of the Froddo Track, before a final rehearsal. Then it was time to board the minivans and head

back home late afternoon. Camp was a huge success and has given us a real head start and an early sense of achievement. I would personally like to thank a few people, on behalf of the choir, who made this camp possible. To all the choir members, thank you for such an amazing camp and I can't believe how much we have accomplished in such a small amount of time. I can't wait to see how this year will turn out for us. To the Tihoi staff, most importantly Mr Jeff Simpson, for his amazing feasts. To Miss King for coming and supporting all of the students. To Mr Ian Campbell, Hannah, and Melissa for being absolutely awesome in helping us learn our songs. To Mrs Karen Johnson for organising everything to make this camp happen. And lastly, Mr Tim Carpenter for his incredible skills as a choirmaster...for helping us, believing in us, and pushing us to the best to our abilities. This year will certainly be a great year for our choir.



## MUSICAL PRODUCTION – JEKYLL AND HYDE

This year our musical is based on the classic thriller by Robert Louis Stevenson. It is the gripping tale of a brilliant mind gone horrifically awry. Not since the triumphant season of *Les Miserables* have we attempted a musical as ambitious as this. We expect this to be a sell-out season and hope that you all enjoy watching the talented and committed performances of our students.

This is a compelling and curious story. Dr Henry Jekyll (played by Aidan Phillips, Year 13), attempts to cure his ailing father's mental illness by separating "good" from "evil" in the human personality. He decides to use himself for his experiments and the talented physician inadvertently creates an alternate personality of pure evil, Mr Hyde, who wreaks murderous havoc on the city of London.

His gentle natured and loyal fiancé, Emma (Anna Hamilton, Year 12) grows more and more fearful for her betrothed and her concerns are shared by her father Sir John Danvers (Kaenan Ferguson, Year 12). Meanwhile, a prostitute with dreams of being free (Phoebe l'Anson, Year 13) finds herself falling in love with, and becoming dangerously involved with, both Dr Jekyll and his alter ego Mr Hyde. His close friend, John Utterson (Daniel Thomas, Year 13), a lawyer and Henry Jekyll's

confidant, supporter and life-long friend becomes the only character to recognise the danger that Jekyll has become both to the people of London and to himself.

This is a story of ambition and evil, but at the same time, of love and concern for other human beings. With music that will have you dancing in your seat, as well as some beautiful numbers for the more romantic minded.

Importantly, this year we welcome the new Director of Vocal Performance, Mr Tim Carpenter to our team, and he is inspiring our singers and musicians at every turn. We will also welcome a new student Stage Manager, Max Wilkinson to lead our crew. Once again, we are joined by Ms Andrea Dela Rue – Producer; Mr Bruce Rawson – Director; Mr Duncan Smith – Lighting and Sound; Mrs Karen Johnson – Props Procurement; and the ever talented, Miss Jane Spenceley – Costume Design. Our musical opens on Saturday night, July 1st; continues with a matinee on the Sunday afternoon of July 2nd and three more nights Tuesday, Wednesday and a triumphant closing night on Thursday, July 6th. Please come and support our cast and crew as they work hard to produce this thrilling show. We would encourage you to purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

## OTHER CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Elliot Leighton-Slater has been selected to represent Waikato and New Zealand youth at the upcoming Aotearoa Youth Declaration Conference 2017. The four-day conference is held at Auckland University during the April holidays. 196 students from around New Zealand are selected to produce the 2017 declaration. Elliot will then be distributing the finalised declaration to local Waikato schools, politicians and civic and government bodies, later in the year. This year he has been selected to contribute to the Governance focus group.



## LINDISFARNE MATCH REPORTS

We hosted our Hawkes Bay brother school between Sunday, 12th and Tuesday, 14th February. The following are the results of the matches played:

### **1st XI Cricket**

This three-day game produced many ups and downs for both teams and also the weather. Day One produced a mixed batting display by St Paul's Collegiate. After losing a couple of batting partners, opener Jamie Sandford steadied the ship with his first half century for the 1st XI. He was well supported by captain, Sean Dykes (38) and Matthew Fisher (23). However, Lindisfarne bowled St Paul's out for a modest 172.

Day Two provided a strong effort in the field for St Paul's. A sharp fielding unit and superb bowling from David Hancock (5-41), restricted a patient Lindisfarne batting unit to 181,

handing a first innings lead of nine runs to Lindisfarne. With one hour left of play on Day Two, St Paul's were in a spot of bother to start their second innings at 13 runs for three wickets. Sean Dykes and Jack Collins combined with a crucial partnership at a crucial stage of the game. When Jack departed (31 runs), Sean Dykes kicked on with a superb captain's knock, to reach his fourth hundred for the 1st XI. Sean (108 not out) and Matthew Fisher (31 not out) were able to bat Lindisfarne out of the game, earning a draw. This result meant that St Paul's retained the Duff Cup. A great character building result for our 1st XI boys.

### **Development XI Cricket**

Winning the toss and electing to bat, we were soon in deep trouble, going from 49-4 to 49-8 and then all out, for a very disappointing 64 after 27 overs. The bowling attack needed to fire. An early wicket to Jamie Carlson gave some hope, but that was short lived as inconsistent bowling gave Lindisfarne a healthy lead of 118 declaring, at 182-5 with H Lowe impressing with a quality 58 off 34 balls.

The second day was delayed with rain. However, play started again 11:15am and needed to bat until 4:00pm to save the game. A better start by the top order and at 45-3, captain

Bennet Groube hobbled to the wicket and dug deep to play a quality innings of 75 including 12 boundaries. Other contributions, from Aiden Lee (22), Cooper Robinson, Hamish Tapp and Matthew Winefield all getting starts with 15, with St Paul's finally dismissed for 186, leaving Lindisfarne a target of 68 in 6 overs left in the match.

Jamie Carlson hit the poles with his first ball of the innings and picked up a couple more as they had a go, to get the target, but ended up short at 35-4 after the six overs with Jamie finishing with 3-12 and the match ending in a draw.

### **Colts Cricket**

The Colts completely dominated Lindisfarne from start to finish and only due to inclement weather, were denied an outright win. Lindisfarne won the toss and elected to bat, but found the pace of Kuwyn Price too hot to handle and were dismissed for only 75. In reply, the Colts made light work of the total, making 240-2 with Jack Sturm unbeaten on 101, Ollie O'Meehan 70 and Campbell Robb 50.

With a lead of nearly 150, the boys confidently took to the field, knowing they had at least 50 overs to bowl Lindisfarne out, to claim an outright win. Lindisfarne stuck to the task though and with six overs left, we still needed four wickets. Kuwyn Price stepped up and took three quick, before the rain tumbled down, to deny us an outright win. While frustrating not to get the last wicket, the boys should be proud to put in such a good effort against a side we often struggle against.

### **Tennis**

Lindisfarne brought to Hamilton a very strong tennis team, compared to the team we played in 2016. In the juniors, Nathan Ingham was the only player to pick up a win. George Stace, Matthew Forward, Li Kun Cao, Brad Foster and Seb Bodle all fought hard, but were defeated.

The senior team also fought hard, but secured no wins. Simon Han, Sarah Jackson and Carlin Vollebregt were very competitive, with Henry Mandeno, Jack Russell and Charlie Saxton making Lindisfarne work for every point.



## FRANCIS DOUGLAS EXCHANGE

On Sunday, 5th March, we travelled down to New Plymouth to play our CNI rivals in cricket.

### *1st XI Cricket*

After winning the toss and choosing to bowl first, Francis Douglas Memorial College (FDMC) put our first XI boys under immediate pressure. With some tight bowling and poor shot selection, we were in trouble with three wickets down for only seven runs. After the poor start, the middle and lower order needed to show some mental toughness and a high level of skill to get us back on track. Fortunately, this was led by Sean Dykes (62 runs), Matthew Fisher (64 runs) and Jarrod Mealings, with his maiden half-century for the first XI (57 not out). These three were well supported by Sam Densem, Jack Collins and George Ott, who were able to contribute

handy 20 runs a-piece. In the field, Francis Douglas showed application and skill at the top of the order. Unfortunately, we were not able to apply consistent pressure and they racked up a massive 294 runs, for the loss of only two wickets. After Francis Douglas declared, St Paul's had a quick and explosive time at the crease, with Mitchell Bailey and Sean Dykes carving their way to 45 not out and 39 not out respectively. In the end, Francis Douglas took away a first innings win and St Paul's took away a valuable learning experience. As a bowling and fielding unit, analysing and adapting to the conditions is crucial.

### *2nd XI Cricket*

Captain Bennet Groube won the toss and chose to bat in this two-day fixture. Cooper Robinson (81) and Jack Sturm (63) got us off to a great start, which was backed up by a quick fire 54 from the skipper and then declaring our first innings closed at 252-4. Applying pressure, early wickets fell at regular intervals, as the day finished with FDMC 32-5. The next morning, after some persistent batting, they were all out for 87, with Matthew Winefield starring with the ball, taking his best ever

figures of 6-22, supported by Robert Morbey and Jack Morton chipping in with two each. St Paul's decided to bat again and made quick fire 60-2 off 10 overs, with Ollie O'Meeghan hitting 28 of 12 balls. FDMC needed 225 to win in the last session, but again our bowlers, led by Robert Morbey (5-18) and Liam Waide 2-2, bowling them out for 66 and winning outright by 159 runs.

### *Colts Cricket*

Batting first, the Colts got off to a solid start, quickly racking up the runs with Campbell Robb making the most of the rather benign Francis Douglas bowling attack. When he was dismissed for 55, a mini collapse occurred, which was only halted with a quick fire 45 by Neelay Mistry and 42 by Declan O'Sullivan. After 53 overs, we were dismissed for an imposing 275.

O'Sullivan. Shivam Achary was chief destroyer though with three wickets, while Declan O'Sullivan and Caleb Weck got two each. Francis Douglas were dismissed for a paltry 67. We enforced the follow on and while showing a lot more fight in their second innings, we still made short work of the Francis Douglas batting line-up and they were dismissed for 147. Giving St Paul's a win by an innings and 61 runs.

In reply, Francis Douglas were all at sea against the hostile fast bowling attack of Kuwyn Price, Campbell Robb and Declan

## 3X3 AMIE RUSSELL CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On 25th February, Dylan Smethurst, Carter Elkington, Andre Kleuskens and Logan Jarvis travelled to St Peter's Cambridge to compete in the Amie Russell Classic. Walking into the gym saw strong teams such as St Peter's, as well as two Waikato U19 rep teams, the boys saw a tough day ahead of them.

Playing the adapted rules of three-on-three basketball, Game 1 had a slow start, but Game 1 came through with a solid win versus St Peter's A's taking the win 15-7.

Game 2 against St Peter's B was over quickly, with strong defence from Andre creating turnovers to Carter on the 3 line with 16 points in 7 minutes. Score 21-9.

Game 3 was possibly the boy's biggest triumph of the day, with a well fought 17-15 win over Waikato B's. Having squared up with some of the best players in the region and come off with a win, gives a good sign for the season to come. Game 4 faced us against Waikato A's. An intense physical match took place that had St Paul's winning by 2, with less than a minute on the clock. Some unfortunate passes and good shooting gave Waikato a 2-point lead at the buzzer. Final score 14-16.

Final game of pool play matched the team against Tai Wananga. As the day had worn on, the boys had started to tire and this was reflected in this game. Despite this, the boys still came out with a 13-8 win.

After pool play, the team managed to place second overall by point differential. This meant that they would play Waikato B in the semi-final. Waikato came out strong after their previous loss and a tight game came out with an 11-14 loss.

The last game of the day matched St Paul's against St Peter's A for the Bronze final. Solid hustle from Dylan and Carter closed the game out to ensure a credible 3rd place for St Paul's.



## GIRLS FUTSAL WAIBOP COMPETITION

On a long hot day at the Waikato Hockey Centre, the Soul Sisters of St Paul's played with great courage and skill for the vast majority of the day. The first game saw a very slow start from St Paul's which resulted in a slightly frustrating 2 to 1 loss against Hamilton Christian School. The side made amends over the next two games with strong wins, 3 to 0 (Ngaruawahia) and 5 to 2 (Matamata). The final pool game saw St Paul's lock horns with the talented and free scoring Hillcrest side. The side played with great shape and gave Hillcrest one of their tougher outings on the day. St Paul's went down by 2 to 0 in the end.

These results meant the side were in the mix for fifth place playoff and the following games were all very tight. The first

game resulted in an exciting three all draw with Ngaruawahia, the next game saw the side trailing by three goals to one to Otorohonga with about ten minutes left. The soul sisters dug deep and played with great skill to ensnare a victory of 5 to 3. This meant the final game was for fifth place against Hillcrest 2nds. It was a very exciting game and goals went in at either end regularly. The sides were locked together at four goals each, with little time left and sadly for St Paul's it was Hillcrest who nicked a winner on the break, in the dying seconds. The day had been a great work out for the team before going off to the national event. The spirit shown on the day will augur well for future battles where it is to be hoped a faster start will see the competitive spirit engaged from the first kick of the ball.

## GIRLS' FUTSAL NATIONALS REPORT *by Mr Ian Boyle*

The ebbing tide on one flank, minor sand dunes undulating the other flank, piles of seaweed, driftwood for goals, grey scudding clouds and team manager, Mrs Allen playing up front, were the main ingredients as the St Paul's girls futsal team had a kick around on the beach by the airport in Wellington to warm up for the national tournament. The spirits were high heading into the first game, against Hastings Girls' High School, and the team played very well in an exciting first half, which went to the break with St Paul's down by 3 to 2. Hastings played stronger in the second half and pulled away to a 7 to 2 win, which was a touch harsh on the soul sisters of St Paul's, who had put in a good shift.

The next game saw us pitted against a strong St Andrew's College side who moved the ball around with ease and were very worthy winners of that tussle. This meant St Paul's lined up in front of the live screening cameras against Wainuiomata High School in the 17th to 24th placing section. The team

saved their best for the cameras, and recorded a very solid 3 nil win, which secured a spot in the 17th to 20th placing bracket. The intensity of the battle was starting to tell on our nine fit players and the side struggled to contain local futsal "powerhouses" St Peter's School and Hillcrest High School.

The team played with great energy and enjoyment for the duration of the tournament and it was a fine learning experience. Emi Ng and Holly Skelton carried the main attacking threat and Emi scored several fine goals. The defensive duties were shared among the rest of the squad and although heavily tested at times, the girls stuck to the task. Katherine Naylor, nursing a swollen ankle, provided great warm up support for the squad throughout.

Many thanks to Mrs Julie Goodwin, Mr Groom, Mr Boyle and Mrs Allen as this trip would not have happened without such grand support behind the side.

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## BOYS FUTSAL WAIBOP COMPETITION

The School's futsal team, stepped up their preparations for the Futsal Nationals in Wellington to be held over 29th-31st March, with a series of very positive performances at the Waikato Futsal Nationals held at the Gallagher Hockey Centre.

The day's proceedings commenced with a comfortable 5-0 win over Otorohanga, with Matt Jayasuria, Jacob Rae, Sam Dean, George Ott and Jasom Khatkar getting the goals.

Next up was Morrinsville and another easy victory was to follow - this time with a 10-1 score-line. Scorers on this occasion were: George 4, Captain Shane Reddy 3, Jasom, Mic, and John Flood.

A narrow loss 3-2 to Hillcrest in the next round was hard to take, as the team were 2-1 up with a minute remaining, having gone ahead through Jasom and Jacob Rae. This was both a disappointment and a set-back because it meant a semi-final loomed against HBHS.

In this game, the Soul Brothers played some super futsal and moved the ball with rhythm and razzamatazz. Tenacious defending meant St Paul's were 2-0 up after 10 minutes through George and Jacob Rae and they were looking so good. Boys' High were rattled and their familiar dysfunction, when losing, came to the fore. Ironically their discontent instead of diminishing them, enabled them to rally and become stronger, until they began to dominate. The final score was 5-2, but Mr Groom was stoked with the Soul Brother passion and soldier-like desire to sacrifice for the team; this was embodied in the

battling qualities of Jakob Merson. The outcome of this match meant a re-match against Hillcrest, who had lost their semi-final.

A 4-1 win in the game against Hillcrest, reversed the earlier result and was a product of the passion and pride the boys had, in wanting to win this game for themselves and their school. They dominated Hillcrest from start to finish with George, Jasom, Shane and Jacob Rae on the score sheet. This was a day when the Soul Brothers put all their training into practice and took their futsal skills, positioning and teamwork to a new level; this augurs well for the Nationals!

Ben Scaramuzza and Arthur Rasmussen were fearless in their role as goalkeepers and lifted their games to a whole new level. Captain Shane Reddy, who plays in the fundamental role of Fixo in the team, was phenomenal in his leadership and level of performance during the course of the day and it was inevitable after the much-deserved final victory, that his performances elicited a new nickname for him- 'InShano' for his insane performances!

All that was left at the end of the day was for Mr Groom to gesture the shaka sign to the boys. In a football context, this sign is symbolic of the superstar Ronaldinho. It was a sign from Mr Groom that the boys had played futsal in the manner and with the heart and soul of the icon from Brazil. There is no greater validation, nor praise of performance, that Mr Groom can give!



## SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

Thursday, 16th March saw the annual swimming sports take place, with exciting races throughout the day. Each age group was keenly contested with very talented swimmers competing in every final. Three new records were set, two of them by Thomas Griffin. His new record in the intermediate boys 50m breaststroke was 36.35 seconds and in the 200m freestyle, it was 2mins 6.07secs. Shay Dickson also set a record in the senior boys 100m breaststroke with a time of 1min 22.72secs. The eventual results for 2017 were:

**The 20 x 25 Relay Cup:**  
**The Spirit Cup:**

**Clark House**  
**School House**

Junior			Points	Intermediate			Points
1st=	Oliver Larcombe	Williams	30	1st	Thomas Griffin	Fitchett	32
1st=	Matthew Waddell	Sargood	30	2nd	Jacob Gibbs	Hall	29
3rd	Thomas Carne	Sargood	26	3rd	Max Dobbe	Williams	25
Senior			Points	Girls			Points
1st	Darius Hasan-Stein	Fitchett	32	1st	Olivia Warlow		29
2nd=	Brendan Hunt	Hamilton	28	2nd	Mackenzie Batters		27
2nd=	Shay Dickson	School	28	3rd	Charlotte Dingemans		22

**Champion of Champions:**  
**The Overall House Champions:**

**Darius Hasan-Stein**  
**Fitchett House**





## NISS ROWING REPORT

Boys U15 Double of Isaac West and Sam Harcourt are the North Island Champions, beating a very strong Hamilton Boys' crew by three seconds. Our boys never looked like losing their dominant lead and are looking very strong contenders for Maadi.

Boys' High came back with a vengeance in the U15 four taking the win by two seconds with our boys getting the silver medal, one second ahead of Mount Albert Grammar. The crew was coxed by Gus Hanham and rowed by Isaac West, Sam Harcourt, Seth Peake and Max McLean-Bluck.

And then in the boys U15 eight, our boys finished strongly in third place. Again the crew was coxed by Gus Hanham and rowed by Jack Caldwell, Isaac West, Sam Harcourt, Seth Peake, Max McLean-Bluck, Edwin Wills, Nico Mitchell, Wes Hitchcock.

And finally on the boy's side, our U18 Novice Boys four were in a photo finish to gain the silver medal behind Auckland Grammar and beating very strong rivals Hamilton Boys' High. The crew was coxed by Sarah Best and rowed by Jeremiah McDonald, Taotahi Te Ua, Dallas Taikato, Ronan Fuller.

On the girls side we were equally outstanding, winning four medals, in some very close races.

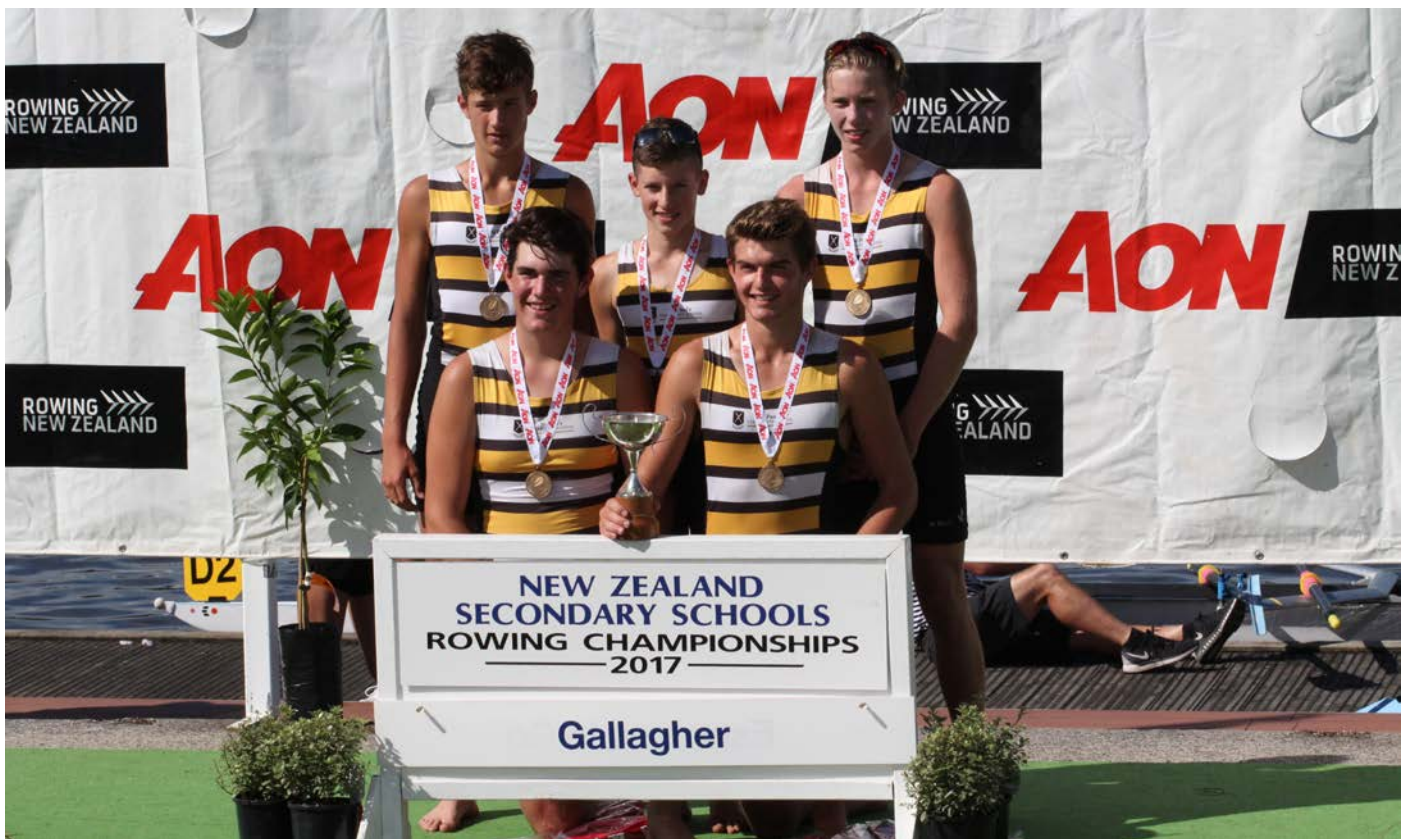
First up was our U18 pair of Kate Littlejohn and Grace Watson,

narrowly missing out on the gold, but gaining an impressive silver medal, only half a second behind Auckland Dio, but yet a massive 11 seconds ahead of third place.

Next was the prestigious Girls U18 Four. Our crew of Grace Watson, Kate Littlejohn, Olivia Warlow, Jasmine Fountaine and coxed by Victoria Chanwai gained an impressive second place, just one second behind Wanganui Collegiate.

Our Novice Girls four of Madeleine Dickie, TJ Balme, Alice Cao, Olivia Knowing coxed by Molly Flavell, gained the bronze, with an impressive race where they were only two seconds off the silver.

Finally, the blue ribbon event of girls rowing, the U18 Girls eight was a heart stopper, with four eights lining up early in the race and pulling clear of the rest of the field. Wanganui Collegiate couldn't handle the heat and caught a giant boat stopping crab, turning it into the three boat race, with the rest of the field not being able to cope with the speed of our girls, Epsom Girls' Grammar and Auckland Dio. Our crew pushed hard into the closing stage and managed an impressive bronze, just one second off the silver medal. The crew was coxed by Victoria Chanwai and rowed by Bo Jacobsen, Grace Watson, Kate Littlejohn, Abby Bartels, Olivia Warlow, Jasmine Fountaine, Madeleine Dickie, Alice Emeny.



## MAADI CUP REPORT

St Paul's rowers surpassed all expectations at this year's Maadi Cup regatta, clinching three gold and four bronze medals. In overall points rankings, St Paul's Collegiate was 8th out of 127 schools. The results are officially the best the school has ever attained in its Maadi Cup history.

Highlights for the St Paul's crews were:

- Racing from 5th to 1st in a perfectly executed second half of the race; Sam Harcourt and Isaac West won the boys U15 Double Sculls.
- Sam and Isaac were joined by Max McLean-Bluck and Seth Peake and coxed by Gus Hanham in the boys U15 Four where they absolutely dominated Hamilton Boys' High and St Andrew's College (Christchurch) to win the Gold by a massive seven second margin.
- Gus, Sam, Isaac, Max and Seth were then joined by Jack Caldwell, Edwin Wills, Nico Mitchell and Wes Hitchcock to claim Bronze in the Boys U15 Eight.
- Finally for the boys, our U18 Novice Four of Jeremiah McDonald, Taotahi Te Ua, Dallas Taikato, Ronan Fuller; who were coxed by Sarah Best, put on an impressive display to claim the Bronze medal behind Christchurch Boys' High School and Hamilton Boys' High School.
- The first girl's final was the U18 Pair - Grace Watson and Kate Littlejohn as U17s showed outstanding class against New Zealand's absolute best, to come away with the Bronze medal. These two have also been named, among a small select group, to trial for the New Zealand Junior Rowing team. If they are successful in their trial, they will travel to the World Championships in Lithuania later this year.
- Kate and Grace were joined by team captain, Olivia Warlow and Jasmine Fountaine and coxed by Victoria Chanwai to compete for the Dawn Cup in the U18 Coxed Four. In what was considered the upset of the tournament, our girls led from the first stroke and extended their lead to win this glory event by three seconds over Nelson Girls and Auckland Diocesan.
- And in the final race of the day, the Girls U18 Coxed Eight, these five were joined by Bo Jacobsen, Alice Emeny, Abby Bartels and Madeleine Dickie as 8th fastest qualifiers into the final. Not expected to do anything and leading for the first half of the race, the crew put itself in a great position for the sprint to the line. In what was an incredibly intense finish, our girls managed to get the Bronze and were 0.7 seconds off Silver. Victoria Chanwai has been selected to trial for the North Island U18 team as a result of her fantastic coxing in the Girls 8 and 4.





# SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

## Field Events - Cups

Junior			Points	Intermediate			Points
1st	Riley Foster	Hamilton	20	1st	Lane Tims	Williams	25
2nd	Lincoln Winter	Clark	18	2nd	George Ott	School	19.6
3rd	Sitiveni Lose	School	16	3rd	Dallas Taikato	Hall	17
Senior			Points	Girls			Points
1st	Lachie Finch	Williams	21	1st	Libby Clayton		25
2nd	Temwa Chileshe	Hamilton	18	2nd	Sarah Parker		22
3rd=	Robert Morbey James Mitchell	Clark Willaims	14 14	3rd	Madison Tims		18

## Individual Champions - Cups

Junior			Points	Intermediate			Points
1st	Ben Strang	Hamilton	30	1st	Lane Tims	Williams	34
2nd	Lincoln Winter	Clark	28	2nd	Matthew Spence	Hamilton	23
3rd	Oliver Larcombe	Williams	26	3rd	Temple Beauchamp	Clark	22
Senior			Points	Girls			Points
1st	Temwa Chileshe	Hamilton	33	1st=	Madison Tims		36
2nd	Lwamba Chileshe	Hamilton	32	1st=	Jessica Hood		36
3rd	Andre Kleuskens	Hamilton	26.5	3rd	Emi Ng		24

Girls 4 x 100m Relay:

Senior Boys 4 x 100m Relay:

Senior Boys 4 x 400m Relay:

Relay Cup:

Fitchett

Williams

Hamilton

Williams

House Cup:

1st Williams

2nd Hamilton

3rd School

4th Clark

5th Fitchett

6th Sargood

7th Hall





# ZONES ATHLETICS REPORT 2017

Approximately 50 students represented St Paul's, competing against athletes from all of the Hamilton secondary schools. The star of the day was Jessica Hood, with three first placings. Her victories in the Senior Girls 400m and 800m were dominant and her win in the 200m, against the sprinters, was testament to her strength, as she eased clear from her rivals in the last twenty metres.

Lane Tims added to his high jumping accomplishments, by winning the Intermediate event in convincing fashion. On the way to his win, he narrowly missed breaking the school record. The other person to win a title on the day, was Temwa Chileshe in the Senior Boys Discus. Having just competed in the Senior Boys 4 x100m relay, Temwa returned to the Discus competition and promptly overtook the leader with his first throw back. In a successful day for Temwa he also finished third in the High Jump and the 300m Hurdles.

A number of athletes also achieved podium finishes:

- Madison Tims 2nd 300m Open Girls Hurdles and Senior Girls High Jump; 3rd Senior Girls 100m Hurdles
- Libby Clayton 2nd Intermediate Girls Javelin
- Ben Strang 2nd Junior Boys 300m
- Oliver Larcombe 3rd Junior Boys 1500m
- Harrison Bond 3rd Junior Boys Hurdles
- Junior Boys 2nd 4 x 100m relay – Aminio Manu, Lincoln Winter, Sitiveni Lose; Ben Strang
- Intermediate Boys 2nd 4 x 100m relay – Temple Beauchamp; Clay Richardson; Mercedes Hodge; Matthew Spence
- Senior Boys 3rd 4 x 100m relay – Shaun Campbell; Temwa Chileshe; Andre Kleuskens; Connor Downey

Twenty-two athletes, based on their performance, have qualified for the Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary School Athletic Championships.

## WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

St Paul's had one of its smallest teams of recent years competing at this annual event. This resulted in us not having the range of success of the past, but there were still some very good performances from our athletes who competed.

Jessica Hood successfully defended her Senior Girls 400m title from last year and narrowly finished second in the 200m, with 4 hundredths of second being the difference between first and second. Lane Tims scored a solid victory in the Intermediate Boys High Jump and backed this up with a good third place finish in the Open Boys 300m hurdles. Another winner on the day was James Mitchell in the Senior Boys Javelin, where he had his best competition series of throws to finish with a new 46 metre personal best. The final individual to win a title was Ben Strang in the Junior Boys 300m where he ran two smart races, heat and final, to convincingly win.

Andre Kleuskens bounced back to triple jumping form to place second in the Senior Boys event and Madison Tims had a busy day picking up third place finishes in the Senior Girls 100m Hurdles and High Jump and a further third in the Open Girls 300m hurdles. The final athlete to achieve a top three placing was Temwa Chileshe in the Senior Boys Discus. Temwa also placed fourth in the Senior Boys High Jump. Each of these athletes has now earned the right to compete at the North Island Secondary School Athletic Championships as representative members of the Waikato Bay of Plenty team.

The Junior Boys 4 x100m relay team of Lincoln Winter, Sitiveni Lose, Aminio Manu and Ben Strang ran well to place third and a keen group of seniors made up of Shaun Campbell, Andre Kleuskens, Temwa Chileshe and James Mitchell were also competitive with some very good baton changes to place third.

Other individual placings / results

Libby Clayton	4th Intermediate Girls Javelin
Sam McClay	4th Open Boys 300m Hurdles
Sitiveni Lose	Junior Boys 4th 80m Hurdles; Discus and High Jump
Harrison Bond	Junior Boys 8th 80m Hurdles; 800m
George Hayward	8th Intermediate Boys 400m
Max Campbell	9th Junior Boys 800m
Priya Singh	finalist Intermediate Girls 400m
Lachie Finch	Senior Boys Shot Put
Angus Orsler	Intermediate Boys 3000m



## ST PAUL'S TENNIS PLAYERS QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS

The St Paul's mixed tennis team comprising Simon Han, Carlin Vollebregt, Sarah Jackson and Lily Carr Patterson defeated Trident High School from Whakatane to qualify for the national finals in Auckland during Tournament Week. The boys won all three matches by playing disciplined and controlled tennis. Simon won his singles 6/0, 6/1, Carlin won his more impressively 6/0, 6/0 and they won their doubles 6/0, 6/0. The girls had to fight for every point and their efforts brought them sufficient games to make the difference in the count back. In the doubles Sarah and Lily went down 6/2, 6/1. In the singles, Lily who had to play a nationally ranked player, lost in a

hard fought match 6/0, 6/0. Sarah then had to secure enough games in her match for St Paul's to win over all. She did this with grit and determination by taking her opponent to a tie-breaker in the first set and 6/4 in the second. On count back, St Paul's won by 51 games to 41.

They will now play in the top eight, as only two teams come from each of the four regions in the country play off. This is the first time since 2002, when St Paul's have had a boys team entered in the nationals (where they placed fourth), that we have qualified.

## TENNIS – NATIONAL MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT *by Mr Craig Morton*

The St Paul's team comprised of Simon Han, Carlin Vollebregt, Sarah Jackson and Lily Carr Paterson. These players did exceptionally well to qualify for the National Tournament in Auckland. St Paul's has not qualified for this tournament since 2004. The team was competitive against the top schools in the country. After four days of play, St Paul's was placed fifth in the nation. St Andrew's College (Christchurch) successfully defended their title after winning it last year. St Peter's School (Cambridge) came second, having two girls ranked in the top four in the country. St Kentigern College (Auckland) came third

and Kristin School (Auckland) fourth. After playing against this stiff competition, the win against Feilding High School was a morale booster. Three of the St Paul's team are Year 11s (i.e. Simon, Carlin and Lily), which augers well for our prospects over the next two years. All players enjoyed the challenge of playing tennis at a much higher level than they were used to. All players improved the standard of their tennis over the tournament and were aware of the weaknesses they need to focus on to improve their performances on the national stage.

# BOYS' FUTSAL NATIONALS REPORT *by Mr Michael Groom*

The St Paul's futsal team endured a tough and torrid three days in Wellington at the Nationals, but in keeping with their camaraderie and commitment to the futsal cause, they remained positive throughout. That attitude was a credit to them!

Due to the challenging circumstances they encountered, they gained great experience and the realization that futsal at the highest level is not only a game requiring finesse with the feet in the style of Falcao, but also a game of brutal physical power and intense competitiveness. This was most palpably in evidence when the sole brothers played Otago Boys' High, whose shortest player was of greater height than our tallest! This game ended with St Paul's on the receiving end of a South Island stampede.

The two games the following day, against Rathkeale College and Selwyn College, showed the true sole brother spirit, when the some passionate individual performances showed that the fighting spirit of the boys had been awakened in the wake of the previous day's beating. This was heartening to see for the coach.

It was a credit to all of the boys involved, that in spite of the adversity they faced, their spirit remained intact and relatively

upbeat. This is hard to do when dreams confront and clash with harsh reality, as it did in this tournament.

The team was led with maturity and inspiration by Captain, Shane Reddy and fellow Year 13 Samuel Dean showed praiseworthy determination and extraordinary effort in keeping the team together on the court when things were turning awry. Matthew Jayasuria was his usual vessel of vivacity and always kept the team's spirits upbeat on and off the field of play.

An enormous message of thanks and gratitude goes, as it has many times in the past, to Mrs Julie Goodwin. Her organisation meant the team's off-field needs were met to an extremely high standard - as if they were playing for Real Madrid! Her generosity and spirit for the game of futsal at St Paul's goes back to when we made the finals two years in a row.

*(The team would also like to thank Mr Michael Groom, their coach, for his continual enthusiasm, energy and commitment to the boys and their enjoyment of the game.)*

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## ST PAUL'S WINS 7'S FOR THE FIRST TIME

In a replay of the 2016 final in the Gordon Tietjens Cup competition held at Palmerston North, St Paul's Collegiate School reversed their defeat to Tauranga Boys' College, prevailing 24-14. Tauranga started briskly when Connor McLeod scored the first try, after a stylish reverse pass from Head Prefect, Flynn Kelly.

A telling difference between the two sides was St Paul's ability to win kick-off possession. Starved of the ball, Tauranga fell behind 19-7, when tries were scored by Liam Allen, Fergus Burke and Jock Yarnley.

Despite losing a player to the sin bin, Tauranga rallied and a try to Taylor Kite reduced the deficit to 19-14.

Valynce Crosby-Te Whare was one of the standouts all weekend for St Paul's. The tall and powerful presence had the final say when he charged 40-metres for the winning try after collecting a deflected pass.

Earlier, Tauranga enjoyed a resounding win against Palmerston North Boys' High School in the semi-finals. Kelly scored three tries and Leroy Carter impressed with his creativity.

Palmerston North had made the semis at the expense of Scots College. In a sometimes spiteful quarter final, Captain Sam Stewart scored twice for Palmerston North, while Jaylen Tuapola scored a try with the last play for Scots, but the conversion from in front missed.

St Paul's had no such dramas in a close 19-12 semi-final win over Condor runners-up, Feilding High School. St Paul's led for the entire match and a 65-metre runaway try by Luke Donaldson was a highlight.

Three players also made the tournament team. Luke Donaldson, Valence Crosby-Te Whare and Fergus Burke.



## 3X3 BASKETBALL NATIONALS *by Mr Michael Rameka*

The Premier boys' 3x3 basketball team's journey started off being in a pool of 10 teams. Game One was against a well-trained Rangitoto Red team. This game was one of St Paul's best games to watch. With both teams running through their structures on defence and offense. Playing with structure and purpose, however, wasn't good enough against a well-drilled team, losing 21-16. In Game Two, St Paul's came up against Rangitoto Blue. They fought hard, but struggled against a more athletic and taller team, losing 14-6. Rangitoto Blue ended up being the National Champions of 2017. Game Three was the one that got away. Losing by one point against Aotea 6-7. Again consistency was our downfall, struggling to execute basic fundamentals. Game Four was our first win, against Papamoia College, 11-6. We cruised through this game which we should have put more on them.

### Day Two

Game Five was a tight one going down to Rongotai College, 16-13. This was another good one to watch. Both teams going at each other, attacking the rim. But it came down to fundamentals and Rongotai were able to pay more attention to detail when executing their sets. Game Six was a disappointment, going down to St Peter's Cambridge 9-6, having beaten them early in the year. Again consistency in performance let us down. Game Seven was against one of the teams picked to be in the finals, Palmerston Boys' High School, fielding a centre that stood over 7 foot. Their big man was unstoppable. We went down 21-10. The last game of the day was against Tai Wananga. Due to the St Paul's team's height,

they looked to get the ball inside. They did this by using Tom Seuren. His improved shooting technique and footwork were too good for the Tai Wananga's defenders. This created space for our outside shooters, Carter Elkington and Dylan Smethurst. This game was a good finish for the team having a 17- 8 win.

### Day 3 (Finals day)

Due to pool play, St Paul's were to play for 13th – 15th place at the 3x3 Nationals. The first qualifier was against a spirited Pukekohe School, who performed the basics very well. Sadly they couldn't keep up with Pukekohe, which was extremely disappointing. However, they still had to keep their heads up and focus on implementing their game plan. St Paul's next game was against St John's College, Hamilton. St Paul's took an early lead. However, St John's were able to slowly peg back the score to take the game 11 - 9. The final game of the day was to play off for 14th or 15th place. The final game was to be against Aquinas College. St Paul's played to their strength, using big Tom Seuren inside, which again gave space to the smaller guys. St Paul's dominated the game 12 – 2, which was a good finish to the tournament, coming 14th at the 3x3 Nationals.

The team still has a lot of work to do to contest with the more established programmes in the country. They would like to thank new head coach, Mr Nick Fee, for enabling them to attend this tournament for the first time.



## SILVER IN NORTHERN DISTRICTS TOURNAMENT FOR 1ST XI CRICKETERS

Last week our 1stXI Cricket squad competed against the best secondary school sides in the region, with the aim to be the Northern Districts Champions. The winner team would then go on to represent the region in Term Four at the Gillette Cup.

Monday brought a comfortable win against Aquinas. Batting first St Paul's Collegiate amassed 241/6. This total looked unlikely after being in trouble at 50 for the loss of 4 wickets. A massive 5th wicket partnership of 147 runs between Sean Dykes 126 not out and Matthew Fisher 65 helped set a competitive total. Our spin twins did the trick against the Aquinas batting line up. Mitchell Bailey's economical bowling of 1 for 16 and George Ott's wicket taking ability with 4 for 25 contributed to Aquinas downfall. Aquinas were bowled out for 74 runs.

This was the ideal lead in to Tuesday's must win game against our arch rivals Hamilton Boys. This game had many turning points. Batting first Hamilton Boys were well set at 65-1. However, a combination of fielding excellence and tight bowling brought an end to Hamilton's innings at 178. St Paul's were also in a comfortable position mid-way through their batting innings when Ed Sclater and Sean Dykes were both mid 30's. Once again momentum changed and we were in deep trouble at 87-5. The decisive turning point was the entry of James Watson Holmes. James blasted Hamilton's bowlers all over the park to enable his team victory. St Paul's winning with two wickets in hand and 11 balls to spare.

This win made the next game, vs Tauranga Boys, virtual final. With a rain overnight we had a delayed start due to a wet outfield. Batting first Tauranga Boys College set a competitive total of 217/7 off their 50 overs. The standout bowler for St Paul's was the leg spinner George Ott with 3 wickets for 41 runs for his allotted 10 overs. Mitchell Bailey and Sean Dykes got St Paul's off to a quick start. Unfortunately, our middle orders contributions were limited. Resulting with a disappointing total of 161/10. Sean Dykes 45, Mitchell Bailey 23 and Finn O'Halloran 23 not out were the main contributors

to the total. Tauranga Boys were ruthless in the field and deserved their 60 run win.

Friday's game vs Whangarei Boys gave us a great chance to end on a high and claim second spot. The boys will be able to produce the goods, which is always a difficult task at the back end of a week long tournament. George Ott's impressive week continued with another 4 wicket bag. Whangarei were bowled out for 138 runs. This could have been a difficult run chase if Whangarei had gained early momentum. However, Mitchell Bailey came out firing and blazed his way to 52 runs. St Paul's knocking off the total with 11 overs and 4 wickets to spare.

With three wins and one loss we received second place. Second place is a fine result for our young men as we wish Tauranga Boys good luck when they represent Northern Districts. This week brought many individual highlights including:

- Sean Dykes 126 not out vs Aquinas College
- Matthew Fisher 65 vs Aquinas College
- George Ott 4 for 25 vs Aquinas College
- James Watson Holmes match winning knock of 46 not out vs Hamilton Boys
- Mitchell Bailey 52 vs Whangarei Boys
- George Ott 4 for 24 vs Whangarei Boys
- Sean Dykes leading run scorer across all teams for the tournament
- George Ott leading run scorer across all teams for the tournament

The 1st XI squad:

Sean Dykes, Mitchell Bailey, Finn O'Halloran, James Watson-Holmes, Matthew Fisher, Ed Sclater, Jarrod Mealings, Jamie Sandford, David Hancock, George Ott, Jack Collins and Kuwyn Price.

# PAST AND PRESENT STUDENTS PERFORM WELL IN NATIONAL RAFTING COMPETITION

From 1st – 4th March, Max and Georgia Dobbe and Henry Carr competed in the national rafting competition on the Buller River in Murchison. This national competition was the qualifier for the selection of the teams to represent New Zealand at the world rafting competition in Japan in October 2017.

Georgia is in the U19 women's team, comprising of girls from BOP, central North Island and Hawkes Bay and ended up competing against women in the U23 category.

Max and Henry are in the U23 men's team. This team is all current and old St Paul's boys, including Tom and Ben Dobbe, James and Ryan Wilkins and Shaun Cox.

The competition was held over three days and comprised of four disciplines: the sprint, the head to head, slalom and

downriver racing. There were some very exciting moments in all of the race disciplines.

Georgia's U19 teams dominated throughout the three days and were clear winners in both the U19 and U23 women's division.

The U23 men had tough competition from the local Buller raft guides and it came down to the last race, a 50 minute downriver sprint. This St Paul's group of boys dug deep and won this and the overall U23 division, with race times that were competitive with the competing Japanese open men's team.

Great results and very encouraging for the worlds in Japan!

# ARIANA HALLEY SELECTED FOR TRANS-TASMAN RODEO COMPETITION

On 3rd February, my family and I began our trip to Dunedin in our horse truck. Three weeks prior to this trip, along with 10 other students from around New Zealand, I was named in the New Zealand Trans-Tasman Rodeo team. In this team, we would compete against the best Australia has to offer in the some of the rodeo events which were Bull Riding, Steer Riding, Break away roping and Barrel Racing. I, along with two other girls, was given the honour to Barrel Race. There were three 'challenges', which were similar to three matches, where we come head to head with Australia.

Our first competition was held in Outram (20 minutes south of Dunedin). Barrel Racing was the last event to be held and after watching the boys, we were down by 90 points, which put a lot of pressure on us girls. For this first challenge New Zealand Barrel Racers rode our best horse and the Australian girls rode our second, we would then swap at the next rodeo, where they get our best and we would ride our second. The results of this first challenge were that I won, closely followed by my team mates Tegan and Amy. This gave us the extra 90 points we needed to tie this round.

The next rodeo wasn't until a week later, so we took this time to get to know the Australian riders a lot better than just rivals. In doing so, we went jet skiing; the boys bucked out some bulls and we had barbecues. I felt that this enhanced my experience

a lot more, as I had been given the opportunity to connect with some of these people that I didn't previously know very well.

The next challenge held at Matura Rodeo, was about 45 minutes north of Invercargill. For this challenge, we rode our second horses. Tegan (NZ) ended up winning this challenge, followed by Ebony (Aus), then me and Amy (NZ). As a team we didn't do so well in this challenge, as we lost 120-110.

The last challenge was held the next day in Invercargill. For this challenge, we had to draw our horse out of the hat. This was a new challenge for me, but I was very keen to give it a go. I had drawn Fire, who had won the second challenge. We only had a limited amount of time to get used to our horses before we had to ride them in the competition, which was another obstacle. Fire had given me the run I needed to secure a first place, closely followed by Ebony (Aus) and Macey (Aus). By the end of this challenge, we won 130-110. This meant that the scores were even, being 1-1. We finished in a tie.

This has been an experience that I will never forget. It gave me so many opportunities in both social and competitive aspects. I also met some amazing people that I now call friends.

## WAIKATO INDIVIDUAL TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Waikato Schools Individual Triathlon Championships took place on Wednesday, 15th March at the Mighty River Domain at Karapiro in hot, sunny conditions. St Paul's was represented by two students in the U14 age group: Oliver Larcombe and Isaac Reay. Their race consisted of a 300m swim; a 12km bike leg and a 3km run.

Oliver was first out of the water and was able to maintain that position throughout the bike leg. However, three quarters of

the way through the run he was overtaken and finished the race in second position, gaining a silver medal, approximately one minute behind the competitor who finished first. Isaac competed well in what was his first triathlon. Unfortunately, he had a mechanical problem during the bike leg and finished well down the field. However, he has gained valuable experience for the future by competing in this very competitive triathlon.

## WAIKATO/BOP SCHOOLS TEAMS TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

St Paul's had two teams competing at this event, which was held at the Lake Karapiro Domain on Wednesday, 22nd March. Conditions were cool and overcast – ideal for racing.

In the U16 age group, the race consisted of a 500m swim, a 17km cycle and a 4km run. We were represented by Jacob Gibbs in the swim, Jack Deane in the bike and Angus Orsler in the run. This team raced very well against tough opposition to

finish third out of a field of eight teams – taking out the bronze medal.

In the U14 division, we were represented by Matthew Waddell in the swim, Oliver Larcombe in the bike and Isaac Reay in the run. Their race consisted of a 300m swim, a 12km bike and a 3km run. The boys raced superbly throughout the race to finish in 1st position, seeing them win the gold medal.

## PODIUM FINISH IN NZSS TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

This event was held in Whanganui on Thursday, 30th and Friday, 31st March. On the Thursday morning competitors were competing in light rain, which made for slippery roads in the bike leg. Fortunately, by the afternoon and again on Friday, the weather had improved and competitors had near perfect conditions in which they would be competing against the best triathletes in their age groups from throughout the country. However, the swim leg which took place in the Whanganui River was particularly challenging as the competitors had to contend with the very muddy water, floating branches and the strong river current.

St Paul's was represented in the Individual Triathlon by Oliver Larcombe and Matthew Waddell. This event consisted of a 350 metre swim followed by a 12 kilometre bike and finally a 3 kilometre run. Oliver finished in a highly creditable 6th placing, less than two minutes behind the winner and Matthew placed

17th out of 24 competitors.

In the Team Triathlon, our team consisted of Matthew in the swim, Oliver on the bike and Isaac Reay on the run. In this event, we gained an 8th placing.

On Friday morning, our athletes competed in the Aquathon, which consisted of a 350 metre swim and 3 kilometre run in the U14 race and a 250 metre swim and 2 kilometre run in the U13 race. Isaac placed 12th in the U13 race. In the U14 race, Matthew gained a 9th placing out of 19 competitors. The highlight of the championships for our team was provided by Oliver who gained a 2nd placing.

Congratulations to these students who performed so creditably in three races over two days in this very competitive national championship event.

## CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

Two teams travelled north to Pukekohe to compete in the first interschool shoot of the season.

The opening round of Single Rise saw both Cameron King and Jarrad Dixon score a very respectable 19/20 in this event.

Round 2 was the Points competition. Jonathon Porritt scored the possible 60/60 and this was closely followed by Dylan Woodhouse with 58/60.

The last was the Single Barrel and Jonathon, Dylan and Jarrad all scored the possible 10/10.

In the High Overall Individual competition Jonathon, was

placed 3rd with a total score of 88/90 and Dylan was placed 8th. These places are calculated from the combination scores over the three events for all the 116 competing on the day.

A number of first time shooters participated and all performed admirably. Best individual performances were James McLanachan with 18/20 in the Single Rise, and Flynn Cave and Stanley Meyer with 8/10 in the Single Barrel.

This was a very encouraging first out performance from the teams and it sets the scene for what should be an exciting and productive season.

## LACROSSE

On Saturday, 18th March, two of our St Paul's girls, Grace Li and Olivia Gray, competed in the Waikato Lacrosse finals. Grace and Olivia joined the Hamilton North Falcons Club, after a successful first season of school lacrosse. The lacrosse club season started in late October last year and ended just last week. Both the Falcons A and B teams won their divisions.

Olivia played straight A and was a valuable scorer, while Grace played midfield and was notable for her agility. Grace and Olivia were undefeated throughout the season and won their finals for the B division in a well-fought game of 7-4.

## OTHER SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

- Sean Dykes Cricket Cap**  
Sean has been a member of the St Paul's 1st XI for the past two years, after moving to St Paul's from Tauranga Boys' College. A quality batsman and more than useful wicket keeper, Sean has proved to be a vital player in the 1st XI and became captain of the team at the beginning of the year – a real honour for someone who has only been at the school for a year prior to this. In a short space of time, Sean has scored four hundreds for the 1st XI, including two in the same week! His runs have often been vital and have meant that on many occasions, the 1st XI have posted competitive totals when wickets have been tumbling down the other end. Sean was recently rewarded with selection to the Northern Districts U17 side and has a huge future in the game. Sean is a very deserving recipient of his cricket cap.
- Joshua Andrew recently travelled down to Wellington to compete in the North Island Championships for diving.** Over 30 competitors came from throughout NZ to take part in this prestigious occasion. Joshua took part in three events: the 1 metre springboard, 3 metre springboard, and the 5 metre platform. In the 1 metre event, Joshua gained the silver medal. In the 3 metre event the bronze and the gold in the 5 metre platform. His combination of 281.5 points from these three events gave Joshua a final overall placing of second for this championship.
- Lwamba and Temwa Chileshe have been selected for Waikato for the Junior Quad tournament to be held in Taupo.** Lwamba will be number 1 for the U19 age group and Temwa will be number 1 for the U17 age group.
- Harrison Bond competed in the Oceans 17 (U14 New Zealand Surf Lifesaving Championships – largest junior national surf lifesaving event in NZ), held at Main Beach, Mount Maunganui over the dates 2nd – 5th March.**
- Matthew Bond competed in the 2017 New Zealand Surf Lifesaving Championships – the pinnacle event of the season, which caters for U16 through to Masters; seeing almost 1500 athletes compete over four days of competition; held at New Brighton Beach in Christchurch over the period of 16th – 20th March.**



- Matthew Bond (Year 12) has recently achieved the following outstanding results at the surf lifesaving regional and national competitions:
  - Bay of Plenty Champs:
  - Gold U19 Beach Relay
  - Silver U19 Rescue Tube Rescue
  - Bronze U19 2km Beach Run
  - Bronze U19 Beach Flags
  - Eastern Region Champs:
  - Gold U19 Beach Relay
  - NZ National Surf Lifesaving Champs:
  - Silver U19 Beach Relay
  - 10th in NZ for U19 Beach Flags
- Hector Munro (Year 10) also attend the NZ Surf Lifesaving Nationals from 16th-19th March and came fourth in the U16 Board Rescue with his partner and fourth in the U16 Taplin Team.
- Brendan Hunt achieved the following fantastic results at the recent Division 2 Swimming Nationals, where he swam in the 16-18 age group:
  - 2nd – 200m backstroke (with a huge PB of 2:16.20)
  - 3rd – 100m backstroke
  - 3rd – 50m freestyle
  - 4th – 100m IM
  - 5th – 200m IM
  - 5th – 50m backstroke
  - 6th – 100m freestyle
  - 9th – 200m freestyle
- Brendan has qualified to swim in the 200m, 100m and 50m backstroke events at the upcoming National Age Group Championships.
- Darius Hasan-Stein recently competed at the Auckland Open Championship from the 10th – 12th March, where a number of Olympians and world championship swimmers were competing. He swam a stunning PB in the 50m freestyle, with a time of 25.64 seconds!
- Grace Watson and Kate Littlejohn are two of only three WBOP Magic Zone netballers who have been selected in the NZ Secondary Schools' squad for 2017. There are currently 21 players in the squad, which will be reduced to 12 in July. The final team will play Australia in September.

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## HARINGTON BOARDING CHAPEL SERVICE

Sunday 19 February

READINGS: GRACE WATSON  
MAGGIE POWELL  
PRAYER: OLIVIA GRAY  
SERMON: PHOEBE THOMPSON

### Theme: The Power of Positivity and Making the Most of 2017

#### MAKING THE MOST OUT OF 2017:

2017 is here and for some of us it is our last year at St Pauls Collegiate. After this year we will all be going our different ways and starting a new chapter in our life. But it's too early in the year to be thinking about the end; we should be thinking about here and now and how we can make this year the best year, for every Year 9 to 13 that are here today. Making the most of 2017 can be shown in a number of ways, but how we truly make this year the best it can be is through:

- (1) Accepting the bad things in life and letting it go.
- (2) To beat the odds and do something great.
- (3) To have no excuses! Be the one to do it.

Some of us may not know Kurt Vonnegut. He is a famous author that found his success during the middle of the last century. In 1999, Kurt Vonnegut was at Agnes Scott College giving a commencement speech. In this speech, he said, "in order to live a more complete life, people need to accept the bad things in life and let it go." And I think that there are always events in our life that we can all relate to, where they try to weigh us down and get the better of us. However, this is where the power of positivity can define us. For me personally, I have had to experience a year and a half with my dad and step-mum moving across the world to Italy to live. This has affected me at certain times, but the power of positivity and making the most of all the opportunities has in some ways, distracted me and motivated me to do even better than what I first aimed to do. The power of positivity can have a big impact on a situation. And thus, not looking at the negative things in this situation has definitely encouraged me to move on.

And another example: Barack Obama. It is undeniable that Obama can deliver amazing speeches. In this 2004 keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention, Obama reminds us that it is possible "to beat the odds and become something great." He cites his own upbringing as an example

and how he was never expected to make it as far as he did. It shows that when you're passionate about something and when you try hard enough, you can accomplish almost anything.

And what goes hand in hand with making the most of 2017?

#### THE POWER OF POSITIVITY:

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Enthusiasm is a trait of positive thinking and can change yours and other people's outlooks on a situation. However, positive thinking is not just about being enthusiastic in situations, it is all about your attitude and actions towards getting things done. It has nothing to do with the negative thoughts or with what you do not have.

Speaker Tali Sharot encourages finding a balance between positive thinking and realistic expectations. She explains that when people let optimism stop them from considering the potential for failure, it becomes harder to deal with disappointment. However, Sharot does acknowledge that people with a positive attitude are often happier than those who are consistently pessimistic.

Ways into looking at things with a positive outlook are:

1. Don't think of the negatives in certain situations- think of the positives.

In life, you won't always get what you want as promptly as you need it. You might be tempted to give-up or give-in. When we have problems in life, we should not always just immediately think of the negatives. We should remain positive and look to manage your thoughts to make the situation better, with a positive outlook.

For instance, if you don't like a certain sport or subject, then we should first think how we can solve the problem and most importantly we have to ask ourselves "what will I get if I don't care about the problems". Saying that you don't like hockey or maths because you are not good at it does not help, or solve the problem, or to put it lightly- benefit you at all. You have to think why you don't like this certain sport or subject and look at it in a different perspective, with a more positive outlook and potentially ways to fix it. You need to ask yourself "what will I get if I can solve these problems". Have a clear mind when thinking about these. If you rethink this thought

and look at it with a more positive outlook such as: "I don't like hockey, but if I practise more I might get good" or "I don't like maths, but if I get Mrs Lilley to help, I might like it more." This will instantly make for a different perspective on it. And you might, more than likely, end up enjoying it.

In the end it comes down to where you are going - your dream, goal, desire or vision. How you are getting there- your plan-of-action and your preparation. And who you are going with - a mentor to guide you and people with similar goals to walk with you.

With this, if we remain positive, I can promise you - we will eventually get there.

2. Expect the best and get it.

With my inner competitive streak, I tend to make sure I set a goal so that it is achievable, but challenging. In order to

motivate myself to get the best out of the experience. These situations occur in everyday events in school and out of school, whether it is your Year 13 English credit speech, one of the 1st XV games or if you are a rower getting ready for your race - everyone in these events needs a clear mind set when going in to compete.

A primary method that has been used all over the world, is having a mind full of peace, which helps practise emptying the mind. Emptying the mind of fears, hates, regrets, and worry. Worry is a big one in the world today. Worry is a hard thing to control, but if we remain positive through the hard times in life then worry should not be able to define our actions.

I hope by the end of the day I would have not taught you, but inspired, encouraged and motivated you to help see the positivity in life and how we can make the most out of this year, because I can assure you it will be finished in a heartbeat.

## WILLIAMS HOUSE CHAPEL SERVICE

*Sunday 5 March*

WELCOME:	FERGUS BURKE
READINGS:	GEORGE WILSON JOCK YARNDLEY
PRAYER:	NICK KARTON
SERMON:	CAMERON COULL – PRESENTED (CO-WRITTEN BY LANE TIMS)

### Theme: Truth vs Opinion

Truth versus Opinion? One of my opinions is that if everyone kept true to their morals and values, then there would be no need for laws or rules. However, this idea breaks down as soon as it is applied to more than one person, because all of us have different values. Some of these differences are small; like how much of your income you should save or which car is best. Other differences in these values can be quite large, like believing a wall should be built to stop immigrants. While we may view this as wrong, it is still what some believe and it is these contrasting morals that create the conflict in this world.

All of you have your own set of values, you may not have thought about them and they may be pretty simple, but they are there nonetheless and will change as you get older, as you

gain new experiences. Hopefully you will see this from the following clip.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYq\\_35xJtFY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYq_35xJtFY)

This clip shows that our beliefs aren't set in stone, they do and will change, sometimes for the better, sometimes for the worse. The devil could've been his old self and laughed at the poor excuse for an angel, but chose not to. With new beliefs he helped him up, and the angel, well, he deserved it. Whatever your values are, whether or not you hold true to them, they are worthless unless you are open-minded of others. The inability to see a situation from someone else's perspective is the single biggest weakness in most people. No good comes of it either, only arguments, contempt, and violence. The ability to see situations from others perspectives is also a sure-fire way to ensure your own values are fair and just.

So, I'd like to ask a favour. This week try to think about what you believe in, what you think is right and more importantly, whether you stand up for those beliefs, whether you stay true to them despite your opinion. It may only be one, but try to start thinking carefully about it.

## SCHOOL HOUSE CHAPEL SERVICE

*Sunday 12 March*

WELCOME:	SAM COOPER
READINGS:	SAM COOPER
PRAYER:	HAMISH TAPP
SERMON:	SHAY DICKSON

### Theme: Unity (Love)

God designed and purposefully created the world  
Exactly the way it was meant to be  
And His word is truth yesterday, today and tomorrow

When I started to prepare for this talk  
I set out to interweave some thoughts on our theme of unity  
Infuse it with the School House flavour,  
And then relate it back to the prayer of Jesus in John 17: 20 – 23

But I got diverted and started thinking about hippopotamuses  
Specifically, what exactly is the point of hippopotamuses?

Hippopotamuses can weigh up to 3.5 tonnes each  
With their volume and weight roughly equal to three small cars  
They can sprint at 30 km/hr  
But that hardly seems relevant  
When they are out of the water for only five hours at night  
Gorging themselves on 75kg of vegetation  
Their lifespan is 45 years and their closest relative is the whale  
Say what?  
The whale

I mean, they seem a kind of fairly useless creature  
The mighty School House lion  
Well, I can see the point of that, and can't we all...  
But hippopotamuses  
Really?

After some research it appears  
That I'm not the only one to question the existence of hippopotamuses

Long ago in Africa  
A group of people decided that the hippopotamus did not serve any real purpose  
And that they were way too prevalent  
All the hippopotamuses did was wallow in the river and eat water weed on the bank  
They had a pointless kind of life

So the people took action  
And hunted them until hardly any were left

Then this happened:  
The river began to severely flood the surrounding land  
The water weed grew out of control, which hindered the flow of the river  
And the incidence of a chronic liver disease, in the local people, soared exponentially

God did not and does not make any stuff up  
He never did

Hippopotamuses were absolutely vital  
They used to wear paths in and make tracks along the riverbank  
These acted as drainage channels  
But with the waterweed overgrowth and no drainage channels the river flooded

Adding to the problem was a kind of water snail  
It lived in the water weed and as that weed grew  
Unchecked and uneaten  
The snail population exploded  
And that snail epidemic was the source of the peoples' liver disease

All parts of God's creation are connected  
And they affect one another  
We affect each other

The people in my example, got it wrong  
They viewed the hippopotamus in isolation  
Not, how its life was connected to and impacted the world around it

We can get it wrong too  
Especially when we see ourselves as individuals  
But, it is our connection with God and to the relationships we have with people  
That is a vital source of life for us all

Nothing lives alone  
And our life is dependent on relationships

In John 17: 20 – 23  
Jesus is praying to God for us  
It is just before he is crucified  
And he is praying for me and you  
I did a double take when I read that  
Jesus prays for us to believe in him  
"...that all of them may be one, just as you are in me and I am in you..."  
That we are "brought into complete unity"

The teaching of the trinity shows us that God is a network of loving relationships  
But what does it mean for us to be 'one'?  
God accepts us, but do we accept others?

Unity is not getting everyone to be identical  
Thinking and behaving the same  
Unity is not conformity  
That is for dictators

Christian unity is based on a shared life in Jesus  
Where we are kept in God's love by God's word

Jesus is praying that we would have the kind of unity that exists in God  
As a community of unique individuals  
Where each member is treasure  
Not pressured to conform  
But blessed by their differences

Just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one  
The Christian unity Jesus is talking about  
Is an expression of a common love, common purpose and

common mission

It is the unity Jesus modelled for us by the example of his life and works

Here's the thing

As Christians our unity is important

In fact it is vital

It is our witness to the world

So that others may know and believe in Jesus

That we are all in relationship and unity with the trinity

That's the point of John 17: 20 – 23

Jesus is praying for us to be united with him in complete unity

When those words were spoken

Just like when the world was created

...And when hippopotamuses were created

The prayer of Jesus was answered

Request accepted, mission accomplished

Life in Christ is the only basis for true unity

## HAMILTON HOUSE CHAPEL SERVICE

*Sunday 2 April*

READINGS:	TOM WATSON
PRAYER:	RILEY FOSTER AND KAENAN FERGUSON
SERMON:	LWAMBA CHILESHE AND LOGAN JARVIS

### Theme: Facts vs Opinion

*Lwamba began the sermon:*

Fact versus opinion is a theme that pretty much sums up a lot of my experiences in the 17 years of my life. Not only my life, but my family's life as well.

When you look at me, what do you see? I guess we can start with the most obvious. I'm brown. It often takes people some time to work out what my ethnic heritage is, and quite often I'm asked the question, "Where are you from?" Well, it may surprise you, but I consider myself 'from' New Zealand. I was born in Zambia, but I was only nine months old when I came to New Zealand. I have a NZ passport, and have lived 17 years and two months in New Zealand. I may be Zambian, but I am also a New Zealander.

When people ask my brother the same question, he can answer honestly that he is from New Zealand. He was born here. He has a NZ birth certificate. Yet he has been told, and fairly recently, "... to go home". It was after school, when he was on the bus, on his way home when this was said to him, so this was slightly confusing.

When a security guard for a shop looks at me, he sees a potential shoplifter. The truth is, I've never stolen anything in my life, but when my brother and I walk into a shop together, for example, Rebel Sports at The Base, we are followed in by the security guard. His perception of us, or his opinion of us, is that we are likely to steal. You may shrug this off, and think that we were randomly selected from the hordes of people going in, but this happens on a regular basis. I'm pretty sure, given the number times it's happened, that it's not random. The fact is, I'm judged on my appearance, when the truth is,

I'm pretty unlikely to be stealing anything. My mother would kill me.

From the point of view of someone on a squash court, they see a lanky guy who looks pretty skinny and not particularly powerful. That is fact. I'm not arguing that point. However, they fail to take into account that I have very good coordination; I'm very fit and have a very competitive nature. I play a lot of squash and have a very good coach. Their chances of beating me are pretty much smaller than they first perceive. So although their initial perception is accurate, the truth is much more complex than that.

It's very easy for us to make judgements about people, based on what we perceive to be fact. But take a little longer, look beneath the surface, and challenge yourself to overcome those prejudices that are lurking there. Don't assume that I am or am not capable of something until you know me (and others) well enough to sift fact from opinion.

To those who are judged because of others' perception of you, my message to you is, "don't change who you are." Stay true to yourself and the values that you have. Don't behave a certain way just because people expect it of you. Love who you are, and accept your differences.

This is a 1:35 video of Ed Sheeran talking about how he was weird when he was a kid and how he got past his problem of stuttering.

**Link:** <http://www.goalcast.com/2017/03/14/ed-sheeran-being-weird-is-a-wonderful-thing/>

*Logan took up the sermon from here:*

If I was to walk into a shop in school uniform, I am not seen as a potential thief, I am seen as a rich kid with money to spend. I am white. If you were to profile me, I would be a white Caucasian male at a private school with seemingly every advantage a person could have. This opinion isn't always the reality.

Many students at schools like St Paul's are there because of the hard work and sacrifice of their families. Our parents and grandparents, even some aunts and uncles give up time and money so we can get the best possible education and opportunities for our future. While it appears that our tuition has just been paid for with a snap of the fingers, people don't see behind the scenes to the hard work some families put in to pay for their sons or daughters education.

While it may appear that I have many advantages because of

my skin colour and gender, it is important to remember, that like fact being different from opinion, appearance and reality are not necessarily the same. As Ed Sheeran said "Embrace who you are". But also we need to be accepting and not prejudge others based on their ethnicity, gender, by what school they go to, their historical background, or if they stutter. As Lui said "take a little longer, look beneath the surface, and challenge yourself to overcome prejudices that might be lurking there". Make sure your opinion is actually the fact.

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



'Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me'

Not true!

I have been increasingly noticing that some students sometimes speak very

badly to other students and then try to pass it off as 'banter'. Even though it often hurts the recipient, they then get accused of being sensitive and getting worked up if they don't just laugh it off. This is wrong behaviour that just drags people down - all for the sake of trying to look cool!?


Recently in Chapel, we have been looking at the catastrophic effects of this type of behaviour. This includes the horrific nature of cyber bullying.

We will learn time and time again through role models and great historical figures such as, Ghandi, Martin Luther King, Jesus, Mother Theresa and Mulala, that it's actually cool to stand up for the weak. It's cool to lead people through

being compassionate, caring and empathetic. It's what makes St Paul's Prefects - who is willing to stand up for what is right?! It's not 'narking' to get help for someone that is being spoken to badly - it is cool. A Year 9 boy came to me the other day to ask for help for a boy in his class who was having a hard time. He didn't want anyone to know he'd been. But he is a Hero! That's the leaders that we're looking for at St Paul's. There is no place for language or behaviour that cuts people down at our school. We will be supportive and caring at all times.

Let's be vigilant and brave and stand firm in the face of inappropriate 'banter'!

With Love, Rev, James Stephenson.



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## TIHOI – ENCOURAGING WAYS TO SERVE

Intake One 2017 are enjoying summer weather and the time is quickly passing. The boys have completed two full rotations of the Outdoor Programme including – Rock one and two, Kayak, Sea Kayak, Bush Survival and Tramp two.

The Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Bronze Award is a part of Tihoi that is weaved throughout everything we do. The boys train regularly for the half marathon that is run at the end of the programme and we are currently running up to seven kilometres. The bush survival and tramping programme set the boys up for their own trips at the end of the Tihoi experience – this is the Student Led Tramp and the Expedition component of the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award. The skills aspect of the programme is cooking – boys are developing their skills in cooking as the weeks progress and in term two they will be assessed on their ability to cook a family dinner for eight people.

The service part of the award has been stepped up in line with the Over-the-Fence Ministry being delivered in Hamilton. We encourage the boys to look at ways to serve. The helping of others is rewarding and beneficial for everyone. Often the 'helper' is more rewarded than the person receiving help.

We looked at how communities depend on people giving service to be successful; fire fighters, parenting groups, surf life-saving, church groups etc. At Tihoi, we complete service to keep our community running- in the kitchen, environmentally, at the local primary school and in working together to function effectively.

Kurt Hahn was a great believer in teaching children to serve - the providing of opportunities of self-effacement in the common cause. The importance of community is a strength of Tihoi and St Paul's and working to support others within the extended community is part of the Duke of Edinburgh journey.

In the April holidays, I will be travelling to Swinburne University (in Australia) to look at the Emotional Intelligence programme and ways to further boost teaching this at Tihoi. Emotional Intelligence is embedded in every aspect of our life's journey and learning and teaching greater ways to enhance and be more aware of one's own and others emotional intelligence is an integral part of any outdoor education experience; for staff and students.

*Cyn Smith*



# ST PAUL'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



**Mark l'Anson**  
**President**



**Robyn Harris**  
**Vice-President**



**Jenny Jackson**  
**Treasurer**



**Sanet Jooste**  
**Secretary**

Under the leadership of Mrs Belinda Mulgrew, the Parents' Association (PA) has grown to new heights during the past year. The number of attendees at meetings has more than doubled and a wide variety of projects were funded and events sponsored by the PA, with the help of willing and able parents.

Unfortunately, Belinda has had to leave her role as president due to other business responsibilities. We want to thank her for the exceptional work she did. It is sad to see her leave, but in her place Mr Mark l'Anson was appointed. We are very happy to have Mark on board and look forward to another great year of activities.

During the past year, sub-committees were formed to take the lead in the following areas:

- Cattle Scheme (an initiative where farmers donate a calf to the school for fundraising) – John Jackson
- Coffee Cart (Our St Paul's coffee cart is always in need of volunteers to serve coffee at school and community events) – Dorothy Carr
- Parents Community (events and functions where parents are invited to get together) – Robyn Harris
- Enhancement Projects (a list of projects that could potentially be sponsored by the PA) – Natalie Kusabs
- Funding Applications (funding is applied for by the students, teams and Houses) – Sanet Jooste

Any of these people can be contacted, if you as a parent feel you could help in any of the areas listed above. Please contact the secretary, Mrs Sanet Jooste at [sanet@junoviewer.com](mailto:sanet@junoviewer.com) for any information or contact details of other members.

Currently the executive committee consists of the following four people:

**Mark l'Anson - President**

My name is Mark l'Anson and I am married to Ruku. We have two children, Phoebe who is in Year 13 and Laurence who has just started in Year 9. Ruku and I have been really impressed

with the progress Phoebe has made at St Paul's and it was a simple decision to enrol Laurence in the school. I am looking forward to the opportunity to be involved in helping the PA to support the School in the immediate future.

I have been involved in four other associations and management committee's and have held a variety of roles within those teams.

I am currently employed at Fonterra and have been in the dairy industry for 33 years. I enjoy supporting my children in the different activities that they participate in, both in the School environment and outside of it. Although I am a bit past playing contact sport myself, I do enjoy the odd game of snooker when I get the chance.

I have two immediate goals for the Parents' Association, the first is to continue the work that Belinda has started, in growing the Association numbers. Belinda has done a great job and I want to get the Association to a position where it is self-sustaining, with new parents continuing to attend meetings, as others bow out at the end of their children's school career. The second goal is to update the PA constitution to bring it in line with the latest requirements - if you have expertise in the area of charitable association governance, I would appreciate hearing from you.

I met some amazing people at the AGM on Sunday night, who come along to chat to each other and offer their help. We have reappointed various sub-committee's that support the Associations fundraising efforts and review the applications that we get for funding requests. New to a position, like myself, is Nicki Robb, who is taking over the organisation of the coffee cart from Megan Smith. In my next update, I will confirm the positions within the sub- committees - if you would like to be involved in any of the committees or would just like to offer your support to the Association, then please feel free to contact me or any other members of the Parents' Association executive.





Ideally, when you attend a school event, it is always good, if after spending a small amount of time volunteering, you have the time to enjoy the event yourself. The more people who are willing to help at these events, makes this a probability rather than a possibility. We would love to see you at our next meeting for some fun, conversation and for you to share your ideas about how we support the School.

#### Robyn Harris - Vice-President

My name is Robyn Harris and our family has been involved with St Paul's since 2014 when our son Joe started as a Year 9 day boy in Hamilton House. We also have a daughter in her first year at the University of Otago, and another in Year 9 at Waikato Diocesan School. Our family lives on a dairy farm west of Huntly, where we also run a small dry stock operation.

My background is in education, having worked as a primary school teacher with children of all ages, in a range of primary schools and I have served as Chairperson on the Board of Trustees for a local primary school for the past 10 years. I currently work part time teaching at Kimihia School in Huntly.

I joined the Parents' Association last year as Vice-president and have thoroughly enjoyed the collegial atmosphere of the association and the opportunity to meet other parents keen to serve the School as we organise friend and fundraising activities.

#### Jenny Jackson - Treasurer

Our family has been involved with St Paul's since 2012 when our eldest son started as a Year 9 boarder in Sargood House. Hugh graduated from St Paul's last year, but we remain connected to the school though our daughter Sarah (Year 12) and son Charlie, who is currently down at Tihoi.

I was delighted to be re-elected as the Treasurer for the Parents' Association for a second term at the recently held AGM. I have found the St Paul's Parents' Association a great way to connect with other parents and to be kept up-to-date with what's happening at St Paul's. We have input on how to distribute the subs we all pay to the Parents' Association as well as being involved in other friend and fundraising activities throughout the year.

We would love to see as many current St Paul's parents as possible at our efficiently run meetings and would warmly welcome your input and ideas.

#### Sanet Jooste - Secretary

We joined the St Paul's community in 2015. Currently I have two boys in Fitchett house, Fritz in Year 11 and Gustav in Year 10. Gustav is currently at Tihoi, 'having the time of his life', as he put it in a letter to me last week.

Being part of the parent's community becomes more difficult in the high school years, and the St Paul's Parents' Association is the perfect forum to feel in touch with happenings in and around the School. It is also the perfect forum for meeting other parents and keeping in touch with likeminded people that share the same tribulations.

The PA was revamped during the last 12 months under the leadership of Belinda Mulgrew and our meetings are short and to the point, which leaves enough time for a chat and a glass of wine or cup of coffee and tea when we get together.

It has been a privilege for me to be part of the PA and to serve as the secretary for the past year and I was happy to be re-elected in the roll. I hope to see many other parents join the association and become part of our dynamic group of parents.

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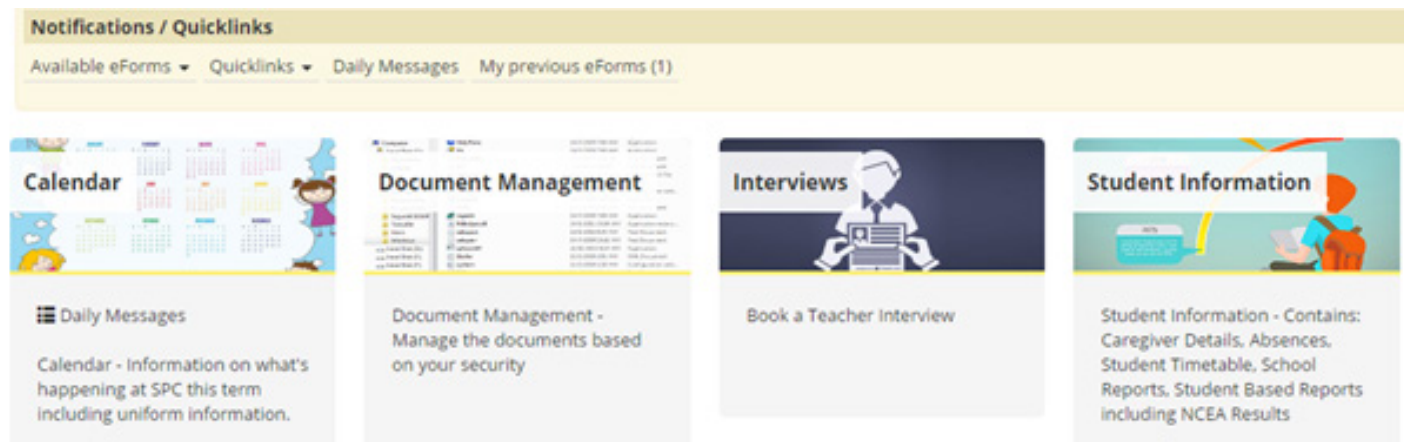
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# ST PAUL'S PARENT PORTAL

<https://spider.stpauls.school.nz>

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**e-Forms** – Absence Notification for Sickness and other forms that may be relevant to your student.

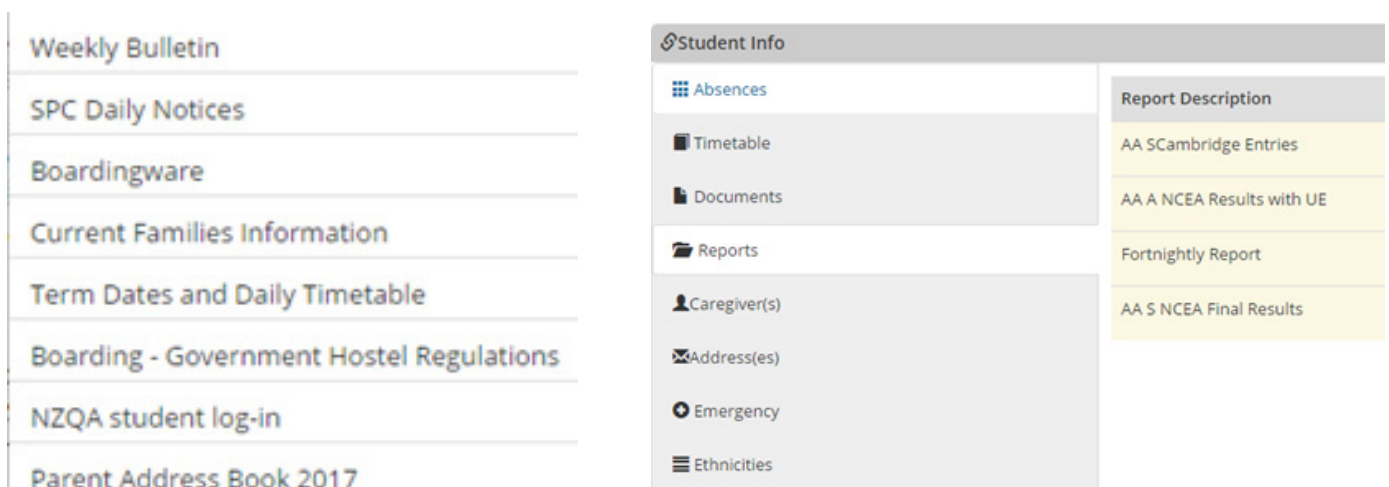
**Quicklinks** for easy access to a wide range of school information ranging from term dates, sports draws, boarding, academic, careers, NCEA.

**Calendar** of school events

**Document Manager** copy of fees billing (through family code folder) and school reports (through student folder)

**Interviews** parent teacher interview bookings when relevant

**Student Information** – timetable, NCEA credit tracking (live), fortnightly reports, caregiver information, address and ethnicity, student NSN (Exam) number



Instructions to gain access to the parent portal are emailed out twice a term. If you are unsure of your login details please contact Trish on [p.ure@stpauls.school.nz](mailto:p.ure@stpauls.school.nz)



# ST PAUL'S PHONE APP

St Paul's phone app is now available as another way to access parent, student and school information on a mobile device. The app can be downloaded at the App Store for iPhone users or the Playstore for android users. The name of the app is 'St Paul's Collegiate School'.

Below are some screen shots of the information you can access via the school app. Go in and take a look.

