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DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

TO CRIMINALISE OR NOT? THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CANNABIS DEBATE

AS YOU WILL BE AWARE, AS PART OF THE CONFIDENCE AND SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH THE GREEN PARTY, FOR THE CURRENT COALITION GOVERNMENT, IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT A BINDING REFERENDUM ON LEGALISING CANNABIS FOR PERSONAL USE, WILL BE HELD AT THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION.

There seem few defenders in the media over the current criminalisation stance, but even fewer tangible solutions to how New Zealand will learn from and avoid the pitfalls of overseas legalisation experience, particularly in America, where:

- Car crashes have increased by up to 6%, compared with states that have not legalised, accordingly to USA Highway safety and insurance industry data.
- Cannabis rates for use by all people aged 12 and over are nearly twice as high as in non-legal states. Under age users – those 12 to 17 – are nearly 50% more likely to have consumed cannabis in the previous month, according to the US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration.
- In Colorado, which legalised the drug, (i.e. initially for medicinal use, in 2010), youth cannabis related emergency hospital admissions quadrupled in the decade to 2015.
- In Canada, which legalised in October 2018, the province of Ontario was already experiencing an increase in cannabis related emergency cases

rose from 449 in 2013 to 1370 last year, (while in Alberta, the rise was from 413 to 832).

These statistics are a sign that legal, regulated supply has emboldened, rather than displaced, illegal unregulated supply.

The active ingredient in marijuana, Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), is typically far more potent than the weed previous generations smoked. The Canadian Public Health Association stated that the dope on Canada's illicit market, can have 5-40% THC. Although the recreational cannabis market is newly regulated and dose restricted, the underground market continues, with high strength oil increasingly being added.

There is probably little international dissent as to the impact of marijuana on the vulnerable teenage brain. Currently, with the drug being illegal, it is estimated that by the age of 21, 80% of young people would have used it on at least one occasion and that probably 10% have developed a pattern of heavy dependence. There is increasing evidence that regular or heavy use of cannabis can



have adverse consequences on mental health, academic performance and motivation at school.

In 2018, a world renowned longitudinal study, undertaken by University of Otago researchers, of 1000 Cantabrians born in Christchurch in 1977, showed that 80% had used cannabis at least once in their lifetime; infrequent use was not associated with long term negative outcome; but teenagers who used it weekly were twice as likely as others to experience symptoms of psychosis as infrequent/non-users. While those that used the drug weekly up to 25 years of age, were ten times more likely to use other illegal drugs. Less than 20% of those who used cannabis before the age of 15 achieved tertiary qualifications compared to nearly 30% who did not use cannabis before age 18.

Associate Professor Bodes, from the University of Otago, states that “the public should be aware of scientific evidence around cannabis before proposing a referendum on legalising cannabis. Canterbury data, along with data from other New Zealand and international studies, suggests the harm of cannabis is most pronounced for those who being at a young age or use cannabis regularly during adolescence ... any changes need to protect the most vulnerable and it is not just a change to the open slather free market model that alcohol currently enjoys ... the law change needs to be carefully studied”.

From a personal experience, since becoming a Deputy Principal in 1991, I have found myself each year progressively working pastorally with a core group of largely young men and their families, who have been regular users of marijuana. A few because of their addiction, have broken the law and have spent time in prison. Many have had real emotional issues; depression and at times shown psychotic symptoms and most have certainly experienced major motivational and organisational issues around their academic studies. A large number of regular teenage cannabis users, from my experience, develop short-term memory issues, which affect time management, retention of information. Yes, we are talking about 5 to 10% of the adolescent population, but they probably represent 15-20% of our young men. Is it acceptable that this group are at a significantly increased risk of experiencing mental health and substance abuse problems, as well as potential disengagement and at times risky antisocial behaviour?

We seem hell bent on legalising something which many of us have only sampled some 20 years previously (i.e. when it was grown out in the open and not produced in its high strength, hydroponic form as the majority of today’s marijuana production). On the one hand, we don’t want people to be convicted for cannabis use, but on the other we don’t seem to be prepared to put adequate measures in to protect or restrict use by the under-developed frontal cortex of an under 25 year old male. What have we learnt from what has happened overseas in what we plan to put into place in New Zealand.

The following is an anonymous personal Facebook post in response to an article on the cannabis issue that recently appeared on Stuff and which provides a thought-provoking perspective on the debate:

“I was a heavy weed smoker in my teens, but gave up when it made me depressed and paranoid. My brother wasn’t so lucky. He committed suicide in his early 20s, after smoking it for over a decade. This is not a harmless drug. Thank you to the academics for speaking up and reminding us to consider the very real long-term damaging effects of cannabis (especially on the young) as part of this debate. Also, why just focus on cannabis in the referendum? Let’s include all recreational drugs, so we can make an honest look at the issue and make the best decisions for the next generation. I am pro decriminalisation (not legalisation) of weed and other recreational drugs if it will help reduce harm, increase the focus on prevention and treatment, remove the stigma of addiction, and encourage people to seek help without fear of criminal conviction. However, I am not yet convinced it will so will likely vote ‘no’ in the referendum.”

It is crucial that as parents, we are well informed about the key issues relating to the legalisation of cannabis in our country. It is also important that we have a good understanding of the challenges young people face today. To this end we have secured Mr Paul Dillon, the Director and founder of Drug Alcohol Research Training Australia (DARTA) to present to your family in the Chapel of Christ the King on Tuesday, 9 April 2019 at 7.00pm. Given the recent frequent appearance at Hamilton teenage parties of MDMA (which is similar in structure to Ecstasy), I would strongly recommend that all parents put aside a couple of hours of their time to attend Paul Dillon’s presentation. Mr Dillon will be doing separate age specific presentations to our Year 11, 12 and 13 students respectively over the course of the day on 9 April. Through School TV, we will provide all of the St Paul’s community with an extra support resource, soon after the Paul Dillon presentation.

EXCELLENCE



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

2018 GRADUATE AWARDED INAUGURAL TE URU RAKAU FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP AT UNIVERSITY OF CANTURBURY



The Prime Minister Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern presented Ngā Karahipi Uru Rākau (Te Uru Rākau Forestry Scholarships) to eight outstanding new students at a special forestry scholarship awards ceremony at the University of Canterbury | Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha (UC) recently. One of these was awarded to former St Paul's Collegiate School student, 2018 graduate, Thomas Brown who has started the first year at UC.

“Developing skills, capability and leadership for New Zealand’s forestry sector is a priority for the Government and Te Uru Rākau (Forestry New Zealand). These scholarships are the first step towards an exciting and rewarding career in forestry for eight exceptional individuals who will in turn strengthen the future labour pool in this vital industry,” says Ms Ardern.

Te Uru Rākau developed the scholarships to encourage young and talented individuals into Aotearoa New Zealand’s growing forestry industry. The scholarships are available to Māori and/

or female students enrolling in the University of Canterbury’s Bachelor of Forestry Science or Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Forest Engineering.

“We’re delighted to see the Government supporting professional forestry education, and we are very pleased to welcome greater numbers of Māori and women students at the University of Canterbury and ultimately joining the forestry sector through these scholarships,” says UC Vice-Chancellor | Tumu Whakarae Professor Cheryl de la Rey.

Te Uru Rākau Ngā Karahipi Uru Rākau Awards Ceremony was attended by the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, the Minister of Forestry Hon Shane Jones, UC Vice-Chancellor Cheryl de la Rey, UC Chancellor Sue McCormack, Ministry for Primary Industries Director General Ray Smith, and Head of Te Uru Rākau Julie Collins.

BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD FOR TOP ACHIEVER



With his sights set on Cambridge University, Simon Han will get to experience a taste of Cambridge life these July school holidays having been accepted for the Cambridge Summer School.

The programme will see Simon spend two weeks living and studying at one of the University of Cambridge's prestigious colleges – St Catharine's College. He will be tutored in economics as well as given valuable insight in how to prepare a Cambridge application.

For the Year 13 student, this is an exciting opportunity and one that will set him in good stead for his future. "My goal is to attend Cambridge next year and study economics through to masters level. I would like to one day work as either a government official advising in economics or to teach economics at Cambridge."

Hard work and determination has put Simon on this path. A top achiever, Simon's academic results are nothing short of impressive. His NCEA level 1 grade point average (GPA) was 92% and 100% for level 2. As a Year 12 student, he gained passes for New Zealand Scholarship exams in Chinese, Calculus and Geography. This year Simon is an Academic Prefect and part of the group who voluntarily tutor students from across all year levels that require help with their studies.

Simon came to St Paul's from China as a Year 11 boarding student. Wanting to improve his English and have an opportunity at an all-round education, Simon and his parents chose St Paul's. "New Zealand is a beautiful country and I wanted to come here and learn more about the culture. Being a boarder in Clark House means I get a real taste for how English is used daily."

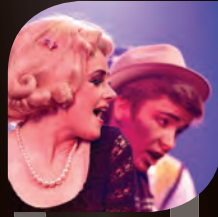
A keen tennis player of 10 years, Simon is also the tennis captain and was part of the team who ranked fifth in the 2017 and 2018 national mixed double championships and fourth in the 2019 national boys' cup. For individual tennis, he is the champion of Waikato Secondary School single senior group. Simon is also a member of the concert band, that claimed gold at the ITM Music Festival last year, and the school choir.

"I have benefited so much from my time here in New Zealand and at St Paul's. I feel I fit the value better here as I can excel in not just academics, but also other areas like my sport and music. I have set high goals for myself and by coming here and studying NCEA, I have more confidence in myself to reach those goals, and for that I am extremely grateful."

"My motivation comes from my parents, who keep telling me we only live life once so it is up to me how I choose to live it."

OTHER ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recently, Madeleine Dickie was belatedly acknowledged as a Scholastic Centurion for 2018, due to her having had her 2018 exam paper remarked. Therefore, we wanted to be sure that Madeleine's academic achievement for Level Two Agribusiness was duly acknowledged and celebrated. Well done Madeleine.



MATTHEW CHANWAI TO FULFIL HIS DREAM

Matthew Chanwai (Year 9) has been named as a Second Place Winner of the American Protege International Piano and Strings Competition 2019. He will be performing as a solo cellist at the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York City on 16 June 2019. The American Protege Competition is open to school students and adults of all nationalities and countries. A record number of musicians from 17 countries applied for this year's competition.

Since it opened in 1891, Carnegie Hall has set the international standard for musical excellence as the aspirational destination for the world's finest artists. Gaining the opportunity to perform at Carnegie is something that Matthew has been working towards for a couple of years and he is extremely excited that he has succeeded and will be performing in one of the world's most famous concert halls where world-renowned musicians such as Tchaikovsky and Yo-Yo Ma have performed. At the Winners Recital Concert, Matthew will be playing the Second Movement from the Shostakovich Sonata in D Minor, Op 40.

OTHER CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Recent excellent Trinity College London results achieved by our students:

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| • Max Watson | Grade 6 Communication Skills with Distinction |
| • Jack Bowick | Grade 6 Communication Skills with Distinction |
| • Bryn Singers | Grade 6 Communication Skills with Distinction |
| • Julia McLean | Grade 6 Communication Skills with Distinction |
| • Elliot Leighton-Slater | Grade 7 Communication Skills with Distinction |
| • Christopher Penno | Grade 7 Communication Skills with Distinction |
| • Hannah Mayer | Grade 7 Musical Theatre with Distinction |



EXCITING MUSICAL – ‘GREASE’ – 30 YEARS SINCE IT LAST OPENED AT ST PAUL’S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

Grease is the word!

Exciting, energising and completely timeless, this year’s production of Grease will be a highlight of 2019. Our seasoned cast from Legally Blonde, along with a long list of talented newcomers, will take the stage at the end of June to entertain and enthrall.

Named after the 1950s United States working-class youth subculture known as greasers, the musical is set in 1959 and follows ten working-class teenagers as they navigate the complexities of peer pressure, politics, personal core values, and love.

Rydell High’s spirited class of ‘59-gum-chewing, hub-cap-stealing, hot rod-loving boys with leatherjackets, and their wise-cracking girls in teased curls, bobby sox, and pedal pushers-capture the look and sound of the 1950s in a musical that salutes the rock ‘n’ roll era.

The whole gang sings and dances around Danny and Sandy’s romance, through such hit songs as “Greased Lightning” and “We Go Together”, recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard and Elvis Presley that became the soundtrack of a generation.

Cast in order of appearance:

Miss Lynch	Isabel Mallett
Patty Simcox	Kaylee Morrison
Eugene Florczyk	Seth Peake
Jan	Hannah Mayer
Marty	Sarah Gajzago
Betty Rizzo	Macy Coffin
Doody	Cooper Robinson
Roger	Laurence l’Anson
Kenickie	George Wilson
Sonny Latierra	Kobe Young
Frenchy	Holly Skelton
Sandy Dumbrowski	Neisha Cooper
Danny Zuko	Liam Waide
Vince Fontaine	Lachlan Cowley
Johnny Casino	Aidan Leuschke
Cha-cha Digregorio	Abbie Crow
Teen Angel	Havila Molia

SPORTING ENDEAVOURS



ATHLETES EXCEL AT CLUB CHAMPS

On the weekend of 23-24 February, the Waikato Bay of Plenty Club Athletic Championships were held, at which St Paul's had a number of students competing in different age groups.

In the girls' U16 age group, Brooke Batters came first in the 80m hurdles; first in the 300m hurdles; and first in the high jump, with a jump of 1m 55cm.

In the women's U20 age group, Caroline Kolver came first in the shotput (9.83m) and third in hammer (31.61m). Caroline also competed in the U18 age group and placed second in the discus (27.66m); fourth in the hammer (35.37m – a new school record); third in the javelin and second in shotput.

Mattheus Pio came fourth in the 100m for the men's 20-34 age group.

ZONE ATHLETICS

The 2019 Zone Athletics meet was held at Porritt Stadium on Tuesday, 5 March, a hot day with virtually no wind, which was perfect for both track and field competitors.

Caroline Kolver set a new school and Zones record for shotput, throwing 13.29m (beating the previous record by 1.2m), taking out the first place in this event and also placing first in the senior girls' discus.

- Brooke Batters won the intermediate girls' 300m and 80m hurdles.
- Harrison Bond won the intermediate boys' 100m hurdles and 100m race.
- Havila Molia won the senior boys' shotput.
- Campbell Robb won the senior boys' javelin.
- Toby Robb won the intermediate boys' javelin

Second place getters were:

- Travis Cashmore – senior boys' 300m hurdles.
- Lachlan Mouat – junior boys' 80m hurdles.
- Harry Coxhead – senior boys' 400m.
- Ben Strang – intermediate boys' 100m (second equal).
- Sitiveni Lose – intermediate boys' high jump and long jump.

Fred Coxhead – junior boys' triple jump.

Third place getters were:

- Chloe Davis – senior girls' high jump.
- Amelia Hunt – senior girls' 300m hurdles.
- Ben Strang – intermediate boys 200m.

Our thanks go to Mrs Helen Chileshe and Mr Paul Wilson for all of their efforts with our athletes over the course of the athletics season.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC CHAMPS

Three St Paul's students travelled down to Christchurch as part of the Waikato Bay of Plenty team for Athletics Club Nationals. This is for athletes belonging to a club in this elite competition.

- Brooke Batters was competing in the U18 age group and came 4th in the high jump, 6th in 300m hurdles with a PB and third in the 4x400m U18 relay.

- Caroline Kolver was 4th in the U18 shotput.
- Mattheus Pio came 2nd in the 200m U20 100m final with a PB.

WAIKATO BOP ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hamilton hosted the WaiBOP Secondary School Athletics Championships at Porritt Stadium on Saturday, 23 March 2019.

A relatively small team attended the WaiBOP champs from St Paul's, numbering 18 in total. Those that qualified in the top six from Zones were eligible, but a number of athletes were involved in other sporting events over the same weekend and therefore chose not to compete.

The day was perfect for running and throwing, with very little wind and the temperatures not as hot as they had been in recent weeks.

Our final results:

Caroline Kolver:

1st Shotput, 2nd Discus, 2nd Hammer (Senior Girls)

Havila Molia:

1st Shotput (Senior Boys)

Campbell Robb:

1st Hammer, 1st Javelin, 5th= High Jump (Senior Boys)

Toby Robb:

1st Javelin (Intermediate Boys)

Mattheus Pio:

1st 300m Hurdles, 2nd 100m, 2nd 200m (Senior Boys)

Sitiveni Lose:

1st Long Jump, 2nd 100m Hurdles, 2nd High Jump

(Intermediate Boys)

Reuben Lawrence:

4th High Jump (Intermediate Boys)

Travis Cashmore:

2nd 300m Hurdles (Senior Boys)

Harry Coxhead:

3rd 300m Hurdles and 400m (Senior Boys)

Amelia Hunt:

1st 300m Hurdles and 2nd 2000m Steeplechase (Senior Girls)

Brooke Batters:

1st 300m Hurdles, 2nd 100m Hurdles (Intermediate Girls)

James Findlay:

4th 800m (Intermediate Boys)

Ben Strang:

6th 100m and 4th 200m (Intermediate Boys)

Fred Coxhead:

6th Triple Jump (Junior Boys)

Chloe Davis:

4th High Jump (Senior Girls)

Dean Stewart:

7th 1500m (Intermediate Boys)

Lachlan Mouat:

4th 80m Hurdles (Junior Boys)

Harrison Bond:

2nd 100m Hurdles (Intermediate Boys)

Intermediate boys 4x100m 1st place

(Ben Strang, James Findlay, Sitiveni Lose, Reuben Lawrence)

Senior Boys 4 x100m 1st (including having Fred Coxhead in the team who is in Year 9).

(Fred and Harry Coxhead, Campbell Robb, Mattheus Pio).

They took the podium after Tauranga Boys' College were disqualified for running outside their lane.

There were new school records for Caroline Kolver and Campbell Robb in the Hammer throw. Amelia Hunt also gained a new school record for her 2000m Steeplechase.

NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

A team of nine athletes travelled to Tauranga over the weekend of 6/7 April 2019 to compete in the North Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships as part of the WaiBOP team. The weather was superb all weekend, with very light winds, which did not impede the runners, jumpers and throwers. All of our athletes performed superbly well, with most getting Personal Bests (PBs) throughout the weekend.

Mattheus Pio

1st 200m 21.89 PB

1st 110m Hurdles 14.19 PB

- record

2nd 100m 10.95 PB

1st 300m Hurdles 38.41

3rd Senior 4x100m relay

Caroline Kolver

3rd Girls Senior Shotput

6th Girls Senior Hammer Throw

41.00m PB

8th Girls Senior Discus Throw

Sitiveni Lose

5th Boys Intermediate 100m Hurdles

6th Boys Intermediate High Jump

6th Boys Intermediate Long Jump

Brooke Batters

8th Girls Under 16 300m Hurdles

12th = Girls Intermediate Prelims 80m Hurdles

Havila Molia

5th Boys Senior Shot Put

13.79m PB

Campbell Robb

3rd Boys Senior Javelin Throw

Lachlan Mouat

6th Boys 80m Junior Hurdles

12.79 PB

Toby Robb

2nd Boys Intermediate Javelin Throw

48.39m PB

Travis Cashmore

5th 300m Hurdles

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS 2019

On Tuesday, 12 March, the annual Swimming Sports day was held, with the following top finishes in each division:

	Girls	Points	Junior	Points	Intermediate	Points	Senior	Points
1st	Kaitlyn Sosa Broke 3 records	80	Boston Tordoff Broke 2 records	80	Sam Peoples	80	Ben Littlejohn Broke 4 records Thomas Griffin Broke 2 records	80
2nd	Greta Muir	58	Matthew Chanwai	74	Matt Dawbin	69		
3rd	Sarah Gajzago	56	Nate Allen	71	Joshua Gibbs	64	Jacob Gibbs	68
4th	Grace Kingsnorth	54	Lochie Mouat	68	Isaac Reay	57	Mac Parker	67

Eleven School records were broken – as follows:

- Senior Boys' 50m Butterfly – Ben Littlejohn 25.80 (previously held by A Pullon 2009 27.94)
- Senior Boys' 50m Backstroke – Ben Littlejohn 26.40 (previously held by A Pullon 2009 29.06)
- Senior Boys' 100m Backstroke – Ben Littlejohn 58.25 (previously held by A Pullon 2009 1:02.00)
- Senior Boys' 100m Freestyle – Ben Littlejohn 52.90 (previously held by J Pullon 2009 54.18)
- Senior Boys' 100m Breaststroke – Thomas Griffin 1:13.30 (previously held by S Dickson 2017 1:22.72)
- Senior Boys' 100 IM – Thomas Griffin 1:03.44 (previously held by J Pullon 2009 1:04.00)
- Girls' 200m Freestyle – Kaitlyn Sosa 2:18.20 (previously held by S Taylor 2004 2:19.00)
- Girls' 100m Freestyle – Kaitlyn Sosa 1:03.20 (previously held by S Taylor 2004 1:05.00)
- Girls' 100m IM – Kaitlyn Sosa 1:16.40 (previously held by M Best 2017 1:19.16)
- Junior Boys' 100m Breaststroke – Boston Tordoff 1:18.10 (previously held by S Nicholls 2005)
- Junior Boys' 50m Breaststroke – Boston Tordoff 36.03 (previously held by S Nicholls 2005 36.04)
- Relay Cup Fitchett and Sargood Houses (first equal with 228 points each)
- 20x25m Relay Hall House
- House Champions: Hall House (with 1038 points)
- Champion of Champions Cup: Ben Littlejohn (80 points and broke four records)

WAIKATO SECONDARY SCHOOLS REGIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

The WSS Regional Swimming Championship was held at Te Rapa Waterworld on Tuesday, 2 April 2019. This was certainly an historic day for St Paul's swimming. To see Ben Littlejohn break the NZ 16 year old boys' 50m Butterfly record in a new time of 24.36 seconds was something not to be missed. The deafening support from the crowd spurred him on to beat the old time by 0.44 seconds. Well done Ben, we are all very proud of you.

The entire squad of 20 swimmers from St Paul's performed most credibly through the day's heats and finals, achieving a tally of eight Gold, four Silver and five Bronze podium finishes and a further 27 4th – 8th places in finals, which contributed to team points. By the end of the day, final rankings for the 27 schools present meant that the boys finished 2nd overall, the girls finished 8th overall and their combined scores meant the St Paul's squad finished 5th overall.

Podium performances from the day were:

Ben Littlejohn (Senior Boys):

- o NZ Record in 16 years boys 50 Butterfly (24.34s)
- o 1st 50m Butterfly
- o 1st 50m Backstroke
- o 2nd 200m Individual Medley
- o 3rd 100m Medley relay
- o 3rd 100m Freestyle relay

Thomas Griffin (Senior Boys):

- o 1st 100m Butterfly
- o 1st 100m Individual Medley
- o 1st 200m Freestyle
- o 3rd 100m Medley relay

- o 3rd 100m Freestyle relay

Boston Tordoff (Junior Boys):

- o 1st 100m Butterfly
- o 1st 200m Individual Medley
- o 2nd 100m Breaststroke
- o 3rd 100m Medley relay

Nicola Pipe (Senior Girls):

- o 1st 100m Breaststroke

Matthew Chanwai (Junior Boys):

- o 2nd 50m Breaststroke
- o 2nd 100m Freestyle
- o 3rd 100m Medley relay

Kaitlyn Sosa (Senior Girls):

- o 3rd 100m Freestyle

Oliver Larcombe (Intermediate Boys):

- o 3rd 200m Freestyle

Senior Boys Relay Team (Littlejohn, Griffin, Allen and Peoples):

- o 3rd in the 100m Freestyle relay and 3rd in the 100m Medley relay.

Junior Boys Relay Team (Tordoff, Chanwai, Allen and Kalma):

- o 3rd in the 100m Medley relay

Many thanks must go to the mums of our swimmers who gave up their day to support the squad and help as officials, and also to Mr Roger Bell, Master-in-Charge of Swimming for his enduring support

NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over the weekend of 8-10 March, St Paul's Rowing squad competed at the AON North Island Secondary Schools (NISS) Championships. St Paul's was ranked 11th out of 40 schools in the competition and qualified for 11 A finals, three B finals and one C final. The team came away with two gold and a silver medal.

In one of the first races of the morning for St Paul's Rowing, saw the girls' U18 2x getting the first medal for the school in this particular regatta, in a very close race between them, two crews from St Peter's, Glendowie and Tauranga, where our girls had a very strong finish.



The first year rowing novices were outstanding - competing in under-18 events and coming away with two golds! The boys managed to race in a good and strong style on finals to come home with great performances.

Gold medallists were the boys' Novice U18 Coxed four – Tom Haycock, Campbell Colquhoun, Luther Yates, Alex Gunn and cox, Sam Ward and the boys' Novice U18 Coxed eight – Tom Haycock, Campbell Colquhoun, Ryan Mitchell, Luther Yates, Alex Gunn, Tom Matthews, Joe Harcourt, Logan Spencer and cox, Hetekia Te Ua.



Other crews who were close to making podium finishes were:

4th place – Girls under 17 coxed four – Abby Bartels, Ellis Watson, Hannah Finlayson, Awatea Gudgeon + Isobel Knowing (cox). This crew achieved a great result, the best for the season, coming close to get a medal. They race very well and their coaches were very pleased with their performance.



4th place – Boys under 18 coxed four, crew one – Adam Jefferis, Seth Peake, Isaac West, Jeremiah McDonald + Gus Hanham (cox). The boys managed to have a strong race, fighting all the way through to get on the podium. The race was close and the position decided on the line.



MAADI CUP *a student's perspective by Adam Jefferis*

This is a report on the Rowing National Secondary Schools Championships, known as the Maadi Cup, which took place at Lake Karapiro during tournament week in Week Nine. Races commenced over six days with heats, repechages, quarters and semis from Monday to Thursday, and finals on Friday and Saturday. With Maadi, if crews did not qualify for finals in their heats, each would have a second chance in the repechage to secure a spot in the finals. This meant some athletes had up to ten races across multiple boats, so it proved to be an extremely tough week, with athletes having to put in their best performance for each race.

It would be fair to mention the greater competitiveness of racing this year at the Maadi Cup, especially within the senior events - facing tough competition. There was certainly an increase in close nail-biting races, and like other secondary school sports, rowing will continue to become more and more competitive.

By the end of Thursday, St Paul's had qualified for eight 'A' finals and four 'B' finals, a credible achievement considering the smaller Maadi squad of only 33 athletes. All the rowers should be proud of their results which is a reflection on what has been a great season for St Paul's.

So to elaborate on results; on the Friday morning the girls' U17 four finished a credible 8th in a tough 'A' final, and the girls U18 double placed 7th with a great start. In the afternoon, we had the boys and girls U18 fours, which finished 7th and 6th respectively. It should be mentioned that the winning crews in both these close races set the record time for their event, showing just how tough the field was. Other highlights across the regatta included the boys U15 four who had a great race to win their 'B' final.

Top five placings were gained by Jasmine Fountaine and Madeline Dickie in the U18 pair, reflecting their strong performance across the season, and Alison Mills in the U18 single. A special mention must go to Alison, who has received a New Zealand Junior Trial as a result of her hard work and

great results this season. This is an incredible honour and we wish her the best for the trials, which commence on April 14th - we hope to hear more about this later.

The highlight of the regatta was the Novice Boys exceptional performance, with podium finishes in both the eight and four. Because the event is U18 Novice or first year rowers, these boys were up against some Year 13 boys twice their size, making their achievements even more impressive. In these races the boys showed some incredible determination to row against crews from powerhouse rowing schools like Hamilton Boys' High School and Christ's College - especially the four who took out gold.

Members of the winning Boys U18 Novice Four and U18 Novice Eight that won bronze included cox of the four Sam Ward, stroke seat Tom Haycock, Luther Yates, Alex Gunn and Campbell Colquhoun. Joining these boys in the Novice Eight that won bronze was Tom Matthews, Ryan Mitchell, Joe Harcourt, Logan Spencer and cox of the eight Hetekia Te Ua. The club and school are very proud of these boys' achievements; who have shown huge potential in rowing. We are looking forward to seeing them rise in the future.

Thank you to all of our coaches; Head Coach, Mr James Harvey; Director of Rowing, Mr Martin Simoncelli, Mr Gordon Trevett; Ashleigh and Gap Tutor, Tom Kerr. We greatly appreciate your dedication and passion towards training our crews, who wouldn't go anywhere without coaches. Also for the parents and committee's support of our rowers and club throughout the season. All of their voluntary work behind the scenes often goes unnoticed, but plays a huge part in contributing to our club's great success. Academic standards remain a high priority for rowers and as rowing can often be physically and mentally demanding, thank you to the teachers and other staff who helped to manage the rowers to retain a balance between their sport and academic commitments, throughout the season. Lastly thank you to the school for your support at Maadi finals and other regattas during the season.

MAADI PERFORMANCE AT KARAPIRO



From Monday, 25 through Saturday, 30 March 2019, the AON Maadi Cup was raced by a strong squad of 34 athletes from St Paul's Collegiate School. The level of rowing at this event this year, in particular, has been high and very competitive.

The St Paul's team came away with one gold medal and a bronze medal. St Paul's crews participated in 8 x 'A' Finals, 4 x 'B' Finals and 1 'E' Final, achieving 22nd place overall, among 120 schools from all around New Zealand.

Alison Mills has been selected to trial for the New Zealand Juniors, as a result of her performance on the water over the regatta.

GOLD Medallists – Boys under-18 novice coxed four - Tom Haycock, Campbell Colquhoun, Luther Yates, Alex Gunn + Samuel Ward (cox)



Other results from participating in either an A or B final are as follows:

A Final 5th place – Girls under 18 pair – Jasmine Fountaine, Madeleine Dickie.

A Final, 5th place – Girls under 18 single scull, Alison Mills.

A Final 6th place – Girls under 18 coxed 4, Jasmine Fountaine, Alison Mills, Abby Payne, Madeleine Dickie + Isobel Knowling (cox).

A Final 7th place, Girls under 18 double sculls: Alison Mills, Abby Payne

A Final 7th place – Boys under 18 coxed four, crew 1 – Adam Jefferis, Seth Peake, Isaac West, Jeremiah McDonald + Gus Hanham (cox).

A Final 8th place – Girls under 17 coxed four – Abby Bartels, Ellis Watson, Hannah Finlayson, Awatea Gudgeon + Isobel Knowling (cox).

B Final 1st h place – Boys under 15 coxed 4+, Ryan Mitchell, Logan Spencer, Joe Harcourt, Connor Irving + Hetekia Te Ua (cox)

B Final 4th place – Girls under 18 coxed four – Abby Bartels, Ellis Watson, Hannah Finlayson, Awatea Gudgeon + Samuel Ward (cox)

B Final 7th place – Boys under 15 quad – Jamie Carter, Connor Irving, Henry McLean-Bluck, Connor Reeves + Heketia Te Ua (cox)

E Final 4th place – Boys under 16 single sculls, Lewis Yetsenga

B Final 4th place, – Boys under 18 coxed four, crew 1 – Adam Jefferis, Seth Peake, Isaac West, Jeremiah McDonald + Gus Hanham (cox).

B Final 4th place, – Boys under 18 coxed four, crew 1 –, Max McLean-Bluck, Jeremiah McDonald, Adam Jefferis, Seth Peake, Isaac West, Harris Moana, Edwin Wills, Jeremiah McDonald, Jack Caldwell + Gus Hanham (cox).

BRONZE MEDAL FOR TRIATHLETE

The Waikato Schools Individual Triathlon Championships took place at the Mighty River Domain at Karapiro on Wednesday, 13 March.

St Paul's was represented by four students in the U16 age group: Oliver Larcombe, Isaac Reay and Matt Dawbin. Their race consisted of a 500m swim; a 15k bike leg and a 3k run.

Oliver achieved our highest placing, finishing in 3rd (bronze medal); Isaac placed 7th closely followed by Toby in 8th and Matt finished in 10th place out of a field of 15.

A great effort by all competitors in taking on the challenge of competing in this very demanding and competitive event.

NZ SCHOOLS' TRIATHALON CHAMPIONSHIP – GOLD FOR OLIVER LARCOMBE

St Paul's was represented by three students at this national championship event which was held in New Plymouth on Friday, 29 March. Those students were: Toby Finlayson, Isaac Reay and Oliver Larcombe, who were all competing in the U16 Individual Triathlon. The race consisted of a 300 metre sea swim, a 10km bike leg and a 3km run. Toby and Isaac, competing for the first time in this age group, performed very creditably finishing in the middle of their field. While Oliver, competing for the second time in this age group, had an

amazing race. He was second out of the water and then rode in the lead bunch of four riders during the bike leg. Going into the run leg, the group had been reduced to three athletes. Half-way through the run, Oliver opened up a lead of about 30 metres, which he was able to hold until the finish line and therefore win the gold medal for boys U16 National Triathlon Championship.

WAIKATO TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following students represented St Paul's Collegiate School with pride at the Waikato Tennis Championships played on Tuesday, 12 March 2019:

Junior Boys

Fergus Williams, Hayden Fladgate, Ashton Robinson, Fred Phillips and Harrison Gower

Congratulations to Fergus Williams who came fourth in the Waikato. Fred Phillips and Harrison Gower won the Junior Boys' Doubles.

Immediate Boys

Stark Sun, Nathan Ingham and Matthew Forward

All players were competitive against the top players in the region.

Senior Boys

Simon Han and Carlin Vollebregt

Congratulations to Simon Han who won the Senior Boys' title, with Carlin coming fourth.

Intermediate Girls

Congratulations to Caitlin Fladgate for coming runner up in the Intermediate Girls' Singles Championship.

Senior Girls Doubles

Darcy Hunter and Cate Wilson
Sophie Chisholm and Lily Carr Paterson

Congratulations to Darcy and Cate who were runners up in the Senior Women's Doubles.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT WEEK REPORTS

1st XI Cricket

This year saw the Gillette Cup qualifier move down to Smallbone Park in Rotorua. Teams that qualified for this year's tournament were St John's College Hamilton, Tauranga Boys' College (TBC), Hamilton Boys' High School (HBHS), Whangarei Boys' High School, Kamo High School, Aquinas College, St Peter's Cambridge, and our very own St Paul's Collegiate 1st XI. The tournament consisted of two pools, with the top two teams playing off in the final to represent the Northern Districts region at this year's Gillette Cup.

Gillette Cup pool play - Lodge Real Estate (SPC) 1st XI vs St Peter's Cambridge match report.

After winning the toss and batting first, Ollie O'Meeghan (73) and Kuwyn Price (79) got us off to a great start. We lost a few quick wickets in the middle, but with the help of David Hancock (18) and Sam Lints (38), were able to get our innings back on track to score 275/9 off our 45 overs. In reply, St Peter's struggled early on with the power and strength of Shivam Achary and Campbell Robb. In the middle, our spin twins Declan O'Sullivan 3/38 and George Ott taking 2/13, turned the match in our favour. St Paul's never allowed St Peter's to build any partnerships, dismissing St Peter's for 120 in 31 overs. A great start to the tournament. St Paul's Collegiate Lodge Real Estate 1st XI 2019 - Won by 155 runs.

Gillette Cup pool play - Lodge Real Estate 1st XI vs Aquinas College match report.

Aquinas College won the toss and elected to bowl. We were put under pressure from the beginning. Three batsmen were able to counter this pressure with Kuwyn Price top scoring with 84. Jack Sturm (34), and Cooper Robinson (25) were also able to contribute to our total of 193/10. Aquinas College started off their innings strong, putting our bowlers under pressure. Aquinas College was 120/3 before we were able to pull things back. We were able to take 7 wickets for only 24 runs. We ended up winning the match by 49 runs. It was a great fight back to stay in the game. St Paul's Collegiate Lodge Real Estate 1st XI 2019 - Won by 49 runs.

Gillette Cup pool play - Lodge Real Estate 1st XI vs Kamo High School match report.

Kamo High 1st XI won the toss and elected to bowl. We started well with the bat with David Hancock (22) and Ollie O'Meeghan (35). Conditions made it tough to score at a quick rate. Sam Lints (73) was able to lift the run rate, hitting eight fours, and one six. Jack Sturm (26) was able to contribute in the middle, helping the score move forward. However, we lost quick wickets, losing Cooper Robinson, Kuwyn Price, Declan O'Sullivan without troubling the scorers. We finished our innings with 213 in the bank. In reply, Kamo High School never got anything going losing wickets at regular intervals. Again our spin twins, George Ott (3/34) and Declan O'Sullivan (3/22), picked up the majority of our wickets knocking Kamo High School over for 116. Winning the match by 97 runs.

Day three of the Northern Districts Gillette Cup finals saw the two unbeaten sides of Pool A, Hamilton Boys' and Tauranga Boys', play a tense contest to see who would progress to the final, with the Hamiltonians coming out on top.

St Paul's Collegiate, await Hamilton Boys' in the final after they also progressed through their pool undefeated.

Unfortunately, the final day had been washed-out. The final will now be held on a date as agreed by all, which is likely to be at the start of next season.

Top performers throughout the Tournament were:

With the bat, Oliver O'Meeghan scored 114, at an average of 38, with a strike rate of 76.

With the ball, George Ott took 8 wickets, at an average of 10.75, with a strike rate of 21.75.

3x3 Basketball

The Secondary School 3x3 Championships got underway at the Trustpower Arena in Tauranga, in what was set to be the liveliest tournament to date. The three-day event runs from Wednesday through Friday (March 27-29) and saw 128 teams compete across eight different grades. Days One and Two consisted of pool play, with finals being played on Day Three. A dunk contest and three point shootout was also held at lunchtime on Day Three.

The tournament catered to two different age groups, across both genders, junior and senior and two different playing levels, open and elite.

National coaches Joshua Thompson (U18 3x3 men's coach) and Anthony Corban (3x3 women's coach) were in attendance, keeping a watchful eye on the country's next generation of talent. With 3x3 now an Olympic sport, players will appreciate the opportunity to be under the gaze of national selectors.

Day One saw both teams find the transition to 3x3 tough, with the junior boys the only team managing a win, against Raglan Area School (SPC 8-6 Raglan). Day Two saw both teams learning from their mistakes, playing with better structure and purpose. Our seniors had a better day, picking up two close wins against St Thomas (SPC 9-9 St Thomas), and Forest View (SPC 12-9 Forest View). Day Three saw our juniors playing off for 15th and 16th place in the junior boys' open grade against Forest View High School. However, we were up to the challenge, winning 12-5, meaning that they placed 15th overall in the Open Grade. Our senior boys had a tougher day, having injuries to Riley Foster and Bryan Chap. We played the final round robin against a more athletic Whanganui Collegiate, losing the match 5-14, which saw them placed 26th in their division.

Both teams will be disappointed at having lost a few close games, which would have pushed the team into the top section. With all of this year's playing unit being their first

time at this tournament, we look forward to attending this tournament next year, with a better understanding of the game.

Even having lost these close games, the team structure has improved tenfold and due to the new head coach, Jono Kraenzlin and the greater emphasis on fundamentals and higher expectations we should expect better results in the coming years.

Girls' Tennis

Being ranked last on the draw before playing had even begun, created a lot of nerves amongst the girls' tennis team, consisting of, Lily Carr Paterson, Sophie Chisholm and Caitlin Fladgate. Their first game on Monday, was against Rangī Ruru Girls' School, who were ranked at number two. With tight set scores in both the singles and the doubles, the girls unfortunately came away with a loss. All three girls started off strong, ridding themselves of all nerves they had at the start of the day, putting them in a competitive mind-set for the up and coming games.

That afternoon, they had their second round of matches, this time against Waimea College. A big step up was shown by the girls, as Lily won her first singles match. However, with a close loss in the super tiebreaker in Caitlin's singles, and in Sophie and Lily's doubles, the girls lost another close match. The second day, brought more close games against King's College.

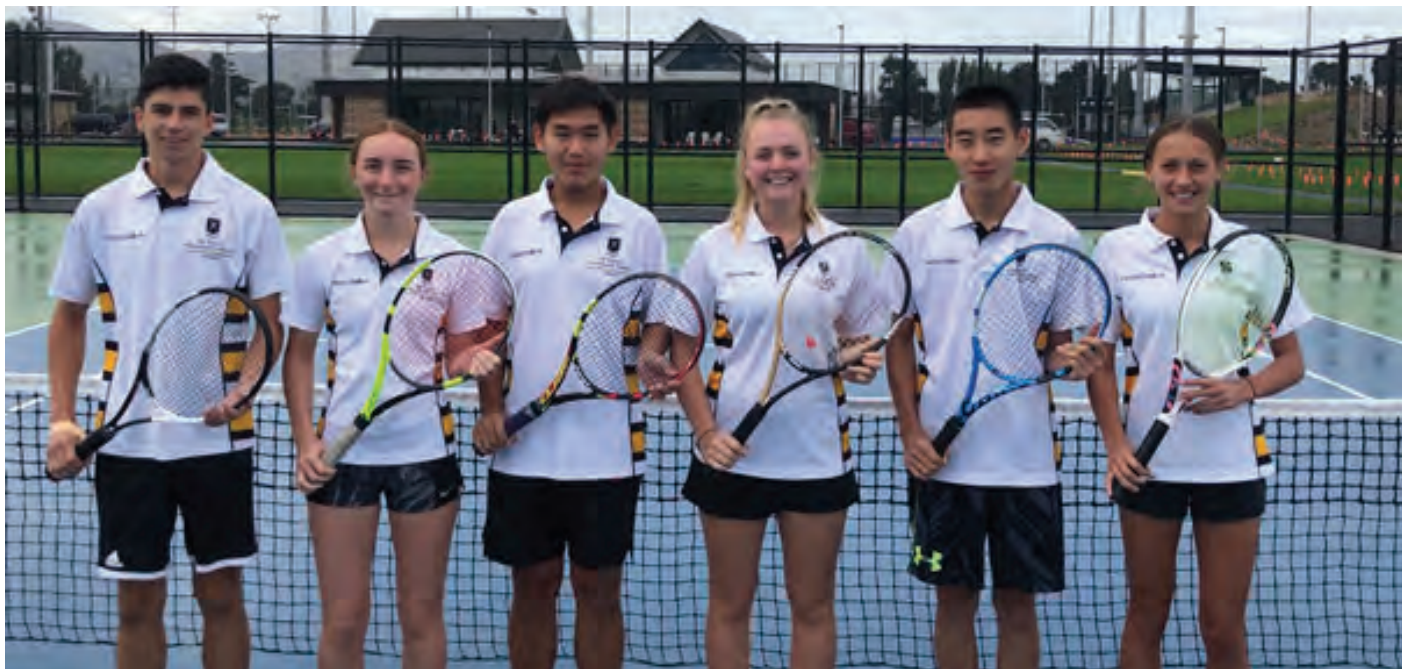
On day three, the semi-finals began to determine play offs. With clean and easy wins for both singles matches, an overall win over Fielding High School was decided fast, giving the girls the opportunity to play off for 5th and 6th against Queen Margaret College. Friendly games were played on the finals day, with an unfortunate loss. The girls were pleased with their final placing of 6th overall.

Boys' Tennis

This year the St Paul's boys' Tennis team was the fifth seed out of ten teams and we were placed in a tough pool with the number two and three seeds. All three team members: Simon Han, Carlin Vollebregt and Stark Sun, had prepared for difficult and close matches.

Unfortunately, in the first day, under the violent sunshine, we lost both our singles and double matches against Napier Boys' High School, who were number three seed. However, we handled our frustration and nervousness very well and in the second day, against the second seed, Timaru College, both Carlin and Simon had tough three-set games. Carlin struck hard with a lot of confidence and managed to win his single with a close score 10-8 in the super tiebreak. Simon was once down 5-9 in the deciding super tiebreak, but managed to save four consecutive match points and win his single with 12-10. Although Stark and Carlin lost their doubles match, St Paul's still beat Timaru 2-1.

Then SPC confidently took out victory against Lynfield College and Burnside High School, securing the number two place in the pool. In the semi-final we encountered the number one seed, Shirley Boys' High School and lost after strong battles raged. In the competition for third place, we unluckily met Napier Boys' High School again. However, this time Carlin won his single confidently, while Simon lost his single in the super tiebreak 5-10. In the deciding double match, Simon and Carlin forced the game into the super tiebreak again, but finally went down with a score 4-10. Overall, the St Paul's boys ended up with a fourth place at Nationals and every team member really enjoyed the tournament, the valuable experience and the memories made.



Boys' Sevens Rugby

St Paul's Under 15 boys' Seven's team competed in the North Island Secondary School Seven's tournament held at Mt Maunganui.

The boys were originally entered into the co-ed competition, but a late ruling, meant we were changed into the open boys grade, competing against some of the bigger rugby schools in the North Island.

Day One saw St Paul's start against New Plymouth Boys' High School where we won a hard fought match 25-12. After getting out to a 15-0 lead, St Paul's had to hold on in the second half, until two late tries gave us a more comfortable margin on the scoreboard. St Paul's showed some steel on defence and some strong character to hold off a comeback from New Plymouth.

With momentum from a victory first up, St Paul's faced Gisborne Boys, High School in the second game. St Paul's started the game strong and were on attack throughout the first half, but blew too many opportunities and kept Gisborne in the game, who then scored right on half time to take momentum and the lead into half time. Once again St Paul's showed some strong character and resilience to score twice in the second half to take a 10-5 lead through some wonderful skill and power. However, momentum swung back Gisborne's way late in the game, and we conceded a try in the last play of the game to lose 12-10.

The last game of the day was against the local Tauranga Boys' College team, who were looking like the favourites after a dominant day. St Paul's were under the pump early, and although we defended really well, we were unable to hold off a much bigger Tauranga team, who took a 14-0 lead in the first half. St Paul's again showed the character and resilience that defined our tournament, by scoring a long range try right on half time to give ourselves a chance. The second half started with St Paul's dominating possession and we eventually scored a well-constructed try to get the score line back to 14-12. The game looked over when Tauranga gained possession deep in our own half, late in the game, but St Paul's managed to turn the ball over, and went the length of the field in overtime to score a wonderful try and take the game 19-14.

Day Two started with St Paul's in second position and needing a victory over a large Wesley team to qualify for the semi-finals. Again St Paul's started slowly, with Wesley scoring first, but St Paul's took the game over from here. Some slick interplay on attack saw St Paul's score three unanswered tries to take a 17-7 lead early in the second half, before Wesley hit back again. St Paul's then received a yellow card and had to hang on to a 17-14 lead with only six players. Wesley were unable to breach our defence and when we were back to seven players, we were able to put the game to bed with another try for a 22-14 victory.

The semi-final showdown was a repeat of the Tauranga Boys' game from Day One, and this proved to be a step too far for

our tiring boys. Through some simple errors, and questionable refereeing decisions, St Paul's went into the break 17-0 down. However, we managed to hit straight back after half time, to give ourselves a chance at 17-7. The game stayed this way going backwards and forwards until Tauranga scored two late tries to take the semi with a 27-7 win.

St Paul's had to front up for the 3rd and 4th playoff, where our battered and bruised boys came up against Gisborne Boys' High School once again. Carrying injuries and playing our sixth game in two days proved a step too far for the boys who went down in this game 22-7.

Overall it was an outstanding effort from the boys, to give ourselves a chance at making the final in the top half of the draw, against some big schools. We were easily the smallest team at the tournament, but played with heart and skill that the opposition found it hard to match, and we are proud of our fourth place finish. There were many strong individual performances throughout the tournament, highlighted by three of our players making the tournament team - Niah Church-Jones, Layken Tua and Toby Robb. These players were supported strongly by all of their team-mates throughout the tournament – a real team effort.

Girls' Sevens Rugby

Boots on and mouth guards in, the girls were ready to go. Thursday's line up had the girls eager to get on the field, with a game against Rangitoto College first up, followed by Sacred Heart College - Hamilton and Long Bay College to finish off the day.

The first game was up against one of the biggest schools in Auckland, so it was sure to be a tough one. The girls pulled out their best moves and played to an increasingly better level than they had at their previous tournament in Palmerston North. Although the game ended in a loss to St Paul's, the team was happy with their performance and ready for more. The second game was up against one of our neighbouring Hamilton schools, whom the St Paul's team had previously won against in one of their Wednesday night games 15-5, so it was sure to be a very competitive and close game. The girls put on their best show and although there were three injuries along the way, managed to end with a close loss of 12-10. The final game of the day was sure to be the toughest, playing against a team which had won all of their games. But the SPC team didn't let this discourage them and went out and played good rugby, with some tactical skills coming in to play, regardless that there was only 10 players left to play with. The end result was 45-5.

The second day was sure to be just as tough as the first one. Trident High School being the first team we played that day. The St Paul's team played skilfully and had strong possession of the ball for the first half, unfortunately in the second half, their experienced team managed to get up on St Paul's and they won the game. The second game of the day was against John Paul College, a team with many more years of experience

and bigger size of player. This was evident when playing, which was what resulted in St Paul's taking the loss. However, the game was exciting, with St Paul's managing to have some breakthroughs and playing their speed to their advantage.

The North Island Secondary Schools Seven's Tournament concluded the season for the St Paul's girls' seven's team. There was undoubtedly a huge and rapid improvement in the

girl's performance as the season went along, and for a small team, with no experience at hand, the girls managed to set high expectations for the upcoming year. This is sure to be a very successful sport for St Paul's Collegiate in the future. A big thank you to the coaches: Mr Gibbs, Mrs Lilley, Isaac Te Tamaki, and Chelsea Alley for allowing this team to happen and for supporting the players the whole way through in this new and exciting sport for the girls of St Paul's.

OTHER SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

- James Findlay (Year 11) was selected for the New Zealand Under 16 Mixed Touch team to tour Australia in September 2019. He was also awarded the Waikato U16 Mixed Most Valuable Player award at the Waikato Touch Association Awards.
- Ben Littlejohn (Year 12) has been awarded an Adastra Foundation Scholarship for 2019 in recognition of his swimming abilities. The award is valued at \$1000 and also includes mentoring and personalised assistance and support.
- Marcus Ross (Year 11) competed in the MTBNZ (Mountain Bike) Nationals on Sunday, 17 March 2019 and won Gold in the U17 division.
- On the weekend of 16/17 February, Hannah Simpson (Year 12) competed in the IRB North Island Champs for Sunset Beach, Port Waikato, held at Waihi. Over the weekend, Hannah competed in six different races, getting four Golds in the U20 women's division and two Silvers in the open women's division. Hannah's team came home as U20 women's champion and in March headed to Dunedin for the Nationals.

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CHAPLAIN'S COMMENT *by Reverend Peter Rickman*

Kia Ora E Te Whanau

"This is not us"
"We are one"

We've all been reading these words, saying these words and experiencing the sentiments behind these words in a variety of different ways and experiences recently. All of us were shocked and deeply disturbed by the tragic events which occurred in Christchurch on 15 March and the subsequent loss of 50 lives. Our thoughts and prayers have been for the victims, the bereaved and the injured, alongside the emergency and security services ever since.

As a child and young person growing up in the United Kingdom during the 1970s and the 1980s, regular televised reports of terrorist atrocities, sometimes just a few miles down the road, was a fairly regular occurrence, but like so many others, we never thought we would see the day here in Aotearoa New Zealand. The shock of the terrible loss of life was compounded by the fact it happened here, in a place where we perhaps felt somewhat immune and separate from global events. Many have recalled, myself included, that on 12 September 2001, just hours after we had witnessed the appalling scenes from New York, that we realised that day that the world would never be the same again. Almost 18 years ago, in this very chapel from where I write these words to you, there was a sense of anxiety and fear for the future; a future that would see the rise of other acts of terror, but little did we know then that such atrocities should reach our shores.

As the school community, we have gathered on several occasions in recent weeks and days to pause, reflect, remember and to pray. On Friday, 22 March we simultaneously, as a school community, not only rang our bell 50 times and held two minutes of silence at 1:40 pm on site, but a number of us, including almost 80 students, made our way to Hamilton's Mosque. It was here, alongside Mayor Andrew King, the city's MPs, and emergency service personnel, that several thousand others from across the city gathered. It was here that we laid our floral tributes and it was here that we received the open and generous hospitality from Hamilton's Islamic community. We were invited in, we were thanked, we were prayed for, we were fed and the doors were opened to us to stand alongside those who grieved. It was a deeply profound afternoon and generated an incredibly strong sense of standing together; of being community, of

being different and yet of being one. I add my voice to the many others when we affirm our revulsion of the event itself, but yet despite the tragedy, we have seen people of this nation come together in a way that has seldom been seen before. To all those who dare to confront terror and evil, to all those who suffer from violence and cruelty; our nation of Aotearoa New Zealand has provided an example of hope and light to the world in the face of such darkness.

In a few weeks time the school will be holding its annual Garden of Remembrance service. It is during this service that we will remember our own community's times of darkness as we remember staff and students who have died tragically whilst active members of the school community. I'll be using one of the slogans of Amnesty International as my theme this year: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness". At this annual gathering, as we remember those whom we have loved and lost, we will also light our candles for not only the victims in Christchurch, but for all those who have suffered and continued to suffer in the face of evil and terror.

Of course, at times like these, we can feel powerless and helpless. We can feel insignificant and ponder such questions as what on earth can I do in the face of all this? At this point, I remind you of something that I said at last year's service: "That the lighting of a candle is a symbolic and powerful weapon in the struggle against darkness and evil. Our candles are symbols of light, love and peace. Our candles represent our prayers and prayer is the long underestimated antidote and cure for so many of the world's ills. Our candles represent above all hope; hope in the present and the future, hope in God, hope in love and as many testify in the darkest moments of life, hope perseveres".

Jesus said "I am the light of the world "

This is our hope, this is the foundation for our faith, this is the rock from which we are hewn, this is St Paul's message and THIS IS US!

Kia Kaha
Kia Hari
Kia Tapu

Arohanui
Blessings
Rev

HARINGTON BOARDING CHAPEL SERVICE

Sunday 24 February

OPENING RESPONSES:	KITTY STOREY AND SOPHIE CHISHOLM
READINGS:	ARNA MORRIS AND CHARLEIS KINGSTON-WHITE
PRAYERS:	PHOEBE MCCOLGAN, DOLCE KISSLING-HEMSWORTH AND LILY CARR PATERSON
CLOSING RESPONSE:	HOLLY SKELTON
SERMON:	JULIA MCLEAN

A real team effort by these young women, with the theme of the sermon being "Privilege".

Before beginning my sermon, I decided to start off with a quick activity which illustrated the theme of privilege. I asked each of the House leaders to choose two volunteers to partake in this quick game. How the activity worked is that each of the volunteers were allocated paper to make two paper planes each. Their goal was to throw their paper plane into the bin up at the front of the chapel, in order to win a prize. However, there was a twist - each one of the volunteers was located at different distances from the bin and they only had one minute to make both of their planes. Once they had made their planes, they could not modify them between throws.

After Xavier (Sargood, Year 12) successfully threw his first plane into the bin, I gave him the opportunity of taking three steps closer to the bin for his second throw, or he could take three steps back in order to choose one person in the room to move forward three steps. After choosing to move forward himself, we then moved onto the next paper plane throw. Unsurprisingly, those who were located closer to the bin successfully threw their planes, whilst those further away failed to get theirs in the bin.

Some of you might be thinking- 'Julia? What was the point of making people throw paper planes into a bin if some people obviously didn't have a chance of succeeding?' Well ... let me explain. This activity illustrates how every person has a different starting point in life. Some of us get lucky, these being those who were closer to the bin, whilst some of us aren't so lucky, these being the people who were further away or had obstacles to face. The volunteers tonight had no choice as to where they got to stand, therefore it was out of their control as to how hard they would have to strategize to get their plane into that bin. It was out of no fault of their own that they were put in the position that they were.

In life, some of us are born into privilege - these people are given opportunities laid out on a golden platter. Whilst, on the

other hand, some of us aren't born into the same position and therefore have a whole different obstacle course to follow to get to the same opportunities. As a boarder at St Paul's, you are privileged. You can deny it, say that it's because of all of your hard work and determination, but the reality is much different. Rather, in most cases, it is due to the hard work of your parents as to why you are here. Having privilege is not a bad thing, but rather it is how you utilise the opportunities you have that matters.

Robert G. Ingersoll once said, "Give to all every right that you claim for yourself." There are so many different ways as to how you can do this. These can be accomplished directly or indirectly. For example, in a direct manner you might choose to volunteer your time to teach ukulele at St Joan's. Or, in an indirect manner, you might choose to make the most of your education now, so you can later on utilise your skills in a job to benefit your community. These things might seem simple to us. However they are massive to those who might not ever have the same opportunity. I want everyone to ask themselves: Am I making the most of the privilege that I have? Am I making the most of the opportunities that my parents have worked hard for? But most importantly: Am I giving to all every right that I claim for myself? If you look under your seat some of you will find a chocolate coin, whilst some of you might feel hard done by. I'm sorry. As we leave this Chapel, I want all those who got a coin to remember: It was through no work of your own that you sat in the right seat tonight. Just as it was no fault of those who sat in the wrong seat. You've been given a coin, you are lucky... now it's up to you as to how you choose to spend it.



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WILLIAMS BOARDING CHAPEL SERVICE

Sunday 3 March

OPENING RESPONSES:	NICK KARTON AND HENRY MANDENO
READING:	HARRISON WARD
PRAYER:	LACHIE COWLEY
CLOSING RESPONSE:	GEORGE WILSON
SERMON:	TIAKI RHODES

The theme of the sermon being “Overcoming Adversity”.

Overcoming adversity. What is it to me? If I was asked that three months ago, I would have had no idea what that was. If you don't know already, I was involved in an accident during the summer holidays, nearly costing my life. It was just a normal day at my uncle's farm. I was driving an ATV Can-Am side-by-side with one arm, due to a recent left elbow operation, when I hit a bump too fast and lost control of the wheel, swerving left and right before the front right tyre pivoted and dug into the ground flipping the Can-Am twice. I managed to stay in on the first roll, but on the second roll, due to wearing no seatbelt, I fell out the right-hand side and the Can-Am landed on its side directly on top of me crushing the top half of my body under the Can-Am right by the motor - the heaviest part of the vehicle. My head took the major impact and the pressure felt as if my head was in a vice grip with a close to 600kg Can-Am forcing my head into the rocky farm track surface.

I was stuck under this vehicle screaming for help! No one was there to help me. I could feel my face changing shape from the force of the vehicle and I knew if I didn't get this off me I was going to die. So, I gave it everything I had and more, to push this thing off my head, just enough to get my head out from underneath. As it fell back onto my right arm I looked around and could see through double vision due to my face and eye being smashed in. No one knows how I got it off me, not even myself. Still stuck under this Can-Am, my younger sister and cousin, not knowing where I was, turned around and came back looking for me. Thankfully they found me.

With too much blood to even pick out where I was bleeding from, they tried to lift the Can-Am off me, but couldn't. My cousin went to get help while my sister stayed with me and 10 minutes later my dad and uncle lifted it off me, just enough for me to rip my arm out. Dad drove me to hospital, as the rescue helicopter had no clue where we were. After a quick trip, I ended up walking myself into hospital, holding my head, covered in blood, and apologising to people for pushing in line. I remember the lady in front of me saying to the lady at the counter, “Oh he can go”, and the lady at the counter said, “No he's alright”, until she actually saw how bad I was. I was then

rushed into A&E where the doctors had to do what they could to keep me alive. My head injuries were serious and at the time, there were many unknowns. I was scalped, you could see my skull and I was losing a lot of blood. The doctors had to pick out glass, stones and clean dirt from underneath my scalp before they could put 20 staples in to close the gashes up. They also stitched up all the other deep cuts on my face and neck and removed glass and stones from the road rash on my arm and back. I now have scars which serve as a reminder of how lucky I was that day.

While all this happened, I was awake, well aware of what was happening and I could feel every bit. I spent two weeks, including my New Years, in hospital fighting to stay alive and faced with adversity. I ended up with tooth damage, a broken nose, the orbit of my right eye broken in multiple places and the right side of my face literally smashed back into my face and shattered into tiny pieces. I was transferred from Whangarei Hospital to Middlemore Hospital to undergo a two and a half hour operation by the best face surgeon in New Zealand. Even he and his team said my operation was tricky, as they had to pick out all the bones that were too shattered to keep and make do with the three bits of bone that they had left. They put five titanium plates and 15 screws into the right side of my face to reconstruct and create a whole new structure for my cheek bone to hopefully regrow and knit together over time.

Mentally, this was a challenging roller-coaster for me and it was very hard to stay positive. Looking at myself in the mirror and not even being able to recognise myself was painful. I almost felt like I was grieving the old me - the me before the accident. I struggled to believe that this was reality and I knew my road to recovery was going to be a tough one. I wished that I could just be better again, but I knew that I had to dig deep, keep fighting and stop looking at where I wished I was and instead be thankful for where I was and take one day at a time. This made me truly grateful for the things that I had in my life.

I was spoon fed for a few days and was on a liquid/non-chew diet for seven weeks. I struggled to talk, couldn't drink through straws and had to sacrifice many of the things I loved the most in life. I lost 5kgs within two weeks. It was hard watching my body fade away and having no control over it. I wasn't allowed to train or exercise and one of my greatest fears was being told by doctors that I may not be able to play rugby again. Sometimes we take for granted the simple things in life such as eating, showering, brushing teeth, or even walking, seeing and talking properly. All these little things I couldn't do. It's scary to think that everything can be taken away from you within the blink of an eye.

If it wasn't for the support from my family and the determination I had inside to come back as a stronger person physically and mentally, then I don't know where I'd be today. So..., if you are ever faced with adversity, believe in yourself and do all that is necessary to get yourself through it. Find that thing, that person or whatever that you care for and do it not only for yourself but for them. Don't forget, you are not alone and there are more people in your life than you may realise, who care and are more than willing to help you. Instead of getting discouraged about how far you still have to go, learn to celebrate your progress along the way. Learn to pick out the positives not the negatives. Don't look at how far you've got to go, instead look at how far you've come.

I was lucky that day and I feel very blessed to be standing here, sharing my story with you. I experienced a life-changing event that day and I give thanks for the many miracles and people that have helped me get to where I am today. I still have a few steps of recovery to climb, but with patience, commitment, determination and hard work, I am aiming to make a full recovery. In the meantime, I am grateful to have a loving and supportive whanau who have been there for me every step of the way. And to my friends and the many others who

have encouraged, helped and supported me on my journey to recovery, I want to say thank you.

There is more to my story as well, but it is not yet time to tell it.

Indeed, sometimes some things need to stay close, personal and hidden from others.

Part of my story involves my personal encounter with God and maybe one day I will share it with you.

Today though, I just want to say thanks be to God for my life and to encourage you to trust in God and with that I want to leave you with something that stuck with me and helped me get through my journey of overcoming adversity, which was don't look at the staircase you have to climb, instead look at the steps in front of you and take one step at a time.

(It should be noted, that Tiaki received a standing ovation from his peers for this sermon, which is heartfelt and wouldn't have been easy to write, as it would have required him to relive that terrible day and the days since while he has worked so hard on his recovery.)

HAMILTON HOUSE CHAPEL SERVICE

Sunday 17 March

OPENING RESPONSES:	TOBY ROBB
READING:	HARRIS MOANA
PRAYER:	MATTHEW CHANWAI
CLOSING RESPONSE:	CURTIS SHEERAN
SERMON:	JACK BOWICK

The theme of the sermon being "Resilience".

Resilience, much like waking up, is just a part of everyday life. In a world where more and more is expected from you, and 'ordinary' doesn't seem to quite cut it anymore, it can be hard to see the 'extraordinary' about yourself. So the old saying goes, "it can be hard to see the forest from the trees."

Aaron Cruden's story is truly an extraordinary one, but not one that is far from common. Cancer is truly one of the largest hurdles an individual can face in their lifetime. With cancer affecting millions of people worldwide, there is a metaphorical 'forest' of people with stories about their extraordinary survival. Just like Aaron and the many others who suffer from cancer, a common saying is "I didn't think it would happen to me" and to be fair, who would? No one can predict adversity even though it has such a common place in life. No one

expects to contract testicular cancer at the age of 19. No one expects to spend 127 hours stranded with your arm pinned by a boulder in a crevice. No one after 10 years of entrapment after being kidnapped, would expect to escape such an impossible situation. These are some of the most famous stories of individuals surviving hardship in extraordinary conditions. The most amazing part of all these stories is when asked about the hardship these people faced, they all smiled, shrugged and said "I guess it could've been worse."

But, what about the everyday struggles the 'ordinary' of us face. When your morning is like a town house burning to the ground. When your snooze button is like a fire extinguisher. When your alarm clock stole the keys to your smile, drove it into 7am and the crash totalled your happiness. When we face tragedy so small, it can fit on tips of our tongues. When your day is a museum of disappoint hanging from events that were outside of your control. When you find yourself flailing into an ocean of "why is this happening to me?" When it feels like your guardian angel put in his two weeks notice, two months ago and chose not to tell you. When you feel like giving up and that there's no hope and no way you can change your circumstance, the most important thing to have when you're feeling like this, is resilience.

Every year two million people die from dehydration so it doesn't matter if the glass is half full, or half empty, there is water in the cup. We're never given anything we can't handle, but sometimes it's not a struggle we can handle alone. A lot of people don't realise that hardship and silence have the same residence, and sometimes the idea of seeking help to make a problem easier seems unbearable and more difficult than the problem itself. Too often do you hear the old epitaph of 'harden up and take a concrete pill' as a young or even old Kiwi male. And while I can't speak for Kiwi females, the bottling up of emotions and problems isn't healthy, no matter your gender. With the unprecedented rise of things like depression and anxiety in young people, it seems the weight on our shoulders is just piling up and the problems that plague us extraordinarily, become just ordinary, and therefore nothing worth mentioning. Too often do we think of problems and in

turn, our resilience, as an individual thing. If you look online at any definition of the word 'resilience' it will go along the lines of "the ability to recover from hardship." which as a definition for the word sounds pretty spot on. However in none of these definitions will you find it as "an individual's ability to recover from hardship." We all unfortunately face our own problems, but fortunately in a place like this, we all have someone we can rely on to help us through our problems.

The man this building (the Chapel of Christ the King) is named after is the ultimate representation of that, dying for the sins of the world. So I implore you, do not think of your resilience as something only you can create for yourself, but as something that can be created from the extraordinary kindness of those close to you.

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Max Fletcher and Ben Grant showcase the glass milk bottles

TIHOI 2019/1

Within the realm of our “Back to Basics” philosophy at Tihoi, we continue to strive for improvement and sustainability. This month has seen the re-introduction of glass milk bottles for the boys’ houses. The clank of milk bottles heading to and from the boys’ houses is now a regular sound as they enjoy colder fresh milk out of a bottle. This fits nicely into our philosophy and has made a significant impact on waste plastic in the centre for recycling.

It is interesting to reflect on ‘progress’ and how twenty years ago, the move to plastic milk bottles was seen as significant

progress for society and now this is reversing. Tracking and being aware of our environmental footprint, is a part of the full Back to Basics philosophy of this programme.

The 2019/1 students have learnt the environmental care code in the bush. Staff teach students to take pride in leaving a place better than it was first found. Our regularly used campsites are well maintained and it is a privilege the water in the Pureora Forest Park can still be drunk directly from the stream.

CONSTRUCTION CLASS PROJECT 2019



Over the past eight years, our Year 13 Construction classes have completed a number of impressive building projects. This initiative started with a fale in Western Samoa for the victims of a Tsunami. Since then, the Construction students have been involved in a variety of projects from classrooms destined for Tihoi, to an extension to the Maths and English block. This year's challenge is to complete a four-bedroom, school hospital staff residence.

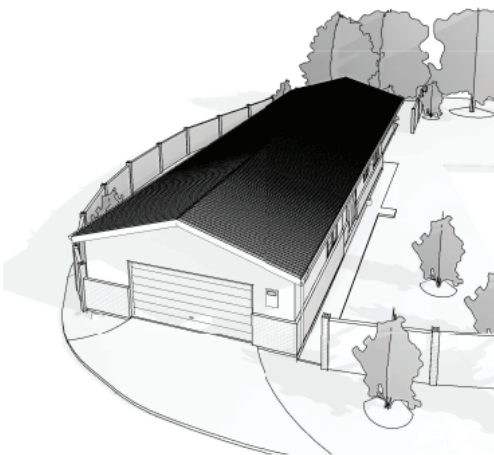
There is a strong group of eight students, who will be supported by Messrs Phil Morgan and Gavin Jakes. This year Phil has taken on the role of lead builder and tutor, while Gavin will oversee the project management. The students will be fully involved throughout the entire build process from profiling the foundations, to building the frames from scratch. They have already made a strong start and are currently working on the foundation reinforcements.

Projects of this scale are made possible with the involvement of Thompsons ITM, who are a generous supporter of St Paul's Collegiate School. It is also important to acknowledge the significant contribution made by all the sub-trades who help make the process run smoothly.

We are also very grateful for the builders from the wider St Paul's community, who while busy with their own companies, always find time each month to work with the Construction students. Special thanks go to Mr Trent Andrews of Tranda Construction, Mr Martin Dobbe of Urbo Homes, Livingstone Building, Mr Steve Ross of Stewart Hannah Building and Mr Mark May of Mark May Buildings.

We are very proud of this very successful and on-going school – industry partnership. Many of the young men who have participated have gone on to get sought after apprenticeships in the various building/support trades. All who have been involved have gained a real sense of satisfaction and for many, it has proved a life-changing experience. The Construction classes over the past eight years have really enjoyed the experience and recognise that it would not have been possible without the support of the wider community.

The Construction programme depends on the support from the St Paul's community to ensure its continued success. If you are involved in the building industry and are interested in finding out how you could be involved, please contact Mr Gavin Jakes on 021 127 5216.



Artist's impression of finished residence



Making Reinforcing

2019 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

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Hall House
Hamilton House
Harington Day House
Harington Boarding House
Sargood House
Williams House

Sangato Okusitino (Tino) Tahitua
Jiajun (Johnny) Li
Jenny Nguyen
Byungchan (Nic) Kyon
Fangyi (Lamer) Li
Kaya Yokoyama
Shiven Dukhande
Zainal Wong

WORLD VISION SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP WEEK

by Daniel Rickman

On 14 January 2019, I had the opportunity to go on World Vision's Senior Scholarship Week, which lasted until 17 January. Throughout my life, I don't believe I have had an experience which has changed and inspired me more than this week, or more accurately these few days.

The week started off by meeting the other students from across New Zealand, including from Waikato Dio and Hillcrest from Hamilton. It was incredible to hear and debate each other's views, as well as inspire each other to come up with our own ideas, as a group of young New Zealanders, on how we can incorporate the work of World Vision and the 40 Hour Famine into our individual schools for 2019. After the meet and greet, we had a tour around World Vision's headquarters and learnt about each person's role in World Vision. In addition, on the first day, we had the opportunity to attend a Powhiri and spend the night at a local Marae. Here we got told about the problems in New Zealand, specifically about the rift in Maori and Pakeha relationships, as well as the poverty, which is going on in New Zealand. This was something I felt quite passionately about and I believe St Paul's is addressing these problems, especially with our community service initiatives.

Throughout the second day of the week, we had multiple speakers come in and teach us some important lessons, mainly regarding the work of World Vision, as well as what's happening in South Sudan and other countries which need relief, and how World Vision and the New Zealand Government is helping the people in these countries. I think most of the students on the trip would agree that this day was the most shocking and harrowing of them all, as we had two first-hand accounts of what was happening to refugees. One was from a 19 year old Kiwi who had just recently been working in the refugee camps of South Sudan and had seen the victims of the war and heard the refugees' stories of death and terror. We also were able to listen to an Ethiopian refugees' first-hand account of how he got into New Zealand, which was filled with hardship and loss. However, on a lighter note, we also learnt

about the stereotyping of refugees, as well as the origins of the 40 Hour Famine; how it all started, as well as what the Famine has become.

After a tough second day, the third day started with a long debrief to share any thoughts or ideas. After this, we listened to another range of speakers, who spoke on a more positive note. Rather than telling us all of the problems, they worked with us to come up with solutions and inspired us rather than discourage. We learnt about our roles as schools to promote the 40 Hour Famine and how we can contribute to the work of World Vision. We also had World Vision's marketing team come and speak to us about how to build a campaign, specifically the 40 Hour Famine. To add to this, we were put in groups and did a range of problem solving activities within such groups. Finally, we were taught about the responsibility we have for our own world and the system of injustice, which gave us better insight into what the work of World Vision is doing to improve the world.

The final day was a day of reflections and sad goodbyes. In the morning, we had one last speaker go over all the key things we had learnt as well as leave us with some inspirational messages. After this, it was a sad goodbye to a great new group of friends, as well as aspiring young Kiwis.

From this trip I have taken away a few key things I would really like to bring back to St Paul's for our 40 Hour Famine.

I would like people to understand that Famine is more than just a fun thing to do with your mates; it is something dedicated to helping people in dire situations. Yes, at one level it is a fun event, but on another level, it is sacrificing something for people in a war zone or a refugee centre.

I would also like to cooperate with Waikato Dio and keep in contact with other schools around New Zealand in order to make our Famine the best one yet.

I aim for us to raise at least \$10,000 as a school for World Vision through the Famine as well as plan 40 hours of service related activities, which would be beneficial to our "Over-the-Fence" communities.

Finally, I would just like to say a huge thank you for allowing me to take part in the scholarship week, and I hope it is something that St Paul's can be a part of for the future.

SIX DECADES OF CHALLENGE

The following is the Headmaster's Address at the Welcome Back Reunion Assembly held on Friday, 8 March 2019 and attended by those who had returned to the School for the 60th Jubilee celebrations:

"Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

A huge welcome this afternoon to Collegians, past Headmaster Reverend Michael Lawrence, past staff and guests who return to our school today to reflect and celebrate on their memories, involvement and friendships, forged during their time during the past six decades that they were at St Paul's Collegiate School.

I want to start this address by leading us, as we join together to say together the School Prayer:

Heavenly Father, giver of all that is good, we thank you for the blessings and privileges we daily enjoy as members of this School.

Give us grace, we pray, to use our gifts to your glory in the service of others. Strengthen us to stand firm in our faith in our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May your Holy Spirit so rule our hearts and lives that we may daily grow in love of you and one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

On 12 February 1959, 59 pupils and five staff made up the school community on that first day that St Paul's Collegiate opened. Up to today, 29,229 students have passed through the main gate and have earned the right to call themselves Collegians of St Paul's. Today, 740 await in this Chapel of Christ the King to soon join their number, over the next five years.

This morning, at a special ceremony, we recognised and paid tribute to the very significant initial contribution that the Founding Trustees, staff and pupils in 1959, 1960 and 1961 made, in having the faith and confidence to come to a school that was very much in its infancy and had a positive, but fairly shaky beginning. We acknowledge this group of risk takers and hardy souls that invested so much, to provide this school with an excellent foundation that has been progressively built upon over the six decades since.

The end of the 1960s saw the school transformed under the strong personality, bearing, authority and generosity of Mr Reg Hornsby. Numbers grew hugely from 221 in 1963 to 406 pupils when he left; drama and music flourished; the Chapel

was at the heart of the school; many essential buildings were completed (library, dining room/kitchen/laundry, Chapel, smaller gymnasium); the staff was rejuvenated and our sports teams proved competitive in the Waikato region, with our 1st XV defeating Hamilton Boys' High School and St Stephen's College; our 1st XI hockey side winning the WSS competition – all for the first time.

In the 1970s, under the genial, gregarious leadership of Tony Hart, saw the school emerge strongly through tumultuous societal times. With the 'Little Red School Book' and the liberal and permissive influences reflected in the hair length of the boys, it was a period when authority and traditional values were questioned and inflation was rampant. But through an effective partnership with Waikato Anglican College Trust Chairman, Mr John Mortimer, the school was still able to maintain a strong roll and build the new Mary Hornsby music block, Clark Boarding House, Arts and Crafts block and make the momentous decision to purchase a second campus, at the old native mill town of Tihoi, on the western side of Lake Taupo. Academic results improved, whilst cafeteria style dining was introduced; it was a busy time for drama and debating, whilst rugby, hockey, rowing and cricket reached new heights.

The 1980s saw the approachable, equable and principled Reverend Michael Lawrence, take the helm as Headmaster. Michael Lawrence introduced the equally popular initiatives of no more Saturday schooling and in 1985 the introduction of girls in Year 12 and 13. The school was well led by a strong, effective senior management team. Our magnificent pipe organ was purchased. The main Management block and classrooms, the boatshed was built for the rowers at Day Park, the Old Collegians pavilion were completed, all at a time when sweeping changes were made to the New Zealand Education system under the Tomorrow's School reforms.

With the inevitable march of computers, the first two "small computers" were purchased in 1981 to give students hands on experience. The curriculum was broadened, Latin was out and horticulture was introduced. This was the period when rugby came of age at St Paul's, winning the Quadrangular Tournament with Christ's and Wanganui Collegiate for the first time. The 1st XI football team enjoyed some of their best results yet. Whilst it seems appropriate some 30 years later, that in 1989, the school's first production of 'Grease', which was played to full houses. Performance music was extremely strong, with the Brass Band going from strength to strength.

In 1992, a young, 37-year old, energetic, ultra-competitive Steve Cole took over as Headmaster at a time when computer technology was strongly evident in all departments. Mr Cole's biggest initial influence was to give sport a 'shake up'. He approached some top-line coaches to join the school who were to serve the school well for decades to come. Cricket, rugby and soccer reaching its highest standard so far; with the 2000 1st XV one of the best teams ever, the 1st XI cricket side reaching the Gillette Cup final in 2001, the four won the prestigious Springbok Shield in rowing. While the 1st XI football side won both the regional Premiership and the Challenge Shield for the first time. The school's profile, both locally and nationally, rose hugely. The school experienced a period of huge roll growth – in 1992, there had been 419 pupils, but by 2001, it was 50% larger, with 627 students – in 1995, day students out-numbered boarders for the first time. The Chapel needed enlarging and a huge new building programme implemented, which saw the construction of the Student Centre, the Technology and Science blocks. Culturally there was huge student participation in regular Stage Challenge groups, whilst in music the emphasis was on quality rather than quantity in the numbers participating. With his energy and passion, many would argue that Steve Cole's tenure saw the school transformed, given a new direction and taken to a new level.

July 2001 saw the well-respected Deputy Headmaster, Greg Fenton appointed to lead the school, at a time where there was much greater competition from both Hamilton Boys' and St Peter's School than there ever had been before. But initially the school roll was to grow to a then record level of 653 students in 2004, before dropping to 565 as a direct effect of the Global Financial Crisis in the late 2000s.

The Harington Boarding facilities were enlarged with the Loris Eyre wing, the Sports Centre with its new gymnasium; squash courts; weights room and indoor nets opened in 2006 and the Astro hockey turf added a year later. Whilst down at Tihoi, a new dining room and replacement of the student Houses was almost completed. Numbers involved in the Arts grew significantly with some challenging musicals put on during this period, whilst school sports teams enjoyed unprecedented success; wins by the eight in the Maadi Cup in 2002 and 2003, the chess team sharing the national title in 2006, the 1st XI cricketers making two Gillette Cup finals, tennis teams that made the national finals in 2002, 1st XI hockey sides that made the Rankin Cup top sixteen on four occasions over the decade, the 1st XV team that won Waikato Championships, the Tricolour Trophy and made the national top four final. The most recent decade has seen some dramatic physical changes at the Hamilton campus, with all of the Boarding Houses expanded and renovated, the Dining Room and Mathematics block upgraded, the Mary Hornsby Music Centre expanded, a new Drama Dance Performance Centre and Gallagher Centre of Excellence for Agribusiness added. Whilst the Venture campus received three new classrooms and a major upgrade to staff housing. The school roll has consistently hit new record levels in the past five years, with

Year 11 girls at St Paul's added in 2010. Nationally we led the introduction of the new Agribusiness curriculum into Year 12/13 classes around the country, for which the school earned the Prime Minister's Excellence in Education Award. Culturally, music, singing and musical productions have never been as strong. Whilst in sport, our 1st XI cricket side and Premier netball teams have participated in national finals, our rowing boys have won the prestigious Springbok Shield and our girls the Dawn Cup, our 1st XI boys' hockey side took out the Rankin Cup for the first time in the school's history. Academically, the school continues to excel with record levels of success in the national scholarship examinations and impressively, levels of achievement in NCEA and for University Entrance qualifications. While every student possesses an electronic device which is seen as an integral tool to their daily learning.

Over the past six decades, St Paul's Collegiate has come of age and its place in the New Zealand education system and its future has been secured. From a shaky beginning, the school now has a very solid foundation and excellent reputation throughout the country.

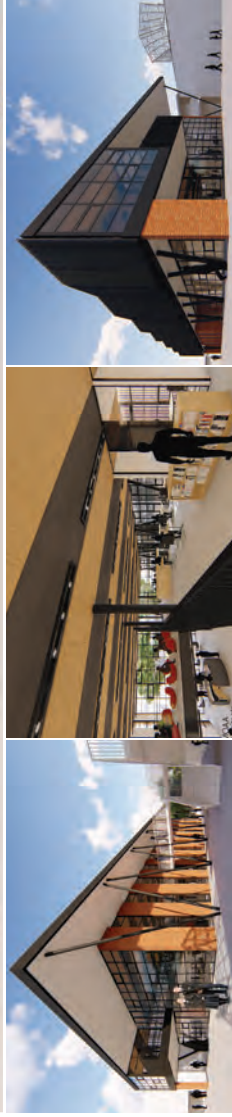
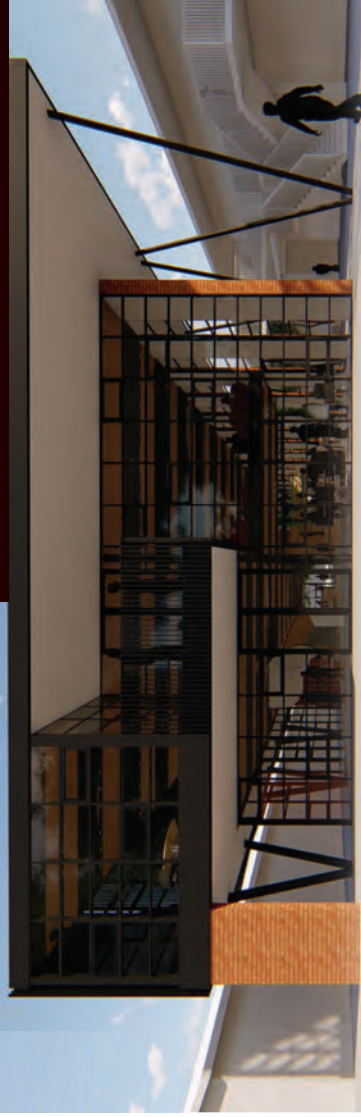
Over each of the decades, St Paul's Collegiate has faced significant challenges; the initial uncertainty of four Headmasters within five years; times of extreme financial uncertainty; with rampant inflation, the vagaries of State Aid, a Global Financial Crisis, regular sector problems such as low dairy pay-outs, diseases in Kiwifruit vines or the latest issue of Mycoplasma bovis within cattle herds. We have weathered changes in the effectiveness of competing schools, major social change in the 1970s and major educational change both in the 1980s and in recent times. Schools over the 60-year period have gone through transformational change, with the elimination of fagging and corporal punishment, a move from School Certificate, Sixth Form Certificate and Bursary to NCEA, digitisation of curriculum delivery and an increased responsibility for student wellbeing.

Throughout the past sixty years, St Paul's Collegiate has consistently gone from strength to strength. Imagine what our Founders, Reverend Canon Paul Sergel, Ivan Clark, Dr Marcus Fitchett, Guy Seton, Harry Hall, Eric Clayton-Greene, Neville McKean, Henry Swarbrick and Robert Wynyard would be thinking if they were sitting in this Chapel of Christ the King today. I think that they would be well satisfied with the outcome, they would be impressed by the resilience and fortitude shown by the community at defining moments in past decades. I take this opportunity of thanking each of the Collegians, current students, past and present staff and Trustees for being present at this hallmark moment for our school and more importantly, for your contribution to making St Paul's what it is today. Your commitment has been greatly appreciated. I hope you enjoy the opportunity of being reacquainted with your school and old friends.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa."

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FOR THE FUTURE



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