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DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

2019 HAS BEEN VERY MUCH A YEAR OF CELEBRATION, WITH MANY SPECIAL EVENTS, INCLUDING: THE UNVEILING IN FEBRUARY OF THE TIMELINE IN THE SPORTS CENTRE AND THE CUTTING OF THE CAKE TO MARK THE SIXTIETH YEAR OF THE SCHOOL'S OPERATION; THROUGH TO THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY COLLEGIANS' WEEKEND EVENTS IN MARCH; THE RECOGNITION OF SIX DECADES OF RUGBY AT THE TELEVISED 1ST XV MATCH AGAINST ST PETER'S SCHOOL IN JULY; THROUGH TO THE HONOURING OF THE FORTIETH YEAR OF THE TIHOI VENTURE PROGRAMME IN SEPTEMBER. ON THE FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 (I.E. 14 OCTOBER 2019), THE CULMINATION OF THESE UNIQUE HISTORICAL MILESTONES WAS MARKED WITH THE UNVEILING AND BLESSING CEREMONY FOR THE SCULPTURE WHICH IS TO BE REFERRED TO AS 'THE JOURNEY'. COMMISSIONED LAST YEAR, THE SCULPTURE WAS PRODUCED BY ONE OF NEW ZEALAND'S MOST RESPECTED ARTISTS, MR PAUL DIBBLE, ABLY ASSISTED BY HIS WIFE FRAN.



Grant Lander with Fran and Paul Dibble following the sculpture's unveiling.

Paul Dibble was born and raised in the greater Waikato region and was brought up on a farm on the Hauraki Plains. He has produced many of this country's best-known bronze art pieces, including the NZ War Memorial on Hyde Park Corner in London, unveiled by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The talents of Paul and Fran Dibble are proudly on display around many parts of our country and in many locations around the world. The only other major piece of work by Paul, in our region, stands in a quad within the University of Waikato.

Paul and Fran spent many hundreds of hours at their bronze foundry in Palmerston North, to provide their interpretation of 'The Journey' undertaken by our students, both while at school and in later life. The end result is an imposing and impressive four and a half metre high piece of artwork that is highly visible as

you travel down the main driveway and enter the main school proper.

Generously funded from within the school community, including significant donations from the St Paul's Collegians' Association, Parents' Association, St Paul's Foundation, Great Oaks Trading (School Shop), the large sculpture is sure to be a point of great discussion both currently and in the future. Like all major artworks, it will be open to the interpretation of the individual reviewing it.

The artist's use of a tent in the sculpture was inspired by the architectural vision behind the St Paul's Collegiate Chapel of Christ the King. The Chapel was deliberately designed in the shape of a Middle Eastern tent. Symbolic of Saint Paul, a tentmaker who travelled the Middle East region preaching and

repairing tents as a way to pay his way. The figure who emerges from the tent could be interpreted as symbolic of Saint Paul's journey in life – who changed and transitioned from Saul, the persecutor of Christians, to Paul the champion of the faith taught to him by the prophet, Jesus.

The use of a tent can also be seen as reflecting that students don't stay long, they 'pitch' their tent and after their time at school, they move on, hopefully better prepared for the life experiences that await them, accompanied by a backpack of skills and tools. The essence of adolescence is captured in the figure looking awkward and a bit confused. Many might draw parallels to our Year 10 young men, as they emerge from their outdoor experiences of Tihoi, facing the

journey and the challenges that life holds for them as they move into manhood. But for me, the interpretation I like the best is not gender or age-specific. The figure represents each and every one of us. We, at different points in time, pitch our tent in different jobs, careers, relationships and locations. When we emerge from the comfort of that tent into the challenges of the unknown, we naturally do so with a bit of trepidation and insecurity, but with a skillset on our back, that has come or been borne from past experiences and learnings, we take up the challenges that await us.

The tent itself has many words added onto it. Bible references from Paul's writings to others, the words of the school Haka, (which tell the story of Saul's journey and

conversion to Paul), Virtues promoted by the Tihoi Venture programme that form an important point of reference for use in later life, the cross – a gift from St Paul's Cathedral School in London, representing the Lamb of God – Jesus.

We hope that you will take the time when you next visit the school to stand before 'The Journey' sculpture and to reflect on what, if any, message that you get from looking at it. Whatever your views or interpretation, there is one thing that is certain, that its presence will provide a lasting legacy, that in 2019 we celebrated in a memorable manner, the powerful influence that this school has had on so many young people as they have gone through their journey in life.





ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

EXCELLENCE

EDUCATION PERFECT LANGUAGES CHAMPIONSHIP

Earlier in the year, some St Paul's students participated in the 2019 Education Perfect Languages Championships. Some interesting stats pertaining to the participation of St Paul's students in 2019 are as follows:

- 74,020 points were scored by SPC students overall
- 155,159 questions were answered
- St Paul's ranked globally as 145th out of 1,644 schools
- St Paul's ranked 30th school overall in New Zealand (out of 369 schools)
- St Paul's ranked 14th in Spanish in New Zealand (out of 257 schools)
- St Paul's ranked 24th for French in New Zealand (out of 269 schools)

A total of 37 awards were made to St Paul's students for their level of participation. Those awards are as follows:

Three Emerald Awards (5,000+ points achieved – or top 1% of 150,000 competitors from around the world):

- Julian Harker**
9,463 questions answered - 5,083 points
- Vikram Rajan**
14,489 questions answered - 5,010 points
- Justin Su**
10,622 questions answered - 5,030 points

Four Gold Awards (3,000+ points achieved – or top 2% of 150,000 competitors from around the world):

- Ronin Cooper**
8,422 questions answered - 3,379 points
- Joshua Forward**
4,236 questions answered 3,202 points
- Isabel Mallett**
10,288 questions answered 3,008 points
- Macey Walsh**
5,471 questions answered 3,020 points

Seven Silver Awards (2,000+ points achieved – or top 5% of 150,000 competitors from around the world):

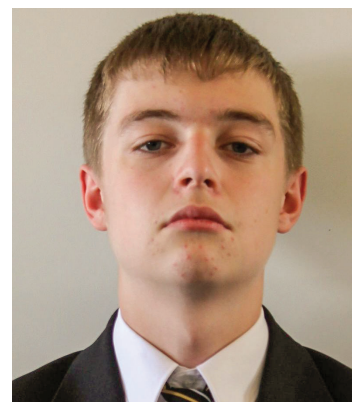
- Riley Dance**
5,328 questions answered - 2,065 points
- Remy Groenendijk**
5,339 questions answered - 2,934 points
- Ryan Ho**
3,538 questions answered - 2,054 points
- Conrad Jackson**
2,567 questions answered - 2,002 points
- Neel Lad**
2,784 questions answered - 2,016 points
- Taiki Lynn**
2,507 questions answered - 2,004 points
- Arthur Yearsley**
5,044 questions answered - 2,031 points

Eight Bronze Awards (1,000+ points achieved – or top 10% of 150,000 competitors from around the world):

- Keyan Asadi** - 1,009 points
- Matthew Chanwai** - 1,044 points
- Nate Green** - 1,430 points
- Max Shi** - 1,737 points
- Jack Simmonds** - 1,000 points
- Kitty Storey** - 1,259 points
- Jack Tournier** - 1,002 points
- Scott Zhou** - 1,295 points

The following students received a "Credit Award" (placing them in the top 20% worldwide):

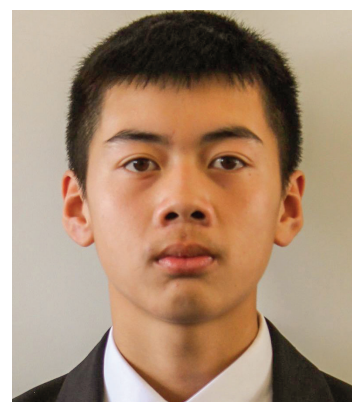
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| Eddie Bi | Cameron Bird |
| Harry Derry | Blake Freyberg |
| Cory Goodwin | Poen Hsieh |
| Peter Huang | Samuel Jackson |
| Daniel Knox | Alessio Lane |
| Matthew Ruetsch | Jacob Sharman |
| Ben Spring | Jack Thomas |
| Matthew d'Hotman de Villiers | St Pol |



Julian Harker - Emerald award winner



Vikram Rajan - Emerald award winner



Justin Su - Emerald award winner



ICAS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

Earlier in the year, 35 St Paul's students participated in the ICAS Science Assessment and were awarded four Distinction, two Credit, five Merit and 24 Participation certificates.

The following students are to be congratulated on their participation and their results achieved:

Distinction Awards (Top 5% of candidates):

Eddie Bi

36/45 - Top 5% of Year 9 participants in NZ and the Pacific Region

Poen Hsieh

37/45 - Top 3% of Year 9 participants in NZ and the Pacific Region

Scott Zhou

37/45 - Top 3% of Year 9 participants in NZ and the Pacific Region

Daniel Williams

33/45 - Top 4% of Year 10 participants in

NZ and the Pacific Region

Credit Awards:

Kane Stirling (Year 9)

Timon Lamb (Year 12)

Merit Awards:

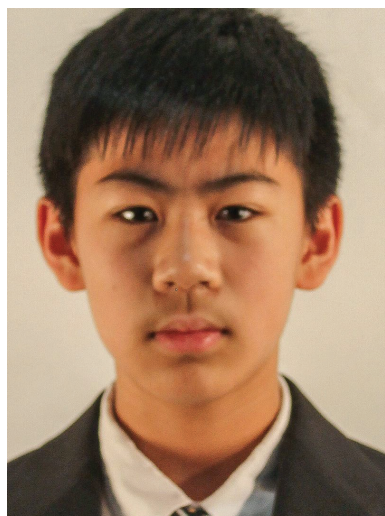
Sam Ladbrook (Year 9)

Dhiren Naicker (Year 10)

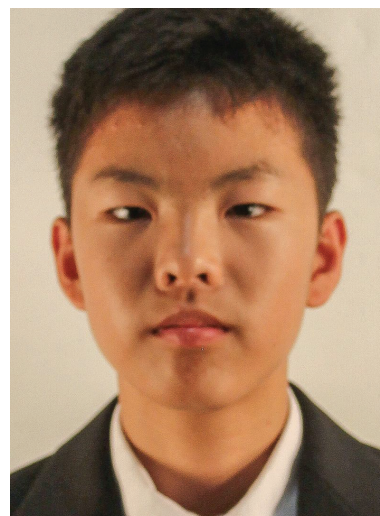
Saniya Kansal (Year 11)

Ashton Neighbour (Year 11)

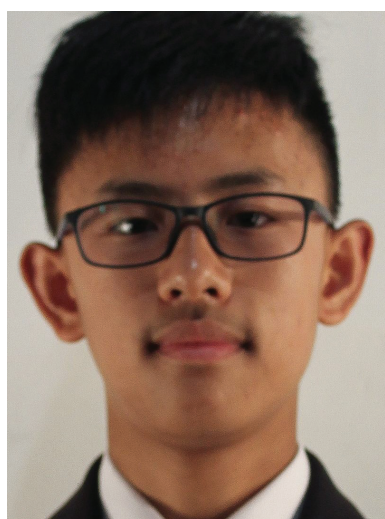
Hugo Shale (Year 12)



Eddie Bi - Distinction Award recipient



Poen Hsieh - Distinction Award recipient



Scott Zhou - Distinction Award recipient



Daniel Williams - Distinction Award recipient



CULTURAL PARTICIPATION

ITM MUSIC FESTIVAL – MUSICIANS BRING HOME A MEDAL HAUL

St Paul's Collegiate Music groups attended the ITM Music Festival in late August. This festival caters for String Orchestras, Guitar Ensembles, Percussion Ensembles, Big Bands and Concert Bands from schools across the Waikato region and beyond. Twenty-eight different schools were in attendance on the day, many with multiple groups across the various categories. The performance standard was, as usual, very high from each group. Ensembles in the

Festival are awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze based on their individual performances, and adjudicators can allocate additional Merit Awards of their choosing.

St Paul's had entered three groups this year, Drumline, directed by Mr Adrian Hayward received Bronze in their section. The Big Band, directed by Mr Bill Stoneham, was one of three groups in their section of 11 bands to receive Gold.

The Concert Band, directed by Miss Jane Spenceley received Gold and was one of three groups in their section of 11 to receive a Highly Commended for their performance.

Congratulations to all the performers and a big thank you to the staff and parents who came to watch.

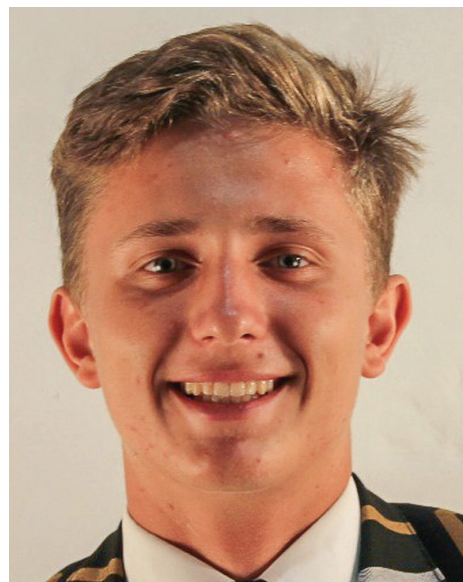
SENIOR SPEECH FINALS

The 2019 Senior Speech Finals were held in the latter half of Term 3. Out of an impressive field of 14 competitors, four students were selected to compete in the final. The selection process was no easy task, with all of the students involved in the semi-finals, speaking to a very high standard. Out of the 14 semi-finalists who participated, seven Year 12 students also took the time to deliver their speeches to the judges. The level of expertise and enthusiasm with which these students delivered their speeches, certainly bodes well for the future of public speaking at St Paul's Collegiate School.

Four finalists: Macy Coffin, Isaac West, Julia McLean and Miah McDonald, mastered the gift of oratory and wowed the audience with their opinions on an array of topical issues.

Macy spoke on identity and knowing oneself; Isaac spoke on inspirational and identity-defining music; and Julia, on pollution and that we have a moral responsibility to prevent it.

However, there could be only one victor, which was Miah McDonald, with his convincing and expertly delivered speech on 'Fake News'. Miah was named the 2019 Senior Speech Champion.



Miah McDonald won the 2019 Senior Speech Competition with his speech on 'Fake News'.

CADENZA REPORT *written by Hannah Mayer*

On Sunday, 25 and Monday, 26 August, the St Paul's First Fifteen Chamber Choir had the incredible opportunity to attend and compete in the inaugural Big Sing Cadenza competition. This was the second tier down from the Big Sing Finale and included choirs from across the country, (i.e. the next top 36 choirs - 14 from the upper North Island). These 14 choirs had qualified for Cadenza following the Big Sing regional competition held back in May (where St Paul's entered its three choirs).

The Chamber Choir was required to sing four pieces of contrasting music and give two recitals over the two days, in addition to participating in workshops with the other choirs from Auckland, Tauranga and Hamilton.

With the slightly upsetting results from the Big Sing regional still lingering, the Chamber Choir was determined to prove their place in the Cadenza competition and so worked hard, rehearsing daily and putting in long hours. The competition day began bright and early with minivans taking the 25 choristers to Rotorua, departing at 6.00am! Being one of the first choirs to perform, we wasted no time in organising a quick last-minute rehearsal to warm up our voices and get in the zone.

The two days were split into two sessions of performances. Each session featured six choirs performing two pieces from their repertoire. The standard of singing was unbelievable, and we all gained a huge amount from observing the quality and the discipline from each choir, all of them bringing a unique flair and approach to their performance. While most of the music was unfamiliar to us, it was nice to hear some songs that we knew and had ourselves, sung either this year or in the past.

The adjudicator of the competition gave three workshop sessions throughout the two days for all 400 choir members to attend. We were given four songs to learn in 24 hours to a performance standard as they would be featured at the gala concert on Monday night. The experience of singing with so many high-quality musicians was truly breath-taking, and we loved having the chance to mix and mingle with the other choirs.

On the second day, our nerves were slightly more settled for our second recital. There were more workshops and then preparation for the gala and prize giving in the evening. With all choirs having performed their entire repertoire, it was all up to the adjudicator to analyse the

performances and finalise the results. Each choir was either given the award of Merit, Distinction or Excellence for their four pieces. Before the announcement of prizes, each choir performed one-piece, chosen by the judge as their most captivating. The St Paul's Chamber Choir was asked to sing "Other Plan's" by Lisa Young which proved an extremely popular choice with the hundreds of singers there. After a few speeches and thanks were given to the supervising staff and sponsors of the competition, the trophies were ready to be awarded to the choirs. As our results were read out, we held our breath. As the word 'Distinction' was spoken, the room erupted in applause. Having been the underdogs of the entire competition, we were overcome with pride, happiness and huge relief as we had finally proven our place amongst the top choirs in New Zealand.

A big thank you must go out to all of the teachers who came along on our trip. Our music teachers, Hannah Bryant and Mr Campbell, our choir mum Mrs Johnson, our amazing accompanist Mr Greenslade and the legendary, Mr Timothy Carpenter (Choral Director) who has shown unmatched commitment and dedication to the choir over the past year.

SPORTING ENDEAVOURS



WAIKATO SECONDARY SCHOOL SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

The ski team from St Paul's Collegiate School was well prepared and equipped to manage the appalling conditions in which the Waikato Secondary Schools' Ski Championships were held after two months training on the mountain in heavy rain, ice, wind and often blizzard conditions.

Having been postponed from 23 August due to rain and wind, the racing competition was given the green light for completion on 30 August at the Turoa ski field. A challenging banked slalom course was set, with each skier having to complete two runs.

With over 60 boys and 50 girls competing from the Waikato secondary schools, it

was a long day of racing, often in heavy rain and snow, along with very limited visibility. Our 18 skiers all excelled themselves in their commitment and effort. Novices Zainal Wong and Robert Merryweather gave it their all and were duly rewarded with the thunderous cheers and applause of their teammates as they crossed the finish line. Katie Grant and Frankie Smith, our girls, performed well with Frankie being the 7th fastest girl on the mountain.

The junior boys also performed well with Sam Ladbrook putting in the 10th fastest run on the day, of all the 60 senior and junior boys competing. Two great runs from Riley Wills, Sam Cox and William Mollard saw them very narrowly missing

a top 10 placing, but superb runs from Lachlan Coleman (6th), Callum Shepherd (5th) and Henry Mandeno (1st) saw three of our skiers placed in the top 10 of the WSSSC.

Huge congratulations to Henry Mandeno, who raced the two fastest times scored on the day, over two runs which saw him, and therefore St Paul's Collegiate School placed first in the Waikato for the boys' banked slalom competition.

Thanks are due to Mr Heaton, Reverend Rickman, Mrs Beggs and the many other parents involved, for their awesome support of the team.



NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

With high hopes and two of our strongest teams for some years, the St Paul's Ski Team headed to the mountain on Saturday, 14 September, with a significant detour to the Tihoi Venture School, as it celebrated its 40th birthday party.

With last minute preparations on Sunday at Whakapapa, the team was pumped and primed to compete at this year's North Island Secondary Schools Ski Championships.

However, as has often been the case this year, the weather turned against us, and despite the sunshine, high winds kept all the lifts closed on Monday. On Tuesday snow and rain along with poor visibility, joined with the wind and once again access to the mountain was denied to us.

On Wednesday, it was all systems go. On a beautiful bluebird mountain day, the giant slalom courses were open to competitors from 10:00 am with senior girls and senior boys competing on the same course, with

separate courses for junior boys and junior girls.

St Pauls submitted two teams this year, captained by Henry Mandeno:

Team A

Henry Mandeno, Callum Shepherd, Sam Cox, Jazzabel Russell and Angus Gower

Team B

Joseph Grigg, Riley Wills, Sam Ladbrook, William Mollard and Frankie Smith

Unfortunately, Frankie Smith did not compete due to a knee injury occurring on Monday.

Henry Mandeno was awarded the prestigious position of going first in the senior boys' competition and during his final high school ski racing competition finished in a very respectable 6th position in the Senior Boys category in which over 70 senior boys competed.

In a field of over 140 skiers, junior boys Angus Gower and Sam Ladbrook performed well, achieving 22nd and 30th positions respectively.

Our training trips to the mountain were rewarded at NISSSC, despite fierce competition from some very competitive teams, with almost semi-professional training programmes in place: St Paul's senior and junior ski team were placed jointly 17th overall which is a significant achievement, with over 100 teams in the competition.

It's been a great season, and all of our skiers are to be congratulated for their commitment to their sport and the fantastic team spirit generated this season. Thank you to Reverend Peter Rickman and Mr Blair Heaton for accompanying the students to this competition and giving them this wonderful opportunity.

GIRLS' HOCKEY RUNNERS-UP IN MIDLANDS COMPETITION



The 1st XI girls travelled to Rotorua to play Ruamata in the Midlands Division 2 final on Wednesday, 28 August 2019. The game was a tough battle with both teams rising to the challenge of a final and playing their

best hockey with neither team able to get the upper hand with strong defence and considerable turnover ball in midfield. Fulltime score was nil-all. The game went to penalty strokes, which St Paul's,

unfortunately, lost 2-3. The team deserves our congratulations for making the final and giving it their best throughout the game.

GIRLS' LACROSSE WIN GOLD FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

What a way to end a season! The girls' in the St Paul's Collegiate Lacrosse team knew playing for first place was going to be tough, seeming that that they had played Cambridge High School (CHS) before and lost by a large margin. CHS had been unbeaten all season and were strong favourites going into the final. The St Paul's girls started well, scoring their first goal within the first 30 seconds of the game, but CHS were not slow to respond and scored to match our goal pretty quickly. That set the tone for the entire game - St Paul's would score one and CHS would respond. The game came down to the last 30 seconds of play, and Amelia Hunt scored which gave St Paul's the winning goal - fulltime score 10-9 to

St Paul's and first place in the A division of the Waikato Girls Secondary Schools Lacrosse League goes to St Paul's for the second consecutive year. Molly Clements was Player of the Day for her leadership as captain. It has been a fantastic season, the St Paul's girls' Lacrosse team have worked their socks off! They are very deserving of their gold medal win! Our thanks to Samantha Quintal, coach and Mrs Angela Bromwich, manager who have stood by the girls throughout a long and demanding season, that has seen the girls taught a great lesson in how to keep calm under pressure.

The girls who played in the winning Lacrosse team were:

Molly Clements (Co-captain)
Charleis Kingston-White (Co-captain)
Pearl Lovell
Victoria Tucker
Alex Gothorp
Carlia Muir
Veronica Bagley
Sophie Hine
Amelia Hunt
Sophie Ingoe
Tyler Mulgrew
Paula Tucker
Isobel Knowing
Leah Attwood
Kacy Monkley
Caitlin Tidmarsh

BOYS' BADMINTON – NATIONAL TOURNAMENT WEEK

Our Premier Badminton team came runners-up in the Waikato Secondary School competition this year which meant, that for the first time ever, we were in a good position to enter the Secondary School Nationals competition. Our team was comprised of four senior students: Steven Wen, Simon Han, Nic Kyon and Ben Back, plus two juniors Gabe Pinvanichkul and Eddie Bi, the team was all set to travel to Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua.

Unfortunately on the day of departure, illness meant that our number one player was unable to travel, so we had to travel one vital player short.

The ties are completed with two doubles matches, and four singles matches played, with each match played with the winner and the first to win two games to 21 points.

St Paul's first match was against Waimea combined, which was essentially a Nelson area rep team, made up of three

secondary schools to complete one team. We lost that match 6-0.

St Paul's were then up against Newlands College. We won the first doubles match. In the second, Eddie suffered from a bleeding nose when we were 6-2 up in the first game. Unable to staunch the blood, we had to forfeit the match 21-6, 21-0, and Eddie had to withdraw from the tie. Unfortunately, this eventually cost us the tie, as we drew three matches all, and seven games all, it went down to points, and St Paul's lost by 15 points on countback. This put us into the bottom half of the draw, and from there, we had a fairly easy ride.

St Paul's played Onehunga High School and won 6-0. They then played Hutt Valley High School and won 5-1.

Wednesday saw us play against Whangarei Boys' High School, and we won 6-0 and in the afternoon we beat Hastings Boys' High School 6-0.

That meant that on Thursday we met Takapuna Grammar to see who won the "plate" of Division Two. They had had a surprise loss the previous day against Whangarei Boys', but we needed to win to ensure our place at the top of our group.

We lost the first doubles match but came back strongly in the second to even it out at 1-1. Then St Paul's went ahead with Nic winning our first singles match, Eddie then won the second singles, and Simon won the third, putting match out of contention. A hard-fought match between Gabe and the Takapuna number one saw the Takapuna player come out on top, but by then St Paul's had secured top place in the pool and came away satisfied with our performance, given the setbacks that we'd had.

The boys all played extremely well and gained a lot from the experience. A big thank you to Mrs Helen Chileshe for taking the boys to the tournament

TANNER CUP 2019



The 9th annual Tanner Cup Hockey Tournament hosted by St Paul's Collegiate School saw 12 top hockey schools from the North and South Islands compete in this under 15 tournament. The level of hockey being played this year was the best that has been seen at this competition.

St Paul's was in a tough pool with Tauranga Boys' College and St Andrew's College. First up was Tauranga Boys' in the middle of the day, with hot and sunny conditions. St Paul's played some great hockey with real control and composure that allowed them to dominate for good periods of the game. Tauranga Boys' managed to struggle through to a 2 - 1 win. The St Paul's goal was scored by Cameron Bird.

Day Two saw another middle of the day game in hot conditions once again. St Andrew's College was a very competitive

side, with end to end hockey all game. St Andrew's was 1 - 0 up with five minutes left to play. St Paul's substituted our goalie for an extra field player to create more pressure in and around the goal. Unfortunately, St Andrew's scored again ending the game 2 - 0.

With St Paul's next game only an hour and a half later, it was always going to be difficult with such a short turn around, coupled with our playing New Plymouth Boys' High School, who had not played a game yet during the day. St Paul's started the game well but began to struggle to keep up with the pace of the game early in the second half, with New Plymouth putting a few goals away. The game ended with a 7 - 1 loss for St Paul's. It is hard to lose when you know that you could have performed better if we had more preparation time.

Day Three saw a dominated performance against Lindisfarne College, where St Paul's controlled the game and created space for their strikers to get some great shots on goal. Two goals from Lachie O'Neil, two from Cameron Bird and one from Thomas Scanlon, saw the game end with a 5 - 0 win to St Paul's.

Day Four saw a slow start to the game against Whanganui Collegiate, where St Paul's lacked a bit of concentration and positional structure. After the team talk at half time, we changed up a gear and started to play more our style of hockey. A second goal later in the second half sealed St Paul's the 2 - 0 win.

Placing 10th was not the desired result, but the team learned a lot and can be proud of the hockey they played.



RUGBY UNDER-16 QUAD REVIEW

This was the 12th year that the U16 Rugby Quadrangular has been contested in Hamilton. The four schools involved are Sacred Heart College – Auckland, Palmerston North Boys' High School, Hamilton Boys' High School and St Paul's Collegiate School. This year St Paul's hosted the three-day tournament.

St Paul's came into the tournament with high expectations and were hopeful we could win the tournament for the first time.

Sacred Heart was the St Paul's team's first game. On a beautiful sunny day, the game started fast with an added intensity. St Paul's were able to create multiple scoring opportunities, camping on the Sacred Heart try line, crossing it three times but held up each time. Sacred Heart had some quality backs, and when St Paul's made a mistake, the away team were able to capitalize each time, scoring three quick tries before halftime. The games were quick, with only 25-minute halves and going into the second half the team knew they had to score first. The team Captain, Ben Strang took the bull by the horns and crossed the line twice! Only to have one of his efforts disallowed. Unfortunately, this is how the game ended, St Paul's losing 20-5.

Recovery was a priority at this point as the team played Palmerston North Boys' High School (PNBHS) early the next morning. This time the game was played away on the Hamilton Boys' High School fields. After a productive team review to start the morning, winning this game was the goal and confidence was key. The team warm-up provided plenty of energy and this rolled straight into the game where St Paul's were able to create plenty of scoring opportunities early on. The team were unable to finish and poor discipline meant PNBHS were first to get points from a penalty kick. The team focus in the second half was to play in the right part of the field and take the opportunities when they came. Early in the second half, the forwards went to work, and Ben Strang was able to drive himself over to take the lead. Some gutsy defence and a strong work ethic meant the team were able to grind out a good win 7-3.

Day three brought the tournament back to the St Paul's grounds. A game against old foes Hamilton Boys' High School (HBHS) was next. Losing some key players to injury meant some of the younger men had to step up. The game was played in some tough conditions. A high error count and failing to exit on multiple occasions meant that the opposition was able to

dominate possession and territory early in the game with them scoring a couple of soft tries. A struggling set-piece was a momentum killer for St Paul's, meaning the team were unable to create many scoring opportunities.

Later in the first half, Harry Trumm was able to intercept the ball and run the length of the field to score, closing the gap and providing the team with some much needed confidence but failing to take the kick-off gave HBHS another chance to play in the right part and they were good enough to once again convert this into points. The second half was much of the same, although St Paul's were able to cross the line twice but were held up on both occasions. Final score was a 20-5 loss for St Paul's.

Overall the team performed well over the three days, highlighting some key work-ons and exposing some young players to the intensity of rugby required at the next level.

A big thank you to all of the 26 players involved, team management and to all of the families who took in billets.



BOYS' BASKETBALL ATTEND SCHICK CUP TOURNAMENT IN WHANGANUI

The Schick Civil Premier boys' basketball team from St Paul's competed at the Schick Cup in Whanganui for Winter Tournament.

Game One vs Havelock North – St Paul's were able to hold the lead to win the match 82-78. Jack Collins was outstanding on the court, scoring 20+ points and 10+ rebounds for the match.

Game Two vs Waiopahu – Our Year 9 boys contributed with Jack Ruske splashing two three-pointers. Sadly the match ended in St Paul's losing 64-78.

Game Three vs Central Hawkes Bay – A valiant effort where the boys dug deep right to the end. However, Central Hawkes Bay was too good for us and St Paul's lost the match 51-61.

Game Four vs Te Puke High School – This match saw our younger members Kaleb Mackay, Conrad Jackson and Jack Ruske (all Year 9) get some game time, which they took full advantage of. Top performer for St Paul's was Jae Broomfield with 36 points. St Paul's held their nerve and took the win 64 – 58.

Game Five vs Whanganui Collegiate – St Paul's finished the match with a win 90 – 59.

Despite having a young team, we played surprisingly well. St Paul's played against much stronger, quicker teams, but performed creditably. The team would like to sincerely thank coach, Mr Jono Kraenzlin for all the time and effort that he exerted to help the team improve and see the boys develop and also to team manager, Mr Michael Rameka for accompanying the boys to the tournament.

OPEN A NETBALLERS FINISH IN TOP 16 AT UNISS TOURNAMENT

UNISS is always the highlight of the season for secondary school netball players in the Upper North Island. With the loss of seven players at the end of the 2018 season, St Paul's started the week hoping to retain our position in the top 16.

After drawing with Carmel College in the first game of their pool play 32 all - it was important to secure a clear win that same afternoon. A good win against Long Bay College 54-12 raised the spirits of the girls immensely. By using all their skill sets and digging deep, St Paul's gave it their all the following morning, to narrow the margin between One Tree Hill College and themselves to 26-32. This secured St Paul's position in the top 16.

The team faced St Kentigern College in the new round, which was tough, but were pleased with their 11-35 loss as the St Kent's team eventually placed number one. The highlight of the week was beating Waikato Diocesan School for Girls by two goals the next morning, who St Paul's had lost to three out of the four times they had played them during the season. This was an important positioning game for St Paul's, giving us the opportunity to place from 9th -12th. This was a huge achievement, especially for the Year 13 players, to be in the same section as the previous year.

The remaining losses against Trident High School and One Tree Hill College for the second time were hard-fought.

Understanding and playing to our strengths rather than our weaknesses, the St Paul's team of eleven left North Harbour with their heads held high, and proud to say that they were all members of the 2019 St Paul's Open A Team who finished 12th out of 128 teams.

For those Year 13's moving on, good luck for your netball careers in the big wide world, and for our up and coming netballers, every season is a new beginning which requires hard work and dedication from day one. Our thanks go to Mrs Sonya Noble, who has done a great job coaching the side in recent seasons.



RANKIN CUP / INDIA SHIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



With a young and inexperienced Division 1 team, St Paul's Collegiate School Boys 1st XI Hockey team set off to Christchurch to compete in the 2019 Rankin Cup. Our goal was to emulate or improve on last year's team's effort where they came 13th. However, due to our hard pool consisting of Christchurch Boys' High School, Hamilton Boys' High School and John McGlashan College, we had to re-evaluate our goals. The team decided to try and win the India Shield (17th in tournament), to ensure that we remained in the tournament for 2020, by avoiding relegation (i.e. the bottom six teams go down to Division 3).

Pool Play

Game 1 vs Christchurch Boys' High School (CBHS)

Both teams started off the game well, with it being a very even game up into the second quarter but the CBHS team started to get on top of us and at the end of the second quarter, scored three goals. St Paul's had a few good attempts at getting shots on goal, only to be saved by the

keeper. The third quarter saw St Paul's finally slot one in from a penalty corner, finished off by Louis Brown - only for CBHS to add another one to their collection. Sam Lints scored St Paul's next goal, but CBHS was able to get another one in the dying minutes of the game. Final score: 5-2 to CBHS (who went on to come 6th in the Rankin Cup).

Game 2 vs John McGlashan College (JMC)

St Paul's created some good opportunities, with Sam Lints scoring in the 5th minute and this score remained for the first quarter. However, JMC came back and scored in the second quarter and from then on, it was all on. This game was intensely fought, but it was JMC who scored the next two goals in the third quarter. St Paul's made a comeback with a goal by Ben Scanlon in the last quarter and then in the dying seconds of the game, a penalty corner was awarded to St Paul's, but unfortunately they were unable to capitalise on the opportunity. Final score: 3-2 to JMC (they went on to come 2nd in the India Shield).

Game 3 vs Hamilton Boys' High School (HBHS)

Unluckily, the luck of the draw saw us play our local rivals, Hamilton Boys' High School. A tight tussle in the first quarter saw the score being nil all. But HBHS got their game on in the second quarter, scoring three goals. St Paul's made many good gains but just could not find the back of the net. We threw everything at HBHS but did not get the result that we would have liked. HBHS went on to score two more goals in the third quarter and another in the fourth. St Paul's played with great heart, but it was not to be. Final score: 6-0 to HBHS (they went on to come 4th in the Rankin Cup).

Due to these three losses, St Paul's was now out of the Rankin Cup (Teams 1-16) and was to continue to play for the India Shield (Teams 17-32).

INDIA SHIELD

Game 4 vs Trident High School

Oh my goodness! This was an intense game. The game was pretty even for

most of the first two quarters. Half time was two goals each (Sam Lints and Louis Brown). However, at the end of the third quarter and the start of the fourth quarter, St Paul's scored goals, so we were up 4-2 (Harrison Bond and Sam Lints). Then mistakes from us gave Trident a sniff, and they scored two goals from penalty corners. The whistle blew, and we had to go to shoot outs. We scored four goals (Sam Lints, Thassilo von der Wense, Toby Grindlay and Stellan Rennert) and with some amazing goal saving from Campbell Smith, we won the shoot outs 4-2. Very intense! So, we were now in the top 8 of India Shield and avoided relegation! Final score 4 - 4 (2 - 4 SO).

Game 5 vs Whanganui High School

A hard day at the office. Unfortunately, the boys were coming off a high of winning the previous day and did not really kick into action until the fourth quarter. At the end of the third quarter, we were 3-0 down, so the goalie was removed, and we played with 11 field players. This was a good tussle, but we left our run too late, making some good attempts at goals, but only scoring one goal by Sam Lints, going down 4-1.

Game 6 vs Burnside High School

Another intense game! This was a really good tussle in torrential freezing rain. The boys played really well in trying conditions. St Paul's dominated the match, creating a lot more goal-scoring opportunities than Burnside but we just couldn't find the final touch. We were 2-2 (Sam Lints and Louis Brown) at full time, so had to go to shoot outs. This was also a draw, score was 2-2 (Sam Lints, and Thassilo von der Wense), so we had to go to sudden death with Burnside High School scoring the first result, then Sam Lints evened it up, Burnside got theirs, and we missed. So close! So we lost 4-3 to Burnside High School. Another great game! Final score 2 - 2 (4 - 3 SO).

Game 7 vs Wellington College

St Paul's final game of the tournament was against Wellington College for 23rd and 24th places. The boys started the game really well, and Wellington had their mojo on real early, and we just could not gain any traction. Half time score was 2-0, but the boys were keen to put some goals on the board, which Sam Lints did at the end of the third quarter. We threw everything at them but just could not get any goals in,

though we had a few opportunities. Final score was 5-1 to Wellington College.

There were 32 teams and we came 24th. We achieved one of our goals, to stay in the Rankin Cup / India Shield tournament. So we went home with our heads held high and a good effort put in on the turf. We look forward to improving our position next year. Sam Lints was the 10th highest goal scorer for the tournament with seven goals (highest was 13). Sam was also named the Most Valuable Player of our team. Well done to Sam!

We would like to thank all supporters, parents and sponsors, especially those who came down to Christchurch to stand in torrential rain! Special thanks go out to Mr Matt Rees-Gibbs for coaching the team and to Mrs Jo Lincoln who was camp mum and whose support was invaluable over the week. Also a huge vote of thanks to Mrs Kerry Allen, team manager, who travelled to Christchurch with the team.



GIRLS' 1ST XI HOCKEY TEAM QUALIFY FOR FEDERATION CUP IN 2020

The St Paul's Girls' 1st XI Hockey travelled to North Harbour for their annual hockey tournament – playing for the Chica Gilmer Trophy.

Game one on Monday morning was against local team Takapuna Grammar. With the added incentive of having Kate Healy's cousin being in the opposition, the girls were keen to make their mark on the tournament. While the first two quarters saw both teams settle into the week of hockey, with missed scoring opportunities and good defence, it was in the third quarter that St Paul's finally came alive, with a penalty corner goal to Darcy Hunter. Ayla Hall followed up the same early in the fourth quarter, and while Takapuna got one back, St Paul's took their first win 2-1.

Game two was on Monday afternoon against Kapiti College. With coach, Reiner's intel, Nikki Parrott was set to mark Kapiti's main playmaker out of the game. This proved a successful strategy as St Paul's was on the board with a goal to Jess Scatchard in the second minute of play. Goals were added by Darcy Hunter in the second quarter and through a penalty corner to Ayla Hall in the third. Strong defence, led by Cate Wilson, kept Kapiti scoreless. Final score 3-0 win to St Paul's.

With a 17 team tournament, St Paul's had to stay strong in their pool of five to ensure a top spot and a top 4 finish, as there was to be no cross over games.

This meant Game Three on Tuesday was a must-win game against Avondale College. Playing into a strong wind, St Paul's were quick to show their dominance in this game with Jess Scatchard scoring two goals in the first three minutes of play. Sophie Chisholm added a third in the first quarter through a brilliantly executed penalty corner. Lara Beveridge added the fourth goal, also through an outstanding penalty corner, in the second quarter, while Phoebe McColgan and Ayla Hall added two more field goals in the third. Again, strong



defence kept Avondale scoreless with the final score a well-deserved, and healthy, 6-0 win.

Wednesday saw a long wait for the late afternoon game against Samuel Marsden College. While technically needing a win, St Paul's had put themselves in an almost unassailable position at the top of the table unless Kapiti could outscore Takapuna in their last game by a large margin.

While St Paul's started this game well and were soon 1-0 up through a field goal to Jess Scatchard, Samuel Marsden scored next to level in the second quarter, before Jess added a penalty corner goal to once again take the lead into half time. Samuel Marsden again drew level in the third quarter and was able to take out the game with a goal in the fourth, 3-2. However, with the girls cheering Takapuna in their last quarter, it was with some relief that they beat Kapiti and St Paul's were clear winners of Pool D and into the semi-final on Thursday.

Semi-final time, St Paul's were up against locals Rangitoto College. Throughout this game, St Paul's were the better team on the field, demonstrated by an awesome field goal in the dying minute of the first quarter to Jess Scatchard. While the second quarter yielded no goals to either team, St Paul's had their opportunities. The third quarter saw Darcy Hunter

secure a 2-0 lead through a field goal demonstrating her versatility and strength as a player. Equally determined for the win, Rangitoto were rewarded with a field goal at the end of this quarter. With 15 minutes of hockey left in the semi-final, St Paul's had to dig deep, and while supporters held their breath on the side-line, as Rangitoto was awarded a number of penalty corners, the St Paul's girls demonstrated their strong defence in keeping Rangitoto scoreless. A semi-final win to St Paul's 2-1 and a place in the top tournament Federation Cup/Marie Fry for 2020 was the result.

The final on Friday against Whanganui Collegiate proved to be one challenge too far. While the St Paul's girls gave it their all on the field and played with real heart and determination, they were unable to better Whanganui who took out the game 3-0. St Paul's were then awarded their thoroughly well-deserved silver medals, while Cate Wilson was nominated St Paul's Most Valuable Player of the tournament. The coaches, manager (Mrs Elizabeth Pitu) and all their supporters are super proud of what this team has achieved, making history reaching the final of a Tier 3 tournament and qualifying for Fed Cup in 2020. Well done to all of the girls. What an achievement for the St Paul's hockey girls, whose total number is less than 40, up against much bigger schools, with much more extended (Year 9-13) hockey programmes.

LOTTO PREMIER NATIONAL TOURNAMENT – BOYS' 1ST XI FOOTBALL

At the Lotto Premier National Tournament held in Napier, St Paul's 1st XI boys' football side was placed in Pool A, along with St Kentigern College (Auckland Champions), Otago Boys' High School and Selwyn College. The aim was to repeat the heroics of last year and make it through to the top 16 in New Zealand.

Game One vs Selwyn College

Selwyn looked to be a well-organised and disciplined team. However, St Paul's outmuscled their opponents, winning most of the 50/50 challenges and took control of the game. St Paul's had numerous scoring opportunities, but it took a decisive run and cross from George Ott, allowing Chris Skinner to deflect the ball into the net. A good win (1-0) and a great start to the tournament.

Game Two vs St Kentigern College

St Paul's went into this game as massive underdogs. However, 20 minutes in, it was St Paul's that was dominating play,

creating better goal-scoring opportunities. Alas, against the run of play, St Kent's scored, and the tone of the game changed. St Paul's struggled to maintain any possession. The fatigue of chasing the game hurt the team, with the result blowing out late. Final score St Paul's lost 0-4.

Game Three vs Otago Boys' High School

A must-win game, St Paul's pulled out arguably their best performance of the season. Right from the kick-off, St Paul's dictated the pace of the game. We were simply too quick and strong on the ball for our opponents. The passing was crisp and direct, defensively the team was outstanding, and as the result shows (win to St Paul's 4-0), the finishing was good, although if all opportunities were taken, the score could have been much higher.

Top 16 vs Tauranga Boys' College

Having lost to TBC 2-1 earlier in the year, the game set itself to be a close affair.

However, it was one of those games where everything TBC did, turned to gold. It ended up being a comprehensive loss (0-9) and most definitely St Paul's lowest moment in the tournament. In the remaining three games, St Paul's took on Scots College (1-3 loss), Napier Boys' High School (1-3 loss) and Hastings Boys' High School (7-6 win penalties) to finish 15th overall in New Zealand. All things considered, a fantastic result and more importantly, one position better than last year! Most Valuable Player for St Paul's was Callum Donlon.

Our thanks go to Mr Sam Wilkinson and Simon Tyndel who have done a wonderful job in raising the profile of football in recent seasons and to Mr Ainsley Robson who travelled with the boys to winter tournament.

GIRLS' 1ST XI FOOTBALL ATTEND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The girls' 1st XI football team started strong in the Kathy Seaward Tournament held in Whangarei, with a 1-0 win against Birkenhead, with the goal scored by Holly Skelton. They then continued to perform well with a series of close losses, losing 0-2 to Manurewa High School and 0-1 to Mahurangi College. During these games, they lost their captain, Holly Skelton to a knee injury. By the third day, half the team was injured, but still fighting valiantly even through a hail storm and power cut. They

continued their trend of being so close, but just not getting there, losing 0-1 against Rosehill College and also against KingsWay School. St Paul's then suffered a large loss to Carmel College (0-5).

It looked like their final would be a similar scenario, until Annie Hantz scored to make it 1-1 against Green Bay High School. In the penalty shootout, Annie Hantz and Kacy Monkley scored, with the St Paul's goalie, Holly Rowan-Sanders saving two

goals. Unfortunately, St Paul's lost the penalty shootout to come 16th in the tournament.

The girls have improved hugely from past years, and it was great that they were very competitive and continued to play strongly even with injuries, while still having fun throughout. A huge thank you to Eileish Hayes for stepping in to coach the team and to Miss Nicole Schollum for travelling with the girls.



NORTHERN TOUR ROAD CYCLING REPORT

Over the weekend of 7th and 8th of September, Thomas McAdams, Riley Wills, Isaac Reay, Oliver Galpin and Jackson Dwyer represented St Paul's at the annual Cycling NZ Schools Northern Tour in Auckland.

On Saturday, the U14, U15 and U16 riders competed in a four kilometre Individual Time Trial on an out and back flat, fast course which included one U-turn. The U17 and U20 riders rode two laps for a total of 8km for their time trial. Jackson placed 32nd in the U14 race, Oliver finished in 39th place in the U15 race, Riley placed 32nd and Isaac placed 53rd in the U16 race. Riley completed his 4km time trial in 6 minutes 17.36 seconds, averaging 38.2 kph. Thomas gained 16th place in the U17 race covering the eight kilometres in 12.39.08 seconds at an average speed of 37.2 kph.

This was followed by an Individual Hill

Climb up Mt Wellington which although only 800 metres in length was very demanding due to the incredibly steep gradient of the road. In fact, it was so steep some competitors were struggling to keep their bike moving. Jackson placed 34th in the U14 race, Oliver placed 36th in the U15's, Riley finished 40th and Isaac 54th in the U16's; and Thomas achieved our best result in this race finishing in 10th position.

On Sunday the students competed in a Criterium, in which the riders are required to race multiple laps around a 1.1km loop at high speeds in slick conditions, taking tight turns while in a group. Points for the first five riders to cross the finish line were awarded every second lap. The U14's and U15's raced for 10 minutes; the U16's for 15 minutes and the U17's for 20 minutes. It was in this race that St Paul's had its greatest success of the weekend with Riley

winning the B Grade U16 Criterium. In the U14's, Jackson placed 30th; Oliver 19th in the U15's; Isaac placed 20th in the U16's B Grade and Thomas placed 17th in the U17's.

All riders built on their performances from the North Island Championships in July and produced strong personal efforts competing in races which sometimes contained as many as 60 riders. Special mention goes to Thomas who qualified for the A grade of the U17 Criterium. The General Classification results for the tour were calculated by adding up each rider's results over the three events they had competed in. So Jackson finished his tour in 32nd position; Oliver 16th; Riley 4th in the U16 B Grade; Isaac 22nd also in the U16 B Grade and Thomas 14th in the U17 A Grade.

JUNIOR BOYS HOCKEY WIN THEIR DIVISION

Our Junior A boys' hockey team was made up of Year 9 and 10 boys, with Oscar Coxhead (Year 11) playing in goal. Playing in the D division, the team were often playing teams with players who were as much as three or four years older than some of the St Paul's boys.

Term Two matches went well, with five wins, two draws and a loss. The Tihoi changeover necessitated some positional changes and adjustments, and after two further losses, the team finished the season with wins in their quarter-final, semi-final and final. The boys are to be commended on the tenacity and spirit shown over the season, but this was most evident in the semi-final against Putaruru where they came from 2-0 down, to win 4-3. This prepared the team well for the

final, as once again they came from behind to win 2-1, with both their goals coming in the last five minutes of the game.

A special thank you to Mr Dan Scanlon, who has done the vast majority of coaching at training; to Mr Neil Muirhead for his huge commitment in coaching not one, but two hockey sides this season; and to the parents who have supported the team throughout the duration of the season. This combined, with a great attitude and commitment from the players, saw them win the "Ngairi Smith Cup", as winners of the Waikato Hockey Secondary Schools D-Grade boys' division.

The team consisted of the following players:

Ben Beveridge	Josh Carswell
Oscar Coxhead	Antony Doneghue
Max Fletcher	Ben Grant
Remy Groenendijk	
Kalib Hunt	Seetharam Jandhyala
Sam Jefferis	Neel Lad
Sam Ladbrook	Taiki Lynn
Hamish Malcolm	Ryan McKie
George McNeil	Tae'o Mortimer
Sam Nicholson	Tom Pettigrew
Ned Seath	Ben Spring
Ollie Storey	



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

The New Zealand Secondary Schools' Swimming Championship for 2019 was held at Te Rapa Waterworld over the dates 12-15 September.

The SPC Swim Squad members were:

Ben Littlejohn (17-18 year old boys)
 Kaitlyn Sosa (17-18 year old girls)
 Ben Haskell (15 year old boys)
 Boston Tordoff (14 year old boys)
 Matthew Chanwai (13 year old boys)
 Nate Allen (13 year old boys)

There were 730 swimmers from 160 secondary schools from across New Zealand competing in the six sessions over the four days of timed finals racing.

There were many highlights for St Paul's swimmers over those four days of competition, which included:

- Six Silver medals, two Bronze medals and a 4th placing for Ben Littlejohn.
- One Bronze medal for Boston Tordoff and three other top 10 finishes.

- Three top 10 and two top 20 finishes for Kaitlyn Sosa.
- Three top 20 finishes for the Under 15 years boys relay team of Boston, Ben, Matthew and Nate.
- Many PB's for all swimmers who were able to swim under their Swim NZ seed times.

Overall out of the 69 Co-ed Schools, St Paul's ranked 12th.

END OF SEASON AWARDING OF CAPS

BOYS' 1ST XI HOCKEY:

Toby Grindlay has played a vital role in the 1st XI team since he was in Year 11, having played 50 caps for the team. He has amazing ball skills and a huge work ethic, playing all 36 games this past season. Toby played in the mid-field but was all over the field attacking and defending where needed. He never fails to launch an attack if the opportunity arises. In the mid-field, he creates good pressure which ensures that there is a contribution to scoring goals. He is a great team member who is committed and works hard.

GIRLS' 1ST XI HOCKEY:

A highly skilful and talented hockey player, **Darcy Hunter** has played 50 games for the girls' 1st XI hockey team over the last two years. This year, as captain of the team, Darcy has demonstrated her leadership skills and commitment to St Paul's girls' hockey. Playing in the midfield, Darcy has outstanding ability to tackle the opposition, distribute the ball wisely or run with strength on the ball, when the opportunity presents itself. She is a real team player, never giving up, always running back, always supporting her teammates and being an excellent role model for younger players. She has scored

some outstanding field goals for the team this year, further demonstrating her all-round talent as a hockey player. Darcy gained representative honours playing for Midlands U18 this year and led the St Paul's girls to their history-making silver medal at the recent Chica Gilmer Hockey tournament, securing the team a place in the top tournament for 2020.

Cate Wilson has played 50 games for the girls' 1st XI hockey team over the last two years. Cate is a very composed player who has an amazing ability to read the game, be in the right place at the right time and make excellent decisions regarding her next move. This year, Cate was required to step into the centre back defence position where she has made a massive difference to the outcome of key games. While not often being on the goal-scoring sheet, Cate has led the defence in such a way that she has equally contributed to securing wins for the team. At the recent Chica Gilmer Hockey tournament, Cate's absolute determination, commitment and leadership on and off the field gained her the most valuable player of the tournament award. An outstanding role model for younger players.

Ayla Hall has played 51 games for the girls' 1st XI hockey team. Ayla is a passionate, committed hockey player who is never satisfied with second best. Playing in the midfield, Ayla impacts on the game with threatening dribbles towards the opposition goal. She also looks to find short passes to link with her fellow midfielders, allowing them to collectively go forward. Ayla's ability to score from the top of the circle during penalty corners has put her on the scoreboard on many occasions when the team needed it the most. With her ongoing presence in the attacking third of the field, Ayla was one of the creative players at the recent Chica Gilmer Hockey tournament.

OPEN A NETBALL:

Abby Payne has been in the Open A team for two years and has played 60 games. Throughout these years, she has shown grit and a strong work ethic to learn and develop, to better her game. Her determination to improve has paid dividends this year, as she co-captains the Open A team and has resulted in her selection in the Eastern Waikato Under 19 netball team. Abby is a pivotal member in the mid-court where her skills and abilities are an asset to the team.

Lily Carr Paterson joined the Open A team three years ago and has played 82 games. Throughout this time, she has developed her skillset. Lily has been able to take the experience gained and put these out on court in 2019, where she also co-captains the team. Lily has been an age-group representative player, and brings great vision and clever ball skills on attack, and is also a hard-worker on defence. Lily is a great asset to the team.

Abby Bartels has been in the Open A team for three years and has played 75 games. Throughout these years, she has grown

and developed her game as a shooter, having previously played defence. Abby is a quiet achiever, who builds her game on confidence. 2019 has been a strong year for Abby, where her skills developed over the years are really starting to shine through. Abby's shooting accuracy and her strong presence in the circle are a great asset to the team.

1ST XI BOYS' FOOTBALL:

In his second season as a member of the 1st XI Football squad, **Callum Donlon** has been an essential figure within the team. He is a clear leader amongst the group.

Tenacious and dogmatic, the consistency he brings is vital. In league, tournament and cup competitions, Callum has represented the school 50 times, scoring 13 goals. Extremely competitive, he always plays with energy and aggression and was easily the team's best at the recent National Tournament. No one works harder in a game. Recognition of Callum's talents led to his selection in the NZ Secondary Schools' Football squad, where he was also appointed captain. It is a pleasure to issue him his honours cap for service to Football.

FIRST WIN IN MOTU CHALLENGE

On Saturday, 12 October 2019, four teams competed in the Motu Challenge, one of the North Islands biggest multisport events. The race consisted of a 67km mountain bike, 17km run, 55km road bike, 27km kayak, 12km road bike, finishing with a 3km run.

All teams performed extremely well. Special mention needs to be made of Ollie

Larcombe and Dean Stewart who won the school event in a time of 7 hours 30 minutes (5th overall!), with the team of Arna Morris, Angus Riordan and Caleb Weck finishing third school team overall – first in the mixed team division, with a time of 7 hours 53 minutes. The team won \$1,000 to share amongst themselves. All students were Year 11 or Year 12, meaning they should be in contention for more

money and prizes at next year's event.

Thank you to Mr Keegan Stewart for accompanying and providing encouragement for the students in this gruelling event.

NISS AND NATIONAL TARGET SHOOTING REPORT

This two-day event was staged in Hamilton with over 320 shooters from all areas of New Zealand competing.

St Paul's assembled a small team of four shooters this year. The team comprised of two Year 9 novice competitors, one Year 10 and one Year 11 student. We were under no illusions as to the task that confronted us, so we set some realistic goals and looked to achieve PB's for the season.

Day One proved to be a little overwhelming, and the pressure of competing at this level was reflected in some of our scores. In the Single Rise event, the best scores of the day went to Alex Purdie and Kane Stirling with 18/20. Alex was our leading scorer in the Points

event with 50/60, and in the Single Barrel, Alex and James McLanachan both scored 8/10.

Day Two got off to a great start. In the Single Rise event, James scored the "possible" 25/25 and immediately advanced to the medal rounds in the afternoon. Unfortunately, Alex dropped a target but scored a very commendable 24/25. Hopefully, these results would create a positive impact and continue to lift the scores from the day before. The Points event was next and our best scores were from Alex with 65/75 and James 63/75. A little lower than what we had hoped for. The last event was the Single Barrel. Alex scored a fantastic 15/15 "possible" and

he automatically advanced through to the medal rounds. Due to the difficulty of this discipline only 10 shooters qualified for this shootoff. In the medal round shootoff for Single Rise, James was placed in the top 40. A very pleasing result and one he can be proud of.

Alex was up next in his medal shoot off in the Single Barrel event. He finally placed 8th, a remarkable effort for a Year 10 student who had not long returned from Tihoi.

Overall we are very proud of our efforts and it has laid a very solid platform for the years to come. Thank you to Mr Ian Campbell for his support of the team.



OTHER SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS:

- **James Findlay** (Year 11) was selected to represent New Zealand in the sport of Touch in the NZ Under 16 Mixed team, who toured to the Gold Coast of Australia from 7-14 September.

- **Rico D'Anvers** competed in the BMX Elite World Championships with 70 Junior Elite Men all after the same goal ... World 1 ranking. Rico qualified for the quarterfinals with two firsts and a third in his motos, which saw him then qualify for the semi-finals. However, his race day ended when he was pushed off the track by another rider. The racing was exciting, fast, challenging and brutal at times. Rico was extremely proud to represent the colours of his country at the highest level, doing his country, family and school proud on and off the track.

- From the 3-7 October, **Ben Littlejohn** represented New Zealand against the Australian States in Canberra at the

Australian State Teams Championships. Ben won both his specialist 50m and 100m butterfly events against the best junior swimmers in New Zealand and Australia. His time of 23.91 seconds broke the New Zealand record for 17-year-old boys which had stood since 2003 and was also his first Waikato open record. His 100m butterfly time was a Waikato age group record. In his freestyle events, out of approximately 25 swimmers, Ben finished 6th in the 50m free, 4th in the 100m free and 5th in the 200m free. Two of these times were Waikato age-group records. This was an outstanding achievement and great experience. Credit must go to the St Paul's Swimming Club, and in particular, Ben's coach, Mr Graham Smith who was also selected as one of five New Zealand coaches on the trip.

- During the September holidays **Kaitlyn Sosa** and **Boston Tordoff** represented the St Paul's Swimming Club at the New

Zealand Short Course Championships in Auckland. Boston swam in eight events for the Championships in the 14-year-old boys swimming a personal best in the 200m individual medley. His best finishes came in the 200m breaststroke where he finished 5th in New Zealand and the 50m and 100m breaststroke events where he finished 6th in both events. Kaitlyn swam six events in the very competitive 17 and 18-year-old age group swimming a personal best in the 200m freestyle. Her best results were in the 1500m freestyle where she won the bronze medal and the 200m freestyle where she placed 4th in New Zealand. A great effort by Kaitlyn.

- **Angus Riordan** (Year 12) travelled to Dunedin for the 2019 National School Mountain Bike Championships. He came 4th in the U20 Boys' Cross Country, which is a great result for a 16-year-old.



CHRISTIAN DIMENSION



CHAPLAIN'S COMMENT *By Reverend Peter Rickman*

I love this time of year...Light is pushing back the darkness, life is bursting out from winters long hold and a time of rest and refreshment starts to peer from around the corner of a very busy term. I also particularly enjoy this season in the life of our school because it's also the season of the Year 9 led chapel services. Like dear old Forrest Gump's box of chocolate's analogy with life, these services too often reveal to us that "you never know what you're going to get"!

For the past few months, we have been challenged, entertained, nurtured and inspired by a regular morning diet fed to us by our young would-be preachers and teachers. We have been encouraged to think about themes such as patience, opportunity, uniqueness, self-indulgence, honesty, kindness, charity, acceptance, overcoming difficulty and more recently the rather thought-provoking service entitled "The Power of Now".

This service particularly spoke to me in the context of not only my life but in the lives of so many I see around me. Lives that are often lived at high speed, with significant pressure and often huge workloads piled on top of busy family schedules. This particular Year 9 led service laid down the challenge that is to not necessarily attempt to slow our lives down but to live our lives in the context of the here and now; to not be a slave to the past or to spend time worshipping a possible hoped-for future. The preacher persistently drove home the point of not only focusing on the here and now but to enjoy it as well, communicating that the moments of now will never repeat themselves, they cannot be relived or revisited. We are to be mindful of self, others, our surroundings and the beauty to be found and discerned in every given moment of life.

This particular reflection was followed by another I heard at church the following Sunday morning. Going from one extreme of age to the other, I listened to an elderly preacher, aged almost 90, deliver a sermon, not from the fire and passion of youth, but from the experience and wisdom of almost nine decades of life and faithful Christian devotion and discipleship. Coincidentally, he too spoke about the "power of now" and coupled this with the much-needed warning that we need to find ways to occasionally slow our lives down. At first, I found myself nodding enthusiastically with his suggestion of having

more time for reflection, meditation and simply being rather than doing, and then I realised I didn't have the time, not this week anyway, perhaps next week ...

Many of us will find ourselves in similar positions, recognising the very real need to be slowing our lives down, yet at the same time despairing at the lack of opportunity and time to do so. It is a tension, it is a struggle, but it is a battle of the utmost importance that we dare not lose. For the sake of our own social, emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing we need to constantly examine how we can occasionally find an oasis of calm and stillness so that we can contemplate and discern the things of the Spirit within and around us.

"The Power of Now" - a great message amongst many other great messages during this season of Year 9 led services. As we each, in our individual ways, try to seek out and spend time at the "oasis", in spite of our levels of success, we must remember to savour each and every beautiful moment of life that we have been blessed with. It is a gift, that's why we call it the "present".

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Blessings

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CLARK HOUSE CHAPEL SERVICE *Delivered by Caleb Weck*



SERMON:	CALEB WECK
WELCOME:	TEMPLE BEAUCHAMP
STORY OF THE DAY:	NATHAN INGHAM
PRAYER:	TREY LINCOLN
BIBLE READINGS:	LINCOLN WINTER
CLOSING RESPONSES:	ANGUS RIORDAN KALEM CARDOM

Theme: Climbing the Mountain (Overcoming aspirations)

Whether it be on TV, the internet, or scrolling across social media, we see certain types of individuals every single day, people who have reached the very pinnacle of their chosen field, our nation's sporting superstars, the geniuses revolutionizing modern technology and people who are positively influencing our planet. The majority of us here would remark about them as perfect, in positions that cannot be conquered, but we are blinded by the reality that just like us, they were once high school students, with similar opportunities and decisions placed in front of them. It wasn't just natural talent and ability being the leading factors that allowed them to gain the opportunity to compete and be recognised on a national or world stage; it was their will to practise and train and consistent discipline that enabled them to climb to the top.

I'm sure that a lot of us here have heard the famous speech - "If you want to change the world, start off by making your bed." And William McRaven is absolutely correct. Once we leave school, we are faced with endless opportunities. But so is the person next to you, the person in front of you and the person behind you. My point is that if you are striving for something big, how are you even going to come close to overcoming that something if you are consistently failing to do the little things right. There are a vast number of people out there, striving for similar goals and aspirations that would be more than happy to overtake you without a second thought.

For example, in the sporting world, how can people in the hope of representing their country achieve this if they are failing to deliver the basic skills? You may have the best stature or be the fastest player on the field, but how can you expect to be selected if you cannot get the small things right - the catch, the pass - the fundamentals that we have been taught from day one. Small tasks like making your bed accumulate to become bigger, and it's the attention to detail that separates the good from the great.

Our goals can be compared to running races. Each competitor is given an equal opportunity to succeed, beginning on the same starting line, running the same distance, and finishing at the same destination. However, in most cases, the winner has already won, the difference between first and second doesn't just come down to this very moment, it comes down to the training, the preparation and the small things consistently being done right. It's the small jogs during the summertime, the struggle to stay on that healthy nutritional diet, and the accumulated small extra hours of training per week that has already steadily shaved off precious seconds, and has already separated the winner from the rest of the pack.

In life, it is inevitable that we are faced with setbacks and obstacles, and sometimes it feels as though our goals have been taken away from reach. This could be due to an injury or failure to overcome something you were aiming for. The book of Jeremiah, chapter 8 verse 4 states that "When people fall down, don't they get up again? When they discover they're on the wrong road, don't they turn back?" It is these setbacks and failures that create character, and they act as opportunities to come back stronger, and with more knowledge than ever before. When striving to achieve something, risks are crucial to be taken, how else is our full potential to be met? A quote from John Shredd really underlines this, as he states "A ship in the harbour is safe - but that is not what ships are built for." In the book of Corinthians, chapter 16 verse 13, it reads "Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong." Yes, it may be a reference to the faith in God and belief in Christ, but what about the faith within ourselves. The only way

we can achieve the goals we set is by having faith and belief within ourselves that if we set our mind to something, we can accomplish it.

Our greatest desires are definitely not easily overcome, and if they do come handed to us with no struggle, we know deep down that we have not aimed high enough. Adversity is inescapable in the eyes of people in the hope of overcoming and achieving greatness. But it is the people with the will to train, and put in the effort to work hard under fatigue and push through the mental torment that are able to strive and reap greater reward than others. You can look at Sir Edmund Hillary - placed in front of him was a challenge that humans had yet not realised was even possible to overcome, the ascent of the tallest mountain in the world. He battled face to face with adversity, all the glaciers and crevasses, the instantaneous weather changes, and excruciating cold temperatures; all this under the nausea and fatigue of exploring altitudes that had not yet been encountered. But it wasn't these physical obstacles that he found most difficult - it was the mental state of mind, quoting "It is not the mountain we overcome, it is ourselves."

It is the mind that torments us with the easy option of giving up and letting go of everything we have worked so hard for when times get tough. But it is these bumps in the road that build the challenge, and it is these obstacles that teach us to stay grounded and humble and makes success so much more satisfying.

Before we go out onto the sporting field before a big game, we are often told to keep a "cool head." When our goals are within reaching distance, we cannot get ahead of ourselves and forget what is really important in life - the love for family, friends and respect for all those around us. In the book of Corinthians, chapter 1, Jesus states "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing." At no stage can we lose track of what really matters, because if we do, it is as if our achievements have not built us up, but pushed us down. When we all grow up, we leave home, often start our own families in the hope of achieving what

we have set our minds to do in life, but our parents are still always there, and our friends are still always there, and it is important that this is not forgotten or taken for granted.

Being at the top is a hard thing to define. As you reach the top of a mountain pilgrimage, you are seen as at a point in altitude where you are higher than all others. A stag is classified on greatness by the number of points it carries on its set of antlers, and in our school system it is often the amount and quality of NCEA credits that we receive within a particular year or performance on a sporting field or arts stage that people go on to judge our success. However, it is also the things that aren't on pen and paper that play a part in overcoming goals. It's humility, love, character and inner satisfaction that at the end of the day overrules our physical aspirations. It comes down to the recently adopted motto in Clark House - 'Never above, never below, always alongside.' It may seem like when our work results in accomplishment that we are climbing higher and higher in reach of achievement, but we must stay level to who we truly are.

CHARACTER

SPECIAL CHARACTER

TIHOI CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

On 14 September 2019, Collegians from the first decade of Tihoi returned to celebrate 40 years of the exciting, life-changing experience that is the Tihoi Venture School. The day included a powhiri, the opening of the Tony Hart Library, unveiling of history boards and unveiling of a carving given by the Collegians to mark the milestone. 2019 Intake Two boys were in the centre and joined in hosting the celebrations. The boys took part in the powhiri, centre tours, bush walks, openings, unveiling and in the serving of meals.

The stories of the early days were enjoyed by all and those of us working at Tihoi now feel fortunate for the vision the founders had and the hard work in those early years of establishment. The

facilities we now enjoy are exceptional, while we have maintained the 'Back to Basics' philosophy of the original centre and vision.

A lot has changed in society over 40 years, yet the philosophy of the Tihoi programme has stayed much the same. Tihoi continues to deliver the core academic subjects; boys still live in houses of 8 or 9 for the two-term programme and cook and clean for themselves. The outdoor education part of the programme, while a highlight, is a vehicle for self-discovery and personal challenge.

'Back to Basics' is a philosophy that is sometimes mooted in society now as we have become so complex, and

with this the loss of sight on what is important. Less is more is another way of interpreting this idea, as lives become so cluttered with stuff. Here at Tihoi the programme includes regular physical activity, wholesome food (not processed) and good routines. These ideas have not changed from 40 years ago and are more relevant in today's modern world than perhaps in the 1980s.

Tihoi was a venture in faith and is now a world-class outdoor education facility and school. It is cemented into the St Paul's journey for Year 10 boys and will continue to focus on back to basics while being at the forefront of education.



Collegians were welcomed with a powhiri, led by Whanganui Bay iwi.



Collegians from the first two intakes in 1979.



Tihoi Directors in front of the Tihoi timeline.



Clare and Richard Hart opened the Tony Hart Library

NGAKAU AROHA COMPASSION AWARD FROM WORLD VISION NZ

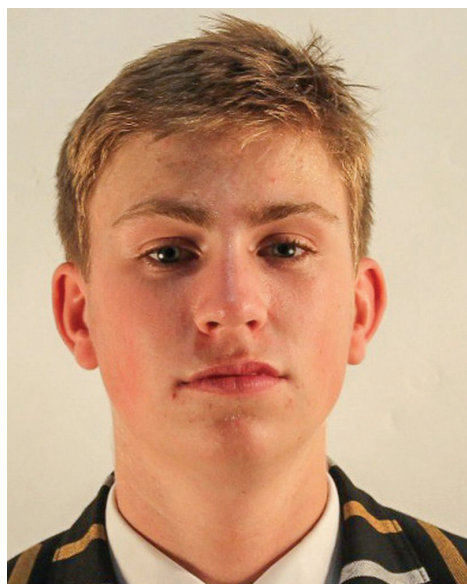
Awarded to St Paul's Collegiate School for their fundraising efforts and visionary ideas during this year's 40 Hour Famine.

Led by **Daniel Rickman and Jana Stokes**, the Mission and Outreach team successfully completed 40 hours of service during the second weekend of June.

These hours of service included hosting 60 children from the refugee orientation centre for an afternoon party, serving 75 meals to the homeless at the 'Serve', hospital chaplaincy and a concert at St Joan's Hospital, as well as various other events.

World Vision recognised the extraordinary efforts of our young people, and for such, the school has been awarded the Ngakau Aroha (Heart of Love) Compassion Award.

40 HOUR FAMINE AMBASSADOR



The following notification was received from the National Director of World Vision, Mr Grant Bayldon:

*"Congratulations to **Daniel Rickman** on his selection as a World Vision Sanitarium Famine Ambassador for 2020! The passion and dedication Daniel has shown towards speaking up for the lives of vulnerable children is admirable. We are excited by the opportunity to continue to walk alongside him and empower him to influence and mobilise young New Zealanders through the 40 Hour Famine in 2020.*

The role of the Famine Ambassador is to influence and inspire young New Zealanders to take action and advocate for change. It is a highly-regarded role; former Famine Ambassadors have gone on to achieve amazing things such as leading social enterprises, found sustainable businesses, and work in the sector of international NGOs.

Together we are on a mission to change the lives of the world's most vulnerable children. We go where we are needed most, providing relief in emergency situations, working on long-term community development projects and advocating for local and global political change to assist millions of people worldwide. This work is only made possible by partners like St Paul's Collegiate School, who genuinely care and want to make a difference to the lives of the most vulnerable children.

On behalf of World Vision, and Sanitarium, as key sponsors of the Famine Ambassador Programme, I welcome Daniel and I thank St Paul's for their ongoing support."

ANOTHER JUNIOR LEADER ANNOUNCED

Daniel Williams has shown excellent growth at Tihoi where he was awarded the Neville Trophy for perseverance. He was also voted the most valuable member of Gills House by his housemates. Daniel has integrated back into the main campus seamlessly and will make an excellent Junior Leader. Congratulations to Daniel.

HONOURING LONG-SERVING TEACHING STAFF



At a special assembly held on Friday, 18 October 2019, we paid tribute to eight members of our teaching staff who have given 20+ years of service to our school. Each of them was presented with an Independent Schools of New Zealand (ISNZ) Outstanding Service Award by ISNZ Executive Director, Mrs Deborah James. The following are some of the highlights of their time within St Paul's Collegiate School:



PETER GILBERT 1979 – 2019

40+ years of Outstanding Service to Sports and Cultural Activities and Pastoral Care

Mr Gilbert joined the staff of St Paul's Collegiate School on 10th September 1979 (beginning of the third term) as a Physical Education teacher. Within 12 months (i.e. in September 1980) he was promoted to Head of Department Physical Education, a position he held until he handed the batten to Mr Craig Hardman in 2011. He has also held the title of Sports Coordinator (1992), been a member of the SLG (2010), a Liaison Coordinator for the School of Education and became the DECA (Director of Extra-Curricular Activities) in February 2005 – a role he holds to this day. Mr Gilbert has 'dabbled' in the management of the school also, having taken on the role of Acting Deputy Headmaster in the second half of 2009 (five months from September through January), while Mr Chris Luman was Acting Headmaster (before the arrival of Mr Grant Lander) and has many times very capably stepped up

into the Acting Assistant Headmaster role to cover when the Headmaster has suffered ill health and needed to be absent for extended periods. Such has been Mr Gilbert's efficiency and effectiveness in these roles, that in 2018 he was officially promoted to a fulltime Assistant Headmaster status with particular oversight for lateness to school, after school detentions, as well as the management and liaison with the increasing numbers of Te Amorangi scholars.

Mr Gilbert has also been an amazingly committed and passionate member of the pastoral care team, despite having needed to change his loyalty from one house to another at various times over the years. Over a 25-year period, Mr Gilbert has been affiliated with the Day House community; firstly in 1984 he was an Assistant Housemaster in Hamilton House under the then Housemaster, Mr Pat Chamberlain; then he had ten years (September 1988 – 1998) as Housemaster of Hall House – which had three different homes during his tenure

and at its peak, reached 120 boys; then in 1999 he became the founding Housemaster of Fitchett House (until March 2005). Over those 25 years, Mr Gilbert gave tirelessly of his time towards ensuring that the pastoral care needs of hundreds of students were well catered for and that they felt heard, that their wellbeing was important and that they were reaching their true potential.

Mr Gilbert has had a huge involvement in both the sporting and cultural cornerstones over the duration of his tenure. A keen rugby man, Mr Gilbert was the coach of the 1st XV rugby side from 1980 – 1984, when the team had memorable wins against schools such as King's College and Brisbane Boys' College, breaking a long drought. He has also organised and coordinated events such as the July 2010 NZSS Regional Rugby Tournament. Mr Gilbert has also been the Master-in-Charge of Tennis – a game which he is also passionate about. In June 2014, Mr Gilbert embarked upon a sabbatical that saw him visit five schools (3 in Australia and 2 in New Zealand) to investigate their approaches to the correlation between High-Performance Sport and Academic Rigour. Mr Gilbert has organised students in the Stage Challenge events that were once a feature on the cultural calendar and most memorably has organised, produced and ran auditions for the highly acclaimed Celebration of Music events (originally known as the Musical Extravaganza) that have been held since 2003.

As you can see, Mr Gilbert is the master of 'reinvention', and over his 40-year tenure, he has taken on a large number of roles (and titles – his business cards could wallpaper a room!), but in each and every one of these positions held, Mr Gilbert has given 100% commitment, loyalty and dedication, not only to the role he has held but to the school overall and for that, we salute you Mr Gilbert and thank you for your outstanding service.



PAUL WILSON 1988 – Present

31 years of Outstanding Service to Teaching, Careers Counselling, Pastoral Care and Athletics

Mr Wilson joined the staff of St Paul's Collegiate School in January 1988 (i.e. Term One) as a teacher of Physical Education and also the minor subjects of Social Studies and Geography. Upon his arrival at the school, Mr Wilson took on the coaching of the 1st XV and continued in this role for six years (i.e. until 1993). Mr Wilson's teams got better and better, sharing the quadrangular tournament 14-14 in 1992 and winning the tricolour trophy, for the first time, from Fraser High School in 1993 and holding it for eleven matches. They also beat Hamilton Boys' High School for the first time in seven years. The 1993 XV was selected for the national top four tournament, beat Southland BHS, but lost to Wesley in a great match 13-7. After such an outstanding season, Mr Wilson wisely knew you should go out on a high. He was also an extremely skilful athletics coach and is still training our athletes to this day. His technical expertise and insistence on fitness have brought considerable success to his charges, including NZSS titles. It may not be generally known that Mr Wilson was the holder of the New Zealand record for running backwards! He also did a stint

at coaching the ski team in both 1992 and 1993. Due to his passion for sport in general, he was assigned the role of Master-in-Charge of the Gymnasium Complex in 1992.

In his first year at the school, Mr Wilson was an Assistant Housemaster in Hamilton House (1988 - 1992) and in 1993, for one year only, he was the Housemaster of School House, when it was still a boarding house – although it should be noted that it only had 12 boarders in it that year due to its pending closure; before moving on to take on Sargood Boarding House in 1994, where he continued as the House leader for the next seven years. In 1999, Mr Wilson held the title of Senior Housemaster and was also made the Director of Sports. After a brief sojourn away from the rigours of pastoral care and having readjusted to living offsite, Mr Wilson took on the position of Hall House Day Housemaster in 2002, where he worked closely alongside the young men in his care for a period of 14 years – giving up his reign at the conclusion of 2015.

Another master of reinvention, like his close friend Mr Peter Gilbert, and addicted to the area of pastoral care, Mr Wilson moved in 2016 into the area of Careers Advisor, where he has assisted our senior students in their pursuit of where their life journey should be heading. This is an extremely important role in any secondary school, especially given the complexity of and ever-changing nature of careers in general.

Mr Wilson has also been the staff member who holds responsibility for the organisation of the annual Leavers' Dinner since 2007, a task that he originally shared with his close friend and fellow athletics coach, Mr Gary Henley-Smith, until Gary left to take up a Director of Boarding position at Scots College in Wellington in 2016. This special event on the school calendars for Year 13 students is not an easy task

to coordinate and organise, and there are many hours spent on the logistics involved in ensuring that the night goes off well, the guest speaker turns up (and is someone worth listening to) and that all those for whom this is one of their final formal functions within the school feel that they have been “sent off in style”. Mr Wilson fulfils this role in a very committed, dedicated and determined manner. He knows the importance of this function, and he knows his audience because he has worked alongside them throughout their St Paul’s experience. He has also been involved in the organisation of the annual social highlight, the School Ball, for a number of years and as with the Leavers’ Dinner, he works alongside our seniors to ensure the night is a huge success.

We thank Mr Wilson for his efforts on behalf of our students over the past 31 years and look forward to the next decade! No pressure Mr Wilson.



CRAIG MORTON 1995 – 2019

24 years of Outstanding Service to Teaching, Pastoral Care and Rugby Coaching

Mr Morton was employed by St Paul’s Collegiate School as the HOD Geography and Social Studies commencing in Term 1, 1995. He is an innovative and enthusiastic teacher who puts a strong emphasis on fieldwork. He brings to

life the subject of Geography for his students and through his passion for the subject he has lifted the results in this subject area in NCEA and his Scholarship results have been impressive.

Mr Morton is a first-class rugby coach, who from 2001 produced winning teams. Mr Morton coached the 1st XV from 2001-2005 and again in 2007. Since moving away from the top team, Mr Morton has continued to be heavily involved in this code, taking a number of more junior teams over the years and sharing the benefit of his knowledge to draw out the hidden talents in our smaller boys who aspire to be in the 1st XV. Mr Morton has also been the manager and a coach of boys’ tennis over a number of years.

Mr Morton was the Assistant Housemaster of Williams Boarding House from 2001 – 2004 and of Sargood House for the first six months of 2010, before taking over as Housemaster mid-year when the incumbent, Mr Geoff Dell left for a job offshore. Mr Morton held the Housemaster role until the end of 2011 when he and his family decided that living onsite was no longer for them.

Mr Morton has always given every facet of his time at St Paul’s, whether it be in the classroom, on the sports field or in the pastoral care arena his utmost devotion and his gregarious sense of humour and positive outlook on life have seen him forge close working relationships with his students and strong friendships with his fellow staff. We are indebted to Mr Morton for his contribution over the past 24 years and wish him well in the next chapter of his life – whether Mr Morton can really settle into retirement remains to be seen, as he is so very young at heart!

MICHAEL GROOM 1996 – Present

23 years of Outstanding Service to Teaching and Football Coaching
Mr Groom was employed by Steve Cole as an English teacher in 1996 and is described as a wonderful “story-teller” who inspires students through his positive and uplifting style of teaching.



He communicates his feeling for language and especially for literature and is a rarity in that he can bring the most reluctant young man on board with what he is trying to teach and make it sound so exciting and visual through his teaching style, that they really don’t know they are in fact, learning.

Mr Groom has, in a previous life, played professional soccer in the United Kingdom, and later for New Zealand, which was a secondary attraction when Steve Cole brought him onto the St Paul’s staff. He took over the coaching of the school’s 1st XI, and in 2007, he produced the best ever team, which played in the national tournament. He has been the mentor for a number of young men who have gone on to greatness on the professional football stage, playing for overseas teams. Mr Groom puts great emphasis on flair and enjoyment of the game of soccer, and this is reflected in his coaching style.

Mr Groom has also nurtured the sport of futsal within the school and through his personal training schools, held on the St Paul’s grounds, and within our gymnasium, Mr Groom has showcased St Paul’s to huge numbers of families, many of whom have gone on to enrol their sons in the school.

Mr Groom is a mesmerising man who can make the most mundane scenario seem like something that you can’t

miss being a part of – the way in which he uses descriptive prose to describe a game of soccer can make it seem like it was something that should have been televised, even when in reality, it was a washout! His enthusiasm for English, soccer and life in general are infectious and a delight to behold. We have been extremely fortunate to have someone of Mr Groom’s calibre on staff for such a long tenure, and we look forward to continuing to see his face in the staffroom for many more years to come.



IAN CAMPBELL 1998 – Present
 21 years of Outstanding Service to Teaching, Pastoral Care and Clay Target Shooting
 Mr Campbell joined the staff of St Paul’s Collegiate School at the beginning of the 1998 academic year as a teacher of Geography and Social Studies. During his tenure, he helped St Paul’s gain accreditation to offer a Tourism course and more recently undertook research during his sabbatical to look at re-contextualising Tourism to an Achievement Standards course.

Mr Campbell has been the Master-in-Charge of Clay Target Shooting since 2006 and has worked alongside our students over a number of years as they perfect their aim and improve their skills in this demanding sport. He has taken groups of St Paul’s shooters to many competitions, including travelling to Australia in 2009 with a group of young

men. Prior to moving his attention to this sport, Mr Campbell was an effective coach of both cricket and rugby. However, it is Mr Campbell’s outstanding and enduring contribution to the pastoral care of the boys in Hamilton House that is most amazing. Taking on the role of Housemaster of this day house in July 1999, Mr Campbell has cajoled, motivated, commiserated and empathised with a large number of young men who have passed through the House. For the past 20 years, he has been a mentor, role model and sometimes a father figure to the boys in his care, and he shows no sign of stopping anytime soon!

We are extremely grateful to Mr Campbell for his contribution and commitment to the welfare of our students and in particular the boys of Hamilton House. His persistence, dedication and genuine desire to grow these boys into good men is something that is inspiring to those who are coming up through the ranks and who aspire to enter the pastoral care arena.



ROBERT ALDRIDGE 1999 – Present
 20 Years of Outstanding Service to Teaching, Cycling and Multisport
 Mr Aldridge first came to St Paul’s Collegiate School in Term 1, 1999, when he was employed as HOD Languages, firstly teaching Japanese and in more recent years French. Mr Aldridge applied for and gained a MOE

Language Immersion Award that saw him spend the period from September 2015 through to February 2016 living in France and literally immersing himself in all things French. He has taken groups of our students who are studying French to New Caledonia to experience the French lifestyle and language in person, to further inspire them to continue with their studies. Mr Aldridge has been coordinating the annual Josu Gakuin School visit that we saw in operation yesterday, which is a demanding logistical exercise. Mr Aldridge has also been the school’s liaison with Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu (or Correspondence School), assisting students with their distance learning in a variety of subjects not covered in our own curriculum.

Mr Aldridge has been aligned with Fitchett House over a number of years and stepped up to the role of Acting Assistant Housemaster for two terms in 2011 when Dr McGrath had a leave of absence.

Mr Aldridge is a very fit, active and athletic gentleman who enjoys pushing his own body to the very limits of endurance, which is evidenced by the number of times he has competed personally in the New Zealand Ironman Triathlons held in the Taupo region. It is therefore unsurprising that he spends many hours working alongside our multisport athletes and assists them with their training for participation in multisport disciplines such as Triathlons and Duathlons. He has also coached squash and table tennis.

Mr Aldridge is a quiet, gentle and softly spoken man, who rarely raises his voice. He goes about his work calmly, methodically and always conducts himself in a most dignified manner. Mr Aldridge is a valued member of the St Paul’s staff, and we are very grateful to him for the way he is prepared to step up when the need arises. He has been a reliable member of our teaching team, who seeks no fanfare or glory for himself, but delights in seeing the students he works with being rewarded for their efforts.



NEIL MUIRHEAD 1999 – Present

20 years of Outstanding Service to Teaching, Pastoral Care and Hockey Coaching

Mr Muirhead was welcomed onto the staff of St Paul’s Collegiate School in Term 1, 1999 when he joined the hard-working staff within the Mathematics department. For a period of time, 2002-2003 he took on the role of Acting HOD Mathematics, which he shared with Gary Judkins.

Mr Muirhead was a member of the timetabling team from 2003 – 2012 and performed this task as he does most everything – i.e. with a smile and good humour. Timetabling is a mystery to many, as it is effectively like putting together a large jigsaw puzzle, but for someone with Mr Muirhead’s mathematical talents, this logistical nightmare was ‘just another day at the office’.

Mr Muirhead has coached both boys and girls hockey for a number of years and also took a turn at managing the girls’ tennis team.

Mr Muirhead has earned his stripes in the pastoral care arena with a three-year tenure as Housemaster of Williams House from 2004 – 2006, followed by a slower pace of life as Assistant Housemaster of Clark House from 2009 – 2011. Despite stepping away from the boarding lifestyle briefly, he was beckoned back when the staff member

who replaced him as Assistant in Clark House, left unexpectedly at Easter 2013 and he returned to the role which he then held until the conclusion of 2014. Having decided that living onsite was something he enjoyed, Mr Muirhead then stepped up as Housemaster of Clark House, a position he retained for the next three years 2015-2018. In 2019, Mr Muirhead has stepped away from his pastoral care role, but within a short period of time, he has quickly realised that he has a passion for this area of school life, which saw him recently apply to take over from Mr Gibbs as School Housemaster from the beginning of 2020.

Working with young people, whether it is as a teacher, a sports coach, a mentor or a Housemaster, Mr Muirhead is ‘in his happy place’. He has a good sense of humour and gains great satisfaction from seeing his students growing into well-rounded members of society and knowing that he has played a pivotal role in their development. We thank Mr Muirhead for his considerable contribution over the past 20 years and look forward to enjoying his company at St Paul’s for many more years to come.



GARTH LITTLEJOHN 1999 – Present

20 years of Outstanding Service to Teaching, Pastoral Care and Cricket Coaching

Mr Littlejohn joined the staff of St Paul’s in Term 1, 2000 as a fulltime teacher

of Commerce and Mathematics. But prior to that time, he worked part-time for 18 contact hours per week from the beginning of October 1999 to cover the classes of the teacher he was hired to replace. Apart from a year’s absence (i.e. from Term 2, 2009 – Term 2, 2010) when he and his family travelled to Ireland to live, he has been teaching our young people the intricacies of Accounting and Economics and encouraging their entrepreneurial talents through his Enterprise Studies classes.

After a year in the school, Mr Littlejohn stepped up into the role of Assistant Housemaster of Fitchett House and was Deputy to Mr Gilbert from 2000-2002. Having experienced pastoral care in a day house environment, Mr Littlejohn was lured into the boarding environment by Mr Lander to take on the position of Deputy Headmaster from 2015-2017, where he teamed up with Mr Muirhead to provide a formidable duo to lead Clark House.

Mr Littlejohn loves all things cricket – so much so that at one time as well as coaching the sport, he also took on the role of groundsman responsible for preparation and maintenance of the school cricket wickets, which he did in his spare time. Mr Littlejohn coached the 1st XI cricket team for six years straight, has been Master-in-Charge of cricket and also coached various other teams as and when required. However, as they say, all good things must come to an end, and at the end of Term 1, 2016, Mr Littlejohn walked away from cricket. (How long for remains to be seen! We’re fairly sure that we can lure him back in the future.)

Mr Littlejohn has also been Master-in-Charge of Squash and Teacher-in-Charge of Rowing in recent years. Mr Littlejohn is a natural sportsman himself and is very competitive, as are the young sporting dynamos that are his own children. He is hugely supportive of their respective disciplines and takes great pride in their achievements.

We are most grateful to Mr Littlejohn for being happy to step-up when asked, to cover areas we have needed plugged. He does so with good grace, good humour and a 'can do' attitude. Mr Littlejohn is a real team player and can be relied upon to give of his best in all he undertakes.

IN SUMMARY

These eight men who stand before us today have contributed a combined 199

years of service to St Paul's Collegiate School. They have wholeheartedly immersed themselves into the various cornerstones of our school and given a large percentage of their lives to working with our young people. The majority of them have had a child go through the school as students – sometimes more than one. For many, their families have grown up on-site, and St Paul's has been their home. However, the one thing that each of them has in common is

that they have been personally invested in this fine institution and in growing the young men and women they have worked alongside into the best versions of themselves that they can be. For them, their role at St Paul's is more of a vocation than a job. We owe them all a debt of gratitude for their dedication, their commitment, their loyalty and their hard work.

NATIONAL AWARD FOR SCIENCE TECHNICIAN

At the same assembly as mentioned above, we also honoured Mrs Raewyn Keene.

St Paul's Collegiate School is extremely proud of Mrs Raewyn Keene who has been our Science Technician since 2011. Terms that come to mind in describing her are, innovative, honest, generous, dedicated, loyal, trustworthy, reliable and diligent. Her planning and organisational skills are exemplary.

Raewyn is vastly skilled and is highly respected and regarded both throughout

the Science faculty and nationally. In 2002, Raewyn began working with the Royal Society of New Zealand to create the Science Technicians Association of New Zealand. Raewyn was the inaugural President from 2004-2009.

At St Paul's Collegiate School, she is the sole technician, responsible to six Science departments and the new Agribusiness department. She is actively involved and integral to the running of the practical's, from cheese making to dissections, and electronics to titrations.

This year Raewyn was a 2019 Laboratory Technologist Finalist in the Regional Kudos Science Excellence Awards, and she has just won the 2019 Kay Memmott Science Technician National Award 2019, in recognition of service to Science Technicians in New Zealand.

St Paul's congratulates Mrs Keene on her achievement.



Raewyn with ISNZ Executive Director, Deborah James and Headmaster, Grant Lander



Raewyn Keene working in a Science laboratory

