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Call for Email Addresses

There are many Old Boys and Girls for whom we do not have a current email address.

Please encourage your Old Boy and Girl family and friends to let us know their **current email address** - much of our various activities and news from the School is communicated by email so it would be great to gather as many of our Alumni email addresses as possible:

send to gillian.lennox@collegiate.school.nz
or go to the Collegiate Connect website:
www.collegiateconnect.co.nz/account-signup/

Dining Hall Leave a Legacy

Donate a chair made from solid wood and have your name or family name on a plaque on the back of the chair.

Pool your resources as a family, sports team, cultural or class group and purchase a table.

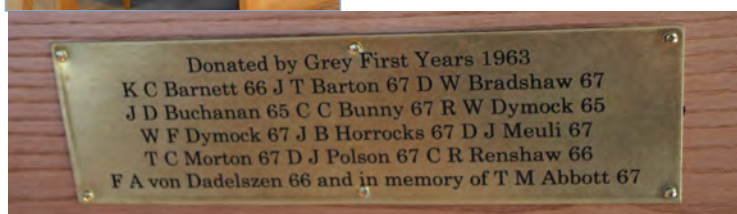
Place your order [here](https://www.collegiate.school.nz/philanthropy/dining-hall-furniture/274/) or go to

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WCS Foundation Registered Charity



A group of Old Boys who started in Grey in 1963 met in Taupo this year for a reunion, 60 years after they started School. Led by Jeremy Horrocks (G 1963-67) a group of them donated a Dining Hall table.



SCHOOL NEWS

From the Headmaster



Another year in the life at Whanganui Collegiate School is all but over with NCEA exams nearly upon us. It has been another year of success across all pillars of the School. From the Houses to the classrooms to the sporting fields, to drama, music and debating it is our aim as educators to know

our students. To speak to aspirations rather than insecurities, to walk alongside and say – ***'we will take you out of your comfort zone, because - there is more in you than you know'***. As we approach the end of 2023, I am very thankful for the year's challenges and opportunities. At Whanganui Collegiate School we offer a unique richness of community and sense of belonging. This is the essence of a seven day, boarding and day school where learning is a way of life, one that is rich and rigorous.

Our co-curricular programmes are tremendous. The commitment from our teachers, parents and community for a rich, rigorous and accessible co-curricular programme is second to none. We strive for excellence and our achievements are evidenced by our two awards assemblies celebrating the achievement of our talented students. This year we awarded eight Cultural and Sport Honours Ties. With our continued improvement, key staff appointments and strategic direction of our co-curriculum programme, our future is strong.

Our School continues to thrive – the foundations are set and there is a robust plan for continuous improvement and sustained success.

This year we launched our Tapuwae programme at Year 10, a specifically designed programme to take our students out of their comfort zone. This programme aligns with the NZ Curriculum core competencies along with the Round Square Discovery Framework. It provides Year 10 students an outstanding eight-day programme in developing Communication, Inquisitiveness, Problem Solving, Responsibility, Tenacity, Courage, Commitment to Sustainability, Self-Awareness, Teamwork, Inventiveness and Compassion, along with the opportunity to complete The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award - Bronze.

We are excited to host our first international Round Square Conference at Whanganui Collegiate School 4-8 December for Year 9-10 students. The Conference theme: 'If you are called to lead – you are invited to serve.' We will highlight the impact of service leadership for our future. The Conference will provide opportunities for delegates to hear

from leaders who have served their community, through guest speakers, discussion groups, cultural visits and leadership and service opportunities.

Some 200 students and staff from 18 Round Square schools from around the world will make Whanganui Collegiate School a point of difference in the development of character education. Today's students are the next generation of business, political and community leaders. It is our responsibility to shape the way in which they understand, prepare for and respond to the world's challenges both now and in the future. Our Round Square global membership and opportunities like our World conference in December, will go a long way to establishing our students' futures.

In August this year Whanganui Collegiate School announced a transformative change in our academic offering with the replacement of NCEA Level 1 with Cambridge International Education and the introduction of the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) for Year 11 from 2024. We are committed to delivering a world-class education that empowers students to achieve their personal best. The integration of Cambridge IGCSE into our academic framework marks a significant milestone in our pursuit of excellence.

Cambridge IGCSE is recognised globally as the premier international qualification for students aged 14 to 16, providing a wealth of options for learners. This curriculum will align seamlessly with our Round Square Global membership and promises to deliver a flexible and stimulating educational experience. With comprehensive resources and training, Cambridge IGCSE equips our students with the skills of creative thinking, enquiry and problem-solving, thus enhancing academic performance and serving as a solid foundation for advanced study. Through the introduction of IGCSE, Whanganui Collegiate School reiterates our commitment to academic excellence, a Pillar of our School. These indeed are exciting times ahead.

As I say to our students - do not underestimate the difference you can make. There is no place worth going that you can get to with a short cut. Excellence happens out of your comfort zone. Be in the 'glad I did' column, and not the 'wish I had'. Plan, Prepare, Perform. Embark on the next chapter with courage and conviction, never tire of doing good, and as it says in our School Prayer, be honourable and charitable to all people.

As we near the end of the year, on behalf of my wife Alycia and myself, I wish you a joyful, prosperous, and blessed Christmas and holiday season.

Mr Wayne Brown
HEADMASTER



College and School Boards Report

A warm welcome to the Whanganui Collegiate School community as we head into the last term of 2023. After a terrible winter, weather-wise, starting with Cyclone Gabrielle, constant rain and wind and coupled with economic and political uncertainty, farm gate price fluctuations and World Cup rugby anxiety, it is comforting to tell you how well your School is performing.

As you will have read recently, The Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry is coming to an end. Unlike other schools you would have heard about, Whanganui Collegiate School has not been notified of any events, nor under further inquiry. The Boards of WCS accept in this day and age, that such matters are not, and should not, be hidden at WCS. We acknowledge that certain practices of yesteryear occurred, however those practices are not acceptable in our School any longer. The two Boards are committed to the Health and Wellbeing of our students and community, and behaviour contrary to best practice will not be accepted.

The School is in very good heart under the direction of Headmaster, Mr Wayne Brown. Academic results have shown a trend of significant improvement to the highest levels in New Zealand, and our move to the Cambridge curriculum in 2024 for Year 11 will enhance our academic reputation. The School Board thanks the Headmaster and senior staff, in particularly Senior Master Teaching and Learning Mrs Tash Bullock, for the significant amount of work to enable the School to become Cambridge accredited and offer this qualification at Year 11 from next year. This change was a result of the Ministry of Education changes being proposed at Year 11. The Board fully endorses the move to Cambridge, this will strengthen our academic offering and

opens up many future opportunities. On the cultural side arts, music and drama continue to be delivered at high levels, meanwhile the sports field is also showing a return to putting the school on a high pedestal amongst our peers.

The College Board of Trustees has been searching for a person to fill the role of Director of Philanthropy, a role that aims to join all arms of the School regarding internal and external funding campaigns, not only for sports and cultural activities of the School, but also to fund the long-term intergenerational assets of our School. We are pleased to announce we recently appointed Miss Christine Bristol to this role. From a local Whanganui farming family, living in the region and well connected to our Old Boy and Girl network, Chris has considerable experience in fundraising and event coordination and delivery, and comes with the perfect set of social skills for our community, the ability to wear a pair of gumboots and dress shoes, at the same time.

Another skill set added to the College Board of Trustees recently is the appointment of Old Girl Naomi Wilde, the first Head of Godwin House in 1991. Naomi is currently the Advancement Manager at Lincoln University and for some time was the Development Manager for College House, one of the halls of residence at Canterbury University. Her depth of knowledge in the areas of fundraising, development, philanthropy and marketing will significantly assist Chris Bristol and the School.

The School Board's mid-term parent elections saw Mr Angus Marks and Mr Chris Shenton elected unopposed as there were no other nominees. Both are existing Trustees and we thank them for putting themselves forward and continuing to contribute to the School Board.

Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr Craig McKinnon, has resigned as a Trustee of the College Board, and his knowledge and expertise in finance. We thank Craig for his contribution and look forward to Mrs Helen Jones, current College Board Trustee and accountant, picking up the role as Chair of the Finance Committee.

With the School tracking so well and our roll forecast to be around 480, the Boards can now look strategically to the future. How do we protect the integrity of the School, the protection and future development of the non-integrated buildings, to take us into the next generations? We will challenge the status quo in looking for solutions without disrupting that special character of WCS as a 7-day co-educational boarding and day School, built around faith, a strong House identity, 170 years of history yet maintaining academic, cultural and sporting excellence to develop proud students for the future. We will be open with our community as we look to options, outcomes and implementation, as we are going to need the assistance of our WCS community to help us maintain our magnificent School of special character.



Mr Guy Pierce
**COLLEGE BOARD
CHAIR**



Mr Jason Bowie
**SCHOOL BOARD
PRESIDING MEMBER**

Grandparents Day

A selection of photos taken at the WCS Grandparents & Grandfriends Day held on 20 September with around 120 in attendance.



WCS Chapel

SEASON OF ADVENT



As I walked to the Chapel one spring morning to prepare for our full School service, I marvelled at the beautiful light and the feeling that summer was on its way. Golden morning light reflected on the Chapel windows as I heard the clear sounds of a tui in the pohutukawa tree, singing out in anticipation of the day. The red blooms reminded me of the coming of Christmas and the beginning of the season of Advent.

An event we celebrate in anticipation of the Christmas season is our Carol Service, held near the beginning of Term 4, thus making it possible for all our leavers to attend. Probably the most beautiful service of the year, it is rich with Christmas pageantry, singing and liturgy.

Earlier today one of our Year 13s told me about how excited she felt knowing she still had the Christmas service to enjoy before she departed Collegiate - a service which provides the School the opportunity to really sing out and enjoy carols in anticipation of the coming of Christmas.

The season of Advent offers us a chance to renew our faith for the start of the liturgical year. It reminds us that our waiting is not in vain and that Jesus, the incarnation of God, came to bring us the joy and light of

resurrection life, which means that nothing we endure now can tarnish the hope of being reunited with those we love.

As we come to the conclusion of 2023, it is good to reflect on all that has been achieved by our faithful Chapel Team with leaders Ella Carver and Olivia Simpson; and service leaders Poppy Hobbs, Sarah Turner, Milly Murphy, Jack Walker and Sofia Booth. As a result of regular meetings we have been able to support numerous charity events, plan our services and decide where to donate our collection.

This year we have also celebrated a number of new members to the Anglican faith through numerous baptisms, and are planning a confirmation service with our Bishop in October for a few of our students. It is wonderful to see a handful of young people choosing the faith for their future. I pray that God may bless them as they leave school to find future communities of faith to which to belong.

In conclusion, I pray that as we move into the season of Advent you will experience the hope of the coming of the birth of Jesus knowing that "the true light that gives light to everyone" has come into the world.

Reverend Sue Paton
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

School Awards

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING PREMIER AWARDS

CONTRIBUTION TO WCS

The Bishops Medal

Service to Maintaining the Anglican Ethos
of the School's Special Character

E G Carver

Headmasters Prize

Outstanding Service - Head Prefects

J R Allen, A B McHardy

School Service Award

Administration/service shown by a
non-Blueshirt

A J Marks, O M M Simpson, D Su

Alan Skilton Memorial Award

Solid academic background, leadership
qualities and active involvement in the
broader aspects of School/community

R T Latus

King Constantine Medal

For being outstanding in the spirit of the
Round Square IDEALS (internationalism,
democracy, environmentalism, adventure,
leadership service)

S M Turner

William Williams Memorial Trophy

Displaying vitality in approach to life, warm
concern for others, pleasant manner, good
humour and willingness to serve

A B McHardy

Malcolm Beattie Memorial Medal

Worthily upholding the traditions of the
School in respect of honour, loyalty and duty
with personal efficiency

T M Craig

The Nigel Bunny Memorial Prize

Outstanding service to the community,
especially for thoughtful leadership,
willingness to work with others

M R Murphy

Marshall Memorial Exhibition

Commanding powers of leadership,
especially through example of character and
consideration of others

J R McCarthy

SPORT & CULTURAL

Bryan Silk Memorial Salver

True Spirit of Fair Play and Helpfulness

O J Hutchins

Ross Dawes Memorial Cup

High Appreciation of NZ's Natural Environment

B N Anderson

I S Dodgshun Memorial Cup

Outstanding Courage and Determination in Sport

M O Gray

Auckland Old Boys & Old Girls Prize

Achievement in Cultural and Recreational Activities

A J Marks

High Performance Sports Award

For International Representation

L E Brabyn, T S Caro, M W Groves, O J Hutchins,

A B McHardy, D C Sinclair

Mark Williams Prize

Outstanding Achievement and Promise

F L Morrah

Morison Cup

Best All-Round Sportsperson - Boys

R T Latus

Morison Cup

Best All-Round Sportsperson - Girls

A B McHardy

ACADEMIC

The Gilligan House Memorial Scholarship

For showing talent and being generous in general contribution

L M Brown

WCS Foundation Scholarship Prize

For outstanding academic progress and promise of further scholastic achievement

O H Jones

J H Bradley Memorial Scholarship

High academic ability

H Lai

The Gunasekara Trophy

All-round scholarship

O M M Simpson

Proxime Assessit

Runner-up to the Dux.

A J Marks

The Lord Cooke of Thorndon Award

Dux of the School

S Viriyautsahakul

HONOURS TIE AWARDS

SPORT

Toby Caro

- NZSS Cross Country Team
- 14th NZSS Cross Country Championships
- 25th Under 17 Australian Cross Country Championships

Amy McHardy

- NZSS Cross Country Team
- 12th Senior Girls NZSS Cross Country Championships
- 19th Under 18 Australian Cross Country Championships

Daniel Sinclair

- NZSS Cross Country Team
- 2nd Senior Boys NZSS Cross Country Championships
- 24th Under 20 Australian Cross Country Championships

CULTURAL

Olivia Simpson

- NZ Debating Team – World Championships in Vietnam

Amelie van Florenstein

- Solo Seal Advanced Dance Diploma with Distinction

Bella Marks

- ACTL Diploma in Musical Theatre



Srun (Mike)

Viriyautsahakul

- Dux of the School



Sports Results - Winter

INTER-SCHOOL RESULTS

PALMERSTON NORTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Rugby 1st XV lost 5-32

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Rugby 1st XV won 32-15

HATO PAORA

Rugby 1st XV won 78-14

Rugby U15 won 20-05

NEW PLYMOUTH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Football 1st XI lost 1-6

Hockey 1st XI lost 0-5

Hockey 2nd XI won 1-0

Netball Junior A lost 25-36

Netball Senior A won 54-53

ST JOHN'S HAMILTON (CNI)

Rugby 1st XV won 43-41

ST PETER'S CAMBRIDGE (CNI)

Rugby 1st XV won 36-12

WESLEY COLLEGE (CNI)

Rugby 1st XV lost 19-26

FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE

Football 1st XI lost 0-6

Football Colts lost 2-6

Hockey 1st XI lost 1-3

Hockey Colts won 3-1

Rugby 1st XV won 43-23 (CNI)

Rugby 2nd XV lost 31-33

Rugby U15 won 48-0

ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGIATE

Hockey 1st XI lost 1-5

Football 1st XI drew 2-2

Netball Senior A won 55-42

Netball Junior A won 24-14

RATHKEALE COLLEGE

Football 1st XI lost 0-4

Football Colts lost 1-3

Hockey 1st XI won 1-0

Hockey Colts won 6-0

Rugby 1st XV won 37-14 (CNI)

Rugby 2nd XV lost 5-12

Rugby U15 won 7-5

LINDISFARNE COLLEGE

Football 1st XI lost 1-3

Football Colts lost 1-6

Hockey 1st XI lost 1-3

Hockey Colts won 1-0

Rugby 1st XV won 66-0 (CNI)

Rugby 2nd XV lost 15-33

Rugby U15 won 29-12

SCOTS COLLEGE

Hockey Girls 1st XI won 4-2

Hockey Boys 2nd XI won 2-0

Netball Senior A won 61-52

Netball Junior A lost 32-41

Football Girls 1st XI lost 3-6

Football Boys 1st XI lost 0-6

Football Boys Colts XI lost 0-9

Hockey Boys 1st XI lost 1-6

CNI HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Feilding HS lost 1-2

Francis Douglas MC lost 2-8

Rongotai College lost 3-4

Lindisfarne College lost 0-4

ST JOHN'S HASTINGS (CNI)

Rugby 1st XV won 62-5

ST PAUL'S COLLEGIATE (CNI)

Rugby 1st XV lost 22-41

FEILDING HS (CNI)

Rugby 1st XV drew 28-28

CNI RUGBY SEMI-FINAL

Fielding High School lost 12-43

CNI PLAYOFF 3RD/4TH PLACE

Wesley College lost 5-32

97th QUADRANGULAR RUGBY

Nelson College won 35-28

Wellington College lost 32-33



TOURNAMENT WEEK

Football Boys 1st XI – Trident Tournament – 5th

Kerikeri High School	won 1-0
Aquinas College	won 2-0
Katikati College	lost 0-1
Rongotai College	drew 0-0
Glendowie College	lost 0-1
Heretaunga	won 4-1
Onslow College	won 2-0

Football Girls 1st XI – Grant Jarvis – 14th

Trident High School	lost 1-2
Wellington High School	won 2-1
Kuranui College	won 3-1
Iona College	won 1-0
Sacred Heart College	lost 2-5
Tararua College	lost 2-4
St Peter's/Freyberg	won 4-1
Wairarapa College	lost 1-2

Hockey Boys 1st XI – Rankin Cup & India Shield – 32nd

Wellington College	lost 0-9
Auckland Grammar	lost 0-7
Lindisfarne College	lost 1-4
Feilding	lost 0-3
Taradale	lost 0-4
Rangitoto	lost 1-7
St Paul's Collegiate	lost 1-3

Hockey Girls 1st XI – Jenny Hair Cup – 1st (Promotion to Federation Cup 2024)

Aquinas College	drew 0-0
Queen Margaret College	won 3-0
Woodford House	won 3-0
Havelock North (Q-Final)	won 3-1
Whakatane (S-Final)	won 2-2 (2-1 SO)
Mt Albert Grammar	won 2-1

Netball Senior A – LNISS – 14th

Wellington East Girls	won 44-34
Mana College	won 48-27
Hastings Girls	won 50-32
Paraparaumu College	won 38-34
Scots College	lost 33-47
Tawa	lost 30-56
Marsden	lost 39-41
Wairarapa	lost 26-37
Wellington East Girls	won 37-35
Paraparaumu College	lost 37-38

Rugby Under 15 Tournament – Lindisfarne – 4th

St John's Hastings	won 34-17
Rathkeale College	lost 17-36
King's College	lost 12-69
Lindisfarne College	lost 05-52



CROSS COUNTRY

NZSS Cross Country Championships

Senior Boys

Daniel Sinclair - 2nd

Teams

Senior Girls (3 and 6 to score) - 2nd

Senior Boys (3 and 6 to score) - 3rd

Junior Girls (3 and 6 to score) - 2nd

NZSS CROSS COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

Daniel Sinclair, Amy McHardy and Toby Caro were selected for the NZSS Cross Country team to compete in Australia.



Music Highlights

C N Maclean Music Contest

1st Haicheng Lai (*piano*)
2nd Ivan Leung (*saxophone*)



Sonja Wilson Music Contest

Winner - Haicheng Lai
(performed piano pieces by Mozart,
Copland and Chopin.)



Aaron



WCS Choir – Wellington

The WCS Chapel Choir sang Evensong at Wellington Cathedral of St Paul in August. The following day our music students – Chamber Music Trio, Boys' Barbership singers and solo players on the clarinet, flute and piano performed at a lunchtime concert at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul.



NZ Schools Chamber Music Regional Finals

The WCS Chamber Music Group - *Dubiously Dubois* comprising Kimiora Delamere-Heap (flute), Ivan Leung (saxophone) and Haicheng Lai (piano) performed *Les Tretaux* by composer Pierre Max, qualifying for the Regional Finals in Wellington.



HOUSE MUSIC RESULTS 2023

The Betty Maclean Memorial Trophy

Winner – Grey
2nd place – Godwin
3rd place – Harvey
4th place – Bishops

Director of Performing Arts' Prize

Best House Technical Director - Hunter Rowland (Harvey)

The Piano Shop Trophy

Best Musician - Ivan Leung (Grey)

WCS Trophy for *Best Band* - Harvey

Judge's Prize for *Best Choreography*

Georgia Abraham, Grace Judson, Bella Marks (Godwin)

Harvey Leavers' 2010 Trophy

Best House Spirit - Selwyn

The Maclean Memorial Salver

Best House Music Captain - Cate Tweeddale (Bishops)

Performing Arts

Footloose

School Production

Footloose is the story of Ren McCormack, a teenage boy from Chicago. He and his mother move to the small town of Bomont after his father abandons them. Upon arriving, Ren finds himself at odds with most of the town, including the Reverend Bomont. The Reverend has convinced the town to outlaw dancing, which Ren finds unbelievable. With the help of Ariel (the Reverend's daughter) and Willard (a country hick who becomes his best friend), Ren convinces the Reverend to let the teenagers dance, and in the process helps the town to heal from a tragedy that affected them all.

Featuring a number of songs from the original hit movie and original songs written for the stage musical, *Footloose* was an energetic and entertaining show.



CAST

Ren - Max Herdman
 Ariel (Ren's Mum) - Te Amo Crow
 Willard - Hector Hewins
 Rev Shaw - Greg Sparks
 Vi Shaw (Ariel's Mum) - Sarah Turner
 Ariel - Bella Marks
 Rusty - Eloise Crombie
 Urleen - Hazel Davey
 Wendy-Jo - Kimiora Delamere-Heap
 Chuck - Matthew Adrole
 Travis/Cowboy Bob - Harrison Richmond
 Lyle - Vincent Anderson
 Lulu - Amelie van Florenstein
 Wes - Andrew McGechan
 Coach - Kye Mason
 Eleanor - Rebecca Boden-Cave
 Principal - Imogen Hadley-Jones
 Diner Betty - Sophie Liang

CREW

Director - Mrs Jennifer Gregg
 Musical Director - Mr Richard Ellsworth
 Choreographer - Ms Bex Marshall
 Assistant Director - Miss Dawn Michelson
 Assistant Choreographer - Amelie van Florenstein
 Set Design - Mr Alistair Duff
 Set Construction - Kye Mason, Greg Sparks and crew
 Lighting Design and Operation - Hunter Rowland
 Sound Management - Mr Dan Fearn
 Sound Effects - Ashton Rowland
 Stage Manager - Kye Mason
 Microphone Management - Arthur Orum & Nathan Yue
 Spotlights - Mark Lanauze & William Wright



Art Feature

Artspace

This year Artspace was started by the Art Department to engage with our Art students to work on their art every Tuesday evening. Scholarship students used this as a tutorial to help them with their eight-page

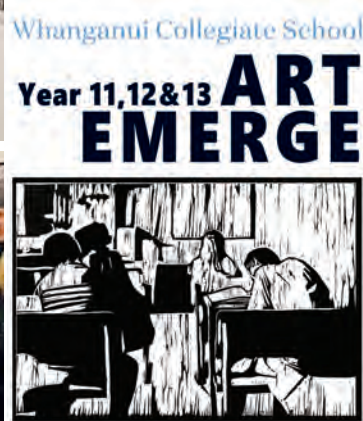


portfolio and discuss their theme and pushing concepts within their work. Every Artspace the department provided dessert and it's been an excellent way of supporting students to manage their time around their Art assessments.

Emerge Art Exhibition

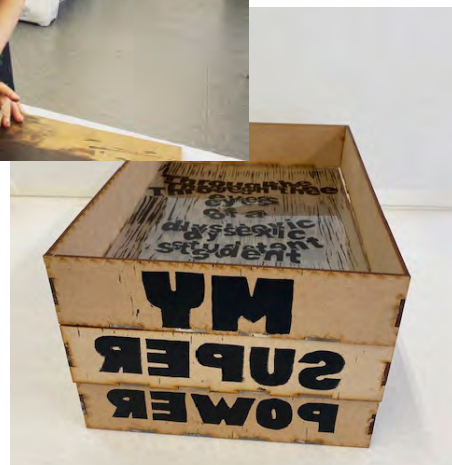
The Emerge Whanganui Collegiate Art Exhibition had 80 artworks from Year 11-13 students, they proudly displayed their artmaking and academic achievements. In the exhibition there is a range of media such as Painting, Printmaking, Photography and Design.

This year the Art Department has focused on fostering a stronger sense of community by supporting the creative endeavours within the visual arts for our students, while also engaging with our local community.



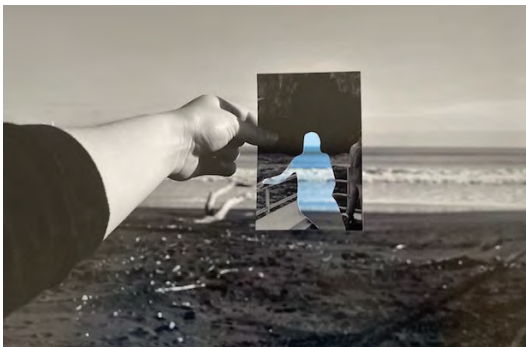
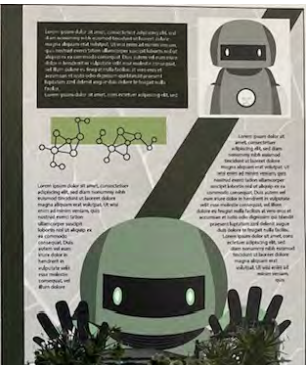
Student presentations for Staff

As part of Scholarship and their external folio boards, Te Amo Crow and Georgia Lambie presented to staff. Georgia shared about her experience of schooling and the challenges she had learning with Dyslexia. She presented a three-tiered Sculpture to staff as a resource for staff to understand what it is like looking through the eyes of a student who has Dyslexia. All staff got to view the sculpture and experience what her challenges are like daily. Te Amo presented to staff about her experience of learning Te Reo and how important language is to her. Te Amo created 50 lanyard tags for staff to use as a resource to help engage and speak Te Reo in the classroom. On the back had key phrases in Māori for teachers to use.



Art Workshops

The Art Department ran workshops for Year 12 and 13 Design students on Photoshop and Illustrator and for Year 11 on drypoint printmaking.



Collegiate Connect Events

Christchurch



Dunedin



Manawatu



Wellington



Auckland



Collegiate Connect Events...

Taupo



Hawke's Bay



Museum & Archives

Julian Edmonds Visit to Commonwealth War Graves, Port Moresby PNG.



Earlier this year Julian noticed the WWII Air Force uniform displayed in our Museum - this had belonged to OB **Owen Davies (G 1937-40)**, killed on active service in the Pacific and buried at the Bomana War Cemetery in Port Moresby.

Prior to their planned trip to PNG with partner Lilly, he contacted us for details with the objective of locating Owen's grave, and on his return reported back, thanking us for all the information we had sent him which turned out to be most useful.

His interest had been sparked much earlier when, as a student with the 1961 school trip to New Caledonia, they visited the Bourail New Zealand War Cemetery. He had no idea until then that so many NZers were buried in parts of the Pacific. It was a moving experience to visit the war graves back then, so he was keen to see if they could locate Owen's headstone on this visit.

Starting their holiday in Rabaul, they really worked backwards on the events as they happened. They came across the road west of what was then Rabaul, which has large numbers of very deep caves dug on the orders of the Japanese into very soft volcanic material but very well hidden by dense tropical forest.

The Australian High Command had Japanese forces confined to the northern part of Rabaul, but were way out in their estimate of 30,000 enemy troops as 69,000 Japanese were stranded there.

As a pilot, Owen was part of Operation Sweep and his particular part was known as "The Milk Run". He must have been a very talented pilot, with his Corsair aircraft being a real handful for a 22 year-old with limited operational experience. Powered by a double wasp Pratt and Whitney, and with a 12 metre wing span (think of a DC3 motor) with 6 metres either side of wing - that's 2000+ horsepower in a tiny plane. They were very successful against the large numbers of Japanese Zeros at Rabaul with the Japanese referring to the Corsair as the "Whistling Death".

On patrol and strafing trucks in the Rabaul area on 30 January 1945, he crashed into Vulcan Crater presumably hit by Japanese anti-aircraft fire. Huge numbers of the antiaircraft guns still rusting away, some still mounted nearby.

The crash site was located some four years later, his remains retrieved and he was buried with full Service Honours at the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Bomana, Port Moresby on 31 January 1949.

Julian continues "once back in Port Moresby we asked our driver to take us out to the Bomana Cemetery, getting there at 5 pm only to find the gates had closed at 4 pm. However, when the guard heard our story that we had to go back to NZ the next day he willingly let us in".

"What an incredible sight the cemetery is - beautifully kept with 3842 graves surrounded by pristine lawns and immaculate gardens. With just four New Zealanders buried there, the gatekeeper was very interested that someone from NZ was visiting, telling us that every headstone had a story and wanted to know Owen's. He was amazed at the Old Boy connection".

It was a remarkable experience and I have to add that his remains are in excellent care as all the keepers now know Owen's story. So, thanks to the Museum we found Owen Davies' grave. It was a very moving experience for me, Lilly, her daughter our driver and the keepers at Bomana".



Footnote:

The Museum holds a significant collection of items of Owen Davies that have been donated by his daughter Peta Whisker and feature greatly in our ANZAC Displays



ALUMNI NEWS



from the WCSOBGA President

As the end of year draws near, the attention of our Executive really has turned to next year's reunion. We look forward to seeing our 2001-2010 leavers – those of you now in your 30s! We know there's already a lot of interest, so encourage you to reach out to your mates and get a group together. From my own experience of being at this year's reunion – my decade – everyone had a blast.

2001-2010 Leavers Reunion

If you're thinking about attending please complete the [Registration of Interest](#) form. Tickets will be available prior to Christmas - we'll let you know when through our usual ways. I'd also recommend you book accommodation early. We'll have ideas on places to stay through our Facebook pages; make sure to follow the [OBGA page](#) as well as the [Private FB group](#).

Enjoy being taken on a trip down memory lane as we delve into the archives and share with you some great photos taken by the late Col. Howard Jones. Tag yourself, your friends, your family – the images are sure to bring a smile to your face.

I want to thank Richard Bourne and Frances Gibbons from the Museum for allowing us to access these special photos.

Lifelong friendships

We often talk about lifelong friendships and how so many began at WCS, hence it's one of the five pillars for the School. Personally, some of my best friends today are those who I met at WCS, and I know of many others in the same boat.

Attending reunions is a great way to rekindle old friendships, but also potentially meet new people and new friends, knowing that you have something in common.

As a WCS Old Boy or Girl, you know what a special place it is. I could say Jerusalem, the Golf Course, tardy, ticket and drill, Big School, PBD, McNab – at least one of these will likely draw out a wry smile. The things we have in common, we can laugh about with those lifelong friends.

Sometimes we haven't been in touch for a long time with those we were friends with. It takes courage to reach out and rekindle that connection, but it's always worth doing. With today's technology it's so easy to make that connection. And you know what? I'm sure the person on the receiving end will be so grateful you did it.

Our role as an Executive is to reconnect our Old Boys and Girls so I encourage you to reach out to someone who you may not have been in touch with for a while, and just say hi. They will love to hear from you.



Collegiate Connect events

We are so grateful to The Foundation, in particular Gillian Lennox, for organising and hosting the Collegiate Connect events around the motu, and overseas when possible. This year there have been 15 events held with over 600 attending, giving anyone from the WCS community an opportunity to get together.

There are more to come in 2023 and we know they'll continue throughout 2024 so please, if a Collegiate Connect event is being held near you, head along.

I hope that the end of 2023 goes well for you, wherever you are in the world. It can be a stressful time so lean on those around you and help one another out. Enjoy the social occasions that December brings, but also take some time to look back at 2023 and reflect on what kind of year it has been for you. We often focus too much on the future and don't slow down to look at what we've achieved or done – this is a great time of year to do just that.

Mr John Carr

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Old Boys & Girls News

Andre Halbert (S 2012-13) has been



appointed the Kapiti Horowhenua Cricket Association's Development Officer and he is also the new

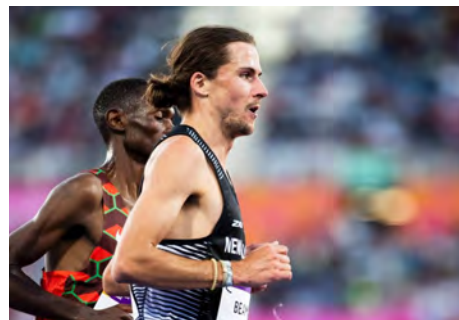
Player Coach for Levin Old Boys CC. Andre represented Horowhenua Kapiti through the age grade levels and captained the Central Districts U17 team. A key figure in the revival of the Horowhenua Kapiti Cricket reps in recent years, and as captain he is a key contributor on and off the field during a successful period and a notable resurgence by the team. HK Cricket describe Andre as *"a natural leader that people gravitate towards"* and he has played for Paraparaumu CC and Kapiti OB. He also played rugby for the WCS 1st XV, at representative level and in club rugby for Waikanae in the Horowhenua-Kapiti Competition. Andre has played and coached cricket in Ireland, Wellington and in Tauranga. His new fulltime coaching role will be diverse as he provides support in the schools and pathway spaces. HK Cricket describe him as *"a massive asset for our cricketing community"*.

Harriet Williams (Gw 2012-15) was selected for the RNZAF Women's football team to take part in the NZ Defence Football tournament at North Harbour Stadium in September.

Harriet's team beat Army 4-1 and Navy 3-0, winning the Buckle Cup for the first time since 2008. She was subsequently selected in the Defence Force Women's Football Team to play the NZ Maori Women's Team in a curtain-raiser for the National Women's Kate Sheppard Cup game and the 100th anniversary of the Men's Chatham Cup Football competition. The NZDF commissioned two trophies, the Messines Trophy for men and the Te Ahika Trophy for women which are designed to weave both entities together, representing the football game played between British and German forces during the 1914 Christmas truce during the early stages of WWI. Harriet's NZDF team fought hard to score in the final minutes, but went down to the NZ Maori team 5-1. Harriet felt very privileged to be part of such a sporting occasion which will now become an annual fixture, reporting that not only will it be exciting to see the improvement in the NZDF women with so much young talent coming through but also, because the Defence Force holds a very important and historical place within the MFA, with many of their family members having served and others having died in service to their country.

Rower Jonte Wright (H 2017-18) from the Waikato Club has just been selected in the 2023 NZ Summer Rowing Squad.

Geordie Beamish (Hy 2012-14), who



only made his Senior Steeplechase debut in April, recently finished in an outstanding 5th place at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest. He then signed off an unforgettable debut season as a senior steeplechaser by claiming a brilliant 3rd place in the Men's 3000m steeplechase at the Wanda Diamond League Final in Eugene, Oregon. Having sat mid-pack through the first 1000m before advancing to 6th at two thirds distance, Geordie was still 20m or so off the pace at the front. However he showed prodigious closing speed powering over the final lap to clinch his podium place in a time of 8:14.01 - within a second of his national record time. Geordie has definitely affirmed his huge potential over the barriers.

Hamish McDouall (P 1982-86)



agreed to direct *The Woman in Black* for Whanganui Repertory Theatre earlier this year. "There are three major

roles with one actor playing several different characters so it calls for some exceptional acting ability," he said. Originally written as a novel, then rewritten as a play, the theatrical overlay creates theatre in its truest form. It's been a very successful play, with its run being only second to *The Mousetrap*. Described as a real thriller with a real horror element,

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Hamish had first seen and enjoyed it in Dunedin in 1988.

In May Hamish was appointed as Registrar of the Social Workers' Registration Board, bringing a wealth of experience from his distinguished and varied career which includes serving as Mayor of Whanganui from 2016-2022. He values his community connections, furthered during his time in local government where he built enduring relationships with iwi, the voluntary sector, education and health sectors, and a range of other organisations across the region. Hamish says he is looking forward to the new role, and the challenges and opportunities it brings.

Dan Tatham (S 1988-92) is Head of



Rugby Operations at NZ Rugby where he's been employed for the past 17 years, leading a small team which oversees

the planning and delivery of all NZ Rugby competitions, tournaments and Test matches within New Zealand. He is currently in France for the Rugby World Cup, selected by World Rugby to oversee the delivery of matches in Marseille and Paris. Dan acted as Match Commissioner at RWC in Japan in 2019 and in New Zealand in 2022. Extremely skilled in operations event and financial management, Dan graduated from Otago University with a BA, and a Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Management and Coaching from Massey University.

Jason Te Patu (P 1987-91) has had a



long career in health and wellbeing; as a dancer, yoga teacher and mindfulness

advocate. In 2018 he founded M3 Mindfulness (an in-school program utilising Māori pūrākau and whakatauki to teach mindfulness and movement to tamariki) after the death of his younger brother led him to seek ways he could support his nieces and nephews through their grief. He explained that he had used mindfulness, meditation and yoga to save his own life after having experienced mental health challenges and helping thousands of people at his yoga studio with tools to be able to overcome challenges, many of which he faced during his early life. However, those experiences enabled him to represent New Zealand in Gymnastics, Diving, and Aerobics. He travelled the globe as a Trainer for Les Mills and later toured Australia as a performer in shows such as Miss Saigon, Jersey Boys, and The Lion King. He also had the distinction of being the voice actor for Banzai in the Te Reo adaptation of the Lion King movie. Jason has received many awards for his work, particularly in the mental health and wellbeing space, including the NZ Exercise Industry Awards, the 2018 Body/Mind Teacher of the Year, the Lifekeeper's Award for Suicide Prevention, the Regional Local Hero medal as part of the New Zealander of the Year Awards 2018, and the Absolutely Positively Wellington Award 2019.

Gerald Hogg (1977-82) has



published a book Running Marathons for Charity, which he describes as a "practical guidebook for would-be charity runners". He pays tribute to in his book to

Alec McNab (Staff 1973- 2022) for taking him from a middle-of-the-pack

runner to a 4th placing at National Secondary Schools Cross Country and a 5th place in the road racing equivalent. Made Captain of WCS Cross Country, he regarded winning races in front of royalty (**Prince Edward, now the Duke of Edinburgh, was Selwyn House Tutor in 1982**) as one of his more surreal cross-country-running highlights! A fully qualified coach for over 10 years, Gerald coaches at the Taunton Athletic club in England, a town where he resides with his wife and daughter, having moved to the UK in 1987. As a multiple-marathon runner he has competed all around the world, running 42 competitive marathons, including London 11 times and Berlin three times. Gerald describes his former WCS coach as a "fiery Scotsman who got the best out of us"! Had it not been for Alec showing so much faith in him during his School years and in setting such a high bar for his athletes, Gerald would never have achieved to the extent shown by this successes, and that the faith shown in him has enabled him to write his book. Needless to say, Alec has a signed copy and another copy given to Alec has been presented to the School Library.

Donald Trott ONZM JP (M 1951-54)



was recently the subject of an extensive article in Air Chathams September newsletter, prior to the 30th anniversary of the NZ Opera School in January 2024. The School has been the dream that came to reality for Donald, who travelled the country to find tutors to facilitate the development of world class opera singers. Opening an opera school in

NZ had never previously occurred, but Donald knew that Whanganui was the perfect place to have his vision realised. Whanganui born and educated (St George's and Collegiate) Donald's knowledge of the City and its people made him certain that establishing the Opera School in Whanganui would provide the right place to ensure its success. Collegiate's beautiful campus, together with the historic Royal Whanganui Opera House, the Whanganui River (awa) and the local iwi all combined to make a perfect fit where international students and tutors could thrive. Donald described how he approached venues, sounded out supporters and finally sought finance for the School from the Bank. "I was shown into an office to meet the manager seated behind a very large desk," Donald says, "and when I told him what I wanted to do, there was a very long pause! I expect he didn't get that kind of enquiry very often." However, an overdraft facility was granted and the New Zealand Opera School was born. Residing each January on the campus of Whanganui Collegiate School, the Opera School continues to go from strength to strength - and the overdraft facility has never been used! Donald says that the School now has an international standing and reputation, offering as it does to New Zealand students two weeks of intensive residential training from leading professional international tutors and NZ-based musicians, stage directors and language coaches. From the outset established international opera singers have taught here, and it's been overwhelming to see how many internationally-renowned performers have come here, and how many of them have come back multiple times. From 7th to 21st January 2024 the 30th anniversary of Whanganui Opera Week will welcome 21 of our brightest young opera

singers, and should not be missed!

Ruby Redmayne (Gw 2013-17) was



admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court in Auckland in September, after graduating with a Bachelor of Laws and

Commerce from

Otago University. She completed a summer internship at Treadwell Gordon in Whanganui in 2022. Ruby is now working for Rabobank and is in their Graduate Programme.

Frank Bannerman Logan

(1897-1902) died in 1981 aged 97, but had over many years maintained his diaries which were embargoed until 20 years after his death. In September one of his sons **Hamilton Logan (Hy 1938-42)** with some assistance, compiled the diaries into a book entitled *My story, The Private Memories of Frank Bannerman Logan (1884-1981)*.

Six years at WCS saw Frank become Deputy Head Prefect as well as performing well academically and in sport. Unfortunately his sporting life became disrupted through injuries but he continued to achieve in golf, tennis, fishing and shooting

Frank then studied law at Oxford University, being one of the first New Zealanders to attend Oriel College. On his return to New Zealand and after some indifferent health, he joined his father's law firm Sainsbury, Logan and Williams, which since 1875 up to this day has provided legal advice and services. Some time later Frank decided an indoor occupation was not beneficial to his health, and made the call to go farming. That decision led him towards a busy public life which included 21 years on the Hawke's Bay County Council (nine as Chairman)

and Chairman of the No 4 Transport Licensing Board - a vital role, as in the 1930s heavy transport was a growth industry with many licence applications to consider throughout Bay of Plenty, Poverty Bay and Hawke's Bay. He was also a Director of Williams and Kettle, a member of the Hawke's Bay Harbour Board and the Hospital Board and a member of the Hereworth School Trust Board. But above all, Frank always had time for family and developed an especially close relationship with Hamilton with both men setting very high standards in both their business and personal lives. The start of this piece outlines Frank reaching the age of 97, so it is significant to note that Hamilton will be 99 by the time Bulletin 83 is published. The book launch in Havelock North was attended by the **School Museum Chair, Richard Bourne (M 1963-66)**.



Ari Chait (Hy 1983-87) is the third



generation family member to run the Wellington Dixon Street Deli in Wellington for the last 23

years. Having been a family-owned business in some form or other for 100 years, sadly it has been forced to close its doors due to price increases. The business was first opened by Ari's grandfather, a Polish migrant, who started it as a poultry shop in 1930.



Ari's parents took over in 1974, making he business into a delicatessen, where they introduced New Zealand to the bagel. It's been described as very much part of Wellington's history ... a "foodie destination" before there were such things, and very much a go-to brunch spot in Wellington city. Naturally Ari is very saddened to have to close but facing record prices, he had little alternative.

Tim Grafton (M 1971-73) who has been the longstanding Chief Executive of the Insurance Council of New Zealand, is



retiring next year. He has led the council, the representative body for general insurers, for almost 12 years – a period including the Canterbury and Kaikōura earthquakes, major floods, tornadoes, fires and cyclones. Tim also led industry engagement with the Government to modernise and strengthen insurance legislation and regulation leading the council through 96 major insured events ranging in size from just over \$1 million up to the recent North Island severe weather events, which were on track towards \$4 billion in payments. The ICNZ board expressed their gratitude for the contribution made by Tim to the industry over many years. He intends to continue in his role as the vice president of the Global Federation of Insurance Associations until he leaves the Insurance Council next April.

Andrew Tripe (S 1983-87) has achieved postgraduate and graduate tertiary qualifications from Massey University in Human Resources, Economics, Finance,



and Marketing and was last year elected Mayor of Whanganui. Before this Andrew had excelled as an organisational change specialist, particularly in the area of workplace culture. He has had industry experience within New Zealand and Local Government sectors as well as in banking, health, energy, FMCG, health insurance, tertiary education, manufacturing and telecommunications. Andrew and his wife Carolyn currently have a daughter and son attending Collegiate and take a great interest in life at the School.

Duncan Priest (M 1957-61), a retired



stock broker and Member of the NZ Stock Exchange is using the many skills he acquired over a lifetime of share-broking to currently serve as a Trustee on the WCS Foundation. A very keen all-round sportsman, Duncan's frequent musings to the Editor of Wellington's Post revealed a recent letter espousing the performances of all four teams at the recent Quadrangular Rugby Tournament in Wellington. Duncan commented that the 'standard of play and sportsmanship were of the highest standards and that the games were all played as a game invented by schoolboys should be played'. He further noted that with perhaps fewer than a 'dozen scrum resets over four games, perhaps Rugby HQ in Dublin should take note! Well said MDP.

Hamish Mackay (M 1969-73), another retired stock broker and Member of the NZ Stock Exchange, has relocated to Hua Hin in Thailand. He is thoroughly enjoying the life of an ex-pat but reports that his daily

stress in his retirement is what to wear to golf and coping with the traffic getting there! Hamish recently had dinner and golf with Tony Rutledge (Hy 1961-63) who was joined by some other friends for a week of yet more golf in Hua Hin.

Michael Grace (S 1993-97) recently



featured on Country Calendar in an item showing the return of kiwi to one of the country's oldest farm stations. Michael is a Trustee of the Capital Kiwi Trust Board whose mission is to restore a wide-scale wild kiwi population to Wellington's backyard.

The item noted that the owners and managers farm sheep, cattle, goats in Wellington's notorious winds. Terawhiti Station is situated 20kms from the city but is in an extremely exposed section of the south western coastline of the North Island. In 2008 the property was awarded the New Zealand Century Farm and Station award to mark over 100 years of continuous ownership by one family.

Hugh Ritchie (S 1980-84) won the



Arable Farmer of the Year in the 2023 Arable Industry awards. His award recognises an arable farmer who excels in all aspects of the arable industry with the judges considering him to be progressive and innovative. Hugh and his wife Sharon run

Drumpeel Farms, an intensive arable and livestock operation across two properties – the home block at Ōtāne and a second property south of Hastings. The home block property has been in the family since 1962, when Hugh's parents **David Ritchie (S 1953-57)** and Sally moved from Canterbury and purchased the farm in Hawke's Bay. The farm took a huge hit from Cyclone Gabrielle, but the diverse farm system, built to survive, is slowly but surely recovering. Hugh explained that they had 300ha that just looked like a moonscape. They have had tractors, diggers, dozers – levelling, aerating and incorporating silt into the soil. Support has come from far and wide but they are making progress. "The soils will take time to recover but we will get there, eventually."

Alysha McClintock (Gw, 1993-94),



partner at Auckland law firm Meredith Connell was in February named Crown Solicitor for Auckland. Leading a team of some 150 prosecutors, she oversees the prosecution of serious crime in the Auckland region, and personally prosecutes cases of all types.

Alysha has acted for the Crown, Crown entities and government departments in the District Court, High Court and Court of Appeal on matters including murder, manslaughter, sexual and other serious violent offences, and major drug crime.

Nina Burton (Gw 2002-03) has since early 2021 reported and produced stories for TV One's Seven Sharp. Having achieved a Bachelor of Arts in Film, Media and Communications in 2006 from Otago, two years later she

gained a Bachelor of Broadcast Communications from the NZ Broadcasting School. A range of experience was gained from broadcast journalism and news-reading for NZME Radio and MediaWorks NZ TV and radio followed by freelance reporting while based in London for both Sky News and Reuters.

Kate Acland (nee Hayward, Gw 1997-98) was elected Chair of B+LNZ



(Beef & Lamb New Zealand) in March, and in April appointed Chair of the New Zealand Meat Board.

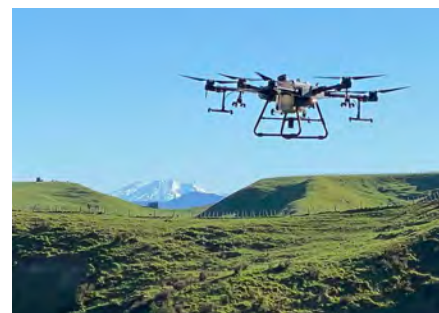
She and her husband David farm sheep, beef, deer and dairy, and employ 30 staff across a range of businesses including Mt Somers Station north-west of Ashburton, where they also have a stand-alone 400-hive honey operation set in 500 hectares of native vegetation and beech forest.

Prior to that Kate developed her own vineyard and winery (Sugar Loaf Wines, Marlborough). She has a bachelor's degree in Viticulture and Oenology and a master's degree in Applied Science, majoring in Farm Management Consultancy from Lincoln University.

Andy Bourne (Hy 2002-06) joined Whanganui Aerowork in 2006 as a helicopter crewman working out of their Raetihi base. Having gained his commercial fixed wing-rating with Ravensdown Aerowork, he carried out aerial survey work around New Zealand before qualifying as a top-dressing pilot, flying Crescos.

Drones: Since 2014 Andy has taken a keen interest in the use of drones for photography, videography and surveying under his "Airbourne Imaging" brand, closely following their

development. This year he launched "Airbourne Agricultural Drones", using large drones with AI technology for precision applications in the agricultural sector – key benefits being not only more economical for farmers but also significantly reducing carbon emissions.



In 2018 Master Peter Preston took a group of History Students to Europe and visited Commonwealth War Graves at Tyne Cot and Messines Church. Thanks to research of our Archivist Ms Frances Gibbons the group was given a list of all Old Boy grave numbers enabling the group to locate individual Old Boys graves and place poppies.

On a recent visit there **Philippa Williams (WCS Foundation President)** and brother **David (S 1988-92)** were amazed to see a WCS labelled wreath in the Messines Church, from the same School trip Philippa's daughter, **Lydia Maclean (B 2015-19)** took part in.



Off the Press

Of interest from the

GENERAL ELECTION - 14 October

Cameron Brewer (E 1986-90) is now MP for Upper Harbour electorate (northwest of central Auckland). His background includes serving as press secretary to two MPs and an Auckland Mayor, several years in a commercial support role and nine years in Auckland local body service.

Andrew Bayly (Hy 1975-79) is a list MP awaiting the by-election for Port Waikato

OTHER WCS CONNECTIONS

Suze Redmayne – now MP for the Rangitikei electorate. After 11 years as Press Secretary and Media Advisor for **Ian McKelvie (H 1966-69)**, her predecessor in the Rangitikei electorate, and having been involved in the family farming business as well as in community service and on the WCS Board of Trustees, Suze now creates history as the first female representative for the electorate. Husband **Richard (H 1980-84)** and offspring **Sam (H 2012-16)**, **Ruby (Gw 2013-17)** and **Sophie (Gw 2015-19)** furnish the direct connection to WCS.

Catherine Wedd, now MP for Tukituki (Hawke's Bay), has Parliamentary service in her genes - Grandfather **Bill Tolhurst (Hy 1944-47)** was MP for Wanganui from 1969-72. Catherine's father **Simon Loft (Hy 1970-72)** and uncles **Mike (M 1969-73)** and **John Tolhurst (M 1973-77)** attended WCS.

Nicola Willis Deputy Leader of the National Party is the daughter of **James Willis (S 1966-70)** and niece of **Ross Valentine (Hy 1973-77)**.



WCS National MPs - Cameron Brewer, Ian McKelvie and Andrew Bayly



SPECIAL RUGBY FEATURE

Following an outstanding two years in the WCS 1st XV **Epeli Waqaicece (Hy 2020-21)** has



signed a multi-year contract for Super Rugby 2024 with the Fijian Drua and Fiji Rugby high performance pathway after turning down

offers from other franchises. This comes after a number of accolades which include Hurricanes U20 Player of the Year in 2022 and being part of the Hurricanes Academy followed by representation of the Manawatu Turbos in the 2023 New Zealand National Provincial Championship. Fijian Head Coach Mick Byrne - a former All Blacks skills and kicking coach - has described his signing as a significant development for the team and Fiji rugby as a whole. A proud Nadroga lad, Epeli will be making a homecoming to his roots in Nasama village on the outskirts of Sigatoka.

Fellow WCS team members, **Harry Godfrey (S 2016-20)** and **Adam Lennox (G 2016-20)** are also



making great progress in the NPC. Harry having represented the Hawke's Bay this season plus the Wellington Hurricanes and Adam is currently playing with distinction at halfback for Taranaki (*two fine tries against Waikato*) along with

Stephen Perofeta (H 2013-15) at



First Five who has also continued his association with the Auckland Blues.

Taranaki had a very successful season

winning the NPC.

Ben Strang (H 2015-19) played



hooker for the Southland Stags in the NPC after a season with Rugby ATL in Atlanta in the US. Ben played for

the Manawatu Turbos for two seasons in 2021-22. He heads to Los Angeles in January for another season playing in the US.

Perhaps the most significant advancement is that of 18 year old 2023 1st XV 2nd 5/8, **Tali Ioasa**



(**Hy 2023**) who has signed a four year deal with the Kobe Steelers in Japan. He joins a lineup of Ardie Savea, Brodie Retallick, Ngani Laumape and Bryn Gatland as players

on the Kobe Roster. Director of Rugby for Kobe is former All Black and Black Ferns coach Sir Wayne Smith and former Chiefs and Australian coach, Dave Rennie is Head Coach. This is a massive opportunity for a player who excelled throughout this recent season and was arguably the best player of the four colleges at the Quad Rugby Tournament in Wellington. With injury curtailing the remainder of Tali's season the School's XV certainly

missed his powerful attacking and defensive skills in the backline as the team fought to make an impact in the latter stages of the Central North Island competition. Old Boys who have also blossomed since leaving WCS either last year or this year include **Judah Saumaisue (Hy 2022)** being appointed vice-captain of the U19 Melbourne Rebels against the Western Force.

Pita Manamanaivalu



(**H 2022-23**) who made the Hurricanes U18 Development Camp in 2023 and has since been selected for the NZ Fiji Schools Rugby 7s wider training squad.

Josh Brunger (Hy 2018-22) and **Konradd Newland (H 2020-22)** playing in the Steelform Whanganui team in the Heartland competition. Also making the Hurricanes U18 Development Camp are new Old Boys **Rudy Ioasa (Hy 2023)**, **Oscar Mabin (Hy 2019-23)**, **James Hardy (S 2019-23)** and 2023 1st XV captain, **Jack McCarthy (G 2019-23)** who has also been selected in the NZ Maori U18 team.



The Bulletin acknowledges the strength of the recent WCS 1st XV's and congratulates all those who have taken their talents further in the game since leaving WCS.



OBITUARY

Mike Webber (M 1951-54) 1937-2023 NZOM



A well-known and respected optometrist, not just in Whanganui but around the world, Mike Webber was committed to improving the eye health of many people – for example by the time he retired, he had made forty eye-care trips to the Cook Islands, Fiji, Tonga, Kenya and Cambodia.

Born and raised in Kenya for his first ten years, in 1948 he moved with family to Whanganui. His father operated a pharmacy in Glasgow Street and they lived down from Whanganui Collegiate School, alongside the home of WCS Master Roly Marks. Mike and young James Marks became great friends - if there was mischief to be had, they found it! After three years at St Georges, in 1951 they began as 3rd formers in Marris.

A diligent student and keen sportsman, Mike took part in the many aspects of School life, featuring in the Collegians of the day as a good cricketer, playing a key role in his House team with both bat and ball - at times top scoring, and on one occasion turning in bowling figures of 4 for 4 against Grey.

In 1953 he won the 'Throwing the Cricket Ball' competition at the Easter sports with a throw of 84 yards 1 ft 6 ins (77.25 metres).

A keen golfer, he played both on the School course and at Belmont, biking out there with his buddies for a round or two when time allowed. He also took part in boxing, being keen, competitive and competent, and from which he admitted learning self-control.

Well liked in Marris, Mike's leadership qualities resulted in him becoming a Prefect in 1954. Prefects of those days basically ran the Houses and it was in that role Mike came to understand both the meaning and satisfaction of serving, a trait of his personality that was to benefit many thousands during his life.

His time on the golf course and in the boxing ring paid dividends when he attended the City of London University for post-graduate study, as he represented the University in both sports. While in London he did what most young Kiwis do in the summer and travelled around Europe - not in a van, but a Jeep.

Back in Whanganui in 1963 Mike purchased a practice which he re-invigorated; the same year he also married Anne and together they had four children. Both sons attended WCS.

Keen to help out overseas, in 1969 his offer to assist in the Cook Islands was accepted by then Premier, Albert Henry, resulting in regular visits to carry out examinations and referral of serious eye issues to NZ health authorities. In 2014 Mike was awarded Honorary Residence by the Cook Islands Government in recognition of his services.

Along with three other optometrists, in 1982 Mike set up the Volunteer Ophthalmic Services overseas to send teams of eye specialists each year to the Pacific Islands, and in 1991 Mike worked for "Sight by Wings" in Kenya on a voluntary basis.

In 2005 Mike became a trustee of Rose Charities NZ, the main project of which was an eye clinic in Cambodia where Mike had helped out. In 2018 he stated that "the Cambodian project is probably the most rewarding as it has led to an increase in the ability of local professionals to deliver eye care in their own country."

Back in Whanganui, Mike started the Wanganui Eye Care centre with Ross Hardey, and was for 25 years a Trustee of the Wanganui Eye Care and Medical Trust, the purpose of which was to provide radiology and eye equipment at the Hospital. Mike kept in touch with and was a great supporter of his old School, a regular attendee at reunions and School functions; in recent years he enjoyed watching the XV play from the comfort and warmth of the School's Corporate Box (i.e. the Board Room).

Mike had a warmth of personality, integrity, a quiet concern for others, a strong work ethic and high standards. He had vision, backed by determination and energy along with little or no understanding of the word "no" or the phrase "can't be done".

If something could not be done one way, he would find another way until his goal was achieved. Day by day he set an example of character admired by all who knew him.

Mike always acknowledged he could not have done any of his work without the support of Ann.

In 2011 Mike was awarded his Whanganui Collegiate School Honour Tie for services to humanity.

OBITUARY

John Hember Glendining (S 1956-59)



died in March 2023 aged 81. He was the only son of Rupert (S 1926-30) and Barbara.

Rupert was Head of School and captain of the 1st XI and 1st XV. He was killed in the battle for Cassino in WWII and is remembered in the Rupert Glendining Memorial Room within the School Museum.

John attended Huntley School prior to WCS. He was a School Prefect and in the Rowing VIII.

He married Danna McHardy in 1964 and they had two children, Rachael and David (S 1981-84).

John and Danna spent a lifetime farming, principally in the Tuturumuri district of the South Wairarapa. John was a strong community person and as such was the Secretary of the Tuturumuri Hall Society for 25 years.

John's Housemaster and Headmaster at WCS were glowing in their School Reports: "He is thoroughly reliable and thorough in all he does. He has an excellent manner, is straight forward, hardworking, efficient, a quiet observer with positive ideas, very respected. He has set himself high standards and maintained them".

These qualities were maintained throughout his life and are endorsed by all who knew him.

Patrick Henley & Danna Glendining

Obituary List

OBG#	Surname	First Names	House	Years WCS	Died
5530	Andreae	Richard de Carteret	G	1956-1960	2019
5353	Aires	Raymond John	G	1954-1957	2021
5117	McDonald	Hamish Douglas	S	1951-1954	2022
5173	Canning	Richard de Redcliffe	S	1952-1954	2022
5702	Blair	Andrew Bernard John	S	1958-1960	2022
7320	Kemp	James Ernest (Jim)	H	1973-1976	26 Dec 2022
5006	Burnett	Alexander Melville	S	1950-1954	2023
5493	Morice	Christopher Campbell	Hy	1955-1958	2023
5155	Wright	Dr Alan	M	1951-1955	17 Jan 2023
5013	Davies	Alistair Evan Rhys	M	1950-1954	20 Feb 2023
4386	Bush	David Horndon	Hy	1943-1946	15 Mar 2023
6395	Ganilau	Ratu Epeli Gavid	Hy	1965-1969	23 Mar 2023
4918	Crawford	John Grant (Jock)	Hy	1949-1951	9 Apr 2023
5058	Short	Peter Bruce	S	1950-1953	16 Apr 2023
5008	Cameron	Donald Lochiel	H	1950-1953	20 Apr 2023
5343	Waldin	Peter Rutherford	H	1953-1955	5 May 2023
6018	Perry	Derek Hugh	H/Gn	1961-1963	22 May 2023
5873	Bolton	David Felix Hindmarsh	G	1960-1963	26 May 2023
4818	Boon	Roger John	Hy	1948-1952	9 Jun 2023
4627	Browne	Michael Charlson	H	1945-1948	9 Jun 2023
5481	Land	Richard Briton	H	1955-1958	27 Jun 2023
4119	Frankish	Dr John David	M	1940-1944	30 Jun 2023
5965	Allan	David Stuart (Stu)	M	1961-1965	5 Jul 2023
5236	Stratford	David Barry	H	1952-1954	21 Jul 2023
4402	Hogg	James Thompson Wilson	S	1943-1945	21 Jul 2023
6173	Collins	Richard James (Rick)	Gn	1963-1966	22 Jul 2023
4793	Sladden	John Dilnot	H	1947-1951	1 Aug 2023
3993	Waller	Malcolm Arthur	S	1938-1940	10 Aug 2023
5152	Webber	Michael Guy	M	1951-1954	29 Aug 2023
4801	Wilson	John Arthur Bracken	M	1947-1950	6 Oct 2023
7982	Arnold	Leslie John	Hy	1978-1980	23 Oct 2023
5556	Godfrey	William Race (Bill)	S	1956-1960	31 Oct 2023

WCS Foundation

INTRODUCING NEW FOUNDATION PRESIDENT MR BRODIE STEVENS

I feel very honoured to have been recently elected as President of the WCS Foundation. Earlier this year I was co-opted onto the Foundation Trust Board, and re-joined the Whanganui College Board of Trustees, being nominated to be the Foundation representative. I thought it appropriate to acknowledge the outstanding contribution and results achieved by Philippa Williams in the last eight years on the Foundation, with seven as President. On behalf of the School and the WCS community, thank you Philippa; your passion, energy, and love for the "Black and Blue" is magnificent. Your legacy is a strong foundation that has reconnected with the wider School community, especially the Old Boys and Girls and our current and past parents. The friend and fund raising created by the Foundation team is inspirational. Along with Gillian Lennox, our recently appointed Director of Philanthropy Chris Bristol and the Headmaster, I look forward to continuing your great work.

I left the College Board in 2014, with the School in its infancy of being an integrated school. The fortitude of the School and College Boards at that time and the hard work of the staff ensured WCS entered a new chapter in our proud history. It has been an absolute pleasure to see the School in such good heart today. The support from the Foundation at time of integration was crucial in securing integration. I look forward to being part of the WCS Foundation continuing its "aims and objectives to sustain the special character and strength of Whanganui Collegiate School in order to maintain its position at the forefront of education in New Zealand."

I am a proud Collegiate Old Boy. I look back very fondly on my five years at School (Selwyn 1971-75), the lifelong friendships still exist today. My Housemaster and various masters inspired and challenged me at school, those lessons and learnings helped in my future education and career. Giving back to WCS is my way of saying thank you. I look forward to meeting and reconnecting with the WCS family in the near future.



**Brodie Stevens LLB, Fellow CILT
(S 1971-75)**

Brodie rejoined the College Board in March 2023. He was a previous Trustee from 2010-14 serving as Chairman 2013-14. Brodie recently retired from his role as Country Manager for Swire Shipping NZ. He is an Independent Director of the Port of Tauranga, Chairman of Chatham Island Shipping and a Trustee of the Maritime Superannuation Scheme. Living in Auckland, he is married to Fiona with three adult daughters.

WCS Football Celebration

4-5 May 2024

Join us for a weekend of football memories, team reunions, Celebration Dinner and the Old Boys & Old Girls matches.

Special Guests: Mike Street and Alec McNab

Send enquiries to: [Ian Rogers wscfinfo@gmail.com](mailto:Ian.Rogers@wscfinfo@gmail.com)



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If you have a specific area within the School that you would like your bequest to go towards, please get in touch.

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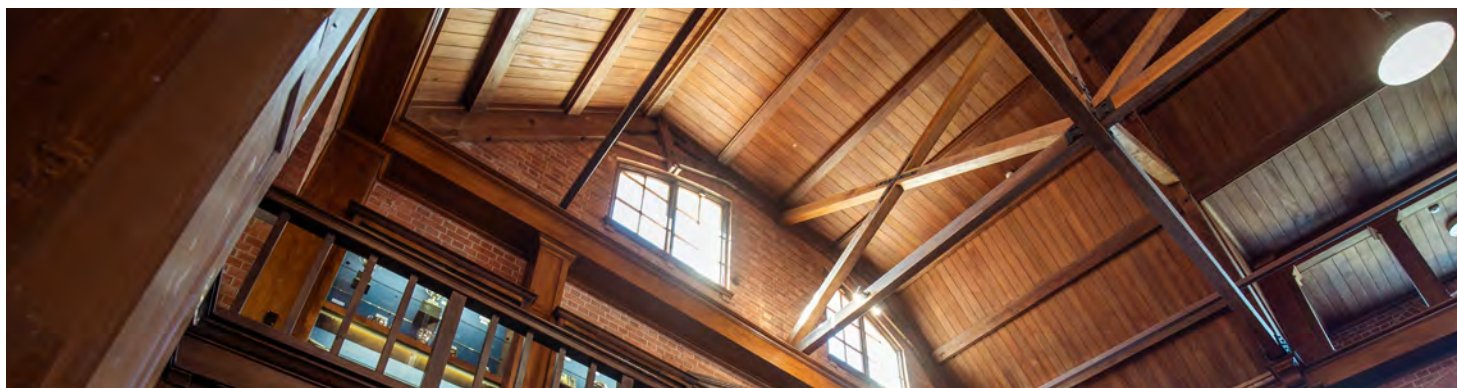
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Contact: wcsfoundation@collegiate.school.nz



Events Calendar

TERM 4

Mon 6 Nov	NCEA exams start
Sat 11 Nov	WCS Tour Day
Sun 12 Nov	Cricket 1st XI v The Wellington Wanderers
Sat 18 Nov	Rowing Whanganui 10km
Sat 25–26 Nov	New Student Weekend
Sat 25 Nov	Johns Trophy Regatta – Waitara
Sat 2–3 Dec	Rugby Condor 7s – Mount Maunganui
Sun 3–4 Dec	Cricket 1st XI v Scots College - away
Wed 13 Dec	Junior Prize Giving End of Term 4
Fri 8–10 Dec	NZSS Athletics – Christchurch
Sat 9 Dec	Rowing Jury Cup – Whanganui
Fri 15–17 Dec	Rowing KR #1 – Karapiro
Sun 24 Dec	WCSOBGA Carol Service – WCS Chapel

TERM 1 2024

Sat 27–28 Jan	Athletics Cooks Classic – Whanganui
Sat 27–29 Jan	Rowing KR #2 Regatta - Karapiro
Mon 29 Jan	New Student Orientation Day
Tue 30 Jan	Term 1 begins Chapel: Induction Service of Blueshirts,
Sat 3–5 Feb	Cricket 1st XI v Rathkeale - home
Tue 6 Feb	Waitangi Day
Sat 10 Feb	Athletics Porritt Classic – Hamilton
Sun 11–12 Feb	Cricket 1st XI v St Peter's Cambridge – home
Wed 14 Feb	Cricket and Tennis Girls v NPGHS – home
Sun 18–19 Feb	Cricket 1st XI v HIBS – home
Wed 21 Feb	Cricket Girls 1st XI, Boys 2nd & Colts v Scots – home
Fri 23–25 Feb	Collegiate Weekend
Fri 23 Feb	Inter-House Swimming Sports
Sat 24 Feb	Inter-House Athletics
Sun 25 Feb	Cricket 1st XI v Old Boys XI at WCS
Fri 1–3 Mar	Rowing NISS Regatta - Karapiro
Sun 3–4 Mar	Cricket 1st XI v Wellington College – away
Sun 10–11 Mar	Cricket 1st XI v NPBHS – away
Fri 15–17 Mar	WCS Reunion – 2001-2010 Leavers
Fri 15–17 Mar	Athletics NZ Track & Field Championships – Wellington
Sun 17–18 Mar	Cricket 1st XI v Christ's College – home
Mon 18–24 Mar	Rowing NZSS Maadi Cup – Twizel
TBC	Inter-School Fixtures v Rathkeale & St Matthew's
Fri 29 Mar	Easter Friday
Mon 1 Apr	Easter Monday
Tue 2 Apr	School closed
Sat 6–7 Apr	Athletics NISS Championships – Palmerston North
Fri 12 Apr	End of Term 1
Thu 25 Apr	ANZAC Day
Mon 29 Apr	Term 2 begins



