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# SCHOOL NEWS

## From the Headmaster



It has been a fabulous term at Whanganui Collegiate School, and it is always a pleasure to write to our community. The School is in great heart and we have continued to see excellence across all facets of School life.

We hosted our first Round Square Conference in December 2023 that saw over 200 students and teachers from all

corners of the globe attend WCS. This year we will have a delegation attending the conference in Calgary, Canada, and more conferences and exchanges are being put in place this year. A very exciting time for our students and their opportunities in developing global citizenship. Further to that, our Cricket exchange programme with Scarborough College, UK, is now in full swing, with two students, Nathan Valentine, and Shaquan Belle from Scarborough with us for Term 1. WCS Year 11 students, Charlie Mabin and Hamish Cranstone, are now in Scarborough for the summer term. Exceptional opportunities ahead.

The changes to NCEA gave us the opportunity to look at our academic programme, last year we were accredited as a Cambridge School. All Year 11s sit IGCSE – and we are thrilled with its challenges and opportunities. Teachers and students alike are enjoying the challenges.

During 2023, we looked strategically at our sport – we are now committed to excellence in coaching with new directors for Cricket, Rugby, Hockey, Netball and Rowing, with others to come, and the future of WCS Sport is bright. This year we will look at other co-curricular areas of music, drama and debating in pursuit of the same excellence.

Through this first term we have put WCS through a rigorous accreditation with the Boarding Schools Association of the UK, to align ourselves with best practice in boarding schools. WCS will be the first school in NZ to be accredited.

Global Membership of Round Square, Cambridge International Accreditation, BSA International Boarding accreditation means that WCS will have International accreditation in Character Education, Academics and Boarding. Whanganui Collegiate School will be the only School in NZ to have all three – our School is a flagship and leader in Education.

As Headmaster I am honoured to share our vision for the future of philanthropy and its profound impact on our School. Philanthropy is not merely an act of giving; it is an embodiment of shared values, collective responsibility, and a commitment to fostering positive change in our community and beyond.

To that end we have engaged in a strategy to develop our buildings and programmes for future generations. Our new buildings are a wonderful example of honouring the past in order to provide for the future. Educators are increasingly aware of the interaction between physical spaces and learning environments. Modern facilities improve not only the School's physical environment but also its learning culture. Now is the time to ensure the School thrives at the same high levels for generations to come.

At our School we recognise the transformative power of philanthropy in advancing our mission to develop outstanding global citizens of knowledge and character. Through strategic partnerships, such as our collaboration with Giving Architects, we are poised to elevate our educational offerings, expand opportunities for our students, and ensure the longevity of our School's legacy.

On this journey we envision philanthropy as a catalyst for innovation. Through philanthropic support we will enhance our programmes, facilities and resources, empowering every student to reach their very best, enabling them to flourish and make meaningful contributions to society.

To our generous donors, benefactors, supporters and champions of our School, I extend my deepest gratitude. Your commitment to WCS propels us forward, shaping a future where every student has connection, belonging and aspiration.

I have said before that a school succeeds not because it is big or because it has been long established – it succeeds because there are, and were, people in it who live it, sleep it, dream it, look after everyone in it and build great future plans for it. We have an incredible WCS community - thank you for being a part of it.

*Mr Wayne Brown*

**HEADMASTER**





# College and School Boards Report

On behalf of both Boards, a warm welcome to all of our Whanganui Collegiate School community, particularly those families and staff new in 2024.

The School continues to thrive under the Headmaster's leadership and staff. Our roll is strong for this year in both domestic and international students, and enrolment numbers for 2025 are already up based on past years.

With the School year well underway we already have much to celebrate in terms of student achievement in the academic, sporting and cultural areas.

Our academic results in 2023 were strong compared to the national figures of generally declining results. The success of this is due to our academic staff and we thank them for the dedication they show in developing the programme and in supporting our students. We are particularly excited about the introduction this year of the IGCSE Cambridge Curriculum for Year 11.

In January our students were already on the sporting field with a senior squad of cricketers completing an undefeated tour of Victoria and Tasmania. Our rowers were in camp preparing for the season-defining regattas, culminating in one of the most successful NZSS (Maadi Cup) regatta results in many years.

In debating, music and performing arts our students all continue to strive for excellence, and we look forward to our Performance Choir participating in July in the World Choir Games in Auckland.

The College Board recently held a strategic planning day which included a full tour of all the School's facilities. It remains essential that as respective Chairs, we continue to ensure that both Boards work closely together and adhere to our Two Boards – One School approach, strategically and operationally. A key focus that emerged was our need to develop financial resiliency. There is ongoing work in examining how we achieve this.

We have set out strategic priorities as a School and have outlined some key ones below – the 2024 School Strategic Direction is available on our website.

- Continue to articulate our purpose and direction as a Special Character and Round Square Global School and the first-choice co-educational boarding and day school in New Zealand.
- Introduce and implement the IGCSE Cambridge Curriculum.
- Continual focus on sustaining NCEA results at or above the national average for Decile 8-10 secondary schools, including Merit and Excellence endorsements.

- Continuation, review and further development of a rich, rigorous, and accessible co-curricular programme that strives for excellence, achievement and lifelong wellbeing.
- Ensure WCS continues to provide a high performing learning environment that fosters a positive, innovative and collaborative workplace that attracts, develops and supports all staff.
- Review the quality and condition of facilities to maintain a high standard of accommodation, recreational, and teaching facilities.
- Implement a campus wide approach to property management and Health and Safety
- Develop our philanthropic approach, as highlighted in the Headmaster's article.

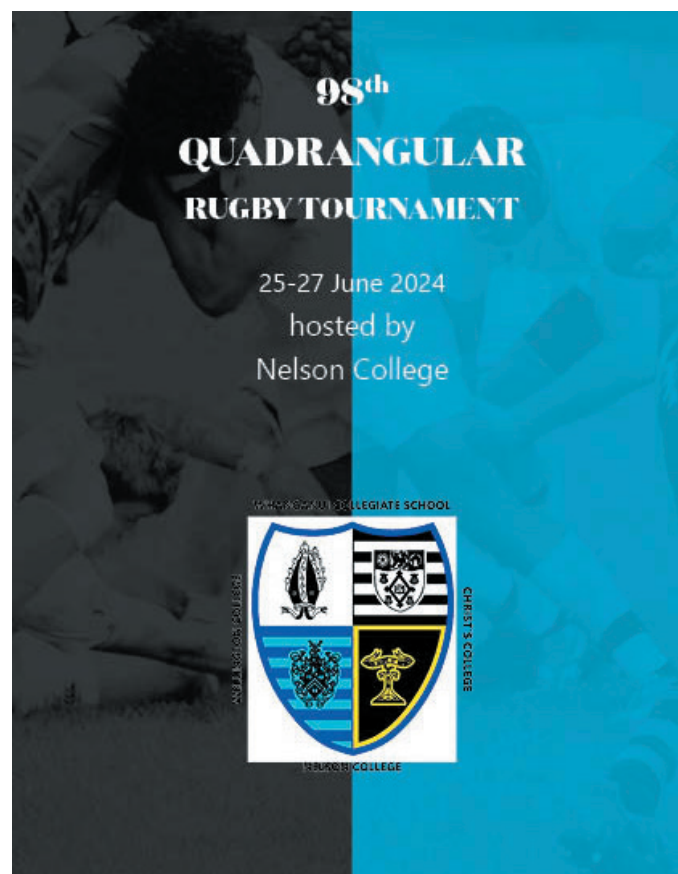
In May we will farewell three long serving College Board Trustees - Mr Guy Pierce (Chair), Mr Chris Fallows (Chair of the Property Committee) and Mr Craig McKinnon, (Chair of the Finance Committee). All have provided sterling service to Whanganui Collegiate School over many years and we thank them for their commitment and hard work.

*Mr Paul Bayly*

**COLLEGE BOARD  
CHAIR**

*Mr Jason Bowie*

**SCHOOL BOARD  
PRESIDING MEMBER**





# Heads Of School

## from Sam....

Coming from a family with a history at Whanganui Collegiate School, it was always my school of choice; my great grandfather Edward attended from 1931-1934; my grandfather Les from 1957-1961; and my father Mike from 1988-1991. Many of our extended family have also attended the School.

I am the first of my generation at the School; my brother Hamish is in Year 11 and my sister Sophie Year 9.

I was educated at Fordell School for my first five years, followed by Huntley School for Years 6 to 8, where I was introduced to life in a boarding environment – something I found comprehensively prepared me for WCS. The WCS boarding lifestyle is one of my favourite parts of the School as it fosters the formation of relationships that will last a lifetime, whilst creating a real sense of community throughout the School.

Over my time at Whanganui Collegiate School, I have tried to involve myself in as many aspects of the School as I could, dividing my time between both sporting and cultural commitments. I have enjoyed spending time rowing on the Whanganui River as well as representing the School playing hockey. I am also involved in the School music scene, playing bass guitar in a band (*Wireless*) since Year 9, as well as in many other group performances across the School, including the 2023 School Production of 'Footloose'.

Whilst having the opportunity to represent the School in these activities, and more, I have also enjoyed competing in many Inter-House competitions for Hadfield House, especially in House Music, House Debating, and multiple different sporting events.

I have found the time I have spent in Hadfield House immensely valuable, and I would put this down to the competitive, yet friendly culture fostered by the Collegiate House system. This culture has been incredibly important to me as it has taught me that 'you only get out what you put in'. In other words, I have found that the more you get involved in House activities, the more you become a part of the brotherhood of the House. I have applied these same learnings to my life in the School. I think the WCS House system is special as the friendly rivalry between Houses continues to extend well past the time spent at the School, as families stay connected to their respective Houses through the generations.

Along with the numerous Inter-House and School events, a particular highlight of mine has been the Source to Sea expedition I took part in at the end of 2023, cycling and paddling on the path of the Whanganui River from the base of Mt Tongariro to the river mouth in Whanganui.

My plans after school are to study at Lincoln University for a



*Heads of School - Sam Cranstone and Harriet Douglas*

Bachelor of Agricultural Science Degree, followed by working in the agricultural sector, eventually ending up on the family farm in the Whangaehu Valley. From time spent hunting to competing in dog trials across the region, agriculture and the outdoors have been a large part of my life growing up and it is my intention to continue to be a part of the agricultural community.

Along with the rest of the leadership team, I hope to foster an opportunity-focused culture throughout the School, encouraging our peers to get the most out of their time spent at Whanganui Collegiate School. My hopes for my final year at Whanganui Collegiate are to leave the School in a better place than when I started.

Leading Whanganui Collegiate School presents me with some exciting challenges that I look forward to.

## from Harriet...

I grew up in Greenwich in Connecticut, USA and attended primary school at Greenwich Academy, a large K-12 girls' school. I moved to New Zealand in 2017 and spent the next four years at Woodford House, Havelock North (another all-girls school) before moving to Whanganui Collegiate School for Year 11. The first generation of my family to attend the School, I'm a proud member of both Bishops and Selwyn Houses. Attending WCS was a massive but fantastic change for me - my first co-educational school and my first time as a full boarder, something I thought I would only ever read about.

Beginning at WCS was eye-opening and a shock - so friendly, all-encompassing and very intense in the best way. However, I immediately fell in love with all aspects of the School lifestyle, whether representing my House at Collegiate Weekends, House activities, attending classes in Big School, repping the Black and Blue both on and off the sports field or simply just partaking in the everyday hustle and bustle that is this place.

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Since starting in 2022 I have grasped the various opportunities on offer, whether in the classroom, on the River, on the sports field or in the Foundation Music School. Never failing to push me out of my comfort zone, these opportunities have taught me valuable lessons and have helped develop my character, transforming me from a shy Year 11 to the person I am today. They have allowed me to make lifelong friendships and call Collegiate and Bishops House my home away from home.

It is a great honour to be named Head Girl for 2024 and have the opportunity to lead and give back to the School that has given me so much. I am proud to be part of the fantastic Blueshirt team and Year 13 cohort. Together, we aim to uphold our School's traditional values and rich history, ensuring involvement across all four pillars, and creating an inclusive community where everyone feels they belong and can try new things. At Collegiate, you get out what you put in.

In this my final year, I intend to keep making the most of each day I get to spend walking the Drive alongside my peers.

## Chapel

### FINDING BEAUTY IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES

As we began our year in the Chapel I reflected on important messages to pass on to our students and introduced to them the idea of 'finding beauty in their everyday lives'. I shared that beauty is valuable because it helps us to transcend the mundane and ordinary to experience hope. Confucius taught that "Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it." He said that the spiritual person knows that seeing it is the task of a lifetime and the reward of a life well-lived and in balance. I also argued that God is the source of and inspiration for beauty.

Earlier this year I made sure to attend the New Zealand Opera School performance in our Chapel. I found the beauty of the music by the composer Haydn utterly transporting. Beauty experienced in this way seems to connect me to a sense of the eternal and awakens for me a sense of God as all connected and all encompassing. As an artist and a theologian, beauty has been a theme that I have long pursued in my spirituality for its role to uplift and transform lives.

I reminded our students that beauty is found in many things such as nature, music, art, singing and spiritual ritual etc, but it is also found in the pursuit of excellence. Beauty can be found in sport such as when one watches the fluid motion of a great opening bowler for cricket or when I recall my mother watching the Wimbledon tennis every year and commenting on the beauty of a great tennis match.



It is found in that moment when our lives are lifted above the mundane or the ordinary. Therefore, I thought it important to encourage our students to recognise and pursue beauty as an essential aspect of their spirituality and future well-being.

This term has gone quickly and on Sunday 17 March we held a service for the Old Boys and Girls attending the 2001-10 Leavers Reunion. Last year we had the welcome intrusion of 'Missy' the cat and this year right on cue, a fantail (piwakawaka) threatened to upstage me in the service. I am starting to see a most interesting pattern emerge almost as if our ancestors longed to remain a part of our worshipping community.

Sadly, this is my last Bulletin and as I say my farewells, I feel a great sense of gratitude for the community that I have come to know and value, and for all that I have received. I leave Whanganui Collegiate School very pleased to have been the Chaplain here since October 2019. My new role is with the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul as the Canon Precentor, where I will continue my contribution to the Anglican Church.

Reverend Dr Sarah Harris starts Term 2 as the Chaplain.

*Reverend Sue Paton*



2024 Blueshirts

# Introduction - New Staff

## Rev Dr Sarah Harris - Chaplain



I am so honoured to become part of the Whanganui Collegiate community. I have received a warm welcome from students and staff in the last few weeks and am grateful to the Rev Sue Paton who has made a smooth pathway for me to transition into the School.

I am passionate about quality education and Anglican traditions which lay a strong foundation for young leaders to build their lives upon; Whanganui Collegiate School is the perfect intersection of the two. I come with a background in primary, secondary, and tertiary education and I have spent decades teaching theology to inquiring minds. I look forward to getting to know students and staff and meeting the wider school community at various chapel services and WCS events. Please feel free to drop into the chapel at anytime.

## Miss Chris Bristol - Director of Philanthropy



Miss Chris Bristol was appointed as Director of Philanthropy in October 2023, bringing a wealth of experience to the role through her marketing, brand and business development roles throughout New Zealand, in particular the Agribusiness sector. Chris has also been a consultant working with businesses to develop and support leadership, customer experience, marketing and strategy development to enhance teams and service providers to excel.

Chris is well known to the WCS Community through business colleagues and family who have attended the School. Chris will work closely with Headmaster Mr Wayne Brown with responsibility for the development and execution of the philanthropic programmes, the nurturing and growth of existing sponsors as well as the identification of new partnership opportunities and ongoing donor stewardship.

## Mrs Robyn Worthington - Godwin Housemaster



Robyn brings to Godwin House exceptional leadership in pastoral care. She and her husband Sean have been employed in boarding for several years across South Africa and New Zealand - most recently at St Peter's College, Cambridge.

Robyn also has a passion for learning support and has completed several programmes around literacy. Robyn impressed us with her knowledge and experience in the development of pastoral care and wellbeing for girls and her outstanding communication and administration skills. They will be a great family orientated team. Robyn and Sean have four children aged 14, 12, 6 and 1. Their experience and love of boarding will bring a wonderful dynamic to Godwin House.

## Mr Chris Carey - Hadfield Housemaster



Chris has come from South Africa where he was a Senior Housemaster at Hilton College, one of that country's outstanding boarding schools for young men. Chris has a wealth of experience in creating sound leadership structures while fostering a safe living space that promotes growth, learning, and a sense of belonging. In the classroom Chris has been a teacher of Life Skills and a teacher of Physical Education up to Cambridge Curriculum A Level. He has been Master in Charge of athletics along with coaching rugby and swimming.

Involved in boarding for ten years at various levels, Chris and his wife Melanie will bring a wealth of experience and an exceptional TEAM environment to Hadfield House. They understand boarding and its requirements and are passionate about growing and developing fine young men. Melanie is a Sport Bio kineticist, and a former South African Under 18 Hockey player. They have 2 children aged 8 and 4.

# Staff Update

## NEW STAFF

### TEACHING

**Mr Chris Carey**

Teacher of PE, Health, Global Studies

**Miss Rachel Dickson**

Art Technician

**Mrs Ruth Gallagher**

Teacher of Art

**Miss Joanne O'Leary**

Teacher of Social Studies, English

**Mr Brendon Sellar**

Teacher Aide

**Mr Sean Worthington**

Teacher of Mathematics, Head of Year 10

### SPORT

**Mrs Elise Niu**

Director of Netball

**Mr Jay Punga**

Director of Hockey

### ADMINISTRATION

**Ms Genevieve Warburton**

Functions & Events Co-ordinator

### HOUSE

**Mr Chris Carey**

Hadfield Housemaster

**Ms Melanie White**

Godwin House Matron

**Mrs Robyn Worthington**

Godwin Housemaster

### CHAPEL

**The Reverend Dr Sarah Harris**

Chaplain





# Sports Results - Summer

## ATHLETICS

### NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS TRACK, FIELD AND ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Gold

Juliet McKinlay - Junior Girls 80m Hurdles

#### Silver

Juliet McKinlay - Junior Girls Long Jump

Juliet McKinlay - Junior Girls Triple Jump

James Hercus, Pascale Bowie, Louise Brabyn, Daniel Sinclair - Senior Mixed 4x400m Relay

Rosa Meyer, Maia Lupton, Pascale Bowie - Senior Girls Road Race 3 to score

#### Bronze

Louise Brabyn - Senior Girls 2000m Steeplechase

### NZ TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Gold

Juliet McKinlay - U18 Long Jump

#### Silver

Juliet McKinlay - U18 300m Hurdles

Hannah Byam - U16 2000m Steeplechase

#### Bronze

Greta Darke - U18 2000m Steeplechase

### NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 1st

Ben Karatau - Intermediate Boys Hammer Throw

#### 2nd

Greta Darke - Senior Girls 2000m Steeplechase

#### 3rd

Juliet McKinlay - Intermediate Girls Long Jump

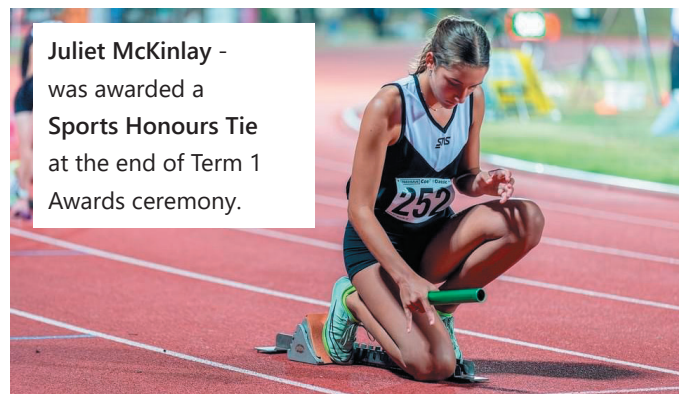
Juliet McKinlay - Senior Girls 100m Hurdles

Rosa Meyer - Senior Girls 3000m

Ludmila Shanahan - Junior Girls Triple Jump

Hannah Byam - Intermediate Girls 2000m Steeplechase

Samuel Hermann - Senior Boys 4x400m Relay (WSSAA)



Juliet McKinlay - was awarded a Sports Honours Tie at the end of Term 1 Awards ceremony.

Juliet McKinlay - selected for the NZ under 18 team to compete at the Oceania Championships in Fiji

## CRICKET

### 1ST XI

#### Rathkeale - Drew

WCS 229/7 declared (Angus Pearce 102, George Ormsby 50\*) and 134/7 declared (George Ormsby 76\*)

Rathkeale 141/10 (Charlie Mabin 3/20) and 160/4 (Charlie Mabin 3/11)

#### St Peter's Cambridge (One Day) - Lost

WCS 174/10 (Angus Pearce 58)

Match 2 - Won

WCS 253/9 (Jimmy Lithgow 49, Connor Rees 48, George Ormsby 35)

St Peter's 152/10 (Nathan Valentine 3/19))

#### HIBS - Lost

HIBS 182/10 (Rory Nugent-O'Leary 3/6, C Mabin 3/48) and 218/4 declared

WCS 174/10 (C Rees 42) and 121/10 (George Ormsby 45)

#### PNBHS (Gillette Cup) - Lost

WCS 227/10 (Shaquan Belle 72, Connor Rees 39, Timothy O'Leary 30)

PNBHS 230/4

#### Wellington College - Drew

WCS 283/10 (Connor Rees 117, Luke Bullock 61) Wellington 119/6

#### NPBHS - Drew

WCS 141/10 (Rory Nugent-O'Leary 37\*, Angus Pearce 30) and 165/10 (Shaquan Belle 107, Luke Bullock 33)

NPBHS 194/5

#### Christ's College - Drew

Christ's 261/6 declared (Angus Pearce 4/10) and 172/5 declared (Angus Pearce 3/60)

WCS 228/10 (Shaquan Belle 87, George Ormsby 48, Timothy O'Leary 40) and 97/9 (Rory Nugent-O'Leary 37\*)

#### St Paul's Collegiate - T20 Lost

St Paul's 123/7, WCS 100/10

One Day Match - Won

St Paul's Collegiate 91/10, (Angus Pearce 4/11)

WCS 96/3 (Timothy O'Leary 31)

### T20 HUNT TOURNAMENT

St Patrick's Silverstream - won

Paraparaumu College - won

St Patrick's Town - won

Rongotai College - won

Final v Wellington College - lost

## COLTS NZC NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

### CD Final:

Napier Boys' High School  
NBHS 135/10 (Eddie Marshall 5/30)  
WCS 137/5 (Thomas McMurray 39)

### National Finals:

**Auckland Grammar School – loss**  
Auckland 97/10  
WCS 85/10

**Hamilton Boys' High School**  
HBHS 259/2  
WCS 51/10

**Christchurch Boys' High School - Loss**  
CBHS 99/10 (Josh White 3/21)  
WCS 89/10

**Waitaki Boys' High School – Won**  
Waitaki 79/10 (Reef McIntyre 6/5)  
WCS 83/4 (Thomas McMurray 30\*)

**Wellington College**  
Wellington 198/10 (Eddie Marshall 3/12)  
WCS 129/5 (Thomas McMurray 53\*)

### GIRLS 1ST XI

NPGHS - lost | NPGHS 151/6 | WCS 50/10  
Scots College - lost | Scots 185/4 | WCS 123/4  
Nga Tawa – won | Nga Tawa – 54/10 | WCS 55/0

### AIMEE WATKINS TROPHY

Wairarapa College - Loss  
Wairarapa 84/4, WCS 73/6 (Greta Darke 35)  
Solway College – Won  
Solway 84/5, WCS 85/3  
Kuranui College - Tie  
Kuranui 92/5, WCS 92/6

## SAILING

### WELLINGTON SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

RS Feva 1st Haicheng Lai/Caden Drover  
RS Feva 2nd Will Managh/Jackson Doughty

## TENNIS

NPGHS – lost 4-5  
Francis Douglas MC – won 11-2  
Scots College – lost 2-13  
Feilding High School – won 31-14  
Rathkeale – won 17-7

## ROWING

### NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Gold

Girls U17 Coxed Four - *Ottalie Morrah, Olive Strahan, Elizabeth Adrole, Eva van der Zouwe + Hunter Rowland*  
Boys U18 Novice Double Sculls - *Toby Corcoran, Matthias Pa'a*  
Girls U18 Novice Coxed Quad Sculls - *Harriet Douglas, Ashleigh Morton, Niamh Rabbitte, Alaska Humphrey + Abby Shaw*

#### Silver

Boys U18 Coxed Quad Sculls - *Keagan Hanekom, Tyler Weyburne, Ben Poulton, Toby Corcoran + Jack Walker*  
Girls U18 Novice Double Sculls - *Harriet Douglas, Ashleigh Morton*  
Boys U17 Coxed Quad Sculls - *Keagan Hanekom, Ben Poulton, Toby Corcoran, Hunter Thompson + Jack Walker*  
Girls U18 Coxed Eight - *Franca Morrah, Milly Murphy, Eva van der Zouwe, Elizabeth Adrole, Olive Strahan, Jemma Rasmussen, Emma Bullock, Ottalie Morrah + Hunter Rowland*

#### Bronze

Girls U18 Coxed Four - *Franca Morrah, Milly Murphy, Olive Strahan, Jemma Rasmussen + Hunter Rowland*

### NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS - MAADI CUP

A Finals (9) | 4th Overall - Star Trophy | 4th Sculling Events - Presidents Trophy

#### Gold

Boys Under 18 Novice Double Sculls - *Toby Corcoran, Matthias Pa'a*  
Girls U18 Novice Quad Sculls - *Harriet Douglas, Ashleigh Morton, Niamh Rabbitte, Alaska Humphrey, Abby Shaw*

#### Silver

Girls U18 Novice Double Sculls - *Harriet Douglas, Ashleigh Norton*  
Girls U17 Coxed Four - *Ottalie Morrah, Olive Strahan, Elizabeth Adrole, Eva van der Zouwe + Hunter Rowland*  
Boys U17 Coxed Quad Sculls - *Keagan Hanekom, Benjamin Poulton, Hunter Thompson, Toby Corcoran + Jack Walker*

#### Bronze

Boys U18 Quad Sculls - *Keagan Hanekom, Benjamin Poulton, Tyler Weyburne, Toby Corcoran + Jack Walker*

### TRIALISTS

**Elizabeth Adrole, Ottalie Morrah, Olive Strahan and Benjamin Poulton** were selected to trial for the North Island Under 18 team. Hunter Rowland was selected to trial for the NZ Under 19.

## RUGBY 7s

### Condor 7s

Nelson College won 29-26  
Aorere College won 33-21  
De La Salle College lost 14-27

### 9-16th Playoffs

Wesley College lost 17-29  
St Patrick's Silverstream lost 19-26  
New Plymouth BHS won 31-21 (*final placing 15th*)



# Academic Results

## % OF ROLL ACHIEVING NQF QUALIFICATIONS 2023

Qualification	WCS*	WCS	Equity Index Group	NZ
Level 1	93.3	91.6	68.8	59.7
Level 2	97.5	90.8	82.5	69.9
Level 3	95.3	84.5	79.2	64.3
UE	83.5	76.2	68.1	47.2

*\*Percentage of domestic and international students who completed the whole year at WCS and achieved qualification as calculated by the School's management system – KAMAR.*

## NZQA Scholarships Results 2023

Zachary Burke: Health & Physical Education

Madeline Cairncross: Art Design

Xavier Calkin: Biology

Samuel Cranstone: Mathematics with Statistics

Phillipa Kaiser: History

## Scholars Tie Awards – NCEA endorsed with Excellence

### NCEA Level 1

#### Academic Tie

Vincent Anderson  
Rebecca Boden-Cave  
Benjamin Brunton  
Israel Calkin  
Sarah Couper  
Matilda Dreyer  
Samuel Hermann  
Hector Hewins  
Joshua Keenan  
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Holly Smyth  
Olive Strahan  
Sophie Young-Wilson

### NCEA Level 2

#### Academic Tie and Braids

Zaria Athena  
Sam Cranstone  
Harriet Douglas  
Benjamin Fraser  
Maxwell Herdman  
Oliver Jones  
Philippa Kaiser  
Haicheng Lai  
John Maguire  
Fergus Marks

### NCEA Level 3

Antonia Harding  
E-Lik Lo  
Francesca Lyons  
Bella Marks  
Olivia Simpson  
Srwn (Mike) Viriyautsahakul

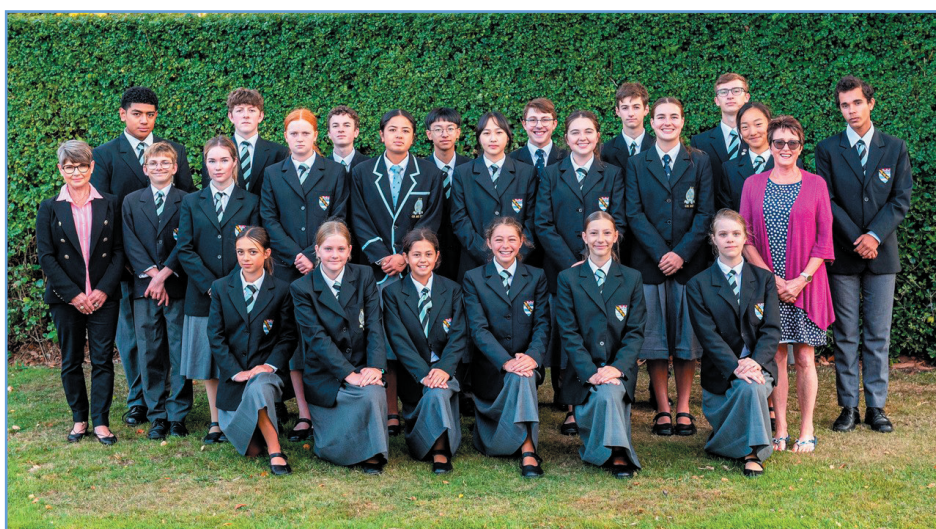


# World Choir Games



To be held in New Zealand in July, the World Choir Games will provide the opportunity for our specially created Performance Choir to take part in a global event. Our vocal tutors Mrs Sharon Warburton and Ms Lynn Whiteside will fly with twenty four WCS students to Auckland for four days of this singing spectacular which will feature thousands of singers from across the world.

The group has been busy fundraising - one of their initiatives included their six-hour marathon Singathon held at the end of Term 1.



*[photo courtesy of Mark Brimblecombe Photography]*



# Music Highlights

## Combined Choirs at Collegiate Weekend

At the Collegiate Weekend in Term 1 the Chapel Choir combined with our female vocal group Appassionata to perform a modern version of Psalm 23 - The New 23rd - by American composer Ralph Carmichael. They are seen here with Rev Sue Paton, Mrs Sharon Warburton and 2024 Head Chorister Liam Kleingeld carrying the crucifer.



## ATCL Music Diplomas

Accomplished musicians **Haicheng Lai** (piano) and **Ivan Leung** (saxophone) have gained Music Diplomas from Trinity College, London - Haicheng with Distinction and Ivan but two marks away from a Distinction. Both are very active in the Music Department, as soloists or in various groups including Chamber Music and a newly formed Jazz Band.

## Cultural Honours Tie Awards

Haicheng Lai and Ivan Leung awarded a Cultural Honours Tie at the end of Term 1 Awards ceremony.



## Senior Rock Band releases EP

Fresh from gaining 3rd place in the regional round of last year's Rockquest, our senior Rock Band Wireless recently released their first EP Take Flight which includes a number of original songs which they mixed at The Stomach Recording Studios, Palmerston North. Band members are **Sam Cranstone** (bass guitar), **John Maguire** (rhythm guitar), **Logan Brown** (drums), **Max Herdman** (vocals) and 2023 leaver **Benji Anderson** (lead guitar). The album is available on all streaming platforms and via the link <https://ffm.to/takeflightep-w>





# Collegiate Connect Events

## Whanganui



## Auckland





# Foundation Report

The first three months of 2024 have seen the Foundation team assisting our new Director of Philanthropy, Miss Chris Bristol, on how the School will secure future funding for the ongoing betterment of infrastructure, as identified at the recent College Board strategic planning session.

Our future depends on the generosity of our past and present community. Giving and supporting the School that helped shape who you are today can be problematic for some, however during its 40 years of existence the Foundation has seen that many of our alumni are prepared to give, and give in many ways. The Foundation is here to discuss and facilitate support for WCS. I encourage you to consider your old School.

A great example of 'giving back' was to see the Maadi Cup-winning 1st VIII crew of 1974 attend at Lake Twizel in April – 50 years on – where they presented a cheque to the WCS Rowing Club Capital Fund. Thank you to Andy Walton (Captain) and the crew for the support they gave to our crews at the regatta, and for helping ensure the future of WCS rowing.

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming Collegiate Connect Functions.

*Mr Brodie Stevens*

FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



WCS Foundation

## Bursary PROGRAMME



Limited boarding bursaries are available to new WCS students requiring financial assistance.

2025 Applications close 31 May 2024

Click [HERE](#) for the application form

## Reunion

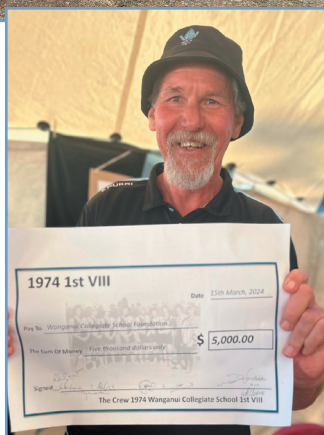
### Rowing 1st VIII 1974 Reunion - Maadi Cup Winners

The 1974 Rowing Crew had a reunion at Maadi Cup this year in Twizel to reminisce and celebrate their 1974 Maadi Cup win.



Pictured (L-R) Simon Walker, George Moore, Mike Dewhurst, Pete Godwin, Mark Hammond, Mike Warnock, Andy Walton, Rick White, John Bayly. Absent Bill Trotter.

The crew donated \$5,000 to WCS Rowing, PNI would be proud!





# 2001-2010 Leavers Reunion Wrap-up

The weekend of 15-17 March couldn't have been better for those who made the trip back to Whanganui for the reunion. As to be expected it was full of banter, reminiscing, telling of yarns and roars of laughter.

The weekend kicked off with drinks in Big School on Friday evening, leading to the city being taken over by OBGs into the wee hours. Always resulting in a smaller turn out for Saturday's initial events (including group photos) but the fun that was had on the Friday night – that initial 'breaking the ice' event – was worth the small showing on Saturday.

Several keen rowers hit the water early on Saturday and loved it! The 2001-05 cricketers took on the 2006-10 lads – cricket being the winner on the day. With the BBQ cranking, the picnic on the main field was enjoyed by many – while the kids were tearing around, parents were able to carry on with their catching up and sharing of stories.

The Godwin courtyard was perfect for 'Berries and Bubbles'. Our Old Girls, their partners and children basked in the sunshine while enjoying bubbles, berries and plenty of Easter eggs, but still giving everyone time to freshen up before heading to the main event at the War Memorial Centre.

Feedback has been rolling in, and we'd like to thank those of you who have taken the time to share this, from those who attended we've heard what made it so special, these are just a few of the responses:

*"Fantastic weekend. So many trips down memory lane. Won't leave it so long again before our year group all catch up. So proud of my school and reiterating why I want to send my boys there."*

*"Seeing people I had not seen in two decades and seeing the people they had become. It was awesome. Realising just how beautiful the school buildings and grounds are. You take it for granted as a teenager."*

*"Just being back was so good. Seeing Peter Preston and morning rowing were highlights for me."*

We also really appreciate those who told us what kept you away, and it's overwhelmingly clear that the time of year needs to be looked at. Be reassured that all your feedback, including the timing, is taken into consideration for future planning.

With the future in mind, WCS will be hosting the 100th Quadrangular Tournament in June 2026. There will be events organised to coincide with the tournament, more details will be shared as they come to light.

The other year to note is 2029 – this will mark 175 years of Whanganui Collegiate School. There will be plenty of communication about this, but if you like to plan well in advance, make a note that 2029 would be a great time to return to School.

We will let you know future year group reunions when they've been confirmed.

Thank you again to all of those who attended the reunion – we loved being able to host you on what was a truly remarkable weekend.





# Feature Story

Hamilton Logan (H 1938-42)



**Legging it for Charities - aiming to walk 100 kilometres in his 100th Year.**

Hawke's Bay farming identity Hamilton Logan has kickstarted his very own 'Second Chance at Life' Fund with the Hawke's Bay Foundation, in the hope of creating a perpetually sustainable funding stream for three of his chosen charities. Hamilton has selected: Hawke's Bay's Rescue Helicopter, St John Ambulance and the Rural Support Trust for his own personal reasons – they relate closely to the community in which he has worked, operate not just locally but also outside of his home region and save lives everyday, both young and old.

He's inviting other community-minded locals to safeguard their lifesaving services by donating to the fund, and to join him on his walks at the Village Green in Havelock North.

"I was inspired by Captain Tom Moore and what he did in raising a huge sum of money for charity in England on his 100th birthday. New Zealand is a small place and I thought 'If I can still walk and think at 99, I can do that too'.

As a sheep, beef and cropping farmer, meat industry leader and Hawke's Bay's oldest living Magpie Rugby player, Hamilton recalls some instances over the

years that he himself has required the assistance of St John Ambulance. One when a member of his staff was electrocuted and the other when his own nose was broken in a game of rugby only to be straightened on the sideline and sent back out onto the field.

Hamilton, or 'Hammie' as he's affectionately known, wants to ensure that that help continues. Already past the halfway mark, Hamilton has clocked over 50 kilometres since 1 January and aims to 'knock the rest off his bucket list' before turning 100 in November. He admits he has no idea what day he will complete it, it'll be weather and health permitting.

"I've been walking around the streets near where I live but I hope to have the odd walk in the Village Green in Havelock North so that other people can join me."

Hamilton laughs at the analogy of being a 'Provincial Pied Piper' but admits he does have a few pearls of wisdom to share.

"When I was six, Hawke's Bay endured a trifecta of disasters; a world depression, the worst drought in a century and a devastating earthquake. A bit like Cyclone Gabrielle, these things were an enormous leveller, the days of luxury and overindulgence disappeared overnight.

"But keeping an attitude of always concentrating on the positives, not the negatives has helped me through, along with what I call a 'pause button'. If I'm blindsided or feeling lost, I pause, and I think and I reason the answer instead of walking around in circles. I encourage people to pause when they feel overwhelmed, and to discard anything that doesn't serve them well. It may even save your life or prompt a different direction."

As for how he plans to see in his 100th, Hamilton's keen to keep it low-key.

"I don't believe in getting ahead of myself but if I do get to a hundred, I will certainly enjoy it!"

For many, the idea of being philanthropic is achievable only through their wills once they're gone, but choosing to give while he lives has been a great source of joy for Hamilton.

"Life is for the living. It's the most precious possession we have. I get such a kick out of seeing people get some relief or benefit out of something I've done for them, and I want to be around to celebrate that with them. If what I'm doing only saves one life then it's all been worthwhile."

## Breaking News

Mark Godfrey (S 1982-86) coached the Rugby 1st XV 2019-2022 and during that time had a magnificent mullet that the players tried to convince him to cut and he continued with his staunch stance that he would after they won Quad. Many a commentator talked about his long hair during games. The Bulletin is pleased to report that his mother has had the final say with his sister getting married and the hair has gone!



# Museum & Archives

Visit on 3 March by Dr Peter Saunders, Great-Grandson of George R Saunders, third WCS Headmaster (1878–81)

## Speech introducing Dr Peter Saunders to the School:

'For the Sake of the Black and Blue' - a line of the School song - but how did those colours of Black and Blue originate?

The answer is - from our guest's great-grandfather George Richard Saunders – the School's third Headmaster, 1878- 81, whose portrait hangs third from the left in the Headmasters' Gallery.

George Saunders came to Whanganui having attended Gonville



Dr Peter and Mrs Saunders

and Caius College at Cambridge University in England. He served as assistant master at WCS for a time before being appointed Headmaster in 1878 aged just 24 - very young for a Headmaster, and with

his assistant master George Anson also in his twenties it was, according to history, a fun School to be at.

Saunders was a very keen and capable sportsman and it was he that really emphasised the importance of sport in the School, initially athletics, cricket, football (rugby) and swimming. He instilled in the boys the manner in which sport should be played, resulting in a culture of fair play and good sportsmanship.

He was also a keen racing man and trained his horse 'Tricotrin' at School. When the local races were on he would take the boarders along for the day.

While here in Whanganui George Saunders married Miss Jessie Imlay and it was she who noted that with sport now being well established, the School needed colours and suggested that her husband's racing colours of Black and Blue - which incidentally had been the colours of his beloved Gonville & Caius College at Cambridge - be given to the School. And so it was 145 years ago that the School's pride in the Black and Blue was established.



In 1880 Saunders also gave the School its first trophy, still competed for today. It was awarded for Steeple Chase, now called Cross Country, and features the School's original motto "*Finis Coronat Opus*" (The End Crowns the Work). It is also the first known use of the Bishop's Mitre as a crest, now worn proudly on WCS sporting uniforms.

In 1883 George Saunders with his wife Jessie left the School, returning to England to complete his medical and surgical training at Cambridge and St Bartholomews Hospital (which incidentally celebrated its 900th anniversary last year).

He then returned to Whanganui in 1890 as Dr Saunders, serving the Whanganui community well and also sent his two sons to the School. His grandson - Alec Imlay Saunders, our guest's father - also attended in 1934-35.

In 1890 Dr G R Saunders donated three further cups, one of which he had won for Swimming at Cambridge University in 1871.



Today his great-grandson Dr Peter Saunders is here to donate four further trophies also won by his great-grandfather at various athletics sport - namely:

- The Caius College – Half-mile (800M) race of 1871
- The United Hospitals' Sports – 100 yds won in 1875
- St Bartholomews Hospital Sports – 220 yds won in 1884
- St John's College Oxford - Strangers Race of 1874

Not only did G R Saunders leave his mark on the School by having established a culture of sport and giving his colours, he also left his mark on the city, as when the Imlay family subdivided the Balgownie Estate he named the suburb Gonville and a number of the streets after Colleges of his old university. What's more with School and the Old Boys' Rugby Club being founding clubs of the Whanganui Rugby Union, the colours of Black and Blue with just the addition of a white stripe were adopted as the local Whanganui Rugby Union's colours, and are still in use today.

Dr George Saunders died in Whanganui in 1904 aged just 50.

Our guest is also a doctor. Having studied at Otago Medical School he went on to become an anaesthetist working in London, both in the NHS hospitals and in private practice, including St Bartholomew's where both his great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather had practised.

*Mr R E W Bourne*

CHAIR WCS MUSEUM TRUST

## Dr Peter Saunders Replies

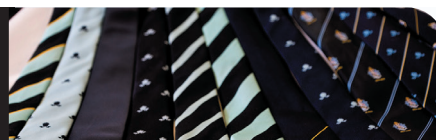
*Thank you for that introduction.*

*I have just learnt some new things about my Great Grandfather. Even though I did not attend Whanganui Collegiate School myself I am very proud of my great grandfather's and my family's generational connection with your School.*

*It is my great pleasure to donate these historical athletic trophies which span the years from 1871 until 1884 to your School to be held in perpetuity in the safe keeping of your museum. I have no doubt my great grandfather would have approved of this gesture to further cement his connection with the School.*



# ALUMNI NEWS



## *from the* WCSOBGA President

There has been a recent change to the WCSOBGA Executive with John Carr stepping down as the Association's President. The current Executive worked through the process and as a result I have stepped into this role until the AGM in August.

I want to take the opportunity to thank and acknowledge John for his contribution to the WCSOBGA. John has been on the Executive for several years and was President since August 2022. His passion to make progress and drive change has led to a solid vision and way forward for the OBGA. I look forward to continuing this momentum for John, until we have a new President on board.

### **2001-2010 Leavers Reunion**

The reunion held in March was another resounding success with positive feedback coming through. Our Old Boys and Girls thoroughly enjoyed walking through the corridors of Big School and their old Houses, catching up with both friends and staff and marvelling at the campus.

As future reunions are confirmed, these will be communicated with you. The 100th Quadrangular Rugby Tournament will be hosted at WCS in 2026 - a big occasion and events will be planned around this for our Old Boys and Girls.

Thank you to those who provided feedback regarding this most recent reunion. We appreciate all that was shared and assure you that it will be considered as future events are planned.

### **Collegiate Connect**

These wonderful events continue across the country throughout the year. They are for anyone who has an affiliation with WCS, not just our Old Boys and Girls. I encourage you to attend and bring along anyone you know who has a connection to the School. You never know who you might bump into.

### **Change and Opportunity**

With change comes opportunity. The OBGA Executive has been working hard over the past few years, making changes to ensure our Alumni are better connected to their old School, more informed of what's happening, and given more opportunities to reconnect. As we look to the future, I am excited to see where this Executive is headed and what they are looking to achieve.

In the meantime, the Executive and I will continue to engage with you, plan our future reunions and look at areas of improvement.

Best wishes

*Mr Jeremy Austin*

**INTERIM PRESIDENT, WCSOBGA**



# Old Boy Feature

**Andrew Donald (Hy 1971-75)** seems to The Bulletin to be the only 'actual' Whanganui All Black not yet inducted into the Whanganui Sports Hall of Fame. Three All Blacks before Andrew are inductees as are two Old Boys, **Lord Arthur Porritt (DB/G 1914-18)** for athletics and **Harry Cave (G 1937-40)** for cricket and although the Sports Hall of Fame has had interruptions due to Covid, this might be Andrew's year!

This outstanding halfback retired in 1987 but not before he had played 168 first class games which included eight All Black tests between 1981 and 1984 and another 12 tour games, 118 games for Whanganui, 30 games for the UK Barbarians, NZ Cavaliers, Saracens and other XVs, and numerous games for his club, Ohakune. Andrew was one of Whanganui's best representing his province with pride between 1976-87

and then battling some of the very best All Black halfbacks Dave Loveridge, Mark Donaldson and later fellow WCS school mate **David Kirk (G 1974-78)** for the All Black half position. Whilst farming, he continued to play club and rep rugby in Whanganui, but the rugby experts at that time said that by not moving to the bigger provinces and remaining true to Whanganui, he probably sacrificed a longer All Black career. After captaining the 1st XV in 1975 and earning massive praise as halfback from coach Jim Wallace, Andrew then did it all the hard way by playing for NZ Colts, NZ Juniors, North Island and the traditional All Black trials until he was rewarded with selection for the 1981 All Black tour of France and Romania.



Two years later and with Dave Loveridge unavailable, Andrew won the top spot in a team which also included the younger David Kirk. He continued into 1984 by playing the home series against France and later toured Australia and Fiji. By 1985 Loveridge had returned and Andrew wasn't selected but when Kirk withdrew from the 1986 Cavaliers tour of South Africa, Andrew joined the team maintaining his form into 1987 to the extent that he was a distinct possibility of taking the black jersey for the inaugural World Cup. It wasn't to be and Andrew subsequently retired but his size and his passing and running skills were all part of a massive contribution made to all the teams he represented in such outstanding fashion. Andrew and Gaye were later able to bask in the joy of having two outstanding scholastic and sporting daughters attend WCS, **Georgia (B 2006-10, Head Girl)** and **Harriet (B 2009-13)**.





## NZ PRIME MINISTER HOSTED AT WCS

Fleetline Markers hosted Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, alongside Whanganui MP Carl Bates, at School. John Carr and his team demonstrated the cutting-edge innovation of Fleetline Robot Markers.

The Prime Minister's visit to Whanganui was an opportunity to witness local industry and innovation.

During his visit to WCS, he met College Board Chair Paul Bayly, Deputy Headmaster Grant Muirhead, Head of Sport, Shane Gaffney, Head of School Sam Cranstone and Head of Bishops House Bridget Trott.



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# Old Boys & Girls News

**Kate Medicott (Gw 1991-91)**



is currently principal of Ebbett Park School, a primary school of 175 students which Kate

describes as "the hidden gem of Hastings". She graduated from Massey University with a Bachelor of Education and prior to her current role, has been Deputy Principal of Mayfair School also in Hastings and Principal of Tutira School, a small rural school between Napier and Wairoa. Ebbett Park School has many deaf and hard-of-hearing students, and because of this, the school has worked really hard at promoting sign language within their curriculum. Kate says that "deafness is not seen as anything different" with sign language being normalised as an everyday practice allowing students and teachers to greet each other through signs.

**Joe Faram (H 1978-81)** was the subject in



Bulletin #82 of a story around Cyclone Gabrielle. Recently there has been a sequel to one of

the many rescues he and his helicopter crew carried out in February 2023. There were many stories of his heroic efforts but one was overlooked, perhaps because it didn't involve a human life. Many who read the Hawke's Bay and national press will recall the stark images of a miniature horse stranded on a roof

during the flooding in Pakowhai which was later reported as having died. However, in a recent breakfast news TV interview, Joe revealed that three days after he had first seen the stranded pony, he decided to rescue Poppy from the pile of debris and apple boxes which surrounded her. Having gained the confidence of the pony and plied her with apples, he used his belt to lead her through the piles of slash and silt to relative safety. One year later, Joe appeared on the breakfast programme in an endeavour to seek the fate of that pony. In a short time the Williams family were in contact with the TV channel and Joe and Poppy were reunited in a 'live cross' to Poppy's stable. The owner of the pony put the rescue down to the bond created between the stricken animal and Joe who was able to tick off another dramatic rescue. However, this one actually brought an emotional closure to Joe after twelve months of wondering about the horse's fate and finally being able to reunite with Poppy and her loving family. A heartwarming story indeed!

**Ruth (nee Ashford) Gallagher (B/Gw 2002-05)** has joined the staff of her old



School as a Teacher of Art. After gaining Academic Distinction with Honours in Computer Graphic Design, Ruth worked for one

of the country's leading design agencies, working on several national and international accounts. Deciding to pursue Art education, Ruth gained a Post Graduate Diploma in Secondary Teaching and moved to London, where she worked in secondary schools in the South West boroughs. For the last four years she has worked at Marlborough College in Malaysia, as both Teacher of Art and as Head of Art and Design. There she oversaw International art exhibitions at the Australian High Commission in Singapore, led Ivy league University tours to the U.S and U.K, and in her downtime enjoyed travelling throughout Southeast Asia. Ruth's ability to be innovative, use initiative and creativity in meeting the needs of students, and her enthusiasm and passion for teaching Art will bring a fresh perspective to the WCS Art Department.

**Finnegan Murphy (G 2016-20)** was



successful in winning the U23 category at the New Zealand Cycle Classic, a four day

tour through the Wairarapa. The Classic finished on the 5th day with the Wellington Criterium, consisting of a 1.6km circuit round the Golden Mile of Lambton Quay. The individual overall classification saw Finn finish an extremely creditable 8th over approximately 350kms. Finn's father **Ian (G 1987-91)** reports that since leaving school Finn has been at the University of Canterbury where he has been doing a BCom majoring in road cycling with minors in economics and finance!

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Training rides of 5-6 hours are not unheard as part of his season and race preparation. This has enabled Finn to follow his passion for cycling including undertaking a number of events with some success.

The Cycle Classic and the 7-day Tour of Southland are NZ's two premier stage races and Finn has now completed three Southland Tours with a best finish of 6th in the U23 category. This bodes well for plans to head to France in mid-2024 (once the degree is finished) and test himself against what Europe has to offer. The amateur cycling set-up in Europe is next level and it's the place to give it a go. As Ian is quick to point out it's a hard road to 'make it' as a professional cyclist so the focus is on Finn enjoying each step of the journey, which he's doing, and ultimately reaching his potential – and where that takes him, who knows! Finn was recently awarded a Mitre 10 Whanganui Future Champions Trust award and has been accepted to race for the French Cycling Club Morlaix Cyclisme Performance (MCP) based in Brittany.

**Georgina Duncan (Gw 2015-18) a**



longtime showjumper and skilled equestrian rider has now become a highly competitive and talented polo player in the oldest of equestrian sports. In early February Georgie was selected for New Zealand in a Trans-Tasman clash at the Festival of Polo at Mystery Creek near Hamilton. To be selected to represent one's country is a real honour and especially experiencing the passion of matches against the old foe, Australia. New Zealand came away with the victory in this tough fought Trans-Tasman match

winning 5-3 in the final chukka. Further honours have come Georgie's way as she has now been selected for the New Zealand Ladies team to play Australia in NSW in mid April.

**Martin Pennefather (P 1977-81)**



has been selected for "the trip of a lifetime" as part of the New Zealand Over-60s team that will line up against thirteen others for the Over-60s Cricket World Cup in Chennai, India. All players took part in a provincial tournament and from that week, a national side was selected. He's only just 'ticked' over 60, so it helps that he's a budding young 60-year-old as he puts it! Martin's team has to play nine games in two and a half weeks, so they need to be cricket-fit even at this level. Martin has played club cricket in Whanganui for the United Club for the past 40 years and represented Whanganui in the late 1990s and early 2000s. He was also part of the national Over-50s squad in 2018. He said his reasons for playing for so long came down to the love of the game and the camaraderie and, regardless of which part of the world the teams came from, they were of a similar ilk - "die-hard, tragic cricket players".

**Rowley Powdrell (S 1959-62)**



is the 4th generation to live in the Wairoa homestead built in 1874, while the 6th generation are on the wider family property. Sadly, Rowley and his wife Lorraine were forced out of their home due to Cyclone Gabrielle and have

only recently been able to return to their restored property situated a few kilometres west of Wairoa. The river rose over the highway to flood the homestead but not before Rowley was able to move out plenty of furniture. Although he considered Cyclone Bola worse in some ways, it was the silt that Gabrielle left behind that caused most problems with the power of the water so strong that it sucked away eight cord of stored firewood. Rowley spent last winter digging the silt out of his property but has had to sow grass straight into the silt. Throughout this summer, he has continued the long days of clean-up but as he says, "there's no use sitting back, you've just got to get stuck in"!

**George Beamish (Hy 2012-14) smashed**



the New Zealand 5000m record and dipped below the Olympic Entry Standard mark by recording a stunning 13:04.33 for fourth at the John Thomas Terrier Classic at Boston University in January this year. (Also prominent in that meeting was **Liam Back (G 2017-19)** who ran his third sub four minute mile 3:59.41 at the same John Terrier Classic.) Geordie's performance ensures he has a second Olympic entry standard mark for the 2024 Paris Olympics after he achieved the feat in the steeplechase during a stellar 2023. Although Geordie said his main goal was to run the steeplechase in Paris (Bulletin #83 reported on this race in Budapest), he has further stunned the athletics world by winning Gold in the 1500m at the World Indoor Athletics Championships in Glasgow in early March. He was deep in the field through most of the race





being 10th at the 500m mark, 9th after 800m and still 8th with 500m to go. But he always backs his trademark finishing kick, and on the boards in Glasgow it delivered the finest result of his career as he strode home in splendid style for New Zealand's first world indoors track gold, albeit a race he considers a little short for where his career goals lie. Geordie was still pinching himself long into the Glasgow evening as he contemplated the extent of the feat he had just managed in becoming a world athletics champion over the iconic 1500 metres, the first track gold for New Zealand in the history of the global meet. He rounded off a great Championship for New Zealand which finished third on the medal table with two golds and two silvers.

**Kat Austin (B/Gw 1999-03)** former WCS



Club Captain and current Athletics New Zealand High Performance Athlete Support Manager and

**Scott Newman (P 1983-87)** Athletics New Zealand High Performance Director, were also both part of the strong New Zealand team.

**Simon Walker (Hy 1970-74)** recalls watching Harvey Old Boy, the late **Simon Dickie (Hy 1964-68)** and his eight win gold at the Munich Olympics in 1972. Inspired by that feat Simon became a Maadi Cup winning crew member himself in 1974 and after a gap of many years due to farming and family, he has made a triumphant return to the sport by being selected by World Rowing as one of 20 Umpires to officiate at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. He started that return to rowing in 2009 when he became an International Umpire and has since officiated at more than 20 international regattas, including the Senior World Championships in Serbia and the World Master Championships in South African last September. Simon describes the Olympic Games "as good as it gets and is the icing on the cake for a rowing umpire".

**John Wells (H 1952-54), Jeremy Wells (H 1958-61), Amanda Wells (Gw 1991-92) and Geoff Wells (H 1989-93)**



have all been involved with Rotorua based Kilwell Sports, one of the country's more innovative and iconic companies which last year celebrated its 90th year of business. After 56 years leading the company Jeremy, said his late father John L Wells would be immensely proud that the business is still family-run. However, it was time for Jeremy to retire and hand the reins to Geoff and Amanda who are now 3rd generation co-owners. The average amount of time a staff member worked with Kilwell Sports is 20 years and Amanda said that she and Geoff were both "incredibly proud of the company's longevity and to have so many loyal staff wanting to work with the business". Amanda added that longevity comes down to good ideas and innovative individuals who are willing to push the barrow. Rotorua Mayor Tania Tapsell paid tribute to the 3rd generation business and how important it has been to the city to have an adventure and fishing brand all of which is surrounded by lakes.

**Richard Burke (S 1984-88)** son of **Tim (S 1952-56 Head of House)**, is Chief



Executive of major grower, LeaderBrand, one of New Zealand's most progressive horticultural businesses. He has been with the company in excess of 30 years, starting as a tractor driver after returning from overseas. Gisborne sweetcorn is a pre-eminent source of food and LeaderBrand is one of the largest growers in the country and is now at the end of a long season that started prior to Christmas. Richard described the last growing season as "crappy" when he was in a war with the weather he is happy to see the back of last year. His team handpick the harvest and pre-orders for the nation's supermarkets went crazy for the famous locally grown sweetcorn.

**David Wells (Hy 1968-72)** is a



Whanganui kiwifruit grower and co-owns the Ngaturi orchard in Mangamahu. The orchard started in 1978 with 3.5ha of vines and by 2020 had expanded to 20ha in a region not especially known for kiwifruit growing. The orchard is in a microclimate with cool winters and hot summers but David wanted to better understand those conditions and a couple of years ago installed a Harvest Weather Station providing him with real-time weather information. That information provided him with decision making abilities on irrigation, frost protection and how to protect his vines from the bacterial disease Ps. David added that the technology is constantly improving and the data from his orchard was used as part of a project by Zespri to assist in making a difference for other orchardists.



He is currently Chair of the Whanganui Rural Community Board which carries out powers delegated to it by the Whanganui District Council.

**Andy Lowe (H 1975-78)** and his family own and run the Lowe Corporation, a meat and by-products industry founded by his late father, Graeme in 1964. Lowe Corporation



is also a major sponsor of the Hawke's Bay Helicopter Rescue Service. In 2004 Andy and his wife Liz discovered that the bush on the peninsula of their Ocean Beach wilderness property was not only silent but also eroding, with predator species rife. This led to a vision he created with well-known expertise, to provide a privately owned and funded 'mainland island' conservation project embraced and co-funded by the late Julian Robertson. With pest control and habitat restoration 'Cape Sanctuary' had facilitated the translocation of many endangered species back to the peninsula. It is a world leader in conservation innovation. Andy was recognised for being the driving force behind this project by becoming a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to conservation.

**Matt Holden (H 1981-85)** is on a mission



to improve the mental health of people living in rural communities and as a result, he has created 'Mates of Mates for Mates'. Matt was inspired by a simple press-ups challenge during the 2020 lockdowns and then just three years

later the devastating Hawke's Bay floods gave him first-hand experiences of overcoming those challenges. In November last year Matt hosted the inaugural event, an occasion which brought many rural folk together with much good food, laughter, shared experiences and, of course, lots of push-ups! Advice was given wisely from now 99 year old **Hamilton Logan (Hy 1938-42)**, a survivor of both the 1931 earthquake and the 1938 Esk Valley flood, and who completed his pearls of wisdom with the words "the most precious thing we have been given is life, and life is for living". Every dollar raised at this event was gifted to the Hawke's Bay Rural Support Trust with whom **David Todd (G 1978-82 Head Prefect)** is involved. Future editions of The Bulletin will feature more of Matt and Hamilton's involvement around Mates of Mates for Mates. Hamilton's utter determination for his cause has seen him pledge to walk 100kms in the year of his 100th birthday (he has already walked 40kms) and he has given the name of his campaign, 'Second Chance at Life'. He has chosen the following three charities to which folk are able to donate to in order to give people that second chance at life.

Those charities are St John, Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust and the Rural Support Trust which are all connected with saving lives both young and old.

**Cam McLeay (Gn 1976-80 Head Prefect)**



and his wife Kate have opened a holistic health and wellness retreat about 20 minutes' drive from Havelock North, set

on 16 acres of gardens with sweeping ocean views at Waimarama. Cam, who also has a role with Mates of Mates for Mates, has called his picturesque homestead 'Cape South'. It was once an old doctor's surgery in Waipawa, which was moved to the site and tripled in size from its beginnings dating back to 1903. Cam has led an incredibly active life involving adventures all around the world, including rafting expeditions on the planet's wildest rivers, over a dozen documentary films, solo mountainbiking across Africa, climbing the Matterhorn and surviving attacks from aggressive hippos, Nile crocodiles and even an armed ambush from rebel militia. He has also personally guided the Prince of Wales, Joanna Lumley, Jeremy Clarkson and offered adventure training to elite British military troops as well as private-guiding some of the world's wealthiest people on their super-yachts. The Head Prefect role clearly prepared Cam well for what lay ahead of him in his later years!

**Jeremy Cullwick (G 1992-96)**



Jeremy Cullwick grew up on Tapahia, a sheep and beef farm consisting of three blocks in Flemington, Central Hawke's Bay. Son of **Tim Cullwick (G 1959-63)** and grandson of **Selwyn Cullwick (G 1919-21)**, Jeremy featured on Country Calendar with his wife, Kate on the family farm 30 minutes south of Waipukurau. Before moving to Tapahia, Jeremy and Kate worked as practicing vets in Dannevirke before moving to the family farm purchased by Tim nearly 50 years previously. Entrepreneurs Kate and her sister Prue resolved to make use of the



wool from the fleeces to release an organic flax linen and lambswool bedding range, the combination of which together with running Tapahia and the resulting business success, has enabled Tim and Kate to buy Kate's Gisborne family farm plus Waimata Angus. A talented family showcasing the best of the family farm.

**Phoebe Collier (Gw 2016-20)** at the recent New Zealand Rowing Championships won gold medals in the Womens Senior Coxless Four, Womens Senior Coxed Eight and Womens Senior Pair and silvers in the Womens Premier Coxless Pair, Womens Premier Coxless Four and Womens Premier Coxed Eight. In the same National Championships, **Matthew Poulton (H 2019-22)** won gold in the Mens Coxed Eight.

**Waqa Nalaga (Hy 2020-21)** after a



season with the Manawatu NPC team, was selected recently to play his first Super Rugby Pacific game for the Fijian Drua. **Pita Manamanaivalu (H 2022-23)** also played a prominent role for the Hurricanes U20 team in the Super Rugby U20 Tournament in Taupo and **Josh Brunger (Hy 2018-22 Head Boy)** played for the Chiefs U20 team having come off a debut season in the Whanganui Heartland rugby team.

And to add to the considerable recent successes of young Old Boys on the rugby field, **Harry Godfrey (S 2016-20)**



continues to impress the rugby critics with his fine performances from fullback in the Hurricanes Super Rugby, **Adam Lennox (G 2016-20)**, has 'scored' a couple of trips to Borneo and Hong Kong in between working hard with the Super Rugby Pacific Chiefs wider training squad. The first was with the NZ Cavaliers 7s team who won the Borneo 7s at the Eagles Rugby Club in Sandakan, Malaysia and then a successful tournament with the Shogun RFC winning the Hong Kong FC Cup 10s.

**Konradd Newland (Hy 2020-22)** has been named in the New Zealand Rugby Under 20s World Championship Squad. Konradd, Harry and Adam recently played each other in the Hurricanes Hunters v Chiefs Taua, with the Hurricanes winning 25-19.

And finally, Dunedin's Zingari Premier Colts team features **Declan Guinea (G 2019-23)**, **Monty Sherriff (S 2019-23)** and **Ratunui Latus (H 2021-23)** with in excess of a hundred WCS 1st XV white jersey caps between them. Well done lads!

**John Carr (M 1993-97)** and his company Fleet Line Markers recently launched their Line Marking Robot at the Sport and Rugby Institute at Massey University. This is a leap forward in efficiency, accuracy, and sustainability in sports field maintenance - an achievement made possible by the collective expertise and dedication of the collaborating partners.



Equipped with cutting-edge technology, the robot navigates the field with ease, while marking crisp white lines. It shows a future where technology works hand in hand with human expertise to achieve remarkable results.

**Olivia Ellis (B 2008-12)** after graduating with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science with First Class Honours from Lincoln University, worked for



ANZCO Foods as an Agribusiness Developer and Farm Quality Assurance Manager. Since coming home after her two-year OE stint, Olivia has joined Kelso Genetics as Operations Manager. Kelso is owned by Old Boys **David Marshall (S 1981-85)** and **Matt Holden (H 1981-85)**. Recently Olivia was selected by Beef and Lamb as an Ambassador for the Next Generation Sheep Farmer Programme.

Her passion for the sheep industry stemmed from any early age and as they say it is in her DNA.



In memory of her brother **George Ellis (H 2006-10)**, tragically lost in 2014, Olivia has undertaken philanthropic efforts by organising charity balls. These events have collectively raised over \$30,000 in support of the Lowe Corporation Rescue Helicopter (Hawke's Bay) and the Canterbury Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

**Kate Baddeley (Gw 2013-17 Head of House)** decided in March last year to





test her stamina to the limit – she wanted to complete a Full Ironman as well as achieving the ‘Erin Baker’ (*Taupo Half Marathon, Round the Lake Cycle Challenge and Across the Lake Swim*) and ‘Cameron Brown’ (*Full Ironman is added to the Erin Baker*) all in one Tri season.

August 2023 saw Kate nervously on the start line for the Half Marathon and contemplating the longest she had ever run, she finished in a time of 2hr 6mins. In November, 24 hrs after returning from Bali, Kate was now under starters orders for the Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge! Racing into rain and head winds the majority of the way, she was very happy to finish an especially gruelling race in a time of 7hr 18mins.

But this was just the warmup – with the third event nine days later, she was happy going into it because she knew she could complete all three components and it was just a matter of putting all three together. Though it sounded easy it was anything but. However, after a swim and a “not so smooth” bike ride, Kate got to experience a pretty cool feeling after completing the Half Marathon and crossing the finish line in 6hr 24mins knowing she could officially call herself an Ironman.

Other WCS alumni who competed in the half Ironman were **Sophie Collins** (Gw 2011-15), **Jack McLeod** (G 2012-16), **Charlotte Gillespie** (Gw 2016-20) and **Daniel McLeod** (Hy 2011-15). Jack competed to raise money for Parkinson’s NZ and was able to contribute approximately \$4000 to the cause.

Next the Kinloch Triathlon, which on a freezing cold day with huge wind gusts and rough water provided a real challenge for Kate. With safety boats being bounced around and marker buoys taken out, the race was shortened to 200 metres and even then many were pulled from the water. Kate prevailed

with a time of 2hr 30mins. Lastly, the Across the Lake swim, the 4.3km swim from Acacia Bay to Wharewaka was a long and lonely affair and she kept saying to herself that the only way out was to keep swimming! Her time was 1hr 40mins.

Six days later came the big finale...the Full Ironman in which Old Boy **Ben Kelt** (H 2014-18) also competed. Another windy day was to test the athletes, in the swim, 80 competitors were pulled from the race and although the tail wind to Reporoa on the bike leg was great, the return leg to Taupo into a strong head wind could only be summed up as brutal. Kate describes dismounting from the bike as bittersweet, thoughts quickly move to the Marathon. As gruelling it was and after many hours of pain, the joy of crossing the finish line and the subsequent emotions mixed with relief were, in Kate’s words indescribable. Congratulations Kate on a magnificent Tri season.

**Robert Cashmore** (Hy 2001-04) went to



Telford before heading to Australia to work at a quarry. He joined the NZ Army in 2008, moved to the UK in 2009 and joined the Royal Marine Commandos and was deployed to Nadi Ali, North Helmond province, Afghanistan in 2011 and trained as a sniper in 2013. He returned home to NZ and started Cashmore Contracting moving dirt in forests and branched out to Civil earthworks, Quarry operations, full forest management and harvesting services. They are currently working on the North Mole restoration, Whanganui River.

**Jamie Gaddum** (H 1993-97)



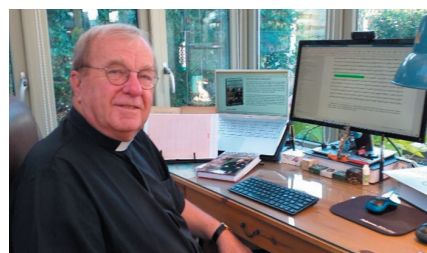
and his wife Nicky farm in Tuki Tuki Valley in Hawke’s Bay. Matangi Farms produce 100% grass-fed Angus Beef which is bred and grown on their two properties. Matangi started an online butchery and have recently opened a Butchery Shop and Showroom in Hastings. They recently were awarded six Gold medals at the 2024 Outstanding Food Producer Awards.

**Sam Hurley** (G 2004-08)



and his wife Sophie are the third generation on their sheep and beef farm Papanui Estate, near Hunterville. The farm has over 25,000 sheep that produces over 170 tonnes of wool every year. They have diversified and successfully launched Honest Wolf – luxury felted-wool bags and travel accessories. With the growth of the business online they also have a store in Hunterville.

**Reverend Dr Andrew Sangster** served at



WCS between 1982-89, first as Chaplain, then also as Housemaster of Empson House and Head of Senior English.



He left to teach at Eton College then after three years was offered a headship in Surrey and later another in London. He did not enjoy being a Headmaster, missing the camaraderie of the Common Room and feeling isolated.

In 1999 he returned to Church parish service like the prodigal son, technically retiring in 2010 but still working for the Church. He was the Bishop of Norwich's officer for some 500+ retired clergy for eight years and is still serving as a Priest Vicar at Norwich Cathedral. His doctorate is in European history, and since 2009 he has published some 27 history books with four more due out later this year. He has moved from academic publishers to commercial ones as they pay more. Now nearly 80 he is waiting to explain to the Almighty his misbehaviour, and he sends his best wishes and apologies to those he taught and any surviving colleagues.

**Lexi Maples (Gw 2015-17)** is currently on a scholarship in North Dakota, USA studying for her masters degree in health nutrition and exercise science majoring in physical education. Maples has made outstanding progress this month as a hammer thrower with a series of personal bests that have moved her to fifth on the New Zealand all-time hammer rankings. She threw 64.97m at the Pacific Coast Meet in Long Beach.



**Sam McIvor (Hy 1999-03)** currently lives in Brisbane with wife Chloe and their daughter. Employed at commercial law firm Mullins



Lawyers since June 2016, he specialises in employment, discrimination and human rights law.

Sam has significant experience in large-scale employment litigation across a number of jurisdictions and appears regularly for clients before the Fair Work Commission, the State and Federal Courts, Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal and the Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland.

## OBITUARIES

**Alan Cooper (G 1950-53)** was born in Gisborne in 1935 and died at home in Whanganui on 12 February 2024. Awarded a scholarship to attend Whanganui Collegiate School he was a House Prefect in Grey House. Alan graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Victoria University and a Bachelor of Education from Massey University with a Diploma in Teaching at Palmerston North Teachers' College. In the 1960s he had his first stint at Whanganui Collegiate School and during this period he also taught at St George's School, Gisborne Boys' High School, Scots College, Porirua College and Palmerston North Boys' High School as part of his early teaching years. He returned to Whanganui Collegiate School to become the first Housemaster of Porritt House in 1971.



Alan continued his development in educational leadership in being appointed as the Deputy Principal of Lindisfarne College in Hastings and the Headmaster of Hadlow Preparatory School in Masterton.

He also served in the education branch of the NZ Army and earned the rank of Major in the territorials.

Alan was appointed Headmaster at St George's School in 1982, before retiring in 1999, and led the school to international acclaim during his time.

Alan was progressive but never lost sight of the value of old-fashioned virtues, the importance of students' understanding and demonstrating loyalty, responsibility, pride, and discipline. He knew students needed to be taught how to think, to reason and to solve problems, allied of course with good work habits but also that students developed and learned differently and one model did not fit all.

He supported both the teachers and students at St George's to develop the skills required to bring this type of learning to the fore. Alan also knew just how important it was that students learn how to handle responsibility.

His belief that sport was important to learning was demonstrated in the huge amount of out-of-hours' time he dedicated to many sports through his time teaching, but also post-retirement, particularly in cricket and rugby. He was always very proud to represent the School at both rugby and cricket in the first teams.

Brought up in a small community, just outside Gisborne, and with the school reinforcing this, his service to community through many other areas than just teaching and sport was a big part of his life, giving many hours of support, leadership and mentoring for others – even up until his final days.

In his retirement he was involved in distance learning and more than 100 of his journal articles have been published in New Zealand and overseas. He was highly respected by educational leaders.

He was always an advocate of St George's School and with his hugely supportive wife Margaret, they were always in attendance at our School events. Alan wore his St George's Honours Tie with pride.

As well as Margaret, he is survived by his four children Michael, Geoff, David (P 1985-89) and Eli (Gw 1996-97).



**Adrian Cave (S 1949-51)** was born in 1934 and died in Gisborne on 14 September 2023, aged 88. In 1946, the family bought Sunworth Station at Ngatapa close to Mangatoitoi Station where the Russell family farmed, and whose daughter Mary was later to marry Adrian. At School, together with his cousin **Peter Williams (H 1947-50)**, both boys pursued their interest in art, the start of an amazing career for each of them with Peter becoming an accomplished equine artist and Adrian also excelling with watercolours.



Unfortunately, aged 15 Adrian developed pneumonia and was brought back to Gisborne for his 5th form year, home-schooled by his mother and gained School Certificate on the back of a strong showing in art. After leaving school, Adrian farmed in the South Island which also included a spell of compulsory military training before he returned to work with his father and brother **Simon Cave (S 1950-54 Head of House)**. At a young farmers dance in the local hall, he met Mary, the 'girl next door'. Marrying Mary forced the sale of his pride and joy an MG TF - useful for attracting girls but subsequently surplus to requirements!

Adrian and Mary travelled extensively through Asia to Europe, marrying in London in front of friends and family, two of whom were priests, an Anglican and a Catholic and who both conducted the service. Having campervanned around Europe, the couple returned to farm Mangatoitoi. He doubled the size of the farm and additionally became Chairman of Mount View farms in Whanganui for many years. A bad back at aged 60 forced Adrian's retirement enabling him to return to his lifelong hobby of painting which proved to be an artistic bonus for the next three decades. Sons **Philip (S 1997-81 Head of House)** and **Chris Cave (S 1989-93 Head Boy)** formed a partnership and now jointly run the farm.

Adrian had painted in oils for ten years but he decided to experiment in watercolours. On many painting trips with fellow artists/teachers, they visited European countries - France, Spain, Italy (he found Venice fabulous to paint), Croatia and the Czech Republic. In the Far East, Vietnam was his favourite country. Eventually his profile as a watercolour painter led him to win Watercolour New Zealand's the People's Choice Award in 2014 and Supreme Award in 2015.

Adrian and Mary made many friends on their travels and those friends were always welcome back at the farm. Adrian loved a good yarn and considered painting holidays as a good source of those yarns. Philip ended his eulogy with one of his father's favourite yarns. Adrian was sitting in a car with two mates, one being **Mark Irwin (G 1948-52 Head Prefect)** and the other **David Nolan (S 1949-52)** all discussing what they would do with their lives. Mark said he would be an All Black and a doctor and David said he would join the Navy. When they turned to Adrian, they told him he would just marry the girl next door to which Adrian replied that if he did marry, it would be only to the best! All three WCS schoolmates achieved their wishes!

**Richard Izard, OBE CNZM (Hy 1948-50)** Honours Tie



holder and generous donor to the School passed away 2 January 2024, aged 89. Richard recently said he loved his time at WCS where he made life-long friendships, learnt self-discipline, courtesy, etiquette and ethics. He had the highest respect for

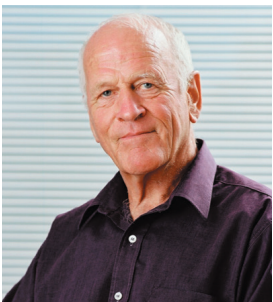
Headmaster Frank Gilligan out of anyone he had ever come across. As much as Richard enjoyed School he was impatient to get on with life and wanted to leave School at 16. His father thought it a safe bet to allow him to leave on the condition he pass School Certificate, given Headmaster Frank Gilligan had informed him that he was at the bottom of the class and didn't have a hope of passing. This was red rag to a bull, so he decided to apply himself, and flew through!

Richard enjoyed racing cars and flying planes, but by the time he was 44, several business reversals had left him nearly broke. He found himself in America desperately selling sheepskin seat covers to the Californians from the boot of his Pontiac. From there, his fortunes improved. He returned to New Zealand in 1980 and with a combination of pig-headedness, ebullient charm, hard work, an eye for the main chance, luck and infusions of family help at crucial times, he developed a successful export manufacturing business in the small Northland town of Wellsford. He sold tungsten carbide tipped saw blades to the world and, against the odds, captured a significant slice of the valuable American home handyman market. Even at his peak, however, Richard was only one step ahead of the banks. After exiting the business at the right time in the early 1990s, he had gone on to become a significant New Zealand investor. The accumulation of wealth follows no set route, but Richard had the essential entrepreneurial attribute - desire - in large volume. However, there were long periods of drift, depression and desperation but he was fortunate to have in Patience Izard a supportive and practical wife throughout.

Richard was awarded the OBE in 1994, and CNZM in 2012. Whanganui Collegiate School is so fortunate to have had a benefactor such as Richard Izard who supported our School so generously. The Izard Sports Centre is named in his honour, the foundation stone for which was laid in 1994.



Ross Mathieson (S/M 1947-51) died in



March 2023 and featured in The Bulletin #80 as our first AFS Scholar. He was a generous donor to the School. The

following are excerpts from his daughter's (Shayne Mathieson) Eulogy.

Ross was minimally concerned about what others thought of him. Climbing over fences with signs saying "authorised entry only" appealed to Ross' sense of clear communication, his non-respect of authority and his sense of adventure – reasoning (1) that the sign didn't say **who** had to authorise you, in which case he had authorised himself, (2) he needed to know **why** would something be restricted entry and (3) that if one was big and strong enough to climb over the fence, then one was big and strong enough to deal with **what** was on the other side. Rules were only for those who can't think for themselves in Ross' book, including traffic lights!

Passionately interested in the calibre of the person, what they did and how they thought and acted, Ross was insatiably curious. His brain was breath-taking with a very extremely broad areas of knowledge. Ross did the Saturday Herald Quiz with his family every week. He had backstories to the questions for his family. The reason he knew the answers ranged from back to his days of being on his AFS adventure, to working on banana boats in the Pacific, to his natural instinct to talk to anyone he encountered by chance – for example Glenda Jackson, or Frederick Hundertwasser; or to his incredible network of friends, political connections

and business colleagues, or his world travels, or to his prodigious newspaper trawling, keeping up with what was happening around the globe.

Ross was a lifelong learner and made every attempt to speak the local language, whichever country he travelled to. When he reconnected with a Belgian friend from his AFS teenage days about 10 years ago, he took up learning French again. His reasoning that although her English was good it wasn't fair that she should always have to speak in his language, and he never in hers.

Ross was a guide and mentor; a financial underwriter, helped businesses get under way; supporter of many, discussing their business plans. If you weren't yet out of the education system, Ross would be deeply interested in what you were studying and your future plans, challenging your subject choices, but always fully supporting anyone's plans to travel, to explore, to experience life beyond the limits it may have had until this point.

Ross was privileged to create both length and depth in his life. The all-round sportsman, natural leader, loving brother, caring son, bon vivant, drain-layer, AI technician, caterer, IBM protégé, flower grower, incorrigible flirt, software company developer, space-invader, dreadful driver, insatiable knowledge seeker, do-it-yourself guy, wet right-winger – or maybe dry socialist(?), proud and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, the quick and humorous wit, time and motion man, traveller and explorer, Ode-ist supremo, lover, independent thinker, caring neighbour, farm adviser, behind-the-scenes political manipulator, dancer, generous host, implacable patient, organiser, numbers man, mentor, coach.

David Benjamin (G 1958-62) was born in



Auckland and attended King's Prep School before boarding at WCS. On leaving school he worked for

Wright Stephensons and Ra Ora Stud where his future in the thoroughbred industry was determined.

A stint at Sidehill Farm, Newmarket, UK followed, before Benji made one of the best decisions of his life taking a job at Claiborne Farm in Kentucky. It was there that he met Masey who happened to be working in bloodstock insurance. They married and, full of dreams and inspiration for a future, returned to New Zealand.

Benji was outstanding at designing farms, and reshaped the landscape at Blandford Lodge, Fieldhouse Stud, and his own Fayette Park. The trees on those properties will be just one of his legacies.

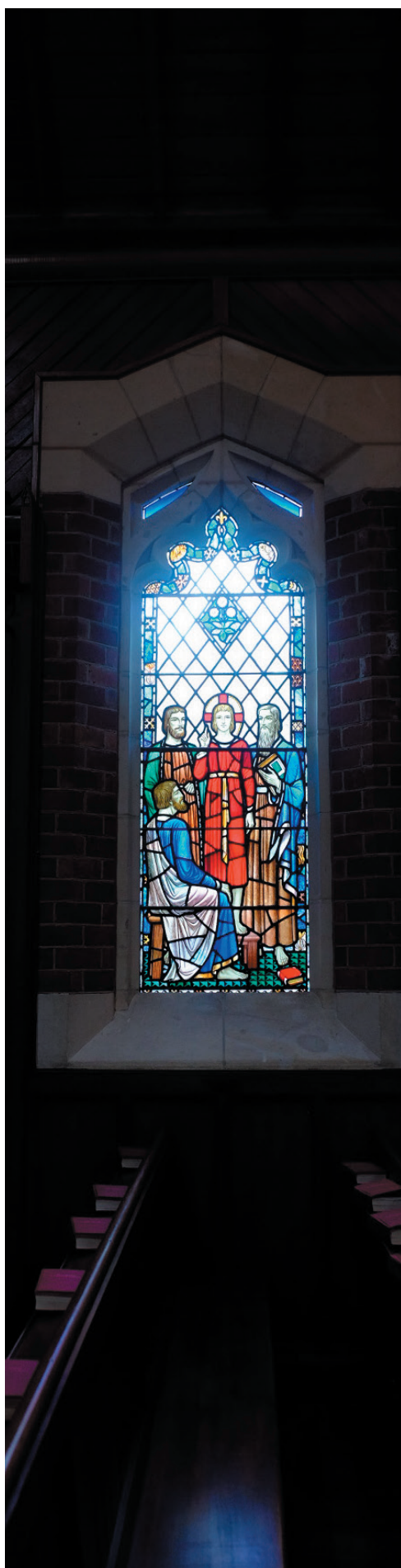
When it came to marketing he was innovative, often thinking outside the square and was definitely a leader when it came to promoting stallions and yearlings. He could be flamboyant in his fashion, and the pink and green Fayette Park marquee was a sight to behold at the Karaka sales.

He was an exceptional host both at the sales, on the farm or at his beloved Hahei beach house, a trait which could be attributed to his wicked sense of humour and his love to have a chat.

Benji was associated with some good stallions - Grosvenor, Prized, Stark South, Postponed, and Don Eduardo to name a few; and Fayette Park held the title of Breeder of the Year in 2003.

The thoroughbred world has lost one of its champions and the NZTBA a Life Member and one of its greatest supporters.





# Obituary List

OBG#	Surname	First Names	House	Years WCS	Died
4832	Garland	Constantine (Costa)	Hy	1948-1952	13 August 2017
4922	Deroles	John Michael Perry	Hy	1949-1952	3 June 2019
12590	Masterson	Baxter Thomas	S	2009-2013	22 August 2020
5666	Matthews	William Axon (Bill)	G	1957-1959	17 October 2022
5077	Abel	Barrie David McHardy	S	1951-1954	2023
6291	Giblin	Roger Philip	S	1964-1967	2 July 2023
4411	King	Denis Miles	Hy	1943-1947	4 July 2023
4494	Hegarty	John Henry Holden	H	1944-1947	9 August 2023
4908	Birch	Gerald Timothy Caccia (Tim)	G	1949-1953	29 August 2023
4916	Cave	Adrian Michael	S	1949-1951	14 September 2023
5031	Jordan	Morton Wylie Byrd	G	1950-1954	22 September 2023
5777	Brook	Byron Foster	S	1959	28 September 2023
4801	Wilson	John Arthur Bracken	M	1947-1950	6 October 2023
4506	Macdiarmid	James Duncan Campbell	Hy	1944-1948	9 October 2023
7982	Arnold	Leslie John	M	1978-1980	23 October 2023
5842	Shand	Duncan Roland	S	1959-1961	17 September 2023
5313	Medlicott	David Samuel	G	1953-1956	21 November 2023
6227	Moore	Brian Christopher	M	1963-1967	27 November 2023
4395	Fortescue	Sydney Gordon (Sandy)	S	1943-1945	28 November 2023
4443	Stovell	John Vincent	G	1943-1944	24 December 2023
4925	Ellingham	William Richard (Dick)	H	1949-1952	26 December 2023
4946	Lilburn	Donald Acton (Don)	G	1949-1951	31 December 2023
4845	Izard	Richard William Vincent	Hy	1948-1950	2 January 2024
4731	Cooper	Rev Charles Harold Pascal	G	1947-1950	3 January 2024
5700	Benjamin	David George Murray		1958-1962	19 January 2024
4384	Brandon	John Guy	S	1943-1945	25 January 2024
5302	Kirk	Ian George	M	1953-1957	31 January 2024
5010	Cooper	Joseph Alan (Alan)	G	1950-1953	5 February 2024
4678	Marchant	Charles John Clemow (John)	S	1946-1950	12 February 2024
4519	Nevill	Christopher John	Hy	1944-1947	20 February 2024
6002	Marsden	John Paerata	Hy	1961-1964	28 February 2024
6080	Flashoff	David Spencer (Grumpy)	Gn/M	1962-1964	8 March 2024
8462	Treadwell	John Grant (Grant)	P	1981-1985	13 March 2024
4399	Hanna	Malcolm Russell	G	1943-1947	18 March 2024
4851	Laws	Warwick John	M	1948-1950	21 March 2024
4992	Cameron	Peter McWilliam	Hy/M	1949-1952	9 April 2024
4981	Train	Brian Alexander	H	1949-1952	12 April 2024
Staff	Girdwood	Kerry		1981-1991	22 February 2024





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Whanganui Collegiate School has an outstanding history of providing its students with an education that equips them to thrive, along with our values-based approach and unique live-in environment which provide an unshakeable foundation for their future.

At the heart of our School is our rich history. We are committed to not only safeguarding our special character, but also to ensure that our campus provides the best possible environment. As the current stewards we have a responsibility to not only celebrate and honour our past, but to serve those who in future will live, learn and dream here.

Fifty, seventy, one hundred years from now - our vision for the School is that it remains the great school it is today, yet even better, with a thriving student body grounded in our rich history with the resources they need to excel in every way, enjoying a comfortable, safe space and a strong, connected community.

Should you or a loved one have been impacted by our School, we're inviting you to join with us to help bring our vision to life by leaving a gift in your will. Did you know that you can make a provision of 1% in your will for Whanganui Collegiate School while looking after your family and those you love with the other 99%?

By leaving a gift in your will to Whanganui Collegiate School you can create a legacy that will have a lasting impact.



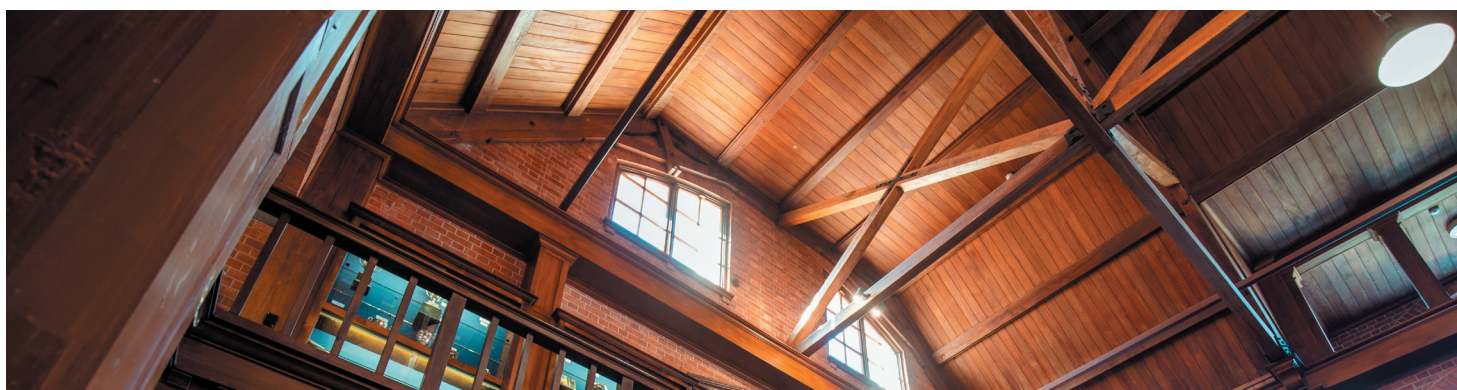
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Your gift can be stated in your Will or codicil.

- The following wording is suggested for leaving a gift:  
*I give to the WCS Foundation (% of estate, the residue of my estate, or sum of money, or description of property or assets) for general purposes, for which the receipt of an authorised officer of the Foundation shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my trustees.*
- You should consult your legal advisor when making a Will or adding a codicil to your existing Will to ensure it represents your wishes.
- If your assets are held in a Family Trust, you may give your Trustees a simple Memorandum of Wishes stating that on your death, you wish the Trustees to make a gift to the WCS Foundation. Your Memorandum can describe the gift in a similar way to that set out above for a Will.

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# Events Calendar

## TERM 2

Wed 1 May	Rugby 1st XV v NPBHS - home
Sat 4-Sun 5 May	Football 50th Celebration
Wed 8 May	Inter-School Fixtures v Scots College - away
Sat 11 May	Rugby CNI v St John's Hamilton - away
Wed 15 May	Inter-School Fixtures v NPGHS – away
Sat 18 May	Rugby CNI v St Peter's Cambridge – home
Tue 21 May	Cross Country Whanganui SS Championships
Wed 22 May	Rugby Fixtures v Hato Pāora - away
Sat 27 May	Rugby CNI v St John's Hastings - away
Sat 25 May	WCS Tour Day
Sat 25-26 May	WCS Sleepover Weekend
Fri 31 May	WCS Inter-House Cross Country
Mon 3 Jun	King's Birthday
Wed 5 Jun	Inter-School Fixtures v FDMC - home
Mon 10 Jun	Inter-School Fixtures v Iona College - away
Tue 11 Jun	Inter-School Fixtures v Woodford House – away
Tue 11 Jun	Inter-School Fixtures v Lindisfarne - away
Wed 12-15 Jun	National Field Days – Mystery Creek
Sat 15 Jun	Rugby CNI v Wesley College - away
Wed 19 Jun	Inter-School Fixtures v St Matthew's - home
	Inter-School Fixtures v Rathkeale - home
Tue 25-27 Jun	98th Quadrangular Rugby Tournament - Nelson
Tue 27 Jun	WCS v Christ's College
Thu 29 Jun	WCS v Nelson College or Wellington College
Sat 15-16 Jun	NZSS Cross Country Championships - Christchurch
Fri 21-23 Jun	Collegiate Weekend - House Music
Fri 28 Jun	Matariki Public Holiday

## TERM 3

Thu 25-28 Jul	Swimming NZSS Championships – Auckland
Sat 27 Jul	Rugby CNI v St Paul's - home
Sat 27-28 Jul	Boys Hockey 1st XI CNI Tournament @ WCS
Sat 3 Aug	Rugby CNI v Feilding HS - home
Sat 10 Aug	Rugby CNI Semi-Finals
Sat 17 Aug	Rugby CNI Finals - Taupo
Wed 21 Aug	Inter-School Fixtures v Whanganui High School - TBC
Fri 23-25 Aug	Collegiate Weekend - Cultural
Sat 24 Aug	WCS Tour Day
Mon 2-7 Sept	Tournament Week
Mon 9 Sept	Round the Lake Relay
Wed 25 Sept	Grandparents Day

## TERM 4

Sat 26 Oct	Senior Prize Giving
Wed 4 Dec	Junior Prize Giving
Tue 24 Dec	WCSOBGA Carol Service – WCS Chapel
<b>2025</b>	Big School Society
<b>2026</b>	100th Rugby Quadrangular Tournament - WCS
<b>2029</b>	175th Jubilee

## Collegiate Connect Events

Wed 12 Jun	Hunternville
Wed 31 July	Wellington
Thu 1 Aug	Gisborne
Wed 7 Aug	Dunedin
Thu 8 Aug	Christchurch







WCS ANZAC Service 2024 - held in the Chapel

