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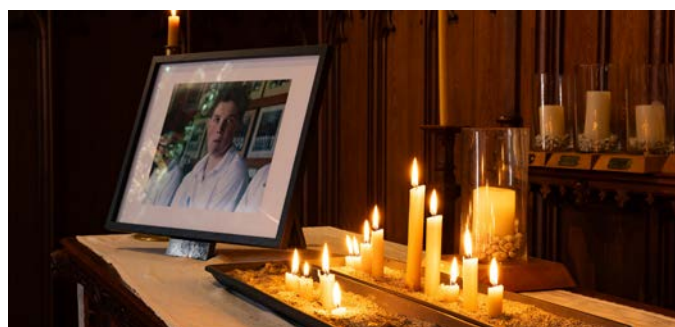


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COVER STORY

MICKY PEACOCK (HY 2020-24)

One of the things we keep coming back to is Micky's cheeky smile and wonderful sense of humour. The Year 13s fondly recall some of their high jinks in the dormitories and Micky was always in the thick of the action, including attempting to make hammocks in the rafters and other such mischief. A passionate fan of the NRL, Micky and others would be based in the Day Room throughout the season as they willed the Warriors to victory; he had the chance to meet his heroes in recent months. He was always great value around the House and formed warm and lasting friendships with everyone.

Micky was a very proud member of Harvey who represented the House with his trademark grit and determination. He particularly shone in the pool in House Swimming and was outstanding in javelin and discus at House Athletics. If he was unable to compete, he was always found on the sidelines and was one of our most vocal supporters when Harvey took the House Rugby title for the first time in 18 years. He got the chance to play alongside his brother, Jimmy, in last year's final and they formed two-thirds of a hard-hitting back row. Micky was also happy to step up whenever needed and was a member of our Part Song group in Year 9 who won the House Spirit Cup for their performance of 'Jailhouse Rock'.

Beyond the House, Micky was a superb sportsman who represented the School in Rugby, Hockey and Cricket. The feature image is a classic shot of Micky from the Winter terms as he was often running from one sport to the next. His biggest contribution was to the School's Cricket programme. He was part of the 1st XI from Year 11 and scored his maiden century against Scots College with an unbeaten 121. He was appointed Captain in 2023 and won praise for his calm and thoughtful leadership, both on and off the field.

Micky was a much loved member of our House and we are so proud of the character and positivity he demonstrated over the last eleven months - it was a real example to us all. We will miss his energy and liveliness up and down the corridors of Harvey; he will forever be in our hearts and minds.

Tribute written by Harvey Housemaster - Mr Henry Jones

SCHOOL NEWS

From the Headmaster



As we have just concluded our Prize Giving for 2024, I am reminded of the purpose that drives Whanganui Collegiate School - developing young people of

knowledge and character who will contribute positively to the world. Having stood the test of time for 170 years our School has never been about simply filling minds with information, it has always been about preparing minds and hearts for lives of significance.

This year we have celebrated remarkable achievements, faced challenges and made important decisions for the future of our students and our School community. I am continually inspired by our students - their dedication, resilience and commitment to excellence.

Servant leadership should be modelled from the top and I acknowledge that of Deputy Headmaster, Mr Grant Muirhead. On behalf of the Whanganui Collegiate School community I extend my deepest gratitude for Grant's unwavering dedication and exceptional leadership as Deputy Headmaster over the past seven years. We are immensely grateful for all he has done and for his lasting impact on this community and I look forward to him continuing next year in a new role within Transition and Careers. We welcome Mrs Tash Bullock into the role of Deputy Headmaster from 2025. I know that she will continue to uphold the high standards of leadership, compassion and integrity that our School is known for.

This year Cambridge IGCSE at Whanganui Collegiate School has held particular significance. Cambridge reflects not only the academic rigour and global standards of our students but also their resilience and adaptability in a rapidly changing world. Cambridge is a cornerstone of our academic framework, fostering critical thinking, in-depth knowledge, and a global perspective - all qualities that are essential for developing outstanding global citizens. Our Year 11 students have faced the challenges of preparing under the pressures of an evolving educational landscape, approaching the exams with determination and integrity. Their success is a testament to the strong academic foundation provided at WCS and their achievement in these examinations will set the stage for future endeavours, both academically and in the wider world.

Round Square continues to thrive, with our exchanges with Kinross Wolaroi School in NSW and junior students attending a conference in Canada. Three senior students are part of an international Round Square team of 60 students on two priority construction projects that will have long-lasting, positive impact on the environment and the local community in Hoa Binh Province in Vietnam.

We had our first Cricket exchange with Scarborough College UK, with Hamish Cranstone and Charlie Mabin attending the school in Yorkshire for a term. Next year we have other exchanges in the pipeline with Round Square schools including Gordonstoun School in Scotland. In December 2025 we will host our second international conference 'Journeys without limits: Uniting the world through adventure'. Exceptional opportunities for our students.

With our commitment to boarding excellence, in May this year Whanganui Collegiate School became the first school in New Zealand to be accredited under the Boarding Schools' Association (UK) International Boarding Accreditation Scheme.

Drawing upon the highly respected and well-established benchmarks of standards for boarding schools in the United Kingdom the BSA also reflects the huge diversity of schools globally.

Whanganui Collegiate School is now internationally accredited in three key areas: Character Education, Academics, and Boarding. We are the **only** school in New Zealand featuring all three, making Whanganui Collegiate School a leader in the New Zealand and global educational landscape.

Our School continues to thrive – the foundations are set and there is a robust plan for continuous improvement and sustained success. We are developing children of promise to young adults of character.

Mr Wayne Brown

HEADMASTER



Chapel

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As the School year moves onwards and end of year festivities commence, it is good to reflect on the year that has been and the Christmas and family season we are entering.

I have learned much from the WCS community this year through our five pillars. We have seen sports teams and individuals reach new heights, and students perform with excellence in academic and cultural contexts. We have also tested the strength of lifelong friendships as students, families, and generations came together to celebrate the life of Micky Peacock, and in doing so found the Chapel and our Christian fellowship a supportive hub for grief and memory. Whanganui Collegiate School stands strong because of its five pillars which anchor staff and students in rich tradition. The year has brought many challenges, but the School has risen to meet each one.



As the academic year gives way to the Christmas holiday it is good to remember that the Christian story is foundational to our faith. God came to live amongst his own people: fully human, experiencing all the bumps and bruises of life, the excitement of family gatherings, the work of an agrarian life, the joys of playing with friends and siblings, and the fullness of a faith-filled life. The Gospel of John says, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling amongst us...he is the true light that gives light to everyone coming into the world...the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overtake it."

As you look towards your summer plans, God is present in the midst of life to bring light to any corner of your world where there is darkness, for light always dispels the dark. A candle in a darkened room shines to give direction, comfort, and warmth. At Christmas time we read the prophet Isaiah who says *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned"* (Isaiah 9:2).

The four Christian themes we take into this season are peace, hope, joy, and love. These are the essence of the light of Christ, which I pray fills your Christmas season. They are the pillars of the Jesus story.

*"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"* (Isaiah 9:6).

May the God of light and life bring each family joy, peace, hope, and love this Christmas.



Rev Dr Sarah Harris

CHAPLAIN

School Honours Tie Awards



Frances Gibbons
(Staff 1989-2009)

Having retired in 2009 after 20 years' service as Librarian at WCS and also maintaining the School's website 2003-09, Frances was approached by the Chairman of the WCS Museum & Archives Trust to undertake the considerable task of cataloguing and digitising their holdings, in particular photographs, books, trophies and other items – starting in 2010, the task continues to this day. Links are then created to individual Old Boy & Girl names in the Register database, providing an invaluable visual record of their time at WCS.

Frances also handles research enquiries and assists in hosting families, visitors and tour groups. She also leads students' orientation to the School's history and heritage and provides access to resources for their assignments. That the Museum is recognised as a leader in its field is due in no small part to her expertise and enthusiasm when imparting to visitors a tangible experience of 170 years of WCS history.

The award of the Honours Tie and Brooch acknowledges exceptional service to the WCS Museum & Archives and to the wider School community.

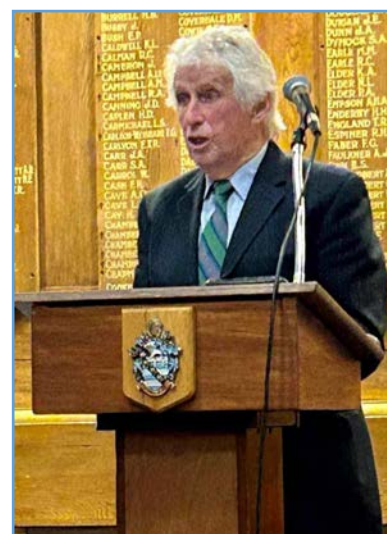


Brad Scott
(#9537 M 1990-93)

Brad Scott was in the All Whites v Oman and Malaysia in 2000, scoring a goal on debut. He was in the New Zealand Under 23 team 1998-2000 playing seventeen matches.

Brad was in the WCS Football 1st XI for three years before embarking on a professional football career. Over 11 years in New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong and Indonesia he was a professional player.

He played in the National Soccer League in Australia for the Canberra Cosmos and the Football Kingz. He was a skilful striker, winning numerous Golden Boot awards at several clubs.

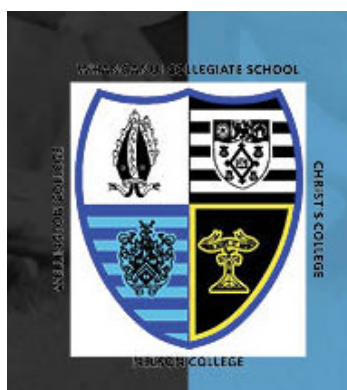


Michael Street
(Staff 1975-2002)

Mr Michael (Mike) Street was awarded his WCS Honours Tie at the Football 50th Celebration held in May, for his contribution to the School and in particular Football.

Mike came from Sunderland, UK in 1975 started at WCS as Head of Department Classics. In 1976 he started coaching the Soccer 1st XI (1976-1989) and was Master in Charge of Soccer (1976-2002). He was a tutor in Grey and Empson and Housemaster of Marris. He taught Latin, Classical Studies and Greek. He is a Common Room Life Member.

His contribution to theatre and drama productions was also exceptional.



**99th Quadrangular
Rugby Tournament
24-26 June 2025**

hosted by Christ's College



Senior Prize Giving PREMIER AWARDS

SPORT AND CULTURAL

BRYAN SILK MEMORIAL SALVER

F L MORRAH

For showing true spirit of fair play and helpfulness to others in any sporting activity.

ROSS DAWES MEMORIAL CUP

B T FRASER

For high appreciation and enjoyment of New Zealand's natural environment.

I S DODGSHUN MEMORIAL CUP

S J CRANSTONE

For outstanding for outstanding courage and determination in efforts to improve in any sport.

AUCKLAND OBG PRIZE

H LAI

For conspicuous achievement in a broad range of cultural and recreational activities.

MARK WILLIAMS PRIZE

O R STRAHAN

For outstanding achievement and promise in women's sport.

HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORTS AWARD

M W GROVES, J K MCKINLAY, T C SHEPHERD

For International Representatives

MORISON CUP

C G REES, F L MORRAH

Best All-round Sportspersons

ACADEMIC

THE GILLIGAN HOUSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

H A HEWINS

Shown talent and having been generous in general contribution to School life; to assist in developing a specific talent/interest.

J H BRADLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Q L (SOPHIE) QIU

For high academic ability

WCS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PRIZE

F A O MARKS

For outstanding academic progress and promise of further scholastic achievement.

THE GUNASEKARA TROPHY

S J CRANSTONE

All-round scholarship at Year 13 level

PROXIME ACCESSIT

H LAI

Runner up to the Dux

THE LORD COOKE OF THORNDON AWARD FOR DUX OF THE SCHOOL

O H JONES



CONTRIBUTION TO WCS

THE BISHOP'S MEDAL

S A LIVINGSTON

For service to the maintaining of the Anglican ethos of the Special Character of the School.

ALAN SKILTON MEMORIAL AWARD

B O EVANS

Awarded to a student who has shown a solid academic background, leadership qualities and active involvement in the broader aspects of the School and/or community.

HEADMASTER'S PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE - THE HEAD PREFECTS

S J CRANSTONE, H S DOUGLAS

SCHOOL SERVICE AWARD

A M G HAMILTON, C S IBIETA-DAVIDSON, G B SPARKS

For qualities of administration/service shown by a non-Blueshirt.

KING CONSTANTINE MEDAL

S A LIVINGSTON

The medal recognises someone who has been outstanding in the spirit of the Round Square IDEALS (internationalism, democracy, environmentalism, adventure, leadership service) within our school or local community.

CHARACTER AWARDS

MARSHALL MEMORIAL EXHIBITION

L M BROWN

Best maintained commanding powers of leadership, especially through the example of character and consideration of other people.

MALCOLM BEATTIE MEMORIAL MEDAL

S J CRANSTONE

Most worthily upheld the traditions of the School in respect of honour, loyalty and duty, with personal efficiency

WILLIAM WILLIAMS MEMORIAL TROPHY

H S DOUGLAS

Consistently displayed a vitality in approach to life, a warm concern for others, a pleasant manner coupled with good humour and a willingness to serve.

THE NIGEL BUNNY MEMORIAL PRIZE

H J MACBETH

Given outstanding service to the community, especially in their faculty for thoughtful leadership, willingness to work with other people and the integrity of School life.

THE WALTER EMPSON MEMORIAL

M P PEACOCK

During their time at the School, has best embodied the spirit and values of Walter Empson's mottoes.

New Premier Award

Walter Empson Memorial

At our Senior Prize Giving held on Saturday 26 October a new Premier Character Award was presented. Awarded to a student in their final year who, in their time at the School, has best embodied the spirit and values of Walter Empson's mottoes.



Family of Micky Peacock receiving the Walter Empson Memorial award at Senior Prize Giving.

Walter Empson's Mottoes (Headmaster 1888-1909)

Don't squeal – don't complain or whine.
Sweat and be saved – exercise daily.
Strength of character is all important – honesty.
Do the thing that you ought to do at the time when it ought to be done whether you like it or not.
Selfishness is the root of all evil.
Do the hardest thing first.
Duty is the one thing worth living for.

The Walter Empson Memorial Award

Established in 2024 by the School in memory of the first recipient Micky Patrick Peacock, a student at Whanganui Collegiate School from 2020–2024, House Prefect in Harvey House and Captain of Cricket.

Student High Achievement

YEAR 11 STUDENT NATHAN YUE - BRAIN AND NEUROLOGICAL SCIENCE

The New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge is a competition for Year 11 students funded by the Australasian Neuroscience Society, the aim of which is for students to learn about the brain and its functions, learn about neuroscience research, find out about careers in neuroscience and to dispel misconceptions about neurological and mental illnesses.

In Term 1 Nathan undertook extra study in the area of the Brain and Neurological Science. He was assessed on this material in Round 1 of the Brain Bee and made it through to Round 2, which required further study and another assessment.

Along with 175 students Nathan attended the Brain Bee Day in Auckland in the last week of Term 3 and took part in the team quiz.

His success in Round 2 resulted in him receiving an Internship for a day at the Centre for Brain Research at the University of Auckland Medical School.

Congratulations Nathan.



Sports Inter-School Results

PALMERSTON NORTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

RUGBY 1ST XV LOST 5-32

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

FOOTBALL 1ST XI LOST 0-7
HOCKEY 1ST XI LOST 1-10
RUGBY 1ST XV LOST 21-24

HATO PĀORA

RUGBY 2ND XV LOST 19-38
RUGBY COLTS BLACK WON 19-0

NEW PLYMOUTH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

FOOTBALL 1ST XI WON 2-1
HOCKEY 1ST XI DNP
NETBALL JUNIOR A DNP
NETBALL SENIOR A LOST 18-44

IONA COLLEGE

FOOTBALL 1ST XI WON 4-1
HOCKEY 1ST XI LOST 0-4
NETBALL JUNIOR A WON 25-21
NETBALL SENIOR A WON 32-21

WOODFORD HOUSE

FOOTBALL 1ST XI LOST 1-4
HOCKEY 1ST XI DREW 1-1
NETBALL JUNIOR A WON 28-19
NETBALL SENIOR A WON 40-25

RUGBY 1st XV CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND

ST JOHN'S HAMILTON

RUGBY 1ST XV LOST 28-29

ST PETER'S CAMBRIDGE

RUGBY 1ST XV LOST 24-41

WESLEY COLLEGE

RUGBY 1ST XV LOST 14-24

ST PAUL'S COLLEGIATE

RUGBY 1ST XV LOST 17-24

FEILDING HS

RUGBY 1ST XV LOST 15-34

ST JOHN'S HASTINGS

RUGBY 1ST XV WON 43-17

ST JOHN'S HASTINGS

(CNI - 9TH/10TH PLAY-OFF)

RUGBY 1ST XV WON 62-35

FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE

FOOTBALL 1ST XI LOST 1-6
FOOTBALL COLTS LOST 0-15
HOCKEY 1ST XI LOST 0-4
HOCKEY COLTS LOST 2-3
RUGBY 1ST XV (CNI) LOST 14-20
RUGBY 2ND XV LOST 5-27
RUGBY COLTS BLACK LOST 24-36

ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGIATE

HOCKEY 1ST XI LOST 2-3
FOOTBALL 1ST XI LOST 0-3
NETBALL SENIOR A WON 40-30
NETBALL JUNIOR A WON 52-43

RATHKEALE COLLEGE

BADMINTON LOST 3-7
FOOTBALL 1ST XI LOST 2-3
FOOTBALL COLTS LOST 2-4
HOCKEY 1ST XI LOST 1-2
HOCKEY COLTS WON 5-0
RUGBY 1ST XV (CNI) LOST 31-38
RUGBY 2ND XV WON 17-5
RUGBY COLTS BLACK LOST 19-49

LINDISFARNE COLLEGE

FOOTBALL 1ST XI LOST 1-4
FOOTBALL COLTS LOST 1-18
HOCKEY 1ST XI LOST 0-7
HOCKEY COLTS LOST 0-11
RUGBY 1ST XV (CNI) LOST 29-38
RUGBY 2ND XV LOST 14-26
RUGBY COLTS BLACK LOST 0-85

SCOTS COLLEGE

BADMINTON TOP GIRLS WON 3-0
BADMINTON TOP BOYS LOST 0-3
HOCKEY BOYS 1ST XI LOST 0-4
HOCKEY GIRLS 1ST XI WON 11-0
HOCKEY BOYS COLTS XI WON 6-4
FOOTBALL GIRLS 1ST XI LOST 1-4
FOOTBALL BOYS 1ST XI LOST 0-9
FOOTBALL BOYS COLTS XI LOST 0-24
NETBALL SENIOR A WON 61-52
NETBALL JUNIOR A LOST 23-34
RUGBY COLTS BLACK LOST 20-41

98th QUADRANGULAR RUGBY

CHRIST'S COLLEGE	LOST	10-31
WELLINGTON COLLEGE	LOST	21-28

CNI HOCKEY TOURNAMENT – BOYS 1st XI

FEILDING HS	DREW	2-2 (1-3 SO)
FRANCIS DOUGLAS MC	DREW	1-1
RONGOTAI COLLEGE	WON	4-0
LINDISFARNE COLLEGE	LOST	1-4

CNI HOCKEY TOURNAMENT – GIRLS 1st XI

WAIKATO DIOCESAN SCHOOL	WON	4-0
NEW PLYMOUTH GIRLS' HS	LOST	1-5

TOURNAMENT WEEK

FOOTBALL BOYS 1ST XI – 2ND XI TOURNAMENT – 4TH

KARAMU HIGH SCHOOL	WON	5-1
TE PUKE HIGH SCHOOL	WON	5-2
NAPIER BOYS' HS 2ND XI	WON	2-1
WELLINGTON COLLEGE 2ND XI	WON	1-0
NORTHCOTE COLLEGE	WON	3-2
NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HS 2ND XI	LOST	1-2
WESTLAKE BOYS' HS 2ND XI	LOST	2-8

FOOTBALL GIRLS 1ST XI – GRANT JARVIS TOURNAMENT – 12TH

THAMES HIGH SCHOOL	WON	1-0
CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL	LOST	1-3
ST ORAN'S COLLEGE	WON	4-2
TAWA COLLEGE	LOST	1-3
SACRED HEART COLLEGE	LOST	3-5
FEILDING HIGH SCHOOL	WON	3-1
ST PETER'S COLLEGE	LOST	1-5
INGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL	LOST	3-4

HOCKEY BOYS 1ST XI – FOUNDERS CUP – 14TH

PAPAMOA COLLEGE	WON	2-0
RATHKEALE COLLEGE	LOST	1-6
SOUTHLAND BOYS' HS	LOST	1-3
TAUPO-NUI-A-TIA COLLEGE	WON	2-1
KAPITI COLLEGE	DREW	2-2 (LOST 1-2 SO)
AOTEA COLLEGE	WON	4-2

HOCKEY GIRLS 1ST XI – FEDERATION CUP (NZ TOP 16) – 13TH

RANGI RURU GIRLS' SCHOOL	LOST	2-5
NEW PLYMOUTH GIRLS' HS	WON	3-0
FEILDING HIGH SCHOOL	LOST	1-2
WESTLAKE GIRLS' HS	LOST	0-2
WELLINGTON GIRLS' COLLEGE	DREW	1-1 (L 2-4 SO)
ST KENTIGERN	WON	2-1
WHANGAREI GIRLS' HS	WON	1-0

NETBALL SENIOR A – LNISS – 21ST

WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL	LOST	34-39
ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGIATE	DREW	30-30
NEW PLYMOUTH GIRLS' HS	LOST	29-53
NEWLANDS COLLEGE	WON	34-28
AOTEA COLLEGE	LOST	29-35
HERETAUNGA COLLEGE	WON	36-26
SAMUEL MARSDEN	WON	38-37
SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE	LOST	31-43
DANNEVIRKE HIGH SCHOOL	WON	45-37
AOTEA COLLEGE	WON	39-33

RUGBY UNDER 15 - LINDISFARNE TOURNAMENT

ST PETER'S, CAMBRIDGE	LOST	19-31
LINDISFARNE COLLEGE	LOST	12-60
RATHKEALE COLLEGE	LOST	10-40
ST JOHN'S, HASTINGS	WON	42-25

RUGBY UNDER 14 - HURRICANES TOURNAMENT

ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE	LOST	7-17
PAPAMOA COLLEGE	LOST	10-24
WELLINGTON COLLEGE	LOST	7-17
ST PATRICK'S TOWN	LOST	0-45
HUTT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL	WON	42-26



Music Highlights



HOUSE MUSIC RESULTS

The Betty Maclean Memorial Trophy
Winning House - **Godwin**

House Song - **Hadfield**

Representative Part Songs - **Godwin**

Best House Technical Director:

Kye Mason (Grey)

Best Instrumentalist:

Haicheng Lai (Selwyn)

Best Band: **Hadfield**

*(Sam Cranstone, John Maguire,
Ben Brunton, Beau Booth,
Harrison Richmond, Keanu Marshall,
Kaya Marshall, Lucas Penaflo)*

Best Choreography: **Bishops**

(Georgie Ross, Olivia Gibbons, Abby Shaw)

Best House Spirit: **Selwyn**

The Maclean Memorial Slaver

Best House Music Captain

Bambam Boolong (Godwin)

Lighting Upgrade in the Prince Edward Auditorium

The Prince Edward Auditorium was opened in 1984 and was designed by Sir Miles Warren. The original Par Can lighting has been replaced with the assistance of a grant from the Four Regions Trust.

The new LX lights were installed in time for House Music in June. The new lights' head fixtures can be controlled and operated from the operations booth. The LED lights consume much less power, leading to lower operational costs and are full colour. When programmed into a show, the fixtures can be pointed in different places depending on the requirements of the scene.

The new DMX controller is significantly easier for students and staff to learn and operate, therefore allowing the production team to spend more time creating the scenes.



School Production -

NOUGHTS AND CROSSES

This stage adaptation of Malorie Blackman's bestselling novel brought to life a world akin to Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Set in a contemporary backdrop, it explored themes of star-crossed love, racial tension and violence. *Noughts & Crosses* had a provocative narrative that invited the audience to reconsider their views on race, power, and truth.

Students from Years 9-12 worked with the Year 13 Drama students to develop this year's production, culminating in two performances as part of the Term 3 Cultural Collegiate Weekend.

Congratulations to the cast and crew on this very successful show which received a lot of positive feedback.

Comments from audience members included:

- *All elements, from the lighting and sound to the set and costume design, were well thought out and meticulously executed*
- *I thoroughly enjoyed the dramatic intensity, excellent acting and fast pace of the show*
- *[Noughts and Crosses] was energetic, fast-moving, poignant, dramatic and exciting throughout.*



Appassionata REUNION CONCERT

On Saturday 31 August, 18 past and present members of the 'Appassionata' singing group performed a reunion concert.

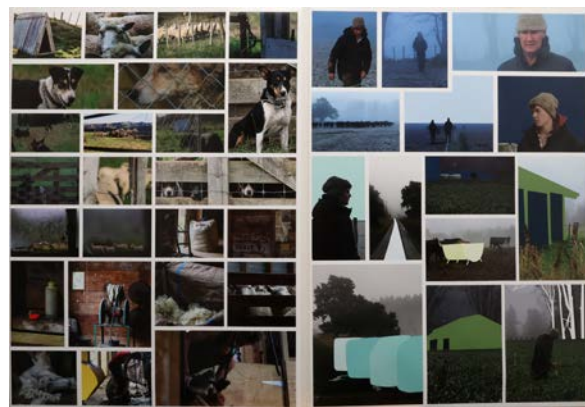
'Appassionata' was founded by singing coach Sharon Warburton in 2006 and has had 45 members come and go. 'Appassionata' is a regular feature at School concerts, Big School, Collegiate Weekend Chapel Services, along with their annual appearance singing in the Durie Hill Tunnel and at Amdram Theatre.



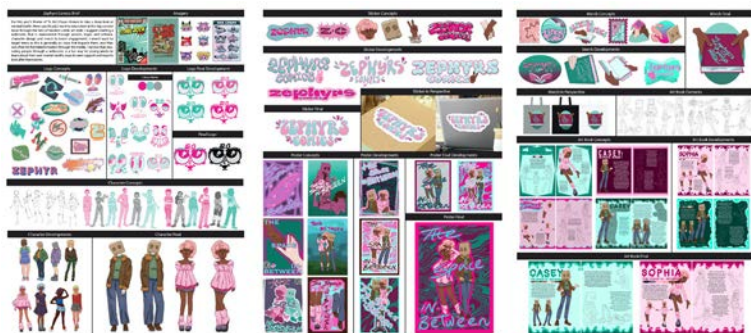
Art Portfolios



Tabatha Smith - Year 13



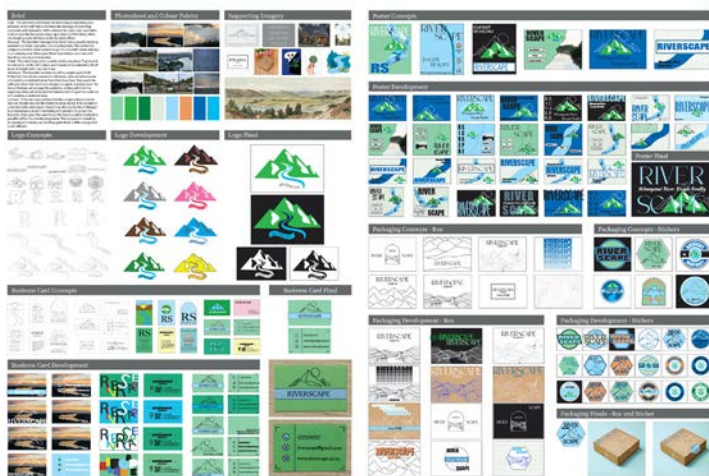
Ruby Thomson - Year 12



Zaria Athena - Year 13



Niamh Rabbitte - Year 12



Lucy Taylor - Year 12



Olive Strahan - Year 12



Show casing our Art student portfolios with a display in Big School, prior to them being sent for exam assessment

Illuminate the Drive

During the Cultural Collegiate Weekend the School grounds were transformed into a vibrant canvas of art, light and music celebrating the School's 170th anniversary.

As night fell the School grounds came alive with large-scale projections and mesmerising light shows. The highlight of the event was an immersive journey down the Drive, where student artwork was animated and projected onto the surroundings, creating a breathtaking fusion of colour, light and movement.

The Year 12 and 13 Printmaking exhibition provided an interactive experience. Animated displays peeled back the layers of each print, offering a rare glimpse into the combination of creativity and technical skill that goes into printmaking.

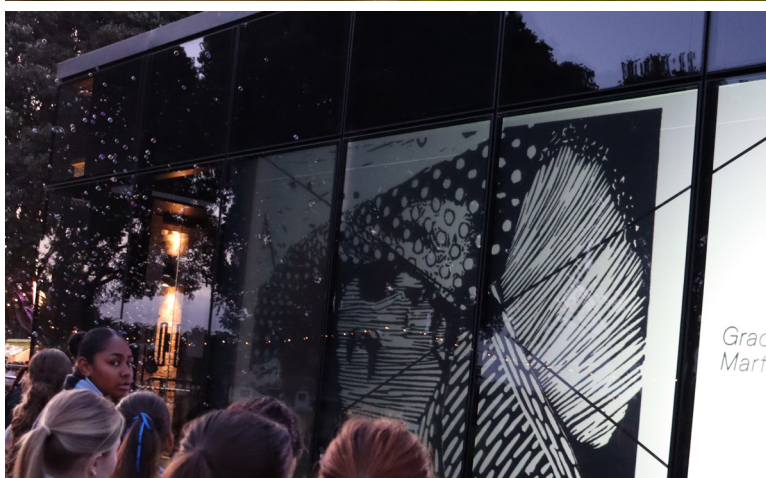
Adding to the ambiance were 170 lanterns handcrafted by Year 9 students and staff under the guidance of the Sarjeant Gallery, each of which symbolised a student's connection to the School.

A special moment was dedicated to recognising the achievements of Year 13 students. Over 45 students contributed to animations designed to fit seamlessly within the School's window frames.

A notable projection focused on the School's sporting history, exploring the dynamic balance between tradition and change.

The grand finale brought together junior and senior student artwork in an revolving gallery that emphasised the importance of art in education and the diverse perspectives each student brings.

The evening's atmosphere was further enhanced by live musical performances from students and bands, offering a showcase of our talented students.



Collegiate Connect Events



Christchurch



Dunedin



Wellington



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Foundation Report

The WCS Foundation has just held our AGM in Hawke's Bay, followed by the Collegiate Connect function held in the Hereworth School Board Room. We take our AGM out to the regions every second year, holding it in Whanganui in the alternate years to coincide with the Big School Society Weekend. We also held a Collegiate Connect function in Taupo the previous evening, kindly hosted by Clayton and Sue Stent. On behalf of the Old Boys and Girls Association and the Foundation, at both functions the Headmaster updated guests on what is happening on the Drive. The Collegiate Connect events continue to be a great way to connect with the WCS community.

The Foundation Annual Report 2024 showed that our investment portfolio had a good return of \$399,781.00, 13.6% for the twelve month period. In 2025 the Foundation will continue to work with the WCS School and College Boards with a focus on supporting the establishment of the Capital Building Fund and working with the OBGA on upgrading the WCS database.



Jim Patterson (E 1986-89) was elected as a Trustee of the Foundation, joining the existing Trustees Daniel Absolom, Gillian Lennox, Richard Marchant, Lucy Monckton and Jeremy Austin on the Foundation.

Jim is a proud Old Boy with over 30 years' financial markets experience ranging from wealth advisory, institutional market making, company listings and running a hedge fund trading desk.

Having worked in London, Hong Kong and New York, Jim is enjoying life with family and friends in New Zealand, pursuing interests in financial and climate markets along with his other lifelong passions of rugby and water sports.

Jim left WCS with an understanding of the great value of friendships made while at School which have only increased in importance since leaving.

The WCS Foundation Bursary programme is for new boarding students, with applications for 2026 closing in May 2025. More information will be on the Collegiate Connect website early next year: <https://www.collegiateconnect.co.nz/page/bursaries/3/>

Wishing our WCS community a fabulous festive season - we hope to see many of you at our Collegiate Connect events in 2025.

Mr Brodie Stevens

FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



WCS Museum & Archives

Old Boy **Chris Nilsson (S 1960-64)** visited the Museum on Grandparents Day and kindly donated a range of WWII NZ Airforce items belonging to his father **Douglas J Nilsson (S 1931-34)**. At School Douglas was in the Cricket 1st XI in 1933 and in the Rugby 1st XV in 1933 and 1934.



C N MACLEAN MUSIC CONTEST WINNERS

Senior Contest (Grade 6+)

- 1st - Haicheng Lai (piano)
- 2nd - Adam Ding (piano)
- 3rd - Amber Lim (piano)

Junior Contest (Grade 5-)

- 1st - William Wright (bagpipes)
- 2nd - Sophie Huang (piano)
- 3rd - Archie Edwards (cornet)

The Senior winner received the Helen Gordon-Collier Trophy, a \$500 scholarship for music lessons and \$300.



WCS Rugby History Book

Compiled by Old Boy

Phil Young (G 1968-72) who was the Captain of the 1972 Rugby 1st XV, winners of the Moascar Cup (the Ranfurly Shield of 1st XV Rugby)

The books are being offered FREE.

The WCS Rugby book contains:

- A list of every 1st XV from 1883 to 2024,
- A list of the 21 WCS All Blacks
- All Quadrangular Tournament results
- Details of the Top 21 1st XV's with all their Inter-School results.
- Detailed player analysis reveals top try scorers, most points in a season and top total points per player overall.

If you would like a copy please email:

museum@collegiate.school.nz



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Grandparents' Day





The WCSOBGA 1976-1980 Leavers Reunion is scheduled for 21-23 March 2025.

Tickets will be available prior to Christmas - we'll let you know when by email and social media.

Our current focus is to track down as many email addresses of Old Boys from this era as possible:

CALLING ALL 1976-1980 LEAVERS TO ENSURE WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:
SEND TO: obga@collegiate.school.nz

It is recommended you book accommodation early. See accommodation options on our Facebook page (make sure to follow the OBGA page) and on Collegiate Connect event page:

WCSOBGA Facebook link:
<https://www.facebook.com/WhanganuiCollegiateOldboysandGirls>

Collegiate Connect Events link:
<https://www.collegiateconnect.co.nz/calendar/wcs-2001-2010-leavers-reunion/3/2025/1202/>

Thanks to the WCS Museum and Archives, we will be posting photos on the OBGA Facebook page.

Enjoy the trip down memory lane via photos from your years at WCS.

New OBGA Executive Members

Nick Walker (G 1988-91) has been actively back in the WCS world since 2019, having left 28 years prior, as a parent and for three years as a trustee on both the WCS College & School Boards (2020-22). Married to Hilary, their eldest son



Jack (G 2019-23) has just commenced studying at Cornell University in the USA, while their two daughters Honor and Isabelle (Bishops) are current students. Now living in Whanganui, but with their

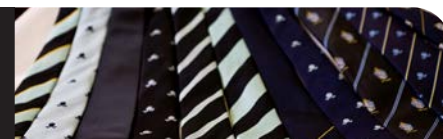
business based in Tauranga, Nick works around the country and often links up with Old Boys and Girls and is always amazed at how far and wide the WCS community is and the reach it has in both business and community environments. Now as an Executive member of the WCSOBGA, Nick is keen to help ensure all alumni get to take advantage of this.

Nick's brother **Simon Walker (G 1991-95)** farms in Pihama, Taranaki, sister **Catherine Robinson (nee Walker, Gw 1992)** lives & works in San Francisco and youngest sister **Louise Heller (nee Walker, Gw 1996-97)** runs a successful fashion business in Christchurch.

Maree van der Zouwe (nee Riddle, Gw 1992) joined WCS in the second year of girls. Maree followed her two older brothers, **Simon Riddle (S 1984-87)** and **Tony Riddle (S 1986-90)**. Maree and her husband David live in Wellington and have three children. Their oldest daughter Eva is a current WCS student. Maree's career has included various legal, policy and commercial roles in both the private and public sector. She is looking forward to supporting WCSOBGA and creating opportunities for Old Boys and Girls to connect.



ALUMNI NEWS



Rebecca Scown (Gw 1999-2000)

Since we reported in May last year (Bulletin #82) on Rebecca's role as CEO of the London-based charity Youth Experience in Sport (YES) she has had a very eventful 18 months. With four other young New Zealanders living in the UK she was invited to attend the Coronation of King Charles III & Queen Camilla at Westminster Abbey in May 2023, and also to attend the Coronation Concert at Windsor the following day. She and her Kiwi friends were able to mingle with fellow guests at the Abbey and met a number of well-known celebrities such as Emma Thompson and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

A recent article on Newsroom [\[link\]](#) has a very readable and enlightening interview with Rebecca in which she outlines some of her experiences with YES, and events she has attended, including the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in May.

Typically modest, what Rebecca does not say in the article is that in February this year she was selected as one of five finalists in the UK New Zealander of the Year award.

This annual prestigious award from The New Zealand Society (UK) has been won in the past by such notable New Zealanders as Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Sir Don McKinnon, Sir Mark Todd and Alexandra, Lady Smith - wife of Sir Lockwood, and former WCS counsellor (as Alexandra Lang) 1999-2003.

Her nomination reads:

Rebecca Scown for growing the influence and impact of YES and other charities focused on youth and sport in the UK as well as co-founding TIMA, a digital sports platform for grassroots sport in the UK. Rebecca has been leading and coordinating numerous fundraising events for YES including charity runs and also CEO Sleepout.

Rebecca has represented New Zealand at high profile events such as King Charles III Coronation, Rowing Regattas, and other internationally recognised sporting events in UK and Europe. Continually supporting Kea and other NZ Society aligned communities in the UK.

The award was presented at the annual Waitangi Day Charity Ball at the Waldorf Hotel and although she did not win, it was reported that the calibre of the

nominees this year was so high that they chose five finalists when normally there would only be two or three. We did hear though that she was selected as the 'best dressed'!

And by the time this is published Rebecca will have attended a reception in early October held by the King & Queen at St James's Palace in advance of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

So whilst all this socialising is no doubt very exciting for 'a girl who grew up on a Taranaki dairy farm', what it shows is that in the relatively short time she has held the CEO role at YES, she is certainly getting noticed and broadening her range of influential contacts in the corporate world which will clearly be useful in attracting support for the charity. As Rebecca says in the Newsroom interview, at the time she started the job "I didn't know London very well and didn't have any contacts, so I had to use a bit of the athlete mentality of sticking at it and trying to be resourceful." In that she has surely succeeded.



Milly Griffiths (Gw 2017-19)



Milly has recently been appointed Business Development Representative for Manawatu for Halter, a solar powered collar which enables farmers to virtually fence their cattle.

She graduated from Lincoln University with a Bachelor of Agribusiness and she has had some experience at DHL and overseas in New York at Kuehne+Nagel.

Sarah Gower-James (Gw 2015-19)



Sarah was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Auckland High Court recently after graduating with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Canterbury. Sarah completed a summer internship at Treadwell Gordon in 2023 and is now working as a Solicitor for Burton Partners in Auckland.

Hon Justice Peter Andrew

(H 1975-77) graduated from the University of Otago with a BA and an LLB, and joined the Auckland Crown Solicitor's office, Meredith Connell & Co. In 1990, after studying with the University of Kiel in Germany and graduating with an LLM in Public International Law, Justice Andrew joined the Auckland office of Russell McVeagh

as a senior solicitor. He practiced in the employment law and commercial litigation fields. From 1993 to 1999 Justice Andrew was a Crown Counsel in the Treaty Issues and International Law Team at Crown Law, representing the Crown in public law litigation in the courts at all levels, and as a member of the Crown negotiating team for Treaty of Waitangi settlements in relation to Ngāi Tahu and Tūrangi.

In 1999 Justice Andrew left Crown Law to join the independent Bar. As a Barrister, he specialised in public law and civil litigation, including litigation over Treaty settlements and trust and equity litigation in the specialist Māori Land Courts.

Hon Justice Andrew was appointed an Associate Judge of the High Court in 2018 and High Court Judge in 2022.

Angus Wilson (G 1998-2002) recently caught up with **Pirasuth (Peach) Chantranuwat (S 1999-2002)** in



Bangkok for the first time in 20+ years. The pair played together in the Football 1st XI from 2000-02.

Angus a Business Analyst Lead at Chubb Life Insurance NZ, lives in Raumati South with his wife Rachel and three young children.

Pirasuth lives in Bangkok and runs his family business Fusion Fire Safety Ltd.

Scott Baldwin (H 1997-2001)



graduated with Bachelor of Arts majoring in History and a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Sec).

In the WCS Cricket 1st XI, Scott then pursued his passion to play cricket at First Class level. Picked as a fourth seamer, batting 9 for Manawatu he slowly progressed through the ranks of Central Districts age group teams, to captaining their county 'Seconds' side. He managed only the one First Class match.

Alongside cricket he taught at Whanganui High School in 2007 and coached the Rugby 1st XV. With his teaching and coaching, fitting in the training requirement from Central Districts was too difficult so he bowed out of their programme.

He travelled to England to play as an 'overseas' cricketer for Hartley Wintney Cricket Club (est. 1770) and worked at Daneshill Prep School. He married Katherine, who he had followed to England and they are maintaining a house that was built in 1399! They have two daughters.

Daneshill Prep School, bought by the Duke of Wellington in 1919, had its name changed to Wellesley Prep School. Scott is currently the Assistant Head Wellbeing.

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Richard (Charlie) Brewer

(S 1999-2003) has been appointed Canterbury Cricket Association new Chief Executive.



He will be moving into the role after a successful tenure as Head of Cricket Operations at New Zealand Cricket, a position he has held while living within the Canterbury region since 2018.

Bringing with him an extensive background in leadership, operations and engagement, he believes his experience in the cricket system, as well as his involvement with high-profile events like the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015, the London 2012 Olympic Games and the 2011 Rugby World Cup, will prepare him well for what's ahead.

Alysha McClintock (Gw 1993-94)



was featured in Bulletin 83 but one year on, she has just had perhaps one of her biggest challenges as Crown Prosecutor in Auckland in what has been described as possibly the most salacious murder trial in New Zealand's criminal history. A prominent Auckland eye surgeon was acquitted of the murder of his wife in a trial that stretched for nearly two months. As the lead Prosecutor, Alysha and her prosecution team, presented much evidence in the Auckland High Court that was circumstantial making a guilty verdict hard for Alysha and her fellow prosecutor to bring about a guilty verdict.

Ian Brookie (H 1990-94) has also been



involved in some high-profile cases with perhaps the most prominent being Ian's defense of the killer of Grace

Millane, the British backpacker. Ian has even appeared for a defendant in a trial in which an Old Girl of the same year group, **Alysha McClintock**, was acting as Crown Prosecutor. Ian was once named as one of the up-and-coming litigation lawyers, and is a former Meredith Connell prosecutor, where he worked for a period with Rudd Watts and Stone (now MinterEllisonRuddWatts) until establishing criminal chambers Sentinel Chambers. At School Ian was a skilled debater and was also a guitarist in the School rock band 'Kate in the Lemon Tree' which won the Smokefree Rockquest in 1994.

Sunny Teki-Clark (S 2003-07) is an



Intermediate Crown Prosecutor with the Tauranga law firm Pollet Legal and is another Old Boy who has been involved with some very recent

high profile cases. His particular focus is on Criminal Law and the competing elements of Prosecution and Defence. Sunny's early career started in defence with the Public Defence Service and has now moved to Prosecuting for and on behalf of the Crown.

Rosie Steuart-Muirhead (Gw 2012-16)



has joined the Common Room staff at WCS for the remainder of this year as a Teacher of English. Rosie completed her Bachelor of

Arts at Canterbury University in 2021 with a Double Major in English and History. She is completing a Masters of Teaching and Learning Majoring in English. Rosie taught English at St Peter's College in Auckland, was Deputy Housemistress and English teacher at Badminton School in Bristol, England. She starts at St Kevin's in Melbourne, Australia next year. Congratulations Rosie, as it is not often a school sees both a father and daughter on the Teaching Staff.

Adele Thurlow (B 2013-17) daughter of Old Boy



John Thurlow (M 1959-63) completed a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology at Massey

University in 2020, and along the way achieving a Wynne Costley Study Award, a Social Anthropology Award and a Massey University Scholar Award. From 2021-22, Adele was a Tutor at WCS after which she became an Academic Tutor at Massey tutoring undergraduate Pacific students in Anthropology and core Bachelor of Arts papers. Most recently, Adele has a role at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade as Commercial Advisor in Information Technology.

And on a completely different note, the Bulletin has learnt that Adele has been training in JKA Shotocan karate since she was 7 years old and has been rewarded with selection for New Zealand at the Karate World Cup in Gunma, Japan.



Elliot Jones (Hy 2018-22) was



diagnosed as dyslexic when he was 12 as reported in Bulletin 82 at the premiere of his documentary Unlocking Potential held in the Prince Edward Auditorium in July 2022. The now 20 year old Elliot has been named one of Forbes' "30 under 30" Asia for social impact, which features those who are "systemically and sustainably transforming education, business and beyond". As a result, Elliot was presented with an Achievement Award by the Mayor of Whanganui, **Andrew Tripe (S 1983-87)** at a function in the Council Chambers in August. To receive the award, Elliot had to return home from Boston, USA where he is studying business and entrepreneurship at Babson College, the first New Zealander to be accepted to the institution. Elliot has continued to advocate for those with dyslexia following the release of the documentary and has had meetings with both the current and previous Ministers of Education about policy in New Zealand in addition to many corporate speaking events. Elliot has got a few more years at university so he will concentrate on those studies whilst ensuring that he will pursue something of a business nature in whatever field that might be.

Ryan Everton (H 2005-09)



is the founder and CEO at TURN a San Francisco headquartered company pioneering reusable cup solutions for major events and fast-food

chains. From growing up on a farm and selling meat pies at WCS after the abolition of the Tuckshop, Ryan is tackling global plastic waste and building an infrastructure to wash literally, a million cups at a time. Ryan's journey embodies Kiwi ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit in a venture he founded whilst at Otago University. He and his wife Maria live in a classic San Francisco home, near Golden Gate Bridge but their holiday home could be straight from the pages of a children's storybook, a classic snow-covered cabin in the woods guarded by majestic trees in a landscape piled high with whiter-than-white drifts. The two-bedroom cabin they bought two years ago is at North Lake Tahoe, California, in the Sierra Nevada mountain range. They named it Byron's Bach in honour of their beloved dog, Byron, and the Kiwi bach culture of New Zealand. Ryan is a skier and Maria a snowboarder, and they had looked for a mountain getaway for a long time. Ryan finally found the right place at the ski resort of Alpine Meadows, three hours from their home in San Francisco, and handy to the beautiful Lake Tahoe. Sounds like a great lifestyle indeed!

Philip Dymock (G 1961-65)



has been the subject of an excellent piece of journalism in the Gisborne Herald during last September's World Alzheimer's Month. Philip was diagnosed with dementia in 2019 and the once simple tasks he used to do have now become the source of frustration.

The Lincoln educated farmer was also ordained an Anglican Priest in 1981 but is no longer able to address hundreds of people says Philip's wife, Pip. However, the Sherwood Club run by Alzheimers Gisborne/Tairāwhiti is a place for dementia sufferers to socialise and do activities three days a week. After early reluctance, Philip is now ready and waiting for the Sunshine Bus to transport him to the venue which is helping him maximise a quality of life as his condition progresses. The Bulletin sends best wishes to Philip and Pip in helping lift the profile and create awareness of the disease.

Adam Gresham (G 1984-88) gained a



Bachelor in Business Studies at Massey University and is a Director of Forest 360 Ltd and also Clelands Timber

Products. But it is as Managing Director of Kiwi Lumber Holdings Ltd where he was awarded the Southern North Island Wood Council - Contribution to the Forest Industry. He has been the guiding force behind Kiwi Lumber's remarkable journey. From the humble beginnings of a single sawmill to the thriving enterprise it is today under Adam's leadership, Kiwi Lumber has expanded its operations to include four modern sawmills. Beyond providing employment opportunities, the company's activities support local businesses, contractors, and forest managers, stimulating economic growth and fostering vibrant communities. Adam's contributions to Kiwi Lumber's success, coupled with his entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to community engagement, make him very deserving of the "Contribution to Forestry" award.

Brendon (P 1993-97), John (P 1993-97), Angela (Gw 1995) and Sarah (Gw 2000) Bartley and their company



the Bartley Group Holdings Ltd have acquired Whanganui business GDM Group. A modern factory and design hub in Whanganui, GDM supply store fixtures and retail systems to numerous national and international brands.

Over 35 years ago, their father Rob established Ali Arc Industries, manufacturing bull bars for vehicles. The success of Ali Arc internationally, has been the catalyst for what is now a portfolio of 17 businesses which now sit under Bartley Group Holdings, including real estate, logistics, service providers and retail.

For Brendon Bartley, Managing Director of Bartley Group Holdings and the wider Bartley family, their vision is to continue the growth of GDM, creating a multi-generational business. "Our intention is to build on what has already been created, and to ensure its longevity which in turn benefits our wider community."

Patrick Willock (Hy 1963-67) has



recently retired after 23 years with the Eastland Helicopter Rescue Trust, the last 22 years as Chairman. He is a retired sheep and cattle farmer from Whangara who also served 12 years on the Gisborne District Council (1989-2001), 15 years on the Board of Ravensdown Fertiliser and is a Justice of the Peace. At his very large farewell, his work as a Trustee of EHRT was described as having

unselfishly given of himself to many organisations over many, many years and hope was expressed that his retirement would be enjoyed, and especially the time he would now be able to spend with his family. Patrick dedicated his life to the betterment of others showing incredible leadership in driving the rescue helicopter service for the people of the Gisborne region and found the occasion hugely emotional as local iwi, guests, representatives of the rescue helicopter sector, friends and family were able to share the farewell with him. As a Trustee, Patrick will continue to work in an at-large capacity to complete projects in play. EHRT Bayleys Charity Auction was a big-ticket fishing trip to American Samoa and was won by farmer **Mike Dodgshun (G 1966-69)**

Dan Jex-Blake (H 1977-81 Head of House)



has recently been confirmed by the Gisborne District Council as one of two new

appointments to the Governance Board of Trust Tairawhiti. Dan is described as being able to bring a significant contribution to the Trust's governance by way of support for commercial, economic, social and Maori outcomes. He has had much governance experience and says he won't be afraid to ask the hard questions! He wants to ensure the region reaches its full potential and provide a prosperous future especially after the tough times they have endured from forestry slash after Cyclone Gabrielle. Maintaining the access road to Mangapoike Station has been a constant battle since the weather event for Dan and Tam, former WCBoT, School Board, WCS Foundation Trustee and daughter of **Tim Burke (S 1952-56 Head of House)**. The couple were away from the farm when the storm hit and once it had passed, they had to helicopter in.

Fortunately all houses had back-up generators and radio telephones, but with 11km of the access road damaged, to get out to civilisation the Jex-Blakes had to journey through the back of the farm on a side-by-side and walk down the valley to rendezvous with their daughter **Imogen (Gw 2010-14)**. One positive to emerge from the disaster has been the creation of the Te Arai Catchment Group, chaired by Tam, but it has also prompted Dan to question what defines sustainable land use. And the commercial justification for investment back into roading is similar to many communities up and down the east coast, where the councils and the government are facing sizeable repair costs.

Two old WCS Rugby 1st XV team mates **Joe Edwards (S 2013)** and **Andre Halbert (S 2012-13)** celebrate a win for the Heartland Rugby Steelform Whanganui team against Horowhenua.



Andre is the Community & Pathways Coordinator for Horowhenua Kapiti Cricket.

The B & C Hewett Charitable Trust was established by **Basil Hewett (H 1916-19)** and his sister after the sale of their farm. The trustees of the Trust include their great nephews **Jeremy Goodwin (S 1969-73)** and **Ralph Goodwin (S 1975-79)**, former WCS Foundation President. The Trust distributes annually and recently donated to the Sarjeant Art Gallery for conservation work. After significant redevelopment the Sarjeant Gallery - Te Whare o Rehua will be opening Saturday 9 November.



Charles Chadwick (P 1988-91)



who having graduated from Te Herega Waka with an MBA, worked at Ngā Tai o Te Awa in Whanganui,

where he focused on several Ministry of Health Māori contracts specialising in strategic prevention initiatives. He also established and managed a print and design business within Ngā Tai o Te Awa. Returning to Wellington in 2021, he was a consultant for Te Amokura, who provide Te Ao Māori advice on policy, engagement, strategy, and leadership to central government. He is currently working for the Ministry of the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao as an Investment Manager for Te Mana o te Wai. Charles is an Associate Director of Āti hau-Whanganui Incorporation, committee member of Ohu Mana Whenua and a Trustee of Hinengakau Mātua Whangai Trust.

Grant Adkins (S 1980-83) and his wife



Clare have a new venture growing pumpkins on their Okoia sheep and beef farm just out of Whanganui.

This year was their second harvest from the 10 hectares of pumpkins grown specifically for the seeds.

Summer Hill Seeds is their semi-retirement project fitting into the gaps of the sheep and beef season. The paddock is managed spray free and the pumpkins are sun-ripened until harvest, when only the seeds leave the paddock, the skin and flesh being returned to the soil.

Processed on-farm, these seeds are greener, bigger and tastier than the pumpkin seeds usually sold in supermarkets, which were imported. Seconds are turned into oil and flour.

James Newell (M 1976-78) has been



recognised for his 46-year career (since leaving School in 1978) in surf lifesaving with two major honours at the

National Awards. He received a distinguished service medal and became the second Wanganui Surf Lifeguard Service to receive a lifetime membership to Surf Lifesaving New Zealand.

Over the years, he has filled most roles at the club, including IRB officer, chairman, facilitator, coach and club captain. Newell said swimming between the flags had remained a key message to the public since he started. "New Zealand has never had a drowning between the flags, ever."

James has no intention of retiring any time soon. "I've got five years until I get my 50-year badge, so I have to stay. That's the big one for me."

Jane Abraham (B 2016-20) is in her



final year of a Bachelor of Design Innovation and Bachelor of Commerce at Victoria University and has created the website

Empower.ed to outline the recovery journey, diagnosis and professional treatment available for eating disorders for her honours-level project. Her sister's journey with anorexia motivated her to want to try to change public awareness about eating disorders. Through her university research she became aware of the barriers people can face when trying to access treatment for an eating disorder.

<https://empowered-aotearoa.webflow.io/>

Dylan Coffin-Kawana (M/E/S 1997-2001),



now Pipe Major for the Whanganui Highland Pipe Band, enhanced the annual Battle of Britain Commemoration Service (held this year in the WCS Chapel on 15 September) with his playing, both before the service and during proceedings, with the "Piper's Lament".

Jack Collier (H 2015-19) has been a



member of the Wanganui Aero Club from the age of 9 and started flight training shortly after. Initially flying Cessna 172, 152, Piper

Tomahawks and Cherokees before continuing his further licensing after finishing School at Nelson Aviation College. From there he worked as a flight instructor for the Wanganui Aero Club to gain hours eventually gaining enough experience to join Air New Zealand as a First Officer flying the Dash 8 Q300.

WCS ROWERS IN THE USA

Jamie Harris (B 2015-18) Ohio State University, graduated. Currently at University of Tennessee rowing and doing her Masters.

Blake Paynter (Hy 2020-21) Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University studying Aviation Business Administration.

Jaime Maybery (B 2017-21) Southern Methodist University studying towards a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Advertising and specialising in Digital Media strategy, with two minors, corporate communications and public affairs. This year she rowed for SMU at Women's Henley and Royal Henley Regatta in UK.

Jack Walker (G 2019-24) Cornell University studying Bachelor of Business in Economics and Finance.

Milly Murphy (Gw 2019-24) Nova Southeastern University

OBITUARY

John Coles QSM (H 1947-50)



was born 15 April 1933, the second of six children whose English father had emigrated to New Zealand in 1925 and lived at Tauwhare. The Coles travelled to the United Kingdom for a holiday when John was two, establishing his lifelong connections to both his English family and the

country. After living in Auckland and with the coming of World War II the family returned to their Tauwhare farm. In 1941 John began boarding at St Peter's School, Cambridge. Rationing and air raid shelters were part of everyday life. He became known as "Postie Coles", given the job of cycling for and delivering the school mail.

From 1947 John travelled from Hamilton by train each term to attend WCS, about which he wrote in Bulletin 82. Of a social, outgoing disposition, John assumed the role of Master of Ceremonies at the formal school dances held in holiday periods, to which young ladies from Nga Tawa Diocesan were invited. His popularity was considerable.

With farming his chosen profession, upon returning from his second trip to England, John gained valuable experience on a station in Gisborne. In 1957 (aged 24), he purchased 470 acres of steepish land at Arohena. In 1966 John and Sally built a beach house at Whangamata, was a founding member of the Whangamata Golf Club, contributed to the Whangamata War Memorial Hall and boasted of hosting many WCS Old Boys meetings after golf. Eventually, he informally became known as the 'Mayor'!



At the age of 42 John made a significant, unconventional decision. Having toiled hard on the land all his life enjoying the benefits of the post-war rural boom, he felt it was time to give back to his community. He and wife his Sally sold their farm in Arohena, purchasing and developing a property overlooking Lake Karapiro.

Eventually 'Chiddingfold' (named after a village in England where John's father had links) would be enjoyed by visitors from all over the world including Prince Edward (whilst he was a WCS tutor in 1983), now the Duke of Edinburgh. Large parties were held for the WCS parents attending the Maadi Cup. John would store trailers laden with boats during competition and training. Under century old trees, flower bulbs planted in their hundreds grew into flowers, given away each year on Daffodil Day in support of the Cancer Society.

John's semi-retirement afforded him an opportunity to volunteer for a vast array of organisations in and around Cambridge. He became a stalwart of the local Citizens' Advice Bureau and Waikato Hospice. He served as Chairperson of the Friends of Resthaven, a facility devoted to elder care. He drove for the Red Cross, transporting patients to and from appointments at Waikato Hospital. He delivered food for Meals on Wheels, assisted with Remedial Reading at Cambridge High School and was a blood donor for over half a century. From 1994 John began volunteering at the Fieldays, working in the International Lounge, handing out kiwifruit and toasted sandwiches. John was also the President of the Waikato Branch of WCS Old Boys for many years, and a faithful attendee of the WCS Big School Society luncheons.

John's service to Cambridge embraced a wide range of sporting, cultural and ecological activities. In 1978 he helped organise the World Rowing Championships at Lake Karapiro. He had involvement in the Cambridge Community Board, the Cambridge branch of St John's Ambulance, the Cambridge Blind and Visually Impaired Society and the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust. He was a founder of the Cambridge Bridge Club and an enthusiastic member of the Cambridge Golf Club. A health-related decision to forego long walks in favour of cycling when in his 60s saw John's participation in a number of charity and fundraising rides between 1993 and 1999.

John was a recipient of the Queen's Service Medal in 2010 for services to the Cambridge community. In 2013 he received a service award from the New Zealand National Fieldays Society, recognising decades of volunteer work. In 2015 a Metlifecare certificate named him New Zealander of the Year. After a lifetime of service, John died in Cambridge on the 19 June 2024.



Obituary

Hamilton Logan (Hy 1938-42) was born on 21 November 1924 and died just three months short of his 100th birthday on 8 August 2024. He will be remembered by his family and the community around him for his friendship, perceptive nature, and reflections on the past to better the future.

As previously reported in The Bulletin, he made headlines around New Zealand in the last six months for attempting to walk 100kms before his 100th birthday in a campaign to fundraise for local charities offering young and old **A Second Chance at Life**. He hoped to create a perpetual funding stream for three of his chosen charities the Hawke's Bay Helicopter Rescue Service, St John Ambulance and the Rural Support Trust. The Hawke's Bay Foundation, the organisation Hamilton had partnered with for the walk, said he had walked 87 of the 100km although his son **Tim Logan (Hy 1969-73)** believed he was under-reporting the distance he was travelling. Tim said that when he walked with him once, a friend had a pedometer on and Hamilton was probably reporting less than two-thirds of the kilometres he was walking!

Hamilton kept a notebook and could remember names and faces extremely well, which he used to write his biography 'Fear Not Change', a copy of which he presented to Harvey House on the occasion of its own Centenary in 2021. An attitude of "always concentrating on the positives, not the negatives" had helped him through, along with what he calls 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."



Matt Holden (H 1981-85) and Mates of Mates for Mates Rural Support Trust organiser said Hamilton's knowledge and wisdom was extraordinary. *"It's been a privilege to have known Hamilton Logan and share many farming adventures with him in recent years."* Matt said a shared passion for sheep breeding and working with farmers was often the start of many conversations. The Bulletin reported in Issue 84 that Matt invited Hamilton to be a guest speaker at the inaugural "Mates of Mates for Mates" event at the Hawke's Bay Showgrounds in November 2023. We had hoped to be able to write in this issue that he had completed his pledge to walk 100kms before his 100th birthday but sadly for his family and friends, he came up a little short. At the end, Tim said he was still clear, lucid and strong.

The Bulletin remembers Hamilton's words delivered on many occasions on which he was called upon to speak..... *"the most precious thing we have been blessed with is life, and life is for living."*

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Big School Society Reunion

For Old Boys left who left School 50 years or more ago, in 2025, it includes all those who left in 1975 or earlier

Obituaries

John Plimmer (S 1941-45) was born 24 June 1927 and died two days before his 97th birthday. John often said how much he loved his years at WCS and he made many lifelong friends there.



In his first term in 1941, aged 13, his Housemaster gave him news that his father had been killed in Crete. His father, a Doctor, was Lieutenant Colonel and Commander of the NZ Field Ambulance in Crete. In those years (1941-45), John found that School life certainly helped him cope with the loss of his father. At

School, he won the Hurworth Memorial Prize; he was also a Prefect and in the Cricket XI 44-45.

John graduated in 1950 from Otago University with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery and with Commendation. In 1952, John married Alyth, nee Nelson, to whom he was married for 67 years; together they had two daughters, Elizabeth and Felicity, and one son, **John (S 1971-75)**.

John had a long and successful dental practice in Wellington. He served on and chaired many NZ Dental Association committees, including the Education and Research Foundation Boards. He was a Fellow of the International College of Dentists. He was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal NZ Dental Corps (Territorial Force). In 1986, John was appointed President of the NZ Dental Association and represented the Association overseas in Australia, UK and Europe.

He enjoyed gardening, music, NZ stamps and golf. John was Captain and later President of Royal Wellington Golf Club, Heretaunga.

John was named after his great-great Grandfather, an early settler (1841) who became known as "The Father of Wellington". There are seven generations of John Plimmer. A statue of John Plimmer with his dog is sited at Plimmer's Steps on Lambton Quay; and the seaside town Plimmerton was so named to recognise Plimmer's leading role in a privately funded railway line out of Wellington to the Manawatu.

Robert (Bob) Wake (M 1956-60) died on 23 May 2024 aged 82, just months after he retired from his role as Manager of the Cricket 1st XI. After umpiring with Harry Fullerton-Smith (G 1955-59) for 121 traditional two day matches for the 1st XI



(with just 18 LBWs!) from 1974 to 2001, Bob began scoring for the 1st XI turning his handwritten scorebook into a work of art. He created his own legacy with his coloured pens and turned cricket scoring into a masterpiece, always presenting a laminated and framed copy to any boy who attained either a century or five wickets in an innings. He was appointed the 1st XI Manager in 1994 and during his tenure they won two Gillette Cups, went on three tours to the Geelong Cricket Festival and one to the Hutchins Cricket Festival. As anyone who accompanied him to 1st XI fixtures would know, he was a great 'tourist' and that also extended to his support of the 1st XV.

Bob was rewarded with an Honours Tie in 2021 for his many years of umpiring, scoring and managing the Cricket 1st XI over those 47 years and ultimately wore the 'title' of Whanganui Collegiate School's 'Mr Cricket' with distinction

Bob was an extremely talented cricketer and rugby player both at School and post school years and his knowledge of both games was unquestionable having played representative cricket for Whanganui, served on the Whanganui Cricket Association and made an Honorary Life Member of the Willows Cricket Club. Liz and her three Old Girl daughters and their families have lost a wonderfully warm and talented man, an iconic and legendary character and a friend to so many WCS sportsmen and women and his loss will be keenly felt by all. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family. Rest in Peace Mr Cricket!

James Howard (Jim), QSM (H 1953-56) - died 6 June 2024.

Jim Howard's wide-ranging service to the community encompassed conservation, horticulture, agriculture, education, local government and national politics.

A member of the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of NZ for over 50 years, Jim helped found and served as Chair of the Rangitikei branch.

He also chaired the Bushy Park Tarapuruhi Homestead & Forest Reserve Trust Board, helping to establish an arboretum, and was part of the team that brought North Island robin from the Waimarino forest for release into the Bushy Park forest. Life membership of the NZ Rhododendron Society reflected his particular horticultural interest, local Federated Farmers (Chair from 1969-74) his agricultural, while the Whanganui Rangitikei Catchment Board, the Rangitikei District Council, NZ National Party (locally & nationally), the local Anglican Church and the Nga Tawa School Board of Trustees were beneficiaries of his interest and service.

With his wife Diana he had three daughters and one son, **Andrew (H 1988-92)**.



LASTING LEGACY, LASTING IMPACT

Remembering Old Boy Euan Bidwill and his generosity



In 2016 Old Boy and Foundation member Euan Bidwill passed away shortly before his 100th birthday. A prominent farmer and community man, Euan was profoundly impacted by the excellent education he received at Whanganui Collegiate School. That's why he decided to leave a significant Gift in his Will to our School more than 80 years since leaving the School.

Leaving such a generous gift was Euan's way of showing his deep appreciation - truly a testament to his belief in our wonderful School, and we are still reaping the rewards of his generosity to this day.

As someone who has also been impacted by our School, whether it was you personally or a loved one, you too can leave a Gift in your Will to Whanganui Collegiate School.

When you leave a Gift in your Will you won't need to choose between your loved ones and your charitable goals. By giving as little as 1% of your estate, the remaining 99% will go to your family – guaranteeing they will be looked after and the future of our great School and our students will be secured.

Our vision is that a hundred years from now Whanganui Collegiate School will continue as the great School it is today - yet even better, with our students grounded in our rich history with the resources they need to excel in every way.

This future is only possible with the help of generous people like you.

Please consider leaving a Gift in your Will to Whanganui Collegiate School. Like Euan Bidwill, you will leave a lasting legacy that will continue to shape lives for generations to come.

If you have any questions about including Whanganui Collegiate School in your Will or would like to discuss your intentions in confidence, please contact **Christine (Chris) Bristol, Director of Philanthropy**
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We're here to help you through every step of the process.



Obituary List

OBG#	Surname	First Names	House	Years WCS	Died
5360	Brown Douglas	Francis Archibald	Hy	1954-58	21 June 2023
4363	Lake	Edward Geoffrey	Hy	1942-45	17 July 2023
4385	Bruce	Dr William David	M	1943-47	2024
6668	Williamson	Gwyn David	Hy	1967-71	30 January 2024
5220	Palmer	Geoffrey Lupton	M	1952-56	23 February 2024
4897	Wright	Rev Lindsay Ashton	G	1948-50	24 April 2024
4794	Story	Robert Mason	M	1947-50	26 April 2024
4437	Salmon	Harry McMillan Hearsey	Hy	1943-46	28 April 2024
7581	Glengarry	Duncan Craig	M	1975-78	2 May 2024
4729	Colquhoun	Alan Douglas	S	1947-51	6 May 2024
5367	Derbyshire	Robert Charles	M	1954-58	7 May 2024
4685	Nixon	John Barry	G	1946-49	18 May 2024
5612	Wake	Robert Winston	M	1956-60	23 May 2024
4970	Roberts	David Newland	G	1949-52	27 May 2024
5576	Mackintosh	Hugh David	M	1956-58	31 May 2024
5169	Bottomley	Kenneth Wallace Standeven	Hy	1952-55	2 June 2024
4400	Hildreth	David William	H	1943-45	6 June 2024
5297	Howard	James Alexander Scott	H	1953-56	6 June 2024
5915	Kirkcaldie	Robin Kebbell	H	1960-63	9 June 2024
4776	McWilliam	Alan Roderick	G	1947-50	13 June 2024
8273	Foreman	Frank Perry	E	1980-83	17 June 2024
4728	Coles	John Spencer	H	1947-50	19 June 2024
4239	Plimmer	John William Roden	S	1941-45	22 June 2024
6221	Mabin	Richard Gray	H	1963-65	27 June 2024
5527	Young	Ian Douglas	Hy	1955-58	12 July 2024
4141	Masterson	Dr John Graham	S	1940-43	13 July 2024
4491	Glengarry	John Duncan	M	1944-49	19 July 2024
4517	Moore	George Macneil	Hy	1944-46	19 July 2024
5120	Marks	James Fenimore	M	1951-54	22 July 2024
5904	Grace	David Russell	S	1960-64	23 July 2024
8108	Alexander	Graydon Ross	G	1979-83	24 July 2024
6030	Sinclair	David Shannon	G	1961-64	31 July 2024
5005	Brown	Thomas David Malcolm	S	1950-53	1 August 2024
4004	Logan	Hamilton Stopford	Hy	1938-42	8 August 2024
4511	McPhail	Donald Duncan	M	1944-48	13 August 2024
4812	Bayly	John	S	1948-50	22 August 2024
5090	Chadwick	John Edward George	S	1951-54	30 August 2024
4842	Holden	Peter Ritson	H	1948-51	10 September 2024
4422	Millward	Frederick Alan	M	1943-45	26 September 2024
4796	Tidswell	Jonathan George Rutherford	H	1947-51	29 September 2024
5834	Peacock	Walter Elliot	Hy	1959-62	4 October 2024
5978	Fraser	Thomas Leonard (Tom)	Hy	1961-64	6 October 2024
Staff	Field-Dodgson	Richard	G	1982-98	16 June 2024
Matron	Bruce	Margaret	H	1988-2001	6 July 2024

Events Calendar

Term 4 2024

NOVEMBER

Tue 5	NCEA exams start
Sat 9	WCS Tour Day
Sun 10	Cricket 1st XI v Rathkeale College (H)
Sun 17	Cricket 1st XI v The Wellington Wanderers (H)
Wed 20	Tennis v Feilding HS - Feilding
Sat 23	Rowing Whanganui 10km Athletics Regional Meeting – Wellington

Sat 23-Sun 24	New Student Weekend
Sat 30	Johns Trophy Regatta - Waitara
Sat 30 Nov-1 Dec	Rugby Condor 7s - Mount Maunganui

DECEMBER

Sun 1-Mon 2	Cricket 1st XI & Colts v Scots College (H)
Wed 4	Collegiate Connect - Whanganui
Fri 6	Junior Prize Giving Term Ends
Fri 6-Sun 8	NZSS Athletics - Timaru
Sat 7	Rowing Jury Cup - Whanganui
Fri 13-Sun 15	Rowing KR #1 Christmas Regatta - Karapiro
Tue 24	WCSOBGA Carol Service - WCS Chapel

Term 1 2025

JANUARY

Fri 24-Mon 26	Rowing KR #2 NI Club Champs Regatta - Karapiro
Sat 25	Athletics – Cooks Classic – Whanganui
Mon 27	New Student Orientation Day
Tue 28	Chapel: Induction Service of Blueshirts, Lessons Resume

FEBRUARY

Sat 1-Mon 3	Cricket 1st XI v Rathkeale - away
Thu 6	Waitangi Day
Sun 9-Mon 10	Cricket 1st XI v St Peters Cambridge - away
Sat 15	Athletics: Porritt Classic – Hamilton
Sun 16-Mon 17	Cricket 1st XI v HIBS - away
Fri 21-Sun 23	Collegiate Weekend
Fri 21	Inter-House Swimming Sports
Sat 22	Inter-House Athletics
Sun 23	Cricket 1st XI v Old Boys XI at WCS
Mon 24	Cricket 1st XI v St Paul's Collegiate - home

MARCH

Sun 2-Mon 3	Cricket 1st XI v Wellington College – home
Wed 5	Collegiate Connect - Auckland
Fri 7-Sun 9	Rowing NISS Regatta – Karapiro
Sun 9-Mon 10	Cricket 1st XI v NPBHS – home
Thu 13-Sun 16	Athletics NZ Track & Field Championships - Dunedin
Fri 14-Sat 15	Cricket 1st XI v Christ's College – away
Sun 16	Cricket 1st XI v The Willows CC – away
Fri 21-Sun 23	WCS Reunion – 1976-80 Leavers
Mon 24-Sat 29	Rowing: NZSS Maadi Cup – Karapiro
Thu 27	Collegiate Connect - Tauranga
Fri 28	Collegiate Connect - Cambridge

APRIL

Fri 4 April	WCS ANZAC Service End of Term 1
Sat 5-Sun 6	Athletics NISS Championships – Hamilton
Fri 18 Apr	Easter Friday
Mon 21	Easter Monday
Thu 25	ANZAC Day
Mon 28	Term 2 begins
TBC	Inter-School Fixtures v Rathkeale & St Matthew's
TBC	Inter-School Fixtures v NPGHS
TBC	Cricket Girls 1st XI, Boys 2nd & Colts v Scots

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