Anzac Old Boys’ Memorial Mass recognises the sacrifice of young lives lost

Academic Tuition Centre invests in the young minds of the College

1st XI Football team top of the table at the completion of Round 1
Greetings to Marist Brothers, Parents, Students, Old Boys and Friends of Sacred Heart College.

At the time of writing, I have quite literally put my signature on the final midyear report for all our Years 7 to 13 students. Reading, checking and signing off the reports is a very close check on the academic health of our College and is absolutely vital now and at the end of the academic year.

As much as my staff are very skilled assessors of your son(s) progress, the most effective assessors are the students themselves and yourselves as parents. So I ask you to check the following criteria:

• Did you attend the parent-teacher interviews?
• Did you ask my staff searching questions about your sons progress or lack of progress?
• Is your son a 40 hour-a-week Senior student, i.e. 25 hours at school, 15 hours at home?
• Is your son a Junior student (Years 7 to 10) 30 to 35 hours-a-week, i.e. 25 hours at school, 5 hours (Year 7 to 8), 10 hours (Year 9 to 10) at home?
• Does your son do revision and study regularly at home or does he just ‘cram’ for exams?
• Does your son prioritise schoolwork ahead of his social life?
• Does your son read regularly, i.e. at least 30 minutes per day at home?
• Does your son have a clear plan how to be successful in his studies this year?
• Does your son have minimum absences from school?

I now ask you to have a conversation with your son and before you do, ask him to look at ‘the Man in the Mirror’ and do a self-appraisal.

In broad terms I will be reporting to the Board of Trustees that overall Years 7 to 13 are in good health BUT with room for improvement. For those students who miss too much time from school, understand that there is a direct correlation between excellent attendance at school and excellent academic progress. Missing five days of absence is equivalent to missing an entire week of teaching and learning.

It is obvious that I have a passion for your son being the best Marist man and academic scholar he can be so please re-read your son’s midyear report. Check the marks – yes, but even more importantly read the entire story reflected by the effort, behaviour and homework columns. Add to these the carefully constructed feedback and feed forward comments of teachers and ask your son if he has looked in the academic mirror and if he can lift his performance.

To those who are achieving – BRAVO. To those who are underachieving – lift your game.

We have been the top Catholic boys school in New Zealand in Scholarships in past years. We do not intend to lower our standards in 2012.

Confortare Esto Vir
Onwards and Upwards

Mr JA Dale, Principal
Tuition Groups

The Academic Tuition Centre initiative was started in 2012 by myself with the input of teachers and other students as a response to the College’s growing need for out of school help for its students. The tuition centre currently runs after school from Monday to Thursday. Students from all years are welcome to attend to receive help from senior Year 12 and 13 tutors in many of the College’s subjects. These senior tutors are not being paid or receiving any compensation whatsoever; they willingly sacrifice their time week after week to help those in need within our Sacred Heart College family. Support from both students and staff has been tremendous; the tuition centre has been praised for its effectiveness and has received much positive feedback in terms of student’s examination results and also the new-found willingness of many students to learn and expand their knowledge. For me, it has been a truly rewarding initiative, knowing that the time that I have foregone has been invested in the young minds of this College who are certain to bear fruit in their future endeavours.

■ Harry She, Academic Prefect

Hospitality at Sacred Heart

2012 is the first year Sacred Heart has had a Year 13 Hospitality class. The class is made up of students who have studied Food Technology and Hospitality since Year 9 and those who have joined the class this year. Some students studying this course will go on to pursue a career in hospitality, while some will use the skills they learn for part-time work; all will use the skills for the rest of their lives. The enthusiastic Hospitality students are gaining knowledge about nutrition and learning skills in food preparation and creative presentation matched to special occasions. Shortly the students will be catering for two school events which will give them the opportunity to work in a ‘real life’ situation. The first event will be preparing and serving supper for the presenters at Careers Night, the second event will be a breakfast for sports coaches and managers. All the students are trained baristas and take great pleasure in operating the Heart and Soul Café providing great customer service and excellent coffee to the staff each day. The students have organised a roster and give up their lunchtime once or twice a week to work in the café. Two of our top baristas entered into the MIT Secondary School Barista Competition on 20 June where they competed against other Auckland secondary schools. This was a high pressure competition using the same judging criteria as used in national and international competitions. Jim Williamson and Romano McMillan-Caires both won Gold medals!

We look forward to completing a successful year with a very special group of students who are the inaugural Year 13 Hospitality class.

■ Mrs Helen Chadwick, Food Technology Teacher

Pacific Island Parent’s Fono

This very successful Fono was held on Monday 11 June to discuss strategies for lifting Pacific Island student achievement at Sacred Heart. The Fono contained a panel of speakers featuring Old Boys from the College from 1989 to 2002. The guest panellists were Tevita MALOLO, Head Boy of 1994 who has been practising law in Apia and more recently doing a Sport Management degree. Andrew MALEI (’02) who trained as a teacher and taught at Holy Cross School in Papatoetoe before taking up his current position at St Kentigern College, Huni Fifita (’89) currently teaching English at Mangere College and Mika Futialo (’05) who recently took up a position in the Year 7/8 department at De La Salle College. These Old Boys shared their life stories with some inspirational moments to the assembled parents, students and staff of Sacred Heart. The Fono was the second in an ongoing series around the initiatives for Pacific Island achievement and will be followed up in Term 3 with another meeting of parents on a different topic. Please read the weekly school notice for further details, the more parents we can have attend the bigger the difference we can make to the achievement of our Pacific Island boys.

■ Mr Chris Hayward, Director of Curriculum and Learning
Pompallier Shield Competition 2012

The Pompallier Shield competition incorporating oratory and proclamation of Scripture, was held at Sancta Maria College on Wednesday 16 May. The topic for the senior and junior oratory section was ‘How can we as young Catholics living in Aotearoa allow our light to shine?’

Lepau Feau represented Sacred Heart in the senior oratory division and Jonathon Riley, a Year 10 student, in the junior division. Lepau’s cleverly crafted speech used an extended metaphor of a light bulb shining out to the community. His delivery was smooth and polished and he held the audience in his hand throughout his delivery. He was head and shoulders above the other competitors gaining a first place in his section, Jonathon, our Year 10 candidate is to be commended for his first effort in what proved to be a very tight competition. We thank Mrs Anne Renwick for her commitment to training the boys and her ongoing efforts in this area.

Daniel Mahoney participated in the senior Scripture section. Daniel read ably with passion and flair to gain a first place in his division. Daniel O’Donnell was in the junior section of Scripture reading gaining a first place. Daniel read fluently establishing a connection with his audience. Mrs Margaret Ward is to be commended for her two 1st place awards in both sections.

Sacred Heart College for the fourth year in a row, won the Pompallier Shield establishing themselves as leaders in the field of oratory and proclamation of the Word within the Auckland Catholic secondary schools Diocese.

Anzac Old Boys’ Memorial Mass

‘We are born with the dead
See they return and bring us with them
A people without history
Is not redeemed from time,
For history is a pattern
Of timeless moments
So while the light glows
On an autumn morning
In this Memorial Chapel
History is here and now
On this day and in our time.’

On Sunday 29 April we celebrated our annual Memorial Mass. It is a tradition that we remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before. This Mass was celebrated by Bishop Pat Dunn DD, himself an Old Boy, Fr Stephen Berecz, Fr Pat Ward and Fr Neil Darragh.

A large attendance of Old Boys and families spoke of the understanding of ‘sacrifice’ whether it was on the battlefields or those who lived out their lives as part of our community. Bishop Dunn, in his homily, spoke of ‘Jesus the Good Shepherd’ who in our time and place watches over us and brings us home. It was a very appropriate and consoling Gospel.

We are grateful for the many who attended and the Defence Forces from the RNZVR, the NZ Army, and the RNZAF. Each year they come and their presence reminds us of the sacrifice that 148 young men from our College have paid on the battlefields. Generations lost.

‘We walk in the shoes of those who have gone before.’

Captain Frederick Clubb MC lost his life in WWII in the battles of the Crete/Greece campaigns leaving a wife and twin sons. At this Mass, very appropriately Julian, Louis and Daniel Haurua-Clubb (present pupils) carried the ANZAC wreath to the altar in the procession.

Mrs Kitty O’Brien was presented a bouquet by Jamie Maloney and Principal Jim Dale spoke of her fidelity and faithfulness. Recently Kitty celebrated her 100th birthday and each Memorial Mass she has graced us with her presence.

We were pleased to welcome as our guests Mr Simon O’Connor MP for Tamaki, Major John Fitzmaurice, Brigadier Churton, Colonel Dan Gardiner and Mr David O’Connor and Mrs O’Connor.

A Sacred Heart hero of our time, Corporal Matthew BALL (’03) was also present at the Mass. Corporal Ball recently received the New Zealand Gallantry Decoration for bravery in Afghanistan. He told us of the ongoing sacrifices that each member of the Defence Forces face and continue to make for our country.

Our Choir sang ‘Gallipoli’ after Holy Communion, followed by the Last Post and the lowering of the flags.
The Champagnat Award

Sacred Heart College invites nominations for the 2012 Champagnat Award

The Champagnat Award is the College’s highest honour. It recognises a person who has given outstanding service over a long period: a person who has been guided by the pillars of Sacred Heart College, acting with humility, loyalty and pride, working diligently, with consideration for others, and all in the way of Mary.

The award name “Champagnat” also describes a person who has given lovingly as St Marcellin Champagnat did, with an inspirational energy to overcome challenges, and contribute to the vision. The name is a reminder to the recipients and all in our community of the man who founded the Marist Brothers, and those blessed men who followed him and maintained his faith and traditions.

Faith is a shared responsibility.

The recipient of the Champagnat Award is a person who has supported and complemented the Marist Brothers in the achievement of the Marist character.

Due to the calibre of nominees in 2011, the Champagnat Award will be presented again in 2012.

Nominations close on Friday, 17 August 2012

Nomination forms are available for downloading from the College website: www.sacredheart.school.nz

Or contact the College Office: Ph 09 529 3660.
Rugby

After the excitement of last season where the 1st XV reached new heights, the start of the 2012 rugby season was eagerly anticipated. With 10 players back from last year and a blend of some new faces together with a group from the successful U-15s, coaches Mr Dave Dillon and Mr Phil Heath named an initial squad of 26 to start the season captained by Sam Thomas.

After a couple of preseason wins against Auckland Marist U19 and Rosmini College, the team headed off to Wellington to defend their Marist Quad title. An average first up win against St Bernard’s was quickly followed up with a convincing win against St Pats with the end result – retaining of the Marist Quad trophy.

The team started to grow and get better each game and this trend continued with good performances against Wesley College and then St Peters Cambridge on the way back from our annual Whangamata Training Camp. During the preseason, the team played 6 games winning all of them and scoring 38 tries in the process. Boxes were starting to be ticked and some combinations formed. Whilst the team was not as big as last year, the strength of the team appeared to be in its mobility, speed and skill around the field.

A big crowd of Sacred Heart supporters travelled out to Tangaroa to see the first competition game of the season – the team not letting them down scoring 9 tries and winning 68-0.

Subsequent games to date have seen:
- vs Tamaki College – won 58-0
- vs Mt Albert Grammar – won 22-5
- vs Onehunga High – won 28-10
- vs Otahuhu College – won 41-0
- vs Auckland Grammar – lost 24-26

At the time of writing and halfway through the competition, the team has 5 wins and 1 loss, sitting in 3rd position on the points table. We need to maintain or build on the level achieved in the Mt Albert Grammar game if we are to be competitive in the business end of the season. Our loss against Auckland Grammar whilst disappointing, hopefully will build further resolve and determination in the team and I am convinced with the expertise of Dave and Phil we will achieve that.

The next three games however, will define the season with tough games against De La Salle, St Kent’s and Kelston. A minimum of two wins from those games should see the team reach its initial goal of making the top 4 playoffs.

The team truly appreciates the support it gets each week from the school and Old Boy community. It gives the team a lift seeing so many people on the sidelines each week. The 1st XV also wish to acknowledge its major sponsors in Panasonic, Bakers Delight St Heliers, Onsite Scaffolding Ltd, Sacred Heart Rugby Supporters Club, Four Winds Foundation and Mt Wellington Trust for their wonderful support.

Mr Grant Wilson, Manager 1st XV

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Squash

2012 sees Sacred Heart represented in all grades of the Auckland Secondary Schools competition. The depth in squash has been slowly but surely growing with Sacred Heart fielding teams in both the Premier 1 and Premier 2 grades.

After the first complete round, our Premier 1 side is currently placed 3rd behind Auckland Grammar and Westlake in the top grade. The Auckland Secondary Schools Teams tournament was held on 19 and 20 June and our Premier squash team finished 3rd. The team pushed Auckland Grammar hard for a place in the final and then convincingly beat St Kentigern College in the playoff for 3rd and 4th. We are now preparing for the National Tournament which is held in Tauranga in August.

The team, captained by Zac McFadyen (D1), are expecting their highest seeding at the National Tournament in recent years, and will be working hard to ensure a top 10 finish. The remainder of the team are Harry Tapsell (B1), Joshua Manuatu (D1), Kees van Lieshout (D1), Scott van Lieshout (D1) and Kieran O’Connor (E2).

Mr Craig Moverley, Teacher in Charge

Badminton

Every Wednesday in Term 2 and 3, Mr McMillan or Mr Liddington take a group of boys off to Lloyd Ellsmore to take part in the Eastern Zone B and B/C Badminton competition.

The boys who play in Term 2 are a different group than those who play in Term 3 so that many boys get an opportunity to play the sport. The boys are coached by Tom Armstrong on Mondays after school. Last year, and for several previous years, we were able to enter an A team in the Friday night competition and we look forward to doing this again next year. At the moment both B1 and B2 teams are leading their competitions with neither team losing a game in seven straight weeks. At the time of writing, Sacred Heart teams are through to the finals and Sacred Heart B1 still have two games left in the round robin competition.

Mr Bernie Liddington, Teacher in Charge

Football

This season Sacred Heart College are fielding 16 teams across Year 9 to 13. Mr Hay’s 1st XI Football team have never been better prepared. Some encouraging displays in many pre-season matches saw a fit and enthusiastic team arrive at the start of Term 2 full of confidence and raring to go. After such a successful 2011, it was important that the players set themselves some very challenging goals. Amongst those was retaining the ASS Knockout Cup. The first round we travelled to Long Bay and a solid display saw us return home with a comfortable win. In the second round the team won over a spirited Marcellin College team 8-1.

As the season got underway the injuries started to mount up. However, with the injuries there came opportunities for some new players to make their debuts. Sebastian Salmon, Dylan de Jong and Francis Cabriga all made their first appearances for the 1st XI. In the league, the season started just as we all had hoped, with wins over Westlake Boys High School 3-0 and Saint Kentigern 5-0. Then a rude awakening over at MAGS where the Sacred Heart players encountered an extremely motivated home team full of passion and running. A 6-1 thumping brought everyone back down to earth and was a timely reminder that there would be many difficult games in the top division this year.

The season seems to be back on track with the players and coach responding to the first defeat in excellent fashion. At the time of writing Sacred Heart are top of the table at the completion of Round 1.

At the Year 9 (13th grade) level, 13A have successfully made it through to the A1 championship group. They have been matched by the 13B1 side who have made it into the top B division. Our other 13th grade team 13B2 recorded some good results too and will be competing in the East/Central Championship division.

Our 14A (Year 10) have also had a positive start to the season and will be competing in the top A1 championship division. The three other 14th grade teams will find themselves competing for bragging rights at the College as they have all been drawn in the same group (14B East Championship).

Our top SHC Year 11 (15th grade) team, produced the outstanding result of the grading rounds beating Howick 19-0. They will be competing, just like our 14A and 13A teams, in the A1 Championship for their grade. The Senior teams have also had a successful start to the 2012 season and it will be exciting to see how all Sacred Heart teams end up in their competition rounds.

Mr Neil Penfold, Director of Sport, Mr Scott Lawrence, Teacher in Charge
Senior B Water Polo

Senior B finished the season on a high note with Sacred Heart Red team taking out the final of the Division 1 section over Kings B 11-5 on Friday 11 May. This was a solid performance from most boys who will return to school next year and potentially vie for spots in the Premier team for 2013. The Sacred Heart Blue team also performed well winning the semi final 4-2 over Parnell. They met Glendowie in the final going down 3-4 in sudden death extra time.

Congratulations go to several Sacred Heart boys selected for the U15 and U16 NZ teams. U15 NZ team representatives Conor and Liam Paterson and Ryan Pike will play New South Wales for the Trans Tasman U15 shield on July 5 and 6 at Westwave. Ben Casey, Chris Cormack, Conrad Smith and Denzel Nuielua are part of the U16 NZ team to take on Queensland in the Challenge Cup series from June 26 – 29 at the Millennium Institute Pool.

Mr Chris Hayward, Teacher in Charge

Cross Country

Cross Country running has seen another season full of top class results for our Sacred Heart athletes. The season kicked off with the inter-house competition where boys competed for individual honours as well as house glory! Senior Boys defending champ Joe Collins won the major title again with a time of 12 min 12 sec over the 4km course, whilst Sullivan Clark ran 12 min 15sec to win the Intermediate Boys and Chris Brokenshire won the Junior Boys.

Year 8 Champion over 2.5 km with a commanding performance was James Uhlenberg and Year 7 Champ was Harry Higham. Auckland Regional Champs was the first inter-school event for the full Cross Country team and the boys did exceptionally well, with Bronze medals in all six of the teams’ categories. At the recent National Champs 22 boys took to the tough course. The Year 9 boys finished 11th in the team racing, the Junior team led by Liam Paterson placed 4th just missing out on the medals. The Senior boys competed with a reduced team, but ran well, with many boys using the event as preparation for next year. Overall it has been a year of building teams and some very good results.

Mr Rhys Taucher, Teacher in Charge

Hockey

2012 has seen the continued growth in popularity of Hockey at Sacred Heart College. There are now three teams entered into competition, 1st XI, 2nd XI and Under 15.

Our 1st XI team is playing in the A grade. The team is finding this challenging and have been learning a great deal from playing against some very skilled teams. They recently had a 4-2 win against Pakuranga College and displayed good team work as well as talented individual skill during this game. The 1st XI will be attending tournament for the first time this year, playing for the Woolaston Trophy in Whakatane.

The 2nd XI team started with a squad of 14, some of whom were beginners but with good game skills from other sports. They started the season with a loss and a lack of team positional play but have greatly improved in skills. There is a very good spirit in the team with the boys giving each other positive feedback and it is obvious that they enjoy the game.

Sacred Heart’s Under 15 team consists of both experienced players and students new to the game, playing in the 15B Eastern grade. While the team maintains competitive aspirations, it also provides an enjoyable opportunity for all to participate and to develop skills and team work.

The three teams are grateful to their supporters who come to cheer them on.

Mr Grant van Ansem, Teacher in Charge

Cycling

The cycling season has started well with some great work from all of the teams. The venue has changed this year from the waterfront to the airport environs. While the course is more challenging, our cyclists have handled themselves well and our Senior A team is training hard and has already had a top ten finish. The highlight this year has been the visit from Ethan Mitchell, who came and spoke to the boys at the cycling shed. All of the teams are preparing for the North Island Secondary School Cycling Championships which takes place in Cambridge in the first weekend of the holidays. We are also looking forward to the rest of the year with Nationals in Palmerston North at the end of the season.

L to R: Mr Grant van Ansem, Alex McKay, Jonty Clode, Ethan Mitchell, Oliver Fawcett and Robert Holley

Mrs Mary Graham, Teacher in Charge
The Sacred Heart College ‘Legends’

The Music Department is always a bustling hive of activity with Confortare Brass (SHC brass ensemble), Junior Band, Ukulele Orchestra, Clarinet Trio, Violin, Flute, Piano Trio and Rock Bands all practising here at lunchtimes.

Yes, sometimes at the same times! The Chapel is also busy on a Friday for Senior and Junior Choir practices with Choir Director Mr Terence Maskell.

The Junior Choir now has over 50 members and sang beautifully for the Junior School Mass on 6 June for the Feast of St Marcellin. Ipu Laga’aia (Year 12), also sang a very moving solo while Jacob O’Callaghan was the cantor. Senior Choir performed very well during June Senior Mass and again Jacob O’Callaghan was the cantor.

We now have a musical item at three out of four Friday assemblies a month, with the fourth Friday being a singing assembly taken by Brother John and Mr O’Donnell. So far we have heard Jacob O’Callaghan and an acoustic quartet from our reggae group Sweet Release perform. We look forward to hearing Confortare Brass perform on Friday, Week 9.

Sacred Heart’s school talent competition ‘Legends’ took place on Friday 15 June. The talent displayed was both varied and of a very high standard. There were solo vocalists and instrumentalists, rock groups, reggae groups, dancers and a wonderfully funny beat box comedian, Richard Weston.

Sacred Heart was fortunate to have the use of Mainz sound gear and three of their students, one of whom was Jack BRYANT (‘11). Sacred Heart’s sound and lighting boys worked with them to give a very polished production. Mr Renau and Miss Ward were judges along with guest celebrity judge Mike Puru, from The Edge radio station. Mike was so impressed with the talent he has asked if he could come and judge again next year.

First place went to reggae group Sweet Release performing ‘Move as One’, followed by second equal Jacob O’Callaghan (vocal solo, ‘Free Falling’), and Richard Weston (beat box comedian) performing ‘Richard’s Cooking Show’. Third place went to a dance group Jar Vibrations with Connor Muller and Stephen Hidalgo.

On Monday 18 June, Sacred Heart’s Jazz Band enjoyed a workshop afternoon with the King’s College Jazz Band and their enthusiastic director Gary Burton. We are establishing a regular Jazz Band and have 20 keen boys involved. Our Jazz band really appreciated the knowledge and input from Gary Burton and his team from King’s College.

On Monday 25 June the school heard visiting school St Joseph’s College from New South Wales play at assembly. St Joseph’s are touring in the North Island for a week with a concert band, jazz band and drama group.

Our Clarinet Trio, prepared by Mr Andrew Uren, gave a very good performance in the Auckland Chamber Competition but were not lucky enough to advance past this first performance stage.

We are very proud of our band Young and Reckless, Jack Larsen (vocals and rhythm guitar), Michael Anderson (bass), Jason Farr (drums), Joshua Manuatu (lead guitar), who won their Auckland final of Smokefree Rockquest, giving enthusiastic, tight, sophisticated performances of two of their own songs. They were judged on performance, presentation and the quality of their compositions. They will now submit a 15 minute DVD of performances of their own compositions to Smokefree Rockquest, in order to be considered for the national final. We wish them every success.

Ms Fiona Ferens, Head of Department
Making a Valuable Contribution to our College

The 67 International Students currently at Sacred Heart College are making a valuable contribution to our school, adding to the richness and diversity of our own cultures, and enabling us all to gain a greater appreciation and understanding of the people and world around us.

One of the important roles the International Department is playing is to provide guidance and support services to the International students. This will ensure their personal, cultural and academic needs can be met, and every one of them feels valued, appreciated, accepted and successful in the school.

At the recently held International Student Assembly, the boys were acknowledged and praised by the senior staff for their good work ethic, pleasing academic progress and active involvement in various school activities. Mr Paul Melloy, Director of Pastoral Care, spoke to the boys of the importance of the compliance to the school rules on a daily basis, as well as emphasising the ‘Special Character’ this College holds. International boys were also given a chance to learn more about the Dreamcatcher software from Mr Jason Comford and Mrs Kate Harvey. It was explained how they could take advantage of this excellent online careers support the College has to offer them. Ian Park, one of the Year 13 prefects, also took the chance to share with the international boys his experience on how to make the most of their time here at school and encouraged the boys to aim high.

More effort has been made to promote the Special Character among the international boys. All of the students who come to the ELL Department for Religious Education have written both a prayer and a grace that can be read at homeroom time and before lunch. It is written in their own language with a translation into English. They all have a laminated copy in their bags in a folder that they bring to school every day. Teaching staff can always call upon them to say their prayer and grace in their classes.

The International Students have all been told that staff know they have their own prayer and grace to read. Although many of them don’t yet feel confident, they know that they are certainly getting positive encouragement from school staff. As Mrs Lynne Gardiner, Dean of International Students explains, it is important that their first language is acknowledged at the College, as they in turn are acknowledging our Special Character by writing the prayer and grace.

Mr Ting Xu with the International Students

Gott, unser Vater, höre unser Gebet:
Tag für Tag setzen wir uns an den gedeckten Tisch:
Wir haben zu essen und brauchen nicht zu hungern.
Lass uns nie so satt werden, dass wir die Not anderer übersehen.
Gib uns die soziale Gesinnung, mit denen zu teilen,
die nicht das nötige Brot haben.
Das erbittern wir durch Christus, unseren Herrn.
Amen.

Mr Ting Xu, Director of International Students

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Amen.

God, our Father, hear our prayer:
Every day we sit at the dinner table:
We have food and do not need to starve.
Let us never be so tired that we ignore the plight of others.
Give us the social sense to share with those who do not have the food they need.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Brother Gerard

Cricket and Rugby coach and mentor to young men

I first met Brother Gerard in Year 7 when I was put into his Maths class. What I mistook as intimidation in the first few weeks of his company was really a sense of welcoming and wanting to be your friend. I couldn’t have asked for a better presence as I became accustomed to life at the College. Entering the big boys school as a Year 9 student was an even bigger step for me, but again, the guidance and friendship of Brother Gerard was an extremely prominent part of my day-to-day life at the College. First and foremost he was and still is, the Dean of Year 9. Brother Gerard was also my cricket coach while playing for the Year 9-10 Colts. This cricketing relationship continued all the way through to the end of Year 10, as I completed two full years with the Colts. Although my involvement with Brother academically and on the cricket pitch has lessened since Year 10, the relationship I have with him has not changed a bit. I have known Brother Gerard since my first week at the College and having known him for so long, I see him as far more than a teacher. I see him as a friend who is a permanent part of my life at the College, someone who is always up for a chat whether it is about a problem I’m experiencing or what’s happening in the news. His presence is something I am glad I never took for granted, because had I done so, I feel like I would have missed out on something that no other school can offer.

Sebastian Salmon 12AS

When I started Sacred Heart College in 2008 I had already heard about and met Brother Gerard. My dad, Kelsen, started at Sacred Heart College the year Brother started teaching at the College back in 1979. Dad had told me a lot about Brother, especially about his success with the rugby teams he had coached and his obsession with Wellington rugby! He also said that whenever he and his friends returned to the College as Old Boys, Brother would always greet all of them by name even though he may not have seen them for years.

In my Year 9, Brother Gerard’s 6A rugby team won the championship so in Year 10 Brother’s 6A team was the team I wanted to make. I did so and our team and Brother were very keen to repeat what the 6A side had achieved the previous year. During the rugby season I learnt a lot more about Brother Gerard. Our assistant coach and manager, Kelvin Mephan, was one of Brother Gerard’s closest friends. Every week Kelvin would come to our trainings even though he was battling cancer. Brother was always helping Kelvin with anything he needed and always had Kelvin at the top of his priority list. Kelvin got quite sick during the season and Brother would visit him and relay news back to the team. The team already had great motivation to win the championship but knowing what Kelvin was going through and the things he did just to come to our games and trainings made us even more motivated. Seeing how close Brother was to Kelvin and how their friendship was closer than ever during Kelvin’s tough times also made us want to win the competition even more. Unfortunately we were unable to win the championship going down by one point in the final but everything we accomplished during the season was all due to Brother Gerard.

Brother’s personality and humorous nature made being in his team a little less serious and good fun. One thing that I learnt about Brother is that he is always open to a good chat about most things - but usually it’s rugby and mostly about his ‘mighty Hurricanes’ and “how poor the Blues were on the weekend”.

I definitely learnt a lot from Brother Gerard during my time in his team. As well as being a great coach he also showed us all how great friends treat one another with his support of Kelvin.

Mitchell Butler 1ICM

“I see him as a friend who is a permanent part of my life at the College, someone who is always up for a chat whether it is about a problem I’m experiencing or what’s happening in the news.”
Preparation for Building Commences

The Development Foundation is currently networking with Old Boys in the United Kingdom and Europe informing them of the Property Master Plan and proposed developments of the College campus, seeking their thoughts and input. There has been a lot of positive and encouraging feedback for the projects under consideration – the 1500-seat Auditorium, the Performing Arts Centre, Information and Research Centre and the Endowment Fund. While in London, Principal Jim Dale and Chris Klaasen (’79) will host an Old Boys reunion on Friday 29 June at Waxy O’Connors in Leicester Square and there is keen anticipation of this event.

The preparation of the College site for building has commenced and realignment of the driveway and demolition of the existing Marist Brothers’ building will start in earnest in July. Returning after the Term 2 school holidays it will be exciting to see the progress of the site works. Photos of the progression of the building will be made available on the Sacred Heart website at the beginning of Term 3. This marks an exciting new milestone in the development of Sacred Heart College. To view photos and plans go to www.sacredheart.school.nz and click Our Community, then Development Foundation.

ANNUAL GIVING
Our Annual Giving Programme continues to support students, the College campus and other school initiatives. Please find the Annual Giving brochure enclosed in this edition and encourage you to contribute.

COLLEGE BENEFACOR
Old Boy Matthew Abel (’71) recently gifted Sacred Heart College a full scholarship for a student. In his words he did this as he had “observed Sacred Heart doing well academically, in sporting areas, and cultural activities”. Matthew believes a strength of the school over the years has been that students have come from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds and as Auckland grows larger there is probably going to be an increasing trend for individual schools to serve a narrower range of socio-economic groups. Matthew gave this scholarship so it would give a boy, who might not otherwise have been able to attend Sacred Heart, the opportunity to do so. The College sincerely thanks Matthew for his thoughtfulness and generosity. We encourage Old Boys and other members of the Sacred Heart community to consider following Matthew’s example and sponsoring a student.

Ms Lyn Luxton, Development Foundation
Ethan Mitchell

Ethan Mitchell (‘08), Sacred Heart College Old Boy and lead cyclist in the three man New Zealand Olympic sprint team.

At the London Olympics in August, 16 teams from around the world will compete for the Gold medal in the Team Sprint event. To achieve his ambition of bringing home a Gold medal, Ethan needs to train differently from the other riders in his team and focus on himself, something Ethan finds more difficult than some athletes as his Marist schooling has taught him to look out for others.

Ethan began road cycling in Year 9 at Sacred Heart and competed in this discipline for a year. In Year 10 Ethan purchased a new bike from Justine Grace (now his coach) who asked him to trial track riding as he had the right build for it. From here Ethan’s hard work and focus has seen him go on to win Bronze in the Keirin and Silver in both the 1km Time Trial and Team Sprint at the 2009 Youth Olympics; Gold in the Team Sprint at the 2009 Junior Track World Champs and Silver in the Team Sprint at the 2010 Commonwealth Games. At the Melbourne World Champs in 2012, they won Bronze in the Team Sprint, the first time New Zealanders have ever won a medal in a Team Sprint at the World Champs.

For Ethan, making the Olympic team is a dream come true and he is excited about his build up to the Olympic Games. In Valencia he will spend several weeks training hard and acclimatising to the European summer heat. From here he will move to Bordeaux for the final 10 days’ training before leaving for London. Ethan has a gruelling training programme that combines weights, stretching, erg sessions and riding for at least four hours every day. The team will be well looked after during their build up and throughout their Olympic campaign travelling with sports scientists, strength conditioners, a nutritionist, physiotherapist and two bike mechanics. Ethan’s mum and dad, who are incredibly proud of his achievements, will also be trackside in London to cheer Ethan on.

Ethan’s advice to young athletes is to take a sport you are having fun with, don’t pressure yourself if you are not enjoying it. Know that it takes time and hard work to get results but once you do it’s worth all the effort you have put in. Ethan believes Sacred Heart encouraged his strong work ethic and not being afraid of saying he could be the best. Principal Jim Dale’s sentiments of not celebrating mediocrity and not settling for second place have resonated strongly with Ethan. But for all his sporting achievements and recent media attention Ethan is a humble, caring and genuine young man and a true example of a Marist man. Ethan races for Gold on 2 August – be sure to watch!

Geoff Ricketts

Geoff Ricketts (‘63) has been awarded a Papal Knighthood of the Order of St Gregory the Great by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

The Papal Knighthood was conferred on Geoff at Mass at St John the Baptist Church in Parnell Sunday 13 May by Bishop Pat Dunn. It was awarded to Geoff for services to the Catholic Church and community over many years.

Geoff has been a long serving member of the Auckland Catholic Diocese Administration Board and Chair of the Property Subcommittee. He also chairs the board of the New Zealand Catholic Education Office Limited.

After leaving Sacred Heart, Geoff studied Law at the University of Auckland graduating with an LLB (Hons). In 1973 he joined the commercial law firm Russell McVeagh, as a partner. Geoff became Chairman of the partnership and retired as a full time partner in 2000, but remains a consultant with the firm today. In recent years Geoff has become a non-executive director serving as chairman of Lion Nathan and is on the boards of several Australian public companies.

Geoff’s father, James Ricketts (‘29), was also an Old Boy of Sacred Heart College as is his son, Samuel Ricketts (‘92). His uncle, George Ricketts (‘05), was a founding pupil of Sacred Heart in 1903. Geoff is a self-effacing, gracious and humble man who has made an enormous contribution to Sacred Heart College for many years. Sacred Heart community congratulate Geoff on this well deserved honour.

L to R: Bishop Robin Leamy, Mrs Fran Ricketts, Mr Geoff Ricketts, Bishop Patrick Dunn
The Grand Tour 2012

This was in many respects a journey into the past. For these young Kiwi men who hail from a ‘new’ country it was an experience that will no doubt shape and broaden their understanding of a continent which until now has been knowledge gained from books and visual media.

Arriving in the Eternal City Rome on Good Friday and participating in the Easter ceremonies, viewing St Peter’s Basilica and also attending Easter Sunday Mass in St Peter’s Square, was a privilege.

For the 20 senior students from Sacred Heart College seeing the Vatican Museums, the Capitoline Museum, the awe inspiring Sistine Chapel in the first two days was a breath taking experience. The Colosseum and Forum were musts for any travellers to Rome and we were no exception. The students enjoyed the buzz of all things Roman, the piazzas, the food and the tourist shops.

Leaving Rome by bus, our itinerary took us to Anzio, Cassino Cemetery and Monte Cassino itself. Included were visits to the battlefields and war museums. We paid our respects to Sacred Heart Soldiers who fell in the World War II- so many buried there from all nationalities.

This three week journey had a focus on the Classics; to name a few: Olympia, Nafplio, and the Epidaurus Theatre where it is said that if you drop a coin in the centre of the 14,000 theatre it can be heard from the highest point.

Classics teacher, Mrs Stephanie Ioka, had prepared the boys for the tours we undertook to Hadrian’s Palace which is a UNESCO heritage site. Pompeii had so much to offer and it was only rediscovered at the end of the 18th century.

An aspect of our journey was to honour our Sacred Heart heroes who fell in the battles around Cassino and also those who were involved in the Crete/Greece campaigns and are buried at Phaleron Cemetery outside Athens. Monte Cassino is a place strong in the memories of surviving veterans and known to all New Zealanders. Members of our group had researched the lives of these soldiers and they paid tribute to them in prayer and song.


‘Confortare Esto Vir’

Mrs Margaret Graham, Director of Year 7/8

In MEMORIAND

Captain Frederick George Clubb MC (Military Cross)

Died 7 March, 1944

Born in Liverpool, England in 1917, Frederick and his family grew up in New Zealand.

His parents were Frederick and Winifred Clubb.

He attended Sacred Heart College in 1930 and 1931 and at the outbreak of war was a medical student at Rotorua Public Hospital. He had married Lettie Clubb and fathered twin sons before joining the Army. The last unit he served in was the 26th Infantry Battalion with the 2nd Echelon.

On 3 December 1943 Captain Frederick Clubb was part of the Allied invasion in Italy. They were facing a severe winter and their mission was to attack the western end of the Gustav line and even with more troops landing, they were held in this defensive position. Their aim was to reach Cassino, but this was not achieved until May 1944.

Having come safely through the campaigns in Greece and Crete, Captain Clubb was now assigned to the 26th Canterbury-Otago Battalion. He had won the Military Cross during an attack on Sid Rezegh in North Africa when he found himself and his company caught in heavy machine gun and mortar fire. He caused 12 of the enemy to surrender but later on his party was captured by a larger enemy force. He broke away and returned to his regiment.

Later again he was captured and again escaped and was sheltered by a friendly Italian family and learned to speak the language. The Germans became thorough in searching for escaped prisoners and Frederick insisted on leaving as reprisals meant execution for families caught helping escaped Allied soldiers.

A friend wrote this last report “Captain Clubb was last heard of as a party of escapees who were attempting to join the allied lines by sea. On 7 March 1944 the party left in a 22ft boat from a point south of San Georgio and nothing further has been heard of them”. The presumption of death was based on this evidence and the time lapse since the Officer was last heard of.

He is remembered on the Sacred Heart Chapel Memorial Board and at the Cassino War Cemetery, Italy.

Captain Frederick Clubb, MC was 26 years of age. Today three of his great grandsons attend Sacred Heart College and this is a day for them to stand tall and be proud of his sacrifice and indeed of all who gave their lives.
News of Old Boys

Brian BARTRAM (’53) and his wife Robin were invited to the US Memorial Day Service at old St Paul’s Cathedral. The invitation came by the US Embassy. Suits and medals were required, and of course it was an opportunity for Brian to wear his Old Boys’ Tie. The event on 28 May was of special significance, importantly it was 70 years since the WW2 Marines were in Wellington.

Adrian CATRAN (’64) Funeral Director in Thames, has just taken delivery of a brand new Holden/Chev Commodore hearse. Adrian was looking for a freight-forwarder/customs clearance company to handle the import documents and delivery to Thames. Using his initiative Adrian went into the Sacred Heart College Business Network site and found the answer to his problem. He got in touch with Grant STEMBRIDGE (’66) of Ultimate Transport, and in no time the new hearse was on Adrian’s doorstep. This is Old Boys networking in practice.

Peter CHURCHILL (’72) is Auckland City Commercial Manager for Barfoot and Thompson real estate.

Mike DAVIS (’85) is the Underwriting Manager – Commercial Motor for Lumley General Insurance in Auckland City. Mike follows the 1st XV with great interest.

Joshua HAWKINS (’11) recently competed in his first meet after coming back from injury. He ran the 110m hurdles in 14.07secs, breaking the Mens Under-18 NZ record and qualifying for the World Youth Champs.

Phil HYNDMAN (’06) recently graduated from Massey University with a BVSc – the first Vet to graduate from Sacred Heart in many years. Phil has published an article on Bovine Hip Dislocation in the Dairy Cattle Vets Newsletter; a major achievement for a newly qualified Vet.

Chris LYNCH (’79) is partner at Linder Lynch Lawyers, Papakura and Pukekohe. Father of Dylan (’11) and brother of Simon (’75) and Michael (’77). Chris organises the SHCOSA Papakura reunions.

Richard (Rick) MADIGAN (’72) is Microsoft Senior Support Engineer Customer Service & Support, Asia Pacific & Greater China Region. Rick is based in Sydney and keeps up with news on the Sacred Heart website.

Dr Robert Bruce MORRISON (’56) DSM, was awarded the MNZM in this year’s Queen’s Birthday Honours, for services to medicine and the community.

Mark PIPER (’92) is now General Manager Operations for Fonterra, North America. He is enjoying life in the USA, but misses the 1st XV action. Mark catches up with news on the Sacred Heart website.

Paul RANDALL (’55) was an Investment Manager for AMP in Wellington. He now has a full time job looking after his wheel chair bound wife. Paul is always keen to hear of Sacred Heart happenings. He is one of 5 brothers who attended Sacred Heart. John (Jack) (’37), Trevor (’11), Ron (’50) and Laurie (’40), deceased.

Peter RICHARDSON (’65) has been ordained to the office of a Permanent Deaconate (Deacon) in the Church. This is different to a transitional Deacon who go on to become Priests. Peter and his wife are currently on a pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress in Ireland with Bishop Dennis Browne of Hamilton.

Zachary SCHUSTER (’11) 1st XV in 2011, was in the Samoan U20 team playing in the World Champs.

Denham SHALE (’54) is now in his second year as President of the Institute of Directors in NZ and has also recently been made Chairman of Dunedin City Holdings Limited. Denham enjoys the updates about College life, and recently caught up with Principal Jim and Ann Dale at the Bishop’s Catholic Caring Foundation dinner.

John SWEENEY (’65) enjoys receiving the 1st XV reports. He keeps in close touch with old class mate Bruce FRASER-JONES (’65) and reminisce about their old alma mater footy games. John has just returned from walking the Heaphy Track.

Jordan TAUFUA (’10) No.8 and Sacred Heart 1st XV Captain was a star player in the NZ U20 team at the Junior World Champs played recently in South Africa.

Daniel THOMPSON-TORESEN (’85) is in partnership with his father Daniel THOMPSON (’63), they operate a private investigation security management business in Auckland called Thompson-Toresen The Investigators. Where does the Toresen name come into this? The Norwegian family name was Toresen and was Anglicised to ToreSEN. So Daniel jnr became ToreSEN reverting back to his original family name.

William WARD (’02) is now working in London, after working for IMG in the Rugby World Cup last year, with Proctor and Gamble. They are a Tier 1 sponsor for the upcoming summer and then the winter Olympics in Russia. They are also sponsoring the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in 2014.

TED KAVANAGH, 1892-1958

Ted Kavanagh attended Sacred Heart College in 1905 and established the 1st College magazine with two friends Dan O’Brien and Charlie Carroll. During the 2nd World War he became part of a group (as script writer) responsible for a BBC show ITMA. It became famous for its wit and hilarity. Always a strong Catholic Ted was awarded a Papal Knighthood by Pope Pius XI.

Matt Elliot is writing a biography on Ted Kavanagh and we would be grateful for information; pictures, articles or letters that could assist this research. Please email Mrs Margaret Graham if you can assist: mgraham@sacredheart.school.nz

Exciting Year Ahead for Supporters Club!

Last year the Sacred Heart Rugby Supporters Club was launched to help keep the famous dark blue, light blue and red playing strip to the forefront of schoolboy rugby. 70 members joined the Supporters Club including Old Boys, College staff, current parents, students and friends of the College. As well as enjoying after-match celebrations in the ‘club rooms’, special events, prize draws and members gifts, the SHC Rugby Supporters Club also made a financial contribution to the purchase of school rugby equipment and coaching resources.

We’re looking forward to another exciting year with 6 outstanding home games including two matches televised ‘live’ on The Rugby Channel. If you’d like to join the SHC Rugby Supporters Club in 2012 contact kelsen.butter@sportsinc.co.nz or grantwilson@xtra.co.nz
Obituaries


James (Jamie) Robert EISING (‘11) d. 15/4/12, in a skate boarding accident on the North Shore. Jamie was undertaking a course at Tech to become a carpenter. Jamie’s Great Great Uncle Albert EISING (‘23) and Great Uncle Kevin EISING (‘47) were both Old Boys of Sacred Heart College.

John Patrick KEYS (‘46) d. 26/5/12. A boarder originally from Ta Aroha. John spent most of his working life as a cabinet maker and builder.

Russell Patrick LAFFERTY (‘44) d. 16/6/12. Russell worked as a carpenter in Hamilton then retired to Cambridge. Declan Lafferty, Russell’s grandson, is in Year 13 at Sacred Heart.

Michael John LARACY (‘58) d. 21/11/11. Michael’s working life was in accounts with the M.O.W. NZ Steel, Griffins, Gear Meat and the DFC. He taught Latin, English and Maths at St Bernard’s and Rongotai Colleges. Michael was an active member of Child Cancer Foundation, amateur dramatic productions, Parish Council and School PTA committees and coached children’s sports teams.

Brother George McRAE (SHC staff ‘48-’54) d. 10/5/2012 at St Pauls aged 89. Brother was the wood work and metal class teacher and expert driver of the Farmall tractor skidding it down the slippery gully at Richmond Rd. to the applause of the boys.

Bernard William MURPHY QSM (‘42) d. 30/3/12. A sheep and cattle farmer all of his life and doyen of NZ dog trials. He was awarded the QSM in 2008.

Trevor RANDALL (‘41) d. 9/11/11. Trevor was a keen bowler and an Examiner of Umpires. He was a senior manager and worked for NZ Customs.

Nesbitt Poynton (Peter) SCOTT (‘36) d. 18/1/12, aged 90. He worked for the Department of Lands and Survey. He enjoyed telling his family of his days at Sacred Heart.

Brian Anthony TOLICH (‘43) d. 26/3/12. Brian was a carpenter and he worked on the new College with Fletcher Construction. In later years he worked for himself specialising in alteration work. He was a keen bowler and fisherman. Brother of the late Terry (‘44).


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