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From the Principal

Aim high and achieve all your goals

Greetings to the Marist Brothers, Parents, Students, Old Boys and Friends of Sacred Heart College.

As I write this article, I have just finished addressing the Year 9-13 Assembly. We celebrated a very successful National Tournament Week for all our competing teams – notably the 1st XI and Year 7 & 8 football teams achieving above all expectations. Their successes are chronicled in this issue and my congratulations go to the athletes, coaches, managers and parents who gave so much of their time and talents to make these national achievements possible. Congratulations to all of you; we all bask in your reflected glory.

Not wishing to diminish such successes, I finished the Assembly on a more sobering note with a message about examinations and qualifications. Each student was reminded emphatically that “organisation is the key to success” and “if you are not preparing for success, you are probably preparing for failure”.

On such an occasion as this, I speak to you not only as the Principal, but also as the father of four sons. I remind you that, at this time of the academic year:

- Successful students need to set priorities.
- Successful students regularly back the willing assistance of all their teachers.

- Successful students commit to a detailed and regular study plan.
- Successful students aim high – Merit and Excellence.
- Successful students never settle for mediocrity!
- Successful students never make excuses.

Parents, I urge you, as my wife Ann and I did, to put in place supportive boundaries and expectations that will generate academic success for your son(s).

As I have often reminded our fine young Marist Men over the past 3.5 years as Principal of this wonderful College, “the only place success appears before work is in the Oxford Dictionary!”. Hard work, diligence and perseverance will reap rewards.

Confortare Esto Vir
Onwards and Upwards
Mr Jim Dale, Principal



The next stage of development will create new spaces for the SHC community to congregate, for performing arts and research. It will also enable safer access into the College itself.

Honour the past, embrace the future

The next stage in our College's development demonstrates faith and hope for a bright future.

The final stage of the College Property Master Plan has gone a step closer to being realised with the appointment of an architectural firm to design the Auditorium, Performing Arts Centre and Research Centre.

Award-winning architect Jasmax won the tender to design the complex. The firm stood out for the "all-round completeness" of its proposed concept, according to the chairman of the Property Master Plan Committee, Mr Warren Long.

The development will bring to life the Auditorium and the Great Hall, which enables our entire community to come together. With seating for 1500, and a large reception area, the intention is to accommodate formal and social occasions. There will also be space for a Hall of Memories, where the treasures of the past can be properly displayed for all to enjoy.



The Marist Brothers, guided by the charisma of St Marcellin Champagnat, built the first buildings of SHC in 1903. In this next phase of development, we continue to honour their faith and hope.

Built to celebrate achievement, the Great Hall will be a jewel in the crown of the College facilities, Mr Long says.

The Performing Arts Centre will be a worthy acknowledgement of the great traditions of music making, theatre and visual arts at Sacred Heart College, he adds. Many Old Boys have been inspired to pursue their creative passions, and become New Zealand's most celebrated artists and

musicians. It is exciting that the College will soon have a suitable showcase for the arts.

Completing the development, the existing Hall and auditorium will be integrated to provide a new Research Centre that combines books and online research facilities.

The development will also transform access into the College. It is proposed that vehicles will enter via an entrance created off Crossfield Road. Gate 1 will be used for pedestrian access only. An underground parking facility is also proposed.

"We certainly need an effective parking solution for a development that will be the centre of social activity at the College," Mr Long says.

Principal Mr Jim Dale says the next stage of development presents a wonderful opportunity for the SHC community to honour the past, and embrace the future. "The Marist Brothers built the first buildings of our school in 1903. Their Marist charisma imbues us still, and is vital to the preparation of the next generation in what is an increasingly complex and uncertain world."

Campaign to change entry regulations

State and integrated schools are guided by enrolment policies that give priority to students from specified feeder schools. This can mean at times that sons or grandsons of Old Boys are not able to gain entry to Sacred Heart College.

A Government Select Committee is currently considering submissions on a change to the priorities for selection of students who live outside the school zone. The Education Amendment Bill proposes

to add children of former students to the enrolment scheme priorities. The Association of Boys Schools in New Zealand, with members including SHC Principal Mr Jim Dale and Auckland Grammar Principal Mr John Morris, has been lobbying for change for many years. Auckland Grammar and its Old Boys Association have made a submission supporting the amendment.

Mr Dale says this is an important issue for SHC, as the change will better enable the

College to ensure its history and traditions are protected, through the admission of successive generations of SHC families.

Now that the issue is back on the political agenda, the SHC Old Boys Association is encouraging members of the College community to indicate their support for change to their local Member of Parliament.

The Select Committee will report in November.

A quick word with ... **Jenny White**

Ms Jenny White recently directed the production of *Niu Sila*, which played to appreciative audiences over four nights in August in Delargey Hall. Written by Oscar Kightley and Dave Armstrong, *Niu Sila* is an energetic, funny and moving tale of a friendship between two boys - one brown, one white - growing up in suburban New Zealand in the 1970s.



Jenny White, production director for Niu Sila: enjoyed working with top talent at SHC.

Jenny joined the English Department in 2009. She is an experienced English teacher with a solid background in the theatre. As well as performing in many amateur productions (mainly musicals) over the years, she has also been part of the production team of most shows in the schools in which

she has taught. Before emigrating to New Zealand, Jenny taught in South Africa, where she had recently completed a course on 'Directing in Schools' and directed a successful production of *Godspell*.

This was your first experience producing a stage show at SHC. What motivated you to take it on?

I had no idea until May that I would be directing the school production. When Mr Hayward was no longer able to do it, some Year 13 students approached me and said they had heard I could direct. They asked if I would take on the responsibility for the show as it was their last year at SHC and they really wanted to be part of one. I could empathise with them and so I agreed.

What was the reason behind the choice of play?

As I don't know many New Zealand plays, I asked for advice from Drama teachers across the country. Most of them suggested *Niu Sila*. I found a copy in a local library and, having read it, decided it would suit the multi-cultural nature of our school. It is both topical and relevant to our students' lives. The other key factor was that the production could not be a musical as we had only three months to prepare.

What were the highlights?

Definitely, to be working with the students involved. They are the quality of talent that any director dreams of.



Travis Mischewski, playing the part of Mr Tafioka in Niu Sila.

What was the audience reaction?

The decision to structure the performance nights as dinner-theatre is an idea I have seen employed successfully in a number of schools. Because of the nature of the play and our use of the floor as well as the stage, it made sense to use the school hall. The audiences loved the set-up, as it fitted in well with the informal nature of the production. It was more intimate than a theatre setting and encouraged a united response from the audience.

Gold in the KBB Music Festival

The 40 members of the Senior Concert Band have had a quieter time on the performance front this year, following on from all the hard work and successes of the 2009 tour to Sydney. At this, the band competed in an international music competition in the World Project South Pacific Music Festival, gaining a Bronze Award.



In July, the band performed with the Baradene College orchestra for a fundraising concert for cystic fibrosis. It was a wonderful occasion enjoyed by a full house.

It also proved to be an important "warm-up" for the focus event this year - the KBB Music Festival. For the first time, SHC commissioned a work to be written especially for the current members of the band. Old Boy **Bernie ALLEN** QSM (54) happily obliged and composed a lively and rhythmically interesting piece entitled *Marcel* - named in honour of Br **Marcel HALL** (55). It captured in music some of the vitality

of their youthful times at SHC.

With such a wonderful link to our past, it was most fitting that Marcel won the band the prestigious Gold Award for 'Best Performance of a New Zealand work: Concert Band'.

The remainder of our programme consisted of: *Londonderry Air*; Elton John favourites and *Holst's Suite in F*. The band performed with consistency in all pieces and gained a well deserved Silver Award. Particular mention from the adjudicator, Owen Clark, was made to the trumpet and clarinet sections and he especially enjoyed the Elton John medley - as did the band.

Thanks to our conductor, Mr Morton, for commissioning Bernie Allen to write *Marcel* and for continuing to conduct Senior Band with aplomb.

Mrs Delysse Glynn - Director of Music



Painting, collage, photography, and even needlepoint were among the 200 artistic elements making up the annual **SHC Art Exhibition**, held in the last week of Term 3. Among the artwork from students, staff and Old Boys was this portrait by **Thomas BELLAMY** (09).

From the SHC Archives: Walter Joseph Regis Kirby (1874-1934)

Walter Kirby attended the Marist Brothers' Sacred Heart School at the corner of Pitt St and Wellington St. He was only eight (although two separate newspapers reported he was six) when his singing career took off. His voice, as described in the Auckland Star in 1885, "is a phenomenal organ of purity and sweetness, and reaches notes that might excite the envy of many of our sopranos".

Walter's mother died when he was an infant and his father, a politician and contractor, passed away while he was still a boy. Walter's eldest sister, who was a choir leader at St Patrick's Cathedral, cared for him and devoted herself to his musical education.

Walter left for Melbourne at the age of 11 for further training under the famous Signor Cecci. He became known as the "Auckland boy soprano" and created a furore through his singing. According to one reviewer, he had "a voice far above the average and not only a pleasure, but a privilege to listen to". He developed into a fine tenor, performing with the Melbourne, Metropolitan, Geelong and Ballarat Liedertafels, Albury Exhibition, Ballarat Exhibition and many other important engagements.

Walter returned to New Zealand in 1899 and arranged splendid programmes in various places, including Auckland, Wanganui, Hawkes Bay, Thames, Ohinemuri, Taranaki, Wellington, Napier, and Palmerston North. He always drew a crowded house.

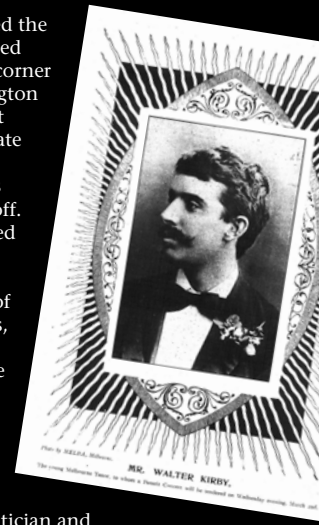
Walter returned to Australia in 1902 and touring with Madam Trebelli, the great prima donna, his reputation became "high rank". This led to opportunities in England and Europe. He spent six years in Italy, and finished his oratorio in London under Rendegger.

With this wonderful musical experience, he returned to Australia in 1910 and entertained music lovers with songs he sang in English, Italian, French and German. In a newspaper article soon after his arrival in Australia, he commented sagely: "The people have been good enough to say I have one of the finest tenor voices in the world. I discovered on arrival in London that it was not everything to possess a good voice; that no stranger could succeed without capital and that no voice was developed without influence."

Although he was expected to return to Europe the following year, he remained in Australia until 1930, before returning to London to reside.

He passed away after a short illness in a London nursing home on 5 December 1934. Being of a generous heart, he made bequests to Melbourne and Auckland Universities for annual singing scholarships, to religious charities, Sacred Heart College and the Marist Brothers College.

Mrs Marie Yonge - Archivist



Conal Wilson – winner of the Hyndman Cup and the Glynn Cup.

Walter Kirby – eclectic, and outstanding

The annual Walter Kirby Music Competition, held on Sunday, 22 August, featured an eclectic and truly outstanding line up of College musicians.

The morning session of Year 7 & 8 students saw Conal Wilson winning both the Hyndman Cup as

a soloist and the Glynn Cup as a member of his group, which also featured Andrew French, Vinnie Ferigo and William Kirk. These young performers, along with Joseph Robinson-Piper, Callum Lloyd and Liam McElwee, can be very proud of their efforts on the day.

A great deal of work goes into preparing for a competition such as this, and this preparation was certainly shown in the Br Theophane Christian Composition Competition, which had the theme 'Making Marist Men'. The entrants were of an exceptional standard, with the adjudicator, John Hellyer, completely overwhelmed with their "genuine Christian connection with the music and words of their songs". He also remarked on how these young men were not afraid of showing in their music a real sense of "vulnerability; as being humble gives men strength". There was only one mark between each of the songs, with Jacob



Jacob O'Callaghan – winner of the Br Theophane Christian Composition.

O'Callaghan taking out a well deserved first place (\$250) with his song 'Marist Men of Sacred Heart'.

The evening section, for senior levels, was the usual high quality. Particularly interesting this year was the Years 9-13 PTA Group Trophy. The winner was a reggae group formed in Year 10 Music class, comprising Daniel Patea, Michael

Falesiu, Francis Selui, Brendan Wallace, Ipu Laga'aia and Sione Moata'ane. Other winners were:

Years 9-11 Solo/Fisk Cup – Jacob O'Callaghan.

Years 12 & 13 Solo/Spillane Cup – Massad Barakat Devine.

Chunn Cup – HeyHeyPayDay (Bryon Terris, Greg Chang, Thomas Plank and Nick Davies).

The adjudicators on the night, Rebecca Daniel (HOD Music - Onehunga High) and Mark Casey (producer/songwriter), said they were most impressed with the energy, passion and obvious love of performing of our students. Mark remarked that "SHC clearly deserves the tag 'School of Rock'."

Mrs Delysse Glynn - Director Music

Massad performs the 'Best Song'

Just making the finals of Smokefreerockquest would have been enough of a dream come true for talented young musician Massad Barakat Devine. But winning the award for Best Song – and the opportunity to record it - has him in a state of disbelief. "I'm really excited. I just didn't expect this to happen."



sponsored to record my song - I am over the moon about it."

Massad says the judges pushed for him to release his song, Tear My Heart Out. The award sponsor, Lowdown, and Smokefree organisers obliged, arranging for him to have two days' recording at York

Street studios, valued at \$5000.

To perform in the finals at the Founders Theatre in Hamilton on Saturday, 11 September, was "pretty cool", he says. "That was a prize in itself. But then to get

The Smokefreerockquest finals will be screened on music channel C4 on 6 November, from 5pm.



Sean Durkin

Korean War inspires scholar

Sean Durkin has been awarded two scholarships that connect his academic talents and his family association with the Korean War.

Sean explains: "My grandfather, David John (Jack) Brunton, is a veteran who served in the Korean War as a tank commander. Through him, I have had the privilege of applying for two scholarships, both of which I have received."

One of these is the 2009 Republic of Korea Defence Attaché in Canberra's Bursary for secondary students throughout Australasia who are descendants of Korean War veterans. There was a requirement to write up to 500 words on the Korean War 1950-1953, and what it meant to Sean as a young New Zealander. Sean was presented the scholarship, valued at AU\$500, at the Takapuna RSA at the end of 2009.

The second scholarship is the Peter Lee Award for 2010, an academic award which was presented by the Korea Veterans Association at a ceremony in Christchurch in July. The award is valued at \$2000 and is sponsored by a Christchurch-based Korean businessman, Peter Lee.

In accepting the award, Sean said: "Ever since I was very young I knew that my grandfather fought in the Korean War. However, only as I grew in maturity did I begin to understand the significance of his sacrifice, and the sacrifices of the men he fought with. He, like his comrades, travelled 6220 miles to fight for people he had never met before, in a country he had never seen. To me this is inspiring. It is what our national identity is all about; an identity forged on the shores of Anzac Cove and tempered on the harsh hills of Korea."

Sean says he will put both scholarships toward his university costs. He intends to do a BA/LLB at Victoria University.

What boys need in their teachers

In June, Mrs Anne Renwick attended the Inventions in Teaching International Boys Coalition 17th Annual Conference, held in Philadelphia. It was an opportunity to hear the latest thinking on how to improve the school-based learning experience for boys.

It was a wonderful and enlightening conference and I am grateful to Mr Jim Dale and the Board of Trustees for allowing me the opportunity.

The conference was hosted beautifully by The Haverford School for Boys. No stone was left unturned in the logistics of catering to the needs of the hundreds

of participants from all round the world. Accommodation, transport and venue sites were truly amazing.

The two main thrusts of the conference were the promotion of literacy among boys and the special teaching conditions demanded from teachers in educating today's boys. The gender gap between boys and girls in tertiary education and schooling in general is of concern to educators around the world, and steps need to be put in place to prevent the gap widening, and close the gap once and for all.

In literacy, the key message is that educators have feminised the programme to the extent that boys are lost when it comes to reading and writing. Educators must acknowledge and respect the differences between how boys and girls see the world. We need to allow boys to write on "manly" subjects in a manly way. They must be allowed to express themselves through writing on events and topics that have been frowned on in the past. If their writing content involves full-on action, so be it - it's just how they function at this stage in their development. By censoring and feminising their subject matter, educators create a void in their thinking that quite often they can't overcome.



Mrs Anne Renwick, accepting the Board of Trustees Staff Scholarship in 2009, from BOT Chair Brendan Lawler. Anne used the scholarship to attend a boys' education conference in the US.

In the general teaching of boys, the main message is that boys have to accept you as a person and as a teacher before they allow learning to commence. Without that connection, boys will make teaching impossible or unmanageable for the teacher. Boys require empathy and connection. They need to understand that you care for them, that you understand the way they tick. They need to recognise that you understand they are foremost boys who behave in a different manner to girls. They are not naughty as such, it's just that they like to poke and prod, tune out and in. They love a joke and at the same time they like firm consistent boundaries where they know where they stand. They require almost instant feedback on their work; if not, it loses its relevancy and they move on. They require direct feedback that informs them of their strengths and weaknesses. They love competition, so they appreciate a fair appraisal of their work and not a statement cloaked in cotton wool. They like you to humanise yourself so that they are aware that there is another side to you apart from the chalk face. Above all, care for them and laugh with them and you will have them eating out of your hand.

Mrs Anne Renwick



Our powerhouse potential

SHC has had a successful season in the rugby grades. Eight teams reached the finals - 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6C, 7A, and U15A. All but 5A and U15A won on Finals Day, and the 4B team drew.

Master of Rugby, Mr Milton Ross, says the result is the best ever since the introduction of the semi-finals/finals system, and the College community can be justly proud of these efforts. No other school in the Auckland Secondary Schools Rugby Union (ASSRU) can boast the same level of achievement through the grades.

However, he has laid down a challenge. "I don't want 2010 to be a stand-out year. I want it to be the norm, and I would love to see that we have 10 or 12 teams going through to the finals. Also, I do not consider myself to have done a satisfactory job until I can say that the SHC 1st XV has made the top four and won."

The 1st XV completed the season with a record of five wins and six losses, to finish eighth in the round robin section of the 1A competition.

There were 17 teams registered to play in competitions run by the ASSRU, as well as U12 and U13 teams that competed under the Marist banner in Auckland club

competition. Both these teams reached the semi finals.

The coaching programme was another pleasing aspect of the season, said Mr Ross. "We had a wonderful start to the year with more than 20 parents and others attending a coaching course run by Mr Dave Dillon, with the aim of providing them with the opportunity to become qualified up to Level 2 of the IRB international coaching qualification. Several are very close to gaining this."

There have also been ongoing improvements in the skill levels of players, especially those coming out of the Rugby Institute, he said.

"2010 has been a year when Sacred Heart Rugby has gained unprecedented success, and it has also been a year when we should realise what our potential can be. For me, and I hope for many others, that potential is to become a powerhouse in New Zealand secondary school rugby.

"There are people and processes in place to ensure our players get the best opportunities to develop their abilities and reach their potential in the sport. I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead for us in the sport."



Br Dunstan 17x7A Wins

Recently, TVNZ's One News team visited the College to interview Br Dunstan Henry about his legendary feats winning the 7A rugby competition. Br Dunstan has coached the 7A grade for the past 25 years, and won the grade 17 times. Br Dunstan is aged 80, but he told the One News reporter that he felt more like 50. Thankfully for the SHC community, he has no plans to retire.

The news story can be viewed online at <http://tvnz.co.nz>.



Back Row: Jim Dale, Neil Penfold, Nick Garelja, Nick Smit, Tom Doyle (Captain), Max Hall, Michael Durkin, Peter Jones, Jordan Roberts, Reece Lambert, Carl Alexander, Danny Hay.
Front Row: Jake Carcatera, Ben Thomas, Dominic Smith, Dylan Manickum, Tim Payne, Rick Lines, Mario Illich, James O'Brie

Strategy pays dividends

1st XI

2010 has been a season to reap the rewards of all the hard work and time that has been invested in football at Sacred Heart College over recent years, particularly for the 1st XI.

The season has had many highlights. For me, it was seeing the pure joy and pride on the boys' faces after beating Auckland Grammar (the eventual Premier League winner) 3-2 at Grammar – the first time SHC 1st XI had beaten AGS since the early 1980s.

The team's results speak volumes:

1. Third – Auckland Secondary Schools Premier League.
2. Third – New Zealand Secondary Schools National Tournament, Napier.
3. Second – Auckland Secondary Schools Knock Out Cup.
4. Winner of the Bishop Dunn Catholic Cup.
5. Winner of the Alex Harvey Cup – the Ranfurly Shield of NZ secondary schools football.

As the season concludes, it is worth noting that the future of football at SHC looks very bright. Strategic development has played a key role in Mr Danny Hay's selection policies, with 13 boys involved in the 2010 squad returning in 2011.

We will lose our Year 13 members - Thomas Doyle (captain), Nick Smit, Dylan Manickum

and Max Hall. These boys have made huge contributions to the team's success. In particular, Thomas Doyle and Nick Smit have both earned more than 50 caps in their four- and three-year involvement respectively with the 1st XI.

Behind any successful team there is always a much bigger group of people, which enables it to participate at the highest level. This includes the staff, teachers and students who have braved some atrocious weather to support the team each week. Special thanks to:

- Mrs Lyn Luxton for her advice and support in securing much valued Trust funds.
- The Old Boys who have generously given time and assisted with funding have also been key to our success.
- Our main sponsors for 2010 - Fuji Xerox, Cue Sports, Walls and Roche, Gee Gees Bar and Brasserie, and the SHCOBA. Their support enables us to focus on playing football knowing we have the necessary resources to perform.
- Mr Jim Dale for his support and leadership. We are happy to have made you proud.
- Mr Neil Penfold and Mr Danny Hay, who have invested countless hours and sacrificed valuable family time to guide the 1st XI through one of the best seasons the school has seen for a very long time.

Paul Smit, my co-manager, and I have enjoyed three great years with the team. We had one objective and that was to leave the 1st XI in a better position from when we first got involved. We have achieved our goal, and look forward to following the ongoing success of football at Sacred Heart College in 2011.

Ian Doyle - 1st XI Manager

Year 7 & 8

Following their convincing victories in the Year 7 and Year 8 Eastern Zone finals, the two Sacred Heart College teams travelled to Riversdale Reserve, Avondale, on Wednesday, 9 June to compete in the Auckland Interzone Boys Football Tournament.

The Year 7 team played good football throughout the tournament and won through to the final. Although the team came second, the players now know the standard needed to be Auckland champion next year.

The Year 8 team came fifth.

It was a great effort by both teams to reach the Interzones, and augurs well for the future of football at SHC.

Mr Neil Penfold - Director of Sport

Cycling update



Sean Kirby and Greg Potter cross the line second and third in the U16 criterium.

A number of key events have taken place over Term 3, with top results as follows:

North Island Championships

Six teams competed at Gordonton, the most that Sacred Heart has ever fielded in this event. The best result came from the Junior A, which was second behind Takapuna Grammar.

The individual road races held at Ngaruawahia the following day featured 21 cyclists from SHC ranging from U13 to U20. Our only medal of the day came in the U17 section, with Alphonse Dunand coming third.

Auckland Championships

In the criterium, Mateus MacKenzie

came second in the U15 B grade, while Sean Kirby and Greg Potter came second and third respectively in the U16 grade.

Waterfront Time Trial

The Junior A finished fourth overall in the points series. In its final race of the season, it set a new school record for a Junior A team of 22:53.1sec, and won a bronze medal for its third placing in this race.

The Senior A finished eighth overall for the series.

National Championships

The National Championships take place in Manawatu as this edition of Confortare goes to press.

Great season for hockey with two grade wins



Hayden Nicholas with a goal against Dilworth that contributed to the 1st XI winning the C grade competition.

2010 has been a very successful year in hockey for our College. We have gone from one team in the College Sport competition over the last few years to three teams this year.

The two 11-aside teams both won their grades and this was due to the determination and skill level of the boys, combined with the excellent coaching they received from Emma Edwards, 1st XI coach, and Peter Fowler, coach of both U15 teams. Peter is an enthusiastic and talented coach and an excellent organizer. We are fortunate to have his services and are extremely grateful to

him. Emma is soon to leave New Zealand for a new life in Australia and we wish her all the very best and thank her for her work with the 1st XI.

We are very proud of the achievements of our players who represented Auckland (Joe O'Connor and Vincent O'Connor) and Counties Manukau (Michael Ball).

It has been wonderful to see hockey becoming a sport of choice at SHC. We look forward to next season and further successes on the turf.

Mrs Mary Graham - teacher in charge

Skiers' trophy run - slopestyle champions

The SHC ski team prepared well for the key events of the season, and it has paid off.

First up was the North Island Primary School Ski Championships, held in late August. This year was the 20th anniversary of these championships, and the second year that SHC has sent a team. In total there were 490 skiers from 105 schools throughout the North Island.

Last year, the Year 7 & 8 team came third. This year, our skiers again enjoyed success. The Blue team gained a well earned second place in the Senior Boys (Year 7 & 8) event, and the Red team came seventh. Overall, the Blue team was fifth out of 43 Intermediate Division teams. Best results came from Nick and Chris Brokenshire who were 13th and 14th respectively out of 162 boys in the Year 7 & 8 event.

At the time of going to print, the Year 9



Our skiers fly the flag for SHC at Mt Ruapehu.

and Year 10 teams were competing in the North Island Secondary Ski Championships (NISS) at Turoa, Mt Ruapehu. The skiers will bring home at least one trophy, with the Slopestyle team of Jacob Smith, Matthew Kirk and Ryan Turney winning the Leith Menzies Slopestyle Trophy. Also, Jacob Smith was first in the U16 Boys Slopestyle event.

The skiers' success results from a highly committed approach to training, guided by equally committed parents in Andy Brokenshire, John

Mulrennan and Ken Holley. The team would like to thank Snowplanet in Albany for its continued support of SHC skiing.

In addition, parental support both on the mountain and throughout the season has been a defining and vital part of the team's success.

Mrs Susan Hurring - teacher in charge

World-class athletes

Year 12 students Joshua Hawkins and Trent Takurua-Woodcock were members of the New Zealand Youth Olympic Team that competed at the inaugural IOC Youth Olympic Games, held in Singapore in August.

Announcing Joshua's selection, Athletics NZ said it was very proud of his achievement as he was one of only 16 athletes chosen worldwide for his event, the 110m hurdles. In Singapore, Joshua qualified for the B final in his event.

Trent travelled as part of the New Zealand cycling team. This meant he would participate in his specialist discipline, BMX, and as a member of a road race team along with a mountain biker and road cyclist.

Trent, who is a world champion in his sport, came fifth in the time trial, and 11th overall after a crash in his semi-final. His injuries meant he could not compete in the team road race.

Feast of the Assumption



Fr John led us in his humorous and witty way.

There has long been a belief in the Catholic Church and at Sacred Heart College that Mary leads us in faith to her Son and can be considered His 'First Disciple'. The Marist Brothers, who founded the school and still play a significant role within it, have based their spirituality on her gentle, simple and humble way of bringing Jesus to our world. It was no surprise then for us, that while the Feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven fell on a Sunday, we celebrated it together on the previous Friday.

Led by Fr John Allardyce, in his humorous and witty way, we remembered Mary, as the Mother of Our Lord, and for the blueprint

she provides us for living each day faithfully. Fr John reminded us that Mary is the one we pray to each day when we say a 'Hail Mary'; she is the one we pray to when times are difficult; she is the one who can be relied on to guide us through the tough and joyous times of our lives; and as Fr Champagnat noted, she is our 'Good Mother'.

Our Assumption Masses, the first for Year 7-9 and the second for Years 10-13, were made even more special by many different contributions from those within the school. The Senior Choir led us in numerous hymns of praise to Mary; the band accompanied us in our singing; and a presentation showed us how Mary's Assumption has been viewed and celebrated in art through the ages. We were also fortunate to host the Hos family, particularly Joseph (09), who created the banner for the Chapel depicting our 2010 pillar of 'Support



Head Prefect Michael Burch.

'Arohaina titahi ki titahi' - and created the bookmark of the same, which he presented to Fr John to be blessed. We are grateful to Joseph and his brother Anthony (08) for their meticulous efforts in creating these banners and bookmarks in recent years. They are tangible reminders of our Catholic, Marist, Champagnat community.

Daniel Whittaker - Year 13

Young Vinnies



The Young Vinnies has had a busy year supporting individuals and families in need in the community.

The group raised more than \$2000 through initiatives such as barbecues and tuckshop collections. These funds have been donated to organisations including Te Waipuna Puawai, a centre run by the Mercy Sisters for women and children in Glen Innes; St

Marcellin Primary School in Suva; and other Marist Champagnat schools in the Pacific. Earlier this year we also raised \$1000 as a part of our Lenten Appeal, which went to Caritas for its work in Haiti.

One of our most ambitious projects was the Vinnies Can Drive - 2500 can donations were received from the community, and have since been donated to the St Pius X



Young Vinnie Sam Crawford at work in the community garden.

Parish food bank in Glen Innes. The stores of the food bank have also been topped up with fresh produce from our community garden.

We also supported the 40-Hour Famine this year and provided practical support for individuals in the Sacred Heart family, as well as the wider Vinnies network.

Sean Durkin - Young Vinnies Leader 2010

Property Master Plan

The Development Foundation, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees, is working to get the next stage of the College's Master Property Plan underway. As the article on Page 3 of Confortare identifies, concept drawings have been drafted for a 1500-seat Auditorium where the whole school can assemble, and an adjacent large reception area. Linked with this is a Performing Arts Centre and a Research Centre. This is a plan that has long been nurtured and now its time has come. The work of previous generations has provided the facilities we enjoy today, and with the support and generosity of our current community, we embrace this bold and exciting stage of development to future-proof our beloved Sacred Heart College.

Annual Giving Programme

At the beginning of 2010 we appealed to our community for financial support through the Annual Giving Programme. The purpose is to ensure the College:

- remains at the top in academic, sporting and cultural achievements.
- continues to improve conditions and resources for students and staff.
- is able to assist and include students who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

The community has responded warmly.

This has enabled the Foundation to provide financial assistance for six students, as well as support specific school projects, and the production of the Sacred Brotherhood DVD. Thank you to everyone who contributed - you have made a difference in the lives of these students and their families.

It is still possible to make a contribution to the 2010 Annual Giving Programme. For information, please contact:

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Sacred Heart College Development Foundation Ph 0-9-529 3743

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The Sacred Brotherhood DVD

The Sacred Brotherhood DVD is a 40-minute documentary that profiles five Old Boys who died in the world wars. The documentary is based on students' research, interviews with family members, and a visit to Europe.

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Br Michael – 60 years a Marist man



A group of Old Boys and friends gathered in St Heliers recently to recognise the 60 years that Br Michael Taylor has given to the Marist community and particularly to Sacred Heart College.

Br Michael attended with Br John Koorey, and we also enjoyed the company of Fr Peter Murphy and former Headmaster Brendon Schollum and his wife, Jane. **Derek LARSEN** (62) came up from Tauranga and provided

insights from his era. **Rod GALANTAI** (84) represented the younger set, from 1984, when Br Michael was coaching the 3Cs.

Many attendees were from Br Michael's "golden era" in the 1960s, when he coached SHC's last winner of the A grade 1st XV competition, in 1965.

In heart-felt speeches, several Old Boys acknowledged Br Michael's contribution to their lives. He graciously responded in saying we were his family and all brothers and sisters.

It was interesting that **Shane 'soft hands' COLEMAN** (68), who played at first five for three years under Brother, chose to recognise his abilities as a Geography teacher (nailing a hard-won A pass in School C) rather than the rugby exploits.

Dr Mike KLAASSEN (74) perhaps characterised the spirit of giving brought out by the College and Br Michael in particular by donating a month a year for free surgery in third-world nations.

Brother was gifted a new set of Nikon binoculars to enable him to see every 1st XV try next year, plus a coupon for some new shoes and a couple of hundred dollars so he can stop drinking wine from a cask!

Thanks to Janie Murray and **Kerry PLAMUS** (62) for the organisation of this event.

Chris DUNN (68)



Br Richard DUNLEAVY

More cause for celebration

As well as Br Michael, we would also like to congratulate three other Brothers connected to SHC who have reached important milestones in their service.

Br Richard DUNLEAVY – 60 years.

Br Bill Lawson – 50 years.

Br Kieran O'Sullivan – 70 years.



Br Bill Lawson

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Fair and Walkathon 2011



Fair comment: the PTA would like feedback and ideas, especially for stalls that are of interest to teenagers.

Plans are progressing well for another successful Sacred Heart College Fair in 2011. This year the Fair will be combined with a Walkathon. The date has been set – Sunday, 20 March.

At the time of writing we are still looking for a few more parents and friends to join the organising team, as well as ideas for new or revised stalls.

Help is needed at this stage in the following areas:

Marketing and Sponsorship: We are looking for a couple more people to join the marketing and sponsorship group.

Signage: We need someone to coordinate the production of new signs and placement of those signs. This person would work closely with the marketing and sponsorship team as well as groups involved in producing signage for use on the day.

Dropoff: We require some more people who can help coordinate drop off of goods as we get closer to the event.

If you can contribute in these areas - or any others - please contact:

Greg Devine
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Kelvin Mephan
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New Stalls/Ideas: One of the goals for the 2011 Fair is to have more stalls that are of interest to teenagers.

If you have any ideas on this, or any other ideas for stalls, please contact:

Bronwyn Brawlings
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Megan Norcross
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SHC Business Network

The SHC Business Network is a valuable resource, accessible on the College website, www.sacredheart.school.nz.

You can identify service providers and product suppliers in a wide range of categories, spanning professional and business services, trades and specialist manufactures.

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SHCOBA News

Annual General Meeting

The SHCOBA elected a new president, **Ian CLARK** (63). The committee is grateful to **Kevin CULPAN** (59) for his work as president over the past two years. Ian was a boarder from Hamilton and he is currently export manager for Villa Maria Wines. Ian lives in Glendowie, and his sons attended SHC. The vice president is **Paul STEWART** (75). Paul was also a boarder from Hamilton, and is a stock agent for Wilson Hellaby. He lives in Huntly. Paul's son Samuel left SHC last year.

Join us!

The SHCOBA exists to foster comradeship among Old Boys. There are more than 10,000 Old Boys in our network, in locations all over the world, and working in all facets of life: business, arts, sports, the clergy, and public service. A life subscription to the SHCOBA is a low-cost way to be connected with your friends, and valuable networking opportunities. Please send your annual subscription (\$25) or life subscription (\$300) by direct bank credit to:

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Reunions

Hawkes Bay, 8 August:

This was held with lunch at Heavey Hall, St Thomas More Parish, Wycliffe St, Napier. Old Boys attending: **Paddy DAWSON** (representing SHCOBA), Br **Humphrey, Bryan CLARK, Peter COLEMAN, Frank CROTTY, Matthew FARRELL, Tony PECKSTON, Paul MOONEY, Tony FOLEY, Dick HEASLEY, Geoffrey HEASLEY, David PRYOR, Mike SHEELY, Bill WARD**. Thanks to David Pryor, who once again organised the gathering, and Paddy Dawson who travelled from Te Kauwhata.

Wellington, 8 September:

The annual get together of Wellington Old Boys, held again at the Wellington Club, had the honour this year of the College Principal, Mr Jim Dale, reply to the Toast to Alma Mater. He outlined the standards the College sets for young Catholic gentlemen as they prepare for the years ahead. Jim spoke of the spirit within the College and outlined the Property Master Plan. It was an excellent summary of "The Past, the Present and the Future of SHC".

Br Doug DAWICK (82) complimented Jim on his determination to carry on the traditions and values of the Marist Brothers. The very meaningful Toast to Alma Mater was proposed by our special Old Boy **Gary GLYNN** (39). He spoke of his days at the College and of the values he took from his four years as a dayboy.

John IRWIN (52), who again organised the gathering, reports that a very strong feeling of camaraderie permeated among the 35 present who all seemed to enjoy the evening. Others

attending were: **Brian BARTRAM** (53), **Leo BUCHANAN** (59), **Tim BURNS** (60), **Sir Anand SATYANAND** (62), **Peter BUSH** (47), **Barney CHUNN** (07), **Nick CRANG** (87), **Michael DUNN** (69), **Peter FA'AFIU** (96), **Roger GILL** (61), **Clark HENNESSEY** (07), **Stuart HENRY** (76), **Tupaea HICKLING** (91), **Raphael HILBRON** (88), **Mark JOHNSON** (79), **Zuke MARINKOVICH** (67), **Chris MORRISON** (80), **Mark MURPHY** (46), **Tom O'DONNELL** (42), **Ric ODOM**, **Hugh PERRY**, **Christopher REID** (72), **Don RYDER** (62), **Stuart SANDLE** (92), **Don SIMCOCK** (60), **David STEVENS** (54), **Peter TOYE** (57), **Sef TRUIJENS** (71), **Michael WALLS** (62), **Nick WANDEN** (07), **Dominic ZAME** (57).

Christchurch, 10 September:

The recent earthquake had a bearing on the number of attendees this year. **Paul STEWART** (75), the newly elected vice president of the SHCOBA, travelled down to shaky town as Br Marcel's deputy. The Old Boys had a great night, including **Terry MAUNSELL, Kevin O'CONNOR, Errol CAMPBELL, Mark McHARDY** (who was the organiser), **Kerry McFETRIDGE, Doug STANTON**, and **Samuel STEWART**.

Dunedin, 13 September:

Paul Stewart continued his southern tour to Dunedin where there was a big turnout. Attendees included **Barry IRVINE** (53) and the following younger Old Boys, all of whom left between 2007 and 2009: **Jack COLEMAN, Sam STONE, Heemi DAVIS, Nick McENTEE, Tom FAHERTY, Luke SCHULER, Warren CROWLEY, James FLANNERY, Matthew STILLWELL, Daniel WANDEN, James STEMBRIDGE, Liam BRADLEY, Sam RITCHIE, Nick MALONEY**.

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News of Old Boys

Stuart SANDLE (92) Is Head of Product Control for Wholesale Banking in Wellington.

Nivin SEWPERSHAD (04) completed a BBus at AUT with double majors in Advertising and EBusiness. His degree required him to be employed in his field of study in the last year of his degree. He has been working at OMD, a global advertising agency, as digital campaign manager. Recently, he was appointed head of technology at OMD.



Alex SNEDDEN (06) has made a significant contribution to the lives of young people with Downs syndrome, and their families,

through inspirational presentations in Australia, Ireland, Hawaii, Canada and New Zealand. He was recently recognised by the NZ Downs Syndrome Association with a national award for this outstanding contribution to the community. It was presented by the Governor General, Sir **Anand SATYANAND** (62) on World Down Syndrome Day, 21 March 2010.

Justin RYAN (91) has been elected as UK Branch Chairman of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants. The branch represents the interests and provides for the training and networking requirements of the 2500 European-based members of the NZICA.

Fr Pat WARD (50) (SHCOBA Committee member) recently celebrated 50 years in the priesthood. Congratulations Fr Pat on a fine achievement.

Br Marcel HALL (55) is recovering after successful knee surgery.

Jonathan ORGAN (89) has returned to full-time study, and is completing his third year on the way to gaining a Doctorate in Fine Arts.

The following Old Boys are playing in the ITM Cup:

North Harbour - **Tom CHAMBERLAIN** (04), **James KING** (05), **Ben AFEAKI** (05).

Auckland - **Kurtis HAIU** (02).

Counties - **Jamie CHIPMAN** (05) (captain), **Ronald RAAYMAKERS** (09), **James SEMPLE** (07).

Taranaki, - **James BROADHURST** (06).

Friday Mass:

A group of Old Boys (in every sense) meets each Friday at the St Benedict's 12.10pm Mass and then retires to the local cafe for lunch and a chat. A number are hybrid SHC/St Paul's College. Sometimes known as 'cramming for finals', it is most enjoyable. An invitation is extended to all Old Boys to attend whenever possible. Please contact **Brian GUBB** (54):

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Recent deaths of Old Boys

Dermot QUINNELL (60) d 11 September in Herne Bay, after a battle with cancer. Buried from the Baptist Church, Ponsonby.

Michael Desmond MULLAN (1960) d 10 September. A farmer in the Waihi area. Known as Des to some of his peers, he was a boarder, an A grade rugby player and senior handball champion. Requiem Mass was at St Josephs, Waihi.

Keith Irwin HINTON (45) (at SHC was known as Keith Hing) d 29 July at a private hospital in Whangarei, where he had retired. A brilliant sportsman, he was fullback for the champion 1945 1st XV, captain and member of the 1st XI cricket team from 1942-45 when it won the championship. Played for champion Marist rugby teams after leaving SHC. He was a successful chartered accountant in Rotorua for many years. The Keith Hinton Lounge at the Agrodome is named for his service for many years to the A & P Association, the owner of the land on which the Agrodome is situated. He was a loyal supporter of SHC reunions in Rotorua. Buried after a private service in Kamo. Father of **David** (75).

John Patrick MURPHY (40) d 6 February 2010 in Auckland. Head Prefect, captain 1st XV 1940, in champion 1st XV 1939. NZEF WW11 Pacific. Became an accountant and

worked for North Auckland Harbour Board. A top New Zealand rugby test referee, he refereed 13 All Black Tests 1969-70. Served on the SHCOBA executive. Father of the late John and the late Martin. Buried after a Requiem Mass at St Michaels, Remuera.

Phillip BATTERTON (54) d 28 August after a long illness. Philip had been past president of the Hibernian National Catholic Benefit Society. Father of **Andrew** (83), **Nick** (84), **Martin** (88) and **Peter** (89). Buried after a Requiem Mass at St Ignatius, St Heliers.

Walter James STEMBRIDGE (45) d in Pukekohe Hospital on 23 July, aged 82. He was hooker for the 1945 championship 1st XV. The Stembridge family had a transport company in Pukekohe where Walter worked throughout his life. A foundation member and a great supporter of the SHCOBA in Pukekohe. Buried after a Requiem Mass at St Patricks, Pukekohe.

Paul Vladimir BOTICA (47) d 24 July at his home in Waiiau Pa, Clarks Beach, after a long illness. Father of **Peter** (73). Paul worked for the BNZ throughout his life and had been manager at Mangakino, Huntly and Pukekohe before retiring to Clarks Beach. Buried from the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Glendowie.

Patrick James SIMPSON (49) d 8 August at Mercy Parklands Hospice, Ponsonby. Patrick had worked for Farmers, and retired to Sir Edmund Hillary Village until shortly before his death. Buried by his cousin and Old Boy, **Fr Frank O'REGAN**.

George Quentin ATTRILL (58) d 8 August at his home in Mt Maunganui. George was at St Pauls before spending his last year at SHC. He had a sports goods shop at Mt Maunganui and was a professional golfer. His funeral service was at Mt Maunganui.

Herbert George WOOD (39) d 30 August. He came to SHC from Hikurangi. Flew for the NZRAF during WWII in the East. George spent his working life in the milk distribution industry. Buried from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Epsom.

E R (Rex) BAILEY (37) d 18 October 2009 at his home in Whangaparaoa, aged 88. Passed away peacefully in his sleep. A veteran of WWII and a New Zealand sailing representative.

Gordon HARRISON (63) d June 2010 after a short battle with cancer. Gordon lived in Taihape and was a truck driver for a local firm. Gordon was buried from the local Catholic Church.

Old Boys Association Dinner

This was held on 24 September 2010. Highlights were the presentation of a life membership to **John IRWIN** (52) for his long commitment to the Wellington SHCOBA. Three Old Boys travelled from Australia for the occasion of their 50 years since leaving the College – **Gerry MULLANE**, **Richard BARBER** and **Ken LAW**.



Room Seated



Ivan Marinovich and Ian Bartram



Ilan Clark invests John Irwin as a Life Member



Graeme Dennett, Ian Clark, John Irwin



90's table



Ken Lowe, Richard Barber, Gerry Mullane



happy place



Mick Irwin, Pauline Irwin and John Irwin



thinking space



Pat Leonard, Joe Hall, John Berrill, Jim Mullane