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ERO report highlights key values at the College

In its report following a recent review at the College, the Education Review Office (ERO) notes that Christian and Marist values and a commitment to nurturing the spiritual dimension of each student continue to underpin the College's Special Character. They found evidence for this in the positive relationships between staff and students, the settled and respectful behaviour in classrooms, and the positive and supportive family environment both in the College and Hostel. For me, as Principal, these comments confirm that we have the most important things right at Sacred Heart. Our Special Character differentiates us from surrounding schools. It is that extra factor that parents hope their sons can experience here.

The ERO report also notes that a lot has changed since the last review in 2002. A considerable building programme has delivered improved facilities for teaching Science and Technology, for Years 7 & 8 and for the school administration.



Philip Mahoney,
Principal

NCEA results for 2004 and 2005 indicate that overall student achievement is very good and has improved at all levels. The percentage of students gaining NCEA qualifications is in advance of national averages and schools of similar type and socio-economic status. Students also achieve significantly above the national average for Level 1 requirements in literacy and numeracy. Obviously we are doing a lot of things well, but there is always room to do better.

The main area for improvement reflects the current thinking of the Ministry of Education, which wants teachers to make greater use of assessment data to tailor teaching more to individual students' needs, so that all can achieve to their potential. We have begun down this path, but there is still more to be done. Professional development for staff and an improved database for student assessment records are already underway.

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Making a difference

They often come with baggage - laptops, digital cameras, and sophisticated gadgets such as mimeos that attach to the classroom whiteboard and scan data as its written. But otherwise students making use of Sacred Heart College's assistive technology, are participating in the classroom as normal. Yet only a few years ago, life was nowhere near normal for them.

You can't help feeling humbled listening as they talk about what assistive technology has meant for them. From perhaps simply being able to pass a spelling test, to being able to concentrate on and contribute fully to classroom discussion and debate, their stories are deeply affecting.

Benedict Gordan is a visually impaired student who had traditionally had the assistance of a teacher aide in the classroom. As a Year 11 student, he was given the opportunity to use assistive technology, including a digital camera to photograph teachers' notes on the classroom whiteboard. "I really like interacting in class, but before I had this technology I had to concentrate on getting the lesson down. It was a compromise I never liked. When I was given assistive technology I was given the ability to set up my learning system the way I wanted it to be. My goal was to become fully independent, and through teacher support and the technology, I have achieved that."

Now two and a half years later, Benedict is confident about the prospect of study at university, whereas once he believes it would have been a struggle.

Nick Harrison can relate to Benedict's feelings. While temporarily disabled with a broken arm, he was provided with assistance from the Learning Support Department. He says it made him feel helpless having to have a reader/writer do his writing for him, not being able to play sports, and not



Year 10 students Finn McCarthy, Michael Murphy and Jordan Fishwick, make use of assistive learning technology such as a mimeo (pictured on the whiteboard behind them).



Year 13 student Benedict Gordan has designed his own assistive technology system, with the aim of giving himself the ability to interact fully in classroom discussion.

being able to socialise.

"I just didn't realise what it meant to have a disability, or how in depth the disability programme here is. The help I had was very good. I would have missed out on some credits and failed the year without it. It also made me realise how Sacred Heart accepts all students - not just the 'perfect' ones."

For Year 10 students Michael Murphy, Jordan Fishwick and Finn McCarthy, the technology is making a difference to their confidence and

academic achievement. "We did an English test last week and we were able to use software that explained the questions to us properly. I passed just because of it," says Finn.

"I'm getting better marks for spelling and assignments done on time," says Michael.

Working in homework groups, the students are enjoying social as well as educational benefits. "The homework sessions are great," says Jordan. "We get a lot of one-on-one time, we work together in groups and become friends."

Learning Support HOD Mrs Louise Oliphant says some students at Sacred Heart have never learned to read or write. "In some families there is a long history of not reading and not writing. But through the use of assistive technology we are beginning to break the cycle."

Mrs Oliphant says that six years ago, when she was first introduced to the technology by Mrs Naomi Forrester of Speaking Solutions, she considered it might be a "quick fix". Now she sees it as one of the most empowering educational programmes available. She credits the partnership with Mrs Forrester as critical, not only for the knowledge she has of the technology, but also for the time she voluntarily puts into the College.

But this story isn't all good news. Mrs Forrester's voluntary contribution is driven by a desire to see the technology made available to more students. "Lack of funding is the only constraint on what we can achieve with it," she says. Currently only a small number of students meet government funding criteria; a few others can make use of the technology because their parents are able to help pay for it. "My feeling is that the technology should be available to all students, not just those who have some particular reason that matches a government funding requirement."

The wider application of assistive technology requires for financial support.

Please contact Mrs Louise Oliphant at the College if you would like to assist. Ph 0-9-email loliphant@sacredheart.school.nz

Young Finn sets sail on a global journey

Year 12 student Elroy Finn was fondly farewelled from the College at the end of Term 2. Elroy is headed for Cardiff in Wales, with the aim of developing his potential at an international school, Atlantic College. Part of the United World College network, with schools in 10 countries, it has a philosophy of bringing different cultures together to develop global awareness.

Elroy says his new school has students from 70 countries represented, and a reputation for educating future world leaders - "though that's not necessarily where I am heading in my life!"

He expects to be heavily involved in



Last act: Elroy Finn on his final day at Sacred Heart.

community work as part of the education experience, which may include a trip to Africa to help in a refugee camp. "It would be amazing, if that happens for me, to have the chance to see how people way less fortunate than New Zealanders live, and to be able to contribute and

try to make their situation a little better."

The son of one of Sacred Heart's most celebrated Old Boys, Neil Finn, Elroy has been an all-round contributor to the College. As his father once did, Elroy regularly took to the stage for music competitions, and was often part of the winning act. Additionally, he has been an active participant in school cricket and rugby teams, and an award-winning academic student.

"I will miss Sacred Heart. I've loved the opportunity to work with some very motivated and passionate people, particularly in music."

Last year, his band The Tricks was placed third in the Auckland section of the secondary schools rock competition, Rock Quest, and Elroy plans to take part in this year's event with College friends Barney Chunn, Ben Bamford and Regan Sharpe before heading to Wales to start school in September.



Glorious Godspell

Over four nights in the Selwyn Theatre, a group of students from Sacred Heart and Baradene delighted audiences with their energetic, amusing and endearing rendition of Godspell.

It was a perfect choice of play for both schools to reflect their Special Character, and the close-knit cast rose to the opportunity.

The show was a resounding success not only for a talented cast and crew, but also for Production Director Mr Chris Hayward and Music Director Mrs Delysse Glynn.



Walter Kirby celebrates 70 years

The annual Walter Kirby competition was 70 years old this year. Students turned out in force to uphold one of the College's best loved traditions.

Held over many hours on Sunday, 28 May, the competition was organised by Mrs Delysse Glynn, Director of Music, and her Music Department colleague, Mrs Helen Hyndman. The adjudicator was Denis Hepi, an Old Boy and professional musician in Auckland.

And the winners were:

Hyndman Family Trophy for Year 7 & 8 Solo: Massad Barakat-Devine, First; Jack Bryant, Second; Dominic Clark, Third.

Glynn Cup for Year 7 & 8 Group: Thomas Everett and Dominic Clark on drums, First; Declan Wilson and Massad Barakat-Devine on guitar/vocals, Second.

Fisk Cup for Year 9-11 Solo: Frank Eliesa on piano, First; Thomas Glynn on piano, Second; James Devoe on piano, Third.

Spillane Cup for Year 12 & 13 Solo: Sebastian Wright, First; James Coombe, Second; Jesse Allam, Third.

PTA Trophy for Year 9-13 Group: Queen Street Riots (Ben Bamford, Barney Chunn, Elroy Finn, Regan Sharp), First; I Like U2 (Jesse Allam, Ben Bamford, Anthony Brownson, Liam O'Donoghue), Second; Vague (Lachlan Dreadon, Alex McAndrew, Tom Martin, Chris Ryan, Chris Voykovich), Third.

PTA 50th Jubilee Cup for Br Theophane Christian Composition: Nadanuff (Derek Falefela, Antonio Tameilau, Neil Tapu, David Taufu), First; Anthony Brownson, Barney Chunn, Daniel O'Donoghue, Second; Ben Bamford, Third.



Year 9-13 performers from Queen Street Riots, I Like U2 and Vague.



Adjudicator Denis Hepi with members of Br Theophane Christian Composition winner Nadanuff.

When the journey begins

The journey for many students at Sacred Heart College starts at Year 7 and in seven years many strong friendships are forged. Mrs Margaret Graham, Director of Year 7 & 8, believes that academically students are challenged by a vibrant programme and teaching staff. These factors together provide an excellent foundation for the continuance of their secondary schooling. Spiritually, they are inducted into the College's Special Character, participating in the rich and varied Religious Education and liturgical services. In extra-curricular areas, they have an array of formal and informal opportunities, from weekly interschool sports, to an annual outdoor education programme, music and dance classes, a bi-annual musical-dramatic performance, a Literature Quiz, and public speaking competitions.

Mrs Graham says a focus for academic achievement in the coming year is on literacy. This is a Ministry of Education initiative and teachers of years 7-9 have commenced professional development with teachers from other schools. Sacred Heart College has chosen improving writing skills as its focus. For the boys, the aim is to encourage a lifelong interest in not only reading, but also being able to write and construct a story /article letter /etc in a manner that demonstrates correct knowledge and understanding of English.

Creating some competition around the reading habit is one way to motivate them. Last year a House literature competition was launched, involving one student from each year level, up to Year 13. (The competition was won this year by Basil). It was modelled on the national intermediate school literature quiz, in which Sacred Heart has performed well over recent years, consistently achieving a "top 5" placing among Auckland schools and invariably being the "best boys' school" in the competition.

"To do well in this competition, boys have to have a love of reading, and be widely read," Mrs Graham says. "We believe we are achieving that at Sacred Heart, but every boy can always improve from where he is at."

Physical development is not taking a back seat, however. The appointment this year of a Year 7 & 8 sports co-ordinator is confirmation of the importance the school places on boys' physical education needs.

The role is a part-time one for Mr John Sullivan, who also teaches Physical Education classes for Years 7-10, some Mathematics classes, and manages the 1st XV. But it is an evolving one, he says."

We are trying to develop a wider range of physical skills for boys at both ends of the ability spectrum. We see a need for the better able athletes to have more regular training, particularly prior to the big events. And many of the boys coming in at Year 7 lack some basic skills, such as catching and throwing and, believe it or not, swimming. All students can benefit from some additional development programmes."



The annual Outdoor Education Week encourages boys to meet new physical challenges and to grow in confidence

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Patrick Lawler, Jack McCarthy and James Eising traveled to the Pompallier Centre having won the SHC Year 7 & 8 "Mitre" Competition. Many Catholic students were gathered there all wearing mitres and representing their particular school. Patrick was judged SHC winner, and dressed as Bishop Pompallier. He is pictured here accompanied by "would be" Bishops Jack and James, and our own Bishop Pat.

We are also heartened by the many students both Juniors and Seniors who voluntarily take the opportunity to attend Thursday lunch time Mass and our thanks as always to Fr John for being there each week to celebrate Mass.

Fresh eyes on how we teach



Staff leading the differentiated learning initiative, from left: Rob Wisnewski, Paul Keestra, Rob Kidd and Rob Pepping

"It's very late 20th Century, the way we teach," suggests Social Sciences teacher Mr Rob Wisnewski. "All this technology is available to us, and the students know how to use it. Now we need to adapt our teaching to utilise it."

Mr Wisnewski's views have been firming since joining the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) professional development cluster that is leading the implementation of 'differentiated learning' at Sacred Heart College (see background below). He says the interaction with teachers at Aorere and Glendowie Colleges has brought valuable fresh perspectives.

"Working in clusters like this is the way it's

going for teachers now," he says. "It's making use of each other's knowledge and resources. The best thing about this particular cluster is that although each of the three schools is very different, you learn a lot from those different perspectives."

Mr Wisnewski says Stage 1 of the initiative has been about setting goals, and also developing understanding of teaching strategies used with gifted and talented students. The second stage will lead programme introduction into the classroom, and the third stage will focus on quality and review management. Over three years, the cluster will do the groundwork, but the process will continue on after this period. "When it becomes school-

wide - not just taught in isolation by a group of teachers - then it has the most potential, and that will take more than three years to achieve."

Staff involved in the cluster are enthusiastic about the possibilities for integration of ICT into the classroom. Mr Wisnewski says Physical Education colleagues see endless potential in the use of ICT, while Mathematics and Religious Education are increasingly making use of it, and a new ICT-based unit has just been developed by Mrs Mary Graham and Mrs Susan Hurring for Year 9 Mathematics. For Geography, the use of video provides the

opportunity to learn visually, which can simplify complex subjects. Many students who are confused by books and lectures can grasp facts and their relationships through a visual expression.

Deputy Principal Mr Rob Pepping says the College has all the infrastructure in place to build use of ICT in teaching and learning. The school intranet is being developed by Mr Paul Keestra to have the teaching programme available online, and for students to be able to access it from school and eventually from home. There are two computer rooms dedicated to ICT, and a suite of computers in the library, while classrooms are progressively having data projectors installed.

"The experts estimate that the modern child's visual cortex is 30% bigger than their parents'. Whereas we relied more on imagination, their brains are stimulated visually, and teaching needs to respond to that," Mr Pepping says.

However, he says it is wrong to think that improving the quality of teaching and learning is simply about maximising students' visual learning aptitudes through use of ICT. "ICT is a vehicle for teachers to start reflecting on their practices, and say 'how am I delivering to the modern child?'"



The College has the infrastructure in place to build use of ICT into teaching and learning.

Background

Differentiated learning adapts teaching and learning to the range of needs in a classroom - from those who need simplification, to those who need enrichment and extension, and also for the average learner who may need adaptations. It is a 'data driven' approach, meaning a teacher must test and interpret the level of understanding of each student.

The approach has grown out of research on how best to teach gifted and talented students. Its broadened application in the classroom is a challenge for traditional teaching methods, and consequently the Ministry of Education is putting funds into

professional development to assist its integration into teaching and learning.

Sacred Heart College is part of the initiative, placed in a cluster with Aorere College and Glendowie College that receives \$360,000 of funding over the next three years. The aim is improve the quality of teaching and learning, with a focus on the use of Information and Communications Technology in the classroom.

Four teachers, representing the core areas of the curriculum, make up a "lead group", which is facilitated across the College by Deputy Principal Mr Rob Pepping. The teachers are Mr Rob Wisnewski (Social Sciences), Mr Paul Keestra (Sciences), Mrs Mary Graham (Mathematics), and Mr Rob Kidd (English).



Rentokil Initial's Paul Cochrane (far left) and Caroline Wedding at a 1st XV game with principal Mr Philip Mahoney and, at right, Director of Sport, Mr Neil Penfold.

Conveying a wellness message

Sacred Heart College is blessed in the wide-ranging support it receives from its community. Sponsors are one of the groups who contribute, financially and in other ways, to the well being of the school.

One of Sacred Heart's newest sponsors is Initial Healthcare, a supplier of hygiene services around the school and a subsidiary of the global support services company, Rentokil Initial. This year Initial Healthcare's South Auckland branch has joined with Barfoot & Thompson Remuera and St Heliers branches to co-sponsor the 1st XV.

The sponsors have been regularly attending 1st XV matches this season. But as Paul Cochrane, managing director of Rentokil Initial New Zealand, explains, there is more to the association than simply an interest in supporting school rugby. Initial Healthcare's sponsorship of the premier rugby team is an opportunity to convey some of the company's key messages around the importance of personal hygiene.

"Supporting the 1st XV aligns very well with our wellness message," he says, "which is that personal hygiene is the foundation for a long and healthy life."

By that he means the basics, such as washing and drying hands properly to prevent cross infection. The threat of avian bird flu has brought hygiene issues into mainstream conversations, he says. "There is much more willingness to talk about how to prevent cross infection and spread of diseases. And where once, our company's customers would prefer us to be a discreet service provider, now they are needing our support to raise awareness."

So as well just regularly cleaning washrooms, monitoring pest control programmes and food safety in food handling areas, and perhaps introducing a plant or two to improve the air indoors, Rentokil Initial also assists its clients in education. Initial Healthcare South Auckland branch manager Caroline Wedding says: "We often work directly with a school nurse, and we'll address a class if the school wants us to about the basics of personal hygiene. We also provide signage and posters to reinforce key hygiene messages. Really, the offer is there to support health and hygiene in the school wherever we possibly can."

Rentokil Initial is a global company with 90,000 employees, but has a local focus to its business. Branch managers such as Caroline Wedding are able to decide what they will sponsor in their communities, rather than having a corporate project imposed on them. "Local community projects are quite important to our strategy," says Mr Cochrane. "And although we are English-owned, we like to think that this sponsorship in particular is helping to breed better rugby players, who can help New Zealand beat the English!"

Good Sports

Wrestling

Sean Dowd was a member of the New Zealand secondary schools wrestling team, coached by SHC Old Boy Stephen Grevatt, which competed at the recent Down Under Games, on Australia's Gold Coast. Competing in the 59kg section, Sean had an outstanding tournament, finishing fourth. The event is attended by some of the best athletes in Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

NI Catholic Schools rugby

A representative team from Sacred Heart won the North Island Catholic Schools U15 Rugby Tournament, held in the Term 2 holidays at Francis Douglas Memorial College, New Plymouth.

SHC was a new participant in the tournament, which also included the host school, De La Salle, St Bernard's, St Patrick's Silverstream, St Peter's, St John's Hastings, St John's Hamilton, Spotswood, Aquinas, and John Paul.

SHC beat St Peter's in the final.

Eve Rimmer Games

Year 13 student Alex Snedden has once again excelled in the Eve Rimmer Games for people with special disabilities. Alex brought home four medals from the event, held in Whakatane last term. Two years ago when he competed in the games, he also won four medals.

The Eve Rimmer Games attract hundreds of participants from around the country, competing in events such as bowls, golf, wheelchair sports, track and field and swimming. In 2004, Alex won gold medals in the 25m freestyle and backstroke events, a bronze medal in the 50m freestyle, and a silver medal in the 200m run. At this year's event, he added to his trophy cabinet bronze medals in the 100m and 400m swims, and silver medals in the 100m run and discus.

Alex, who has Down's Syndrome, enjoys huge support from friends and staff at the College. In particular, he says old boy Nick Blundell, a tutor in the boarding hostel, helped with his swimming. His training also included regular gym sessions, and running.

Pan Pacific Water Polo

Byron Thornhill, Joseph Lyons and Todd Lambourne were all members of the Marist U18 men's team (along with Old Boy Jamie Pullen) that won the Pan Pacific Youth U18 men's championship, beating 17 other teams from the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

Neilsen Varoy played for the New Zealand U15 team at the Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Champs. The team won silver, losing to Queensland U16s. Neilsen receive the medallion for the 'most promising player' in the boys' U16 division.

The Sacred Heart College jazz band and Pacific Island cultural groups performed at the opening ceremony of the championships, held in front of 1600 people, while the BOB dance group provided pre-match entertainment before the U18 women's final.

Annual Sports Awards Dinner

The presentation of the Sacred Heart College Sports Awards for 2006 will take place on Friday, 3 November, at the Waipuna Hotel.

The evening also includes dinner, and an after-dinner speaker. To purchase a table or individual tickets, please contact Mr Neil Penfold, Director of Sport, ph 0-9-529 3660, or email npenfold@sacredheart.school.nz

Champagnat spirit in action

Recently the New Zealand Herald reported that Special Character in integrated schools was waning. Though Sacred Heart College did not feature in the report, Director of Special Character Mr Michael O'Donnell reports the story does not hold true for this school.

His recent report to the Board of Trustees highlights the variety and strength of Special Character programmes within the school.

Liturgical celebrations in recent months include the first of the day third term, which focused on 'In the Way of Mary', the school pillar for the year.

The Feast Day of St Marcellin Champagnat was celebrated on the Friday closest to the event, as it fell in the Queen's Birthday weekend. Fr John Allardyce celebrated two Masses and the music was led by a new group of senior musicians. Later the annual senior debate took place involving two

former Head Boys, Michael Thompson (2001), his brother Matthew (2005) and former dux Blair Keown (2000). A house literature quiz and the talent quest were also much enjoyed events of the day, both of which had questions or entries which focussed on the religious dimension of the college.

Fr John continues to celebrate Mass weekly, and a large number of students participate.

Some of our Year 13 students had a good opportunity to get to know each other better and share their common Catholic education experience, at Eucharist led by Bishop Pat, held at Marcellin College in May. Bishop Pat challenged them with the words of Pope Benedict, to make their faith more visible in their world.

Staff members John Mahony and Craig Moverley go to Melbourne in August to attend the 'Sharing Champagnat's Vision' course, continuing a tradition of SHC staff attending the programme. For Religious Education staff professional development, a development day was held to spend time looking at unit standards assessment at

Years 11 and 12, while Fr John ran an afternoon programme for all staff exploring what he believed it meant to be Marist.

Completing a full and active period for the Special Character development at SHC, Year 12 retreats were held over May and June at Willow Park in Bucklands Beach.

In August, an assessment of the school's Special Character would be carried out by the Catholic Education Office, which conducts such reviews in all Catholic schools on an average of every three years.



The beginning of a tradition



This year at the feast of the Assumption on 15 August, students and staff were to each receive a laminated bookmark (pictured) to remind them of the Sacred Heart College pillar being focused on for 2006, 'In the Way of Mary'.

This will be done for successive years so that students will annually have a tangible reminder of those things that underpin all that drives the school.

The design for the bookmark come from the boys themselves under the direction of Mr Marc Petersen, HOD Art. This year's creation was designed by Anthony Hos last year as a Year 10 student, and produced by Chris Ryan, Year 13, this year. A large banner of the design has hung in the Chapel since the beginning of the year.

On the back of each bookmark is a prayer that integrates the pillar with daily living and which students will be encouraged to pray daily. This year's prayer was written by Br John.

Mr Michael O'Donnell
Director of Special Character



Hostel hosts families

Each year in the middle of the winter sports season, boarders' families are invited to the College to watch their sons play sport and to join together in a meal afterwards. All rugby and as many soccer teams as possible are scheduled for home games to enable parents to be spectators at the games of two or more sons, or to support others in the boarding and school community. It is also an opportunity for families to renew old friendships and make new connections.

Food is, of course, a highlight, and the Hostel kitchen copes admirably with the challenge. Many stay in the afternoon to watch the 1st XV which provided a win, beating De La Salle College, 20-10. Sideline support was outstanding and without doubt, added to the victory.

Appropriately, the day culminated with the celebration Mass in the Chapel, thanking God for the varied and wonderful things that go on in the College and for those who work together to make the Catholic and Marist environment what it is today.

The photo selection shows families and students enjoying the day's events.

Donations to education critical for the future

"Philanthropy builds wealth and security"
(Headline in the *New Zealand Herald*, 29th May 2006)

"New Zealanders' charitable impulses could include education as an investment in the country's future," said Professor Barry Spicer, dean of the University of Auckland Business School, following receipt of a \$10 million endowment gift from a family that wished to remain anonymous. This was its second gift to the university.

Despite this high-profile gift, however, New Zealand lacks the type of private educational philanthropy that has a long tradition in the United States and parts of Europe. "This endowment marks a new kind of giving and is the clearest sign yet that tertiary education in New Zealand cannot rely solely on government funding and student fees to build a world-class system," Mr Piper said.

This statement is also true of secondary schools throughout the country.

New Zealanders are generous by international standards; however most giving is to social or medical causes. Less than one percent of

charitable giving goes to education. It is clear looking around New Zealand's secondary schools those institutions that have active private donor support; they have first-class facilities, give their students above-average resources, and achieve a high level of success in examinations, sport and cultural activities. Their benefactors value education, are passionate about the institution, and care about its long-term future.

In concluding his article, Mr Spicer said: "If a culture of philanthropy for education were to thrive in New Zealand, all our universities - and the communities they serve - would be much better off."

This also applies to secondary schools.

Sacred Heart College has its own list of generous donors, and we are truly grateful to them. Without their passion for the College and their financial support, many projects would not have been able to be built to the high standard students currently enjoy.

Sacred Heart College asks parents to make the College a charitable priority while their sons are students here. We also ask Old Boys to keep their old school as a priority for charitable giving, to secure its future growth and development.

Ways you can support the College:

- Make a Bequest. Contact the Development Foundation office for a brochure: Phone 529 3743.
- Support the Annual Giving Programme, which supports projects that benefit students directly, and

that cannot be completed in the annual budget.

- Support the Marist Scholarship Fund. Started in 2003 as part of the Centenary Appeal, the fund is invested and the interest only is used for scholarships. The Marist Scholarship Committee comprises the Principal, a representative of the Marist Brothers, a Board of Trustee member and a trustee of the Development Foundation. There are policy guidelines that govern the choice of recipient, in line with the Marist tradition of providing educational opportunities for all. The invested fund is currently almost \$100,000. The aim is to make this a multi-million dollar investment in future students. You can contribute to this fund at any time.

- Building Programme. Considerable development has taken place at the College over the past five years, incurring a \$6 million debt to complete. There is much more to do. Projects the College is looking to develop are a Performing Arts Centre and further specialist and general classroom space as the roll grows steadily towards 1200. The Ministry of Education will provide a basic four walls, but to provide the standard of facility we believe our students deserve, it will require considerable philanthropic support from our community. This support can be provided at any time and will be held in the Building Investment Fund earning interest until plans are approved and building commences.

Lyn Luxton, Development Foundation

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Events in honour of the Arts

During 2006 the Sacred Heart College PTA has been celebrating a Golden Jubilee - 50 years of service and support to the College. To formally celebrate, we are presenting to the College an Arts Honours Board in recognition of Old Boys who have contributed significantly to the Arts in the fields of Dance, Drama, Literature, Music or the Visual Arts and been recognised on a national or international basis.

This proposal has been endorsed by the Board of Trustees, the College Senior Management, the Old Boys' Association and the Development Foundation. A committee made up of representatives from these groups and including representatives from the Marist Brothers and parents, has been planning the presentation events, calling for nominations and deciding on the first block of names for inclusion at the launch of the Arts Honours Board. It is our hope that this Honours Board will be added to, possibly on an annual basis and will be a centrepiece in the celebration and recognition of Arts in the College and in its Community.

The first event, the Presentation and the Unveiling of the Honours Board, will be at the College on Saturday 2 September starting at 2pm and followed by an afternoon tea in the Hall.

The second event will be a Formal Dinner, Concert and Auction in the Auckland Town Hall on 9 September. The concert will present music from the 1950s to present, with Old Boys on stage performing with our present College bands.

Kelvin Mephan, President, PTA.

Forever Building

The accolades abound about the character and abilities of Mr Philip Mahoney, departing after six years as principal of Sacred Heart. They tend to be of a humanitarian vein: "tremendous leadership", "patient, understanding, sincere and sensitive", "a man who walks alongside the people".

Mr Mahoney is moving to Wellington to become principal of St Patrick's Silverstream and be closer to family. In attempting to distill the essence of what is said about him, one concludes that he is a 'Builder', incongruous as it may sound to describe him so.

Looking first at the bricks and mortar aspects of it. Shortly after his appointment in 2001, he joined the Property Masterplan Committee, the body established some years before, which was and continues to be, responsible for all the Capital Works at the College. This phase of activity by the committee saw the Technology, Administration and Years 7 and 8 Block completed prior to the Centennial. "I think the integration of the Year 7 & 8 school has been one of the most significant changes in my time here," Mr Mahoney says. "While they were geographically isolated from the College, they weren't really part of it. Now they are in the heart of the school."

The move was far-sighted, he explains, because Year 7 has been the driver of roll growth - over the past six years it has risen from 890 students to 1040. "The pressure area has been Year 7, and I think that's because a terrific staff now has terrific facilities."

Mr Mahoney's leadership has undoubtedly built the school's reputation, and consequent demand for places. Another flow-on effect has been the need to build staff numbers. "We've had some significant retirements in my time, such as Mr Tom O'Sullivan after 35 years, and Br Gerard after 19



Reflecting on highlights during his time as principal, Mr Mahoney says the introduction of a school haka is something he is particularly proud of. "I think it is important for a school like ours to have a haka. For boys it is something they can express themselves very well through.

years in boarding. But we've been fortunate in the new staff we attract, who bring new ideas and energy."

Improving the quality of teaching and learning has been high on his agenda. He says outstanding results for scholarship in the past two years show the school is achieving well at the top level, while a highly innovative Learning Support Department is serving students who have learning difficulties. "The big challenge is to move the group in the middle, so they can achieve their potential. In that regard, I think NCEA needs to change. There is not enough differentiation in the grades. We are trying to get more 'merit' and 'excellence' grades but it is hard to motivate boys to reach beyond 'achieved' because the gradings are too broad."

One of the most meaningful initiatives toward improving boys' academic achievement was the 'Boys Forward' professional development programme in 2004 with education specialist Ian Lillico. Equally, Mr Mahoney has been committed to staff's development as Marist educators. Each year, a number of staff attend a course in Melbourne, 'Sharing Champagnat's Vision'.

Br Denis Turner praises Mr Mahoney's commitment to Marist education most about his time as principal. "From the Marist Brothers' perspective, we feel it's very important to have a principal who leads according to the charisma of St Marcellin Champagnat, who would be imbued with the knowledge of Marcellin as a man, and his principles of Catholic education. He fulfilled those. He has been a tremendous leader in promoting the five pillars, at board level, through the staff and the students."

Br Denis believes the school has a very positive message to be relaying to

potential candidates.

"The strengths of this school are pretty clear to see: the ERO report was excellent; Special Character is strong; there is a very positive spirit among the board; staff are motivated and responsive to change; we are maintaining boarding numbers; and we have developed some of the best facilities of any school in New Zealand. It is good leadership that enables all this to happen. I think, a good leader walks alongside the people, and that's what Phil does."

Mr Warren Long, who was on the selection committee that appointed Mr Mahoney and is now

on the committee searching for his replacement, says they are casting a wide net. "Even though we regret losing him, we are looking at this positively."

Mr Long believes the qualities that Mr Mahoney has will be important in his replacement, including his administrative skill, his ability to promote the school's Special Character, and his ability to earn the respect of the boys.

In stereotypical builder fashion, Mr Mahoney says his job at Sacred Heart is unfinished. If he were staying, he would build his management team, to be able to delegate some administrative work and become more strategic in his approach. That would include strengthening links with the University of Auckland's Tamaki campus, and continuing initiatives that have been trialled, such as weekly tutoring at the university for top Year 13 students. It would also include pushing ahead with property developments, such as the renovation of the Brothers' residential area as a place for performing arts, with extra teaching spaces. He also believes there is a need to develop housing for the principal, dean of boarding, property manager and hostel staff. "That is critical for the hostel. We have 160 boarders and to attract good boarding staff we have to offer accommodation.

"I think the SHC community just has to be bold again and if necessary borrow money to do it."

Maintaining the contribution of the Brothers to the school's spirit, is perhaps going to be the biggest challenge for a new 'builder'. "Without the physical presence of the Brothers, as age catches up, the staff will need to take up the challenge of maintaining Champagnat spirit."

A farewell Mass for Mr Mahoney will be held in the College Chapel at 10.30am on Sunday, 17 September.



Pictured with Mr Mahoney are from left, John Lee, Alex Vaineritua, and Alister Kref.

From the President

This is the second *Confortare* for 2006. All on our mailing list should have received a *Confortare* last May. Those of you who have given us your email address receive regular updates of Old Boys and College News, especially 1st XV results.

Subscriptions

We have more than 7000 Old Boys on our database of which 515 are financial Life Members. We would like to thank the 173 who have paid their Annual Subscription and the five who paid Life Memberships this year. This means that somewhere in the vicinity of 6000 Old Boys have yet not paid an Annual Subscription.

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-- Kerry Morley
SCHCOBA President

Old Boy Priests and Brothers

Three of our old boy priests celebrate their 50th jubilees this year.

Father Ivan LUNJEVICH (1946) was ordained in St Patrick's by Archbishop Liston on 22 July 1956. He has served in several Auckland parishes: Pukekohe, Pakuranga, Glenfield and at present is in Northcote. In 1972, he attended Zagreb University in Croatia.

Fr John Conrad BRYANT (1949) was ordained with Fr Ivan. He has a BSc and has taught in several Marist schools in Wellington and the South Island. Since the 1980s he has done parish work in Auckland and is the chaplain to Auckland Hospital. He lives at Point Chevalier.

Father Denzil MEULI (1938) entered the seminary after the war and was ordained in Rome in December 1956 after completing his D.D. He was the editor of the *Zealandia* but since the 1980s has had his own parish in Titirangi for people who prefer the traditional Latin Tridentine Mass.

Father Lawrence SAKEY (1944) is now living in the priests' retirement home in Vermont St, Ponsonby.

Robert O'BRIEN (1981), the only Old Boy studying for the priesthood, was incorrectly reported as John O'Brien in last May's *Confortare*.

Events

Annual Reunion Dinner

Friday 22 September 2006 at the College

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are \$50 each. Please make payment to the SHC Old Boys' Association, PO Box 25 393, St Heliers Auckland, or email us at oldboys@sacredheart.school.nz.

Special Guest at the dinner is to be confirmed but we hope will be His Excellency, Judge Anand Satyanand, the Governor General of New Zealand (and Old Boy of SHC).

SHCOBA Annual Meeting

This takes place at 6pm on Thursday 7 September in the Old Boys' Lounge. All welcome.

Annual Memorial Mass

The Annual College Memorial Mass was held on 7 May. World War II veterans who attended this Mass were **Maurice MCHUGH** (1934), **Bill MURPHY** (1935), **D'arcy O'BRIEN** (1935), **Maurice MCGREAL** (1936), **Cedric WATT** (1941), and **Pat MURPHY** (1940).

While our annual Mass is always on a Sunday near Anzac Day, it should be noted that it is for all Old Boys, their families and those associated with SHC and we like to think of it as our annual Memorial Mass. We were grateful to have several of the College prefects participating.

Golf Day

This was held on Sunday 30 April at Waiuku, and was well attended with more than 70 participating.

Old Boys in the sporting world

The following Old Boys are members of NPC sides: **James SOMERSET** (2002), **Kurtis HAIU** (2002) - Auckland; **Murray WILLIAMS** (2000), **Nili LATU** (2000) - Bay of Plenty; **Kevin O'NEILL** (1999) - Canterbury.

A recent article on long-playing sportsmen, mentioned that **Kieran CROWLEY** (1978) is one of only five New Zealand rugby players who have played in 200 major provincial matches. Kieran built up this record playing for Taranaki. He is the coach of Taranaki's NPC side.

Mark ANSCOMBE (1972) is now the coach of the North Auckland NPC side and in his first season has recruited some promising newcomers.

Cole MOONEY (2000) was a prop for the Patumahoe senior side which won the Counties senior rugby title when it beat Ardmore Marist in the final recently. When he is not

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Anand SATYANAND (1962), who takes over as Governor General on 4 August, was appointed a Principal Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit, the equivalent of a Knight Grand Companion. With New Zealand dropping Royal Honours in 2000, Judge Satyanand will be known as His Excellency. The title, Governor General, did not originate until 1917. Early New Zealand Governors General were known simply as Governors.

Brian Edward HENAGHAN (1953) received the QSM in the Queen's Birthday Honours. A boarder from the Manawatu, Brian was a teacher - he was Principal of Saint Michael's, Remuera and from 1986-96 Principal of Holy Cross School, Henderson. For 10 years he was a prison visitor at Paremoremo and also worked for Victim Support. Brian was also Chairman of the Liston College Board of Trustees and is Secretary of Massey Catholic Parish Committee.

Wayne DONNELLY (Dux 1966) is now chief executive of Land Transport New Zealand.

Joe HARROP (1994) has completed his PhD in Performance Violin at the Royal Academy of Music, London.

Phil JORDAN (1936) recently celebrated his 90th birthday in Hastings, to where he has retired.

Paul BARKER (1975), Principal of John Carroll School, Baltimore, attended an SHC Assembly earlier this year and spoke on his experiences. John Carroll is a private Catholic school and Paul is responsible for all the finances as well as its management. He suggested that his school might be able to have exchanges of pupils with SHC.

Paolo ROTONDO (1988) took the part of the twin, Sebastian, in the Auckland Theatre Company's production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, at Auckland's Maidment Theatre from 14 July until 5 August.

Jon CLAUSEN (1980) is business development manager of Fisher and Paykel Healthcare.

Many Old Boys have settled in jobs in far-off lands. **Jerome BROSNAHAN** (1990) is working for a French motor company in Paris.

David MCKELLAR (1990) is a Tenant Representative, based in Tokyo, for an international consortium. **Mike WICKSTEED** (1959) is Head of Judicial Communications in London where he works out of the Royal Courts of Justice, in charge of all communications to the 42,000 judges, tribunals, judiciary and magistrates in England and Wales. **Jacob DUNNINGHAM** (Dux 1991) is a Fellow of the Physics Department at Leeds University in England, where he is engaged in teaching and research.

Nicholas REID (1969), who obtained his PhD in history for his work, *The Life and Times of James Michael Liston, Catholic Bishop of Auckland*, recently launched a book of this work. Nicholas is an uncle of Jacob Dunningham.

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Rest in peace

Bryan Scott BELCHER (1938) d 6 May at Howick Baptist Hospital. Squadron Leader, RNZAF WW11.

Edward BISHARA (1951) d 29 May at his home in Turangi, where he spent his life farming. A boarder, he was a member of the College senior athletic team.

Francis Cyril BROOKES (1938) d 10 July at Mercy Parklands, Ellerslie. RNZAF WW11. Francis lived in Mangere and was a Pilot Officer flying a Lancaster Bomber during the allied invasion of Europe in 1944.

Lawrence Peter CALDWELL (1949) d June 2006.

Desmond Alexander COLE (1946) (formerly Br Alexander - SHC 1958) d 11 May at Orewa, after a long illness aged 75.

Brian Michael COTTER (1944) d 15 June in Auckland. Prefect, 1st XV. Brian had a jewellery business and later was the proprietor of Brian Cotter Motors. He had retired to Waiheke Island. The family had a long association with the Brothers. They had the Astor Hotel and for several years always hosted a dinner for the 1st XV. Father of David, head prefect 1981, and the late Michael.

Michael Lawrence DOBBYN (1951) d 21 May. A boarder from Kaukapakapa, Michael was living in Albany before his death. Brother of Peter and Arthur.

John (Jack) FARRELL (1935) d 19 April at Mercy Parklands, aged 87. Had lived in Papakura where he was an Accountant, President of the Chamber of Commerce and

served a term as Mayor. Father of John and Simon.

Thomas Clendon FLOOD (1947) d 21 May at Glenburn Hospital, Titirangi, where he had been a patient since 2000, aged 76.

Originally from Herne Bay, Tom was a keen scholar and a rower. At SHC he was a member of the College VIII that won the Head of the Harbour in 1947. He graduated in Engineering and worked for the firm that built the original College Chapel in 1957. A Fullbright Scholar to Columbia University in 1958-9, he set up his own firm in Hamilton (Angus & Flood) in 1961 where he did much work for the church in the Waikato. For many years he was involved in New Zealand rowing, including serving as President of the Rowing Federation from 1990-95. He often organised the Hamilton Old Boy reunions. After a Requiem Mass at the College Chapel, the College rowers formed a guard of honour with their oars as the cortege left the College. Son of Old Boy **George FLOOD** (1919).

Frederick Manu GIBLIN (1948) d 1 June in Phoenix, Arizona aged 77. A boarder at SHC from a well respected Fijian family, he became a school teacher in Fiji.

Thomas Cecil HALL (1942) d 16 April at North Shore Hospital while visiting Auckland. SHC prefect. Tom was a secondary teacher and lived in Wellington. Brother of Stephen, son of Norman and nephew of the late Br Manual.

William HUDSON (1942) d 22 January at a rest home in Auckland. He had been living in New Lynn. Had been a teacher - mainly in country schools. Father of John and Michael. Michael won a scholarship to SHC.

Roy Michael John JENKINSON (1948) d 20 April, suddenly. Michael was a prefect, a member of the 1st X1 and was in the 1948 champion 1st XV. He was a regular attendee at College reunions.

Desmond Roy McQUINLAN (1954) d 10 June in Auckland. Originally from Grey Lynn. Roy became a lawyer and for more than 30 years had his office and practice in Otara where he was greatly respected especially by those in need.

John Myles SCOTT (1952) died in 2004 at Tweed Heads, Queensland to where he had retired. A boarder at SHC, his family had lived in Helensville and Thames. Before he retired to Australia, John had lived at North Harbour and worked as a salesman. Brother of Barry.

Vincent Roy STEEVENS (1948) d 29 June at his home in Tauranga, aged 73.

Patrick STOTT (1973) d 7 October 2005 at his home in Queensland from leukaemia. He had been living for several years in Queensland where he worked in association with Australian league legend, Alfie Langer, as a property manager. Originally from Mount Maunganui, Patrick was in the College 1st XV in 1973. Brother of Michael, Andrew and Gregory.

Michael Henry WALSH (1954) d 25 May at Te Kuiti aged 67. Brother of Patrick Timothy and the late John. He was a boarder at SHC from Ahipara, Kaitaia.



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