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Learning is what counts

The ongoing debate around NCEA and the merits of standards-based assessment versus norm-referenced assessment could be a case of the tail wagging the dog. So much energy is being expended by both supporters and opponents arguing for the merits of one or other form, it is easy to forget that there is a more important purpose in education than assessment.

Before any knowledge or skill can be assessed, it has to be learned, and before it can be learned, it must be taught. Teaching and learning are at the heart of education. Assessment only measures the effectiveness of the teaching and learning. When the motivation to learn is purely to pass an assessment task, much of what we learn is forgotten soon after. We retain what we continue to use either in practice or as the key to further learning.

When ideas, concepts and skills have been well taught, understood and practised, the student is confident about using and applying them. An appropriate form of assessment will allow the student to show their level of mastery. What is more important is the work that has gone on before the assessment is done.

At the moment, the debate is about what kind of ruler will be used to measure the learning, and by implication, the teaching. There is no perfect ruler that accurately measures all types of learning. Just as getting a driver's licence requires candidates to pass medical, written, oral and practical assessments, school-based learning needs a variety of assessment tasks to measure it.

NCEA offers that variety, but the marking of answers and reporting of results needs more refinement. Better versions of it exist if the Qualifications Authority is prepared to look beyond our shores.

After three years, the problems need to be remedied quickly so that the energy goes back into the heart of education - teaching and learning - and the tail stops wagging the dog.



Philip Mahoney,
Principal



An awesome day

Since the last issue of Confortare was published in September 2004, a major sporting highlight for the school was to have four of its rugby teams in Auckland secondary schools finals. The competition for all grades bar the 1st Xv culminates on a single Saturday in late August, and is traditionally held at Sacred Heart which is the best equipped school in the city to host such a large event. Our 3A, 5A, 6A and 7A sides were all successful on what turned out to be an awesome day for the school.

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The annual PTA Fair, held on a fine day in March, was a huge success in raising funds and friendship. Page 5

Past presidents gathered at the Christmas function last December

left: Leo Davis, Br Marcel, John Molloy, Kerry Plamus, Bob Burnes, Dan Organ, Peter Hancock (current), Tony Waters, Brian McPhail, Graeme Dennett, Jim Mullane, Des O'Brien and Joe Hall. At the dinner, former BOT Trustees chair Mrs Janne Pender was made an honorary member of the association. More news of old boys, page 10.



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Mark Wylie, who has retired after 23 years at Sacred Heart.

A faithful follower

At his farewell, the most frequently cited accolade for Mr Mark Wylie, retiring after 23 years in the Mathematics Department at Sacred Heart, was how he epitomised the Marist teacher. Mark's teaching career spanned 41 years, and all of it in Marist schools. He was Head of the Maths Department at Sacred Heart for 14 years, and a hallmark of his leadership of the department was his concern for the students in the Marist way, according to Mr Chris Hayward, Director of Curriculum.

Chris described how he and Mark shared the same experience, joining Sacred Heart in 1983 and 1982 respectively as Heads of English and Maths under the then new regime of Br Roger, who was leading the school through integration.

"Mark came having been a former principal of a Marist school in Samoa, and I was a fresh-faced recruit out of Christchurch. We came from opposite ends of the spectrum I guess, but we were both in the same position, where we had to lead two departments into a new era.

"Mark was always very professional in his leadership of the Maths department and as Dean of Year 13. He set a strong academic challenge for that year group, and had some very successful students which I think was partly to do with that emphasis."

Mark says his career highs at Sacred Heart revolved around his students, including Ronald Pereira, who topped the country in Maths with Statistics in 1992, and Duncan McGilvray, a Rhodes Scholar. The centenary celebrations were another highlight. "But I think the main one came from teaching in a classroom, wondering if you were getting anywhere, and then you saw these fine young men who came out at the other end, and that was a real boost."

Mark has not retired from teaching completely, having set up a Mathematics tutoring business, Admark Tuition (Ph 09 528 8436)

50 years on site

This year's Family Mass, held on Sunday 20 February, was significant for the Sacred Heart College community, as it was the 50th jubilee of the school on its present site.

Celebrated by Fr John Allardyce and former SHC chaplain Fr Tony Dunn, it placed special emphasis on family life and its integral part in the growth of the community.

The Mass also marked the induction of 19 of the school's student leaders. The prefects were blessed with their parents and given a badge symbolising the trust the school had placed in them. Jacob Vermunt, head prefect in 2004, gave his last formal address, expressing confidence and desire that the Year 13 group of 2005 would not only keep the Sacred spirit alive, but help it burn brighter than ever. Matthew Thompson, the new head prefect, accepted the challenge and charged the leaders of 2005 to grow all aspects of the College into something bigger and better.

Matthew presented the school with a small acorn tree which will be planted in the grounds as a reminder of the 50 years of Marist education on the site.

- Steven O'Connor



Matthew Thompson, head prefect for 2005, takes up the challenge of building Sacred spirit.

View from admin

After 10 years at Sacred Heart as administration manager, Margaret Twomey has resigned. A twinge of regret is born out of her love of being involved in Catholic schools, where she has worked for 30 years, firstly at De La Salle with Br Pat Lynch, then at Baradene for nine years, and finally at Sacred Heart.

"I've been so fortunate to work in the Catholic school environment, and particularly having been unwell in recent times, to have been in a school with faith and support has been amazing."

Margaret says the administration manager's role is "full-on" and has become increasingly so since Catholic school integration and the 'Tomorrow's Schools' reforms in national education.

"For all schools, the growth in the administrative workload has been enormous, and for Catholic schools it has become very challenging to make the dollar go around.

"Compared with other schools, I think Sacred Heart is in a very sound position. It is well led, and well served by the Marist Brothers. I just hope that as the number of Marist Brothers in the Sacred Heart community reduces, the Marist charism is not lost. It is very alive and well at present, and the spirit at the school is tremendous."



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Being our best

Year 13 student Alex Munkowits finds value in retreat.

After experiencing an insightful and thought-provoking retreat in Year 12, the Year 13s of 2005 returned to Willow Park, next to Eastern Beach, for a new challenge in faith and leadership.

Fortunately Fr Tony Dunn was able to return from the Cook Islands to run the retreat along with Mr Mick O'Donnell, the College's Director of Special Character, who together provided an intriguing and worthwhile experience for us.

One important focus of the retreat was that of perspective, seeing events in different ways, applying our Christian values, and through the eyes of Jesus Christ. Along with the faith and educational aspect of the retreat, we were provided with frequent opportunities for prayer and ultimately, the Eucharist.

The facilities at Willow Park were superb, not just the room we regularly gathered in but the recreational activities we were able to enjoy during the short breaks between sessions. The meals were also very good.

However, Fr Tony and Mr O'Donnell never let the main idea of coming on retreat escape our minds: to explore and reflect on our world, ourselves, our relationships with each other and our God at the core of all we are and do.

The retreat was a great way for the leaders of 2005 to begin the year and to understand how to make Sacred Heart College the best it could be, simply by being our best and most noble selves.

On behalf of the Year 13 students I would like to express my gratitude to Fr Tony, Mr O'Donnell, the staff at Willow Park and to anyone who made this retreat possible. It was a great occasion.



Delysse Glynn, the new Head of Music.

Noteworthy

After five and a half years as Head of Music at Baradene College, Delysse Glynn felt it was a good time for a change. It coincided with the departure of Sacred Heart's Head of Music, Ross Gerritsen, to St Kentigern, and Delysse stepped into a thriving Music Department at the College.

"The whole environment is very conducive to making music," she says. "We have good resources, a good location at the far end of the school, which allows us to make a lot of noise. And of course we have some wonderful role models among the old boys to show just how far music can take you."

Delysse's career began in the Music Department at Rutherford High School. She then spent two years at St Peter's with school music legend Ted Dawson, before moving to Baradene. During her time there she worked with Sacred Heart on the Les Miserables production, which has been a career highlight, she says.

Delysse aims to continue to grow the numbers of students learning an instrument at the College. "I've always tried to encourage students to learn an instrument. It has so many benefits - it's social, builds teamwork, develops a skill and brings knowledge of the musical language."

She also wants to broaden the students' musical interests. "We have a lot of guitar players, and not enough band and other string players. I think it should be as cool to play a violin as it is to play a guitar. I also think we need more organised choir work."

Although one of the most obvious strengths of Music at Sacred Heart is the role models in the Finn brothers, Dave Dobbyn, and so on, Delysse says at a more grassroots level the school benefits from being able to start developing musicianship at Year 7 and 8 level. "Obviously not every school is able to do this, and we are particularly blessed to have a good team, led by Margaret Graham and Helen Hyndman, at this level."



Spirit of Adventure trainees, back row from left: Molimia Fonua, Mark Woolley, Ben Fairweather, Hemi Davis, Kuka Chinyanganya. Front row: Daniel Cieslik, George Coleman, Brad Chemaly, Adam Hynes, Jonathan Banford.

Salute!

Five days on the Spirit of Adventure was the experience of a lifetime, according to Ben Fairweather, one of 10 Year 10 students chosen for the voyage.

"We had a great time and have learnt heaps, not just about how to sail a ship this size, but about working together and bonding with new people," he says.

On their Spirit of Adventure course, the Sacred Heart boys were among 40 students from four schools, along with 13 crew and staff. They cruised from the Maritime

Museum wharf to Man O War Bay on Waiheke Island, then over to Te Kūmoa Harbour on the Coromandel, then back to Waiheke, Motuhie and home.

Their days started at 6am with a run and swim, and finished wearily at 10pm after songs and skits. In between, they worked in different sections of the ship - mizzen, foresail, topsail and main - learning tasks associated with each. Tests included a 20m climb up the main mast, and a haka competition, which the boys believe they cleaned up. "It was tiring, especially sleeping on a hard bunk, but I can't wait to go again," Ben says.



New staff, from left: Delysse Glynn, Paul Eddington, Erin McWilliams, Rob Kidd, Mary Graham, Laurie Powell, Susan Hurring, Ali Simpson, Allan Oliver.

What a welcome!

New staff members get off to a great start. First an induction day guides them in practical matters, like the computing system and a tour of school facilities. It also has a strongly spiritual component, explaining the Marist educational philosophy.

Then, in the first week of the term, all who are new, staff and students, are welcomed in the traditional Maori way with a powhiri, followed by a liturgy in the chapel.

Polynesian passion



The Tongan group in action on Fia Fia Night.

Cultural fervour swept across the Assembly Hall on Fia Fia Night, held on March 15, as parents and supporters packed in and richly praised the performers from the three different groups, Maori,

Tongan and Samoan. The students could not have got a better confidence boost as they rehearsed for the big event that came the following week, the Auckland Secondary Schools Polynesian Festival.

At the festival, all the groups performed with passion and pride for their school. The Tongan group came home with the most prizes, placed second in Mako and first for its costume in this section. They also achieve third placing in Kailao for the third consecutive year, and were second for costume in this section.

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Fairly fantastic

The College Fair was a huge success - 320 helpers, 31 stalls, thousands of people, fun, sunshine and a \$60,000 profit to enable the PTA to continue with the funding of equipment and educational programmes that benefit all our students.

The setting up began on the Wednesday with the arrival of the McEntee marquees - an exercise that took two days to complete.

The Friday and Saturday saw the largest number of parents ever arrive to finalise the stalls, bag items for the quick fire raffles, collect white elephant goods and help with the many jobs around the College.

Sunday 13 March was Fair Day, and for some of us it was a 5am start - it was raining and getting heavier and there were more than a few nervous moments in those early hours. By 6am it had cleared and as the dawn broke it was clearly going to be another fabulous Auckland day.

There were a multitude of activities on around the city and this contributed to a slow start but by 10am there were several thousand people hunting out bargains, buying quick fire raffles and enjoying the variety of food and entertainment on offer.

Entertainment included music by our College bands playing on the College Green and by Greg Clark and his band playing outside the café.

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- Kelvin Mephan, PTA president

International strength



The recent downturn in the international education market hit New Zealand hard. But despite a decline in the number of students coming to New Zealand, Sacred Heart College has maintained its roll and this year has 36 international students from eight countries. Miriam Dunningham, Sacred Heart College's Manager of International Students, says the school remains attractive for many reasons.

"As a Catholic school we attract Catholic Asians or Asians who are familiar with and approve of the ethos in Catholic schools in their home countries. This year we have 15 Catholic students and five Christian students among our internationals.

"It is impossible to underestimate the value of word-of-mouth referrals and Sacred Heart now has a solid reputation internationally as a college with strong academic and moral values, offering a caring, supportive, safe environment with plenty of opportunities for sport, music and other extra-curricular activities."

Sacred Heart has provided education to international students throughout its history. In the early days, students mainly came from the Pacific Islands, and included such esteemed old boys as the late Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, a former Prime Minister of Fiji, and Richard Broadbridge, the current head of Fiji Broadcasting. With the growth of education as an export opportunity through the 1990s, Sacred Heart's international student base grew from the Asian countries.

"International students add greatly to the vibrancy and life of the college," says Mrs Dunningham. "As they learn from local students so too our local students learn from them. It gives me great pleasure to see our, at first, shy and tentative internationals gradually becoming involved in games of touch at lunch time and our local students befriending them, helping them and sharing their food.

"International students never cease to amaze with their resilience and perseverance in the face of what must be very difficult adjustments to make in their lives. We are grateful for their contribution to the life of the college and look forward to welcoming many more in the future."

Top sportsmen of 2004

Each year in November, the College presents awards to its outstanding sportsmen. In 2004, a capacity crowd gathered at Waipuna Lodge where the MC Mr Ric Salizzo and after-dinner speaker Mr Eric Rush led an entertaining occasion that showcased some impressive sporting talent and provided plenty of humour.

The main award winners were: Outstanding Sports Performer of the Year: Francisco Lardies.

Francisco had returned only days before the awards dinner from Bermuda, where he won the prestigious Junior Gold Cup. Competitors in Bermuda were young sailors from the top 10 countries at the recent world championships in Ecuador. Francisco had come 43rd in this event, and won a gold medal as a member of the New Zealand team. His success in Bermuda is indicative of his growing confidence and skill on the water.



Francisco Lardies with his mother and principal Mr Philip Mahoney.



Ben Afeaki and family.

Leading Sportsman: Ben Afeaki

Ben had just been named in the New Zealand U17 rugby team, following selections for the Auckland Secondary Schools A team, the Auckland U16 team, and the Northern Region B team. He is also a top swimmer and water polo player. He was in the 2004 New Zealand schoolboys water polo squad, and was named best offensive player in the national final of the secondary schools competition, which was won by Sacred Heart College.

Don't miss the Barbarians

Ex All Blacks and provincial players will step out onto the Sacred Heart College 1st XV field on 1 June, when the home side takes on the Barbarians rugby club. The Barbarians team is traditionally made up of players who have represented their provinces for 100 games or more, and as such generally includes former All Blacks.

The last time the club played at the College, its team featured Eric Rush, John Preston, Blair Larsen and Scott McLeod.

Matches on the Sacred Heart College 1st XV competition schedule this season are:

7 May	Onehunga at SHC
14 May	Kings at SHC
21 May	AGS at SHC
28 May	MAGS at MAGS
11 June	De La Salle at DLS
18 June	St Peters at SHC
25 June	Tangaroa at SHC
2 July	St Pauls at SPL
9 July	Kelston at KBHS
23 July	Gisborne BHS at Gisborne
30 July	Tamaki at TC
6 August	Macleans at MCL

In the pool

Swimming

A rising star on the swimming scene, Year 9 student Konrad Herewini won eight gold medals and a silver medal at the New Zealand junior championships earlier this year.



In the 50m butterfly, he broke the New Zealand record, and in the 50m backstroke he broke the Auckland record. Along with these two events, he won gold in the 50m and 100m freestyle, 100m butterfly and 200m individual medley, and came second in the 100m backstroke. He was also a member of the Auckland A relay team that one the 200m freestyle and individual medley events, and the Sacred Heart junior backstroke team that won the relay at the Auckland secondary schools champion of champions event. His team mates in that race were Neilson Varoy, John Lawler and Cameron Lovett.

The school swimming sports was the scene of another set of record-breaking swims for:

- Neilson Varoy, junior 100m freestyle, one length junior breast stroke, one length junior butterfly, two length junior freestyle, junior individual medley.
- Cameron Simiss, senior 100m freestyle, senior individual medley.
- Jamie Pullan, one length senior butterfly.

Water polo

The national champions in 2004, Sacred Heart's senior water polo team did not reclaim its title this year. The team continues to be near the top of the sport, however, coming fourth at the nationals, third at the North Islands and second in the Auckland secondary schools competition.

Six team members were selected for the national schoolboys training squad: Ben Afeaki, James King, Jamie Pullan, Matthew Bilderbeck, Todd Lambourne and Tejas Salway.

In December, the team travelled with teacher in charge Mr Chris Hayward to Brisbane to play in the ACGS Tournament. SHC was invited as a result of its winning the national title last year. It played 10 games against schools from Brisbane and the Gold Coast, and won them all, including a 5-1 win over 2003 Southern Skies Tournament champion, Anglican Church Grammar School from Brisbane.

As a result of the connections made at this tournament, SHC is now working to establish an annual water polo carnival for a group of New Zealand and Australian schools.

Parents make a difference

Sacred Heart completed the 2000/4/5 cricket season with a 90% win rate across the grades, and the sport is clearly flourishing. Teacher in charge Mr Geoff Shaw says parents have been a big part of the success. "Parental support has been fantastic. At one of our key matches against Rangitoto, the 1st XI had more parents there than the home side. It made a huge difference, and it's indicative of the level of support we get across the grades."

Mr Shaw says cricket has also been strengthened through the establishment of a committee to drive its development, which includes parents, by the commitment of coaches, and the good level of funding obtained through trusts. "So we have put good structures in place over the last 12 months and that has been complimented by good performance from our teams, and I think cricket will get stronger over the next few years."

The 1st XI had a successful season, winning its grade and losing only one match to come second at the Marist Cricket Carnival in Australia.

In Term 4 last year, it played five one day

games in the top section, 1A, finishing fourth. That put the side into the 1A plate section in Term 1 this year, where it played two-day games against Takapuna, Rosmini, Macleans, Auckland Grammar and Rangitoto, and won them all.

Although it lost the traditional fixture against St John's, it is probably the best season the 1st XI has had in 25 years, Geoff says. "For most of the 1990s we were in the 1B grade, so we have consistently performed really well."

Geoff acknowledges the special contribution of Dean Bartlett (see separate story), openers Nick Hawke and Thomas McLaughlin, Chris Price, and Nick Wanden and Sam Hurley in the lower order. He also credits his co-coach, Rob Wisniewski. "The team had 28 playing days last season, which is a very big commitment for the coach."

Geoff is relinquishing coaching duties next season, after 17 years involvement with 1st XI cricket. It may give him more opportunity to watch sons Gareth, who is contracted to the Auckland Aces, and Lance, who is playing in England.

That's the spirit

Softball at Sacred Heart shares the special spirit common to all sport at the school. Under the leadership of Mr Mike Steedman there are two teams, a premier and a junior, competing each summer in Auckland secondary schools competition.



The 1st IX at Rosedale Park in the Auckland secondary schools tournament, in which SHC came third.

The 1st IX enjoyed good results this season, finishing fourth in the competition, with a notable close loss to Kelston (7-5), which ended up third at the national tournament. The junior team finished second in its pool, and the third/fourth place playoff finished at 14 all.

The majority of the 1st IX this year was in Year 13 so it benefited from the experience those

boys have. The stalwarts were joined by Isaac Lewis (one of the pitchers), Edwin Foliaki and Daniel O'Connor who came through from the junior team of last year. Other new members included Jeffery McKinney, Ryan Watt, Joe Blundell, Vinnie Murphy, Dominic Moredo, and Rory Heard. Rory came from St Peters and has an extensive softball background. Tom Heard (Rory's dad) is the head coach and has been an absolute blessing for the team because he has tremendous experience and knowledge, not to mention his unquestioned passion for softball.

The other members of the team are Zac Buckingham (pitcher), Kurt Buckingham, Matthew Gordon, Phillip Rongokea, Chris Hopkins, and Matthew Thompson (captain).

Matthew Thompson was dynamite at third base, Matthew Gordon led in the outfield as the main centre fielder, Phillip Rongokea was excellent at catcher and Dominic Moredo performed well at shortstop. Most of the team improved vastly with their batting which was our major weakness last year, Mike says.

"One of the major goals was to get them thinking like softballers, which we achieved. While softball may seem simple to those who don't play, it is a team sport that requires each player in each position to have an in-depth understanding of what's happening in the game. Everybody is involved in the game at all times."



When it clicks

"Just try to bowl fast", they said to him, and 13 wickets later Dean Bartlett pictured above was a hero and a recognised talent on the New Zealand cricket scene.

Dean's wicket haul came at the Marist Secondary Schools Cricket Carnival, held in December in Canberra. The annual Australian tournament involves eight schools and the standard of cricket is always high. Dean's performance won him the Evan O'Halloran Trophy presented to the outstanding cricketer of the tournament. He also received the Brother Crispin O'Sullivan Trophy, presented to the captain of the Combined Marist Carnival tournament team - a New Zealander captaining any Australian team has to be a rare feat!

His wickets came at an average of 8.62, conceding only 2.4 runs per over and with best figures of six for 29. In the final game of the tournament, he also showed his skill with the bat, hitting a match-winning 53 not out to end the tournament with 155 runs at 26, which saw him finish second in both batting and bowling averages.

After Canberra, Dean went on to represent Auckland in the U17 national tournament at Napier, where the team came third. He was selected for the national squad, and will train with Dale Hadlee, brother of Sir Richard, at the New Zealand Cricket Academy in Christchurch this year.

"Basically my game has just clicked," says the 16-year-old, who first took up the sport at the age of six. "It's been a particularly good year."

Dean has a goal for this year to beat the current school record of 46 wickets in a season, held by Alistair Moran, and for the future he aims to play for his country. Cricket coach Geoff Shaw believes he has already bagged a school record with eight for 13 against Macleans in one innings.

We continue his educational work

Marcellin Champagnat was inspired to discover a fresh way of living the Gospel, as a concrete response to the spiritual and social needs of young people in a time of crisis. Marcellin received a charism, a unique gift, and as contemporary Marist educators, we participate in this charism and must interpret it for our time and place. Our efforts are characterised by a set of pillars that define the special Marist character of the school.

Each year we single out one of these pillars for special attention. In 2003, our centenary year, our focus was on a family spirit. Last year we targeted a commitment to diligence. This year, our emphasis is on how we support individuals and families in need. On this page are examples of some of the work we do.

Helping those in need Young Vinnies



Members of the Young Vinnies 2004.

The Young Vinnies help people in need in our immediate community, in our parishes and in the wider world. Meetings are held every Wednesday and lively discussions are typical. In 2004 an active group of Young Vinnies, some of whom are pictured, was ably led by Anthony Buddle and supported by youth

worker Tumua Time. Their fundraising activities provided 20 brightly coloured blankets for the children who find themselves, with their mums, in Women's Refuge houses. At Christmas time we gave boxes of Christmas food, including some luxuries they might otherwise not have, to eight people who have mental health problems and live alone with little family support. We also gave \$750 of groceries to the Glen Innes parish for distribution after Christmas, and 30 Christmas stockings of sweets for children of the Glen Innes parish. This year's group is led by Grant Jackson.



Rodrigo, from Brazil.

Sacred Heart, through the fundraising efforts of the Young Vinnies, continues to support 'our brother' Rodrigo in Brazil. Last year, the boys decided to add to our Marist family and thus we are also sponsoring Sunil Tudu from India. We will follow his progress closely.

Sponsorship

Each year in the September holidays, a group of students travels to Tonga to assist a local school on much-needed maintenance projects. Led by Br Marcel, the group provides practical assistance to Takuilau College, a Catholic secondary school run by Marist Brothers. The school receives limited funding from the Tongan government, and relies on external support, such as that from Sacred Heart. SHC old boy Terry Murphy was integral in the instigation of the Tongan trip seven years ago and has

travelled with the group each year. Work projects have included replacing window frames and renewing roof timbers. In 2004, the students installed guttering and piping to create a rainwater catchment system.

The boys also installed metal security screens around the school. As well as giving, the boys also receive much from the boundless hospitality of the Tongan people whom they are billeted with.



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Students at the College are benefiting from initiatives that would not have been possible without the generosity of the Sacred Heart College community, through contributions to the Annual Giving appeal.

Donations for Annual Giving last year enabled the continuation of the computer assisted literacy programme, which is helping students to overcome learning difficulties. The Annual Giving appeal this year will continue to fund this important initiative. It will also help to purchase sports and music resources and library and outdoor seating.

Annual Giving was initiated in 2001 to help progress projects that benefit students

directly, but that are not able to be included in the school's current-year budget.

Gifts of all sizes are welcome. Each gift, regardless of size, is a vote of confidence in a Sacred Heart College education.

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All donations received by 30 June will go into a draw to win a prestige car to drive around in Auckland for a weekend, courtesy of Bill Tapper European. Thank you Bill Tapper, a College old boy, for your continuing support of the Annual Giving appeal.

Supporting our students thanks to Mt Wellington Trust



Mt Wellington Charitable Trust members, back row from left: Parker Joyce, Jan Welch, Barbara McKay. Front row: Alan Verrall, Cyril Nevezie, Ron McKelvie.

The Mt Wellington Charitable Trust Scholarships enable boys who may otherwise not be able to attend Sacred Heart College to benefit from all that we offer our students academically, spiritually and in extracurricular opportunities.

In 2004, three Year 9 students started at the College on scholarships, two from Glen Innes and one from Panmure. "It is a demonstration of faith in what we are doing at the College, and we are very grateful for the Trust's support," says principal Mr Philip Mahoney. "It offers deserving students an excellent opportunity, and enables us to fulfill one of our missions, which is to support individuals and families in need."

The Mt Wellington Charitable Trust supports organisations and schools in the Panmure, Glen Innes, Mt Wellington and Otahuhu areas. Many of these organisations rely on the financial grants they receive from the trust to do their work in the community.

Are you SHConnected?

The third issue of SHConnect hit cyberspace in April, and travelled to more than 1500 old boys, parents, past parents, and friends of the College.

SHConnect is an email newsletter that is a quick reference to developments and key events at the College. It's also a fascinating insight into the adventures and achievements of people in the Sacred Heart community.

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Become a Friend

Founded in 1996 by College old boy, Chris Klaassen, then the director of the Development Foundation, The Friends of Sacred Heart College provides a direct link to the College for parents, grandparents and others who are not old boys. Activities are mostly social with just one fundraising event, the Michaelmas Fair in November each year.

This year, The Friends donated \$4000 to the school for the purchase of a new data show projector for the chapel.

In early June, The Friends committee is organising its first social event for 2005, a dinner. This provides a great evening and an opportunity to catch up with old friends.

To become a member of The Friends and join us for dinner, please contact either Janne Pender 09 524 5450 or Lyn Luxton at the Development Foundation 09 529 3743.

Editor's Message

This is the first issue of Confortare for 2005. The last issue was in September 2004.

We welcome old boys' news, which can be sent to the Old Boys Association, PO Box 25393, St Heliers, Auckland 1130, or oldboys@sacredheart.school.nz. If you would like to be on our email list and receive regular updates of news of old boys and so on, please advise Kerry Plamus of your email address. His email is kerrypl@clear.net.nz. To contact the SHCOBA President, Peter Hancock, email petepamhancock@xtra.co.nz, or ph 0-9-2359486.

The College opened in 2005 with a record roll of 1026 approx. Of these about 150 are boarders and 36 overseas students.

- Tony Waters

Key Events

Sunday 24 April

The Old Boys Annual Memorial Mass, held at the College Chapel, marked the anniversaries of 60 years since the end of World War II and 90 years since the landing on Gallipoli in 1915.

Friday 23 September

Annual Reunion Dinner, at the College.

Branch reunions

Dargaville	13 May	Napier	31 July
Paeroa	27 May	Hawera	7 August
Cambridge	27 June	Papakura	19 August

NEWS on OLD BOYS

New Years Honours 2005

Neil John CLARKE (45) OBE, JP awarded the Queen's Service Order (QSO) to become a Companion of the Order for public service. Neil, who recently retired to Mt Maunganui, has had a long record in Public Service while he was in the transport business in Paeroa. He served on the Land Transport Safety Authority, as chairman of the Waikato Regional Council, on the Board of Trust Bank Waikato and on the Catholic Bishops' Lay Commission, for which he received a papal award.

Oswald (Ossie) John PERRY (49) received the Member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM). Ossie was in the 1st XV in 1949. He spent several years in the NZ Army and then worked in the Social Welfare Department. A few years ago he returned to his ancestral land in Kaitiā where he has given much service to the church and his local Maori community.

Kurt ANDERSEN (98) is a multi engine flying instructor with US Pan Am Aviation Academy in China.

Des BRENNAN (64) has just been appointed chief executive of Yachting NZ. His recent appointments have included international manager of Montana Wines and general manager of Auckland Showgrounds. He is also a director of Netball NZ.

Peter BUSH (48), doyen of New Zealand sports photographers, was honoured with a special award by the NZ Rugby Union at its Annual Awards Dinner on 3 February 2005.

Geof RICKETTS (60). Since 2004 Geof has been chairman of Auckland University Charitable Trust. With John Taylor (former principal of King's College), director of external relations at the University of Auckland, they convinced John Hood to give his name to the new 'Hood Fund' to help with research agendas, before John Hood left to become Head of Oxford University.

Johan LAZARUS (97) is an applications solutions developer in Corporate Information and Operation at Siemens LLC Dubai.

Campbell BURNES (92) son of Bob, on 2 November 2004, received the DJ Cameron Young Writers award for the most promising young writer. Campbell has been writing frequent sports reports for Auckland's Western Courier. This year he is a sub-editor of Rugby News. (DJ Cameron, old boy of St Kevin's, has been NZ Herald chief sports journalist.)

Dux for 2004 was James NELSON (originally from Whakatane).

John BELGRAVE (56) has been appointed NZ Government Chief Ombudsman.

Jack BOURKE (92), well known NZ opera singer, had a leading role in Rossini's Count Ory at the James Hay Theatre, Christchurch in October 2004. Being a comedy, David McPhail was hired to direct it.

Nicholas REID (69) was, in September, awarded his PhD in History at the University of Auckland for his thesis on the Life and Times of James Michael Liston, Catholic Bishop of Auckland, 1929-77. At present Nicholas is the Stout Research Fellow at Victoria University doing research on New Zealand and the Church's attitude to Communism in the 1930s.

Stephen STREAT (68) University Scholarship winner, is an intensive care specialist in nephrology at Auckland Hospital.

Brian CORRIGAN (60) has been at the Shrine of Fatima in Portugal for several years from where he promotes Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima through publications and a website.

Steve ULENBURG (74) is chairman of the SHC Development Foundation having taken over from Paul Gleeson. Steve has a son at SHC and his wife Liz is a daughter of the late Ken Sullivan, former prefect, 1st XV 1945-7.

Henry VOLLEMARE (52) is a director of the property development company planning a large development at Bastion Point in Auckland.

Toa Fraser (92), award-winning playwright, recently made his film directorial debut with New Zealand's latest feature film, Number 2, based on his play of the same name.

Paolo ROTONDO (88) was a scriptwriter for New Zealand film 'Stickmen' and now features in the television programme Shortland Street.

Wayne REEVE (83), PhD, is researching acid-tolerant rhyzobiums in the field of genetics, at Murdoch University Western Australia.

Auckland Newspapers has published many comments from Catholics re the recent death of the Pope. These included those of Br Richard DUNLEAVY, who spent 13 years in Rome at the Marist Brothers and gave a most glowing tribute to our late Pope citing his personal dealings with him and the Pope's appeal to modern Catholic youth.

Greg O'BRIEN (75), poet and art gallery curator, also reported positively on his experience when he saw the Pope at the beatification of Padre Pio.

Frank TORLEY (57) has just completed 40 years as producer of Country Calendar, New Zealand's longest-running feature programme.

Phil MULHERN (61), who has been head of the Waihi Catholic School, has turned a lifetime's interest in the area's history into a business, Beach, Bush and Heritage Walks'. Phil escorts groups on walks through the old goldmining sites, tunnels and tracks in the Karangahape Gorge.

Priest Jubilarians: Fr Peter FITZGIBBON (58), now in Wellington, this year will celebrate his 40th jubilee. Fr Graham ALEXANDER (48), was ordained in Rome on 7 December 1954 and at present, is teaching at Holy Cross Seminary Vermont St, Auckland.

Rest in peace

The September Confortare 2004 did not include the list of old boys who had died earlier. The omitted list was sent to all on our email list. Here is the list. We have had to abbreviate it and the list of more recent old boy deaths.

Died pre June 2004

Peter Nolan HAGUE-SMITH (50) d 8/3/04 in Tauranga aged 67.

Peter James HALE (42) d 8/5/04 at his home in Eastbourne aged 77.

Mervyn James HANNAN (41) d 23/5/04 suddenly while visiting the Gold Coast.

Zdzislaw (Bill) IWAN (54) d 15/4/04 in Auckland. Originally from Poland.

Ratu Sir Kamisese MARA (41) KBE, MA (Oxon) d 18/4/04 in Fiji aged 83. Fiji's first Prime Minister 1970-87, Fiji President 1994-2000.

Brian Maurice O'CONNOR (68) d 19/4/04 suddenly aged 52. Originally from Te Awamutu.

Desmond ROBERTSON (36) d 3/9/03 in Auckland.

James Edward RYAN (36) d 22/4/04.

Arthur Thomas TOYE (25) d 18/12/03 aged 92, at Te Wiremu Home, Gisborne.

John Desmond TOYE (30) d 20/4/04 at Gisborne Hospital. Lieutenant, 25th Battalion.

Aaron P WYLIE (88) d suddenly in 2001 aged 27. In his memory his family has donated the Aaron Wylie Memorial Marcellin Champagnat Spirit Award.

June-Dec 2004:

Lawrence BERRIDGE (52) d 17/8/04. Originally from Epsom.

Murray William CHAPLIN (49) d 3/10/04 in Auckland after a long battle with cancer. College sprint champion 1949.

John Patrick CLEARY (34) d 13/6/04.

Owen John CULLINGTON (45) d 16/9/04 in Auckland. Member of champion 1st XV 1945, played for Marist 1946-52 and represented Auckland as a lock.

Matthew Joseph Brodie DARBY (23) d 10/7/04 aged 95 at Lady Allum Rest Home.

Patrick Charles DAVEY (58) d 25/9/04 suddenly on Ngamoutu Golf Course, New Plymouth. Son of the late John.

Brae Mark Christopher EAGLE (75) d 29/7/04 tragically on a construction site in Mission Bay.

Royce Ormond FARRELLY (41) d 30/6/04 aged 79, at his home in Epsom. Dux-1941. MSc, MB, ChB, MRCPA, associate professor, Auckland Medical School.

Vincent Joseph FOX (40) d 14/12/04 at Auckland Hospital. From Mt Albert.

Francis John GOODIN (31) d 8/9/04 at Okato where he had farmed all his life. Foundation member of the Taranaki Old Boys' branch, formed in 1946.

Bryan William HERBERT (39) d 4/10/04 at his home in Auckland. Originally from Herne Bay.

Patrick Vaughan HODGKINSON (82) d 31/12/04 suddenly at Hinemoa Point, Rotorua. Originally from Te Hana, Wellsford. Brother of Grant, Shaun and Daniel.

Walter Patrick KEENAN (38) d 13/6/04 aged 81 at Beethworth Hospital, North Shore.

Donald Charles McHARDY (45) d 21/7/04 suddenly at Waihi. Father of Michael, Mark, Kevin and Matthew, brother of the late Alex (Sandy).

William Michael McNAMARA (47) d 27/12/04 peacefully in Auckland. Devoted husband and father. Brother of the late Dr Kevin, and Patrick.

Clement Ante MARINOVICH (30) d 11/9/04 at North Shore Hospital aged 87.

Raymond MERCER (45) d 19/11/04 at Leanne Rest Home aged 74.

Gavan Gregory MICHIE (46) d 15/12/04 at Auckland Hospital aged 74. (Formerly Brother Roderick).

Hugh Francis MURPHY (40) d 20/7/04, on the North Shore where he had lived. Dux, well-known lawyer who had acted for the Marist Brothers.

Fergus Francis O'NEILL (49) d 6/9/04 at his home in Dargaville.

William Maurice PHELAN (37) d in New Plymouth 5/9/04.

Martin Hugh RYAN (81) d 21/6/04 suddenly at his home in Matamata aged 39.

Frederick Kevin SHANLEY (38) d 29/11/04 at Auckland Hospital aged 83. Had lived in Onehunga.

Marin Peter SIMICH (43) d 3/10/04 at Taupaki. Brother of the late Ron.

Joseph SIMM (43) d 30/12/04 at Mercy Parklands Hospital.

Christopher George SPEIGHT (64) d 16/7/04. from Huntly.

Charles Edward TONNER (36) d 1/9/04 aged 82. Had lived on the North Shore.

Mr U.C.SRINIVASAN d 4/9/04 in Auckland- SHC teacher 1975-88..

Since January 2005:

Paul Simon BRENNAN (76) d 26/1/05 in France after a short illness. Brother of Chris, David, Mark and the late John.

Michael John FREYNE (51) d suddenly in Sydney 2/1/05. PhD Sorbonne. Became a university lecturer in French at Liverpool University and the University of NSW. Had a fellowship at Oxford last year. Buried at Waverley Cemetery where Roderick Quinn, author of College Song, is also buried.

John Joseph GEANEY (43) d 24/1/05 at Landsdowne Hospital, Auckland aged 77. Brother of Louis and father of Joseph, Daniel and Peter. Father and father-in-law of Mary and Rob Pepping (SHC deputy principal).

Desmond Laurence KAVANAGH (39) d 10/1/05 peacefully at his home in Pirongia after a long illness. Father of Peter and brother of the late Bishop John Kavanagh, Brendan and the late Pat.

Fr William (Bill) WOOD, College chaplain 1959-67, died 2/2/05 at Assissi Home Matangi, Waikato.(not an old boy).

Quinto ALLEN (48) d 22/3/05 after a long illness aged 74. Head prefect, captain champion 1948 1st XV. Member of 1948 SHC champion rowing eight. **Huia Leonard BRIGGS** (44) d 2/2/05 at his home in St Mary's Bay, Auckland. Originally from Rotorua. **Gordon Bruce DEVCICH** (49) d 5/4/05 suddenly aged 73, at his home in Meadowbank. Prefect and member of champion 1948 1st XV. Father of Bruce and Simon.

Denis Russell JAGGAR-SMITH (33) d Auckland Hospital 23/3/05. RNZN4817 (1941-46) Knight of Malta. Founder of the accountancy firm DR JAGGAR-SMITH. President SHCOBA 1954-55. Former secretary, Marist Rugby Club. Franciscan Friary Fair Committee.

Francis Patrick MacCARTHY-MORROGH (42) d 10/3/05 at Kaitaia aged 76. Brother of Brian, the late Bernard and the late Peter. Brother and brother-in-law of Cushla and Neville Sorenson.

Peter John McCARTY (60) d 24/2/05 suddenly on a golf course in Rotorua Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI.

Herbert Patrick GILROY (42) d 19/3/05 after a long illness in Auckland. Father of John (London), Daniel and the late Patrick. Had a carrying business.

Joseph PENNY (45) d March 2005 at the Switzer Home in Kaitaia. Joe was a boarder from Hokianga and a respected member of his whanau.

James Kevin STOTT (49) d 25/3/05 suddenly while on holiday in the South Island. Worked for Air New Zealand as an electrical engineer. Father of Geoffrey.

Anthony John (Tony) YATES (48) d 30/3/05 at his home in Kohimarama after a long battle with cancer, aged 74. Prefect, member of the 1948 champion 1st XV. BSc, he worked for the DSIR. A keen yachtsman, he was a life member of the Royal Auckland Yacht Squadron and had organised several ocean races. Father of Dominic, Simon and Martin, brother of Gerrard.

Peter Henry GUILLARD (54) d 11/4/05 at his home in Otahuhu aged 67. Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI. Son of Louis. Had been President of Panmure Squash Club.

Deaths of Brothers and former Brothers

Linus William HALE, former Brother Linus d 9/5/03.

Br Bertrand HODGKINS (Lionel Thomas) d 16/6/03 aged 90 in Suva.

Br Hubert CLIFFORD (35) d 27/8/04 at St Paul's, Ponsonby. 1st XV 1935.

Br Basil (Patrick Leo NEVILLE) d 23/3/04 at Mercy Parklands, Auckland aged 85. Taught at SHC in 1941 and from 1951-53.

Br Joachin (Thomas Joseph DWYER) d at Auckland Hospital 20/3/05 aged 78. Long respected member of the Marist Brothers and SHC communities.

Br Timothy MONTAGUE d 5/12/03 aged 87.

From the Sports Desk

Annual Collegiate Golf Tournament

This annual competition, held in March in South Auckland, is for over 55 old boys of Auckland secondary schools. Each school can enter a team of four golfers. This year, 24 schools entered teams and SHC was represented by Des MacDonald, Brian Nobbs, Peter Martin and Tony Lovrich (all from the 1940 era). Otahuhu College was the winner with SHC third. Bill Tapper had a team in the younger section of old boys that finished second in its section. Des MacDonald will be in charge of organising the tournament next year. The next Brother Maurice Old Boys Golf Tournament will be held at Waiuku in April 2006.

Xavier RUSH (95) is still captain of the unpredictable Super 12 Auckland Blues.

Kevin O'NEILL (01) is a lock forward with the Canterbury Crusaders.

Dr Peter COLEMAN (74) is in his sixth season as the Auckland Blues doctor. Peter was a founding member of Th'Dudes, along with fellow old boys Dave Dobbyn, Ian Morris and Peter Urlich, who 30 years ago raged in such places as the Windsor in Parnell, the Gluepot in Ponsonby, the Globe and the Island of Real.

Mike ELLIOTT (82) is manager of the Auckland Rugby Union's Premier Club Competition.

Mark FITZPATRICK (75) now spends his time between Switzerland and Valencia where he is associated with the America's Cup Syndicate Alinghi, as its sports goods supplier. Mark's brother Sean (81) is contracted to ITV London.

Isitolo (93) and Finau MAKI (95) are playing for the French Club Toulouse, which has reached the final of the Heineken Cup European club rugby championships for the second consecutive year. Finau scored the opening try in the semi-final, against Leicester, played on 24

April. The French side went onto win the match 27-19, setting up an all-French final on 22 May, when Toulouse will play Stade Francais.

Gerard DAVIS (95) has been playing for Waitakere in the NZ Soccer Club Championships.

Sonny PARKER (96) played for Wales against the All Blacks on 20/11/04. An injury has curtailed his career since.

William WARD (02) was first reserve with the NZ Davis Cup squad, which lost to Pakistan last August.

James SOMERSET (00) and John MILLS (01) are playing for Auckland Marist in the premier division.

Logan SWANN (92), now with British league side Bradford, played for the Kiwis in the World Cup in Britain last November. He has now played 21 times for the Kiwis.

Mark TAPPER (97) was the first New Zealander home in the Rally of NZ on 10 April, finishing 22nd out of 71 entries.

Amasio VALENCE (96) is still in the New Zealand rugby Sevens side.

Murray WILLIAMS (01), who had a few games at 1st 5/8 for Auckland, has signed up with Bay of Plenty for 2005 with fellow old boy Nili LATU (99).

Recent wedding:

On 5 March, Dominic REJTHAR (00), son of old boy Chris, married Helen Kelway at Te Puna. Fr Joe Stack was the celebrant. Best man was Hamish McCarroll, head prefect 2000, with brother Hugh, head prefect 2003, also present. Many other old boys were present, including Adam Pearce (01), Levi Meehan (00), Nili Latu (00) member of Waikato Chiefs, Murray Williams, Vance Davis (01) and Tim Fahy (01), son of old boy Peter (70). Brs Michael Taylor and John Koorey from SHC were also guests.



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