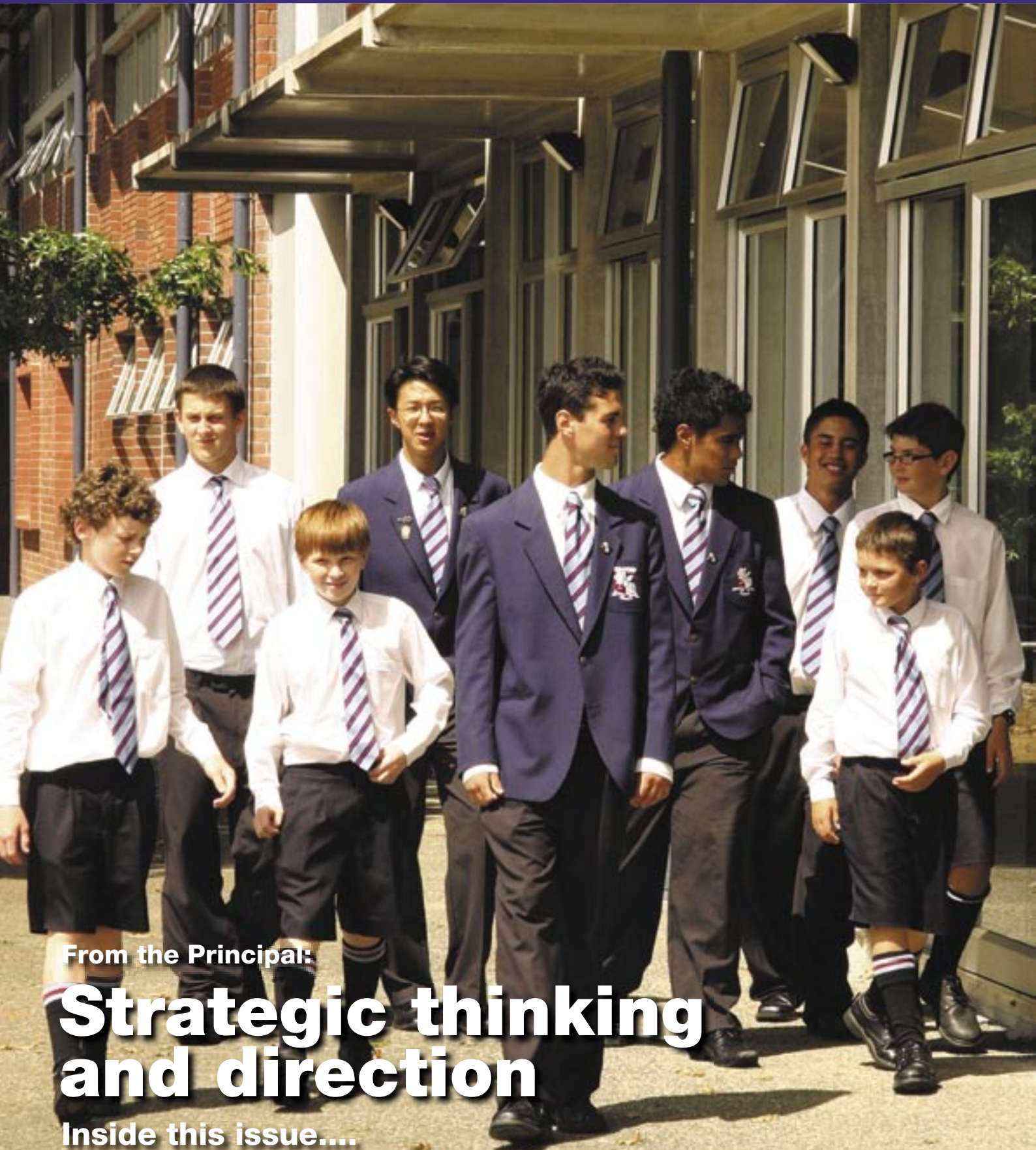


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Editorial

From the Principal

Greetings to all parents, Old Boys and friends of SHC.

I have now completed two terms as Principal and if I were to give a mid-year report card it would be to state that the school is in good order. The tone of the school is indeed very strong, and the special Catholic Marist Character pervades the school every day. Moreover, the pride and spirit of the student body, the staff, and Old Boys is a significant factor in the every day life of our school at Sacred Heart College.

Strategic thinking and direction

The 2007 Annual Goals are tracking very well indeed. However, I would reinforce my call for students (especially senior students) to adopt a 40 hour week attitude to learning - 25 hours at school, 15 at home. The key goal this year is to lift academic performance school-wide and to significantly improve the number of Scholarship passes in NCEA Level 4.

Throughout the past two terms some crucial work has been implemented in two important areas of school management. The Academic Review carried out by Senior Management and Heads of Department has reviewed what and how we are teaching, and conducted a very thorough investigation into the Cambridge Examination System. Additionally, the Board of Trustees has been kept up to date and has had representation on this Review Group. We are now at a stage where we can present our findings to a Parent Information Meeting, followed up by a survey of the various stakeholders in our learning community.

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There will be a second Information Evening at which presentations will be given by experienced advocates of NCEA and experienced representatives of the Cambridge International Examination System (CIE) and representatives of CIE Schools (including St Peter's College, Auckland).

Strategically we have put in place the Sacred Heart College Sports Institute since Term 1, 2007. The Sports Institute currently includes cricket, water polo, rugby and soccer for gifted and talented students in Years 7 through to 10. A review will be carried out by the Director of the Sports Institute, Mr Neil Penfold, the Principal and Management early in Term 4 to set the future direction of the Sports Institute in 2008 and beyond.

Further planning for the future, the Board of Trustees and Senior Management are about to embark on a Strategic Planning exercise that will set in place the Strategic Plan for 2008-2010. The three-year period of the Strategic Plan will converge very well with election year and will be flexible

enough to accommodate any changes in government policy or direction.

This is indeed an exciting time in the life of our school. The opportunities are waiting to be seized, the challenges faced and new successes achieved.

Were we to look at our crystal ball for the future, we would perhaps see an emergence of an Academic Institute and an Arts Institute to further strengthen the holistic education focus which we hold so dearly at Sacred Heart. These two additional Institutes are but some of the possibilities that lie ahead.

By working together we are about to embark on a new era of significant change and progress at Sacred Heart and, more importantly, we are about to make a real difference in the lives of our young men, now and in the future.

Onwards and upwards. Confortare esto Vir.

Jim Dale, Principal



The musical experience of a lifetime

During the July school break, 33 members of the College Senior Band, four parent-helpers and two staff members were treated to a week of unprecedented musical experience, unforgettable social opportunities and the chance to enjoy clear, blue Brisbane skies in the middle of winter. To the theme "uniting the spirit of youth", the inaugural Bonyi International Music Festival brought together 450 young musicians from New Zealand, Australia and South Africa for a week of masterclasses and performance, held at Brisbane Boys' College and Stuartholme Catholic Girls School.

Intensive rehearsals and fundraising for months before the band left for Australia meant that the boys arrived in high spirits and confident in their abilities as a performance ensemble. A lot of this confidence may well have been knocked out of them initially, as their first guest conductor truly took them 'back to basics' and spent, in one case, 20 minutes on one bar of music. Nevertheless, the students

responded well and at the end of the week, following two further guest conductor sessions, were pronounced a 'very good ensemble' with a great deal of potential. It is fair to say that the band sounded very different by the end of the week.

The Bonyi experience included more than six hours of individual, specialist masterclasses with professional performers from Canada, England, the United States, South Africa, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. Students also had the opportunity to have specialist tuition in music composition, rhythm awareness, jazz performance and combined orchestral and band sessions.

They performed two concerts in the QPAC (Queensland Performing Arts Centre) to very appreciative audiences, and attended a wonderful dinner and concert at South Bank on the Brisbane River. The South Bank concert included performances from the Brisbane Boys' College pipe band, a youth percussion ensemble, Queensland University jazz orchestra and Kate Miller-Heidke (an up-and-coming Australian popstar).

During the closing ceremony, all festival participants sang in a work commissioned for Bonyi entitled 'Pirramimma – Garden of Dreams'.

And if that weren't enough excitement, the Sacred Heart boys' passionate performance of the school haka appeared in full colour in The Courier Mail newspaper on the morning of 5 July.

The only reason that the band members were willing to leave Brisbane at the end of the week was because we had two further days of fun planned at DreamWorld and Whitewater World on the Gold Coast.

Bonyi was the most intensive musical experience most of our students will ever have the opportunity to participate in. Thank you to everyone who made it possible for these young men to show what they can aspire to as musicians and to the Band themselves, for being such perfect ambassadors for SHC.

Mrs Delysse Glynn, HOD Music
Mr James Morton, SHC Senior Band Conductor



The new SHC Legends

There are many SHC Legends – Walter Kirby, Tim and Neil Finn, Dave Dobbyn, Sean Fitzpatrick, Dominic Bowden ... to name a few.

During the Feast of the Sacred Heart, the entire school squeezed into the gym to be thoroughly entertained by the current legends of the College. Soloists, groups, songwriters and comedians all exuded the school spirit in their ability to provide 'something for everyone' to enjoy.

There were moments of pure beauty, such as 'This is my Desire', sung by Joshua Bengé and accompanied by Grant Nicholson, together with moments of hilarity, especially the Year 13's 'Afternoon Delight' and the 'Spicey Girls'. One performer who stood out was David Hughes, from Year 8, who, playing the harmonica, had the entire school singing to You are my Sunshine.

Another aspect that was particularly pleasing was that three of the groups performing had written their own music for the occasion. Songwriting is truly alive and well at SHC.

The next SHC music performance is the Walter Kirby Competition, taking place on 26 August.



Art exhibition is a community affair

The Sacred Heart Art Exhibition has been running for five years now, and is a forum for current students, staff and Old Boys to show their work. The money from the sale of the artworks goes straight to the students, and each year around \$3000 is raised. Opening night is Wednesday 19 September in the Hall, with drinks, nibbles and a jazz band starting at 7pm. It is also open all day Thursday, 20 September.



Feast Day of Sacred Heart

SHC Legends (see story above) is but one event when we celebrate the Feast Day of Sacred Heart. Students also have the opportunity to compete in two events for the House Competition.

The House Literature Quiz is a gruelling intellectual test of literary knowledge, with each team made up of seven students (one student from each year level). This year's quiz was won by Coolahan.

The House Haka Challenge is the culmination of weeks of rehearsals. Ordered entry, disciplined exits and levels of participation are key criteria in the judging. This year's challenge was won by Pompallier.

The famous Pirates of Penzance



The Pirates of Penzance was last performed at Sacred Heart in 1959. Today our cast of more than 100 replicates the enthusiasm and dedication of their forbears. A departure from the 1959 tradition is the inclusion of 'real maidens' from our sister school Baradene.

This is performance week as we go to press and the dress rehearsal on Sunday provided us with a large group of swashbuckling pirates and the crème de la crème of coppers from the highways and byways. Beautifully

attired are our maidens who are no simpering unsophisticates, but strong and vibrant young ladies who all managed in the last scene to find a pirate 'husband'.

Our lead roles have demonstrated gathering confidence and expertise as the rehearsals have progressed. As Pirate King we have Henry Fitzgerald, Frederick - Ben Hermans, Major General Stanley - Nicholas Mahoney, Sergeant of Police - Nic Schuler, Mabel - Charlotte Findlay, and Ruth - Rachael Rands.

We look forward to our first performance on Tuesday and our final performance on Friday 10 August.

Hosted by SHC at this final performance will be several of the 1959 cast who by invitation will sing the encore With Cat Like Tread and Poor Wandering One'. I'm sure they will receive a standing ovation.

Mrs Margaret Graham

• An Old boy reminisces – see page 14

Farewell to Neels and Elise Muller



The Sacred Heart College staff and the Marist Brothers community gathered together at the end of Term 2 to farewell Neels and Elise Muller. The number and quality of the speeches in their honour was a tribute to this popular and long-serving couple.

South African by birth, Neels spent most of his teaching career in Pretoria, South Africa, where his main subjects were Physics and Mathematics. During this time he rose to the position of Principal and wrote useful text books for both Mathematics and Physics. Meanwhile, Elise worked as a piano teacher while bringing up their family of two sons and a daughter. The Mullers are a close family and it was a unanimous family decision that saw them leave the troubled South Africa for New Zealand 12 years ago. South Africa's loss was certainly Sacred Heart's gain. Over the past 12 years, Neels has been an invaluable member of staff. His contributions to the life of the College have been outstanding. Not only has he been a popular teacher of Physics, Mathematics and Science, but also a wise and reliable supervisor of the boarders in Leonard House. One of the most demanding roles he fulfilled was as the Teacher Relief Co-ordinator. This is an unenviable task, which Neels carried out efficiently, reliably and with good humour.

As a lover of sport he enjoyed the opportunity to indulge his passion for

rugby and cricket as a coach and was always torn between supporting the Springboks or the All Blacks when they clashed.

Neels will long be remembered for his sense of humour, his wisdom, his kindly personality, his commitment to his roles and his great popularity with his students. For his part he said he felt that working at Sacred Heart was "pure joy" and that he felt as if he had retired 12 years ago when he arrived at the College. He said that he would always greatly value the friendships he had made among the Marist Brothers and staff.

Elise has also been an integral part of the College, working both as the assistant in the Tuck Shop and then as Tuck Shop Manager. She was renowned as a cook and none of the staff will ever forget the wonderful morning teas she supplied on Neels' birthdays.

It was a proud day for the Muller family and the Sacred Heart community when the whole Muller family was accepted into the Catholic Church several years ago. At the time Neels and Elise stated that their desire to join the church was as a direct result of being at the College and the sense of faith they had felt there.

While we were very sad to see the Muller family leave, we wish them



As a reminder of Neels and Elise Muller's time at Sacred Heart, her piano is taking up residence in the Sacred Heart Music Department. Year 11 music student Frank Eliesa is pictured at the piano.

godspeed as they head to Brisbane to join their sons and enjoy a well-earned retirement.

Behind them they leave a lasting legacy in more ways than one. The music department has purchased Elise's well-loved IBach piano. This piano was very important to Elise, as a music teacher, and travelled with her from South Africa. However, she decided to sell the piano prior to moving to Brisbane. At the same time, the Sacred Heart Music Department was looking for a compact, affordable piano suitable for classroom use. Mrs Delysse Glynn, Head of Music approached the PTA and Development Foundation for funding to assist in the purchase. Fortunately, there were funds available as a result of the auctions held at the Arts Honours Board Dinner in 2006 and to the delight of Delysse and her students it was agreed that the piano be purchased.



Top arts students honoured

Left Picture: Sebastian Wright, Barney Chunn. Right Picture, Back Row: Clark Hennessy, Daniel O'Connor, David Taufu. Front Row: Hamish Lovett, Daniel O'Donoghue, Mrs Delysse Glynn, Mat Martin, Joon Lee.

The introduction of Arts Ties is a means to recognise committed participation and excellence in the Arts. The inaugural Arts Ties were presented early in Term 3 to the following students:

Peter Muller

Photography; gained second place in the National AgResearch Photography Competition.

Anthony Brownson

Music: member of rock band The Tricks, which was third in the RockQuest Auckland finals in 2005; performed in Band of Strangers in 2006 and 2007; member of two rock bands that have won the Walter Kirby Senior Group category; band member of Godspell 2006.

Faleanga Anae

Music/Drama: lead role in Godspell production in 2006; member of winning entry for Br Theophane Christian Music Composition in 2006; member of accapella vocal group Nadanuff; member of Senior Choir; cast member of Anything Goes 2007.

Barney Chunn

Music: member of rock band The Tricks, which was third in the RockQuest Auckland finals in 2005; performed in Band of Strangers in 2006 and 2007;

member of two rock bands that have won the Walter Kirby Senior Group category; band member of Godspell in 2006 and Anything Goes in 2007.

Clark Hennessy

Media: Chapel media expert; media presentation for BackPac in 2006 (the celebration of Sacred Heart College Arts Honours Board in the Auckland Town Hall); media presentation for Principal's Conference, Aotea Centre, in 2007; member of Godspell production team in 2006.

Daniel O'Donoghue

Music: member of Godspell cast 2006, band member of Anything Goes in 2007; member of rock band Silver Bullets third place in Walter Kirby Br Theophane in 2006.

Mat Martin

Music/Debating/Drama: leader of Advanced Debating team in 2007; member of Senior Band since 2004 on trombone; cast member of Godspell in 2006; lead in in Anything Goes in 2007; music prefect in 2007.

Hamish Lovett

Music: member of Senior Band since 2004 on trombone; member of Jazz Combo 2006, 2007; band member Anything Goes

in 2007.

Grant Jackson

Music: member of Senior Band since 2004 on trumpet; member of Jazz Combo since 2005.

Sebastian Wright

Music/Drama/Debating: lead role in Godspell in 2006; Winner Soloist Year 7 & 8, 2000/2001; Winner Group Year 7 & 8 in 2001; Winner Solo Year 9-13 2002 and Year 12/13 2006; lead role in Anything Goes in 2007; member Senior Choir; member of Senior Debating in 2006.

Jesse Allam

Music/Drama: Lead in Godspell in 2006; Lead in Anything Goes in 2007; lead singer of rock band I Like U2 in 2006; lead singer of rock band The Silver Bullets in 2007; third in Walter Kirby Soloist and second in Senior Group categories; member of Senior Choir.

Joon Lee

Art/Debating: top visual artist; member of advanced debating team.

Daniel O'Connor

Music/Drama: cast member of Godspell in 2006; lead in Anything Goes in 2007; member of Senior Choir.

Values-based education is internationally appealing

While most other schools are suffering a downturn in international student enrolments, Sacred Heart continues to maintain strong interest.

Competition among schools for international students is fierce, and each year brings a major challenge to recruit sufficient numbers of students to replace those leaving. International education is one of the largest export industries in New Zealand and international students have become a

vital component in the financial life of many schools. It is, therefore, important that we nurture our international students and provide them with a quality experience.

Sacred Heart Director of International Students Mrs Miriam Dunningham believes the College has maintained enrolment levels against the trend because it offers a quality, values-based education. "This is what more and more parents are seeking. We also do not have large numbers of international students, enabling those we do have the opportunity to mix with local students and become an integrated part of the school community. This is also a high priority for their parents."

Boarding has been a popular choice for many, with 22 international students in the Hostel currently. However, there is strong

demand from New Zealand students for boarding, and in future there will be fewer Hostel places available for international students.

Our current international students come from Korea, China, Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan, Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga and South Africa. We are also delighted to have our first two students from Spain for an eight-week course, and both are desperately keen to learn rugby while they are here!

All international students bring different perspectives to College life and make the school a more interesting and vibrant place to be, says Mrs Dunningham. We welcome them and trust that they will always remember their time at the College as special and valuable.

Goals to make a difference

Year 12 Retreats for 2007 proved to be immensely successful for the six classes of boys who travelled to Willow Park for the two day experience. Prior to the event there were mixed attitudes toward the retreats, as we tended to think that it would involve 'writing and praying' hard out for the duration. However, we were quite wrong.

Willow Park was a great place for the event, as it had superb facilities like tennis courts, a mini golf course and a gymnasium for recreation as well as a large, spacious meeting room where the sessions took place.

During the two days we celebrated Reconciliation and Eucharist; spent time in reflection and prayer; developed a better understanding of ourselves and those we live and work with; learned to work as a class, team or group, as well as other entertaining tasks and activities which made us question ordinary things we do daily, such as subconsciously stereotyping other students without even knowing them.

In the evening a thought-provoking discussion which was ably led by Head Prefect Michael Erceg, and Deputy Head Prefect of 2004 Michael O'Brien, along with other prefects and current Year 13 leaders. Each retreat group had to come up with both a personal and class goal which centred on the Special Character of the College, knowing that our efforts and energies could and would make a difference. Our classes' group goal was to begin regularly attending the voluntary lunchtime Tuesday/Thursday Masses as there was a lot of room for further participation here. We all made individual pacts to either begin including the international students or younger students more in the life of the school or else help keep the environment of SHC in a better and cleaner state.

The key message is that even as Year 12 students, we are leaders and we do not need to wait until next year to step up to the task. Leadership has already begun.

Matthew Croymans, Year 12



Enhancing our spiritual meaning

Recently we were immensely privileged to host a celebration of the World Youth Day Cross and Marian Icon.

The occasion was a lead-up to World Youth Day, which is taking place in Sydney next year. Pope John Paul II first presented the World Youth Day Cross to the world's youth in 1984, and the accompanying Marian Icon in 2003. Together, they have become worldwide symbols of Catholic unity and love, and will be the focal point of celebrations in World Youth Day Sydney, 2008.

The cross and icon were escorted into the Chapel with a powhiri, and students formed a guard of honor. Once they had been positioned in the Chapel, Monsignor Brian Arahill celebrated Mass with a large congregation that included SHC boarders and day boys, students from Marcellin College and St Paul's, and members of our community.

To enhance the deep spiritual nature of the Eucharist, a multitude of special elements were included. A strong Maori and Pacific influence was prevalent throughout the Mass, with the ever-expanding Pacific choir performing, and the use of a fine woven mat, which was presented by the Tongan community. The Year 7 and 8 choir, ably led by Mrs Graham, performed an array of choral items which included Latin and Maori hymns. Senior Sacred Heart College musicians provided backing music throughout the liturgy.

Following the Eucharist, Monsignor Arahill blessed a replica World Youth Day Cross which is to be set up at the entrance of SHC to commemorate our involvement in World Youth Day 2008, and to remind us all of Christ's ongoing presence in our lives and the life of the school. A number of candles in papal colours were also blessed, and then distributed to families in the congregation to be used in prayerful support in the lead up to next year's event.

Following the conclusion of the evening's liturgy, the cross and icon were taken to the senior boarders' common room, where the senior boarders stood a night's vigil.

At the break of dawn the following morning, senior boarders led by Bede Mills, farewellled the cross and icon. It was first taken to the Marian, Champagnat and Sacred Heart statues on site where prayer there was led by Mr O'Donnell, before handing it over to the delegation there to collect it.

The cross and icon had served the purpose for which they were sent on pilgrimage by Pope John Paul II. They had further sparked our faith in the risen Christ and some of us are now preparing for the major event in Sydney next year with Pope Benedict XVI, where we will again be close to those precious symbols that lie at the heart of our Christian and Catholic faith.

Henry Cairns, Year 13

Opening the doors of opportunity

Recently retired All Whites captain Danny Hay has been recruited into the Sacred Heart College Sports Institute and will be developing a group of our talented young soccer players while he completes teacher training qualifications. He's excited about this new phase of his life after limousines, five-star hotels, private jets, and the paychecks of English premier football.

From his roots in the Auckland suburb of Hillsborough, Danny Hay grew to live the lifestyle of English football stars. It's possible for any Kiwi Kid to reach the very top of the game globally, he says, and the hurdles have little to do with natural talent.

"There's huge demand for footballers, and no reason why more young New Zealanders can't play at the top level. We have everything we need in this country in terms of our athleticism, and our outdoor lifestyle. We just need to have people who can nurture their talent and help them get their heads around it."

In this way, Danny now aims to give back to the game that has given him so much. He says he is thrilled at the opportunity to work at Sacred Heart, and to start a new career in teaching. He will complete his qualifications over the next two years and in the meantime will work in the Sports Institute. His message to SHC's budding sports stars is that with the right work ethic, and education, you can turn your athletic talents into a career. "But better than that," he adds, "you can use your talents to end up a successful, well-oriented individual."

Hay's opportunity to join the international big league came through his relationship with Sacred Heart College principal Jim Dale. Jim was an accomplished professional footballer in Scotland before coming to New Zealand and



Danny Hay with members of the Sports Institute, from left: Daniel McRae, Seamus Dawson-Myers and Jak Perry.

moving into education. Hay and Dale met when Danny was a student at Kelston Boys High School and Jim was Deputy Principal. He encouraged Danny to go to the UK after completing seventh form and trial for clubs. It was not yet his time, but after a couple of years back in New Zealand with the Waitakere club, Danny returned to the UK and achieved a contract with Leeds United. He was a member of the side in its "good years", from 1999 to 2002, when it was third and fourth in the English premiership league.

His debut for Leeds was in front of 90,000 fans at Noucamp in Barcelona, and he played with some of the game's biggest stars. Yet he says he was nervous most days just turning up for training.

"You couldn't just go through the motions. You had to perform at your very best every day. They demanded that level of excellence. That's the attitude we need to instil in some of these younger players in New Zealand."

Jim Dale has no doubts Danny Hay will excel in his new vocation, and that his impact on SHC students will be

Sports Institute shows its benefits

Sacred Heart College Sports Institute is making good progress in its first year. The boys' performances on the pitch and in the pool have demonstrated that they are truly benefiting from the practical work they have been doing. There are now two new classrooms in the gym and so we are also much better equipped to deliver the theory components of our programme.

Last term, we had Caryn Zinn visit the institute to deliver a lesson on Sports Nutrition. The lesson proved very popular with the boys. Caryn has worked with elite sports people, including the Warriors, and she was able to demonstrate to the boys how what they eat has a massive impact on their

performance and recovery from both training and games.

The soccer boys are now benefiting from the involvement of ex-All Whites and professional footballer Danny Hay in the Institute. Danny brings a wealth of playing and coaching experience to the College, and he is certainly proving to be an inspiration for the boys.

The institute was launched in Term 4 2006, offering high-level coaching and sports-theory instruction in four sports - water polo, soccer, cricket and rugby. Membership of the institute is based on a selection process held in September.

Mr Neil Penfold, Director of Sport

Pride and disappointment

The 1st XV finished fifth in this year's Auckland Secondary Schools 1A Rugby Competition. Feelings of pride and disappointment at what 'may' have been surrounded the squad in the changing room following our Round 11 loss to De La Salle on Saturday, 4 August. We knew we had a battle on our hands that day. We had to beat the competition leaders to qualify fourth on the ladder and reach the semi-final, but though the boys played with determination and commitment, we were unable to upset a very strong De La Salle team.

We set high expectations at the start of the year, as we had a good number of players who had been with us through the 'tough' times in 2006. This experience combined with their enthusiasm and high level of skill made for an exciting pre-season, which included victory in the Marist Quadrangular Tournament. Our squad was also boosted by the recipients of the Br Michael Taylor and Sean Fitzpatrick Scholarships - Mikaele Railoa and Maleko Latu. Both boys turned out to be worthy of these places and must be commended for their contributions to the team and also to their roles at Sacred Heart College. They have become proud, committed and enthusiastic Sacred Heart young men.

Results

Our results for the season show wins over Tangaroa (23-19), Papatoetoe (58-0), Auckland Grammar (44-18 - our first over Grammar in 12 years, and a record score – this was indeed

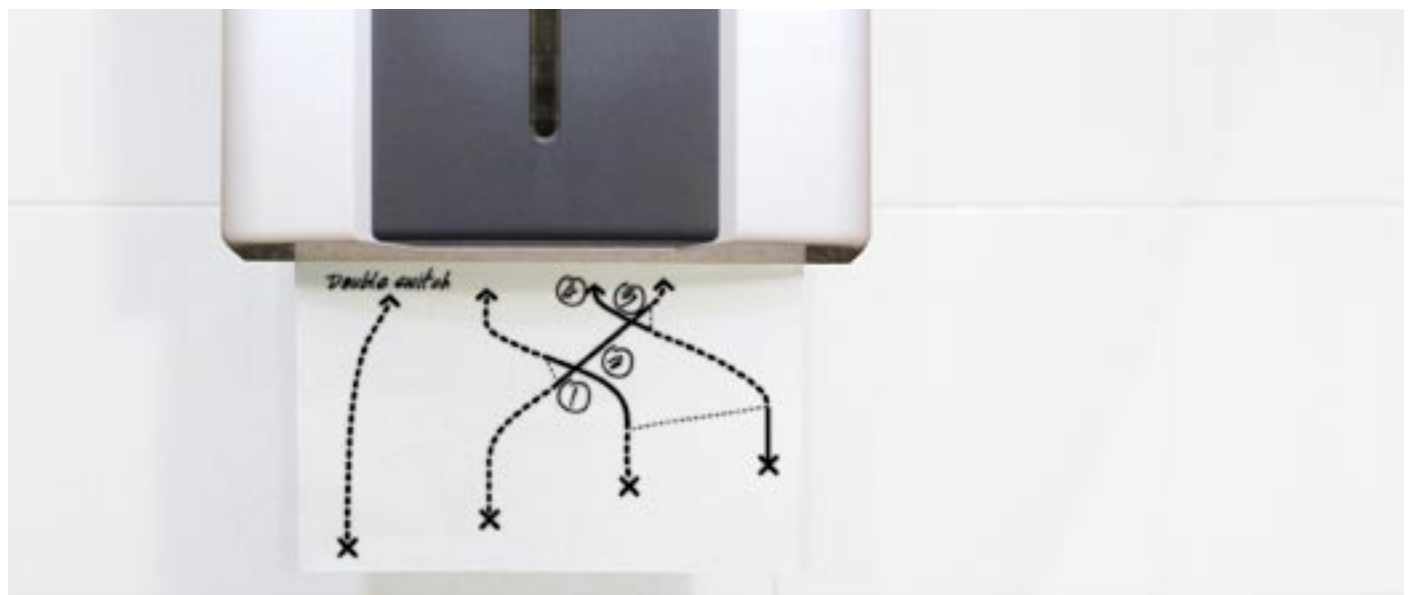
a season highlight), St Kentigern (18-12), St Paul's (22-15) and St Peter's (51-0). Losses were recorded against Mt Albert Grammar (17-22), Kelston (8-12), King's (9-15), Tamaki (13-20) and De La Salle (3-17).

We didn't reach our goal. But we must learn from this and go forward. There is always next season, and as someone said in the changing room after the last game: "Right! We get it back next year."

My sincere gratitude also to:

- Our major sponsors Barfoot and Thompson, Initial HealthCare, and Onsite Projects.
- Brett Davis and our Old Boy sponsors and scholarship providers.
- Our physio extraordinaire, Bastiaan Paanakker.
- Mike Casey - scrum whiz.
- All the parents for your support and friendship.
- All our supporters - especially the loud and vocal students.
- Our skilled, motivated and tireless coaches Paul Melloy and Pele Fisi'iahi.
- All our players - our capped members and our extended squad. It has been an honour to see you all grow and develop, not just as rugby players but as fine young Sacred Heart men.

Mr John Sullivan, 1st XV Manager



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In appreciation of Warren Long



Pictured with Warren Long (centre) are current principal Mr Jim Dale and past principals Brendon Schollum, Philip Mahoney and Br Roger Dowling.

It was called a Farewell Dinner, but that was somewhat of a misnomer as it really was more of a milestone to mark the many years of faithful, loyal and inspired service of Warren Long to Sacred Heart College.

This 'farewell' dinner was generously hosted by the Board of Trustees and the Development Foundation. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by representatives of the many aspects of College life that Warren has lent his time and effort to.

A Catholic whose life is rooted in the Gospel values, Warren exemplifies the vision of St Marcellin Champagnat and, like all Marists, focuses on Mary. He undertakes with grace the demanding tasks required, to ensure the proud traditions of 'excellence' continue to be a hallmark of a Marist education.

No project has been too large or too small. And Warren, who held many positions in his long association with Sacred Heart, has shown how a team can work together when committed to the overall good of the community they serve.

Warren's involvement with Sacred Heart began in 1982 when Anthony, the eldest of seven sons, was enrolled. This fruitful association has continued unbroken until the present day. Sacred Heart has been fortunate to have been the beneficiary of Warren's skills and by 1988 with Br Roger at the helm, Warren was 'pressed into service' and was subsequently elected as a BOT parent representative and held the position of chairman for five years. A long-standing member and chairman of the property committee for 18 years, Warren and his team certainly had sufficient projects to keep them going. It was not for the fainthearted, but with grit and determination they held fast to the vision and today we have a new Chapel and new Junior School. In his characteristically modest way, Warren commented that these projects have given him most satisfaction.

Leo DAVIS, a close friend and associate of Warren's, paid tribute to his enthusiasm, sincerity of manner and professional skill. He has contributed so much to the whole Marist family and what a wonderful highlight it was that he was able to be present in Rome in April 1999 at the canonisation of St Marcellin Champagnat. I think he must be a favourite son.

No article could be concluded without also paying tribute to his wife, Margaret Long, who has been a gracious and sparkling presence on so many occasions.

Not only have we benefited from your efforts Warren, but we have immensely enjoyed your family association in so many ways. Ad Multos Annos.

Mrs Margaret Graham



SHC wrestlers Sean Dowd, Anthony Salmon and Kazuki Baker.

Success Downunder

The wrestling season begins in February and runs to September. Sacred Heart College has had some great success with wrestlers in the past. Committed training prepares the boys for their first big competition in March. This year, we got off to a grand start.

Auckland Secondary Schools Wrestling Championship 28 March at Dilworth

Gold	Sean Dowd	U63kg
Bronze	Kazuki Baker	U63kg
Silver	Anthony Salmon	U50kg

Sean Dowd also won the award for Best Male Wrestler of the event.

NZ Secondary School Wrestling Championship 31 March at Fraser High School, Hamilton

Gold	Sean Dowd	U63kg
Gold	Anthony Salmon	U50kg (uncontested)
Bronze	Anthony Salmon	U54kg

These boys were selected for the DownUnders in July in Australia where they competed against wrestlers from the US and Australia. On the first day they competed as individuals representing their school, and on the second day as a New Zealand team. They all gave their best and achieved great results.

Fourth	Kazuki Baker	U140lb
Third	Sean Dowd	U135lb
First	Anthony Salmon	U109lb

Mrs Lou Dowd



1st XI finds its game

At the time of going to press the 1st XI Soccer team was placed second in the A3 competition, behind Northcote College. A win in its last league game of the season against Green Bay High School, will see the 1st XI secure at least a play-off game for promotion to A2 in 2008. The team has continued its superb run, again defeating A1 opposition - the in-form Westlake Boys High School 4-1 in the quarter final. This has now set up a semi-final away match against Mt Albert Grammar.

SHC Community Reunions

The second Development Foundation-sponsored reunion for Auckland Old Boys is planned to take place in August 2007. The event is for Old Boys from the years 1949-51.

This follows a highly successful reunion of Auckland Old Boys from the 1948/49 era, which was held late in 2006. It was 57 years or more since these Old Boys left Sacred Heart, so they had attended school at the Richmond Road, Ponsonby site.

For some, it was the first time they seen each other since leaving school and also the first time some had been to the 'new' Sacred Heart College in Glen Innes.

The group was welcomed by **Chris KLASSEN**, Development Foundation trustee and himself an Old Boy. College Historian **Tony WATERS** gave an informative presentation, and magazines circa 1940s and school memorabilia provided plenty of talking points and bought back shared memories and camaraderie. Senior students took groups on a tour of the campus, covering areas of particular interest.

If you would like to be kept up to date about reunion events, please contact Lyn Luxton, phone 0-9-537 3027.



Back Row: from left to right: Glynn Grigg, John Jones, Paul Botica, Brian Truscott, Grahame McFarland, Tony Waters, Gerald Ryan.

Front Row: from left to right: Richard Casey, Robin Roche, Peter Martin, Ivan Mercep.

Inset: Maurice Hall

Tax changes encourage charitable giving

The announcement in the 2007 Budget that the current rebate threshold on donations is to be removed will, in a single stroke, make New Zealand one of the most generous countries in the world for tax deductions on income.

"This lays the foundation for a stronger culture of charitable giving," says Revenue Minister Peter Dunne.

Key benefits of the change will see individuals able to claim a 33^{1/3} tax rebate on all donations up to their annual net income. Likewise, companies will be entitled to a deduction for donations made to charitable organisations limited only by the company's net income. These changes

will apply from the 2008/09 income year.

This is welcome news for the charitable sector which includes Sacred Heart College Development Foundation Trust, whose sole beneficiary is Sacred Heart College and its community.

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Leifer brings Ali to life in the SHC auditorium

Left

Neil Leifer, Ollie Begley, Joseph Reynolds, Jack Greene, John Sullivan - Manager 1st XV, Jim Dale - Principal.

Highly acclaimed American sports photo journalist Neil Leifer entertained a crowd of Sacred Heart parents, Old Boys and students in the Auditorium in the second term.

Sacred Heart College Old Boy **Kelsen BUTLER** met Neil in New York and was instrumental in bringing him to New Zealand, where he held a series of presentations including an exhibition of his work at Sky City. The Sacred Heart community was very fortunate to have him all to itself for an evening.

Neil talked about his Muhammad Ali collection, enthraling the audience with his descriptions of how and where each photo had been taken. One of his personal favourites was set up before a match

between Ali and Cleveland Williams. A camera was rigged in the rafters of Houston Astrodome, above the centre of the ring. A cord attached to the shutter was held at ringside by Neil, who waited for the right moment to take one special shot. It was a masterpiece – a bird's eye view framed by the ropes, with Williams lying spread-eagled on the canvas, and Ali standing over him. The shot was seen by millions around the world.

When Ali knocked out Sonny Liston in 1965, Neil was one of only two photographers to have colour film in his camera. His image of that moment was on the cover of Sports Illustrated and has become one of the most memorable sports photos of all time.

Over the years, Neil became close to

Ali, and in later life was one of the few photographers the boxer allowed into his personal life. These were shots filled with pathos – the declining Ali riding his bicycle, play-boxing with his son – the proud and fiery athlete still glowing through his eyes.

Neil explained that taking a good photograph was a mixture of know-how, being in the right place at the right time, and good fortune. Looking at this collection, he must have been a very fortunate man, as shot after shot amused and amazed the audience.

The College is grateful to Kelsen for arranging this special event, which raised funds for the Old Boys Rugby Scholarship.

Mrs Lyn Luxton

SHCOBA ANNUAL DINNER

Friday, 21 September 6.30 pm
College Dining Hall
\$55 - includes dinner and drinks.
Dress: Jacket and tie
No door sales

Details on form enclosed in this issue of Confortare.

SHCOBA AGM

The SHCOBA AGM will be held in the Old Boys Lounge at 6pm on Thursday, 6 September 2007.
All Old Boys welcome, especially younger ones who would like to join the Old Boys Executive Committee.

Old Boys

News of the Brothers

In 1957, the Brothers bought a 1109 acre property at Cooks Beach in the Coromandel as a holiday home. It has long been used as a retreat and mass centre and the home of Br Denis Mahoney for 22 years. Much of the land has been sold. The house has recently been upgraded.

Br Carl Tapp has agreed to a second three year term as Provincial.

Br Steve Filipo is Principal of St Joseph's College, Samoa. Tom Gerard, St Paul's Old Boy, still heads Rosmini College after 33 years.

Br Conrad Ryan (SHC) recently celebrated his 90th birthday - the oldest Marist Brother in New Zealand.

Fiji Reunion

Justin SMITH is organising a reunion in sunny Suva, Fiji on Friday 19 October, the eve of the final of the Rugby World Cup. So far there are about 35 Old Boys attending. **Bede BRITTENDEN**, their Old Boy New Zealand liaison, has asked that we publicise this in case other New Zealand or overseas Old Boys may like to tie in a trip to Fiji and take part in what promises to be a great occasion.

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Old Boy Priests

Monsignor Jim SHANNHAM was a recipient of the Queens Service Medal in the recent Queen's Birthday Awards. He has been a priest of the Auckland diocese for 58 years and served in several parishes. At present, he is parish priest at Orakei and was chaplain to the Croatian Community.

Monsignor Kevin HACKETT (Parnell), **Fr Mat BRADY** (Hillsborough), and **Fr Peter GRAY** (Pukekohe) celebrated their 50th Jubilees on 20 July.

Fr Philip HANDFORTH is now Rector of Holy Name Seminary (Vermont St Ponsonby).

Fr Alan ROBERTS, Blenheim, is Vocations Director for the Wellington Diocese.

Three Old Boy priests are now resident in the priests' retirement home (Vermont) - **Frs Frank SHANNAHAN, Laurence SAKEY and Peter DUNN.**

An influence long cherished

The article in Confortare, April 2007, promoting the College's 2007 production of Pirates of Penzance, brought back memories for Old Boy **Derek ALLAN**. It moved him to write, simply to convey "how influential the people and the activities of those boarding school years can be on life's pathway. I will never forget them."

Derek attended SHC from 1958-61, and played Samuel in the College's 1959 Pirates production, alongside Governor-General, **Anand SATYANAND**,

as a Maiden, and **Warwick WRIGHT** as a Policeman.

He said his interest in stage productions was stimulated by being part of four consecutive Gilbert & Sullivan operettas

at Sacred Heart, as well as the Walter Kirby contests encouraged by Br Ivan Gannaway. "Leporello's Catalogue Aria that he taught me from Mozart's Don Giovanni is still in my repertoire."

On returning to his hometown of Gisborne after study and work in Auckland, in 1972, "I was not only repeating the role of Poo-Bah for Gisborne Operatic Society's Mikado, which I had played 12 years earlier at SHC, but doing so in the same stunning costume that my mother had painstakingly made for me while at school." Many stage appearances have followed since for a man whose love of the stage was born on the boards at SHC.



News of Old Boys

Robert SIMCOCK (1961), former MP, became Mayor of Hamilton on 23 May recently after the resignation of the former elected mayor.

Terry DUNLEAVY (1944) was recently commended by the Bishop for his service to Hato Petera College where he has served on the Board of Trustees for 13 years as Proprietors' representative.

Simon MILLS (1965), who has a medical degree from Cambridge, is now doing medical research at the University of Devon in England. He recently paid a visit to the College.

The new Head of State of Western Samoa, Tuiatua Tupuaa Tamasese Taisi Tupuola Tufuga Efi, is an Old Boy of the Marist Brothers School in Samoa. He is a grandson of Olaf Nelson, head of The Mau (Samoan Nationalist movement in the 1920s). He finished his education at St Patricks, Silverstream from 1955-57.

Anselmi Ridge is a new subdivision on Pukekohe East Rd, and is being developed on the old Anselmi family farm. The family has had a long association with the College.

A recent edition of the NZ Historic Places journal mentions that the first timber mill in Raetihi was set up by John Punch and his family in 1893. Several members of the Punch family have attended SHC, including **Bill PUNCH**, the breeder and owner of the great racehorse 'Bonecrusher'.

John BELGRAVE (1956) has returned to work as Chief Ombudsman after a serious illness.

Michael ELLIOTT (1982) is now the CEO for the Auckland Bowling Association.

Maurice McHUGH (1934) recently became the second-oldest surviving All Black following the death of Bernard Sadler, aged 92, on 26 June 2007.

All Blacks **Keith DAVIS** (1949) and **Pat WALSH** (1953) have recently been hospitalised. Keith is awaiting a hip replacement and Pat a knee replacement.

Peter GRATTAN (1968) owns Grattan Collision Repairs in Panmure. Peter knocks the dents out of the Brothers' vehicles. He is a keen follower of SHC happenings.

Deaths of Old Boys

Brian COPAS (1942) d 7/6/2007 at Erin Park Hospital in Auckland, aged 83. Loved brother of Brian and the late Ron. Buried at Mangere cemetery.

Peter John EMPEN (1942) d 28/6/2007 in Auckland. Peter was the chief newsreader on TV1 in the 1960s and 70s. He was a music teacher and took a boy's choir at St Michael's Remuera and also taught music at De La Salle College in Auckland. He finished his schooling at St Peter's.

Peter GAGE (1954) d13/8/2005 in Australia where he had been Professor of Neurophysiology at the Australian National University, Canberra. He was once a recipient of the Annual Gold Medal for Medical Research.

John GAGE (1951) d 23/4/2006 in Australia where he had been professor of Orthodontics at the University of Queensland. Brother of Michael and the late Peter.

Robert Grahame JOHNSON (Bob) (1944) d 2/7/2007 at Birkenhead Lodge after a long illness, aged 79. Bob had lived and worked on the North Shore all his life. He was the College Athletic Champion in 1944. Buried from St Mary's, Northcote where he and his brother Ken had a hardware business.

Dr Vincent John MURPHY (1969 - Head Prefect) d 17/7/2007 suddenly in Hamilton as a result of an accident, aged 55. Originally from Panmure he had worked in Morrinsville as a doctor for many years. Brother of Father Peter Murphy. A very generous Old Boy and supporter of St John's College in Hamilton. Buried after a Requiem Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin, Hamilton.

Joseph Milan RAOS (1943) d 19/5/2007, aged 81, at his home in Orewa to where he had retired. Originally from Ponsonby/Grey Lynn. He was a devoted family man and a keen sportsman. Joe was a competitive tennis player even in retirement. Brother of Ivan and the late Horace. Buried after a Requiem Mass at Orewa.

Lindsay Gerald WILSON (1948) d 29/6/2007 in Auckland Hospital, aged 75. Originally from Morrinsville, Lindsay was a lawyer. Buried after a Requiem Mass at St Patrick's, Pukekohe. Brother of Michael and the late Peter and the late Douglas.

John Anthony WRIGHT (1966) d 30/8/2006 at Mercy Hospice Auckland after a short illness, aged 57. Son of the late Hugh Wright and brother of Hugh and David. Buried after a Requiem Mass at St Michael's Remuera. He had a BCom and worked for the family firm, Hugh Wrights.

PTA's action-packed programme

Following the success of this year's Fair, the PTA has been able to make various grants to the College.

Book Detection Security – Library	\$10,625
2 x Orchestral Timpani	\$5778
Mail server for the College	\$8685
5 XGA Wireless Projectors	\$11,375
Chapel	\$1000
Hostel	\$1000
Year 7 & 8 Outdoor Education	\$3500
Sports First Aid and Strapping	\$1000
Total to date	\$42,963

We have also now raised \$16,000 for the Assembly Hall refurbishment and \$4000 for the Library. This is a fantastic start to the 2007 year, and the PTA is most grateful to all the parents and friends who are helping to support our fundraising endeavours.

We are also very grateful to our sponsors and two of our major sponsors not mentioned in our last news item were:

- Lucy Postlewaight - Barrister and Solicitor in Whangarei.
- The Eastern Bays Swim School at Sacred Heart College.

Trivial Night

On Friday, 18 May around 180 parents and friends attended the annual Trivial Pursuits night in the Assembly Hall. The evening was organised by Martin and Anne Devoy, and Mike and Maree Tolhurst. It was a fantastic night and assisted the PTA to raise a further \$3500 for the Hall refurbishment project – thank you to all who came and supported this event. Also thanks to our sponsors, Farro Fresh Foods, for a fabulous gift basket, and Molloy Farms for the produce used in our many prizes.

Fair 2008

The Fair for 2008 has been set for Sunday, 30 March and the Mufti Day set for Friday, 14 March. The usual newsletters will be sent home in due course but early planning will help us prepare for another great day.

If you are planning a cleanup at home, please consider whether any items could be donated. Although it is many months away from the Fair and simply not practical to store these items, we have organised to sell them through TradeMe. Gabriel McDonald, phone 0-9-579 8547, is available to advertise items for you on Trade Me, with the sale value going to the PTA. If you have items to sell, please remember the PTA.

Next Function

The next function for the PTA will be the 'Jersey of Origin' dance booked for 1 September, 7.30pm in the College Hall. Tickets will be \$20 per person (BYO). Live band and a supper will be provided. Again the profits from the night will go toward the Hall refurbishment project.

This event is the Saturday after the rugby grade finals and a week before the Rugby World Cup begins. Hopefully we will have a championship or two to celebrate and there will be a sweep or two organised for the World Cup.

Kelvin Mephan, President SHC PTA



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