

# On Strowan

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**Christine Leighton**  
Rector

At a recent Senior College chapel service, Hamish Galloway encouraged us to break down unnecessary barriers or "fences" that so often exist between people, groups, races and religions. As I reflect upon this term and all the activity around St Andrew's College, the benefits of students being involved with a variety of opportunities at school are reinforced in my mind. Whether it be through rowing, cricket, swimming, athletics, tennis, volleyball, choir, stage band, production, attending class camp at Castle Hill, giving service at the hospital or preparing for a service trip to Vanuatu... our young people are building relationships and friendships with other students and teachers that enable them to develop important life skills beyond what they learn in the classroom.

Our students are constantly reminded that getting the balance right between their various activities is critical to their overall success. In-class learning, and reinforcement of that learning at home, must not be compromised because of their busy lives. However, it is very evident to us as adults that these other experiences allow and encourage personal development that will stand our young people in good stead as they move into adult life.

The way our students interact so positively with those in other year groups, and the ease with which they carry out conversations with adults, seems to be a hallmark of St Andrew's College and it is something we, as a College community, are very proud of. This was particularly evident at our Open Evening last week, where visitors to our College were struck by the warm, welcoming and inclusive St Andrew's College spirit.

## KEY DATES

Friday 19 March	Founders' Day Assembly, 11.00am Opening of Spiro Science and Mathematics Centre, 12.00pm Highland Games SI Schools' Athletics Champs, Dunedin (to 20th)
Saturday 20 March	Concert Band music camp, Hanmer Springs (to 22nd) SI Waterpolo Champs (to 22nd)
Monday 22 March	National Young Leaders' Day NZ Schools' Teams Tennis Champs, Christchurch (to 25th) NZ Schools' Rowing Regatta, Lake Ruataniwha (to 27th)
Tuesday 23 March	Year 13 day students parent-teacher interviews, from 7.00pm

Please check the homepage of the College intranet (<http://intranet.stac.school.nz>) regularly for more upcoming fixtures. The intranet is updated daily.

Thank you to the many parents who encourage, support, manage, coach, provide transport, sew costumes, fund-raise and help out in a myriad of other ways to sustain all the activity around College life. Your involvement is appreciated and contributes significantly to the quality of opportunity we provide for our young people.

Yours sincerely

**Christine Leighton**  
Rector



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# From the Secondary School Principal Roland Burrows



**Roland Burrows**  
**Acting Principal of the Secondary School**  
**Deputy Rector**

Dear parents and caregivers

The 'busy-ness' of this term has been quite overwhelming. At the recent Annual General Meeting of the PTA, the College was described by a member of the Board as 'like a small town'. How accurately this captures the dynamic complexity of this community while reminding us all that, although the grounds and buildings are important, we overlook the lives of the people who live and work here at our peril.

Perhaps at no other time than our recent Open Day is this talked about more. How do you go about convincing a group of prospective parents that St Andrew's College is the right choice of school when they are exploring an educational marketplace that seems to offer and promise so much? Parents I spoke to did not seem overly interested in our educational philosophy or the structure of the curriculum but rather talked about whether the school was the 'right place' for their son or daughter. Confident of our ability to educate, they set about exploring the 'feel'. Their focus was on the people - the staff and students.

How interested and passionate were the teachers? How did they relate to both current and prospective students? How did the student tour guides regard their teachers and classroom learning and how genuine was their loyalty and sense of belonging?

What these parents did, was remind us that the real strength of a community focused on learning is the nature and quality of the personal relationships among its members.

With the development of an all weather sports surface and the rebuilding of the Preparatory School on the 'bottom', or Wilsons, field we had to relocate the College Athletic Sports this year. This is a real gala event for the College as it encourages mass participation in a range of events and provides the opportunity for our high performance athletes to do well. The grounds staff did an amazing job in preparing the new venue, the weather was great and we also got to try out our brand new Sports Pavilion. Our aim for next year is to run all the field events on the top field as this was not possible this year.



**A gala atmosphere at this year's Athletics Day.**

As I write this, many groups and teams of students are either preparing for or are competing in a range of provincial and national competitions. We are immensely proud of the achievements of individual students and teams as, behind every performance (winning or not), are hours of disciplined training and of course sacrifice, as I am sure that at times there are other things that they would rather be doing! There are just too many to mention here, but we do wish our rowers well as they face the fierce competition at the Maadi Cup regatta at Lake Ruataniwha.

This is busy time for our students, but also for our teaching staff. The Heads of Departments have all prepared formal reports in which they are required to review the performance of their department over the last year, and critically reflect on student progress against

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previously established academic targets and also student NCEA achievement data.

They have also written and presented their Department Plans for this year. This document ties together our whole-school strategic goals, any specific goals for teaching and learning and the needs of any particular department. It identifies specific goals and describes expected outcomes. Progress against these goals is monitored through a series of meetings during the year with members of senior management.

This year, the Rector has asked all staff to undertake a personal analysis of the performance of students in all their NCEA classes. This expectation is a natural development of our desire to create a culture in which teachers do not dismiss learning difficulties as an inevitable consequence of student or home issues.

Teachers who are engaged in cycles of effective professional learning take greater responsibility for the learning of all students. This establishes a clear link between teacher learning and our current teacher performance review or appraisal process. Although it is essential that all teachers meet the Teachers Council professional standards, we require that our teachers' annual goals or action plan are structured around an inquiry process designed to improve student achievement outcomes through teacher learning.

Planning is in place for the College Founders' Day on Friday 19 March. This is one of those significant events in the life of the school when we acknowledge student achievement, celebrate our Scottish heritage through an 'Address to the Haggis', entertain a group of Old Collegians, honour the Strowan Scottish Scholars for 2010 and indulge in a bit of Scottish hysteria with dancing, caber and sheaf tossing and hear the pipes during our highland games.

The students at Founders' Assembly will be spoken to by Professor Roy Kerr, an Old Collegian and eminent mathematician.

The occasion is especially important this year as it also includes the opening of the new Spiro Science and Mathematics Centre.

Finally, it is with much pleasure that I announce the Strowan Scottish Scholars for 2010. **Kate Boyer** and **Jack Parker** have been selected from a very strong field of some 20 applicants to represent St Andrew's College, and indeed New Zealand, on a tour of some of the finest schools in Scotland in the September holidays.

The award will be made to them at the Founders' Day Assembly.

Kate and Jack have the experience of a lifetime ahead of them, with visits to the town of St Andrew's and the original Strowan House, and the opportunity to experience our Scottish heritage first hand. I hope they also take up the opportunities presented by Founders' Day to compete in the caber toss and Scottish dancing competitions and taste a little haggis!



**Jack Parker and Kate Boyer.**

## EASTER HOLIDAYS

This is the final On Strowan for Term 1 and we will next be in touch in the final week of the Easter break.

ANZAC Day falls on the final Sunday of the holiday and you and your family are warmly invited to join Year 12 students and our extended community for our annual ANZAC Day Service on Sunday 25 April at 10.00am in the College Chapel. We do ask that students attend the service in full uniform.

It is always heartening to see the respect and reverence our young people have for those men and women who sacrificed all for their country and for future generations.

At the start of the holidays the Year 12 service trip to Vanuatu will head off, our Middle School Choir begins its two-week trip to Singapore, singing and touring, and a football development squad travels to England. The football tour begins in London, where the students will spend a morning at the Chelsea Football Club stadium, and ends two weeks later in Manchester. During this time the group will visit stadiums, play, watch Premiership games and do some sightseeing.

Whatever you are doing over the April break I wish you a safe enjoyable change of routine, and a very special time over Easter.

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## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

For a number of years now we have been exploring ways to improve both the efficiency and effectiveness of these evenings. Last year, we introduced an interview booking process; a system that required students to make bookings with their teachers on behalf of parents. This year, we have taken this a step further and for all interview evenings from now on, parents will be able to make their own interview bookings online.

All parents will receive a notice, by email, giving directions as to how to access the website to make a booking, and the school codes to use for each year group. A link will be available from the College intranet.

Parents who either do not wish to use the online facility or do not have an internet connection may ring the College office and a member of the staff will make a booking for you.

As is always the case, however, it will pay to book early if you have a number of teachers you wish to speak to.

Kind regards



**Roland Burrows**  
Acting Principal Secondary School

## HEALTH CENTRE

### Just a reminder...

With autumn here and winter fast approaching, we are already seeing an increasing number of unwell students at school. In order for the registered nurse to manage the large volume of students presenting, we would ask you to keep in mind that the health centre is available for students who become unwell at school or who injure themselves during school hours.

If your child is unwell, we encourage you to keep them at home until they fully recover, rather than send them to school. We would also ask that if your child injures themselves outside of school hours, you seek medical attention from your local general practice.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS HERE AGAIN AS NETBALL FUNDRAISER!

The brand new 2010/2011 Entertainment Book, featuring big savings and special offers on restaurants, cafes, accommodation, attractions and family activities, is available to order now. \$13 from every book sold comes back to the school in support of StAC netball.

[Click here for more information and an order form.](#)

## GET FIT NOW FOR WINTER!

The St Andrew's College Fitness Centre is a fully equipped training facility comprising a state-of-the-art High Tech area with treadmills, cross-trainers, rowing machines and a range of exercycles, and a Free Weight area where a range of dumbbells, a squat rack, pulley tower and incline bench press is available.

All members of the College community are welcome to join. Current membership fees are:

<b>6 months:</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>12 months:</b>	<b>\$260</b>

For more information and a membership application form, visit the College website at [http://www.stac.school.nz/general/fitness\\_centre.html](http://www.stac.school.nz/general/fitness_centre.html).



# Middle School

John Anderson, Head of Middle School



**John Anderson**  
**Head of Middle School**

Term 1 draws to an end – and what a very busy term it has been! Looking back over the last eight weeks, so much has been achieved. The last four weeks in particular have been busy with classes as normal overlaid with swimming, athletics, summer sports exchanges and organisation for winter sports.

There is never a dull moment in the lives of many of the staff and students. The positive attitude of students, especially on Athletics Day, added significantly to the occasion. Many will now progress to the next level and we wish them well.

I draw attention to your student's homework diary. All students receive one and all staff ensure students are encouraged to use them. All homework should be recorded in them. We strongly believe in their use as it is a very productive habit to get into. Parents should be able to look in the diary and see what homework is set. Parents can encourage use of the diary by taking an active interest in it. It is also a good medium for parent-teacher communication.

The winter sports season is about to get under way. Trials are currently being held and the commencement of competition is eagerly anticipated by many. Students are reminded that if they sign up for a team they are committed for the season. It is not fair to other team members for players to pull out after the competition starts. All players need to observe sportsmanship both on and off the field. They also need to take pride in their presentation and try their best at all times.

The partnership between student, parent and school is very much alive at St Andrew's College and is critical to our success. We encourage all parents to get involved in co-curricular activities. If we all do a little bit the job is

so much easier for all. Please contact Denley Jones at [djo@stac.school.nz](mailto:djo@stac.school.nz) if you are able to contribute.

I remind all parents and students of our Anzac Day Service at 10.00am on 25 April in the St Andrew's College Chapel.

I wish you all a well a very happy Easter and a deserved holiday break after a very busy term.

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## **YEAR 11 CHAPEL AND YEAR 9 AND 10 CATCH UP SERVICE**

These take place at 7.00pm on Sunday 28 March at the St Andrew's College Chapel.

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## **MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERS**

The Middle School Leaders recently assisted a number of bed ridden patients at Christchurch Hospital to attend the hospital chapel service. They also assisted the Chaplain by reading the lesson, led the hymn signing and helped to distribute the communion. Thank you very much for giving up your Sunday morning.



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## **YEAR 11 PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEW EVENING REMINDER**

These interviews take place on **Wednesday 31 March** in the gymnasium, commencing at 7.00pm. Please be sure to use our new online booking facility as outlined by Mr Burrows on page 4 of this issue of On Strowan.

## **PARENTS' SEMINAR**

This seminar takes place in the St Andrew's College Chapel on **Thursday 25 March** at 7.00pm. Our guest speaker is Mike Sabin from MethCon and his focus will be on teenagers and recreational drug use.

## **UNIFORM AND GROOMING**

Students return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday 27 April in their winter uniform. Please ensure students return immaculately presented and boys, in particular, have had haircuts prior to returning to school. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **FACEBOOK SAFETY**

As you probably know already, Facebook is one of the most popular online social networks in use at the moment. Facebook allows people from around the world to connect with old friends, and make new ones, using a community interface. However, many people are unaware of the risks when they create a Facebook profile.

Over the past two weeks, the Deans and I have had to deal with a number of "Facebook issues", so we thought it appropriate to highlight some of the pitfalls of having a Facebook account.

### **Your Profile: Careful What You Write**

Employers often looked up applicants on Facebook in order to get a better picture of the person they may be interested in hiring. Creating an unflattering profile is likely to have some impact on your future, if influential people see it.

If you want to portray a side of you that is not flattering to employers, make your profile private so that only people you choose will be able to see it. Alternatively, you can continue to make your profile public and shape it so that it highlights how great a person you are.

### **Keep Private Information Private**

Some people trust others and websites too much, and forget that millions of people can look at the private information they post. This includes criminals looking

for their next victim. Social networking sites are the new browsing grounds for identity thieves. Someone who steals your identity can ruin your credit and even commit crimes under your name. These are all things that could prevent you from getting a job in the future.

In addition to criminals, stalkers are also searching social networking sites for more information on their potential or current victims. A stalker may find something appealing about you and follow what you write on your page, or even try to find you in person at your home or place of business.

### **Strangers are Still Strangers**

When you meet someone for the first time offline, you may have a difficult time knowing if the person really is who he or she claims to be. The online world is no different. The online world is ideal for people who enjoy over-exaggerating their life, or making up a completely different one from their own.

### **Beware of Teenage Predators**

Adults posing as teenagers will search sites for unsuspecting teenagers, get to know them, and then eventually try to meet them offline. This is a frightening thing for parents to hear, but the risk can be reduced. Monitor your student's use of the internet. If he or she has a Facebook account, make it clear that you want to see the profile as often as you like. You can also block certain sites so your teenager cannot access them.

### **Increases Internet Addiction**

Social networking sites are fun and addictive. Meeting new people, catching up with old friends and visiting interesting profiles can take up hours each day. You may spend more time on Facebook than studying, going to class or doing homework. When Facebook begins to interfere with your life, you may be developing an Internet addiction. Keep yourself in check when you use the Internet for any reason. Take regular breaks, and use your time online as a reward for finishing other more important tasks.

### **Final Words on Facebook Risks**

The risks outlined here are not a reason for you to stop using Facebook, because it can be beneficial to you. You can use it as a portfolio for work or school, and use it recreationally. You just need to be careful how you use it and how much information you post and take from it. Just like the offline world, don't trust everyone and look out for suspicious people. If you follow these suggestions, you can have fun on Facebook without worry!

# Senior College

Andrew Tweedie, Head of Senior College



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Every Monday morning, it seems, The Press carries disturbing and often tragic stories about the choices young people make in the heat of the moment. From fatal car crashes, assaults on others including the Police, over-consumption of alcohol and/or drugs to entries on Facebook, the list seems to keep growing.

Recently the Acting Principal, Mr Burrows, and I talked about our concerns to all boys in the Senior College. A few days later we spoke to all Year 13 students. Our words, I am sure, had been heard from you as parents - but they are words that needed to be repeated. One bad choice can affect an entire life. And although risky behaviours and bad choices are a possibility until the brain is fully matured at around age 25, young people cannot use an immature brain to defend their actions. They will be held responsible and must be answerable to society.

Students were also clearly reminded that if their actions bring the name of the College into disrepute, the College will be involved in any processes that follow.

What a pleasure it was, therefore, to receive a phone call late last month from a parent to say a group of senior girls had enjoyed a wonderful evening together without the need for alcohol or any of the other 'accompaniments' that so many young people seem to require when socialising.

Messages such as these are important to share as the media focuses on the dramatic and headline-grabbing stories and overlooks the fact that the majority of young people, who are living in a complicated world, are making consistently good choices.

## **VALENTINES DAY: A REFLECTION FROM REBECCA MILLAR AND SAM CLARK**

On Thursday 11 February the Senior College celebrated Valentine's Day with a decorated common room, roses, and of course a bachelor competition. The common room was more than appropriately decorated with pink, white, and red. As students entered the Senior College pink footprints led their way to the streamers hanging from pillar to pillar, balloons covering the rails, and large banners hanging from the walls. This was appreciated by all Senior College students. More than 300 personal roses were purchased and handed out to students during lunchtime, white for friendship and red for romance.

For lunchtime entertainment the Council held a bachelor contest which was entered by students from Years 12 and 13. Stew Whitehead took out the competition with his enthusiastic rendition of L-O-V-E by Nat King Cole. With all the student support the day was a great success and enjoyed by all.



**Stew Whitehead croons his way to the title of most eligible bachelor in the Senior College.**

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## **PREFECTS' CAMP: A REFLECTION FROM WILLIAM ROBERTSON (DEPUTY HEAD BOY)**

On the 13th and 14th of February 2010 St Andrew's College prefects embarked on the next step of their exciting journey towards leadership! It was a hot Saturday morning and as we all piled into the vans, we wondered what the weekend would hold for us. We arrived at the lodge with feelings of nostalgia in memory of our times spent in the old girl, for some of us as long ago as Year 10, when school camps stop happening. Of course the lodge had been remade since then, and for a few it was brand new, so there was much to appreciate for every one of the prefects.

We launched into the first of our activities for the weekend, building structures out of bamboo and string, searching for 'radioactive' waste in the forest, and solving cryptic clues about geese. Luckily, all of these skills are directly applicable to College prefectship!

That night, we answered a quiz designed to tell us what personality type we were. Popular, Powerful, Perfect and

Peaceful were the surprisingly alliterative options. Some of us were placed in the groups we all expected, others were less expected, but the next day we found our new groups worked to our advantage when we attempted the second half of the leadership challenges.

That morning we awoke to the girls making us breakfast for Valentines Day, along with an individual Valentine and a poem for each of us. We responded in kind by singing a song (When You Say Nothing At All) with our own special twist. We ended the day with a intense game of Orienteering Team Battleships, and yes, it was just as intense as it sounds.

We packed up and were ready to go, but not before a final act of important leadership: using brute force to pull a water tank up a hill using rope.

It was a great weekend which left us exhausted for Swimming Sports the next day, broken down and built back up, but ultimately as a bonded team ready to take on 2010.

The prefects emerge in various states of repair after carrying their instructor through Cave Stream.



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## STUDY PERIOD

It is useful for all parents to be aware of the study periods available to Senior College students. Year 12 students have one supervised study period each week. Year 13 students have four unsupervised study periods each week and for one half of the year they will have five. These periods, which are all undertaken on the College grounds, are to be used as they are designated - for academic study. They are not available to be used for sports coaching or practice, gym sessions, physiotherapist or doctor appointments or cultural rehearsals.

For Year 13 students, these periods are a foretaste of the choice that will confront them during tertiary study: do I use this time to study or socialise? Year 13 academic results show students who use these periods wisely enjoy success more in keeping with their academic potential than those who do not.

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## SENIOR COLLEGE DIPLOMA FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS

As mentioned in the last issue of On Strowan, current information regarding the completion of Diploma requirements has been mailed. Letters were addressed to students, but I hope the information has been shared. If parents have any concerns about their son's or daughter's Diploma they should contact Mrs Wilkinson at [nwilkinson@stac.school](mailto:nwilkinson@stac.school), or me.

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## ANZAC SERVICE: SUNDAY 25 APRIL 2010

The College Anzac Service will be held in the chapel on Sunday April 25 at 10.00am. All students and parents are warmly invited to attend.

For Year 12 students, attendance at this service is a Senior College Diploma requirement.

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## SENIOR COLLEGE FORMAL

The date and venue for the Formal has now been confirmed. The event will take place on **Saturday 21 August in the Deloitte Lounge in the Deans Stand at AMI Stadium**. This date differs from that published in student diaries.

I am most grateful to VBase for offering us this facility at a competitive price, and for the Senior College Council who have been proactive in liaising with VBase staff, visiting the venue and confirming its suitability. I am excited about the prospect of having our Formal in this facility.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS FOR YEAR 13 DAY STUDENTS: 23 MARCH 2010

We strongly encourage as many parents and students as possible to attend these interviews. They are an opportunity for an honest discussion about academic progress, attitude and behaviour in the learning environment. It is also an opportune time for parents to establish if the time spent on independent study and homework is sufficient. Good habits set now will improve the chances of success at the end of the year. Every Senior College student should be arriving at home or to the boarding house in the evening with study to complete. If there is no specific homework given then revision, preparation of study notes/flash cards or pre-reading should be done.

As Mr Burrows has outlined, a new process for booking parent-teacher interviews is now in place. A link on the homepage of the College intranet (<http://intranet.stac.school.nz>) takes you to a website, where you can follow the very clear and simple instructions about how to make a booking. An email will be sent to parents in the very near future, providing the College's school code for the site.

If you are unable or do not wish to use this online booking system, please phone the College reception on 03 940 2000 and someone will be able to make a booking on your behalf. We recommend you book early to ensure appointments can be made with the teachers you wish to see.

All interviews take place in the gym. The first interview time is 7.00pm. Students are welcome to accompany their parents, but if they do they are required to wear full College uniform.



# Sports & Activities

Denley Jones, Head of Co-curriculum



**Denley Jones**  
Head of Co-curriculum

The College Athletics Day is always a highlight in the school calendar. House spirit and strong competition made for a tense and exciting day. This year we changed the venue to the front field, in front of our impressive new sports pavilion, which also added a lot to the day. House support for athletes and enthusiasm on the part of students was first class. Erwin had an impressive come-from-behind victory, but the small gap between first and fourth highlighted the enthusiasm of the house leaders and all students who were striving for victory through friendly competition. The large number of parents and Old Collegians who supported the event was also much appreciated.

It is frightening how quickly we are approaching the close of the summer sports season. Over 60 teams have represented the College in inter-school sports competitions each week in Term 1. The enthusiasm students have shown in representing the College and their commitment to achieving personal and team goals in training demonstrates our strong sporting culture. Summer tournament week is upon us and we wish all teams and individuals all the best as they represent the school in South Island and national competitions. We look forward to celebrating student successes in tournament week at assembly early in Term 2.

Managing the very tight Term 1 programme has been a challenge for us all. There has been little changeover between summer sport competition and winter sport preparation. A lot of thought on the part of all coordinators and coaches goes into ensuring we schedule winter trials and training at times that don't conflict with summer sport. Priority is always given to summer sport commitments in the summer season. There will be a number of winter trials, training sessions and meetings in the last week of term and it is important that students who have had busy summer sport schedules have the opportunity to trial for teams before squads are finalised.

We have enjoyed a great deal of sporting success in the last few weeks:

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## CRICKET

The 1st XI boys' team is currently leading the two-day Canterbury schools competition. The team is also in the semi-final of the Gillette Cup, due to be played on 27 March. College cricket is very strong at present, with the 2nd XI and U14A teams leading their competitions. The girls' team is also unbeaten in Wednesday competition.

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## MULTISPORT

**Ben Walker** placed second and **Alexander McIntosh** fourth in the U16 duathlon race at the South Island Secondary Schools Championships. **Laura Steffens** placed fourth in the U16 girls triathlon race.

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## PIPE BAND

The Pipe Band has returned from a very successful National Championship campaign in Masterton. The A Band won the juvenile competition and placed third overall in their grade. This followed outstanding band and individual performances at the Canterbury Provincial Championships.

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## ROWING

At the Canterbury Secondary Schools Championships held in Ashburton at the end of February the College had a number of pleasing results:

### Boys' U15 Quad

1st: Ben Crosbie, Thomas Richards, Alex Deller, Paddy Harris and Levi Prier.

### Boys' U15 Double Scull

1st: Ben Crosbie and Paddy Harris

### Boys' U16 Eight

2nd: Conor Mercer, Paddy Harris, George Coslett, Henry Booth, Ben Calder, Alex Deller, Ben Crosbie, Scott Wilson and Levi Prier.



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## **Girls' U18 Novice Coxed Four**

2nd: Freddie Robertson, Tommy King, Emily Gualter, Alice Perry and Saskia Gilbert.

## **Girls' U17 Double**

3rd: Ella Prier and Taylor Brownrigg

## **Boys' U16 Quad**

3rd: Ben Calder, Henry Booth, George Coslett, Scott Wilson and Ethan Cron

## **Boys' U15 Double Scull**

3rd: Thomas Richards and Alex Deller

At the South Island Junior Championships held in Twizel two weeks ago our squad also produced the following pleasing results:

### **First place A Final, Men's Under 15 Double Sculls:**

Ben Crosbie, Paddy Harris

### **First Place A Final, Men's under 15 Coxed Quadruple**

**Sculls:** Levi Prier (Coxswain), Ben Crosbie, Paddy Harris, Alex Deller, Thomas Richards.

### **Second Place A Final, Men's Under 16 Eight:**

Levi Prier (Coxswain), Scott Wilson, Ben Crosbie, Henry Booth, Ben Calder, Jesse Aimer, George Coslett, Paddy Harris, Conor Mercer.

### **Third Place A Final: Men's Under 15 Double Scull:**

Alex Deller, Thomas Richards

### **Third Place A Final: Men's Under 16 Coxed Quadruple**

**Sculls:** Ethan Cron (Coxswain), Scott Wilson, Jesse Aimer, Ben Calder, Henry Booth.

### **Third Place A Final: Women's Under 18 Novice Coxed**

**Four** (3 of crew are under 17): Saskia Gilbert (Coxswain), Emily Gualter, Alice Perry, Jessica Nicholls, Tommy King.

## **SWIMMING**

The College sent a strong team to the Canterbury Secondary Schools Swimming Championships. We were the top co-educational school at the event and cleaned up in a number of events with an amazing ten individual titles. The following teams and individuals placed in the top three in competition:

### **Individual results:**

**Chris Bowman:** 1st in U15 Boys' 50m Back

**Aimee Browne:** 1st in Senior Girls' 50m Back, 2nd in Open Girls' 100m back

**Michael Carter:** 1st in Senior Boys' 50m Free

**Ben Douglas:** 2nd in U16 Boys' 100m Free

**Audrey Hill:** 3rd in Senior Girls' 50m Butterfly

**Isaac Leota:** 1st in U16 Boys' 50m Breast, in a record time of 31.80 seconds, 2nd in Open Boys' 100m Breast

**Natasha Lloyd:** 1st in U15 Girls' Breast, in a record time of 34.35 seconds, 1st in Open Girls' 100m Breast

**Harrison Minehan:** 2nd in U15 Boys' 50m Breast

**Henry Muskee:** 1st in U14 Boys' 100m Free

**Ben Norris:** 1st in U14 Boys' 50m Breast

**Georgia Railton:** 2nd in U16 Girls' 50m Breast

**Maria Rychkova:** 1st in U16 100m Free, 2nd in Open 200m Free

**Heidi Schout:** 3rd in Senior Girls' 50m Free

**Arran Stelling:** 2nd in Senior Boys' 50m Back

**Kate Suter:** 1st in U16 Girls' 50m Breast

**Benji Wright:** 2nd in Open Boys' 200m Medley

### **Relay results:**

#### **First Placings**

**Open Girls' Medley Relay** (record time of 2:05.28 minutes): Aimee Browne, Audrey Hill, Natasha Lloyd, Maria Rychkova.

**Senior Boys' Freestyle Relay:** Michael Carter, Hamish Haddow, Arran Stelling, Benji Wright

**Open Girls Freestyle Relay:** Aimee Browne, Audrey Hill, Natasha Lloyd, Maria Rychkova

#### **Second Placings**

**Open Boys' Freestyle Relay:** Ben Douglas, Michael Carter, Isaac Leota, Arran Stelling

**U14 Boys' Freestyle Relay:** Hamish Beattie, Daniel Maier-Gant, Henry Muskee, Ben Norris

**U15 Boys' Freestyle Relay:** Chris Bowman, William Dunlop, Blake Highet, Harrison Minehan

#### **Third Placings**

**Open Boys' Medley Relay:** Michael Carter, Isaac Leota, Arran Stelling, Benji Wright

**U16 Boys' Freestyle Relay:** Ben Douglas, Isaac Leota, Matt Walton, Seb Wilson

**U16 Girls' Freestyle Relay:** Sophie Bruynel, Georgia Railton, Maria Rychkova, Kate Suter

**Senior Girls' Freestyle Relay:** Aimee Browne, Claire Fairhall, Audrey Hill, Heidi Schout

Ten St Andrew's students went on to compete at the Swimming NZ Age Group Championships held in Christchurch last week. Over 600 swimmers from around the country raced over the five-day championships. Podium finishes were achieved by the following students:

#### **Aimee Browne**

Silver: Girls' 16 & Over 200 LC Metre Medley Regional Relay

#### **Isaac Leota**

Gold: Boys' 14 200 IM

Gold: Boys' 14 50 Free

Gold: Boys' 15 & Under 200 LC Metre Freestyle Regional Relay

Silver: Boys' 14 50 Breast

Silver: Boys' 14 50 Fly

Silver: Boys' 14 100 Breast

Silver: Boys' 16 & Over 200 Medley Club Relay

Bronze: Boys' 15 & Under 200 LC Metre Medley Regional Relay

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**Natasha Lloyd in action.**

## **Natasha Lloyd**

Gold: Girls' 14 400 Free

Gold: Girls' 14 50 Breast

Gold: Girls' 14 400 IM

Gold: Girls' 15 & Under 200 LC Metre Freestyle Regional Relay

Gold: Girls' 14 200 Breast

Gold: Girls' 15 & Under 200 LC Metre Medley Regional Relay

Gold: Girls' 14 100 Breast

Silver: Girls' 14 100 Free

Silver: Girls' 14 800 Free

Silver: Girls' 14 200 IM

Bronze: Girls' 14 50 Free

## **Harrison Minehan**

Gold: Boys' 15 & Under 200 LC Metre Medley Club Relay

## **Maria Rychkova**

Gold: Girls' 15 & Under 200 LC Metre Freestyle Regional Relay

Gold: Girls' 15 & Under 200 LC Metre Medley Regional Relay

Gold: Girls' 15 200 Free

Silver: Girls' 15 100 Free

Silver: Girls' 15 50 Free

Bronze: Girls' 15 400 Free

## **TENNIS**

The College Mixed Tennis Team won the South Island Secondary Schools Championships for the eighth year in a row. The team, consisting of **Tuscany Hamel, Rachel Swindell, Polly Withers, Benji McGillivray, Thomas Batt** and **Elliot Darling**, now defend their national schools title at Wilding Park during summer tournament week.

## **TOUCH**

The Senior Mixed Team won the Canterbury Champs for the third year in a row. **James Fairbairn, Tom Eldred** and **Richie Mo'unga** represented the Canterbury Under 21 Mens' Team at nationals. Richie was selected in the New Zealand Under 19 Mens' Team.

## **HOLIDAY FIXTURES**

There will be holiday fixtures for the majority of grades in most winter sports. It is expected that all day and boarding students make every effort to attend practices and games in the holidays. The grade the team ends up in will depend on how they perform in fixtures on 17 and 18 April and 24 and 25 April. Unlike previous years, the state schools start back a week earlier than us on 19 April so we must be very committed to fixtures. Team coaches and managers will pass on specific information regarding holiday fixtures to students in due course. More information on teams playing in the holidays will also be posted on the intranet.

## **UPCOMING DATES**

### **Friday 19 – Saturday 20 March:**

South Island Athletics Championships, Dunedin

### **Saturday 20 – Monday 22 March:**

South Island Waterpolo Championships, QEII

### **Monday 22 – Saturday 27 March:**

Summer Sports Tournament Week

### **Monday 22 March:**

Junior volleyball finals

### **Wednesday 24 March:**

Wednesday junior summer sport finals

### **Monday 29 March:**

U15 rugby trial, 3.30pm, front field

### **Tuesday 30 March:**

Front Row Factory. All prospective front row players must attend. Meet outside the sports pavilion.

### **Wednesday 31 March:**

U14 rugby trial, 3.30pm, front field

### **Sunday 18 April:**

Competitive rugby grading fixtures vs St. Bedes (U14, U15, U16 and 1st XV)

### **Saturday 24 April:**

Competitive fixtures in all winter codes.