



ST THOMAS of
CANTERBURY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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THE STEVEN HART TEST



Sunday 29th January was a historical occasion for the College as a number sporting celebrities took to the cricket field in order to support **The Steven Hart Fund**. Included in the star studded line ups were five world cup winning All Blacks - Andy Ellis, Kieran Reid, Israel Dagg, Corey Flynn & Wyatt Crockett. Richard Hadlee & Keith Yardley were the managers for the day with a number of former Canterbury cricketers, STC Staff and players making up the squads. The day was a huge success even as the rain set in. Donations, raffles, auctions and gate takings raised approximately \$40k for the cause. A huge thank you to all that supported the day, your continual efforts make such a difference to the Hart family at this difficult stage in their lives.

2 February 2012

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nau mai haere mai. Talofa lafa. Malo le lei.

A very warm welcome to all our families as we begin 2012. We especially welcome all new students and parents to the school and our new staff:

- Mr Vincent Raj (Visual Arts)
- Mr Sam Wilson (Mathematics)
- Mr Karim Lafdal (Social Sciences)

Achievement 2011:

Senior Achievement

We have had the opportunity to analyse our senior NCEA results and are very pleased with the work and effort that staff and students put in, despite the extraordinary upheavals of 2011. In particular, we are very pleased with:

- Level One results which well exceed national averages.
- Our Merit and Excellence endorsements at Levels 2 & 3 which continue to track upwards and also exceed the national average.
- The achievement of our Maori and Pasifika students which is also significantly higher.

Our challenge is to our Year 12 & 13 students to further lift Level 2 and 3 results into the mid to high 80% range.

YEAR 11

Participation Based NCEA Level 1

YEAR	SCH	NAT
2008	70.9	70.7
2009	76.6	71.7
2010	79.2	75.0
2011	83.0	76.0

Level 1 Endorsed with Merit

YEAR	SCH	NAT
2008	29.5	27.1
2009	18.6	26.8
2010	32.4	28.5
2011	32.8	33.6

Level 1 Endorsed with Excellence

YEAR	SCH	NAT
2008	3.3	7.3
2009	11.9	8.0
2010	9.5	9.1
2011	3.4	13.3

YEAR 12

Participation Based NCEA level 2

YEAR	SCH	NAT
2007	64.6	75.8
2008	69.9	75.7
2009	76.1	75.7
2010	73.5	79.7
2011	75.3	81.1

Level 2 Endorsed with Merit

YEAR	SCH	NAT
2007	11.9	12.4
2008	3.9	18.7
2009	15.7	19.3
2010	22.0	20.3
2011	25.8	21.8

Level 2 Endorsed with Excellence

YEAR	SCH	NAT
2007	0.0	2.9
2008	2.0	4.8
2009	3.9	5.8
2010	10.0	6.6
2011	10.3	7.9

YEAR 13**Participation Based NCEA level 3**

YEAR	SCH	NAT
2007	38.5	71.4
2008	50.0	70.3
2009	45.1	70.0
2010	67.4	74.0
2011	68.8	74.3

Level 3 Endorsed with Merit

YEAR	SCH	NAT
2007	2.0	11.1
2008	29.2	20.4
2009	8.7	20.9
2010	17.2	22.6
2011	30.0	23.7

Level 3 Endorsed with Excellence

YEAR	SCH	NAT
2007	0.0	2.1
2008	0.0	4.9
2009	4.3	5.2
2010	3.4	5.5
2011	10.0	7.3

Participation Based University Entrance

YEAR	SCH	NAT
2007	59.0	49.4
2008	56.3	55.6
2009	47.1	64.3
2010	58.1	66.1
2011	62.2	65.2

A big congratulations to the following students who received Merit and Excellence endorsements. We will celebrate their achievement and hard work in our assembly this Friday.

2011 Level 1 Merit Endorsements

Sam Rogatski
 Joshua Goodwin
 Daniel Rawson
 Oliver Knight
 Seong Bae Shin
 Joshua Greene
 Andre Gaudin
 Logan Milne
 Nathan Down

Keagan van der Doe
 Daniel Smith
 Dylan Lange
 Matthew Coburn
 Aaron Jones
 Elia Elia
 Louis Stevenson
 Tana Luke
 Tim Pitcaithly
 Alex Madges

2011 Level 1 Excellence Endorsements

Chris Joyce
 Rhys Morris

Level 2 Merit Endorsements

Jesse Bryan
Liam Gallagher Power
Viane Pelenato
Tyler Culling
Joseph Kearns
Harrison Green
Rhett Klopper

Aidan McDonald
Daniel Ryan
Sean Feast
Craig Stanton
Tyler Cowles
Thomas MacDonald
Joseph Stanley
Krishan Reddy

2011 Level 2 Excellence Endorsements

Daniel Steel
Conor Entwistle
Chris Vincent
Bracken Finch Reeves
Michael Hansby
Sam Mackwell

2011 Level 3 Merit Endorsements

Tim Bremner
Peter Wadea
William Judd
Michael Sawirs
Daniel Kahura
Henri Nelis
Conor Bowden
Tim Earl
James De Bono

2011 Excellence Endorsements

Michael Callaghan
Sam Jones
Connor Eatwell

Junior Achievement

Having completed two years of analysis on National standards at Year 7 & 8, and also applying the same analysis at Year 9, we are delighted at the numbers of our students achieving at or above the National standard in reading, writing and numeracy.

YEAR 7

READING – National Standard = Level 3

RESULT = AT OR ABOVE

YEAR	RESULT
2010	77.5
2011	87.7

WRITING – National Standard = Level 3

RESULT = AT OR ABOVE

YEAR	RESULT
2010	89.7
2011	79.6

NUMERACY – National Standard = Level 3

RESULT = AT OR ABOVE

YEAR	RESULT
2010	93.8
2011	73.5

YEAR 8

READING – National Standard = Level 4

RESULT = AT OR ABOVE

YEAR	RESULT
2010	81.0
2011	88.1

WRITING – National Standard = Level 4

RESULT = AT OR ABOVE

YEAR	RESULT
2010	75.5
2011	89.8

NUMERACY – National Standard = Level 4

RESULT = AT OR ABOVE

YEAR	RESULT
2010	67.9
2011	89.8

YEAR 9

READING – National Standard = Level 4

RESULT = AT OR ABOVE

YEAR	RESULT
2011	82.4

WRITING – National Standard = Level 4

RESULT = AT OR ABOVE

YEAR	RESULT
2011	75.8

NUMERACY – National Standard = Level 4

RESULT = AT OR ABOVE ...number stats

YEAR	RESULT
2011	79.1

Emergency Earthquake Procedures

While we all hope that there are no large aftershocks this year, the reality is that we are living in an ongoing seismic event and need to be well informed and prepared for evacuation of the College and pick up of students by parents should we have a significant shake.

The key change is that because of large scale construction towards the back of the school site, we will evacuate to the **far field**, i.e. the sports fields across Middlepark Road. Be assured that for Years 7 to 10, no students will be released until collected by a parent (or advised of another caregiver by the parent) and for Years 11 to 13, students will only be released without parental pickup if contact has been established with the parent to ensure the student can leave safely and has a safe place to go to. Obviously communications can be difficult in the initial few hours. Staff will stay onsite with students until communication is

established. When you come to collect your child, please do not go into the sports field. **Allocated staff will meet you in the car park area at the front of the school office and we will go and get your child. This is to ensure that we can keep good organisation and control over ensuring that students leave with parents and that our information is accurate. Our experience last year was that some understandably anxious parents dashed into our evacuation area and gathered students without us having it recorded.**

It is absolutely critical that you keep us updated of your current contact details, i.e. phone, email, addresses and emergency contacts. This is easily done by emailing or phoning the office.

mlewis@stc.school.nz Phone: 348 7010 Ext 701.

As in the February and June events of 2011, the primary means of contact with you will be via our website. We also have the ability to email and text all our parents (as long as we have your details) but this is dependent on our systems being up and running and not knocked out by the earthquake.

Mentoring Conferences

A reminder to parents that the College has worked over the last two years to remove the old report evening system for our senior students. It has been replaced by three conferences during the year (Terms 1, 2 & 3) involving the student, parents and form tutor. The rationale of these conferences is to develop an independent responsibility for their own learning in our young men and to reinforce the school/home relationship. The conference is centred around a document which is rich in detail relating to your son's attendance, fortnightly progress report averages, goals and action plan for the year, achievement data, extra-curricular and service involvement and staff comments. This document will become the central reporting document and replace the old half year and end of year reports as it is much fuller in content and regular in delivery.

This year our junior school (Years 7 – 10) will move to the same system, i.e. there will be three conferences during the year. Because of the nature of the Year 7 & 8 area of the school, we will also run a specific reporting session for parents where they can meet with individual subject teachers as well as undertaking the conference process.

Prior to each conference the form tutor will contact you by email or telephone to make your conference appointment. **(so again, up to date contact details are critical).**

The first conferences take place for seniors on Tuesday 14 February from 2.30 to 4.30pm and for juniors on Tuesday 21 February from 2.30 to 4.30pm.

Should you have concerns about your son's learning in specific subjects, you are welcome to email that subject teacher directly. All staff emails are based on the first letter of their Christian name of the teacher followed by their surname and then @ stc.school.nz – e.g. mlewis@stc.school.nz

On behalf of the staff we look forward very much to working with you again this year in nurturing fine young successful men.

Warm regards



Christine O'Brien
Principal

REMINDER

School is closed on Monday 6th February 2012 for Waitangi Day.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

These are being held next Tuesday, 7th February.
Formal Uniform is required i.e.:

Years 12-13 must wear their white shirt, tie, blazer and trousers.

Years 9-11 must wear their white shirt (not the polo shirt), blazer, tie, and trousers or shorts.

Years 7-8 must wear their white shirt (not the polo shirt), tie, and shorts.

STUDY ZONE

Study Zone is available in the library for one hour after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. Note: NOT Monday due to staff meetings.

Please encourage your son to use this valuable opportunity.

Study Zone will start next week on Tuesday 7th February 2012.

Staff are able to provide help with the following:

Completion of homework

Research

Study skills

Use of library resources.

Mr Biggs – Deputy Principal, Teaching & Learning

Mrs Coster – Learning Support Leader

TERM DATES - 2012

Term 1	Monday 30 January 2012 – Thursday 05 April 2012 (10 weeks)
Term 2	Monday 23 April 2012 – Friday 29 June 2012 (10 weeks)
Term 3	Monday 16 July 2012 – Friday 28 September 2012 (11 weeks)
Term 4	Monday 15 October 2012 – Friday 07 December 2012 (8 weeks)

SCHOOL CALENDAR: Weeks 2 - 4, 2012

Monday 06 February	Waitangi Day (school closed).
Tuesday 07 February	School Photographs.
Wednesday 08 February (postponement date: Friday 10 Feb)	School Swimming Sports at Halswell Aquatic Centre.
Tuesday 14 February	Senior Mentoring Interviews 2:30pm – 4:30pm.
Wednesday 15 February	Wednesday Summer Sport begins. Year 13 Leaders to Hanmer Springs 3:00pm.
Thursday 16 February	Year 13 Leaders Camp at Hanmer Springs.
Friday 17 February	Year 13 Leaders return from Hanmer Springs.
Saturday 18 February	Canterbury Secondary Schools' Touch Championships at Sheldon Park, Belfast.
Monday 20 February	Year 12 Biology trip to Temple Basin. Whanau Hui.
Tuesday 21 February	Junior Mentoring Interviews 2:30pm – 4:30pm. Year 12 Biology trip to Temple Basin. Canterbury Schools' Triathlon Champs at Corsair Bay, Lyttelton.
Wednesday 22 February	Year 13 Retreat at St Thomas'. Year 12 Biology trip to Temple Basin.
Thursday 23 February	Year 13 Retreat at St Thomas'.
Friday 24 February (postponement date: Monday 27 Feb)	School Athletic Sports at St Thomas'.
Saturday 25 February	Canterbury Schools' Rowing Championships at Lake Hood, Ashburton.
Sunday 26 February	Canterbury Schools' Rowing Championships at Lake Hood, Ashburton.

THE INSPIRE FOUNDATION

Grants are available for students

Apply Now!

The Inspire Foundation has been set up as a charitable trust to recognise, reward and develop extraordinary, talented young Cantabrians.

To qualify, applicants must be aged between 15 and 23 years of age (as at the 31st January of the applicable year), a resident of Canterbury for at least 3 years with New Zealand citizenship, and have demonstrated extraordinary ability or potential in any academic, sporting, scientific, artistic, design, musical, technological, entrepreneurial, community or related field.

Assistance comes in the forms of grants to fund the widest possible array of requests – such as travel, courses, tuition, equipment, projects or initiatives.

The application form and further information can be obtained from their website: www.inspirefoundation.co.nz. or you can request a copy at the school office.

Please note that the application form states that applications must be made by 30th January, however this deadline has been extended.

PHYSIOTHERAPY AT ST THOMAS'

St Thomas' provides a physiotherapy service on Tuesday mornings from 8:00am -12:00pm and on Friday afternoons from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. All students, staff and family members are able to access physiotherapy directly by making an appointment with Mrs Riley or by phoning Sharada on 021 742-723.

Physiotherapy provided at school means less academic time lost and no travel costs or time. You can get early treatment of your injuries and have less time out of the sport or activities you are involved with.

Sharada, from Balance Physiotherapy, is a specialist in sports physiotherapy and injury management in the adolescent age group. She can also consult with coaches and PE staff to help you get the correct level of activity as you recover. There is no need to be referred by a doctor but if the physiotherapist feels a GP or specialist needs to be consulted or x rays taken, she can organise this at assessment. Get treated early for a good recovery!

ACC still subsidise accident related physiotherapy treatment and we can initiate your ACC claim for you. The co-payments are \$20.00 for the first injury assessment and \$15.00 for any follow-up visits. We also treat non-ACC cases.

Payment is due on the day unless otherwise arranged. These co payments may be claimed on Private Health insurance, check your policy. Please provide consent by way of text, email or a note.

For more information or to make a physiotherapy appointment, contact the Health Centre, or Balance Physiotherapy: **phone 021 742-723**, email sharada@balancephysio.co.nz or check out the website www.balancephysio.co.nz.

2011 Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme

The Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) is an experiential business programme where secondary students set up a company, create real products or services, and make real profit or loss.

The St Thomas team, Advanced Clean Energies (ACE), won the Canterbury Regional Award and then in early December they attended the National Awards, which were held at the Amora Hotel in Wellington.

ACE won the following National Awards:

The Todd Corporation
Award for Young Enterprisers (Second Place)
St Thomas of Canterbury College Advanced Clean Energies (ACE)

New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants
Award for Young Managing Director of the Year
James Agnew: St Thomas of Canterbury College

MOVAC
Award for High Growth Potential
St Thomas of Canterbury College Advanced Clean Energies (ACE)

New Zealand Aid
Award for Solving a Development Problem
St Thomas of Canterbury College Advanced Clean Energies (ACE)



Photograph left to right: Sean Feast, Craig Stanton, Stephen Pilton, James Agnew, Andrew Coburn & Samuel Mackwell.

FOR SALE

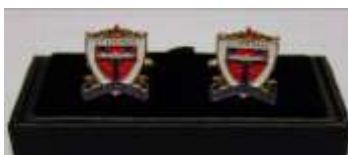
St Thomas of Canterbury College - 50th Jubilee Memorabilia

Purchase any item and receive a free Jubilee Bag, while stocks last

Polo Shirt (Sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL) \$40.00

(Purchase a polo shirt and receive a free Jubilee bag and a free Jubilee pen)

Glass Handle \$10.00



Cufflinks \$35.00



Pen \$3.00



Jubilee Magazine \$10.00



Items can be viewed and purchased at the school office.

STC JUBILEE WINE ORDER



In association with Torlesse wines we offer you a Waipara Sauvignon Blanc 2009 and Waipara Pinot Noir 2008. What a delightful memorabilia item for you to enjoy! A fantastic gift item!!

Costs- \$30.00 for a twin pack of two (either: two white/ two red or one of each) or \$180 for a carton of 12. Please provide cash on delivery of your wine. Email Chris O'Connell at oldboys@stc.school.nz if you would like to order some wine now. Orders are also being taken on the Jubilee website www.stc-oldboys.co.nz.

OLD BOYS TIES

\$30

**FROM THE
BURSAR'S OFFICE**

EFTPOS AVAILABLE



St. Thomas of Canterbury College Rowing Firewood Fundraiser

“Prepare for Winter”



Split Pine (Dry for winter)
3m³ - \$160 Delivered
6m³ - \$300 Delivered
9m³ - \$420 Delivered



Contact
Jane Wiese Truscott
Mob 027 766 2326 txt
email: wiesetruscott@hotmail.com

Oarsome O'Fare - Rowing Fundraiser

Silent Auction at McKenzie & Willis
181 Blenheim Road, Riccarton

Enjoy drinks and nibbles, and be
entertained by talented school musicians.

Make a bid in the silent auction.



Friday 17th February 2012
5:30pm – 8:00pm

Tickets now on sale **\$25.00**

Contact Jane Wiese Truscott
332-7383 027 766-2326
wiesetruscott@hotmail.com