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Old Boys Network Revitalised

The long awaited return of the Old Boys Network

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Hello fellow Old Boys

Welcome to the official resurrection of the Old Boys Network at St Thomas of Canterbury College and the return of the Thomas Times—the Old Boys Publication. The Thomas Times previously was a glossy paper newsletter introduced by Brother Bill Dowling several years ago. It now takes the face of modern technology as an e-newsletter for circulation all over the world to our Old Boys and friends of the College via email. We love to save paper here and keep the printing costs to a minimum. It is not designed to be too flash but an eye catching piece of work. It will be an informative, functional and eco friendly publication!!

To introduce myself, my name is Chris O'Connell, Head of Sport and a PE and Health Teacher at St Thomas of Canterbury College. I am a proud Old Boy of the College (1988-1992) and was College Captain in 1992.

I have rejoined the College this year in the capacity as a staff member and I have been appointed as Teacher in Charge of the Old Boys Network and will be assisting to organise the College Jubilee planned for 2011.

Where I found you? I have spent hours and ours on the computer lately. I may have found you on the World Wide Web on Face Book; Old Friends; Friends Reunited, met you in person, found your email address on the school database or had your address referred to me by another Old Boy. It has been really fascinating and enjoyable sourcing our Old Boys movements, their current situations such as where they are living and where they are working.

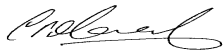
The response from Old Boys has been very encouraging and there has been many positive comments and feedback from you all—you have exceeded expectations as the response has been amazing!!

The Facebook page I set up entitled 'St Thomas of Canterbury College Old Boys Network' has grown each day. We are nearly up to 250 members which is totally fantastic. Please join if you are a Facebook member as you will be eligible for the very up to date news that is posted on the site.

We currently have about 40 photographs which have been scanned and added to the web page in both colour and black and white. The fully 'electronic' database has grown immensely and its continued growth will heavily rely upon guys letting me know the email addresses and details of other mates who they know of who might like to be added to the database.

For upcoming events at the College that we would love Old Boys to attend please read on. If you want to attend please email me at StcOldBoys@hotmail.com and I will arrange registration.

I look forward to hearing from you soon



Chris O'Connell

CALENDAR OF OLD BOYS EVENTS

Upcoming Events

On behalf of the College I would like to invite Old Boys to the following events:

- **First XV Press Cup Game vs St Bedes College at STC 2.45pm on Saturday 9th August.**
- **The College Ball on Saturday 20th September at the Grand Chancellor**
- **The Sports Dinner on Wednesday 22nd October at the Hornby Working Men's Club.**
- **Sports Quiz in School Gym Friday 15th August at 7.30pm- make a team and join us**

Please mark you diaries now. We are looking at doing a Golf day at Show weekend. More details later.

**For more information contact
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OLD BOYS BUSINESS DIRECTORY

This is free to join.

I am in the process of setting up a 'Business Directory' which has business contacts of Old Boys in it perhaps offering discounts to fellow Old Boys that use the services.

Please email me for a free listing in the directory.

There are a couple of fundraising initiatives that our Cricket teams going to Nudgee in Brisbane in 2009 are undertaking.

(a)SCRAP METAL COLLECTION-- SCHOOL FUNDRAISER****

The Cricket Squad going to Nudgee College in Brisbane in 2009 will be doing a Scrap Metal Collection to raise funds from the start of Term 3. We can offer a pick up service for your unwanted scrap metal. We need such things as:

*Steel*Car Bodies*Cast iron*Used Gas Bottles*Copper wire*Copper
Brass Lead*Aluminium*Stainless steel
*Radiators*Aluminium, and the list goes on and on....

Let us know if you want to get rid of that unwanted mess that we can turn into fundraising \$\$\$\$\$.

Please contact Chris O'Connell to arrange a pick up, or a delivery to us.

(b) Each player is also looking for a donation of \$300 to sponsor him for the feature that we will be doing in the Star newspaper later in the year. We would associate the player/ manager and their photo with your business name and contact details in the form of an advertisement.

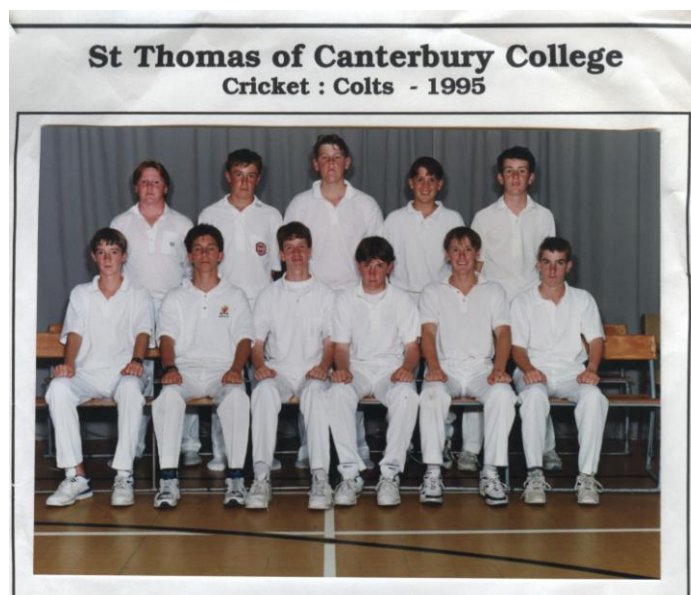
A reflection- “Changes that I have witnessed since returning to the College since 1992- 16 years down the track.....’

- There are no Christian Brothers at the school any more.
- We have a female Principal- the first one at a Christian Brothers School in the world!
- There is a new music block (close to the Gym)
- The Brothers house has been converted to a staff room, home of learning support and home of international students, classrooms and offices.
- There are now 4 PE teachers- and a sports coordinator
- We have a huge range of sports that we are good at e.g Rowing, Volleyball, Weight lifting.
- There is a PE uniform- a red polo shirt and blue shorts.
- We are at our maximum student roll now- 500 students.
- There is an Art Block attached to the Workshop.
- There are more student leaders in Year 13 e.g academic capt/ service capt/ international student’s capt etc.
- The soccer field has been replaced by a rugby field on the far field.
- There are many more International Students with a whole dedicated classroom for them.
- The First XV is a ‘dominant’ school in the Press Cup Secondary Schools Competition.
- There is a sports dinner to acknowledge student achievement in sports.
- The school uniform has changed; a new striped school tie/ all students wear the blue jerseys and the old senior uniform/ juniors can wear long grey pants.
- There is a Health Programme- which includes a sexuality component!!
- The Science block has been changed around internally- the AV theatre is gone and there is a new Science classroom.
- The House in front of the school at Middlepark Road has gone, opening up the frontage of the school.
- The Chapel is more widely used for classes, as a meeting place and as a form room—it is not just a sacred place.
- There are Heat pumps in classrooms (including the Gym).
- The College Athletic Sports are held at the school on the far field, not at Ilam University.
- There is a room dedicated to the teaching of Drama.
- Staff members use lap top (some try to!)
- The tuck shop has been moved- the old tuckshop is the Deans Office.
- The new tuck shop is the old ‘Ice Box’ that was used as a common room in 1989 and 1990.
- You can earn an ‘honours tie’ and a ‘sport cap’.
- The bike stands are now situated next to the Gym, not behind ‘C’ Block.
- School trips go to Italy, France, China, Aussie and India.
- Students have cell phones.
- Some land has been sold off on the far field for \$\$\$ and now has houses on it.
- There is a weekly newsletter that is emailed to parents.
- There are quite a few staff still working here though! No names mentioned!

Blasts from the Past!

Here are three sports photos from the past archives. Who can email me with the year, the team, any stories about the lads in the teams and who the hell they are!!!??

Email me at StcOldBoys@hotmail.com



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SNIPPETS

ST THOMAS'S DAY – Friday 4th JULY

The day started with a singing contest where students sang two songs – one hymn and the other a modern song to sway the Villa judges. The overall winner here was **Joyce** with great props and style. Their winning song was “I can be your hero baby” by Ronan Keating.

The Haka was a two way race between **Marlow and Joyce** and the judges here were split and needed to have the two houses compete again for the trophy. The final decision was left to McClintock and Rice to vote and **Marlow** was victorious. Students then took part in a quiz before a shared lunch.



The final part of the day was a house band competition. A very energetic mosh pit formed and became a very fitting end to STC week.

McClintock won this event with a Radiohead song called Creep judged by Old Boys **Craig and Danny Tarres**.



RONCALLI SPORTS EXCHANGE

Roncalli from Timaru visit St Thomas' and compete in a number of winter codes. A clean sweep was the result with four wins and a draw to STC.

Pictured is **Johnny Lester** dotting down for the first XV, **Paddy Kluts** holding the trophy at the function after the tournament and **James McLaughlin** standing in front of one of the new school banners.

Rugby first XV	STC win 19 - 5
Soccer first XI	draw 5 - 5
Debating	STC win
Rugby Under 16	STC win 34 - 24
Rugby Year 9 and 10	STC win 47 - 5

CRUSADERS COME TO STC



ST KEVIN'S EXCHANGE

The following are results from the winter exchange held at St Kevin's College in Oamaru.

Basketball U/16	St Kevin's	41	St Thomas'	39
Rugby 1 st XV	St Thomas'	13	St Kevin's	6
Soccer – junior	St Thomas'	1	St Kevin's	1



ST THOMAS HOUSE SINGLET'S BACK AT THE COLLEGE!!

Here is the Rice House one.....



THE SCOREBOARD SAYS IT ALL!!!



The Press Cup Rugby is well underway and St Thomas of Canterbury College is definitely making its mark. A very cold weekend saw STC beating Christ's College 23 to 11 at College. The first time since 1990!!!!.

WHAT ARE OUR OLD BOYS UP TO?



GRANT O'NEILL

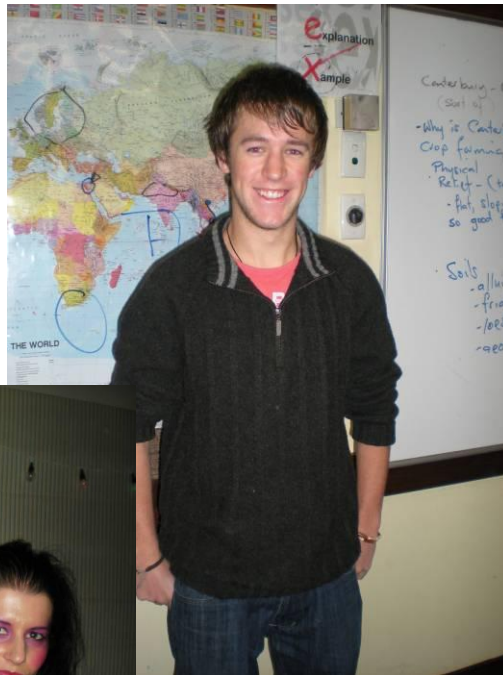
Pictured here is Grant O'Neill from Uniweld Mufflers on Main South Road – quick free commercial!

He left school around 1980 and was sighted with Paddy, one of his five children at Clip n Climb during a Christ The King fundraiser.

Who is driving who up the wall?

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS ABOUT PAST PUPILS PLEASE CONTACT ME

LOGAN ELLIOTT



Logan Elliott is pictured here ready to talk to students about life in Dunedin at Otago University. Logan left STC in 2005 and is in his third year studying molecular university's Science Ambassador back to their old colleges to let them

biotechnology. He is part of the Programme, where they send students know about Otago.

MIKE EADY



Mike Eady is pictured here with a bevy of supporters at an 80's party – hence the tie, glasses and makeup.

Mike was McClintock House Captain in 1985 and very happy to hear that they are still leading house competitions. Mike works in the IT industry developing software for Sungard, here in Christchurch.

ARON HAPI



Aron Hapi who left school in 2007 dropped in to return cups and pick up awards. Aron is off to Perth soon and will be working there for Domino's Pizza.

He stated that anyone can call in and see him at work and this is only a goodbye for now.



The Crusaders trained with our first XV on Monday 12th May. School stopped and life was all red and black. Pictured here is an old boy of the College and Co-Coach **Mark Hammett**. Note the STC wristband he is wearing!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- **Mark Hammett** who was announced as Assistant Coach to Todd Blackadder for the Crusaders rugby team. We thank Mark for his involvement to date with rugby at the College and particularly our Press Cup team. We look forward to an ongoing relationship and wish him all the best for the new season.
- **James Roughan and Jonathon Pitman** who were selected for the New Zealand University Students Rugby League team which this year won the world cup for the 3rd time in a row in Brisbane two weeks ago. It is great to see our Old Boys doing so well and representing at national level.
- **Ryan Nelsen**- Blackburn Captain will be representing New Zealand at the Olympics in the Olly All Whites. Congratulations!!



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Old Boys Network- OLD BOY UPDATE FORM

Name.....
 Years attended College.....
 Email address:.....
 What are you up to these days?

 Are you a Facebook member?
 Business Contact details for Directory

 What 'Business category'?
 Any discount offered to Old Boys?
 Other old boy names and email addresses that you know of:

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