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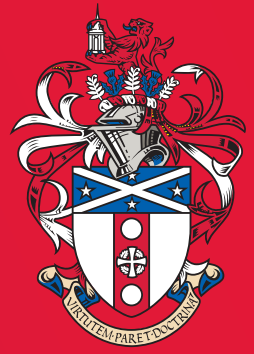


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Classes resume

Tuesday 19 October

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Saturday 23 – Sunday 24 October

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Monday 25 October

Labour Day – College closed

Tuesday 26 October

Classes resume

Thursday 28 October

Uttley House Dinner at The Pines

Sunday 31 October

Gibb House Dinner

Monday 1 November

MacKenzie House Dinner at The Pines

Tuesday 2 November

Plimmer House Dinner at The Pines

Wednesday 3 November

Glasgow House Dinner at The Pines

Thursday 4 November

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Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 November

Gibb House Exeat Weekend

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Wednesday 10 November

Last day of classes for Y11-13 NCEA students

Fergusson House Dinner at The Pines

Thursday 11 November

Smith House Dinner at The Pines

Sunday 5 December

Carol Service at St John's in the City

Tuesday 7 December

Final day for Year 8-13

Prep Prizegiving (Town Hall)

College Prizegiving (Town Hall)

Thursday 9 December

Prep Senior Leaders' BBQ

Leavers' Dinner at Te Papa

Friday 10 December

Final day for Year 1-7

CALENDAR DATES 2011

TERM 1

Tuesday 1 February

Boarding House Open

Wednesday 2 February

College opens for Prep School and Years 9, 13 students

Thursday 3 February

College Opens for Years 10, 11, 12

Sunday 6 February

Waitangi Day

Thursday 14 April

Final day of Term 1

TERM 2

Monday 2 May

Classes resume

Saturday 4 June

Queen's Birthday break begins after Saturday sport: College closed

Wednesday 8 June

Classes resume after Queen's Birthday break

Friday 8 July

Final day of Term 2

TERM 3

Monday 1 August

Classes resume

Friday – Sunday, 19 August – 21 August

Founders' Weekend

Saturday 20 August

Founders' break begins after College sport:

College closed

Monday 22 August – Friday 26 August

Tournament Week

Wednesday 24 August

Classes resume after Founders' break

Thursday 29 September

Final day of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 17 October

Classes resume

Saturday 22 October

Labour Weekend break begins after sport: College closed

Tuesday 25 October

Classes resume after Labour Weekend break

Tuesday 6 December

College Prizegiving: End of Year for Years 9-10

Friday 9 December

Prep Prizegiving

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A GOOD EDUCATION HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT

Once a given, almost a sacrosanct right, a place at University is no longer a right for New Zealand students. Some time ago I started talking to the students at Scots about the possibility that this may occur. With the global financial crisis and the effect on Government coffers there has been a cap placed on the number of tertiary places funded. Recently this has led to an estimated 1500 students denied a place in courses at the second semester at Victoria University with other Universities having the same pressures. There is little room for Universities to move as they already have more students attending than places funded. This will almost certainly filter down to other training institutions.

In order to manage this problem Universities are looking for students to submit their re-enrolment requests earlier (see the publication from Massey University on the College website) and have set standards for preferential entry. As a guide students will need an NCEA score of 140+ points to guarantee entry into most courses. Notably 60 credits (enough to achieve NCEA Level 3) at Achieved level will only generate 120 points and not guarantee a place. The corresponding IB points required are 24 which is relatively easily achievable.

How does this place Scots students?

	Scots College results 2009	NZ Male Average 2009
NZQA Scholarships	5	n/a
Subject Scholarships	32 including 4 outstanding	n/a
% achieving NCEA L3	84	70
UE	88	68
L3 % obtaining Excellence	13	5
L3 % obtaining Merit	34	21

Our academic results are excellent, allowing many students access to the courses they wish to study. Last year our cohort of approximately 80 students achieved the largest number of scholarships in the College's history.

Increasing unemployment has meant more competition for jobs and our students are facing a tougher and more competitive environment. Thus a good education has never been more important.

A Scots education is about more than simply academic results. While these open the door, the thing that differentiates candidates is their character and their ability to contribute in the wider sense. Our All-Round Men are well prepared for life after the College and are successful in tertiary education, many going on to study at prestigious universities. They are also successful in obtaining places in halls of residence which are becoming increasingly sought after. I regularly receive good feedback about their contributions in this sense.

"Scots students have impressed in their maturity and preparation for tertiary studies. They have made the most of hall life and fully immersed themselves in the community of the hall, being fully involved in the academic, cultural, sporting and social areas of hall life."
 Steven Kissick, Manager Rochester and Rutherford House, University of Canterbury.

What other measures can we use to show academic success for our students?

- Universities wish to attract the very best students. Our students are recipients of a number of these scholarships.
- There are also numerous other Old Boys who are now studying at prestigious Universities throughout the World.

In addition to this the College has had many other academic successes such as

- International Biology Olympiad 2009 Max Biggs – Bronze medal
- International Informatics Olympiad – 2008/9 Simon Welsh
- National Monetary Policy Award winners 2008, 3rd place 2009 + 2010
- Top Year 13 ICAS student 2009 Mathematics competition – Alex Kao
- Canterbury University Rutherford Essay competition winner 2008 – Michael Lin
- Winner of the National Alliance Francaise competition 2009 – Alex Chung

Our students now have the choice of two qualifications to prepare them for University. We are committed to providing the best possible preparation for our students. This is one of the reasons for the introduction of the IB programmes. Longitudinal research from the IBO shows IB educated students are better prepared for University and outperform other students.

A good education has never been more important and Scots College students continue to receive an excellent education that prepares them to be life long learners.

Graeme Yule – Headmaster

THE HOLISTIC LIFE – MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE



I am College Chaplain at Scots. In this day and age it is quite interesting telling people what that means. Filling in a form, or applying for something that requires a job description, means fielding questions about the nature of such a calling - or vocation. Whatever appellation you give it, the students at Scots have the most creative ways of seeing it. I have been described as the "God person at the school", and addressed as "Rev Mr Pastor Palmer", apart from other funnier labels. "The Rev" seems to remain a favourite.

In the early days there were serious questions posed by boys as to whether I was the "real thing", a "genuine priest" who does "weddings and burials" and the like. All true, I had to confess. One rascal once decided to kiss my ring outside Chapel on an afternoon. Admittedly the occasion was not a worship service but some cleaning chores imposed due to inappropriate behaviour. Perhaps the lad was seeking forgiveness, or trying to do penance. The practice has been discouraged!

The quest for a more reflective and spiritual life is a growing trend in our post-modern and post-secular world. The regular dosage of technology and scientism leaves many people wondering about other more traditional values and pursuits. I would suggest that there is a world-wide craving for meaning and purpose, for a deeper *something* to fill the vacuum that our instant society seems to create. To put it in the words of Edward O Wilson: "We are drowning in information, while starving for wisdom." It is to the wisdom traditions that many are turning, and not surprisingly, they are finding better emotional and mental health on the journey.

Our founders, the Rev Dr James Gibb and the Hon. John Aitken, were clear about their intentions for this College in terms of its Christian ethos. The "all round man" philosophy that has emerged from our motto has morphed into a holistic approach that, in my humble view, still leans precariously towards high performance at the expense of broad and strong spiritual foundations. A holistic education without clear values undergirding all that we do, may in fact miss out on the truths and traditions that are staring us in the face.

At our recent national conference of Presbyterian schools, we were privileged to hear a lecture by Associate Professor Murray Rae of Otago University entitled "Christian Ethics in a Pluralist World". The image he used which struck me was that of the roots of a tree, which remain essential for the nourishment of the branches and leaves and ultimate fruit. Too often we want the leaves and fruit without the roots! Our roots are unashamedly Christian.

The Christian gospel involves a narrative, a view of life that makes no secret of our need for transformation. The question remains, when reflecting on the true meaning of the College's motto, whether education can produce virtue. It seems that Horace, to whom we owe the Latin version of this dictum, mused as to whether nature bestows such desirable qualities. The Hebrew and New Testament scriptures are uncompromising in their assertion, however, that our human nature is both corrupted and self-serving. How good that we can be transformed through the love and power of Christ!

The good news is that we have the freedom and privilege of examining the many facets of these issues at Scots. There is more than meets the eye in this quest.

Rev Robin Palmer

HEAD PREFECT

It is hard to believe the year has gone so fast and that term 3 is already well and truly under way. The last few terms at Scots have been some of



the best to date with almost every area of the College performing brilliantly. A special mention has to be made of the 1st XV rugby who did the unthinkable and won the Mick Williment Cup by beating Wellington College 1st XV. Walking into the School on the following Monday has to be my fondest memory at Scots – the place was buzzing with excitement and nobody could really believe that it had happened. The aftermath of the match was almost as memorable as the game, and certainly created some dramas amongst other schools, not just in Wellington but all around New Zealand.

It has also been an exciting few terms for the Music Department with the inaugural Scots and QMC concert "Shared Harmonies" taking place in Week Three. The concert was a perfect chance for the two colleges to show off their musical talents and proved to be a lot of fun. With the new performing arts centre well under way, it is only a matter of time before performances like that will become a more frequent occurrence.

These two milestones in Scots' history are largely thanks to the hard work put in not only by the boys involved, but also the people behind the scenes. Scots is very lucky to have an entire community of people giving their services to the College in one way or another, and there always seem to be people willing to give up their own time to help out wherever possible. I encourage the boys to take time to thank these people for their hard work, and maybe take the time to help out around the school themselves.

I hate to say it but as we creep into the business end of the year it is almost time to start worrying about exams. Again I encourage the boys to put their heads down and do some study, because before you know it the year will be over. As Michael Jordan once said "I can accept failure. Everybody fails at something. But I can't accept not trying."

I wish everyone the best for the remainder of the year.

Nick Wellwood



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

Scots is embarking on two building projects that will take the delivery of its educational experience to another level. Construction of the Creative and Performing Arts Centre has already begun and the Covered Sports Centre is due to start in November. The College has launched a major capital fundraising campaign to support these projects, entitled "Building the All-Round Man".

These projects are essential to complete the all-round offering at Scots, across all areas of the College experience, enabling students to reach their potential – in whichever area that happens to be – through the provision of leading-edge facilities and educational courses. Whatever their talent, interest or aspiration, Scots' boys will have the means to



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WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please play a part in the future of Scots College.

Your help is crucial to support these developments.

Please give generously to the 'Building the All-Round Man' campaign and make a donation online at www.scotscollege.school.nz/all-round-man

Every contribution will make a difference.

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explore and discover these in the best facilities possible. The environment in which Scots' boys learn, explore and realise their creative, sporting or academic potential will be second to none.

Scots' ambitious developments to enhance each boy's experience at the College are above and beyond what we currently offer and what College fees provide for. To realise this vision, Scots is undertaking considerable financial commitment and as a registered charity we are seeking financial support from the Scots community to lessen this financial burden on the College. We encourage all Scots families and past students to get behind this project and secure a leading future for education at the College.

You may have already seen our campaign film explaining what it is all about. If not, please take a look online at www.scotscollege.school.nz/all-round-man. Copies of the DVD are also available.

ALL REAMS...



We are hoping as a member of the Scots community you will support these projects with as much as you can afford.

Please help us to take the College experience forward and enable Scots' boys now and in the future to benefit from facilities and develop as all-round men prepared for the society on which they will have impact.

For more information please visit our website or contact:

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THE PIPE BAND

THE BAND HALL – CHANGES

As part of the College's expansion programme, we have embarked upon the building of a new complex for the Creative and Performing Arts to be opened in 2012. This building will provide studios for the visual arts and graphics, together with suites for music and drama/dance.

The band will have a new home in this multi million dollar Ian Athfield designed building. This will take the form of a suite consisting of acoustic practice rooms modelled on those in The National Piping Centre in Glasgow, a band hall meeting room also acoustically designed, drum and uniform stores, as well as a repairs room and a band administration centre.

Within the same complex there will be several large shared-use floor spaces for rehearsal which the band will use and a recording studio which we may or may not! There will be access to the college hall from our level.

We are intending to incorporate a feature wall of glass between the corridor and main band hall that will provide a place to display the wonderful collection of memorabilia illustrating the band's eighty-five year history together with trophies, items collected that relate to piping and drumming and all things Scottish.

A BAND FAMILY CELEBRATION – FRIDAY 23 APRIL

This was a great evening and we were

lucky with the weather. Marion and I were proud that we had so many of our greater band community present, so many in fact, we more than filled the common-room and the outside courtyard. It was a great opportunity to meet parents of learner boys and for them to make connections with the band parents. It was also great for both bandsmen and learners to get together. This is what our band community is all about; don't get me wrong here, it is about the boys and the music more than anything else, but it is also about our extended band family or, if you like, clan! Isn't that what sets Scots apart from many other communities?

We also had the opportunity to farewell Maria Telfar. Maria has maintained and organised our band uniform for some time now and it was a delight to have her in attendance so that we could give her our heart felt thanks in a more band family way.

ANZAC DAY

Close on the heels of our band get together the band met for the dawn parade in the city on ANZAC Day. For a number in the band this was a first time experience and as is often the case a very moving one. Many of our families have past connections with those who have felt the need to stand up and be counted when it comes to the oppression of others. It was a wise man who said "Bad deeds happen when good men do nothing".



THE CEILIDH – 40TH ANNIVERSARY

I was reading through "The First Seven Thousand", a book researched by James Brodie for the 75th jubilee year of Scots College, when I discovered the history of our Ceilidh. Brodie writes "Members and parents have since the first occasion on 8th August, 1970 held an annual Ceilidh at which the band show their skills in piping, drumming, and marching, other musical entertainments are given, there is dancing and, of course, the haggis. A notably enjoyable and profitable event in the band's year that has been popular since the first when 500 people were present." (p.133, The First Seven Thousand, Bookprint Consultants, Wellington. 1991.)

So, that made this year's Ceilidh the 40th held and as you can see the tradition remains strong! And, what a great Ceilidh this year's one was. Tickets were sold out yet again and it was an evening packed with performances and dancing. We had a different live band this year but it didn't impact on the fun in any way what so ever.

We celebrated Marion's eleventh year as our Director of Pipes and Drums with a small gift to represent our huge gratitude and respect. Marion sent this email out to the bandsmen...

"Thank you so much for the beautiful quach and necklace in recognition of my 11 years service to the Band. It was a wonderful surprise. I can't believe how the years have flown (scary to think that most of the new guys weren't even born when I started!). It's a real honour for me to have the opportunity to share my love of piping with so many young people – and it is hugely rewarding when boys become self motivated to practice and improve.





The Ceilidh is an ideal forum for boys at all levels to set targets and achieve performance goals and this Ceilidh was one out of the box. From the learners who managed to perform together after only a few weeks of lessons, Matthew and Hugo's first solo performances, Ben Woodham's first performance of the juvenile tunes, Chris Poppe mastering and performing the medley for the first time (not to mention the relief I felt at fixing the problem he was having with his pipes so he could actually play), the outstanding item by Connor, Ben, Alwyn and Tom (I am blown away by their ability to learn such difficult tunes and perform to that level in such a short timeframe), and last but by no means least the finest Ode to the Haggis I've ever heard. With so many highlights it was a very special and memorable evening for me.

I really appreciate all the support you give so willingly to myself and the band – and am sure I could never have survived in the job this long without it."

-Marion

Our thanks to all the parents involved in making this event the success that it was but a particular thank you must be made to Avril Hillind who coordinated the team of helpers, prepared and checked the lists of need to dos and made sure the budget was kept traditionally tight.

CAPPING PARADE AND NEW BANDSMEN

As the capping parades approached our weather took a real turn for the worst and I was not certain if the events were even going to take place. We usually do two parades in May and for the first one we all looked outside the band hall thinking that there was no way it would take place. A phone call came saying it was all go so off we went into the city. You guessed it, as we arrived it was all called off. "Ah well", as one of the secondary boys explained (for safety's sake we'll keep his name anonymous), "at least it got us out of maths".

The second day's weather forecast was worse but in fact, in true Wellington style, it turned out to be calm and fine!

This year's parade was memorable for a number of reasons.

Firstly there was the long awaited addition of three new bandsmen added to the tenor corp. Ed Hughes (Y8), Jack Morgan (Y8) and Ryan Broadley (Y7) join Tom Barker under the stern eye and tutelage of Henry Hillind our leading tenor drummer. This brings the tenor corp. numbers to five and the full band to twenty four.

Secondly, it was one of those special happenings where a member of the band,

Samuel Ward-Pickering, had his mum in the parade of graduands making the event particularly special for both of them.

A NEW BAND LOGO

As some of you may have noticed a new band logo has been trialed. Why change a logo that has become so established across all of our gear? The simple answer is that it no longer reflects the corporate image of the college. This has occurred as a result of the Board's decision to adopt the new coat of arms issued to the college by the College of Herald's in 2008.

As per Scottish Heraldic Tradition our new approved logo takes the College Crest encircled in a Highland Belt with the words "Scots College Pipe Band" in a bold Celtic traditional font. The College Crest consists of a circlet of New Zealand ferns argent (silver), alternating with thistles slipped and leaved azure (blue), a demi Lion of Strathmore gules (red) holding the representation of the bell tower of Scots College. The new logo will be phased in over time.



Jonn Nicholson

ACHIEV

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

Jason Hart (Y13) has been selected for the New Zealand U18 Men's team for 2010, and Sebastian Newman-Dennis (Y13) has been selected for the NZ U17 team. Old Boy Nicholas Barraclough has also been selected for the U18 team. Well done, boys.



KARATE

Dylan Lee competed in the Secondary Schools Karate Championships and is to receive two certificates for coming second in both the Kata and Kumite. In the recent holidays he won bronze in the U15 individual Kumite, gold in the team event and bronze in the U16 Kumite. He has been selected as part of the NZ team.



DEBATING

The Scots College Premier Debating team triumphed in the Russell McVeagh Wellington Regional Debating Championships held in May. The team consisting of Henry Hillind, Aaron Rama, and James Gavey won the grand final against Sacred Heart College 3-0, negating the moot "The government should support indigenous languages". Scots were undefeated in the tournament. This is the fourth time in five years Scots has won the championship, and Scots has now equalled the record for the overall number of wins. Team captain James Gavey was selected for the Wellington Regional team, and will debate at Nationals.

BASKETBALL

Steven Adams has had another great year in 2010. He was named player of the tournament at New Zealand U19 championships, was selected in the NZ team which played a test series against Australia and recently travelled to Las Vegas with the Wellington U19 team. He has also been offered a University scholarship to Pittsburgh University in 2012. Pittsburgh is one of the top 5 basketball universities in the USA. This is a key step in Steven's desire to play in the NBA.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Rajiv Pratap (Y13) has been awarded a Victoria Excellence Scholarship for study at Victoria University in 2011. Rajiv intends to study towards a Bachelor of Engineering, specifically in the field of robotics.

Nicholas Bingham (Year 13, 2009 pictured below) was recently awarded both a University of Canterbury Law Bursary and College of Engineering Scholarship 2010.



GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S HILLARY AWARD

The following students have been awarded a Gold Duke of Edinburgh award:

- Sebastian Newman-Dennis
- Richard Greenbank
- Chris Flaus
- Henry Gribben
- Vikesh Gupta

This is an excellent achievement.

ELEMENTS

MONETARY POLICY CHALLENGE

Scots College has once again triumphed at the Monetary Policy Challenge, gaining 3rd place at the National Finals held on Thursday 26 August. This is the third time Scots has placed in the competition in as many years.

The Scots team consisted of Richard Wijninckx (Governor), Paul Rataul, James Gavey, Matt Renner, and Aaron Rama.

Earlier this year Scots took out the Wellington Regional Competition, earning them a spot in the National Finals.

The Challenge gives students the rare opportunity to become central bankers for a few weeks. Students are given the same information as Reserve Bank Economists for their review, and recommend whether the Official Cash Rate should go up, down, or stay the same.

A cash prize of \$750 was awarded to the Scots team for placing 3rd.

This is an impressive achievement and it is great that Scots has maintained a consistently high standard in this competition over the past three years. Well done!

JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

The Wellington Secondary Schools Japanese Language Speech Competition was held at Wellington College in May and Scots College entered four of its top linguists from Y11 & Y12. The standard of speeches was very high showing the great quality of young Japanese speakers around Wellington. All the boys were well rehearsed with their speeches with topics ranging from KFC to parties with Blanket Man on Courtenay Place. The best placed student was Michael Lin in Y12 who finished 3rd in the very competitive Yr12 Division.

Other boys who competed from left: Kosta Bogoevski, Michael Lin, Siddharth Patel & Aidan Dorfling.



HENRY HILLIND

Henry Hillind travelled to Canada in July with the NZ Secondary Students Choir to compete at Kathaumixw. They achieved very well at this event, being placed in every section they competed in: 1st in the adult mixed and 2nd in folk and youth sections.

Winning a section entitled them to sing a 12 minute section at the awards concert and they received the only standing ovation of the night for their Maori piece and as a result picked up the people's choice award.

The College is proud of Henry Hillind's contribution to the overall success of the Choir.

SCOTS ALUMNI TRIUMPH AT AUSTRALS

Victoria University were recently crowned champions of the Australasian Intersarsity Debating Competition, thanks in large part to Scots College Old Boy Udayan Mukherjee (2003–2007). Udayan made up one third of the Victoria 1 debating team. This is the first time Victoria University has won the competition since 1998. The Victoria 2 team were also successful, making it to the semi-finals, only to be beaten by Victoria 1. Two Scots Old Boys, Richard D'Ath (2000-2006) and Paul Smith (2002-2007), debated in the Victoria 2 team. It is great to see our Old Boys performing well in university debating.





THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME AT SCOTS COLLEGE

Just in from Denmark, literally the other side of the world, for me everything is fascinatingly different here in New Zealand and at Scots. Up is down, summer is winter, South is North (sun at noon), right is left (traffic), nature is dramatic, students are uniformed – and where are all the girls?

Amidst all this oppositeness, it has been reassuring for me to realize that the IB Diploma Programme at Scots is the same as at my previous school in Denmark – indeed, it is the same all over the world at the 2000+ schools that offer it. I have been teaching maths and physics at a dual path Y11-13 high school in Copenhagen, a school with a substantial IB Diploma Section for which I became the IB Diploma Coordinator in 2005. My role was to link between the school and the International Baccalaureate Organisation, to optimize programme delivery and to assist teachers and students alike in navigating the subtle logistics of the 2-year IB DP programme. This will be my role here at Scots as well.

I am impressed by how professionally the programme at Scots has been set up by my predecessor, Mr Horrell, and happy to see it running in the right direction. Well trained Scots teachers are doing a great job leading the first cohort of IB students towards their Diploma Exam in November 2011.

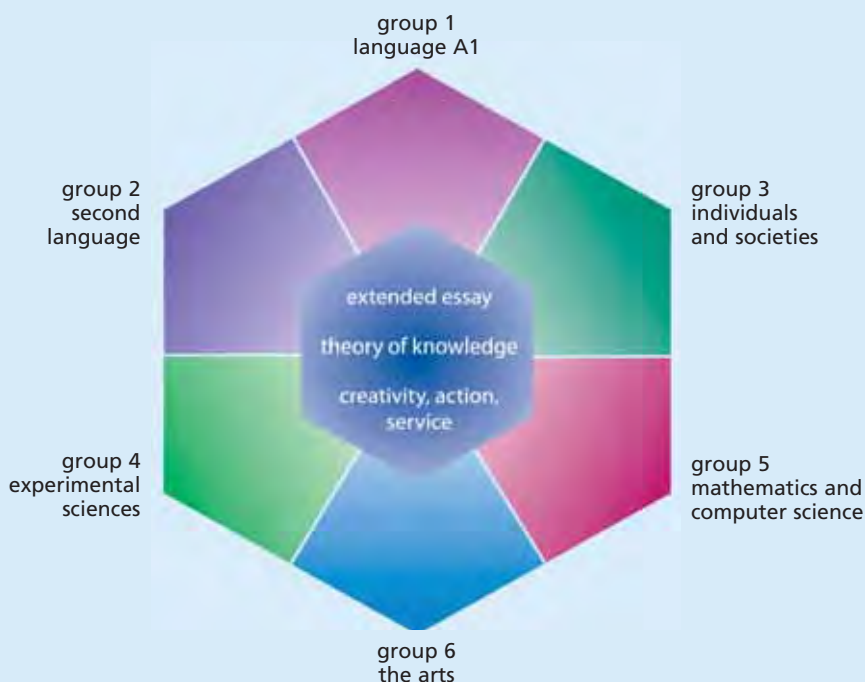
Life for an IB student is busy as it is for any student at Scots College. Right now we have started the Extended Essay (EE). A key characteristic of the IB Diploma Programme, the EE is an independent research project where students go into depth with a particular issue in a favourite topic – under guidance of a teacher. The students will be well into the initial phase of the EE process now, narrowing down their research question and doing background reading or collecting data. Writing the EE is an important learning process which prepares students for further academic studies – and which helps them grow into independent learners and principled, critical thinkers. This type of life long learners is what the world needs!



Left to Right: Michael Lin, Niels Wegge, Jonty D'Arcy-Smith.

Says IB Diploma Student **Michael Lin**: You can't really compare IB and NCEA. Both have their own methods of teaching, both have good and bad points. There is a lot of work in the IB programme, but one of the things I like most about IB is the way in which you are taught things. There is no "this is how you do it, now memorise," with IB, rather, everything is "this is why you do it, now explore." We also have more interaction with teachers because classes are smaller and more relaxed.

Jonty D'Arcy-Smith: My favourite class is Business and Management, a brand new subject to the school and me. I find it great fun and extremely useful as it is based on day to day occurrences in the world. CAS (Creativity-Action-Service) has been good too, because it has given me an extra reason to do things that I usually was unsure about. For example I was recently involved in the school production and I can honestly say that it was one of the most enjoyable things I've ever been involved in.



MACKAY SCHOOL EXCHANGE

Our Experience in New Zealand

Some weeks ago, on a very sunny day we arrived in Wellington from Chile. We were very nervous; a new city, a new family and one entire month speaking English continuously all day long. The moment we got off the plane, we saw an amazing number of strange faces smiling towards us, faces that now are known and familiar to us.

From the time that we left the airport we realized that our stay here was going to be special. We noticed a gorgeous city, with many beautiful places to visit and explore, populated by very nice people who are always willing to help you with a smile on their faces. Of course, we wanted to know everything about this beautiful city. This was not a problem, because from the very first week, Ms Charlotte Jackman took us all to some interesting outings. We were able to go to parliament, to Te Papa museum, to Mount Victoria and to some famous cafes, just to name a few places that showed to us why Wellington is so special and unique. We would like to thank Ms Charlotte for her patience while guiding these little monsters through the streets of the city.

The surprises weren't over yet. When school started for us we were amazed by the



welcoming that the Scots boys gave us. It was very common for us to hear some students saying "hola" when we passed near them. This kind of situation is just a sample of how a full community received us with their arms wide open. It took a little time to make new friends and to know our teachers. We realized that the school is full of very dedicated teachers, who made us feel at home. We also created strong links of friendship with some students at school, links that because of new technologies like Facebook will last forever. We would like to thank all the teachers and students at Scots College, who made our stay here very comfortable and pleasant. We would also like to thank our teacher M. Angélica Troncoso. Her support was important for

us during the trip and she was almost our mother during this time.

This trip helped us to develop our English and sports skills, and life in general, but this was possible just because we had our amazing host families giving us support every single day of this month. We would like to thank them very much, and we're glad knowing that our family just went bigger. But as far as I'm concerned, this month is just the beginning of something else. We really hope that we can meet again, maybe in other circumstances, but without forgetting what you did for us in this month of our lives. Thank you very much.

Jose Ieiva Valdes





SHARED HARMONIES

'Shared Harmonies' created shared memories for more than 200 performers from Scots College and Queen Margaret College on August 4 in the Wellington Town Hall. The concert was a joint venture put on by the schools as a fundraising event in aid of Presbyterian Support Central. Not only was it to highlight and share the many talents of our musicians and performers but also acknowledge our shared history and special character.

Everyone descended upon the Town Hall on a very wet and cold day to rehearse in the morning, present a Matinee and finally a 'gala' style evening concert.

This was the first time both schools had combined musical forces at all levels and each group presented two items of their own and a joint one with the other school.

The groups from both the Prep School and Secondary School all performed admirably and enjoyed joining forces with QMC. At one stage there were over 100 Year 4 – 8 students singing in a massed choir item, "Go tell it on the mountain" and "He's got the whole world in his hand."

The concerts were a huge success and we raised \$5000 to donate to Presbyterian Support Central, which is a fantastic contribution. Shared Harmonies was a wonderful occasion and experience for all, and it was definitely agreed we should do this again and look for further opportunities to join forces with our sister school.



Left to right: Scott Rieper, Candace Cassie, Zoe Webster, Presbyterian Support Central Chair Helen Trim, Katja Heesterman, Emily Costa and Nick Wellwood.

The Count of Monte Cristo

It's the 5th of August, 6pm, and in the tight space of the Year 12 common room, the 34-strong motley crew of 15 to 18 year olds, plus a costume manager and the director, are battling their way through Scene 8, Act II. This scene alone managed to devour at least half an hour of every rehearsal as Mrs Eastman's voice thundered over the shambolic movements that was supposed to resemble a ballroom soiree; the waiter managed to break two champagne glasses, the dancers continually crashing into each other and half the cast still had a script in their hand. As the night drew on and Mrs Eastman's voice got more strained, nobody could have ever predicted that within a week's time, this group would be able to pull off one of the most successful performances that Scots College has ever produced. Through Sunday the 8th till Sunday the 15th, the crew had moved into the Gryphon theatre and began to work their magic. Costume designers were hard at work, Set designers building behind closed doors, Cast running through lines and getting a feel of the stage, and the Tech crew clocking out at 11pm each night after working hard under the lights. As each day progressed, and the content of 'V' energy drink consumed increased, the Scots College Cast and Crew managed to pull together what were lines on a page, to a fully functional performance ready to go on the Thursday night. The success of the three nights that followed can be easily conveyed through the words of the Headmaster as he commented after the show "One of the best productions I've seen during my time here".

Chris May



HOUSE MUSIC

On Friday 25 June the Secondary School Houses competed in the annual House Music competition. Once again there was a wide range of song choices along with interesting costume choices! However, there can only be one winner and this year it was Uttley House who performed *Hadre Mai* and *Hello My Baby*. Aitken came a close second with Lady Gaga's *Telephone* (including hip hop dancing) and Flight of the Concords *Jenny*. Plimmer came third with The Beatles *Hello Goodbye* and *Hello Dolly* from the musical.



BIENVENUE CHEZ LES CH'TIS*

More than twenty hours after departing Wellington on April 9th 2010, an eager group of seven Scots and eight Queen Margaret students accompanied by two teachers stepped foot on French soil beginning the first exchange with Lycée Baudimont in the city of Arras in Northern France. For me it was a dream come true, as I had always wanted to offer my students this unique experience. *Merci beaucoup*, Mr Yule, for making it happen!

We spent the first five days in Paris "*la ville lumière*". We indulged every morning in a very French breakfast of baguette, croissants and pains au chocolat after which we embarked on cultural trips to the *Notre Dame Cathedral*, *L'Arc de Triomphe*, *Montmartre*, *le Sacré Coeur*, *La Tour Eiffel*, *les Champs Elysées*, *Le Père Lachaise cemetery* and *Versailles*, or visits to art galleries such as *Le Louvre* and *Le Musée d'Orsay*. The boys enjoyed the old buildings and the history all around us. They also put their French to good use in different situations, their favorite one being buying food (they loved *les crêpes*) or ordering their dinner, including "*escargots*".

A very important and emotional part of our trip was the day spent in *Saint Maclou la Brière*, a small village in *Normandie*, where an old boy of the College, James Stellin, (whose name was given to our library), crashed his plane during WW2, saving many lives and becoming a local hero. We were welcomed by M. Benoît Deschamps, the Mayor, M. Pierre Lambert, the President of the War Veterans' Association, and representatives of the local press and many residents, some of whom were children at the time of the crash and still remember it. They played the national anthems of both France and New Zealand and Richard Wijninckx (Year 13) gave a touching speech in French while Alec Duncan (Year 12) offered a small token of appreciation. It was a really moving moment and even though it was very cold that day, all we felt was the warmth of everyone's friendship. I was very proud of our seven boys who performed superbly a traditional Haka (led by Mackenzie Taylor Year 11).

Sunday the 18th of April we finally arrived in Arras to a warm reception from our homestay families. It was in Arras that our students had the opportunity to attend school at Lycée Baudimont. This is a very big high school with more than 2000 students. French school life is very different from the Kiwi one.



Classes start at 8.10am and could finish at either 3pm or 6pm and there is no uniform or after school sports. The school also has its own catering school where we had the opportunity to spend one morning making bread and a delicious almond and pear tart which we shared with our home stay families that evening.

Every morning I met the boys at school for an hour but for the rest of the day they attended classes and then returned home with their home stay "brothers". We also visited interesting sites around the region *Nord-Pas-de-Calais*: *Lens* an old mining town and *Boulogne-sur-Mer*, famous for being the closest to England. We spent a whole day in Lille, the third biggest city in France and hometown of Charles de Gaulle, and another one in *Bruges*, a picturesque little town in Belgium which is only one and a half hours by car from Arras and where the main "attraction" was certainly the famous Belgian chocolate we tasted during our visit to *le Musée du Chocolat*. It was a really "sweet" and interesting visit!

But, as they say, all good things must come to an end and after a pleasant and emotional farewell party the previous night, we left Arras on the 7th of May.

It was a brilliant trip and a great experience for our boys whose French improved significantly and who will cherish the many good memories for the rest of their lives. I am very grateful to all our participants for the great attitude, impeccable manners and the respect they showed to everyone they met. They were the best ambassadors not only for Scots College but also for the city of Wellington, and indeed for the whole country. *Merci beaucoup les gars, quelle joie de partager cette expérience avec vous!*

Juliana Stroghiu

*"Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis", in English, **Welcome to the Sticks**, is the title of a great French comedy set in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais region, in a town very close to Arras.



1ST XI HOCKEY HAVE A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE IN CHINA

During the April school holidays the 1st XI Hockey team undertook a tour of Beijing and Hong Kong. A tour party of 25 strong flew the 13 hours to Beijing where we got to take in a range of sites of cultural and historical significance. From the awe inspiring 'Great Wall' to the expansive and colourful Tiananmen Square and Forbidden City, the tour group got to spend a number of days seeing and experiencing some of the wonderful sites and local cuisine.

Along the way we managed to play some hockey against one of the Beijing Sports Schools – Lu Cheng. Playing in their personal indoor hockey stadium was a real highlight and while the team did not win either of its two games, it demonstrated to the boys the brand of hockey that they would like to and could play. Pitting their skills against some older players and Chinese national representatives was hard work; however all team members gave it their all and they could be proud of their efforts and progress.

Apart from sight-seeing and playing hockey, Beijing had plenty to offer in the shopping department. A number of stops were made to the infamous 'Silk Market' and a staggering array of 'knock-off' items were purchased. I have never seen boys so excited about the prospect of shopping before with all sorts of clothes, shoes, gadgets and souvenirs being haggled over. Before we knew it the Beijing leg of our tour had come to an end; we were all sad to leave as we had had a wonderful experience with all the sights, sounds and smells that this vast and progressive city had to offer. Our tour guide, Jane, had gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide us with an awesome experience and add in little extras such as acrobat shows (which defied physical belief and really did provide some jaw-dropping moments) to organising the eating of the famed 'Peking Duck' – at a very reasonable price, I might add! We were all sad to say goodbye to Jane and if we could have taken her along for the rest of the tour we would have done so gladly.

Next stop was Hong Kong after a three hour flight from the Chinese mainland. First impressions were mixed – it was raining but there were some suitably impressive sights from the bustling harbour to the massive skyscrapers. Hong Kong was less of a cultural experience than Beijing; however in our 6 days there we managed to see and do a lot with highlights being the 'Ocean Theme Park' where the boys and some young-at-heart parents got stuck into a variety of rollicking rides. A tour and day out on



a boat exploring the outlying islands was also great as it meant a relaxing swim and for the more adventurous – wake-boarding. Again shopping was an experience that all enjoyed, especially the 'Temple Night Markets' where many weird and wonderful purchases were made. The main aim of the tour was to play hockey and Hong Kong was where the team's performances stepped up a number of notches with two comprehensive wins and a close loss to the national under 18 team. The standard of hockey and team play was fantastic – all parent team supporters agreed that the team had made definite improvements and these efforts would be a great springboard into the 2010 Wellington competition.

After a long tour all were glad to arrive home and the only hitch during the whole tour was back in Auckland as we had to run for our connecting flight back to Wellington.

It was a wonderful and rewarding experience and a highly recommended process from the planning to the implementing of the tour. Many thanks must go to the 'hockey committee' for all the tireless hours that went into its organisation – thanks heaps: Paula, Brent, Peter and Vaughan.

For more information and photos of the day-to-day breakdown of the China Tour please visit:

<http://schockey.wordpress.com/>

Geoff Charles – 1st XI Hockey Manager



VIETNAM 2010

Stories of thousands of years of conflict and an impoverished population had a group of nineteen students thinking travelling to Vietnam would be stepping into an area where westerners are despised and purse snatchers roam the streets in search of a meal ticket. We found out that our preconceptions couldn't have been any further from the truth. The 2010 Vietnam trip was an eye opening experience for us as a group of History students.

Vietnam is a land of contrasts. Travelling through busy cities and rural villages allowed us to see and experience a culture which spent so many years struggling to establish itself while the colonial powers of the outside world fought over its assets. From Hanoi, with its historical French architecture and bustling markets selling anything that moved, to Ho Chi Minh City, a place of skyscrapers and Kentucky Fried Chicken, we were constantly kept on our toes evading the numerous street vendors and keeping up with the fast-paced lifestyle.

One of the things that surprised me most about the people of Vietnam was the respect shown to us as guests in their country. We quickly became friends with our guides, Nhan and Vhan and walking down the crowded streets, we could greet anyone with a handshake or a high five and talk to the tenacious market folk about whatever was on our mind, depending on whether a word about anything other than a sale was able to slip into the conversation. Bartering for me was something that had to be learned by watching it happen from a safe distance. I witnessed numerous



occasions where a fellow student gained a new souvenir at a large cost during the first few days; the vendors could spot naivety at fifty paces! Nevertheless, my decision not to purchase anything other than food and water paid off for me in the long run.

You learn about the brutality that accompanies war in text books and videos, but nothing can prepare you for the emotional impact of actually being in the place where hundreds of innocent villagers were herded together and

massacred by the Charlie Company on March 16th 1968. The group followed many historical events throughout the trip and visited many sites of significance to the History syllabus. But for many of us, My Lai is the place that has followed us home. Seeing the evidence of the genocide that happened on that day gave us an understanding of what the horrors of war can inflict on people on both sides of the conflict.

One of the things which we talked about most was our visit to an orphanage run by Buddhist nuns. We were greeted with a song by the children before we performed a very toned down version of the school haka. The visit concluded with the children's own form of warfare: the boys used as vehicles for the children's combat game which involved charging on each other and engaging in vigorous hand to hand combat.

A group of boys, separated by age and social groups left Vietnam as a new group of mates with lessons learned for life.

Connor Macrae



CLASSICS TOUR TO GREECE AND ITALY 2010

Following the success of 2009's inaugural tour of Greece and Italy, another group of senior Scots students were raring to go this year, eager to exchange textbooks and photocopies for the real thing.

The majority of the group were Year 13 Classics students, but with the growth of Art History in the school, several were members of both classes, and one was an Art History specialist. With the introduction of the International Baccalaureate, there were also a few members of the Theory of Knowledge class, so it was a much more eclectic group. The students adapted well to the challenges of life on the road, as well as shared rooms and bathrooms, and formed strong bonds, creating new friendships and strengthening existing ones.

The tour was led by Victoria Papadopoulou, TiC Classics and Theory of Knowledge, and Diane Lewis, mother of one of the students, and embarked in the European spring this year, a decision which met with mixed reviews – it was nice to tour archaeological sites in the relative cool, but the boys were disappointed that to the Mediterranean mind what would be a balmy Wellington day was considered frigid, and consequently the swimming pools were closed.

The expedition began in Thessaloniki in the north of Greece, with travel by coach down to Athens, including visits to major archaeological sites along the way, such as

Delphi, Olympia, Epidauros and Mycenae. The travellers then crossed by overnight ferry from Patras to Bari in Italy, whence they travelled by train to Naples, Rome and Florence, with visits to Pompeii and Herculaneum.

The tour included a focus on specific areas relevant to the various curricula, with highlights for the classicists including the museum and tomb of Philip II at Vergina, and the preserved cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Everyone agreed that walking through the houses was a very different experience from looking at the floorplans! The art historians were able to compare the iconography of Byzantine religious art in the various monasteries and basilicas visited in Greece – including the tour highlight of Meteora, the cliff-top monastic complex, some of which is still only accessible by rope ladder – with that of the Renaissance in galleries like the Uffizi and Accademia in Italy.

An absolute stand-out was the new Acropolis Museum in Athens, which had opened just months before the tour took place. It more than lived up to the promises of its architects and curators,

being constructed almost entirely of glass, walls and floors, enabling views of the Acropolis itself to be seen from inside, as well as the ongoing archaeological dig underneath, a residential area uncovered when the foundations were being sunk.

A cultural highlight was being in Greece for Orthodox Easter, and the group was able to view the procession of the Saint's relics down the beach and into the sea from their vantage in a shorefront restaurant in the seaside village of Tolo, on Good Friday, and also to attend the midnight liturgy on Saturday night in Olympia. The boys bought mass candles, and observed the pronouncement of the resurrection and the ceremonial lighting of the candles from the altar flame, and were amazed by the sudden din of explosives and fireworks on the roofs of all the buildings surrounding the square. Everyone was agreed that it was vastly more entertaining than Chapel on a Friday afternoon.

The whole tour was a wonderful experience for all involved, and an incomparable opportunity for the students on so many levels – academic, social, cultural and more.



SCHOOL NEWS

Shane Cortese visits Scots College

Scots recently had the pleasure of hosting well-known New Zealand performer, Shane Cortese. Shane spent the day at Scots where he talked to the architects about the design of the new Creative and Performing Arts Centre from a performer's perspective, appeared as a guest presenter at assembly, and held workshops with senior music and drama students. We are very grateful to Shane for spending time at Scots and sharing his knowledge and insights of the performing arts industry.



Omission

We would like to apologise for the omission of Joshua Beaumont and Chris May from the Year 13 prefects photo that appeared in the April Quad. Also, apologies to Matt Renner who featured in the photo but was not named.

1st XV victory over Wellington College

History was made in June when the Scots 1st XV rugby team defeated Wellington College, 19-17. The win was not only Scots' first in the premier one competition, but it was also the first time they have beaten their Wellington College counterparts. The Scots side was understandably thrilled about this result and it has put them in good stead for the rest of the season.



All Blacks & Springboks Rugby Reception at the Beehive

Scots College 1st XV Rugby Captain Hunter Prescott and Assistant Manager Murray King attended the Parliamentary reception for the All Blacks and Springboks held at the Beehive, ahead of the second Tri-Nations game in Wellington in July. This event was a chance for all 1st XV Rugby Captains, Managers and Coaches from Wellington schools to meet and socialise with the players.



Hunter Prescott and All Blacks Captain Richie McCaw.

NEW STAFF

Scots welcomed several new staff members in August.

Niels Wegge has taken over from Jeremy Horrell as IB Diploma coordinator and will also be teaching Maths. Niels and his family join us from Denmark where Niels headed the Maths department at Birkerød Gymnasium (an IB school).

Also new to the teaching staff is Theresa Cannell who has joined us as teacher of Accounting and Economics.

Cricket at Scots is undergoing a change

with the appointment of Christie van Dyk (husband of Irene) as Director of Cricket. He will be working at the College most weekdays and also carry out weekend coaching and work for fixtures as required. Christie has been working for Cricket Wellington and is well known in cricket and general sporting circles.

The IT Department has some fresh new faces with two new team members. Alistair West joins us as IT Manager, and Matthew Newdick has taken up the role of IT Systems Administrator.

We look forward to working with all of you here at Scots.



Left to right: Niels Wegge, Matt Newdick, Alistair West, Christie van Dyk. Absent: Theresa Cannell.

CONTRIBUTION AND COMMITMENT



Gone are the days where school starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.00pm. Activities on offer provide additional opportunities for physical, cultural and academic enrichment, where expert coaching and academic mentoring are available.

Having been involved in education for 30 years I continue to be amazed at the energy levels and natural enthusiasm shown by our boys. They are keen to be involved and continually put their hand up for the various activities on offer. On a regular basis I have boys arriving at school, from 7.00am and not leaving before 5.00pm, a full day; however, I believe the more a boy gets involved in school life the greater benefit to him personally.

Term 3 has seen our winter representative teams involved in fixtures against King's School (Auckland), The Cathedral Grammar, Waihi School, Medbury (South Island) Wellesley, Huntley (Marton) and Hereworth School (Havelock North). These opportunities provide a fantastic experience for our boys where the physical and competitive element present real challenges, where consistency and energy are expected. Hosting teams and being

billeted adds another dimension to the Scots experience.

As we reflect on our results, it is pleasing to see that the structures we have in place are working as our teams are performing at a very high level. The commitment from our boys has been evident throughout the season with obvious passion and skill development the result.

YEARS 1 – 6 FATHER AND SON BOOK BREAKFAST

The annual 'Father and Son Book Breakfast', as a part of Years 1 – 6 Book Week, has now established itself as a permanent fixture in the Prep School's calendar.

It was fantastic to once again see such a large and enthusiastic turnout for this year's event. The book breakfast provides a great opportunity for Fathers and Sons to spend some quality time in the morning sharing and engaging with books over a juice, coffee and croissant.



From classroom discussions the boys of the Prep School also really appreciated not only being able to read with Dad, but also having the chance to spend some one-on-one time, talking about and showing what they have been learning and involved in at school.

Even though the weather outside was somewhat on the chilly side, the atmosphere that was created by the boys and their Dads was most definitely warm, calm and inviting. This truly marks what a success the morning was. We in Years 1 – 6 already have next year's Book Breakfast pencilled into the calendar and hope that many Fathers do as well, for we look forward to an even bigger turnout next year.



SOUTH ISLAND TOUR

The Prep School 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Hockey and 1st XI Football teams recently toured the South Island, playing fixtures against Cathedral Grammar (Christchurch), Waihi School (Timaru) and Medbury School (Christchurch) over three consecutive days. This was a very successful tour with eight of the nine matches won by Scots.



RESULTS

Football

Scots vs. Cathedral Grammar: 5-0 Scots College
vs. Waihi School: 5-0 Scots College
vs. Medbury School: 6-1 Scots College

Rugby

Scots vs. Cathedral Grammar: 65-12 Scots College
vs. Waihi School: 19-0 Scots College
vs. Medbury School: 21-10 Scots College

Hockey

Scots vs. Cathedral Grammar: 2-0 Scots College
vs. Waihi School: 6-1 Loss
vs. Medbury School: 3-0 Scots College

This was a great experience for all of the boys involved. They were a credit to the school, performing exceptionally well both on and off the field.



REAL ART ROAD SHOW

During the last week of Term Two the students in Years Three to Eight were given the opportunity to visit "The Real Art Roadshow". This was in the form of a large expandable truck art gallery. The collection featured both renowned and emerging New Zealand artists, and crossed a variety of genres including painting, sculpture, photography, jewellery and ceramic art. The works have been purchased from the artists themselves as well as dealers and auctions. It has been put together with art students in mind and



dovetails neatly into our Scots art curriculum.

The Real Art Roadshow was everything we expected it to be, yet was full of the unexpected, with students finding works that challenged their perceptions or simply appealed to their creative senses. Three works that were particularly popular with the Year Eight students were;

Neil Fraser's "Deep Freeze", (2006, oil on canvas) where Fraser depicted a glacier in an avalanche of paint. Gregor Kregar's "Large Steel Life with Cars", (2002, Cast glass light box with steel) a work that appeared quite flat until you took a closer look! A real favourite with all boys, Philip Trusttum's "Fireman", (2005, Acrylic on canvas) which depicted a giant legoman with fireman's hat, axe and extinguisher.

"The Real Art Roadshow" was a great experience for students and staff, bringing us all face to face with real NZ art – so different from seeing it all in books or on the internet.

Jonn Nicholson

NORTH ISLAND INTERMEDIATE CYCLING COMPETITION

The Scots College Cycling Team travelled to Taupo to compete in the North Island Intermediate Cycling Competition. The race was held on the Taupo Motor Circuit track and while the track was considered perfect conditions to race on, the weather was not, as sleet, wind, and rain hassled the riders.

The North Island Competition was a New Zealand event aimed at Year 7 & 8 boys and girls and it involved 154 riders from a large number of schools. The competition consisted of two events: the Team Time Trial and an Individual Road race both completed over 16km.

Scots entered two teams into the Year 7 Time Trials. The teams not only had to compete with the opposition but they also had to compete with the weather. Both teams fought hard and rode strongly. The Scots A Team eventually claimed the Silver medal with Scots B Team narrowly missing out on the medals with 4th position (40 second behind 3rd). The Year 8 competition was the largest event with 16 teams, many of whom had been racing together for a long time. The race was completed at a blistering pace, which Scots managed to maintain for the majority of the race, but fatigue finally caught up with them and when they crossed the line they were exhausted. However, despite not finishing in the leading bunch, the team learnt a number of valuable tricks and tactics for future competitions.

The individual race was completed in the afternoon with only the top ten riders being recorded in each race. The race started with a rolling start behind a pace car, where riders settled into the bunch before the race started. With the pace car gone, the

race began and the pace again in both the Year 7 and 8 races was blistering. Final results saw Scots College spread throughout the field. Notable achievements were Liam Sherlock, placing 7th, Oliver Woods, placing 9th, and James Tweddle, placing 12th in the Year 7 Road Race.

The success of this competition has to be credited to the supporters, sponsors, and the coaches for helping us reach this competition. To our pit crew, team doctors, catering staff, transportation guides, relaxation advisors, and uniform managers, who were also our PARENTS. Our grateful thanks for being multi-talented!

Matt Belworthy
Cycling Club Captain



2010 PREP SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected as the Prep School's Environmental Leaders for 2010:

Junior Syndicate: **Louie Gibson Scarlett** 4GW: **Spenser Fellows**
5HF: **Alex Pippos** 5VK: **George Fyfe** 6RS: **Thomas Stewart** 6GM:
Jack Gibson Scarlett

Year 7: **Muchengeti Matinde, Samuel Porta, Jack Wicks**

Year 8: **Thomas Bingham, Thomas Brokenshire, Matthew Flower**

Our Environmental Leaders are responsible for encouraging their peers to become interested and aware of environment issues, and for developing initiatives to make this happen. They meet once a month to discuss topical environmental issues and to share ways to make Scots College a sustainable school.

George Fyfe of 5VK has had first-hand experience with such a project. He was a student at the Grange Prep School in Chile during the period in which the school commenced its activities towards becoming environmentally friendly. We are looking forward to establishing a close relationship with the Chilean school and learning about the exciting green projects that they have been involved in over the years.

Last term, the Environmental Leaders started encouraging their



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classes to use the "green" search engine www.ecosia.org for their learning. Ecosia is an eco-friendly Internet search engine backed by Yahoo, Bing and the World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF).

Ecosia works like any other search engine but, unlike others, it gives at least 80% of its advertising revenue to a rainforest protection programme run by the WWF. This results in enabling Ecosia users to save about two square meters of rainforest with every search they do – without paying anything. Furthermore, all Ecosia servers run on green electricity, so they do not cause any CO2 emissions.

*The Environmental Council encourages **you** to consider turning your web searches green!*

In a recent council meeting, Miss Fairbairn, our Year 5 teacher, presented the plans for our school's newest garden which is to be established behind the Year 5 and 6 classrooms. The Leaders were excited to learn that every class will have their own 'plot' to plant and nurture, and there will be a worm farm and compost to manage some of the school's waste.

The Leaders are in the midst of some exciting planning, including a 'Green Day @ Scots Prep' in Term 4. All classes will come to school wearing green mufti, participate in a variety of activities including planting trees, maintaining their class gardens, and learning more about environmental issues from guest speakers.

The Environmental Leaders and I are looking forward to the challenges ahead and hope that you will support us in our mission to make Scots Prep School a sustainable school.

Miss Jennifer Partridge – Junior Syndicate Dean

Wellington Phoenix visit Years 2 and 3



On Friday 14 May, Paul Ifill and Chris Greenacre from the Wellington Phoenix soccer team, plus two management men from 'The Apprentice' came to Scots. When they arrived there was a long line of boys waiting for autographs. Years 2 and 3 asked the players a few questions. Then we learnt some soccer skills on the Astro. We also played a game of soccer – Bedding and McKelvie vs Potatau and Macarthur. No goals were scored, so no team won. We went back to the classroom and they gave us a gift and then sadly they left.

Oscar Masters, 3JP

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

The annual Scots Prep Swimming Sports were held on Friday 18 June at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre. The day went extremely well, with both Championship and Non-Championship swimmers competing. The rivalry between the various Houses was strong, especially in the House Relays at the end of the meet. The Houses all sat together and the cheering for their year group teams was loud and energetic. McKelvie won the House Relays in Year 4, 5, 6 and 8, with Potatau winning the Year 7 Relay. In the Championship races, the competition was of a very high standard. The following races were swum:

25m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 25m Backstroke, 25m Breaststroke, 25m Butterfly, 100m Individual Medley

The overall champion and runner up swimmers in each age group were:

	Champion	Runner-up
Year 1	Harry Stew	
Year 2	Oliver Alderson	Joshua Turnbull
Year 3	Charlie Stapleton-Stevens	Elliott Phillips
Year 4	Fergus Bewley	Nico Galanakis
Year 5	Thomas Miller	Hugo Findlay
Year 6	Lewis Clareburt	Sebastian Yeoman
Year 7	Matthew Peterson	Harrison Hitchins
Year 8	Zephyr Mills	Jake Jamieson

The speed and skill of our top swimmers indicate that Scots Prep should perform very well in the Eastern and Wellington Zone competition. However, nothing can be taken for granted and our representative swimmers need to continue to train and prepare well for these upcoming events. On behalf of all swimmers, I would like to thank Mr. Hamilton, Teachers and College Students for helping manage the day so successfully.

Jake Jamieson – Head of Sport

Eastern Zone Swimming Championships

11 August 2010

Our boys recently competed in the Easter Zone Swimming Championships achieving exceptional results.

Year 4: 25m Breaststroke – Fergus Bewley 1st, Jacob Chapman 2nd; 25m Butterfly – Fergus Bewley 1st, Jacob Chapman 2nd; 50m Freestyle – Fergus Bewley 1st, Nico Galanakis 2nd; 25m Backstroke – Nico Galanakis 1st, Cameron Cunningham 2nd

Year 5: 25m Freestyle – Hugo Findlay 2nd; 25m Breaststroke – Thomas Miller 1st; 25m Butterfly – Thomas Miller 1st; 50m Freestyle – Thomas Miller 1st; 25m Backstroke – Hugo Findlay 2nd

Year 6: 25m Freestyle – Lewis Clareburt 1st; 25m Butterfly – Lewis Clareburt 1st; Sebastian Yeoman 2nd; 50m Freestyle – Lewis Clareburt 1st; 25m Backstroke – Daniel Brown 2nd

Year 7: 25m Freestyle – Matthew Peterson 1st, William Findlay 2nd; 25m Breaststroke – Matthew Peterson 1st; 25m Butterfly – Matthew Peterson 1st, Harrison Hitchens 2nd; 50m Freestyle – Harrison Hitchens 1st, William Findlay 2nd; 25m Backstroke – Harrison Hitchens 1st, Lewis Sieverts 2nd

Year 8: 25m Freestyle – Zephyr Mills 1st; 25m Breaststroke – Jake Jamieson 1st; 25m Butterfly – Zephyr Mills 1st, Jake Jamieson 2nd; 50m Freestyle – Hudson Leone 1st; 25m Backstroke – Zephyr Mills 1st

4 x 25m Relays

Year 4 – 1st, Year 5 1st, Year 6 1st, Year 7 1st, Year 8 1st

Boys who were placed 1st or 2nd in races will now go forward to the Wellington Inter-zone championships which are scheduled later in the term.



HOUSE MUSIC

On Wednesday 23 June Scots College Preparatory School held their House Music in the hall. This year the compulsory song was “Split Enz” “Kiwi classic “Six months in a Leaky Boat” and the free choice category was a song by ABBA. The afternoon was kicked off by McKelvie with their presentation of “Six Months in a Leaky Boat” they then continued with an altered version of “Money Money, Money”. Bedding then continued with the set song and “Take A Chance On Me”; Potatau then presented their “Six Months in a Leaky Boat” and “Dancing Queen”, although it sounded like “Potatau King!” Lastly MacArthur presented their version of the set song and “Waterloo”. After a great competition the results were: 1st MacArthur, 2nd Bedding, 3rd Potatau, 4th McKelvie.

We were fortunate to have as our judge Whaea Apirera Hohepa-Smale who is Director of operations for Te Rakau Hua O Te Wao Tapu, We were privileged to have her charges in attendance and were treated with an extremely passionate haka at the end as ‘thank you’ from them to us.

Niklas Pecha



FOUNDERS WEEKEND AUGUST 2010

A great weekend was enjoyed by many Old Boys and their wives and families as the Induction of Dick Evans into the SCOBA Garden of Honour was celebrated.

Dick and his wife Pam were joined by two of their daughters, Kirsty and Rose, and more than 50 Old Boys and current and former staff members from near and far.



Left to Right: Francis Wevers, Dick Evans and Rev Robin Palmer.

The weekend started with a wonderful cocktail party hosted by SCOBA at the Wellington Club.

A group of Year of '89 Old Boys had planned a get together for the weekend and thoroughly enjoyed mixing in with some of the older generations of Old Boys.

A feature of the Cocktail Evening at the Wellington Club was the video link-up with current All Black and Old Boy, Victor Vito, who was in Johannesburg for the third Tri-Nations game against the Springbok team.

Victor spoke warmly about his old school and the lessons it taught him about hard work and focus and determination which have stood him in such good stead as a university student and professional rugby player. The link-up ended with a resounding chorus of best wishes for the subsequent test (which the All Blacks won 29-22 in the last few minutes of the game with Victor Vito on the field playing his part).

Dick and Pam, who were accommodated at the Wellington Club, joined senior members of the SCOBA Executive for dinner after the cocktails. Among the dinner guests was Pam Tubert, widow of a famous Wellington radio and TV personality of the 50s, 60s and 70s – Bas Tubert – who was also a Scots College Old Boy and for two years worked in the same TV2 newsroom with current Old Boys Executive Chairman, Francis Wevers.

On Saturday the plaque recording Dick Evans' Induction into the Garden of Honour was dedicated by Scots College Chaplain, Robin Palmer, before about 60 guests. The Citation for the Induction can be read on the SCOBA website on the Garden of Honour Page.



Left to Right: Roger Manthel and Morva Anderson.

Among the guests at the Induction were Dick's old friend, Morva Anderson, widow of iconic teacher Kay Wadham, and Shirley Martin who was inducted into the Garden of Honour, alongside Kay Wadham in 2004. Kay and Morva's son, Mark, came down from Palmerston North to be part of the celebrations.

Also among the guests were John Francis, son of VFO Francis who was a teacher at Scots for 19 years and acted as Headmaster during the absence on war duty of Colonel Glasgow.

The Dedication ceremony was followed by a tour of the college facilities and a light lunch during which the Headmaster, Graeme Yule, showed the video which was prepared for the promotion of the new developments being undertaken at the College – the Creative and Performing Arts Centre and the Covered Sports Centre.

On the Saturday evening Dick Evans was a guest of the Wellington Rugby Football Union where he was feted and treated to a great night out watching the Wellington Lions beat Waikato convincingly. A large number of older members of the Wellington Rugby Union took the time to spend a few minutes with Dick, catching up and reminiscing about the past.

All in all it was a very successful two days of Old Boys activities and bodes well for the future.



Left to Right: Old Boys John Feast, John Mowbray, Nigel Gould.

Throughout this year we have caught up with a number of Old Boys, who have visited their old College...



Hamish Edwards (1983 – 1990)

visited the College on 12 May. Hamish is a Chartered Accountant and co-founder and Global Head of small business accounting software provider Xero. Formerly he established Xero in the UK where he was responsible for banking relationships, partnerships and the accounting industry.

Prior to Xero Hamish was the CEO of New Zealand chartered accounting and consulting firms, Openside. As the chairman of Openside he continues to help fast growth technology businesses with business development, funding and new market entry assistance.

During his visit to Scots, he took time to impart some of his enthusiasm and professional expertise to boys of the current Year 13 Accounting and Year 12 Economics classes. Hamish and his wife, Tineke have two young sons and are currently living in Greytown.



Senior Old Boy Graham Watson (1938 – 1940)

Graham attended his granddaughter's graduation from VUW in May, and took the opportunity to spend a day at his old College. He is still farming at Nuhaka, Hawkes Bay, and leads an active life, but he had not been back to Scots since he left school.

He was understandably amazed at all of the changes that have taken place, and was eager to learn of the future plans put into place for the College. He shared his many memories of his school days with the College Archivist, Paddianne Neely and has undertaken an Oral History.



Josh Cleary (1997 – 2003) is a former student of the Wellington Film School who has now enrolled at VUW to study writing and film.

Old Boys President, Nigel Gould (1961 – 1965) was honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List by being appointed an Officer of the Order of NZ (ONZM). The Old Boy's Association extends its congratulations to Nigel and his wife Janine.



Alan Tolerton (1973 – 1976) together with his wife, Sandra and daughter, Emma, visited the College in July – he had not been back to Scots since he left school. The family has travelled widely because of Sandra's career (economist in the State Department's Foreign Service) and Alan has also been able to adapt his own business of translating government, corporate and financial documents from French around this.

Jeremy White (1993 – 2000)

Visited the College on 9 July. Jeremy was Deputy Head Prefect in his final year, and after gaining a BSc and BE Hons (Cant.) is now at Shirley Boys' High School teaching Maths, Chemistry and Physics and loving it.



William Cook (1992 – 1996)

Will was Head Prefect in his last year, and since leaving the College has worked in marketing since graduating from Victoria University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Laws and a BA in Politics and French. After working at Clemenger BBDO in Wellington he moved to London in 2006 where he joined Esportif, the sports marketing division of Saatchi & Saatchi, and most recently at Mediaedge:cia UK, where he was on its Global Planning Board. Will returned to New Zealand in July and begins a role at the ANZ Banking Group in September.

JANE HYDER

Jane is a New Zealand artist living in Wellington, who has donated a piece of artwork entitled 'Pacific Power' to the College. Jane is the wife of Old Boy John Hyder (1956 – 1965) and the sister of Old Boy Jonathan Urlich (1970 – 1973).

This year, John and Jane generously presented The Hyder Cup to the College, to be awarded annually to the top Year 12 Visual Arts student.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OLD BOYS...



Left to right: Old Boys Neill Inkster, Hamish Macmorran and Francis Wevers (Chairman SCOBA).



Left to right: Old Boys John Pritchard and Aaron Nation.



Left to right: Mary Pritchard and Robyn Gardner.

Successful Old Boys' functions and Information Evenings have been held earlier in the year in **Hawkes Bay, Palmerston North, Masterton** and former parents Mary and Stuart Pritchard generously held a function for **Kapiti Coast** Old Boys and prospective parents in their home. Similar functions were also held in **Melbourne** and **Sydney** in July, and in August Old Boys were invited to have a drink with the Headmaster during the recent Quadrangular Rugby tournament in **Christchurch**.

Feedback from these functions has been very positive, and there will be two similar Old Boy functions held on **Friday 1 October** in Auckland. Please contact Ann Walker, Development Officer, (04) 803 0590 or walkera@scotscollege.school.nz for further details.

The College extends a warm invitation to all Old Boys and friends of Scots to visit the College should they ever be in Wellington.

A REMINDER TO ALL AUCKLAND BASED SCOTS COLLEGE OLD BOYS

The College is holding two functions in Auckland on Friday 1 October

Morning Tea – 11am at Commodore Room Romford's at the Tamaki Yacht Club, 30 Tamaki Drive

AND

Drinks from 6pm – 8pm at Hobson Room 2/3, Level 1, Rydges Harbour View Hotel Cnr Federal & Kingston Streets, Auckland City

RSVP Ann Walker (04) 803 0590 or walkera@scotscollege.school.nz

OBITUARIES

31 March 2010

Raymond Gladstone Stone

1940 – 1941

21 April 2010

Anthony Francis (Tony) Hough

1935 – 1940

30 April 2010

Walter Joseph Martin

1940 – 1944

15 June 2010

Alastair McKenneth Edwards

1950 – 1953

1 July 2010

Laurie James

1936 – 1940

17 July 2010

Douglas Cholmondeley Paterson

1938 – 1941

30 July 2010

Tillyard Chapman Pearson

1927 – 1937

The Scots College community offers family and friends our deepest sympathy.

'Friends of Scots College'

Over the last year or so, many parents of former Scots College students have indicated an interest in revisiting the College to update themselves on what has been happening at Scots since their sons left, and also to renew old friendships at a social function.

For this reason we are relaunching the 'Friends of Scots College' to which all parents of former students, past staff and other supporters of Scots, are automatically members. (The Scots College Parents' Association will continue to serve the needs of current College parents).

Our first 'Friends' function will be held at Foundation House on 14 October. Due to limited space available with the Chapel Assembly Hall being currently out of use as part of the ongoing Creative & Performing Arts construction, we have invited only parents from the 2001 – 2005 Leaver group to this function.

We do hope you are able to attend. Many of you will not have met Graeme Yule, who commenced as Headmaster at Scots in 2007 and I know he and his wife Maria are looking forward to meeting you all.

We are aware that there may be some former parents who may have been inadvertently omitted from our College database listings, and we are currently endeavouring to rectify this. Should you know of parents who have not received this invitation please let us know and we will forward one immediately. For any enquiries, please contact Ann Walker, Development Officer on (04) 803 0590 or email her on walkera@scotscollege.school.nz

MEMBERSHIP OF FRIENDS

Each year, parents and caregivers of Year 13 boys will automatically become a 'Friend of Scots College'. There is no charge involved.

OLD BOYS NEWS

An Africa of hope

Alex Chung (SCOB 2005-2009) recently attended assembly to share the story of his eye-opening trip to Eastern Africa, where he spent six months carrying out volunteer work. Alex decided to embark on an alternative GAP experience with a view to making a difference in impoverished parts of Africa. The first part of his journey took him to Rwanda, a small central African country still recovering from the 1994 genocide. Here Alex worked as a teaching assistant in a secondary school, assisting in teaching both English and Chemistry. Conditions at the school were very poor, with inadequate facilities and little in the way of resources.

Following his work in Rwanda, Alex travelled to Kenya where he worked in Daylove Orphanage in the Dagoretti slums. At the orphanage Alex was involved in everything from working in the kitchen, to teaching in the nursery, and playing with the children.

Alex's trip had a profound impact on him. While he faced many challenges along the way and encountered many distressing situations, the experience taught him a great deal. He learnt a lot about the strength of the human spirit and how everyone is capable of making a change, no matter how small. Alex says, "I learnt firstly that you are never too young to initiate change. Sure, you can always be more prepared or more experienced, but if everyone waited till they were better prepared, then change would never happen. Everyone can do something NOW with what they have."

Perhaps the greatest lesson Alex took away from his trip was that, above all, Africa is a place of hope. Despite the trying circumstances that the people of Africa face on a daily basis, they still exhibit hope, and Alex counts this as the most important catalyst for change.

Alex's story is an inspiration to us all, and it is pleasing to know that even after leaving school, Scots' students maintain a strong desire to serve others and are actively making a difference in the world.



Jordan Cooper

Old Boy Jordan Cooper (2005 – 2009) has won an international scholarship to Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey, USA to participate in their soccer programme.

Fairleigh Dickinson University men's coach Seth Roland has announced four additional newcomers for the fall season, one of whom is Jordan.

"Jordan is an eager and highly motivated young man," Roland said. "His athleticism will make him a handful for opponents to contend with at both the forward and wide midfield positions".

Jordan was the leading scorer and team MVP at Scots. In addition, he played for the New Zealand Secondary Schools U15 National Team.

This is a wonderful achievement and we wish Jordan all the best.

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New apparel for Old Boys

The Old Boys Association has available a range of products so Old Boys can keep alive their association with their old school and wear the Old Boys crest with pride.



Navy Blue Tie



Red Tie



Black Tie



Ties, cufflinks, umbrellas, bags, hats, polo shirts and merino zip tops are available for on-line ordering through the SCOBA website (<http://www.scotscollege.school.nz/scoba>).

These products have already proved very popular at the 2010 Founder's Weekend Cocktail Party and luncheon.

New items will be made available from time to time as the Old Boys Association secures lines of quality products which will be great mementoes for Old Boys while at the same time providing an opportunity for fund-raising for key projects.

'a goodly heritage, proud traditions, cherished memories'
FROM BROOM CUPBOARD

August 21, 2010, dawned a beautiful warm, sunny day. The Old Boys could not have wished for a better day to honour and induct R M (Dick) Evans into the Garden of Honour.

After the ceremony, the numerous guests were accompanied by a group of prefects to view the many changes that had occurred since Dick's years as a pupil 1934 – 1943, as Chairman of the Old Boys' Association 1961 – 1963 and as the leading fundraiser for the Chapel Assembly Hall, which was officially opened in 1963.

One of the areas visited was the former housemasters' flat at the top of the stairs in the roof of Gibb House which today houses the College Archives.

When the Archives were established in 1986 they were originally in a tiny broom-cupboard sized room overlooking the Quad next to the then Technology Department and Chaplain's office. John Beardsell, a former staff member, had placed bits and pieces in the room for safekeeping.

Twenty-four years later and after eleven moves the Archives have a permanent office (with a telephone!) in the Tony Shelly Centre and the Gibb House roof area with seven small rooms which serve as storage and workspace.

The Archives are now open for inspection and already staff members, a group of visiting archivists from the ARANZ Conference held recently in Wellington, Old Boys, Dick Evans' guests and the prefects have all viewed the area. Words such as 'great' and 'awesome' were uttered by the boys. It is pleasing to note the enthusiasm.

Over 6,000 items have been donated to the Archives during this period and have been recorded in six Accession Registers, individually numbered, packaged and carefully stored in conservation boxes and enclosures.

One room holds the Board of Governors' Minutes and papers and has the Newspaper Collection relating to the College, Old Boys, and feats recorded by pupils at the College.

The uniform room has boxes of cricket, rugby, hockey and school caps worn by pupils throughout the generations. Most changes of school uniform, Pipe Band, sports clothes and equipment have been donated.

Numerous architect plan drawers have been acquired and in two rooms house Scots College building plans which are stored in special acid free folders. In the photographic room special Henzo albums are used to preserve images while the remainder are stored in subject and chronological order in the plan drawers

and five four drawer filing cabinets in the downstairs office. It should also be mentioned that many thousands of unnamed and undated photographs are still awaiting identification. When time allows these will be processed. Hopefully, Old Boys and former staff may be able to assist with this.

In preparation for the Scots College Centenary in 2016, a section of shelves house what I call the Hundred Year boxes. These boxes contain spares of each year's school magazines, programmes and other material that visitors may view at their leisure without disturbing the special archives boxes which house the original copies.

A selection of pupils' exercise books has been kept. The earliest is a Botany exercise book with a dried specimen of lupin taken from the hills behind the College in 1921. This beautifully illustrated work was donated by Old Boy W W Mason.

Student book prizes are much treasured and various Headmasters' signatures feature on the inside presentation pages.

Straw boaters were once part of the daily uniform and R M Fleming's boater was often bowled along the ground inside the Seatoun tunnel aimed at the oncoming group of Scots College pupils en route to Sunday church service. Hence the chips and dents.

Of the many hundreds of badges and medals that have been donated, the Archives hold the original silver school badge designed by one of the first joint headmasters, S R Dickinson, in 1916. It is a copy of the Leslie House School badge in Australia where he previously taught.

Since the formation of the Pipe Band in the early 1920s, it has featured strongly throughout the history of the College. We are most fortunate to have T G Bedding's original uniform made up of a Fergusson tartan kilt and one of the grey jackets that were donated to the fledgling band by the Salvation Army. Geoff Bedding was one of the band's first members.

Dick Evans was also a member of the Pipe Band when he was at Scots. Therefore it was most fitting that he was piped down to the Garden of Honour on the occasion of his return visit to his Alma Mater.

Paddianne W Neely
College Archivist
August 2010

TO STORAGE AND WORK STATION



Early Pipe Band Uniforms, 'Blues' Blazer and Hundred Year boxes in the roof Archives.



W W Mason's Botany exercise book, 1921.



Original Scots College Badge 1916 donated by C U Plimmer.



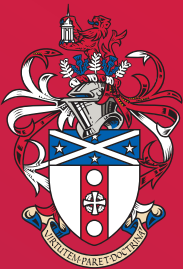
Scots College Book Prizes.



Selection of crests and caps donated by Old Boys: Top: T G Bedding's cricket colours cap 1927 – 1928; H J M McKelvie's rugby colours cap 1925 – 1928; W W Mason's prefect cap and badge 1926; centre D N Walker's rugby colours cap and rugby jersey crest handmade by Mrs Uttley (Headmaster's wife) and Miss McClintock (House mistress) 1921; H J M McKelvie's 1st XV rugby and athletics colours blazer pocket 1925 – 1928.



Straw boaters donated by R M Fleming and P J Avery.



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