4 May 2012

#### **Greetings from St Bede's**

The nip in the air reminds us that winter is on the way, and this weekend sees all winter sports in full swing.

Two events this week gave various numbers of the community reminders of what the core values of this College are. Year 9 parents attended the second session of the Confirmed as a Bedean programme. Three of the sessions incorporate why the College exists – being Catholic, being Marist and being Bedean.

Being Catholic was covered on Tuesday, and in his articulate fashion, Fr Walls challenged the parents as we do the boys, to be strong enough to keep passing on the Catholic tradition. The future of the Bedean tradition handed down to us depends first and foremost on how strongly we commit to our responsibility to being Catholic. The analogy was made to being a member of a club or a committee or for any organisation. It requires the members to have some sort of responsibility to the group. As was outlined, the year 9 boys have already done that in the

Top weekly notes Term 2 Week 1		
Y9	A J Bell	
	Harrison Marshall	
Y10	Jacob Reese-Jones	
Y11	Sam Cho	
Y12	Sam Collins	
Y13	Matthew Everingham	

various groups they are involved in already at St Bede's College, and in all those groups, his tutor group, his classes, his teams or his cultural groups, there are expectations.

However membership of a group is not just about meeting expectations. It is also about what we offer the group as well and sooner or later the group he belongs to rises or falls on how effectively its members contribute to, and receive from, one another.

So it is with being Catholic. All the boys are part of the Bedean family, but this is a group within a group. St Bede's exists because it is a Catholic school, so automatically is part of the whole Catholic community.

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Top weekly notes Term 2 Week 2		
Y9	Liam Henderson	
	AJ Bell	
	Ben Duncan	
Y10	Jacob Reese-Jones	
Y11	Patrick Sherwood	
Y12	Sam Collins	
Y13	Edward Ashton	
	Michael Lee	

Our Open Day and Information Evening for prospective students and parents was another forum where aspiring Bedeans of the future were introduced to what we stand for, or our core mission, which as outlined in the new Charter is "to provide a comprehensive education for boys committed to excellence, working with parents and caregivers in a nurturing Marist community founded on Catholic values".

A good number of our students contributed very well to the Open Day, conducting tours and making nearly 600 visitors welcome, speaking eloquently and with a degree of pride about their College. Annually our senior boys do us proud in the manner in which they introduce their College to potential new families.

At the Honours Pockets Assembly held yesterday, Hayden Ryan (1990-1994) was our third guest speaker promoting the Centennial and giving the boys a snapshot of his era. Hayden is a most accomplished speaker; distinguishing himself as a secondary school debater in his time here. As well he was the 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket captain, and a very good scholar. He is generous with his many gifts and is the president of the Old Boys Association and a hardworking member of the Centennial committee.

He gave the boys a number of great messages, and one was heeding the advice to 'get involved' at the College. He spoke with a good degree of humour about his involvement in music and rugby which were not his strengths but which still helped shape him.

In encouraging the boys to get involved and make the most of their time while at school. Hayden also exhorted them to show the many old boys attending the Centennial the many fine things going on at the College now. The boys responded enthusiastically to his message. Needless to say Hayden is a logical choice as MC at the Centennial dinner.

Those awarded Honours Pockets feature later in the newsletter – congratulations to you all.

#### A Big Thank You to Lions International District 202E

The College has been very fortunate to have received a grant of \$25,000 from the Lions Clubs District 202E Earthquake Relief Fund. The grant will be used to provide shade and shelter sails around the college and we are at present working with our architect to plan the most suitable areas for the sails. We are most grateful for the funds, without which we would be unable to progress the much needed shelter areas. We also especially thank Mr Peter Gamble for his part in assisting us with the application for these funds.

Until next week,

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Justin Boyle Rector Miss Francesca Festa (teacher of Spanish and RE) recently returned from Santiago (Chile) where she spent a month after winning a LIA, Language Immersion Award, funded through the Government's *Growth and Innovation Framework*. This award gives the recipient the opportunity of an immersion experience in language and culture of the language taught. Teachers develop their language proficiency skills and intercultural competence in authentic settings so they can apply the knowledge and skills they have gained to improve student language learning outcomes.

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## Mr Gerry Davidson Deputy Rector – Pastoral

As winter approaches it obviously becomes darker later in the mornings and earlier in the evenings. Last year the Lions kindly donated Hi Viz vests to boys who were cycling to school. The black uniform makes the boys who are not wearing reflective clothing very difficult for motorists to see. Even boys using lights need to be more visible. We have a number of vests left and would like all cyclists to wear one. Those students who received a vest last year should also be encouraged to continue to wear them. The wearing of these vests should be in conjunction with the use of lights. Vests can be picked up, free of charge from the school shop. Please help promote the idea of cycle safety and in particular the need make sure that our boys are visible to all other road users.

#### **Defensive Driving Courses.**

Defensive driving Courses are available during this term. The next course is being held at the Beulah Church, 140 Springfield Road, St Albans. Sessions are from 6.00pm to 8.30pm. There are four sessions on the 15, 17, 22 and 24 May. The cost is \$175. Further information is available from <a href="mailto:duncan@2drivesafe.com">duncan@2drivesafe.com</a>

## **Mrs Nola Kilpatrick**

### **Deputy Rector – Curriculum**

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews continue**

This week we held the last of the junior parent teacher interviews and next week the first of two evening meetings for seniors will begin. Students are most welcome at these meetings. We remind parents that

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with the hall out of action the interviews will be in the Brodie Block; however an information desk will still be set up in the PAC foyer where a list of room and teacher locations will be available. Our wonderful PTA will have tea and coffee available.

#### **Student Record Sheets posted**

Parents of Senior Students (yr 11-13) will receive the first Student Record Sheet of the year. This details all standards a student is entered for in a course and any results to date. Students are advised to check the accuracy and contact their subject teacher if they have concerns. Also included in this mailout was an NCEA information pamphlet from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) and the account for their NCEA fees.

### Dr Rachael Hawkey Head of Arts Faculty

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May** Field trip for senior music students

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May Stage Challenge performance at school (7.30pm, \$5)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May Stage Challenge

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May Big Sing choir competition

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Rockquest
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June Variety Concert

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June Film evening (fundraiser)
TBC Rock band concert

#### **Honours pockets**

Congratulations to the following students who received honours pockets in Music and Drama in assembly on Thursday:

MusicDramaMatt EveringhamEddy BattRahul GeorgeJake Metzger

Ben Maguire Aaron Poulter Angus Simmons

#### Community

Matt Everingham – for providing music at Benediction and weekly Boarders' masses Hayden Withers – directing and organising the Stage Challenge performance

#### **Stage Challenge**

All the best to all those students involved in Stage Challenge this year. The group has been practising very hard over the past few weeks and we are confident that their performance based on the blood diamond trade will reflect this preparation. Hayden Withers is to be acknowledged for all his work as director, choreographer and producer. His contribution here has made it possible for the College to enter the event. A concert is being held this Saturday evening at 7.30pm giving parents and friends the chance to see the finished product.

#### **Big Sing**

Big Sing is fast approaching, being held the week after the Centennial. For the first time ever, we have two choirs entered into the event, the bigger Senior Choir and a 12-man group called *Obedeance*. Both choirs will perform during the day on Wednesday 30th May and the smaller group will perform in the evening event on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

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## **Mr Bill Hooper**

### **HOF Careers and Transition**

#### Careers update

I attended the University of Auckland Link Conference for Careers Advisers on Monday-Tuesday this week. The most important aspect to come out of the conference was that the university is raising the level of course entry. This means that university entrance is required, plus NCEA Level 3 and a higher grade point ranking based on the number of achieved, merit and excellence credits attained. In effect it would be difficult to attend Auckland if your credits were only at the achieved level. This new criteria will become available in July and can be found at www.auckland.ac.nz. The Auckland Liaison Officer will be at St Bede's on the last day of this term to talk to prospective students.

Mention was also made about scholarships where applications open on the 1<sup>st</sup> August. The most important dimension here being the significance of NCEA Level 2 results with merit or excellence endorsement when awarding these scholarships.

The latest issue of BC News (Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation) states that 400 new apprentices have been signed up in the South Island for 2012 with the current total being 1600. Also there has been a 137.5% increase in Christchurch dwelling consents between January 2011 and January 2012. With the rebuild a vast number of employment opportunities have now come available in the construction industry. Some students returning next year would need to consider the Gateway programme to kick start their apprenticeship. This information can be obtained through Mr Hall who runs this programme. Up to date information can be searched at www.bcito.org.nz.

In the last week of term 1 CPIT presented to interested Year 13 students. The presentation mentioned what pre-trade courses were available to those wishing to pursue a career in the trades. Also the number of university equivalent courses they have available requiring UE. Most certificate courses require NCEA Level 1 while a diploma would expect NCEA Level 2 attainment. Special literacy and numeracy requirements could also apply. The Recruitment Officer will be presenting to Year 12 shortly.

#### Upcoming events

- Victoria University will be at the college on the 10<sup>th</sup> May to provide information about admission requirements, scholarships, accommodation and course advice.
- Careers Expo is being held at CBS Arena from Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May and parents are
  encouraged to take their son either on Sunday 12pm-4pm or Monday 5-7pm. Note there is no
  organised school visit this year.
- Careers Evening with mini-expo is planned for 29<sup>th</sup> August at St Bede's to coincide with student subject selection for 2013
- Auckland University liaison visit 29<sup>th</sup> June

Please note those students requiring Halls of Residence accommodation next year need to search the relevant information on line and start the process to have their applications in early.

#### **New Entrants 2013**

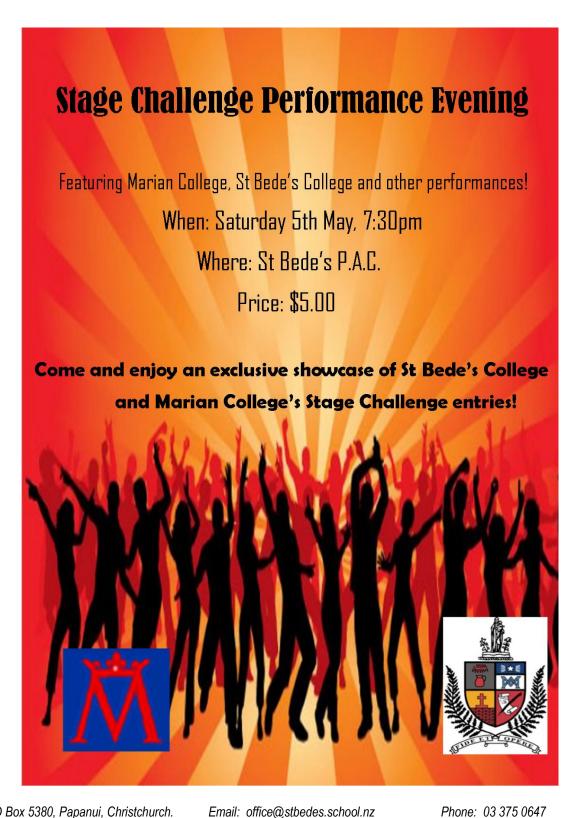
As our Open Day has passed it is now time to focus on returning your application forms. Ensure that all details are completed along with the required signatures, and that it is accompanied by a preference certificate (if you are Catholic) and a copy of the latest report, these forms must be received by **Wednesday 23 May at 4pm**.

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St Bede's College has an enrolment policy which is included in the prospectus, on our website or is available from the main office. If you have any queries or questions please contact Sally Bird, Executive Assistant to the Rector on 375 1871 or alternatively sbird@stbedes.school.nz

### **Individual and Class Photos**

These have arrived and will be distributed next week.



### **Upcoming Events**

May

Mon 7 – Weds 9 Year 12 Retreats (Blue Skies)

Thu 10 Senior Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7pm
Tues 15 Senior Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7pm

Weds 16 Winter Sports start

Mon 21 BOT meeting, 5.30pm, boardroom – Marist House

Tue 22 St Kevin's Exchange (Oamaru)

Tue 22 – Weds 23 Year 12 Production

Fri 25 Centennial Celebrations begin – Feast Day including Mass at 1.30pm

Sun 27 Centennial Mass

June

Fri 1 Teacher Only Day

Mon 4 Queen's Birthday – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

#### BEDEAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Please remember in your prayers those in the Bedean community who have lost family members or are sick:

Rory Enright (Y9) and his family. Rory's grandfather has passed away.

## ST BEDE'S COLLEGE SPORT

## Mrs Clare Kissick Director of Sport

### **Pocket Awards 2012**

The following students were awarded Honours pockets in Assembly, when awarded pockets all aspects of College life is taken into account and there is a criteria for all sports and part of the criteria is as follows.

**Honours Pockets** are awarded to individuals students, who have brought honour to St Bede's College. This is shown not just through excellence in their sport, but through their behaviour, attitude and commitment to their chosen sport their sportsmanship on and off the field, their sense of fair play and their dedication to their team.

Students must also show excellence, to the best of their ability, in all aspects of school life while attending St Bede's College.

Athletics	Jessie Bryant	
	Tom Martin	
	Patch Harnett	
	Charlie Gamble	
Cricket	Jack Boyle	
	Blake Doherty	
	James Tucker	
	Jacob Vanner	
Rowing	Joseph Barclay	

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	Ben Meates	
	Hayden Soper	
Swimming	Sam Blackmore	
	Regan Pitt	
Triathlon	Zac Barber	
Golf	Regan Kilpatrick	
	Michael McAuley	
Kayaking	Jamieson Taylor	
Touch	Ben Ziolo	
AFL	Alex Frew	
	Kyle Smith	
Surf Life Saving	Sam Blackmore	
	Jamieson Taylor	
	Callum Wisbey	
Water Polo	Jamieson Taylor	
	Sam Sanders	
	Michael Trembath	

#### Swimming:

Correction to last week's newsletter **Bailey Perriam** competed in Divisional 2 Championship's where he was placed in the top 10 in each of his 5 events he competed in.

#### Rugby:

A big thank you to parents that have come forward to help out with teams which is very much appreciated by the College and the Rugby Club.

We still need help with the Under 15 C and D team and we would really appreciate help with these teams please contact Wayne Smart direct at <a href="mailto:smart.fundraisers@gmail.com">smart.fundraisers@gmail.com</a> or 021712504.

This Saturday in Fukuoka, Yoshikazu Fujita becomes Japan's youngest ever full-international player when he starts on the wing against the United Arab Emirates, just over eight months since he played for the St. Bede's College 1st XV at the National Top Four.

### Rowing:

Rowing is holding their prize-giving on Sunday night at 5.00pm in the PAC. They wish to acknowledge everyone in the Community for helping them have an amazing season.

ST BEDES' FOOTBALL DRAW DATE: SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012

ST BEDES' TEAM	OPPONENTS	GAME STARTS AT	VENUE
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	St Andrews College 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	10.45am	St Andrews College 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Christchurch BHS Gold	10.45am	South Hagley 1
U17 Black	Burwood A	12.20pm	St Bede's College 1
U 17 Red	FC Twenty 11	12.20pm	St Bede's College 2
U15 Black	FC Twenty 11	9.15am	St Bede's College 1
U15 Red	Rolleston	9.15am	St Bede's College 2
U 14 A	Christ College A	9.15	South Hagley Park 1

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ST BEDES' RUGBY DRAW DATE: SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012

ST BEDES' TEAM	OPPONENTS	GAME STARTS AT	VENUE
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	Ashburton College	12.00pm	Ashburton
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	CBHS 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	1.00pm	Nunweek 4
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	Belfast	2.30pm	Nunweek 1
Beacons	Christ College B	2.30pm	Nunweek 2
U16A	St Thomas	2.30pm	South Hagley 1
U16B	CBHS B	1.00pm	South Hagley 2
U15A	Christ College A	9.30am	Nunweek 4
U15B	CBHS B	11.00am	Nunweek 3
U15 Black (C)	CBHS Gold	9.30am	Nunweek 6
U15 Red	Papanui HS	11.00am	Nunweek 4
U14A	Suburbs	9.00am	Bob Deans 2
U14B	Belfast	10.30am	Bob Deans 1
U14 Red	Report to grade manager	9.30am	Bob Deans
U13	Christchurch Black	9.00am	South Hagley 2

#Teams need to bring in flags and post protectors

ST BEDES' COLLEGE HOCKEY DRAW DATE: FRIDAY 4th and SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012

ST BEDES' TEAM	OPPONENTS	GAME STARTS AT	VENUE
1 <sup>st</sup> XI (Friday)	St Andrews College	5.50pm	Marist Park
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI (Saturday)	Christ College Colts	4.30pm	Nunweek 1
SBC Black (Friday)	Burnside Black	4.30pm	Nunweek 1

# ST BEDE'S COLLEGE P.T.A.

The Entertainment Book ordering has now closed. The books will be available for pick up from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you for your support with this fundraiser.

We will be holding a "Hot Dog Wednesday" again next week – remind the boys to bring money that day.

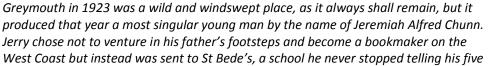
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## ST BEDE'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

#### Dr Jeremiah Alfred Chunn 1935 -1941

This week the College received news that Jerry Chunn (1935 -1941) had passed away. The tribute delivered at his funeral is printed below. Jerry Chunn was dux in 1938 and achieved exceptional results over a wide range of subjects through until 1941 when he was awarded a National Scholarship with some of the highest marks in the country. Born in Greymouth he was a popular Bedean and a prop in the  $1^{st}$  XV. His equally entertaining brother Jack was also a student and sadly he passed away last year.





children about for the remainder of his life. Many times we heard of his rugged adventures in the school's First XV and First XI, and it wasn't until I visited St Bede's with Dad and his late brother Jack in 2002 that I realised the probability of making both teams in the early 1940s was made better by the student intake level at the time. All those years I'd had difficulty reconciling the father I knew with the popular notion of a front-line rugby player, all tree-stump muscle and gnarled face, and suddenly I knew why!

Dad was lover of books and kept a library at home, but P.G. Wodehouse was a constant paperback companion throughout his life, as the music of Bing Crosby or Frank Sinatra drifted softy from an adjacent room. None of his children entered the sciences, but Jerry followed their paths as they ventured off into the music business, opened restaurants and worked in journalism or labouring. He kept an open mind, and he was never judgmental.

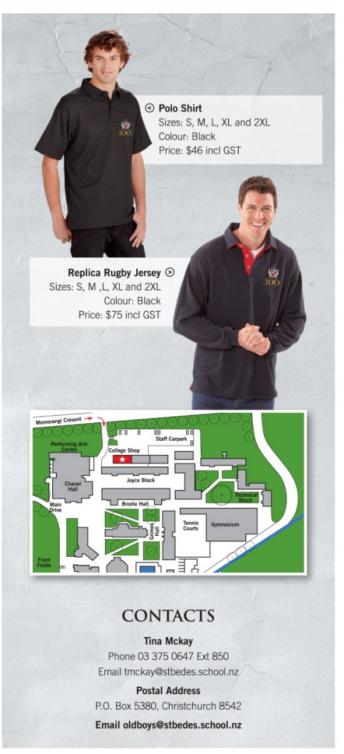
Dad studied hard, and medical school in 1943 came next, followed by the rigors of internships at hospitals in England and Scotland which were "exorbitantly cold", we were told much later. Jerry returned to New Zealand in the mid-1950s, by then married to Yvonne Williams, to set up practice in Otahuhu, south Auckland, and in 1968 set out in his course to pursue asthma and allergies. Trips followed to the United States in the late 1960s and early 1970s, when Dad visited specialists using provocative neutralising treatment, new at the time.

He set up a practice in central Auckland offering treatment for allergies and during her eulogy at Jerry's funeral in April, his daughter Louise pointed out that during a school holiday when she helped out on reception at his surgery, "we were quite untroubled by patients". But the practice grew, and throughout the 1970s and 1980s Dr Chunn helped many patients and families afflicted by terrible reactions to things we take for granted in everyday life. The families, some buckling under the strain of living with hyperactive offspring, came from all levels of society, and as far as I know Dad didn't show great alacrity in pursuing bad debtors. Over the decades I have met many strangers who, when they recognise the surname, say: "Your father helped my family so much."

The little church in Parnell, Auckland, was packed for Jerry's funeral, with some people standing at the back or filling up the choir loft. At the end of the service, when Dad's casket was rolled out, everybody clapped.

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