



The Thomas Times

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Shaken but all fine at St Thomas'

St Thomas' has come through the major earthquake with flying colours.

Dear Old Boys of St Thomas'

Once again it gives me great pleasure to present this October 2010 edition of the *Thomas Times*.

We have all been a little shaken here in Canterbury with the major earthquake that struck us in September and our hearts and prayers go out to all Old Boys directly affected by the earthquake, especially anyone that has lost their homes or businesses.

On the whole we were extremely fortunate at St Thomas in the aftermath of the quake. No damage was done to our buildings at school and we were fine to open following the week standdown that was put in place by the Ministry of Education. Only about eleven of our students had their homes majorly damaged and were forced to live elsewhere and our school staff came through things extremely well. We are now very competent on what do in our classrooms if an earthquake strikes!!

The only impact on school events is the rescheduling of the College Ball to Saturday 16th October and the cancellation of the Annual Variety Concert. On the note of upcoming school events we warmly welcome any Old Boys to attend our Sports Dinner at the Hornby Working Men's Club on Thursday 21st October with our premier speaker and guest, Sir Richard Hadlee in attendance (see advertisement later in the newsletter).

There will also an Old Boys Function consisting of drinks and nibbles, and the launch of the new Old Boys Tie on Friday 5th November- venue and time to be confirmed.

As I look at my calendar I feel excitement as it is exactly one year until our 50th Jubilee Celebrations which is not long at all!! It is a very exciting time for the College and for New Zealand with the Rugby World Cup stage coming to our beautiful wee country.

A big development for us is the announcement of **The Hotel Grand Chancellor** as our confirmed venue for our Jubilee Dinner and Bands and Rugby Night. We have chosen this venue over others

due to the proven record we have with the hotel for the running of our college ball and with their excellent customer service and value for money.

A few weeks ago we farewelled Mr Akli Lafadal from our College after 32 years of service at a very well attended function in the school library. Alki has committed himself to the College for a life time and we thank him for everything he has done for us and for some of you the hard time he gave you when you were a student at STC. His achievements in Rugby, Sport in general and in the classroom have been outstanding.

It was fantastic to see so many Old Boys present on the night and good to hear all of them talking about our upcoming Jubilee. We wish Akli all the best in his new endeavours in France and his involvement with the Marseille Rugby Team where he will be living for the upcoming European Rugby season at the very least and maybe beyond.

Take care!



Chris O'Connell
Old Boys Network Coordinator

Up coming SOCIAL EVENTS

*****STC OLD BOYS DRINKS*****

Date: Friday, November 5th, 2010

Time: TBC

Location:TBC

Description

Drinks and Nibbles/ Launch of the New Old Boys Ties/
Leaving Function for our Current Year 13's (7th Formers)

We look forward to seeing you there--- spread the word to
all your Old Boy mates!!



STC Sports Awards Evening

I am pleased to announce our guest speaker for our annual sports awards dinner evening at HWMC is **Sir Richard Hadlee**. Enter this date, **Thursday 21 October**, in your diary and contact Sue Riley sriley@stc.school.nz to book your table. Tickets will be \$30 for an Old Boy or a table of 10 for \$300.

Current STC 50th Jubilee information:

- The Jubilee will be held between Thursday 6th October and Sunday 9th October 2011.
- The weekend chosen is actually the quarter finals weekend for the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand, The two quarter finals are hosted in Wellington and Christchurch on that weekend and games will kick off at 6.00pm and 8.30pm.
- We request that people sign up to our on line database to receive all the latest Old Boys and Jubilee information at <http://stc.school.nz/register-as-an-old-boy/>
- We are still very much in the planning phase of the Jubilee but we hope to have costs and finer details released towards the end of this year on our web site with online payment being available.
- We are currently working on marketing initiatives to get the word out to Old Boys about the Jubilee. This will be done via the internet, bill boards, fridge magnets, community news adverts and notices in parish newsletters.

INTRODUCING OUR 50th JUBILEE COMMITTEE

I would like to formally introduce our 50th Jubilee Committee who are doing the planning for our Jubilee for October 2011:

- Bevan Killick, 1983-1989. Coll Capt 89/ Current BOT rep
- Chris O'Connell, 1988-1992. Coll Capt 92/ Teacher at STC
- Cyril Murray, 1961-1965 Salesperson Farm Machinery
- David Ivory, Ex Teacher STC/ Marketing Role for School
- Callum Jones, 2005-2009. Specialising in Sound and lighting and Security. Owns own business.
- Louis O'Brien, 2004-2008. Coll Capt 2008. Uni student
- Chris Forward, 1999-2005. Social Capt 2005. Running the Hurinui Hotel. Hospitality Specialist.
- Hamish McCombie, Accountant at STC since 2009.
- Paul Donnelly, Snr Management Team. DRS at STC 2010
- Dave McDonnell. 1962-1968. Had 5 boys go through the College. Involved in P and F and 40th Jubilee.

We would love to have any one else that wanted to be involved. Please let Chris O'Connell know if you are interested on 3487010 or oldboys@stc.school.nz

Visit <http://www.stc.school.nz/register-as-an-old-boy/> to register now!!!!

Recent Deaths in the St Thomas' Community

In recent losses to the STC Old Boys and wider Community we report the tragic loss of Duncan Woods' 4 year old son **Nayan Woods** and the passing of **Fr Miles O'Malley** who was a long time supporter of the College as a parish priest of Our Lady of Victories Church. Please keep them both in your prayers and thoughts.

**THE NEW STC OLD BOYS TIE—
YOU VOTED FOR WHAT YOU WANTED!!!!**



The new STC Old Boys Tie will be available for purchase soon!!! More details to come!!

Archive Photos... blasts from the past....



From: Nick Dravitzki [mailto:nickdravitzki@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, 5 June 2010 12:55 p.m.
To: Chris O'Connell
Subject: A Quality Line Up

Hi Chris,

Great work on the Old Boys newsletters. They're an excellent read.

No doubt you've had a few replies on the cricket team photo in the last edition, but if not here's a list of the full team.

Left to right - back row: Jonathon Craze, Todd Nevin, Terry McLoughlin
middle row: Coach Mike Stewart, Andrew Steel, Gerard Grant, Andrew Benbow, Michael Lynch;
front row: Paul Fahey, Mark Consendine, Patrick O'Neill (captain), me, Nigel Tranter

I'm pretty sure it was the 4-1 team and I'm pretty sure we were fairly dire. I certainly was.

I live in Auckland these days so am not usually around for events but I certainly intend to be there for the 50th next year.

Cheers

Old Boys in the News

Weddings...

Seen here 'Tying the Knot'- Left- **Ben O'Neill** and Jamie and Right- **Shaun Sandford** and Kiri (with Old Boys Simon Maguire and Chris Jackson as part of the wedding party)



Clips and Cuttings of STC Old Boys

HEALTHCARE SECTOR

Ryman profit rises strongly

Alan Ward

Ryman's operating profit rose 10 per cent to \$144 million in the year which allowed the company to return \$200 million to shareholders without increasing debt... (text continues)

advertising promotion

New products & services

The Welcome Home Loan... a great start for first home buyers!

After several house-hunting weekends, they returned to a realtor to buy their "perfect first home" in the Christchurch suburb of Birkbeck... (text continues)

men

Man with line

Kevin O'Hanlon

There's something special about Kevin O'Hanlon's ability to catch fish... (text continues)

Charlotte is Dad's little champ

THIS IS the first photo of All Whites football hero Ryan Nelsen and his wife Monica's new baby daughter, Charlotte Jane... (text continues)

Bain party gives students 'the woollys'

A DAVID Bain-themed party at Canterbury University... (text continues)

PM OPENS UC'S FLASHY NEW SCIENCE THING

Biomolecular Interaction Centre research institute established

By Sebastian Boyle

The Centre for Biomolecular Interaction Research (CBIR) was officially opened by Prime Minister John Key... (text continues)

Kevin's hot product

Kevin O'Hanlon's new product... (text continues)

Pictured above

From Left- (a) Glen Rockhouse our Head Chef from Urban Gourmet Corporate competing in Chef of the Year competition 22-24 (b) Anthony O'Connell CBS Lending Manager (c) Ryan Nelsen with his new baby Daughter Charlotte—Congrats Daddy!! (d) Ex College Capt Josh Maclean (long Hair) at the controversial David Bain bad taste party at Canty Uni (e) Simon Challies ion the news again as CEO to Ryman Health Care (f) Kevin O'Hanlon fishing and writing recipes for the Christchurch Press Feature (g) Nick McDonnell UCSA President opening a new Science block with the company of the Prime Minister.

Goal.com World Player Of The Week:

Ryan Nelsen New Zealand And Blackburn Rovers

Join Goal.com in saluting another global player worthy of recognition...

Jun 21, 2010



Ryan Nelsen, New Zealand (getty images)

Welcome to Goal.com's regular feature: Goal.com World Player of the Week. Each week our worldwide team of editors will put forward a selected candidate, as chosen by Goal.com International, who deserves recognition for achieving something special that matchday. It won't necessarily be the best player in the world - at least not usually - but whoever we nominate will have done something amazing. It might be for a particularly awesome performance or for something praiseworthy off the pitch - either way, the person in question deserves special attention...

Goal.com World Player of the Week #57: Ryan Nelsen

Club: Blackburn Rovers

Country: New Zealand

Age: 32

Role: Defender

Castrol Ranking: 356

Achievement: Inspiring his side to two draws and giving the All Whites a shot at last 16 qualification

The All Whites of New Zealand have had to stand in the formidable shadow of the nation's rugby union side, the All Blacks, and the national cricket team for a long time, but June 20, 2010 may well serve as a red letter day for the round-ball game in the land of the Kiwi.

For that is the day that the football team gained a second-ever World Cup point against the reigning World Cup holders, Italy.

Earlier in the week the All Whites had mustered a last minute draw against Slovakia in a now wide-open Group F; it means that, despite the incredible odds, New Zealand are in with a realistic shot of a knockout spot at World Cup 2010.

And to have made it this far, with only two goals conceded, much of the acclaim goes to the team's captain and leader, Ryan Nelsen. The central defender with a degree in political science has adequately co-ordinated the backline of his side and has been close to heroic at times in South Africa.

The Blackburn Rovers stopper was impeccable in keeping out the world champions on Sunday, putting his body on the line time and again to repel the Italians.

After a monumental performance, he told **FIFA.com**: "It perhaps wasn't the game of the century in terms of a spectacle, but we showed an enormous amount of hunger and determination.

"It leaves me speechless when I think about what we've accomplished thanks to everyone's dedication to the team as a whole. We've given ourselves a chance of reaching the next round and that's an exciting challenge.

"All we can do now is give everything to seize that chance in the last match."

Congratulations to Ryan, Goal.com's 57th World Player of the Week!



Ryan Nelsen seen here as a 12 year old at St Thomas' where he made his mark in football, cricket, basketball and track and field.

Bevan Killick—a Candidate for the Council of the Selwyn District



Also went to the Pacific Leaders Conference....

NEWS

Leading men: Peter Retimanu, left, and Bevan Killick, two local businessmen among 120 sought by Pacific nations for a two-week conference over ever-increasing political, security, economic and climatic concerns, returned recently.

Seeking answers to Pacific problems

As cyclones rage seasonally, military coups emerge sporadically, and the AIDS epidemic increases with the population, two Christchurch businessmen now realise Pacific problems extend far beyond even these.

West Melton's Bevan Killick and Lincoln Road financial advisor Peter Retimanu returned last week from Tonga, their final home-base during the second Emerging Pacific Leaders Dialogue.

The conference pooled 120 of the Pacific region's most promising professionals, communicators and analysts with a myriad raft of scholars, bureaucrats and civil servants from the tiniest (and largest) of the Pacific pepper-pot, throughout the Island community.

Heavyweights New Zealand and Australia came under similar scrutiny to the six-million dense Papua New Guinea, storm-ravaged Fiji and Samoa, and a Tonga still reeling from a ferry disaster which left few, if any, untouched by the tragedy.

Foremost on Mr Killick's mind upon his return was a sense of pride, the independent director and consultant now more contribution, and consequently, its standing and esteem among the Pacific peoples.

"We're very much punching above our weight as far as aid and assistance goes. Moreso, I believe, than others in a similar position to help. One thing which struck me was a need to ensure we're getting as big a bang for our trade-aid buck.

"And the impression I got was, the Pacific people appreciate that."

Mr Killick, recently returned from 12 years in Britain and no stranger to the finer points of global finance, said one of the foremost challenges facing Kiribati was rising water levels, bringing with it frequent flooding and inability to protect valuable crops from seasonal sea-saturation.

"They're depending on annual crops to sustain them, then a storm blows through, destroys the harvest, and salinisation leaves the ground in such a state they can't grow new crops. It's heartbreaking."

Kiribati plays second fiddle in annual island tourism stakes, without the regular offshore influx enjoyed by Fiji, Tahiti and the Cook Islands. As such, basic

Mr Killick was based in Vanuatu, itself under pressure to establish accountability and good governance while preserving its traditional economy and culture.

As far as the conference was concerned, he said, stakeholders pulled out all the stops.

"We were covered locally as headline news, HRH the Princess Royal, Princess Anne attended and oversaw much of it, heads of state and island royalty spent hours with us throughout, and we lived and interacted locally. We got the whole nine yards."

A four-yearly event, the Emerging Pacific Leaders Dialogue sought to pool the region's most promising infrastructural and professional acumen, and establish lasting contacts between future leaders throughout the south seas. Representatives gathered from American Samoa, Australia, the Cook Islands, East Timor, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Northern Marianas, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga,

JAMES CARR STC OLD BOY

US competition excites player



By MAREE MAHONY - The Dominion Post

James Carr uses his pace to excel at ice hockey – and he believes it serves him away from the rink as well, especially when a contract with a top United States club is on the table.

"In July I left Christchurch to travel to Boston to try out for a top junior team. I played well and the coach asked me to play for the team for the upcoming season. I think I said 'yes' before he even finished his sentence."

The former St Thomas student, who is a forward playing on the left or right wing, is now relishing his opening at the Salem Ice Dogs.

"We are playing in a competitive junior league throughout the northeast of the United States, against teams from New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire.

"We play 40 regular season games and have high hopes of making the playoffs. The team has a new coach this year and a new direction. The level of hockey is really high and it's great to play with a team of guys my age with great skills that I can learn from."

As a boy Carr used to watch his dad play and when he was five a Christmas present of a pair of ice skates set in motion a career that has taken him to both Canterbury and New Zealand honours.

"My parents have been really supportive of my hockey through the years, from driving me to practice at 5.30am to sitting in cold rinks for hours on end on their days off." They've also been on the sidelines at many tournaments with Carr in Canterbury teams since he was 11.

"In that time I've won five gold medals at nationals, my latest when the Canterbury Red Devils won the New Zealand ice hockey league final last September." National selection followed, including tours to Chinese Taipei and Australia. Last month he was named in the New Zealand under-20 team.

"We will be participating in the division 3 world champs in Mexico City in January after a training camp in Salt Lake City. "It's an amazing feeling putting on the black jersey, it's such a huge honour. It takes extra support from the coaches and managers both in the US and New Zealand but they all do a great job of helping me out," he said.

Despite his Kiwi ties Carr believes his future lies in the US because of the superior hockey opportunities. A US citizen through his dad, he hopes to be noticed by the higher leagues or colleges.

"The game is noticeably faster here [in the US] and it's a lot more competitive. There are a lot of great players fighting for a spot on the team every time they step on the ice."

Thanks Akli for the 32 years and Farewell from us all at STC....



Teacher answers call to help break down language barrier

By JIM DOYLE

AKI Lafdal signs easily from the role of science teacher to that of interpreter when the call goes out for his linguistic services.

It was that his St Thomas of Canterbury College employers are persistent in pressing him down about rugby and a help too that he has a strong rugby background.

After playing experience with the Hammond Harbour club for years as coach of the St Thomas' First XV, and that year coach of the Mairi side at 21 years.

Mr Lafdal, born and educated in France where he gained his master's degree in economics, has the right credentials for his job - a fluent French - English bilingual team through their communication problems.

The association began in 1987 during the World Cup, and it was renewed last year when the French toured New Zealand. Mr Lafdal returned to the last of his birth after that tour, and in 1988, "substantial" and was selected last year when the call came from an unexpected quarter - Australia.

The French had lost their first test in a series of three and were not happy with the means they had

for overcoming the language barrier. They wanted Aki Lafdal from New Zealand.

"The Australian rugby union didn't appoint an interpreter," Mr Lafdal said. "The French doctor had to do it, although he spoke English well, he was not fast enough to interpret effectively."

"During last year's test, I was in the French camp. I'd been on two tours with them and they knew me - they could relax knowing I would look after their interests for them in that communication way."

So Mr Lafdal, who is married, was able to secure the test on both of the series.

The series Australia largely and believes if all didn't do and improve markedly on their performance against Scotland they will be in a very trouble.

"Australia's front five is no good in New Zealand," Mr Lafdal said, "and they have a very slow No. 8 in Tim Gatto. After that it's over to the loose ball and there will be a good contest in that area."

He felt Australia was conspicuous going into the third test, and it is only with the means they had

being 18-26. "New Zealand's back line is the perfect to eliminate all mistakes and they forget to play their own game."

From his position inside the French camp, Mr Lafdal saw the beginning of the end of a test as an assistant coach and former French rugby union captain, Daniel Dubrova, was made ready to take on the mantle of France's coach.

"France called tactics on the tour," Mr Lafdal said. "But it was Dubrova who ran the practices."

Mr Lafdal saw the "other" side of Aki Lafdal, the Moroccan-born flanker who was sent off for stopping in the first test. "He's very quiet and as a flanker he doesn't drink. When he gets rugby boots on, though, he becomes a different character."

The demonstrative winger, Lave, being, gave the French a few chuckles in the last two tests.

After the second test, with 40-21 by Australia, it became known that Nicky Hogg, who was sent off in the first test, had been sent to the hospital.

"That's why to many people were shocked, in French circles, 'Nicky' couldn't see the mistake."



AKI LAFDAL

19.7.90



St Thomas' College first XI cricket team member, Ryan Nelsen, left, and team captain, Fraser O'Malley, hold the Christian Brothers tournament trophy.

Winning team faces dilemma

By KEVIN TUTTY

The St Thomas' College first XI cricket team has a dilemma after winning a 24 team Christian Brothers tournament in Brisbane last week.

The team planned to attend the tournament every second year, but after winning the 1989 tournament last week it has to decide whether it will defend its title next year.

Brother Bill Dowling, the manager, said a meeting would be held to ascertain if the players and parents could raise the funds to return to Brisbane next year.

This year it was supported by Benwood, Ed and Young and Lee Travel.

The team played in the tournament for the first time last year but missed the first day on that occasion, as the trip was arranged in haste.

Of the 24 teams at this year's tournament, there was one from Perth, one from Tasmania, and two others from New Zealand - Kaitiaki College (Dunedin) and St Peter's College (Auckland).

The remainder were from Queensland and New South

wales. St Thomas' struck a hard game in its first match, against St Joseph's (Gregory Terrace, Brisbane), which it won.

It was untroubled until it reached the semi-finals when it played a team from Hobart.

The Tasmanian team batted first and scored 184 for nine in 50 overs. St Thomas' reached its target within the loss of a wicket. Ryan Nelsen was 86 not out and Kevin O'Neill 78 not out.

The team was something of an anti-climax. St Thomas' played a Testville team which batted first and was out for 74. St Thomas' reached the target for the loss of one wicket.

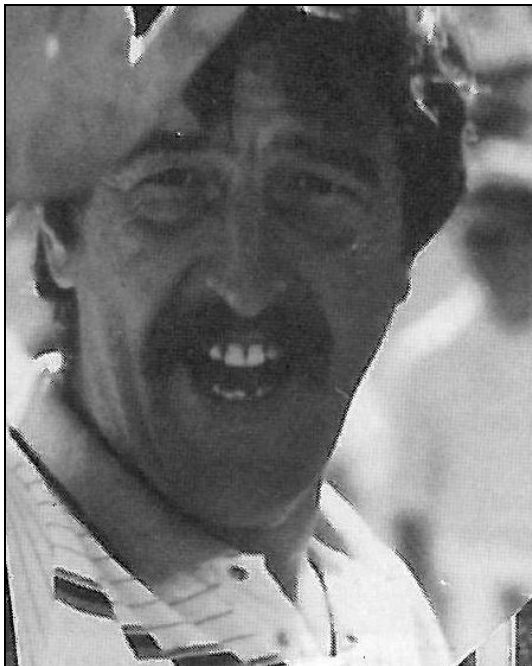
It finished the tournament with six wins from six matches.

Two of the St Thomas' team - Nelsen and David Reardon - were included in a tournament team.

One St Thomas' player, Michael Hannan, scored a century at the tournament.

Some Newspaper Blasts from the Pasts!!!

AYE YOU BOY..... COME HERE !!!



Some words from our only All Black Mark Hammett

From: Mark Hammett [mailto:Mark.Hammett@hurricanes.co.nz]
Sent: Thu 19/08/2010 12:46 p.m.
To: Chris O'Connell
Subject: RE: Akli's Retirement

Unfortunately I won't be in CHCH on that date but I wish you all the best for Akli's farewell.

A few words on the MASTER.

It is a great privilege to write a few words about Akli. When I started at STC and meet Mr. Lafdal my first impressions were how can this man teach me Economics and French? I struggle to understand either subject as it is, and now I can't understand the teacher's accent!!

Well!! Akli did teach me, but what he taught was going to be so much more valuable than I could possibly understand as a 12year old now that I look back. It might be a big statement but those early years with Akli's as a mentor, helped me form behaviors and habits that have seen me achieve at the top level in rugby and now as a Super Rugby coach. His belief in hard work and learning from setbacks were the foundation stones that still apply now and will remain so long after we're all gone.

Akli, I remember well your two birthdays each year and the cakes you received.
I remember the great fitness session you put us through at the Riccarton racecourse.
I remember the beard that was grown every winter and the traditional shave at the beginning of each summer.
But most of all I remember how proud we were as a team, playing for you. We mentioned your name many times in those nervous last few minutes before you run out to represent the school on the battle field with the knowledge that win or lose – you were a proud STC MAN and we were proud because of that!!

Enjoy your evening, you will be missed (Even those crippling horse bites)

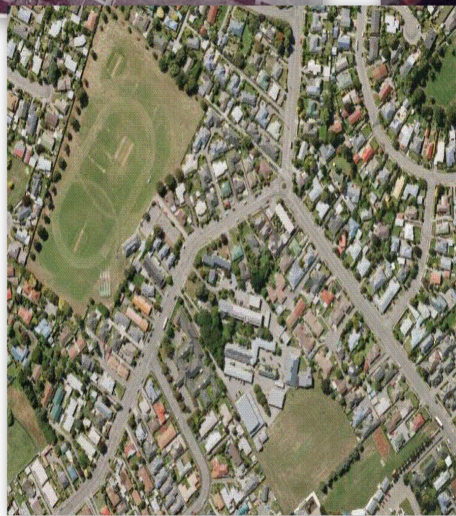
Cheers, Hammer

Aerial photographs of STC

From Mr Chris Grage- Social Sciences Teacher

I was leafing through the booklet produced during the jubilee in 1986 and found an aerial photograph of the school in 1964. I photocopied it to show my year 11 and 12 geographers as they need to be able to understand aerial photographs for their exams. I showed them the school on google earth also to look at changes over the last 46 years. John, Sara, Margaret and several other staff managed to point me to the archives room where, after a bit of a search, I found 3 further aerial photos all taken at some point in the late 90's. Anyway I thought you would all appreciate this stroll down memory lane:

(a) 1964 – taken from the North East showing the junction of Middlepark and Craven in the foreground (no roundabout or even road markings) (b) Late 90's taken from the south west with OLV bottom right (c) July 2009 (from google earth)



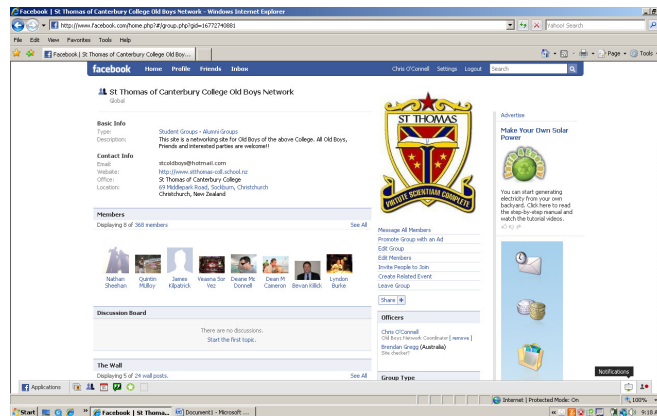
Some Canterbury Earthquake Shots



Thanks to Michael Gibbs for the shots

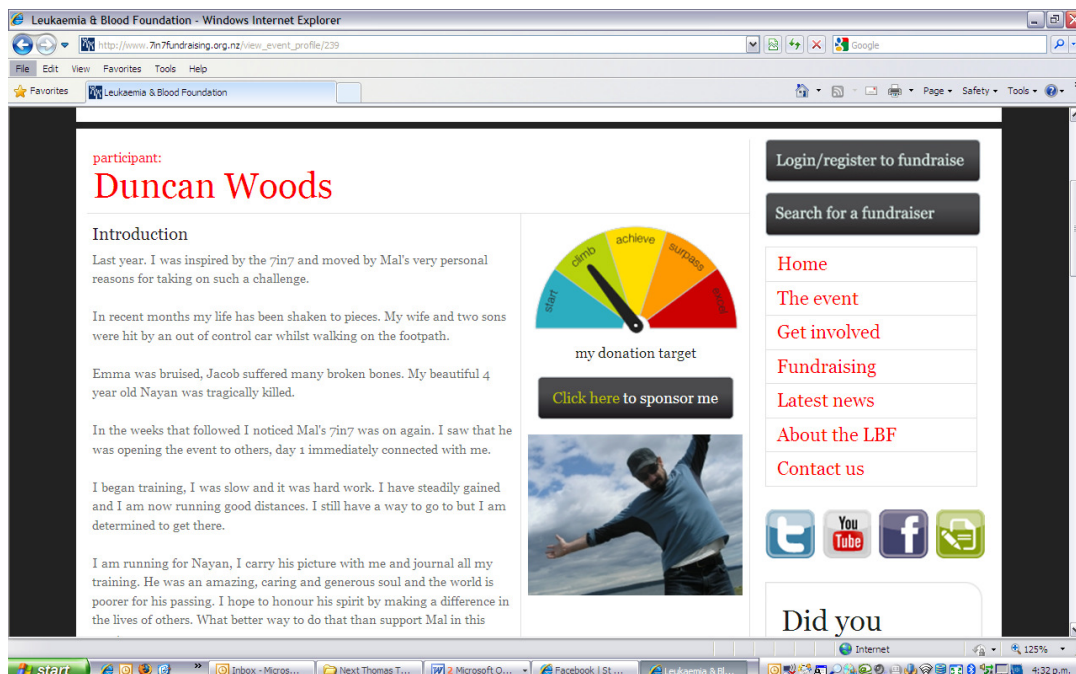
From the STC Facebook Page:

The Facebook page that I set up entitled 'St Thomas of Canterbury College Old Boys Network' is growing by the day. Please join up if you are a Facebook member as you will be eligible for the very up to date news that is posted on the site and event invitations.



Duncan Woods has sent me through a message.

I have just signed up to run a marathon in support of 7in7 (gulp). Please check out my fundraising page at: http://www.7in7fundraising.org.nz/view_event_profile/239



OBITUARIES

Priest ministered far and wide

Catholics all over New Zealand will miss Christchurch priest Father Miles O'Malley, who died recently aged 74.

Well known and respected throughout the Christchurch diocese, Father O'Malley was also held in high esteem by the Ukrainian Catholic community of New Zealand, Australia and Oceania.

His priestly vocation took him as far north as the Ukraine and as far south as the Antarctic. He served his flock in more far-flung outposts than probably any New Zealand priest.

His work with Ukrainian Catholics, including celebrating regular masses according to the Ukrainian Catholic liturgy, followed a year of teaching English to seminary students in the Ukraine. His standing with the community was recognised with the title Archpriest – a rare distinction in New Zealand.

Father O'Malley served as chaplain to personnel of the United States Navy's Operation Deep Freeze in Antarctica, visiting the Ice in 1968 and 1970.

He was born in Christchurch and completed his early education at Loreto College, then a Catholic primary school for boys, and St Bede's College.

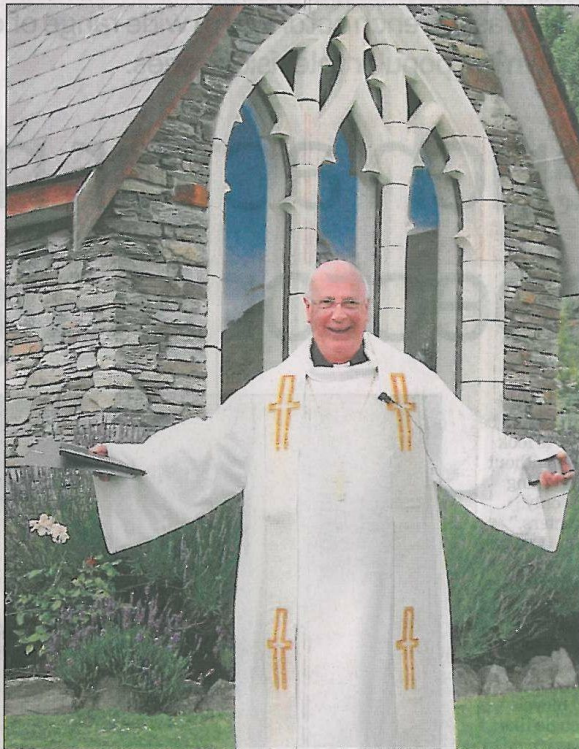
He began his studies for the priesthood at Riccarton's Holy Name Seminary and continued them at Holy Cross College in Mosgiel. He completed his studies at the Pontifical Urban College in Rome and was ordained a priest in Rome in 1961. He was awarded a Baccalaureate in Theology in 1962.

After appointments as assistant priest at Rangiora and Addington parishes, Father O'Malley served as Bishop's secretary in Christchurch, from 1967 to 1970. He was then parish priest at Lincoln and Greymouth, successively, before returning to the city as cathedral administrator.

He was appointed parish priest at Sockburn in 1988, where he remained until heading for the Ukraine in 1995. He returned to Christchurch the next year. He was then appointed parish priest at Dallington, where he was still serving at the time of his death.

His parish work involved chaplaincy at various hospitals, including Sunnyside and Templeton, while at Addington, Greymouth and Burwood. He served as chaplain also to the Christchurch police. Bishop Barry Jones said in his eulogy that Father O'Malley had a "genuine interest in police officers and police work" and performed his chaplaincy with "skill, good humour and fidelity".

He was chaplain to the Carmelite monastery during his time at Addington.



Father Miles O'Malley: Served from the Ukraine to the Antarctic.

Carmelites and continued to visit them throughout the years. He also visited Carmelite centres in the Pacific.

Current Addington parish priest, Father John Fitzmaurice, says Father O'Malley had a great love, loyalty and respect for the Carmelites.

"They were very important to him, and he to them."

Father Fitzmaurice says the Ukrainian Catholics held a special place in Father O'Malley's affection. He travelled around New Zealand to minister to them and cared for the local community.

He celebrated mass in their liturgy every three months, usually at Dallington. The Ukrainian Catholic liturgy is similar to the Russian Orthodox liturgy, and "very different" from the Roman Catholic liturgy. However, the church is "in union with Rome", Father Fitzmaurice says.

The Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in Melbourne appointed Father O'Malley an Archpriest in recognition of this work. The title carries the honorific Very Reverend.

On his return from the Ukraine in 1996, Father O'Malley described the

vigor after generations of Communist suppression. Conditions were spartan, because of poverty, but the students and their families were generous and hospitable.

Basic lessons in the language, which he took before leaving Christchurch, enabled him to communicate with the people.

With a blackboard and chalk as his teaching aids, he taught 300 students English in the seminary at Lviv.

Fr O'Malley noted that he became accustomed to meeting the wives of priests and seminarians, as the marriage of priests is allowed in the Ukraine.

He visited many hospitals around Lviv and, using medical supplies sent to him by Sockburn parishioners, was able to help staff alleviate patients' pain and treat their infections.

Father Fitzmaurice says Father O'Malley had a strong interest in church liturgy. He represented the Christchurch Diocese on national groups concerned with liturgy, and was on many church organisations.

"He was an urbane character, at ease with all. He was a priest to his

GRADUATION LISTINGS OF FORMER STUDENTS

It is always a pleasure to be notified by the Universities when our former students graduate with their qualifications. This week we have been notified of the following achievements:

Victoria University – Wellington

Abdel, Mina (1998 – 2003) Bachelor of Building Science with Honours
He, Dudu (1996 – 1997) Bachelor of Tourism Management

Massey University

Jellyman, Ryan (2000 - 2004) Bachelor of Design
Howard, Philip (1972 - 1979) Bachelor of Science (Honours)
Bleaken, Grant (1998 – 2002) Bachelor of Science
Braithwaite, Bernard (1981 – 1985) Bachelor of Business Studies

College News



JUNIOR QUAD WIN BRONZE

New Zealand took another medal in the Junior World Rowing Championships overnight - with the Junior men's quad capping a bitter sweet regatta for the team with a great bronze medal. A bronze medal for **Nathan Flannery**, Christopher Morrison, Ryan Goodson and Hayden Cohen was a brilliant result.

Basketball – Sporting the new uniforms our 1st V looked sharp and played sharp to win their semi final against St Bedes. This Friday they play Middleton Grange in the final at St Thomas at 5.50pm so come along and support the boys.



A WIN AT AMI



The First XV played last Friday at AMI against Timaru Boys as the curtain raiser for the Canterbury game. STC won 28 – 18 in a hard fought game. A highlight for the boys was Sonny Bill's appearance in the changing room where he chatted to the boys about sport and success.

Press Cup Final Placings

1. St Bede's College (126 tries, 75 conv, 6 pens; total: 798).
2. CBHS (113, 64, 9; 720).
3. Nelson College (81, 44, 8, 1 dg, 520).
4. Christ's College (74, 44, 10, 1; 491)
5. St Andrew's Coll (58, 35, 15, 2; 411)
6. Timaru BHS (52, 28, 14, 1; 361)
7. Marlborough BC (50, 28, 13, 1, 348)
8. Shirley BHS (50, 30, 7; 331)
- 9. St Thomas (32, 22, 16; 252)**
10. Waimea Coll (35, 18, 7; 232)

STC FIRST XI WIN THE PLATE AT THE LINWOOD CUP TOURNAMENT IN CHRISTCHURCH IN AUGUST



RONCALLI WINTER EXCHANGE

On Thursday 22nd July we braved the weather and headed to Roncalli with approx 120 students and staff. We also had in hand the brand new shield that had been made for the overall winner of the exchange.



With Roncalli grounds suffering with all the rain the U14 ½ and U16 Rugby teams were transferred to Morrisons Park resulting in U14 ½ having a close game winning 15-14 and the U16 unfortunately not performing to their best, going down 37-15.

The picture is of the U16 Team scrumming down.

Football was played at Anzac Square with our 1st XI losing 5-3, but the Junior squad over performing with an 11-0 win.

The Basketball team also didn't fair so well with a 69-14 loss but saved by our debaters who had a win with the topic of "Women should be seen and not heard". With the matches sitting at three all it was down to the finale of the Press Cup match. This was played in very wet and muddy conditions with our team losing 24-0.

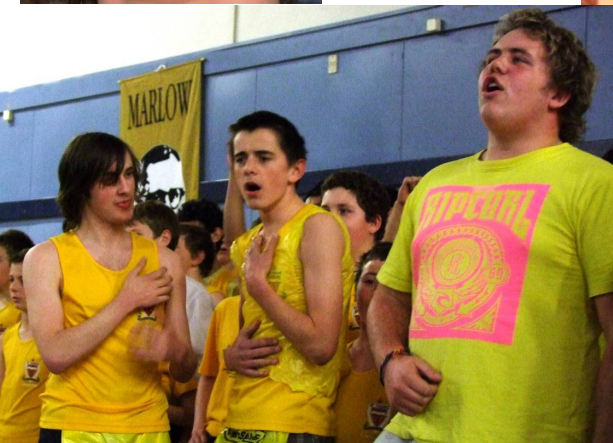


Thus STC did not return with the overall shield, but hey there's always next year.

STC WEEK

MARLOW Cleaned up

Marlow won the singing
Marlow won the haka
Marlow got second in Kaea
Actual placings inside



SONNY BILL COMES TO STC



Sydenham pounce on costly Chch mistakes

Press. The: Christchurch, New Zealand, Aug 2, 2010 | by Henry FISHER

Belfast handed Marist- Albion a thrashing in their fixture at St Thomas's College. The result was effectively decided after 40 minutes. Belfast held a commanding 24-5 lead at the break and went on to take the match 30-10. Belfast will be looking to continue this form next week with the likely addition of Canterbury's Sonny Bill Williams to the squad.

SCORERS AND STANDINGS

At St Thomas' College: Belfast 30 (Nick Wilson, Reuben Te Amo, Andrew McGuire tries; Steve McKean 3 conv, 3 pen) Marist Albion 10 (Chris Crichton, Paddy Brand tries) HT: 24-5. Referee: Spencer Tait.

STC IN THE MEDIA



Cancer survivor wins car
 Young cancer survivor, Mary Miller, of Scepton, wins out the chair's seat of the Hyundai Santa Fe after receiving the key from Child Cancer Foundation representative Blake Rossiter, 23, left, and volunteer Cvetko, 6.

As a nurse she used to work at...
 Mary Miller, 23, of Scepton, was diagnosed with cancer in 2011. She has since recovered and is now a volunteer for the Child Cancer Foundation. She won a Hyundai Santa Fe car through a raffle organized by the foundation.

New school justice works

St Thomas of Canterbury College's new approach to misbehaving pupils has been deemed a success by school representatives.
 The school replaced its pastoral care behaviour management system with a restorative justice programme six years ago. The number of expulsions has dropped dramatically.
 In the preceding three years, the school stood down 60 pupils, suspended 18, and excluded two.
 Since the introduction of the new programme, there was only one stand-down last year, and, so far, none this year.
 The restorative justice system involves holding a conference between the offender, victim, school staff and police youth aid officer with the aim of identifying the problem and trying to fix it.
 In some other schools, restorative justice has been met with some scepticism as it can often be seen as a soft option and can be used by knowing



Kids step out for cancer and earthquake relief
 Pupils at a Christchurch school have raised money for cancer and earthquake relief.

A group of pupils from St Thomas of Canterbury College participated in a charity fundraiser. They raised money for cancer and earthquake relief. The event was a success and the school is proud of their contribution.



Blake's selfless act

Blake Rossiter is a 23-year-old student who has been diagnosed with cancer. He has been very selfless in his actions, donating his time and resources to help others. His act of kindness has inspired many people and has raised a significant amount of money for charity.



Christchurch teen racing driver earns ticket to fast lane

By KEVIN TUTTY - The Press



CAREER TURN: Christchurch's Tom Barker, 15, will race next season in the Suzuki Swift championship.

Budding young Christchurch racing driver Tom Barker received a scholarship last weekend that should alter his career. Barker was one of 10 young drivers seeking the scholarship, which was decided after a series of tests over a day.

At 15, he was the second youngest in the group, so was ecstatic when his name was announced. .

The scholarship provides Barker, who has four years motorsport experience, with a drive in the national Suzuki Swift championship season starting in November. Barker will be mentored by V8 touring car driver Johnny McIntyre, and will attend a test day with McIntyre's V8 team.

"I've always dreamed of racing the V8 Supercars, and this is a huge step towards achieving that goal," he said.

The St Thomas of Canterbury pupil said applying for the scholarship was part of a two-year plan.

"I needed to win to progress my career and I understood the competition was going to be stiff. "I'm rapt [the judges] even gave me a second thought, let alone choosing me to win the scholarship."

Barker felt he performed well in each test the drivers were given.

"I was consistent in everything, but going into the awards dinner, I had no idea where I was placed, but thought I was in with a shot. When my name was announced, I was ... over the moon."

The tests started in a gym. The drivers performed a beep test – which tests fitness – and flexibility tests. Then it was out to the racing circuit at Ruapuna, where they were split into two groups. "I did driver training first and was one of the faster drivers. We were then interviewed individually by the five judges." mThe final test was a two-lap timed shootout against the other drivers.

Barker has been involved in the motor-racing scene for nine years. He helped a Porsche team last summer and raised enough sponsorship to do a small apprenticeship at the Canterbury Motor School.

**ONE NEWS VISITED STC FORMER SCHOOL OF RYAN NELSEN
DURING WORLD CUP FOOTBALL IN JUNE**



‘All Whites.. All Whites.. All Whites.. Nelsen,... Nelsen... Nelsen...!!!!’



The Ryan Nelsen 'Shrine!!'



Chris O'Connell Capt of First XI in 1992



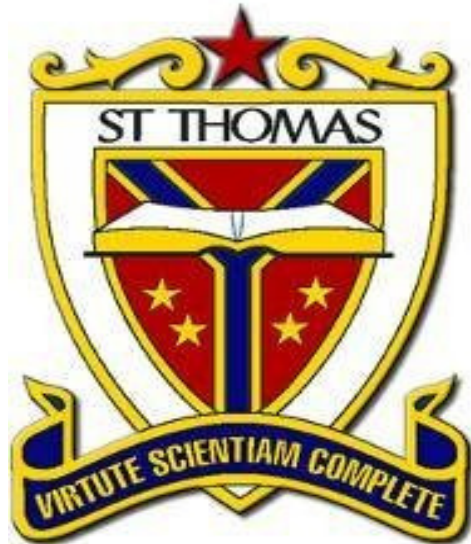
First XI in 1992- Ryan back left



Rob Oorschot Ryan's former Coach of the STC First XI



Ryan Nelsen's and Mark Hammett's Jerseys proudly on display at STC.



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