



# RIP CHAPMA BLOCK

In February 1962, 576 boys returned from their holidays to what the Editorial in *The Register* called "surely the College's most beautiful building - the four storied Chapman block". Boys will return from their summer holidays in February 2012 with a view from Big School that has not been seen for fifty years.

The Chapman Block is named after Thomas Chapman who had donated money for the construction in 1939 of the fives and squash courts, which were partially demolished during the building's construction. He was at College from 1863-1869 and captained the First XI and First XV. He also won the Open Fives competition in 1868. A President and Life Member of the Christ's College Old Boys' Association, he was a generous benefactor not only to College, but to other organisations within Christchurch.

The building, as Sir Miles Warren records in his autobiography, was his first sizeable commission for Christ's College. He describes it as a "severe, non-nonsense, diagrammatic design that was stark and uncompromising". The engineer, Lyall Holmes, produced a structural design which was innovative using load bearing masonry of concrete blocks with aggregate faced walls to link in with the surrounding buildings. It was built by Fletchers and survived three major earthquakes and the associated aftershocks. Yet it is the design which has been its undoing. The Headmaster in a previous edition of *In Black and White* described it as having the equivalent of architectural scurvy, with the result being that the Board has decided it will be demolished.

Initially the Chapman Block housed Art, Geography, Biology, Physics, the Common Room and workroom, toilets, a changing room, the Pottery Room and Press Club. Over the years History, Social Studies, Divinity and Media Studies and more recently Harper House and Julius House, have also made use of the space. The Common room was expanded, and a workroom created downstairs, with facilities for the increased numbers of female staff. Remodelling provided studies for senior staff and an office for the Common Room Secretary. The interior walls in the stairwell told the story of the First XV and the large windows overlooking Upper witnessed many an Athletics Day and rugby match.

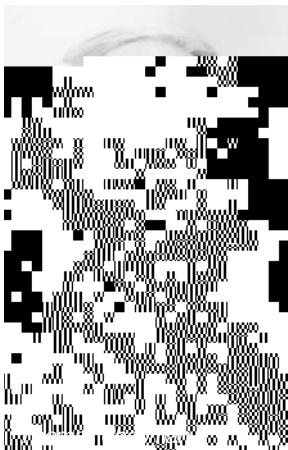
The building completed the fourth side of a smaller quad, later named Upham Quad. It is a building of its time, and in this context was much visited by architectural students. Its time has ended.

J Teal, Archivist

Sources:

*Miles Warren An Autobiography*, Miles Warren

*The Buildings of Christ's College*, Don Hamilton and Rodney Wells



When my wife,  
Helen, and I were  
in Palestine-Israel  
on Christmas Eve  
we joined the  
community at the  
Anglican Cathedral



am aware that Otago and Victoria universities have been over subscribed. There is no need to panic if some boys have not been offered a position. There will be withdrawals as some students have applied for more than one university. I would recommend that boys accept any offer they are offered even if it was not one of their preferred options.

### IPENZ Foundation Scholarships

The IPENZ Foundation is a Charitable Trust formed by the Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand. One of its objectives is to encourage New Zealand school leavers into tertiary education in fields of engineering and engineering technology. Closing date for applications is 10 January 2012. Application forms are available from: Foundation@IPENZ.org.nz or Mr Sellars.

### Dates

- 23 November: Careers Advisers Conference in Rotorua
- 1 December: University of Otago Course Planning if needed, Chateau on the Park, 9.00am - 4.00pm, appointment needed, 04 460 9805
- 2 December: University of Otago Course Planning if needed, Chateau on the Park, 9.00am - 4.00pm, appointment needed, 04 460 9805
- 8 December: Enrolment applications for universities are due, All universities

8 December: Closing date, Architecture, Arts, Business, Law, Engineering and Health Sciences, Auckland

### School's Out for ever!

Before your break, there's one important thing to do...

If you're going on to tertiary study next year, remember, if you have not done so already, to get your Student Allowance or Loan application started. [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz)

There are 7 steps

1. Apply at [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz)
2. Study Link start processing your application
3. Study Link will contact you
4. You can track your application status online with MYSTUDYLINK
5. Study Link will track your details with your education provider (university, polytechnic etc)
6. Study Link will finish processing your application and send you a letter indicating when payments will start
7. Your payments can start (second week of your course)

Note: Study Link did visit College in Term 3 and the initial steps should have been done by now. Kyle Anderson-Wey was the study link presenter.

Chris Sellars, Careers Adviser



Patrick Wynne has been named Head Prefect for 2012, with Alexander Gregory as the Deputy Head Prefect.

School Prefects and Heads of Houses for 2012 are:

Wynne, P. J., Patrick Wynne, Head of School (Harper), Heads of-

# SCUBA RA I I G

Early in November, seven boys took part in their final training for the PADI Open Water dive course at South Bay near Kaikoura, putting into practice the skills they had been learning in the pool over the six weekends prior.

Mr Martin Hayes, Head of Science at Christ's College and a qualified PADI dive instructor said, "The boys all performed well, and enjoyed unseasonably good visibility for the ocean training." Most of the group are now expected to complete their course after a final multi-choice examination. Those involved were Ben Anderson, Campbell Denham, Charles Pears, Harrison Reid, Henry Hurst, Jack Batchelor, and Thomas Guy.



*PADI dive group heading for the reef, South Bay, Kaikoura*

# SCIENCE COMPETITION FOR YEAR 7

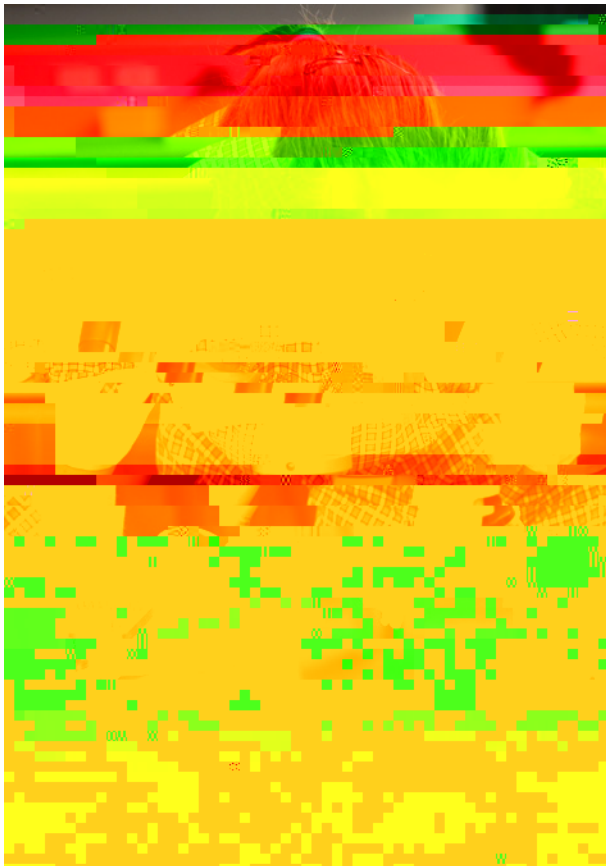
On Wednesday afternoon 17 November, Christ's College hosted pupils from a number of primary and intermediate schools around Christchurch for its annual Year 7 Science competition. Teams of four rotated to take part in tasks involving biology, physics and chemistry, with scores tallied to find the best team in terms of their scientific skills and teamwork. This year the event was won by Redcliffs School, beating Heaton into second place.



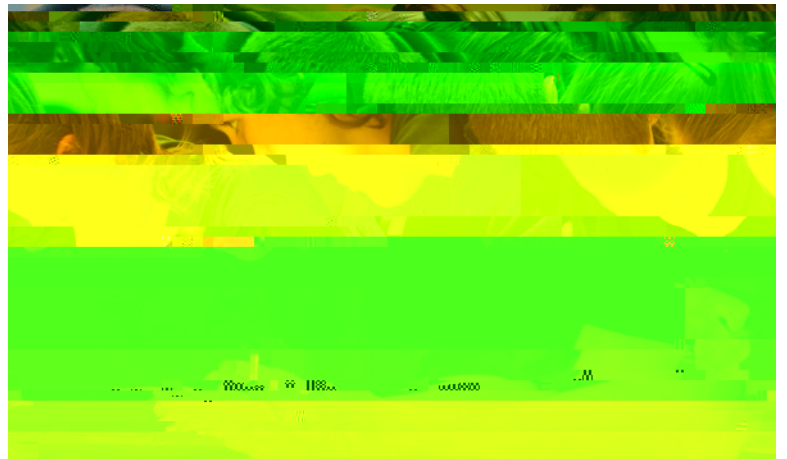
*Seungjun Bang and Connor Nisbet from Heaton Normal Intermediate*



*Rosie Jerram from Redcliffs School*



*Megan Eustace, Cobham Intermediate School*



*Samuel Gamble, Brooke Fleck and Emma Palmer, Kirkwood Intermediate School*



*Sophie Field, Ben Bowen and Hannah Dent, Halswell School*

# PARE S' ASSOCIA IO

The Parents' Association Bursary has this year been awarded to musician

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## CRICKE FU DRAISER

Cricket at Christ's College is on a high after the recent success of the 1st XI who have reached the national finals for the first time.

In 2012 College is touring England with two development teams. The fundraising effort has seen College commission a unique 1st XI tie that will be available for any former 1st XI player to purchase. There will be only 100 boxed and certified 'Century Club' ties. They can be ordered for \$100 by contacting Mr Rob Clarke [rclarke@christscollege.com](mailto:rclarke@christscollege.com)

And just confirmed ... a fantastic opportunity to hear two world class international sports coaches speak at the Christ's College England Cricket Tour Dinner. John Wright (New Zealand Cricket Coach) and Robbie Deans (Australian Rugby Coach) will be guest speakers at this fabulous evening. Please mark Thursday 22 March in your diaries as a night not to miss.

Warren Lidstone, 1st XI Coach



Following the passing of Steve Jobs, we can look back on his life and see how he changed our lives. Allied to this is his contribution and impact on the music industry, and how he changed our cultural understanding of music.



As the Internet took hold, Jobs had his eye on the music industry and early on recognised that technology could influence culture to reach consumers. From his creative mind has spawned iTunes, the iPod, Airplay, iPhone, iPad, iTunes, Garage Band, even Apple TV, and of course podcasts and apps. And it wasn't just the technology he was

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