through their sense of service. This was no more evident this week than within the final Chapel Service of the year for our senior boys when we farewelled three exceptional staff members: Mr David Johnson, Mr Graeme Worner and Mr Allen Pyke. A collective 100 years of experience was celebrated with speeches and a most moving haka on the Quad. Click here to view the video. These gentlemen are emblematic of all the elements of teaching excellence.

College remains dedicated to attracting, retaining and developing the most exceptional teachers. They create our future. With this in mind, I am very pleased to let the College community know of a new event inviting former staff back to reconnect with the school. This programme, facilitated by former staff member Carville Stewart, will take place on Monday 5 December. We are reaching out to reconnect with as many

former staff as possible who have worked at Christ's College for five years or more (teaching and non-teaching) and encourage them to be in contact with Justine Nicholl (email jnicholl@ccoba.com phone 364 6862).

Garth Wynne, Executive Principal









#### Collections

As you know, on the announcement of the retirement of the City Missioner, Mr Michael Gorman, we started collecting for the City Mission at Sunday services. On Friday, we handed over \$3,500 to Mr Gorman for the City Mission as we farewelled him.

The collection from the Advent service and Carols on the Quad will go to Christian World Service Christmas Appeal. See: http://christmasappeal.org.nz

## Centre for Ethics and Spirituality

Jolyon White, the Director of Anglican Advocacy, led a fascinating evening thinking through the ethical challenges of free-market economics, including how we might help eradicate slavery. He told us about the over 27 million slaves in our world today.

Next year, in Term 1, on Thursday 16 Febru2/MCID 16]TJEMCID 142 BDC QBT113]TJETy4[(27 217.32o)]Toi:30

#### CHAPEL SERVICES

Sunday 27 November, 7pm Advent Carol Service

Thursday 1 December, 6pm Carols on the Quad for everyone. If you have not yet attended this event, you are in for a treat!

City Missioner Mr Michael Gorman receiving funds raised for the City Mission.

### Moving tribute to three retiring teachers

After the final Chapel service on Friday before seniors left for study leave, three teachers with a combination of 99 years of service to College gave their farewell speeches. Biology teachers David Johnson and Graeme Worner with

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# Counsellor Allen Pyke's office is a space where boys can open up about their lives in a safe, confidential and supportive environment.

He estimates he sees up to one third of students each year, as well as liaising with parents, teachers and other agencies where necessary. "Whatever happens in society, happens at College," says Allen. "If someone has found the courage to come and talk to me — and that first step can sometimes be the hardest — I'll do whatever I can to help."

Allen started his career on the West Coast. In his first position (as an untrained teacher), he taught English and mathematics and was the school's Master of Discipline. Such a role would be anathema to him

For senior development manager Peter Davidson, one of the best parts of his role is meeting College Old Boys.



# In November 1918, New Zealand troops, principally the 4th Battalion NZ Rifle Brigade, liberated the northern French town of Le Quesnoy.

The town had been occupied by the Germans for most of World War 1 and its population were immensely grateful that, thanks to the bravery and sacrifice of so many New Zealand soldiers, their freedom was won and their town was left intact. Lieutenant Leslie Averill (2370) leading a small assault party, climbed the one rampart which seemed the most vulnerable of the 17th century fortifications and the rest of the battalion quickly followed. The townspeople of Le Quesnoy have never forgotten and every year on ANZAC Day they commemorate New Zealand's sacrifice at the New Zealand memorial in the town, alongside the increasing number of Kiwis who travel to the region for this ceremony.

In February 2017, a large party of Le Quesnoy citizens will be visiting Christchurch briefly as part of their New Zealand tour. To mark this special connection with Christ's College, the Executive Principal, Mr Garth Wynne, would like to invite representatives of Old Boys' families who fought at Le Quesnoy, Beaudignies, Romeries and other parts of the region, to a reception on 9 February at 5pm to 6pm. to meet "les Quercetains".

If you would like to attend, in order to facilitate refreshments, please email either Justine Nicholl at <a href="mailto:ccoba@christscollege.com">ccoba@christscollege.com</a> or Susan Harding <a href="mailto:sharding@christscollege.com">sharding@christscollege.com</a> by Tuesday 10 January.

It would be helpful if you mention which family you are representing, so we can prepare name tags.

This is a very special opportunity for the past and the present to come together across the world and we look forward to welcoming you then.

### Loyal and outstanding support

Dr Shailer Weston (5163) was invited back to school to attend assembly on Tuesday 25 October, where he was presented with a Senior Honours Tie in recognition of his outstanding service to College and his distinguished medical career.

The Receipts & Expenditure for the Number 1 Account from 1 January 1875 to 30 April 1876, provide an insight into just what was necessary to keep a College running 140 years ago.

Tuition fees make up the main portion of the receipts, with extra fees for drawing and drilling. However, it is the two pages tucked into the accounts that are intriguing. They are headed "Amounts due for Fees, Books etc 11 August 1875" and "School Fees unpaid 24 January 1876 (due Term 3 1875)". The lists are very long, but almost all of the names ultimately have the word paid beside them.

The master's salaries are one of the large claims on the expenditure, while the costs associated with books, stationery, printing and advertising are to be expected. However, the £14.8.10 for the scavenger to take away the waste would not be included in the accounts today. The insurance on books for the library amounted to £16.4.0 and the purchase of drain pipes was £5.10.0. When these latter sums are converted historically based on economic cost price,

