

The Gold Report Term4 2011



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House Supper

Housemasters Address

A warm welcome to the parents of the Year 13 leavers, fellow staff members and the students of Parnell House.

Romans 13:8

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.

What was a special moment for you in 2011?

Earlier this year, we hosted students from Christchurch, which we called the manuhuri.

Torn by the disaster, caused, as we know by the earthquakes.

Homes, schools and a community crushed, lives lost.

These students arrived with a brave face but a broken heart.

What they needed was someone to talk to, someone to listen and show compassion.

When you come to the people of Parnell, expect nothing less.

When it was time for them to go, we knew we had done all we could to provide healing. I had seen them all playing touch with all our boys and more importantly engaged in laughter.

Saying good-bye came with a lot of tears and big hugs.

That was there way of saying thank you Parnell you have lifted our spirits and we are truly grateful.

They were appreciative of being a part of our whanau. Lots of kindness and unconditional love.

This really is the Parnell DNA.

There is no doubt in my mind that the many families that make the one family of Parnell all have the same DNA.

It is not for us to hide what we have but share with others to have this Parnell DNA.

When we had our House Leadership Camp, I asked each boy to say who is his inspiration in life.

One by one they all stood and said in was their mum and dad or grandparent.

They recognized their humble beginnings, the hard work that got each family where they are today and how they were always there for them.

Parnell DNA through and through.

So it is not the winning of Cross Country, House Rugby or House Music that really matters to me but what we do for each other and those in need.

Changing people's lives, giving them hope, comfort or simply making them smile is the ultimate reward.

That is Parnell and that is why we are known as a tightly bonded House.

May I conclude by acknowledging key people.

James Lay and his Prefect team.

You have all done a superb job and we are grateful for the work that you have done guiding your younger brothers. It is a huge responsibility being a House Prefect as you are on the job 24/7. We thank you for the organization of the House Activities, which always ran smoothly.

We wish you all the very best and a fruitful future.

I big thank you to our Tutorsides.

Mr Keith Rowley, the golden voice behind the microphone at school events.
Coach of the highly successful 1st X1 Hockey Team.

Mr John Southern who has been a long serving tutorside in Parnell since 1992 (20 years).

The amazing House staff, the good shepherds, who without them the many things that make this House special would not be possible.

Mr Mark Prendergast, Mr Lincoln Savage and the god father of Housemastership Mr Schalk van Wyk.

Where would we be without our Matron, Caroline Pritchard. TLC to the max.
I know that many would not have coped had it not been for your motherly care.
You are a blessing on this House.

To our partners.

We thank you for your understanding, patience and love.

Parnell, I am deeply proud and blessed to be leading this House.

Disciplina Fides Persevantia.

Harrison Smith's Associate Head of House Address

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for making tonight what it has been so far.

Part of tonight is recognition and celebration of what has been achieved by the house this year, and also the Fifth Years in our time in the house. While individual and Parnell successes in the facets of King's and House competition are important, I see Parnell's greatest assets as being what has been achieved in legacies of memory and tradition. Rather and beyond mention and what is etched on trophies and honors boards. Tonight, on behalf of my dorm I will talk about our successes as I see them, and the lessons we have learnt from them.

For the majority of us, it was five years ago when we entered Parnell House for the first time. Although we were all wide eyed in anticipation, and holding our parents hands these were the only two attributes we all had in common. It was our diversity as a group that set us apart from the outset. We were named the 'United Nations', and rightly so, as we ranged from our big Polynesian brothers like Tovo to the smaller, whiter and hairless members like Andrew. I am proud to say we have maintained this tag, as the years past as we have lost and gained boys who have brought there own to the dorm. Both as a group and as individuals we have faced our own trials, tribulations and triumphs. In bringing our individual values and experiences to the dorm environment it has enabled us to support, carry each other through and enjoy each other's successes. Importantly, and as cringe as it sounds, we have learnt and fostered memories from the experiences with each other and ourselves that defines the very people we are today. Since that first day in 2007 where all that we shared was the bright, new yellow on our house jerseys we now teach instead of learn what it means to be a tight knit group of boys. Where what would normally be deemed "stealing" we refer to as "sharing" or "borrowing". Where trust and the unity in the dorm is greater than what makes us unique. Just as diversity has become a strength of our dorm, I encourage the year groups that follow us, just as we were encouraged to embrace all aspects and bring out the best in one another. Members of the house are what make the house. The background and experience are what influence the actions and values of the individual, which will effect the reputation and define the house.

In line with what has been said about every member counting, no Parnell speech would be complete without the mention of Cross Country. Particularly this year, even the mention of the sport conjures up mixed thoughts and feelings. I know for myself, if someone had approached me at the beginning of the year and said that Parnell was to lose the Overall Inter-House Steeplechase title and win House Chess, I probably would have laughed at them. But the event symbolizes important aspects of change, tradition and House Spirit that has been a significant part of my time in Parnell.

Put simply, losing the overall title brought an end to a six-year record. Although the event demonstrates the high level of competitiveness and unpredictability of House sport and College life, it also symbolizes the changes we have faced as a year group through our time at the College. From changes in staff to the alteration of the boarding system, even in the colour of our summer shorts, throughout our five years at the college we have witnessed significant change in nearly all aspects of King's life. However, it is not so much the changes warrant focusing but the traditions that continue to stand the test of time. The late night mafia games, front of house touch,

cricket on the PCG and ripping the button off the house jersey, these are all important customs that make Parnell what it is today. Taught to us from our arrival into the house, our dorm quickly grasped and learnt to love the culture that defines Parnell. So much so, that amidst all the changes that we have faced, we have consciously made an effort to maintain and pass on the best of these traditions. I see this as a success of our dorm and an integral part of the House Spirit that Parnell is proud of and recognized for.

Cross Country this year showcased exactly what it meant to be in the sunshine House. Although Parnell left the Pavilion with neither the coveted overall winner participation cake or championship cup, no dessert or piece of metal could match the commitment, enthusiasm and enormity of house spirit demonstrated by every member of the house. In all my years at King's have I ever seen anything as so awe-inspiring as the whole house running alongside and encouraging our last man through to the finish. No amount of words or tears shed by many that day could articulate or express the devastation and disappointment, but equally the passion that was put into the preparation and event itself. It is the House Spirit that draws these emotions out of us and what holds us together in pursuit of a goal or purpose. House spirit is the fear of not doing the best that you possibly can. But it is also the effort put into working, training or competing to do the brothers, past and present, proud. As we say our final goodbyes to the staff, boys and the structure itself it is the spirit of pride and belonging we feel to be a part of such an awesome establishment, that we will take with us. But rest assured this parting is not the last as I am sure we will once again return. To see those that have become family to us, and reignite our sense of house spirit that we once helped forge and will forever be a part of.

Just as Parnell and Cross Country seamlessly fit together, so too does opportunity and King's College. The opportunities offered to us by King's College and Parnell House is the most valuable gift given to us, whether we fully recognize or have made the most of them, gratitude and appreciation must be shown to these opportunities and to those who have had our best interests at heart.

Mr. Wichman, the calculating investigator, passionate rugby coach and inspiring Housemaster, by your leadership, humility and intuition Parnell is continuing to move forward in positive directions. May God continue to bless the work that you do. I now ask James on behalf of the Fifth Year Group to present a gift of appreciation for all you have done and continue to do for Parnell House.

Matron, you continue to go beyond the call of duty in making Parnell the wonderful place that it is, and a place we can call home. In recognition of all your endeavors here is a gift from us Fifth years.

Mr. Van Wyk, in all your wisdom, you were responsible for putting our dorm together and I thank you for it. I like to think you carefully hand picked us to make an elite group of young men, but I'll leave that thought for everyone else to judge. You truly are the Godfather of the House; your infinite guidance and wisdom over so many of our lives has made us appreciate and respect the man that you are. So once again I'll ask James to come forward and present to you a gift on behalf of us Fifth Years.

To Mr. Savage and Mr. Prendergast your contribution to the house certainly does not go unnoticed and your efforts are most appreciated.

Parents, in one way or another sacrifices have been made but believe me as your sons we are all better for it. Thank you for your tolerance and love in letting us be a part of Parnell. Each of us will have our own unique way of thanking you, but we really do appreciate all you have done for us over our time at King's.

To the house, I believe that each boys experience and King's career is unique to themselves, so I'm not going to recite my experiences or try and advise you like a wise old boy. I think the most underrated virtue of this house is its motto. It's only ever at this time of the year that we hear it, but never really do we have the chance to dwell on it and apply it. Discipline, faith and perseverance. These are not just values that look sophisticated or sound good together in Latin, but they are principles that we are encouraged to act upon. I cant recall the number of times we have all been encouraged to lower the amount of detentions we cop down at school, but really all the leaders are encouraging you to do is to act in disciplined and dignified manner. Faith encompasses not only our faith in God and his guidance but also our faith and trust we must have in one another if we are to come together and move forward as a house. Perseverance goes beyond dragging your feet on the last lap of a house run but should and can be applied to all facets whether its giving your all in a rugby practice or staying attentive in class. I encourage you all to give more thought to these values that define Parnell and to make the most of your remaining years here.

Finally, Dorm, this is the end. I leave King's and Parnell with no regrets and cannot even imagine spending my time here with any other class of boys other than you. I don't think the enormity of our departure and separation from one another will really hit until sometime in time in the New Year, but I see that as a testimony to how comfortable and reliant we are on one another. Parnell has become a home for pretty much all of us, gone are the days where we would sit around the breakfast table and ask who would be staying in this weekend. It would be not just the cool, but also the right thing to do, to spend the weekend in with the brothers. Unfortunately the weekend warrior syndrome kicked in and we all had reasons to go on leave. Except for Jackson who couldn't resist gaming with the Thai boys and the odd pizza or movie shout. The funny thing is, we would go on leave, only to see one another either at some party or even a casual trip to the driving range. This for me shows the close ties we have with one another. Although we have grown as individuals and more independently, there is a bond between us all that will naturally see us all return to one another's company. I hope this bond continues in the years to come as we separate to fulfill the potential that King's has instilled in us. I wish you all the very best in all your future endeavors, just go hard boys.

Head of House James Lay

First of all I'd like to thank the lord Jesus Christ for bringing us together safely.

Parnell house has been an experience like no other and like every year we have had our ups and downs. So, I'd just like to say a few words on behalf of the dorm about what the House means to us and talk about the house for what it really is.

It feels like only yesterday I made my way through the front gates of Kings College. All the way up the drive I went with Mum and Dad sitting in the back seat of our run down Toyota Camry. I recall thinking 'what have I got myself into.' As I made my way into unfamiliar territory I was introduced to our dorm prefect George Nakao and several other misbehaved smelly badgers like myself. It was this day we learnt our first parnellian lesson, whilst standing in the wet entrance waiting to make our way down to school. DORM-UNITY! This was something Tovo and I both sucked at to start with, as we were the big boys. I remember the days the dorm would moan and groan at our somewhat snail like walking styles, which got to the point where certain 5th years would tell boys in the dorm to break bamboo and whip us trying to make us speed up, because if we don't go then they don't go. Along the way we lost boys and we gained boys, but this did not have any affect on what already was, but instead only made us stronger as a group. That's just how it works and all the boys here would know that if one brother falls we all fall. This lesson would have to be the most valuable lesson learnt in our 5 years at Parnell house. This is the reason other boarding house's have the upmost respect for our house. Whether we win trophies or end up last in events the closeness of our house is a greater success in my eyes. I'd rather have a house full of happiness than win any trophy at this college and I'm sure the boys would agree. I am also pleased to say that after all these years of making our way up and down the drive, the rest of the dorm all walk like snails now as well. After all, it's these priceless moments of making our way to breakfast lunch and dinner together everyday, that define a true parnellian.

As mentioned before, this year definitely had its ups and downs. However the most memorable moment for me this year comes at the likes of Cross-Country, yes we did lose the most sacred title to our house, but there is no other way that I would rather go down. The way in which every parnellian went and ran with our last runner without hesitation was humbling and as head of house made me feel ever so proud. That day, as a house we showed our school what house spirit is all about and every boy in this room should be proud of the way you conducted yourselves. It's hard to find words to describe the nature of what happened that day, but all I can say is that, it was bloody MOVING! So I'd just like to say thank you to all the boys for all you have done for the house this year and look forward to visiting you in the near future, to see how everything is going under the strong leadership to come.

To Mr. Wichman, thank you for all your wisdom. You are great for this house and made for the job. All my boys are glad to have been part of the New Era you hold for Parnell House as well as having a hand in the building of this empire.

To my dorm, I guess this is it. As we come to the end of our last house supper, looking back to where we sat up in the boiling hot mezzanine as badgers to where we are now, fully grown men trying to hold the emotion in, it is difficult to think our years together is coming to a close. So I'd just like to say a few things to you all that you may or may not know about each of my brothers.

Richard. Underneath all your macho man business, I know you have a soft side and although you would strongly deny this, Hillary has told me you are very romantic.

Jackson. I remember the days you were a timid full-grown Asian man in first year. Your personality change amazes me as well as your knowledge of sport, which I believe comes

from you reading the N.Z herald most mornings on the toilet and afterwards leaving it on the ground for the rest of the boys to enjoy.

Tovo. Toevo, Biggie, John, Tiny, Teina, Petro, Tovo Korps, Mangere mountains, Tobo and the list goes on. Your slyness with the ladies is one of the best things to witness. Even though you are the master of sleep, sleeping through classes and the odd fire alarm, good luck in your journey of waking up in the morning next year as well as having 10 kids in which you would love. I hope one has the name James haha.

Zared. Your love of keeping the lights on has only grown since first year and even though I am constantly in trouble for your hair being too long, you're still my mate. Your ability to persist through dark times is something I admire. Keep it up.

Vishal. I'm sure everyone knows this, but you are the smallest 5th year with the loudest mouth. Your ability to somehow stay in the room next to me every year and drive me up the wall is just great. I can't wait to be doing the same course as you at the same university next year haha.

Rajul. The love doctor Patel. I admire your discipline. The way you turn down games of touch with the boys to study even after studying all day is something I wish I could do...not! Good luck studying medicine man and even though I hope not to get injured in the future I look forward to trying to find R.Patel in the phonebook.

Ben. Your competitive nature is something I admire, even if we beef in touch sometimes. This feature will take you far one day and hopefully in rugby as you never take a backward step and you are a jock. Your ability to DMC, have deep in meaningful conversations is also a great sight to see.

Charles. When's the wedding? Even though you are on the whip you are still the man. I always knew it would take a girl to tame your wannabe badass nature. I look forward to seeing you next year, as this will be rare. Hopefully you haven't forgotten the King's Haka, because you are so fierce when you do this.

Harry. You are my right hand man. Your leadership is instrumental to the house and is something that I admire deeply. The way in which you make time for people when they're struggling is something that will take you very far. You do these things because you care not because you have to. A lot like Tovo, you have the same slyness when it comes to the ladies and especially ones in relationships, hence your nicknames, The Middlemore Warrior and The Home-wrecker.

Kurt. I will never forget the day you tried to have a fight with glass. AMEN.

Andrew. You are a low key SKUX and even though your girlfriend was a family friend, I must say you have great skill. I remember being bum buddies in first year and following each other around all the time. I hope Char doesn't influence your choice of University and look forward to eventually seeing you back in Auckland after trying to do the distance relationship. Haha.

Kevin. You are the weekend warrior. You have been a great addition to the house in these last terms and it feels weird to even think you were a dayboy. You are a ninja on the rugby field and I look forward to playing against you next year.

As we leave this house so will our legacy. It is a chapter in our long lives, which has finally come to an end, so boys, thank you for all the great memories, you are the ones that made Kings College for me. Please keep in touch.

To the parents, thank you very much for sending your son here, it has made Parnell a very memorable place for me.

To Dad thank you for all this, I know it hasn't been easy but I'm all done now.

Finally, just on behalf of my dorm I'd just like to thank all the tutors and matron for all the hours you put into this house and the love and care you show the boys in this house. You are all amazing people and I will never forget the lessons each one of you has taught me.

Disciplina, Fide, Perservantia
Discipline, Faith, perseverance



The most memorable moment in 2011. Parnell helps its last senior runner over the line.

House Awards

The Evan Kershaw Rose Cup	for Academic Excellence	Rajul Patel
Victor Ludorum.	Best All Around Sports Person	Alexander Shepherd
Laken Whitecliffe Cup	Best All-Rounder	Harrison Smith
Andrew Massey Cup	Unselfish Service	Dave Sirikientong
Year 12 Parnell Cup	Best All-Rounder	Naphon Suriyasin
Year 11 Te Kohure Cup	Best All- Rounder	JJ Marie
Year 10	Best All-Rounder	Matthew Kerr
Year 9	Best All Rounder	Mitchell Proctor
Van Wyk Cup	House Spirit	William Heron
Northland Cup	Most Improved Junior	Alec Hudson
John Southern Cup	Most Improved Senior	Vishal Patel



House Prefects 2011

Head of House:	Elliot Couper
Deputy Head of House:	Lewis Wei (Culture)
Deputy Head of House:	Campbell Herbert (Academic)
Deputy Head of House:	Dave Sirikientong (Sport)
Deputy Head of House:	Max Textor (Public Relations)
House Sacristan:	Naphon Suriyasin
1st Year Dorm Prefect:	Taylor Green
1st Year Dorm Prefect:	Jun Kim
2nd Year Dorm Prefect:	Campbell Herbert
2nd Year Dorm Prefect:	Miru Kim
3rd Year Dorm Prefect:	Max Textor
3rd Year Dorm Prefect:	Naphon Suriyasin
4th Year Dorm Prefect:	Ben Kennedy
4th Year Dorm Prefect:	Steven Kent-Smith
House Dorm Prefect:	Alex Shepherd
House Dorm Prefect	James Butler
House Dorm Prefect:	Andre Chou

Academia

The following students in Year 9 and 10 who finished in the top 10 of their Form Class.

Term Order

9A1	Daniel Kim	1 st
9A4	Thomas Hillary	8 th
9A4	Mitchell Proctor	10 th
10A1	Matthew Kerr	4 th
10A3	Mick Thumvilai	3 rd =
10A5	Bayly Ireland	10 th =

Exam Order

9A1	Daniel Kim	1 st
9A2	Joe Barry-Morran	2 nd =
9A4	Thomas Hillary	7 th
10A1	Matthew Kerr	5 th =
10A2	Adam McMillan	6 th
10A3	Mick Thumvilai	3 rd

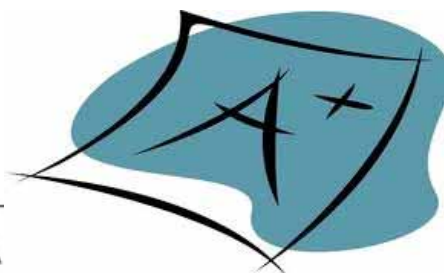
The following students who gained a grade "B" or better for their quality of effort in all their subjects.

9A1	Daniel Kim	straight As
9A5	Harry Clark	4As
Special mention		
9A1	Tim Guy	2As
9A1	Geoffrey Sirikientong	6As
9A4	Mitchell Proctor	2As

10A1	Matthew Kerr	6As
10A3	Alec Hudson	
10A3	Mick Thumvilai	5As
10A5	Bayly Ireland	2As

Special mention

10A2	Adam McMillan	2As
10A2	Ashley Tuia	3As



School Prize Giving

Daniel Kim	9A1 1st in class
William Heron	Donald Fitzgerald Prize for Sound Citizenship
James Lay	Year 13 Tourism Prize Stan Empson Prize
Harrison Smith	Sacristan Prize Geoffrey Greenbank Award

Final School Assembly

Daniel Kim Double Excellence 1st in Class ,Term and Exam Order.
Academic Endeavour



Important Dates Term 1 2012



Monday January 30th	Year 13 return by 9am for House Set Up
Tuesday January 31st	Orientation day for New Boarders Students Boarders return by 8.30pm
Wednesday February 1st	Beginning of Term
Thursday February 2nd	Opening of Chapel Close
Saturday February 4th	Full Boarding Weekend
Sunday February 5th	Boarding House Picnics Evening Service. Licensing of Sacristans
Monday February 6th	Waitangi Day (Normal classes)
Friday February 10th	School Swimming Sports 2p.m
Sunday February 19th	Chapel Service Parnell 7pm
Tuesday February 21st	School Athletics Prelims
Friday February 24th	Athletics Finals (finish 6.30pm)
Sunday March 4th Monday March 5th	Mid Term Exeat Mid Term Exeat
Sunday March 18th	Chapel Service Parnell 10a.m
Friday March 24th Friday March 31st	Year 12 Parent Teacher Meetings Year 13 Parent Teacher Meetings
Thursday April 5th	April End of Term

The Final Word

The House Supper was one of the best I have attended in my years of boarding. Max Textor did a superb job as MC. Ben Kennedy combined with him to present a humorous Year 12 Awards.

Many thanks must go to our donators of our three new cups.

Brian and Jennie Kerr for the Northland Cup (Most Improved Junior)

John Southern for the John Southern Cup (Most Improved Senior)

Lincoln and Renae Savage for the Te Kohure Cup(3rd Year Best All Rounder)

Caroline Pritchard for the Parnell Cup (4th Year Best All rounder).

James Lay and Harrison Smith spoke like two very proud leaders and their accounts of the year and their time at Kings was very moving and inspiring.

All of the Year 12s were named prefects for 2012, which is an act of faith that they will all show the commitment to make Parnell the best it can possibly be.

Daniel Kim of Year 9 was clearly our best-performed academic student. Coming first place in both exam and term orders for the whole year was outstanding.

2011 has been a real roller coaster ride and we are all looking to take Parnell to new heights in 2012. The lessons have been learnt and we are motivated to improve our performances in all areas of the school.

I wish to extend a huge thanks to the parents for their valued support of Parnell and more importantly their son. You all play a big part in their successes and I know it means the world to them that you are always there for them.

To my incredible team of Mr van Wyk, Mr Prendergast, Mr Savage and our matron Caroline. You all make this place special for the boys and I personally cannot thank you enough for all that you do.

Finally to my wife Sue, your understanding, support and love is greatly appreciated as always. Tyme my eldest son has been an awesome big brother to Ethan and Caitlin. Without him, I would struggle to meet my commitments. You are one out of the ordinary.

May I wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Travel safely and God bless.

Harry Wichman