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## ***ST. JOHN'S HOUSE NEWSLETTER TERM FOUR 2011***

Dear Parents, Guardians and families of the 2011 St. John's House boarding fraternity

The end of this term sees the completion of the 89<sup>th</sup> year that St. John's House has been in existence here at the College, providing accommodation, pastoral care and always participating and contributing in the highest possible manner to the everyday running of King's College. With next year being the landmark 90<sup>th</sup> year, we are anticipating holding a reunion of sorts as the last one was held in 1997 to celebrate 75 years of existence. We of course need to go through the correct procedures to be able to hold such an event, so I will inform you all if and when this takes place.

This is my final newsletter for the year and like the preceding years; once again I cannot believe how the year has flown by. I have now completed my ninth year as Housemaster of St. John's House and 2011 has been one of the most successful years since I joined the House as a Tutor in 1998. This has once again been an action-packed four terms for St. John's with many activities, competitions and commitments once again fulfilled. The House has competed in many different House activities and inter-House competitions and were able to come out on top on 13 different occasions and have always been magnificent ambassadors and have shown how to win with humility and accept defeat graciously. This last term was a very busy one with all the exams being sat by all year groups, the welcoming of the 2012 new intake of St. John's boys along with their parents and families and finally, the very successful House Supper held once again in the St. John's House common room. Our Guest of Honour for the House Supper this year was 2004 Head of House – Alex Richardson. We were also very privileged to have the Headmaster and Mrs. Fenner very graciously accept our invitation and attend our House Supper.



*Some of the Year 13 parents enjoying their meal at House Supper and Prizegiving.*

### **St. JOHN'S HOUSE LEADERS FOR 2012**

***Head of House:*** Thomas Wallis

***Deputy Head of House: (In Charge of Academics)*** Sam Morris

***Deputy Head of House: (In Charge of Administration)*** Thomas Richardson

***Deputy Head of House: (In Charge of Sport)*** Oscar Robinson

***Deputy Head of House: (In Charge of Culture)*** William Yaxley

***House Sacristan:*** David Kim

***Additional House Prefect:*** Robert Wang

I am very pleased to announce that, as St. John's House leaders for 2012, the seven aforementioned young men have all been awarded their House Prefects Badges at the end of year House Supper and I look forward to appointing the other year 13 students their badges when they fulfill the criteria as the year progresses. The decision to appoint four Deputy Heads of House is a reflection of the strength portrayed by next year's leaders and the fact that I could not separate the top group, as this is also the very first time that the makeup of the House leaders is as such.



*This year's Year 12 dorm at House Leadership Camp at the Ahuroa Venture Camp.*

Following a very successful internal year 12 leadership camp to the King's College Venture Camp at Ahuroa at the end of Term 3, our leaders for 2012 have set goals for the House for next year and will have the full support of the House staff to ensure that St. John's House remains a well-organised, friendly and safe environment for all those in our House.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank this year's Head of House: Andrew Larkey who has been, in the true traditions of St. John's House, a fantastic and inspirational leader and a positive role model for the other members of our House. His Deputies: Shan Jun Chang, Edward Morgan and Blair Rush have been superb in their roles of helping Andrew run the House this year. They have made my role as Housemaster of St. John's House a much easier and enjoyable task once again. Colwyn Tipene has been an empathetic and approachable House Sacristan and has fulfilled his role within the House in liaising between the Chapel and St. John's House. I am also very grateful to the whole year 13 dorm for their hand in the everyday running of the House. I was delighted to be able to award the whole Dorm their House Prefects Badges, something that has not occurred for several years. I would like to say that I felt the House ran like clockwork again this year and this was due to the leadership of our year 13's and most probably because they, as a group, were great friends and 'brothers'.



*The Year 12 dorm doing some leadership activities on House leadership camp.*

***House Prefects.***

By year's end, all of this year's year 13 dorm had received their St. John's House Prefects Badges for their leadership and by meeting the criteria that previous Year 13's had come up with. The whole year 13 dorm had also all received their House Service Ties for services rendered to the House throughout the course of the year. Congratulations to them all.



*The Year 13 Dorm of 2011 with their Year 9 Mentees on the first day of school this year.*

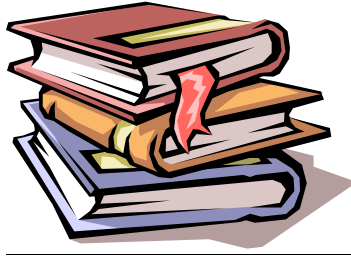
## **SPORTS.**



### ***Graham Bruce Relays.***

Every year this Year 9 and 10 end-of-year activity is hotly contested by the St. John's boys and 2011 was no different. Under the well-organised guidance of our year 12 students, our juniors competed with the other Houses in a number of relays and athletic events but were missing a few members unavailable because of injury or absence and finished in the middle of the final table in fifth place.

## ACADEMIC.



### ***Term Four Junior Orders.***

A very pleasing overall set of House orders for Term 4 with 39 x A grades, 20 x B grades and only 1 x D - awarded to the year 10 boys for their attitude and effort. The year 9 dorm as a group, performed well also with 29 x A grades, 31 x B grades and 2 x D grades. In the year 10 dorm, Turbo Chokkanapitak, Elliot Lewington and Oliver Simson all received straight A grades; excellent! Callum Marsh, Nick Dougherty and Pete Rithisith all received 4 x A grades each. In the Year 9 dorm, James Atkinson received straight A grades; fantastic! Ernest Ford, Nick Hamlin, Trent Tipene and Hugh Wallis all received 3 x A grades each.

James Atkinson placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 9A3 and Awanuiarangi Morris placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in 9A4. Turbo Chokkanapitak placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 10A3, Elliot Lewington placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in 10A3, and Oliver Simson placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in 10A3 as did Callum Marsh in 10A4 and Wade McKenzie 4<sup>th</sup> in 10A4. Congratulations to all seven young men.

### ***Term Four Junior Exam Results.***

Following the final exam results for the year, Callum Marsh was 1<sup>st</sup> in 10A4 and will deservedly receive House Academic Colours again first term next year, a fantastic achievement. Turbo Chokkanapitak placed 2<sup>nd</sup> 10A3. Oliver Simson also finished 4<sup>th</sup> in 10A3, whilst Elliot Lewington, Pete Rithisith and James Atkinson finished 5<sup>th</sup> in 10A3, 10A1 and 9A3 respectively. I commend all six young men and they each receive my warmest congratulations for their diligence and serious attitude towards their academic work.

### ***Academic Excellence and Endeavour Awards.***

At the final assembly this term, the Headmaster awarded three St. John's Junior lads certificates as reward for their academic diligence. They were:

- Callum Marsh - Top of 10A4
- Thitiphol Chokkanapitak – Top of 10A3
- James Atkinson – Top of 9A3

Congratulations to all three lads for their dedication and commitment to their academic work.

***Proxime Accessit.***

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Year 13 student and Deputy Head of House – Shan Jun Chang who completed another amazing academic year to be the first Proxime Accessit from St. John's House in the 14 years that I have worked in St. John's House. It is very unfortunate that he missed Dux by less than 1%! But we are still very, very proud of him all the same. I have no doubt that we will hear of his name again as he is a very intelligent and hard working young man who is destined to go far in whatever he chooses to do in life.

***Reports.***

You will have no-doubt received full end of year reports for the last two terms, with comments from all of your sons' teachers, the Pastoral Tutors, the Headmaster or the Associate Headmaster and myself. I hope these will have given you some direction as to how your son has progressed both academically and in St. John's House this year. Please do not hesitate to contact either his Pastoral Tutor or myself if you would like some clarification about his results or comments he has received. Obviously the external exam results come out in the New Year and my only wish is that the boys achieve the results they desired.



***Some members of the 2011 Year 13 Dorm relax after House Supper.***

## CULTURAL.



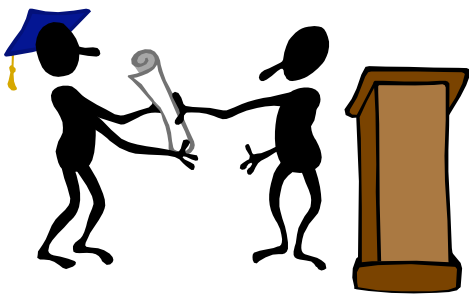
### Top Overall Cultural House.

At the Graduation Assembly and Ceremony at the end of Term 3, the Major Overall Trophies were awarded to the winning Houses for each of the three categories: Academics, Culture and Sport. Each is awarded beautiful trophies that were made by Max Platt and myself four years ago from one of the Oak trees on the main drive that had fallen over. I was therefore delighted when our House was awarded the Best Overall Cultural House Trophy as this is the first time we have won this award. The trophy now sits proudly upon the wall in our House Common Room.

### Generous Donation from Chang Family.

We are most grateful to the Chang Family from Singapore for their very generous monetary donation that allowed us to purchase a wonderful piece of Art from the recent Art Show as well as seven new blue couches that are now a permanent fixture in our House.

## HOUSE SUPPER AND PRIZE WINNERS.



On the final evening before school broke up for the year, we staged our annual House Leavers' Supper in the House Common Room with the food being served under one marquee placed in the Quad. As always, this was a huge success and was attended by all the House members and staff as well as the Year 13 leavers' parents. We also had Guest of Honour – 2004 Head of House – Alex Richardson and special guests attend in King's College Headmaster Bradley Fenner and his wife Barbara.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Mr. Paul Stanton and his staff for their tireless efforts in the dining hall at school and for also doing that little bit extra for the St. John's House lads. We remain very privileged to have Paul in our House and look forward to many more BBQ's, picnics and House suppers in keeping with the wonderful meal that we were provided and shared on the night. Our three cleaners did not attend our Supper this year but were presented with small gifts from the House and we are continually grateful for their efforts and hard work once again this year.

Thomas Richardson was our very efficient MC for the evening and in keeping with House tradition, Nicky Hamlin, being the youngest member of the House, had the privilege of saying Grace in Latin. Following an address by Alex Richardson and his reflections on his time spent in St. John's House and what it meant to him to be Head of House in 2004 and then my Housemaster's speech, Year 12 student Thomas Wallis spoke on behalf of the House to farewell our leavers. The leavers one by one stood and gave his farewell speech and thanks to the House and all of them also thanked their parents for being given the opportunity to attend King's College and be a member of St. John's House. Several of the boys had many of us in tears with their heart-felt speeches.

Andrew Larkey, as out-going Head of House, replied on behalf of the year 13 dorm and also as St. John's tradition would have, he announced the new Head of House for 2012 – Thomas Wallis. The new House tradition that was commenced last year whereby the outgoing Head of House makes two presentations to his successor - was continued again this year. Andrew presented Thomas with his new Blue Jersey that he has the privilege to wear next year as Head of House as well as the new St. John's House shirt that has embroidered in silver cotton, the names of all the Heads of House since my inception as St. John's Housemaster back in 2003 up to and including Thomas Wallis for 2012.

This jersey is framed and sits on the wall in the House Common Room and each year I take it down, add the following year's Head of House, place it back in the frame and hang it back in the same place. As outgoing Sacristan, Colwyn Tipene handed over the St. John's House Bible to incoming Sacristan David Kim.

Small gifts were awarded to the House Tutors and the College Pastoral Tutors for their continued hard work throughout the year. Bunches of flowers were also gifted to Matron and the spouses of the Boarding Tutors for the support they give their husbands. Small gifts were also given to Alex Richardson, Headmaster and Mrs. Fenner in recognition of their continued leadership, support and commitment to the College and St. John's House.

During the course of the evening, the following were awarded trophies in recognition of their varying excellence and contributions to the House throughout the year:

**'Hearth' of the Dorm Awards:**

Year 9: James Atkinson

Year 10: Thitipol Chokkanapitak

Year 11: Jay Nand

Year 12: Steven Ramanlal/William Yaxley

Year 13: George Wallis

<b>‘Spader’ of the Year Award:</b>	George Wallis
<b>The Karam Trophy:</b>	Ngataua Hukatai
<b>‘Diligentia’ Cup:</b>	James Atkinson Callum Marsh Pongphop Chongsuttanamanee
<b>St. John’s House Top Scholar’s Trophy:</b>	Shan Jun Chang
<b>The Centennial Cup:</b>	Callum Marsh
<b>The Schalk van Wyk Cup:</b>	Andrew Larkey
<b>The H.R. Revell Cup for Culture:</b>	Shan Jun Chang
<b>Matron’s Trophy:</b>	Jay Nand
<b>The Herring Family Trophy:</b>	Edward Morgan

I include my House Supper Speech for your information:

## **2011 St. John’s House Supper Speech**

Welcome to all the leavers’ parents and family members from Auckland, all over New Zealand and especially those who have traveled from overseas. Thank you for joining us in farewelling your sons, the St. John’s House Year 13 leavers of 2011. Welcome also to our guest of honour: Head of St. John’s House 2004 – Alex Richardson and also to Headmaster Mr. Fenner and Mrs. Fenner who need no introduction and who have very gracefully accepted our invitation to help farewell another group of St. John’s House leavers.

I would like to start by paying tribute to those who helped decorate our common room and give us the splendid presentation that we have before us this evening. We have chosen a very simple, yet very effective Blue and Silver theme.

Would you please join me in thanking the following people: Matron, Mr Stanton and all those boys who helped, for their hard work and decorative talents. (clap!) I would also like to thank Mr. Stanton and his catering staff for this wonderful food that we have shared and enjoyed this evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people for the work, the support and the hours they have given to the House and the boys this year, without whom, St. John’s would not function as effectively as it does. Firstly, I would like to thank our three live-in Tutors for their continued work and dedication.

To Max Platt who has completed his 9th year as a Tutor in the House, and has always been there to support me in the everyday running of the House. Please come forward and receive a small gift as a token of our appreciation for all that you do.

To Paul Stanton, who has completed his 7th year in St. John's House. Thank you for all the extra things you have done for the boys once again this year, but most importantly, thank you for the wonderful food that we all receive on a daily basis. King's College is so lucky to have you as our Catering Manager and we in St. John's House are even luckier to have you as a Tutor in our House. Paul, please come forward and accept a small gift to show our appreciation for what you do for us.

Our third tutor, Simon Curnow who has been with us for nearly two years now and brings a wealth of boarding experience with him as ex-Housemaster of Selwyn House. Once again, a small gift for you Simon.

I would also like to pay tribute to our two Pastoral Tutors down at school, without whom, we would not be able to function as efficiently and effectively as we do. To Chaz Foxall who was St. John's Housemaster from 1991 – 1994 and who has been associated with the House ever since, for his wonderful contributions as a Pastoral Tutor in the House.

To Marcel Delpont, who was an outstanding and committed Tutor in St. John's for six and a half dedicated years and who now lives off campus, but will always remain as committed to the boys in our House, as he was when he lived on-site. Please also come forward.

To the wives of the staff who have all once again given 100% support to the House and their husbands, showing true understanding of what we, the House Staff go through to fulfill our jobs as legal guardians of all you lads, through our absence in our homes whilst we are on duty in the House. We have a small gift for you ladies as a token of our appreciation and recognition of your commitment and moral support.

To Corinne Williams

To Wendy Stanton

To Louisa Platt

Thank you all very much ladies.

To our Guests – Headmaster and Mrs. Fenner. We are privileged to have you attend our House Supper this year and we thank you for your leadership, support and continued guidance. We also have a small gift for you both.

To our Guest of Honour – Alex Richardson. It is a real pleasure to have you back in St. John's House and we thank you for your reflections of your time spent here in St. John's House. We also have a small gift for you – please come forward.

To TC Chang, a special gift to you to say thank you for the substantial donation you and your family have made to St. John's House that permitted us to buy the beautiful sculpture at the front of the House as well as the 7 new couches we have for next year.

Lastly, but most importantly, to our Matron - Denise, the boys' 2<sup>nd</sup> Mum. Thank you very much for all that you have given to the St. John's House boys again this year and for everything that you have brought to the House for the last 6 years. Your door is always open, your advice and guidance has always been shared your smile has always been warm and welcoming, your birthday cake muffins and first aid repairs most appreciated by the boys. We acknowledge the thankless and tireless work that you have done for us and we continue to be fortunate and blessed to have you as our Matron. Please accept this small gift from all of the St. John's House members.

I ask you all to be upstanding and drink with me, a hearty toast to all the St. John's House Staff. The St. John's House Staff! Thank you.

The reason for us gathering here this evening is not about us, the adults; this evening is about you, the 2011 St. John's House year 13 dorm. We are here to celebrate your graduation from King's College. The last five years will all be a blur but we shall remember all the memories shared together with all the successes and difficult times. You have shared many special moments together

So now you leave this place you have called home for the last five years, but we will retain special memories of you and what you leave behind - your legacy. You have contributed to and helped mould our lives in your five years stay.

We shall all hold different memories of you all as you all move off in different directions and commence new chapters in your own individual books of life.

So let us turn back the clock a little and re-visit the year 2007. As I looked through the Collegian, I saw that Roy Kelley was still Headmaster, and that Tim Nelson-Parker of Greenbank House was Head Boy.

In 2007, Jason Monigatti was Head of St. Johns' House, Tevita Tuiloa, Andreas Leha and Patrick Stevens were the Deputy Heads of House, Tasi Fakafanua was House Sacristan, whilst Daniel Steele was Deputy Head Boy. My three on-site tutors were Mr. Platt, Mr. Bandyopadhyay and Mr. Stanton and Matron was in her second year. Mr. Foxall, Mr. Delpont and Ms. Popat were the pastoral tutors.

Since 2007, five of this dorm's original members have left St. John's House and King's College for varying reasons. They were: James Savory who moved back overseas for family reasons, James Nixon who went back to Rarotonga, Dash Vallance who missed Whakatane too much, so much so that he ran away – twice and was brought back by his parents but then finally was allowed to return to Whakatane, Henry Suh who moved back to Korea to attend Seoul University last year and of course James Webster who, as you will know, very sadly passed away last year.

2007 Head of House Jason Monigatti stated in the Collegian: "Above all, St. John's thrives on its 'True Blue' Spirit. Above all competitions and trophies, what we treasure is the sense of camaraderie and friendship nurtured within these walls. This is what turns St. John's from a boarding hostel into a House". He then goes on to say:

“The destination is not what counts – it is the journey that makes all the difference. The St. John’s tradition has been built around enthusiasm, spirit, understanding and friendliness. Enjoy the fun times along the way. Time passes pretty quickly and you won’t realize what you have missed until it is gone”.

In 2007, the Glee Club performed Barry Manilow’s Copacabana. The Senior Drama performed An American Clock by Arthur Miller both of which involved St. John’s boys. The Junior Drama performed Revolting Rhymes by Roald Dahl and included our own Andrew Larkey and Shan Jun Chang.

Our Big House Music item was ‘Catch My Disease’ by Ben Lee where we were judged 9<sup>th</sup> and our Small House Music item was ‘Just My Imagination’ by the Temptations and we finished 8<sup>th</sup> – how things have improved over 5 years!

But our St. Johns year 9 boys in 2011 were very competitive and involved in a wide range of activities. An example of some of these are:

- Ngataua Hukatai and Blair Rush played Rugby for the Auckland U14 team
- Edward Morgan was the Hockey 15D Most Improved Player
- George Wallis was the Junior 5 Tennis Most Valuable Player
- Richard Hardley played 6B1 Cricket
- Martyn Rush played U14 Rugby

As I mentioned earlier, 2011 has been a fantastic year for St. John’s House. We won 13 trophies this year, more than we have ever won in one year since I have been in the House. Some of the highlights for me were (and not in any particular order):

- Retaining the Inter-House Badminton Trophy for the 3rd year running
- Winning Both Big and Small House Music items as well as Best Overall Music House which were, once again, in traditional St. John’s fashion, simply wonderful
- The very unexpected but deserving winning of the Best Overall Cultural House Trophy for the very first time (particular joy as Max Platt and I made these four new trophies)
- Winning the Junior and Senior House Rugby Trophies

One competition where we are always competitive is in House Music and this year was very special, as I have mentioned, we scooped all three House Music Trophies available. I would like to play this year’s Big House and Small House music items for you now so that you can see the performance of our boys for yourselves one more time. (Play 2011 House Music DVD)

Whenever individuals come together and form a group, there are always some who stand out from the rest. Tonight we recognize those individuals with the presentation of our St. John’s House trophies.

Firstly, the ‘Spader’ Award, for he who puts in the most spadework with the opposite sex. This year, the Year 12 judges were unanimous in awarding it to George Wallis.

The Hearth of the dorm awards (explain... ) – True House Spirit

Year 9: James Atkinson

Year 10: Turbo Chokkanapitak

Year 11: Jay Nand

Year 12: Steven Ramanlal and William Yaxley

Year 13: George Wallis

I now come to nine other very important trophies, to recognize exceptional talent and effort throughout the year. They are, firstly:

The Karam Trophy - awarded to the most committed and loyal sportsman. That person this year was very easy for me to choose as he has always answered the call on the sports field for St. John's House and also for King's College. The Karam Trophy in 2011 is awarded to the person who was one of the stars of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV, was the Senior Athletics Champion and has recently signed with the Junior Warriors. An outstanding player and leader with a very bright future – Ngataua Hukatai.

The second trophy is the Centennial Cup presented by the Empson Family in 1996. This is awarded to the junior who best exemplifies the House Motto; True Religion, Sound Learning, Useful Industry. The Centennial Cup in 2011 is awarded to Callum Marsh.

The third trophy is the Schalk Van Wyk Trophy, in recognition of the eight years Housemastership that Schalk dedicated to St. John's House and the boys. This trophy is awarded to the Senior who best depicts the House Motto; Religio, Doctrina, Diligentia. There is one individual who, for me, has gone about his business in a meaningful, efficient way and has been an outstanding role model especially for the juniors of the House. The Schalk Van Wyk Trophy for 2011 is awarded to Head of House Andrew Larkey.

The fourth trophy is the Diligentia Cup that is presented to the student who has gained the most A grades for attitude and effort this year. To ensure all students are judged evenly, only the top five subject grades are counted each term for the first three terms. The recipients of the Diligentia Cup in 2011 all gained straight A's throughout the year, a fantastic achievement and all three boys share this trophy.

I am pleased to present the Diligentia Cup to: Pongphop Chongsuttanamanee, Callum Marsh and James Atkinson.



*Year 9 student – James Atkinson with his two House Trophies.*

The fifth trophy is the Top Scholar's Trophy that goes to the person who has consistently achieved his full academic potential this year and will certainly go on to greater things as he was deservedly named Poxime Accesit and missed out on being Dux by less than 1%. This year's Top Scholar's Trophy winner is the same as last year – Shan Jun Chang.

The next trophy was donated by our Matron Denise Herbert and is appropriately called The Matron's Trophy, as she is the person who chooses the recipient. The trophy is for the person whom she believes has the tidiest room in the House, is always well groomed and who shows pride and care both in his own appearance and also his environment. I call Denise forward to present the 2011 winner of the Matron's Trophy to Year 11 student – Jay Nand.

The next trophy was only handed out for the 2nd time last year new and is called the H.T. Revell Trophy for Culture, in recognition of the very first St. John's Housemaster Mr. Revell. This trophy is to recognise Cultural achievement from a member of our House and for me, one person has done a sterling job, not only in his own personal performances in the cultural arena this year where he has been a star, but also in his help and organisation of all the House members and Cultural House activities. I am delighted to announce the winner of the H.T. Revell Trophy for Culture as also Shan Jun Chang.

I would like to call the Headmaster up to present the next trophy, please. This is a new Trophy that was donated by the Herring Family who had four boys go through St. John's House and is called The Herring Family Trophy – “For the student who reaches their goals through constant Effort”. This was a very easy decision for me this year because we have a young man who started King's College in the bottom form class and last year gained a Top in the World Placing in Technology. The Inaugural Recipient of The Herring Family Trophy is Edward Morgan.

Thank you Headmaster.

The final individual presentation this evening is small reward for someone who has given so much this year and is fully deserving of having his name in gold on the House honours board this year. I call the 2011 Head of House – Andrew Larkey to come forward and accept this small token of our appreciation as Head of St. John's House this year and I thank him sincerely for upholding and maintaining the high standards expected and portrayed as our Head of House and leader.

Lastly I have a small gift for each of our Year 13 leavers to help them remember the highs and the lows, the many victories and the losses, the happy, sad and emotional times shared under this roof. (Hand out St. John's House bowties).

I wish all our leavers every success in whichever path you choose to take and I thank you for your friendship and commitment to St. John's House. I invite you all to come back and see us all whenever you pass this way – our doors shall always be open to you all.

I would like to finish with a Blessing for our Year 13 St. John's House Leavers that was written for me by Rev. Wilder:

*May God walk beside you as your journey takes you beyond the confines of St. John's House and King's College.*

*May the memories and the experiences sustain and nourish you as you make your way in the world.*

*Never forget what you have learned here; never forget the friends you have made here.*

*So may God Bless you all in whatever endeavor you undertake in the years to come.*

I have always concluded my speech with the saying “you can take the boy out of St. John's House, but you can NEVER take St. John's House out of the boy”!

Religio, Doctrina, Diligenta

Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you to be upstanding, charge your glasses and drink a hearty toast to St. John's House.



*With Guest of Honour - 2004 Head of House – Alex Richardson following House Supper.*

***School Prize Winners.***

On the last day of school, the prize giving ceremony was held in the Great Hall. Once again, St. John's House was well represented on stage in the receiving of prizes and awards for a wide variety of activities and achievements. We are most proud of the St. John's boys who have gained recognition for the time and effort they have put into their school life and for taking advantage of the vast range of opportunities available to them at King's College. Here is the list of the St. John's House recipients:

<i>The Cooper/Philips Cup for Throwing Events:</i>	Ngataua Hukatai
<i>The Whitney Cup for Sprints:</i>	Ngataua Hukatai
<i>The J E Fagan Cup for Senior Athletics Champion:</i>	Ngataua Hukatai
<i>The Overton Cup for Most Consistent Player in 1<sup>st</sup> XV:</i>	Blair Rush
<i>Glenie Trophy for Badminton Open Champion:</i>	Raymond Ke
<i>The Jordan Oldham Trophy for Most Consistent Squash Player:</i>	Richard Ngo
<i>The DC Pearce Cup for Most Improved Player in U19 Basketball:</i>	Martyn Rush
<i>Lloyd Popata Prize For Exhibiting True Kapahaka Spirit:</i>	Colwyn Tipene
<i>Kapahaka Kaea Prize:</i>	Blair Rush
<i>RWO Williams Prize for Year 12 English Literature:</i>	Richard Ngo
<i>Lusk Memorial Prize for Year 12 Public Speaking:</i>	Richard Ngo
<i>2012 Year 13 Bursary – The Simich/Bruce Bursary:</i>	Richard Ngo
<i>Montana Prize for All-Round Excellence in Arts:</i>	William Yaxley
<i>Chapel Choir Head Chorister's Prize:</i>	William Yaxley
<i>School Prize for Music:</i>	William Yaxley
<i>10A3 Form Prize:</i>	Turbo Chokkanapitak
<i>School Prize for Graphics:</i>	Callum Marsh

*10A4 Form Prize:*  
*The Furkett Prize for Practical Work in Physics:*  
*School Prize for Year 12 Practical Art:*  
*The Modern Languages Department Year 11 Prize:*  
*School Prize for Year 11 Mandarin:*  
*School Prize for Year 12 Technology:*  
*Te Taonga Mo Te Reo Maori:*  
*Otahuhu Rotary Club Prize for Service to the College:*  
*The Val Maxwell Prize for Leadership:*  
*Duke of Edinburgh's Hilary Award (Gold):*  
*School Prize for Year 13 Spanish:*  
*School Prize for Year 13 English:*  
*Swales' Memorial Prize for Biology:*  
*The Harry Maisey Prize for All-Round Ability:*  
*Proxime Accessit:*

Callum Marsh  
Robert Wang  
Robert Wang  
David Kim  
David Kim  
Edward Morgan  
Martyn Rush  
Merritt Watson  
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### **IMPORTANT HOUSE MESSAGES.**



#### ***Named Items of Clothing.***

Please ensure that ALL articles of your son's clothing come back clearly named so that we do not waste time trying to identify the owners of clothing, which come back from the laundry un-named. This includes all mufti and towels. Please help keep Matron happy and follow the House boarding guidelines, which clearly state that ALL items of clothing are to be CLEARLY named using personalised labels. This year, like every year, the Mangere Refugee center benefited from two big, black plastic bags filled with a range of clothing that was unnamed and collected at the end of the school year.

#### ***Summer Uniform.***

Term One 2012 sees the continued wearing of summer uniform. Please ensure that your sons have the full and correct summer uniform and if you have any difficulties obtaining or supplying this, contact me soonest so that possible arrangements can be made. Can I please remind you that black leather belts and black or brown leather sandals **with heel straps** are the correct items to be worn with the summer greys.

### ***King's College Leave System.***

Please be aware of the King's College leave system, which was put into place in 2004. All boarders whose parents do not live in the greater Auckland area are ***obliged*** to have official guardians here in Auckland. They may be other family members or family friends. Please contact the Admissions Director Mr Mark Kennelly before the commencement of the school year to give him your son's guardians' name and contact details if you have not already done so. As a reminder, if your son is taking leave with anyone but yourselves or his official guardians, then I must receive a leave request from **both** yourselves and the inviting parents to confirm that all concerned parties are aware of the leave arrangements. This leave request may be in the form of email, fax or a written letter. A telephone call is not acceptable as I need to have the request on file and must be re-accessible.

With the induction of "Flexi boarding" at the start of 2010, the weekend leave arrangements will continue to be completely different from what has been the norm up until this year. To quickly summarise the major changes for you, here is what took place this year and will continue to be available to you and your sons:

- All leave requests are to be in to me **before 9.00pm each Wednesday.**
- Apart from Week 1 of Term 1 which is the only calendared full boarding weekend, all other weekends will be available for weekend leave apart from any that are instigated by myself or the boys themselves (ie) the weekend before House Music to enable effective practices before the event.
- Apart from the one compulsory Full boarding weekend, Friday leave is available for everyone on all other weekends. All commitments must first be met before taking Friday leave and this also means completing any House Fatigues incurred that week.
- There remains the option of returning to the House before evening callover on the Sunday night (8.30pm) or before school on Monday mornings (8.00am).
- There will be two designated St. John's House Chapel Services per term that will be compulsory for all the boys to attend. One will generally be a morning service after which the boys may then go out on leave again if they choose. The other will be an evening service after which all boys will remain in the House. Parents and family members are always welcome to attend these services.

I will send out more specific details about the exact procedures for requesting weekend leave in the new year when we have made all necessary changes and are sure that the new system is accurate, efficient and affective. As a general reminder, if you know that the leave request for your son/charge is going to be pretty much the same for every weekend, you need **only send in an email at the beginning of each term** to confirm what the leave arrangements will be and I will enter this for every weekend unless you email me to state that leave is requested differently for a particular weekend.

***Summer Sports to commence.***

Summer sports were completed last term but will re-commence first weekend back next term and will conclude at various stages during the term. Please ensure that your sons carefully choose the summer sports they wish to play next year and also that they have any necessary equipment and gear upon their arrival at the College as all sports trials and some matches commence in week one of school in 2012.

***Full Boarding Weekend Activities.***

On the first weekend back, which is also a full boarding weekend in term one next year, the boys will be taken to a Regional Park in Auckland accompanied by the House Staff, their spouses and families for a picnic and a day of summer beach activities and ‘bonding’.

This is a very important day, especially for the new House members as they get to know all the other House members, the House Staff and each other as they form their dorm, which shall remain together for the next five years. Friendships will be formed and forged which often last a lifetime (ask this years leavers!). This will be the only full boarding weekend next year as “Flexi boarding” means new routines and quite a few changes.



***TC Chang with his two sons – Shan Jun (Year 13) and Nicholas (Year 10) standing alongside the piece of Art that was purchased with the very generous donation made to the House by the Chang family.***

### ***Haircuts.***

Parents, it is your responsibility to ensure that when your boys return to King's College in 2012, that they have the correct hairstyles, which are acceptable at King's College. It is school policy that hair should be off the collar, above the ears and sideburns no longer than halfway down the ear. Also, hair should not be dyed, no 'David Beckham' spiked hairstyles, 'rattails' or 'mohawk' style spiking at the back. Should your son return to us with an inappropriate hairstyle, I will therefore ensure that they are sent to the nearest barbers to be cut and thereafter, that it is appropriately cut to comply with the required school standards. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and comprehension.

### ***Second Hand Furniture.***

We are always on the lookout and grateful for any second hand furniture that you may have and be willing to donate to the House. You will be aware that 70 teenage boys and furniture do not make for a happy marriage, so we would appreciate couches and sofas especially, but will gladly receive any items you may be willing to part with.

### ***New 'Blues' in 2012.***

I would like to welcome all new members to St. John's House in 2012 and congratulate you and your parents for choosing our House, a decision I am sure you will not regret. These 14 new 'Saints' shall bring the House numbers for 2012 up to 66.

#### YEAR 9:

Cole AARTS  
Hunter AARTS  
Jordan HOPE  
Hunter JAMIESON  
Soane RAMANLAL  
Hugo SIMSON  
Sebastian SIMSON  
Jack THORPE  
Will TURNER  
Isaac WATSON

#### YEAR 10:

Ben STIASSNY

#### YEAR 11:

Chavakorn DUNGKOSIRITRA

#### YEAR 12:

Timothy BOYD  
Ben HALL

### **UP-COMING EVENTS AND DATES.**



***Year 13's return to St. John's House***

Monday 30th January (Auckland Anniversary Day) by 8.30am

***New Boarders' Orientation Day***

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 8.00am in St. John's House

Dress: White long sleeve shirts, beige shorts with black belts, white socks and black leather lace-up shoes

***The rest of the House returns***

Tuesday 31st January, Callover at 8.30pm

***Lent Term Commences***

Wednesday 1st February at 8.25am

***Full Boarding Weekend Term 1, 2012***

(Week 1): 3, 4 and 5 February

***Athletics Finals Day***

(Week 4): Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 4.00pm – 6.30pm

***Mid Term Exeat.***

(Week 5): After Saturday Sport - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March (Callover at 8.30pm)

***House Chapel Services (Compulsory attendance for students)***

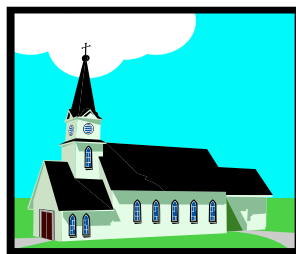
(Week 3): Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February – 7.00pm Evening Service

(Week 8): Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March – 10.00am Holy Communion

***Lent Term Ends***

Thursday 5th April at 1.00pm

**THE FINAL WORD.**



Another school year has come and gone. It seems like only yesterday when the 2007 new intake of year 9 boys turned up on that first day, not knowing how quickly the next five years would fly by. We say “so long” to the eleven St. John's men who leave our tender loving care and “welcome” to the ten new ‘Blues’ who will arrive at our doorstep next

year to commence their five-year stay. We also welcome one new Year 10 lad, one new Year 11 lad and two new Year 12 lads to St. John's House. I am very pleased that Ben Stiassny and Ben Hall (both from Greenbank House) have chosen to board next year and have chosen St. John's House to commence their new adventure. I hope that those who are returning in 2012 take the time to have a good break and return to our caring and safe environment refreshed and ready to pick up where they left off this term. I also hope that you the parents, all have a chance to catch up and spend some quality time together with your sons.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard-working House staff for their excellent input and support once again this year; the staff has had a huge part to play in making St. John's House the success it is. It is with pleasure that I announce that the current House staff, will remain intact for 2012 and ensures once again, consistency and continuity. Simon Curnow will, however, undertake a year's exchange commencing Term 3 next year with an Englishman whom shall replace him both as a Teacher of French and also as a Tutor in our House. There shall be further details of this in Term 2. I am in the final process of printing off the updated St. John's House Booklets that will give far greater clarity and transparency to House rules, routines and the manner in which we function. All new House members and their parents shall receive copies of the St. John's House Booklet, which shall be available in the House at the beginning of next year.

All new Year 9 entrants to St. John's House in 2012 should receive a letter of introduction from their Year 13 'mentors' before Christmas. This is to let you and your parents know a little bit about them, where they are from and that there shall be someone waiting personally to meet and greet you on day one and show you around the House and College and help you settle-in. If you have not received this contact from your appointed mentor by Christmas Day of 2011, would you please reply to this email and inform me so.

Next year the Athletics Sports day is not on a Saturday afternoon as per usual but exceptionally on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 4.00pm – 6.30pm. Following this very important event, we would like to invite all family members to come back to the House where we propose to host you all for a BBQ dinner on the lawn in between St. John's House and the tennis courts. Boys will be able to take normal weekend leave following the BBQ if you so wish. I will send out further information regarding this in due course, but please make note in your diaries now.

So many parents have been supportive over the year and I would like to thank you for your input. Once again I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year and catching up with you then.

I would like to finish this newsletter by wishing that you all receive the presents from Santa Claus that you asked him for in the letters you wrote to him...

*“You can take the boy out of St. John’s House, but you can NEVER take St. John’s House out of the boy”....*

***TRUE BLUE!***

*Religio, Doctrina, Diligentia*

*True Religion, Sound Learning, Useful Industry*



*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year filled with Love and Understanding.*



*Kindest Regards*

*Daryl Williams (Housemaster)*