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DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

In a New Zealand Herald newspaper article, published on January 31st, it reported on the findings of Dr. Robert Emmons, a psychology researcher at the University of California, who suggests that the regular cultivation of gratitude and appreciation has multiple psychological and physical benefits. Dr. Emmons research found that *'thankful people' typically boast better overall health, fewer physical symptoms, more energy, larger social networks and stronger marriages ... Gratitude practices seem to reduce stress hormone levels in the body.... people who cultivate gratitude, optimism and happiness live longer than grumpy pessimists. Dr. Emmons goes onto suggest a number of practices, that if done faithfully, will have you grateful in no time, 'practice gratitude regularly.... Focus on the good things that others have done for you.... take grateful actions - smile, perform random acts of kindness, help a stranger....'*

At Lindisfarne, we expect to grow boys into future 'Good Men', who will have the strength of character to be leaders and positive examples to others, in whatever field of endeavour they may pursue. We expect our young men, to be honest, to be kind and to treat one another with understanding and respect, to have a sense of self discipline. We want to cultivate humility and emphasise many of the traditional values that are the glue that make for positive relationships with others - hence our emphasis on our young men, fulfilling the College motto's - **'Founded on Tradition and Focussed on the Future'** and **'Highways in the Heart'**.

To be a 'Good Man' you need to appreciate one's individual opportunities in life. We believe that it is a special opportunity to attend Lindisfarne and our boys need to be able to recognise this and be grateful for the chance they have been provided with.



Alex Winsley gains five scholarships in National examinations



Champions in their division

All members of our College should have an obligation to offer service to the community in which we live. We believe that the development of an understanding of others requires hands-on experience within the community, on a regular, consistent basis. We seek to develop within the boys a social conscience. To awaken a concern for those coping with hardship and encourage a sense of responsibility for our communities and environment. It is important that our young men learn to see the world through other people's eyes and that they develop a perception which prepares them for the diversity the real world will throw at them.

Up until now we have offered the opportunity of community service to just Year 10 students. From 2009 all Year 9 students, will be required singularly or in a group, to complete 10 hours of community service, while our Intermediate boys will not take in the Term 2 Clubs programme, but will instead take part in a collective service programme. In 2010, all Year 10 boys will mandatorily be required to complete 10 hours of service, which in turn can be credited to help enable them to achieve the Bronze Award, in the Prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.

Mr. Barry Musson, Mr. Matthew Allen, Mr. Kirk Doyle and Rev. Warren Fortune all have responsibility for implementing the new community service emphasis in our Middle School. Ultimately in the long term, we would like the programme to be largely student led and organised. Within our region, the College will approach service groups and community organisations (i.e. Primary Schools, Hospitals, Age Concern, Regional Councils), who potentially could benefit from our boys' services. If you know of any individuals (i.e. elderly person) or a group that could use our assistance, please contact **Mr. Barry Musson, phone 8731136, Ext. 7029.**

Boys will be supplied with potential clients and contact details, so that they can initiate and manage their service. All Year 9 and 10 boys participating will be expected to keep a detailed record of all service. This 'service log' will have space for the boys to briefly describe the service task performed and what they learnt/gained from the experience. Many of the boys will end up assisting with tutoring younger students, helping with sports activities at other schools, working with the elderly, painting over graffiti at public places, going on outings to assist those with disabilities, helping out in rehabilitation wards in hospitals etc. We want them to discover the joy that comes from helping others, the power of empathy and maybe develop a life long commitment to serving their fellow man.

St. Paul speaks of three abiding virtues - **faith, hope and love** and he concludes by saying **"the greatest of these is love"**. If we want to be happy; then we all must learn to love; to pay the price of caring for others; of putting them first, of inconveniencing ourselves. That is the pathway of happiness. Who knows, in practicing gratitude, we may also prolong and give ourselves greater self fulfilment in the future. We only get one life. It would be great if for each of our sons, it was said **"He had the courage and the strength to conquer his own selfishness in order to care about others"**.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM ONE 2009

MARCH

WEEK SEVEN

MONDAY 16 th	10.45 am. 1.45 pm.	Yr 11 Music Performance @ Princess Alexandra Retirement Home Assembly
TUESDAY 17 th	1.45 pm.	Mufti Day Chapel 10FRH Discussion with Class Teachers
WEDNESDAY 18 th	12.00 pm. 2.00 – 2.30 pm. 2.30 – 4.15 pm.	St Georges arrive for billeting East Coast Secondary Schools Athletics House Assemblies - Senior Leadership Groups - Yr 10 Mentor Classes - Yr 9 Mentor Programme - Yr 7/8 Mentor Classes House Music Rehearsal
THURSDAY 19 th	1.00 – 2.15 pm 1.45 pm.	Area Meeting - Dannevirke - Boarding Intermediate Sports Exchange - St Georges @ LC University of Canterbury liaison visit Chapel
FRIDAY 20 th	1.45 pm.	BLAZER DAY Senior Secondary Schools Volleyball Assembly Progress reports issued 7.00 – 10.00 pm Year 9 & 10 Social with Woodford & Iona at LC Progress report issued
SATURDAY 21 st		
SUNDAY 22 nd	7.30 pm.	Evening Chapel Service

WEEK EIGHT

MONDAY 23 rd	1.45 pm.	Year 10 Camp 10SEY, 10 SMA Assembly
TUESDAY 24 th	1.45 p.m.	Year 10 Camp 10 SEY, 10 SMA Chapel 9 EVB Discussion with Class Teachers
WEDNESDAY 25 th	2.00 – 2.30 pm. 2.30- 4.15 pm.	Year 10 Camp, 10SEY, 10SMA, 10JFR, 10FRH, 10VIG House Assemblies – Year 9 Mentor Programme House Music Rehearsal
THURSDAY 26 th	1.00 – 2.15 pm. 1.45 pm.	Year 10 Camp 10JFR, 10FRH, 10VIG Otago University Liaison Visit Lowe Performing Arts Centre Dedication Service
FRIDAY 27 th	1.00 – 2.15 pm 1.45 pm. 7.00 pm	Lower North Island Sailing Regatta Year 10 Camp 10JFR, 10FRH, 10VIG University of Waikato liaison visit Assembly Intermediate Social @ Iona
SATURDAY 28 th		Lower North Island Sailing Regatta End of Summer Sport
SUNDAY 29 th	10.00 – 5.00 pm. 7.30 pm.	Lower North Island Sailing Regatta H.B. Festival of Bands Evening Chapel Service – Intermediate School Bible Reading Competition

WEEK NINE

MONDAY 30 th	1.45 pm. 3.30 pm. 6.45 – 7.45 pm	Lower North Island Sailing Regatta SUMMER TOURNAMENT WEEK YEAR 12 KAYAK CAMP Assembly IBSC Meeting Boarding Guest Speaker
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TUESDAY 31 st		SENIOR A SOFTBALL - TAURANGA YEAR 12 KAYAK CAMP
	1.45 pm.	Chapel
	3.30 – 4.15 pm.	Clubs Organisation
APRIL		
WEDNESDAY 1 st		SENIOR A SOFTBALL - TAURANGA YEAR 12 KAYAK CAMP
	2.00 – 2.30 pm.	Senior Mentor Groups Year 9 Mentor Programme Year 10 Assembly
	2.30 – 4.15 pm.	House Music Rehearsal
THURSDAY 2 nd		SENIOR A SOFTBALL - TAURANGA
	10.25 am.	Junior Good Report Morning Tea
	1.45 pm.	Chapel
	3.30 pm.	Summer Sports Photo catch-up 1 st XI, 2 nd XI & Yr 9 & 10 Cricket Junior & Senior Tennis
FRIDAY 3 rd		BLAZER DAY SENIOR A SOFTBALL - TAURANGA
	1.45 pm.	Assembly
SATURDAY 4 th	8.30 am.	BLAZER DAY - Open Day – Friday Timetable (all students to attend normal school day)
	2.00 pm.	'Kiwis In Concert' Farewell Concert – Lowe Performing Arts Centre
WEEK TEN		
MONDAY 6 th		Jacket Day
	1.45 pm.	Assembly - Summer Colours
	3.30 – 4.30 pm.	House Music Rehearsal
TUESDAY 7 th	10.25 am.	Senior Good Report Morning Tea
	1.45 pm.	Chapel
	3.30- 5.00 pm.	Winter Sports Trials
WEDNESDAY 8 th	2.00 – 2.30 pm.	House Assemblies – Year 9 Mentor Programme
	2.30 – 4.30 pm.	House Music Rehearsal
THURSDAY 9 th		BLAZER DAY
	8.30 am.	End of Term Chapel
	9.05 am	Lesson 1
	9.55 am	Lesson 2
	10.50 am	Interval
	11.15 am.	ANNUAL HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL (PARENTS WELCOME)
	1.15 pm.	House Rock bands
	3.20 pm.	Solos, ensembles & house Choirs
FRIDAY 10 th		END OF TERM GOOD FRIDAY APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COMMENCE
SATURDAY 11 th	8.30 a.m.	"Kiwis in Concert" Tour departs
SUNDAY 12 th		EASTER SUNDAY

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

EXCELLENT RESULTS IN SCHOLARSHIP

The 2008 Scholarship results saw 9 students earn a total of 21 subject scholarships (3 of which were awards for "Scholarship with Outstanding Performance" awarded to 0.04% of all the students in the Level 3 cohort for a subject).

Scholarships were awarded across 11 subjects taught at Level 3 of NCEA; **Media Studies (5), Economics (3), History (3), Classical Studies (3), English (2), Physics (1), Statistics (1), Calculus (1), Accounting (1), Science (1).**

The most impressive performances were gained by:-

Alex Winsley - (**Scholarships in five subjects**) - **Media (Scholarship with Outstanding Performance), Classics (Scholarship with outstanding Performance and was 1st in New Zealand for this subject), History (Scholarship), Statistics (Scholarship), English Scholarship**). This makes Alex eligible to receive an NZQA '**Outstanding Scholar Award**' awarded to the top 40-60 candidates in the country entitling him to \$5000 per year over three years.

Oliver Peacock - (**Scholarships in four subjects**) - **Media (Scholarship), Economics (Scholarship), History (Scholarship), Classics (Scholarship)**.

Ben Volz - (**Scholarship in three subjects**) - **Media (Scholarship with Outstanding Performance), History (Scholarship), Classics (Scholarship)**.

Both **Oliver** and **Ben** received the "**Scholarship Award**" for gaining 3 or more scholarships which entitles them to \$2000 per year for three years.

The following are eligible to receive two \$500 single subject awards:-

Richard Clarkson - **Media (Scholarship), Economics (Scholarship)**
Stuart Davidson - **Media (Scholarship), Economics (Scholarship)**
Hugh McHugh (Yr. 12) - **Physics (Scholarship), Calculus (Scholarship)**

In **Stuart Davidson's** case, this is his fourth Scholarship, having gained **Economics** and **Statistics** as a Year 12 student in 2007.

The following students are eligible to receive a one off \$500 single subject Award -

Angus Hildreth - **Science (Scholarship)**
James Lansdown - **English (Scholarship)**
Ben Sutherland - **Media (Scholarship)**

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ALEX WINSLEY TOPS THE NATION IN CLASSICAL STUDIES

Last year Proxime Accessit, **Alex Winsley** topped the Scholarship examination in Classical Studies. Gaining a grade of 23 out of 24, better than any other candidate, to take out the top prize. Traditionally the award has been won by a student from one of the seven schools that also teach Latin. Alex would have earned \$2000 for achievement, but had to forfeit the financial reward as he had already qualified for a \$5,000 'Outstanding Scholar Award'.

CAREERS CORNER

Before anyone can make good decisions in Careers one needs to be informed, after all, we can only do what we know. Knowing 'what's out there,' knowing what options and opportunities exist is essential.

There is a **comprehensive user friendly website** which students and parents need to familiarise themselves with. It is www.careers.govt.nz The Careers programme at school certainly aims to make students capable and confident users of it. It is free and available to anyone who has access to the net wherever they are. Parents as well as their sons should become familiar with it because it has all the information and links which empower informed decision making. When you open up to the home page you will find 10 rectangular boxes at the top of the home page. Five of those boxes open access to a wealth of critical information for students and parents.

Plan your Career provides sound advice about what process students should go through in planning their career.

Get Job Information is an alphabetical job data base which, under 6 categories, details information about a huge number of jobs in New Zealand. The same 6 categories of information are used for all listed jobs so it is easy to compare one job against another.

Find Education and Training Information details and explains who provides what in the way of education and training beyond school. It's strength is that it does not just focus on Universities but includes details about all providers including Trade Training and Modern apprenticeships. It is very comprehensive and gives excellent advice.

School Students and Leavers provides excellent pragmatic and up to date advice for students at all year levels. Topics covered and explored include Choosing School Subjects, Entering Tertiary Study, Leaving School and Entering Trade Training. These are all important topics and it is critical students are informed and systematic about thinking through these processes.

Parents Family and Whanau has links and information about Secondary Schools and NCEA. This is a very valuable page as it explains NCEA in understandable language so that you are much better informed. This window also includes information about Helping your kids make Decisions, Entering Trade Training and Tertiary Study and even a section called Where to go for more Help. This section is written especially for Parents.

I am not especially able or knowledgeable about computing but I can assure you that this website is easy to use, is user friendly and is completely accessible and free so if you are really interested in being informed and want to be in a better position to help your sons, then I recommend you familiarise yourself with this website - www.careers.govt.nz

More Careers Events and dates

May 4 Dunedin Tertiary Information day (all Tertiary institutions open for visits).

May 7 Rod Herries Police Recruitment. talking about career opportunities in the NZ Police M12 1.00pm

June 25 Carys Dickinson EIT Liaison M12 1.00pm

Parents are invited to any of these visits and those advertised in the previous Careers Corner. They are just another opportunity to be informed and parents have a right to this information as you are 'shareholders' in your son's future.

Breakout- Scholarship Data Base

The college is purchasing the breakout Scholarship data base. This will give our students access to the most comprehensive database of Scholarships available in New Zealand using the College Computer network. It is also available and accessible free from most town libraries. Almost every scholarship available in NZ is listed and detailed and there is a sophisticated filter programme which means scholarships can be sorted using a range of categories. This will be a very useful tool for students applying for Scholarships. Tertiary study is expensive and any scholarship reduces the amount students need to borrow as it is effectively 'free money.'

FYI Thinking about a Career in Agriculture?

How about a 4 day Taster course at Taratahi to learn more about farming and find out whether agriculture may be the right career path for you. 20-23 April, 6-9 July, 28 Sept-1 Oct 14-17 Dec Taratahi is running 4 day Taster Courses. The 4 days cost \$50 which includes the course, meals and accommodation. To book a place or if you have any questions contact Natalie Bowie, Taratahi Liaison Officer, Cornwall Rd, RD7, Masterton - Phone (06) 378 2116 Ext. 722, or email - natalie.bowie@taratahi.ac.nz

SPORTING ENDEAVOUR

ENTHUSIASM NOT DAMPENED IN ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS

With light rain falling for most of the day, the boys' commitment, enthusiasm and conduct was outstanding for this year's Swimming Sports. They remained positive and upbeat throughout and this was reflected in the chanting and in the display of House spirit. Highlights included a closely contested contest in the 20 man relay event, which saw **Aidan** win by the narrowest of margins, a **Prefects** win in their annual relay against the staff, **seven records being broken** and very competitive and hard fought races.

The senior division saw three swimmers finishing on the same points, with the winner being determined by the most number of wins. It is important to recognise that not all the boys are strong swimmers and many are not as good in the pool as they are on the track. But a real feature of the day was the positive, energetic manner in which all the boys approached the races.

The programme for the Swimming Sports ran extremely smoothly. The staff put in a huge amount of preliminary work - running two standards events after school and many preliminary heats over successive lunch times. **Mr. George Rogers** (Meet Organiser), the Physical Education staff and all of the College's teachers, are to be congratulated on an efficiently run event.

A big thank you to the parents, grandparents and members of the boys extended families, who braved the rain, to support the boys in their races. The young men really appreciate your support for events such as this. Sports Prefect, Jeremy Knapp, House Leaders and senior students did a superb job in generating enthusiasm for the event.

Intermediate School Division

25m Backstroke Sam Combs - 17.16 sec, (beating Mason Laurent's time of 17.54 set in 2007).

Intermediate Division

100m Individual Medley - Jack Drury - 1 min 9.70 secs (beating George Mackie's time of 1 min. 10.56 sec. set in 2007).

4 x 25m Relay - Durham House (beating Cuthbert's record set in 2006).

Senior Division

50m Breaststroke - Daniel Ellingham - 33.30 sec (beating George Mackie's time of 34.44 secs. set in 2008).

50m Butterfly - Jack Crasborn - 29.46 (beating his own record of 29.77 set in 2008).

50m Backstroke - Jack Crasborn - 31.06 (beating his own record of 31.40 set in 2008).

100m Backstroke - Jack Crasborn - 9.88 secs. (beating Nathan Hutchinson's record of 1 min. 10.31 secs. set 17 years ago, in 1991).

100m Individual Medley - George Mackie 1 min 7.89 (beating his own record of 1 min 7.93 sec. in 2008).

4 x 25 relay - Cuthbert House (beating the previous record set by Cuthbert in 2008).

Mrs. Marianne Knapp, mother of Games Prefect, Jeremy Knapp, presented medallions to the best swimmers in each of the championship divisions:-

Intermediate School

2009 Champion and	Gold Medal	Sam Combs	36 points
	Silver Medal	Harry Wilcox	29 points
	Bronze Medal	Bertie Bassett-Foss	21 points

Junior Division

2009 Champion and	Gold Medal	Mason Laurent	35 points
	Silver Medal	Sam Godwin	32 points
	Bronze Medal	Jack Clarke	28 points

Intermediate Division

2009 Champion and	Gold Medal	Jack Drury	36 points
	Silver Medal	Sam Kettle	32 points
	Bronze Medal	Tom Crasborn	25 points

Senior Division

2009 Champion and	Gold Medal	Jack Crasborn	32 points (4 wins)
	Silver Medal	George Mackie	32 points (3 wins)
	Bronze Medal	Daniel Ellingham	32 points (2 wins)

Aidan House won the House Tankard for the 20 x 25 relay. **Durham House** won the Standards Cup and the House Cup for the most points (i.e. 2032) from this year's championship meet. **Cuthbert House** finished second with 1887 points.

WIN IN THE SCOTS COLLEGE SPORTS EXCHANGE

The 53rd summer sports exchange with our Wellington brother Presbyterian School, was hosted in the Hawke's Bay, in glorious hot sunny conditions.

Scots proved a much stronger prospect this year in Tennis, with many of the singles exchanges going the full distance. **Calum Ironside** dominated the Scots Number 1 with an emphatic 6-1, 6-4 victory. **Finn McIldowie** fought well before finally defeating the Scot's number 2, 7-5, 6-4. **Ben Wynne-Lewis'** match went to three sets before he overcame his opponent 6-3, 6-7, 6-2. **Michael Owen 6-0, 6-3** and **Tim Harker 6-0, 6-1** won their fixture convincingly, so after Singles play, Lindisfarne held a 5-3 lead and needed at least two wins in the doubles to secure an overall victory.

After another set of close encounters, we emerged victors by securing three of the four doubles - **Ironside/McIldowie** (7-5, 6-0), **Wynne-Lewis/Owen** (6-3, 7-6) and **Yule/Harker** (6-1, 2-6, 7-5). The fixture proved an excellent dress rehearsal for the very strong St. Paul's team.

In the Athletics, at the new Percival Road track, each athlete chose five events to compete in, split between the track and field. Using a Deathlon format, points were scored according to times and distances. The points were spread relatively evenly throughout the day, but a number of athletes stood out from the rest of the field. In the junior competition, **Waka Smit** had a strong day all round and excelled in the long jump and shot put, while **Sam Martin** showed prowess in the javelin and on the track. In the senior age group, **Michael Drinkwater** did well in the 400 and 1000 metre races and **Chris Read** showed his flare in the 200m. **Brandon Elliott** and **Liam Murphy** both showed their skill in javelin, throwing well over 40m. Both the senior and junior A relay teams did well to win both races with the B teams both coming 3rd.

The closeness of the event was shown when the final scores were calculated at the end of the day. Lindisfarne won the senior event 104-100 however, the juniors fell just short 148-164. This resulted in a narrow victory to Scots by 7 points 269-262.

In Cricket, Lindisfarne's 1st XI elected to bat first in their 3 day match against Scots. On a flat and easy paced wicket, **Scott Schaw** and **Matt Winchombe** took the score to 67 for no loss, before a mini collapse saw the home side teetering at 100 for 4 after Scott Schaw was dismissed for 48. **Angus Schaw** and **Oliver Morrison** then batted with purpose and accuracy to score 108 for the fifth wicket with Schaw scoring 50 and Morrison 47, placing Lindisfarne at 252/7 at the end of the first day.

On the Monday morning, **Andrew Dykes** and **Sam Donaldson** put on 75 for the eighth wicket, with Dykes scoring 75 off 91 balls before Lindisfarne were dismissed for 368 in the 100+ overs.

The Scot's batting proved extremely tentative as they were first dismissed for just 64 (**Henry Hunter** 6 for 30 and **Driaan Lubbe** 3 for 9) and then 102 (Lubbe 3 for 14). The winning margin, an innings and 20 runs was the second highest in the history of the fixture.

ANNUAL TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

In overcast but hot conditions, for the first time we held the College's Athletics Sports, at the new Regional Facility at Percival Road. Although incomplete, the complex will prove an exciting sporting asset for the Hawke's Bay.

Despite the logistical challenges of running the meet at Percival Road, the boys proved extremely cooperative, enthusiastic and supportive. Whether it was a Championship final or the seventh heat in a non championship event, all the students really pushed themselves hard on the new track.

The Athletics event was extremely well organised and ran smoothly and efficiently. Meet coordinator, **Mr. Murray Smith**, did a wonderful job in managing the huge team of staff involved on the day. The boys and staff had been busy on three afternoons and numerous lunch times, prior to the finals, completing standards in preparation for the event.

This year's championship produced two new records, both in the Intermediate age division -

- **Waka Smit** in the Intermediate Triple jump, achieved 12.81 metres, surpassing the previous record set in 1978 by A. McGregor of 12.58 metres.
- The **Durham House** 4 x 100m relay team - time of 48.57 sec. bettered the time set by the Cuthbert team in 1990.

Mrs. Josie Willis, mother of Deputy Head of School, George Willis, presented the medallions to each of the best athletes in the division.

Intermediate school

Champion and Gold Medal	Damien Lysaght	22 points
Silver Medal	Max Bayley	21 points
Bronze Medal	John Reboli	17 points

Junior Division

Champion and Gold Medal	Ben Reid	34 points
Silver Medal	Sam Godwin	28 points
Bronze Medal	Simon Stallard	26 points

Intermediate Division

Champion and Gold Medal	Waka Smit	40 points
Silver Medal	Matthew Taylor	27 points
Bronze Medal	Sam Martin	25 points

Senior Division

Champion and Gold Medal	Bryce McLeod	33 points
Silver Medal	Henry Bridge	31 points
Bronze Medal	Michael Drinkwater	26 points

Aidan House took out the Standards Cup, while **Cuthbert House**, with 3178 points, won the McKenzie Cup for overall winner of the Inter-House competition for 2009. Oswald House were placed second with 3146 points.

CLEAN SWEEP WIN IN ST. PAUL'S COLLEGIATE EXCHANGE

This year's summer exchange was the thirty-second between Lindisfarne and its Hamilton rivals (i.e. having commenced in 1976, when current Director of Sport, Mr. James Francis, took our 1st XI Cricket side up to the Waikato). 2009 saw our teams travelling up to St. Paul's Collegiate, where they encountered warm conditions, after rain on the days preceding the exchange.

Our Senior Tennis VIII were keen to avenge losses in both 2007 and 2008 fixtures, and knew that they had to lift their games to be competitive. The opening victory went to St. Paul's when they defeated our Number 3 Double combination of **Jock Barns-Graham** and **Henry Yule**, however, it proved to be their only win of the morning as in the singles matches, **Calum Ironside**, **Finn McIldowie**, **Michael Owen** and the number 4 doubles pairing of **Tim Harker** and **Thomas Yule**, all secured victories setting up a 4-1 lead. **Calum Ironside's** match was particularly meritorious as he defeated the Waikato ranked Wei Jin, in three sets.

The afternoon belonged to Lindisfarne with **Jock Barns-Graham**, **Henry Yule** and **Tim Harker**, winning their singles and our two top doubles combinations, beating their respective opponents for a 10-2 victory, the result of determination and sensible shot selection, by the Lindisfarne seniors.

The Junior fixture was even more one sided as Lindisfarne had a clean sweep over the St. Paul's Junior VIII. All but one of the singles victories were achieved in two sets - **Simon Stallard** was particularly impressive defeating his Hamilton opponent 6-0, 6-0.

In the afternoon Junior doubles, Lindisfarne won all of the matches by comfortable margins.

Simon Stallard	/	Cameron Pease	9-2
Rhys Wynne-Lewis	/	Liam Murphy	9-3
William Read	/	William Skerman	9-3
Arthur Glazebrook	/	Hamish Penny	9-1

In the Cricket, both matches were affected by 'drying' pitches which favoured the bowlers. In the Colts fixture, St. Paul's put Lindisfarne in to bat on a wicket that took considerable spin. After an early wicket, **Michael D'Esposito** (19), **Jake Harvey** (32), developed a good partnership. But a fine spin attack tore through the middle order to have Lindisfarne at 70 for 7, before sensible batting from **Jack Arnall** (16) and **James Harrison** (24. n.o.) took the score to 136.

St. Paul's Colts never came to grips with the pace bowling of **Jack Arnall** (5 for 21) and the tight accurate spin bowling of **Angus Smith** (1 for 21 off 10 overs) and **Jake Harvey** 2 for 18 and were reduced to 50 for 8, before finally being dismissed for 94. A win to Lindisfarne by 42 runs.

In the 1st XI fixture, Lindisfarne were asked to bat on a pitch still damp from the weekend's rain. Having been 32 for 7, **Ben Bunworth** and **Sam Donaldson** reconstructed the innings, with Ben scoring 45 runs and Lindisfarne ground its way to 133 off 55 overs. At 51 for 1 the home side looked comfortable, but a **Ben Wallace** wicket, proved the catalyst for a massive collapse, that saw 9 wickets fall for 37 runs and St. Paul's bowled out for 88.

In the second innings, Lindisfarne were again in trouble at 50 for 5 but fought back to score 166 runs. At 79 for 4 Lindisfarne had the game in reach, before St. Paul's determined to avoid an outright defeat, enabled them to fight to 185 for 9. A win to Lindisfarne on the first innings.

The overall result of the summer exchange with St. Paul's Collegiate, an emphatic 4-0 win.

SENIOR A SOFTBALL SIDE HISTORIC WIN

The Senior A side followed up an excellent win against Napier Boys' High School, with an historic win against Hastings Boys' High School. The Hastings Boys' High School side was basically the same team that won the National Secondary Schools' title in 2008, except for the absence of N.Z. rep. Campbell Makea, who has since left school. With a side full of provincial stars, including the Hawke's Bay U19 Pitcher and six other Hawke's Bay Provincial representatives, Hastings Boys' entered the game as strong favourites, but they didn't count on the determination, team work and commitment of Lindisfarne's 2009 Senior A side. Lindisfarne controlled the 90 minute game, from start to finish. Scoring two runs in the first innings, they stretched their lead to the final 5-2 scoreline with some slick pitching from **Jordan Waterhouse**, who combined superbly with catcher **Daniel Bramley**. While **Brad Adams** and **Matt Geddes** fielded superbly in the in-field.

Even more meritorious, was the fact that the win over Hastings Boys' High School was the Senior A's first since the mid 1980's. The victory was a real confidence booster for our senior Softball team who travel to the Division Two National Tournament in March.

JORDAN WATERHOUSE - NATIONALLY RANKED PITCHER

The Senior A Softball sides pitcher, **Jordan Waterhouse** displayed his skills and abilities over the Christmas break. Selected for the Hawke's Bay Under 17 Softball side, he was ranked New Zealand's number two pitcher at the N.Z. Under 17 championships in Palmerston North and Number five at the N.Z. U19 championships in Nelson. Selected for the New Zealand Under 17 side, Jordan will travel to Canada in July with the N.Z. Softball Youth team, for the North American Provincial Youth Championships. Jordan recently pitched for Hawke's Bay against the touring Japanese University Representative side.

ROWERS CONTINUE TO EXCEL

Hamish Cowie and **Colin Chisholm** backed up the Gold Medal they gained at Karapiro in the North Island Club championships, by another first in the New Zealand Club championships, held at Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel. This is the second year that a Lindisfarne pairing have won this event, with **Ben Sutherland** and **Tom Alexander**, National champions in the same event in 2008.

This year **Tom Alexander** and **Ben Sutherland** have moved up to the tough light weight Double Sculls division. Competing against much older and experienced rowers, they still managed a Gold in the North Island Club championships and a fourth against tough opposition in the New Zealand championships.

Rowing as a sport is really growing within the College and we want to recognise and thank the Hawke's Bay Rowing Club, for the time and energy they have put in, to enable our boys to enjoy success.

TIM GALLAND ENJOYS GREAT SUCCESS IN KAYAKING NATIONALS

Tim Galland competed in the New Zealand Kayak Nationals at the Blue Lakes in Rotorua gained an amazing six medals in the Under 17 division:-

- **Gold Medal in the K1 200m**
- **Bronze Medal in the K1 500m**
- **Silver Medal in the K2 200m**
- **Gold Medal in the K2 500m**
- **Gold Medal in the K4 200m**
- **Gold Medal in the K4 500m**

Tim's four Golds, Silver and a Bronze medal was an outstanding achievement.

MATT BROOME AND SAM MACKAY MAKE YACHTING N.Z. YOUTH NATIONAL SQUAD

Both **Matt Broome** and **Sam MacKay** were invited to join the Yachting New Zealand National Youth Squad for 2009, based on their performance at the ISAF Grade 1 Sail, in the Auckland Regatta. This is a great opportunity for both of these talented sailors to gain valued coaching at a National level. The boys will attend three coaching clinics in Auckland, over March and April. We are very proud of their selection in this National squad.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SUCCESS IN FIRST ROUND OF MILO CUP

In the first round of the Milo Cup our Intermediate 1st XI had a comfortable win over Peterhead School. Dismissing Peterhead for just 64 (**Tom Pease** 2-15, **William Sabiston** 2-7, **Ben Black** 2-6), they passed their opponent's total for the loss of no wickets.

FIRST CRICKET XI ENJOYS SUCCESS IN FIRST ROUND OF GILLETTE CUP

Lindisfarne comfortably won their first round match, in the Gillette Cup, the National Secondary Schools' limited over knockout competition.

Playing against a plucky Karamu High School side, Lindisfarne were 98 for 5 after 37 overs, but in the final 13 overs **Sam Donaldson** and **Angus Schaw** put on ten runs an over to reach 226/5. **Angus** scored 83 n.o. and **Sam Donaldson** 37 n.o. Karamu were then dismissed for 58 runs with **Driaan Lubbe** taking 6 for 29.

Lindisfarne in the next round, will play the winner of the St. John's College versus Havelock North High School match.

OTHER NOTABLE SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Morgan Taylor (Year 9) gained fourth place in the Under 15 class and **Tom Beaton** (Year 13) eighth in the Under 19 class, in the New Zealand Downhill Mountain Bike championships, held in Nelson, on the weekend of February 28th to March 1st. Previously, **Morgan** had competed in the North Island Downhill Cup series in three separate events in January and finished fifth overall, while in the South Island Downhill Cup in three events in February (Dunedin, Coronet Peak and Blenheim), he came fourth overall in the Under 15 division.

Jaques Gichard (Year 7) was ranked fourth best swimmer in the country, in the New Zealand Junior Swimming championships held in Wellington.

The following students have achieved individual cricketing milestones:-

Five Wicket bags have been achieved by:-

- **James Harrison** took 5 for 10 for the Colts against Central Hawke's Bay College.
- **Michael D'Esposito** who took 5 for 40 for the Colts in their match against Napier Boys' High School.
- **Jack Arnall** who took 5 for 21 for the Colts side in their traditional fixture against St. Paul's Collegiate (Hamilton).

Six Wicket Bags have been achieved by

- **Graydon Hambly** who took 6 for 16 for the 2nd XI against the Napier Boys' High School 2nd XI.
- **Henry Hunter** who took 6 for 30 for the 1st XI in their traditional fixture against Scots College.
- **Driaan Lubbe** took 6 for 29 for the 1st XI against Karamu High School in their Gillette Cup match

From morning cricket, the 50 run bat has been presented to:-

- **Matt Francis** who scored 53 for the 3B side against Karamu High School.

The Century Bat for 100+ runs in a match has been presented to:-

- **Jacob Harvey** who scored 106 runs for the Colts in their game against C.H.B.

Additional Sporting Representatives

Cameron Jaques - **Cornwall Under 14 Representative**
Finn Collin - **Cornwall Under 14 Representative**

CULTURAL PURSUITS

A YEAR FULL OF EXCITING MUSICAL CHALLENGES

Musicians of every genre have either performed or are busily preparing for their first performances. The Jazz and Pipe Band will play for the Gala and the Jazz Band has already made its first appearance of the year at the Hastings District Council Community Service Awards on Wednesday 11th March.

House Music Festival preparation has begun with soloists, ensemble and rock group personnel being selected. The number of boys taking instrumental lessons continues to flourish with approx 36% of all boys learning an instrument. There has been keen interest this year in Bagpipes and Brass instruments. The breakdown is as follows:

Pipe Drumming 7	Bagpipes 13	Flute 3	Brass 14	Violin 4
Percussion/Drums 18	Singing 5	Piano 18	Guitar 44	
Saxophone/Clarinet 15				

There are also another 38 students playing in ensembles that do not have lessons, or who have lessons outside of school hours. We do have a few vacancies in some music classes. This particularly applies to the Flute, Trombone, French Horn and Keyboard where Mrs. Ludlow will teach both jazz and modern piano. Students and families interested in these areas of music-making should contact Mr. Snowling.

An event that many of our band students will be involved with, is the third Hawke's Bay Festival of Bands which we are hosting here at Lindisfarne on Sunday 29th March. Both Concord bands will be performing alongside seven others from Hawke's Bay, Taupo and Manawatu.

Our tour to England and the United States of America at Easter is now firmly in our sights. At the time of writing we have a tour party of fifty nine comprised of 42 students, 11 parent supporters and 6 staff.

A performance at Lindisfarne Castle is confirmed and we will present another six performances while overseas. These include York (1), Ipswich (2), Palm Springs (2), Long Beach L.A. (1).

IMPROMPTU SPEECH FINALS

On Wednesday March 4th, we held the finals of the Senior and Junior Sir John Marshall speeches. The art of impromptu speaking is a special skill in itself, requiring the speaker to think quickly on their feet, to be able to present a persuasive yet informative argument to the audience.

In the **Senior contest**, held in the new Auditorium, not all the finalists were able to sustain their address for the 3 minutes minimum. Provided with two topics to choose from: - **"The world is a more dangerous place"** and **"We must slow down"**, the audience were treated to some entertaining speeches, as well as others that were more informative. The eventual place getters, were able to achieve the balance of getting their point across, but at the same time holding the audience's attention:-

Ben Wynne-Lewis	-	Winner
Michael Drinkwater	-	Runner-up
Luke Gilmore	-	Third place

For many of the entrants in the 2009 **Junior Impromptu Speech competition**, this was the first time that they have challenged themselves in this manner. The finalists had just two minutes to prepare speeches on one of the following topics which they had not seen before:- **"Why Money Counts"** and **"How to earn respect"**.

Some of the Year 9 boys found it hard to keep speaking for the minimum length of 2 minutes and were therefore disqualified, but the majority of the speakers spoke well and conveyed their thoughts and ideas in an interesting manner to the audience.

Patrick Gregory	-	Winner
Jacob Harvey	-	Runner-up
George Nelson	-	Third place

The other finalists, **Fred King, Jeffrin Harty, Jacob Peyton, Matthew Taylor, Joel Willetts, Ben Holt, Hugh Chesterman, Angus Smith, Heath McIldowie, Max Emmerson, Oliver Jarden** are to be congratulated for having the courage and confidence to enter the contest.

DEBATING IN 2009

Debating uses many skills essential in Impromptu Speaking and as a College, we strongly encourage student involvement in this cultural activity. Demanding and time consuming, involvement in Debating provides a participant with valuable practice under pressure, "thinking on their feet", an opportunity to use their sense of humour, clinically rebut an opponent's argument and to "work an audience", to win them and the adjudicator over to their way of thinking.

A great number of our boys thrive on the challenges posed by the demand and as a result, grow in both confidence and self esteem. We want to congratulate the following students for putting themselves forward for the 2009 competition.

Premier team
George Willis
Hugh McHugh
Luke Gilmore
Leo Gemmell

Senior Team (Year 12 - 13)
Colin Chisholm
Tom Harrison
Zachary Meyer
Andrew Beacham

Year 11 team
Jack Williams
Tom Allen
Douglas Gray
Sam MacKay

Year 10 team

Marcus Jackson
Henry Orton
Fred King
George Nelson
Michael D'Esposito

James Bevin
Joel Willetts
Luke Marriott
James Harrison

Year 9 team

Hamish Penny
Oliver Wares
Arthur Glazebrook
Michael Hayton

Liam Banks
Drew Duthie
Stuart Thomson
Aston Taylor

Each of the teams will compete in one prepared debate in each of Terms 1 and 2 and at least one limited preparation debate in Term 2 and 3. From the initial rounds of competition, finalists will be found for the Juniors Year 9 and Year 10, Senior Year 11, Year 12/13 and Premier grades.

Lindisfarne has a proud record of success in both regional and national debating. Last year, our senior debating team won the Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools' competition, when they defeated Hastings Girls' High School in the finals. **Scott Ansell** and **Abraham Ropitini** were selected in the Hawke's Bay team that contested the finals of the Russell McVeagh Provincial Debating competition - **Abraham** being selected as a reserve for the National Secondary Schools' Debating teams. We wish all boys participating in this year's regional competition all the best.

OTHER CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Recent results from the Trinity Guild Hall Music examinations, from students playing the Guitar, were as follows:-

Luke Gilmore	-	Grade 4
Jonty Strong	-	Grade 3
Sam Martin	-	Grade 2

CHRISTIAN DIMENSION

RELIGIOUS STUDIES INFORMATION

Year 12 Religious Studies attempts to allow students to put into a practical context many of the issues and topics covered in previous years.

Here they are given the opportunity of working independently on a Research Project, researching a current issue facing young people. Students have access to the College's Library resources – internet, books, National Library of New Zealand resources, reference books and articles to assist in the task.

Each student is then expected to present to the class, the key findings of their research in the form of a PowerPoint presentation, so their presentation can be used as a basis for class discussion, making the exercise a shared learning experience.

Students are asked to include in their presentation, some comment on how theology (God) might respond to the issue they have researched. What does religion have to say? They are to end their presentation by posing a key question that has arisen from their research that might be discussed together as a class.

Topics chosen are many and varied, a sample of which is listed below:

Substance Abuse, Teenagers and cell phones, Influence of Television on Teenagers, Influence of Advertising on Teenagers, The Possibility of Human Immortality Religion, Underage Drinking, Alcohol and Youth, Crime and Punishment, Teenage Suicide, Rap Lyrics, Conscriptation, Boy Racing, Effects of Technology on Teenagers, Binge Drinking, Clothing and Technology, Labels, Peer Pressure, The Influence of Sport, The Meaning of Life, The Influence of the Media on Teenagers, Choices and Decision Making, Influence of Music, Christianity, Police in Today's Society, Effects of Professional Sportspersons on Teenagers, Genetic Engineering, Abortion, Euthanasia, Prejudice and Discrimination, Sexual Orientation, Medical Ethics

Students respond positively to the practical nature of the Year 12 Religious Studies course, producing some thought provoking and stimulating presentations.

STUDENT LED CHAPELS

Over the first half of the term, Year 13 students have been given the responsibility of leading worship. Each of the services have been of a very high standard, extremely thought provoking and challenging, setting a benchmark for other levels of the school to aspire to later in the year.

Aidan House - Year 13

Theme: *"How can we fight social inequality"*
Reading: *Ben Bunworth*
Prayer: *Jeff Phillips*
Sermon: *Ben Wynne-Lewis*

Cuthbert House - Year 13

Theme: *"Making the most of our opportunities in life"*
Reading: *Michael Drinkwater*
Prayer: *Jeremy Knapp*
Sermon: *Daniel Ellingham*

Durham House - Year 13

Theme: *"Reflecting on our mistakes"*
Reading: *Ben Wallace*
Prayer: *Michael Tiffen*
Sermon: *George Mackie*

Oswald House - Year 13

Theme: *"Welcoming into our lives those who have not been given as much as us"*
Reading: *Alexander Harrison*
Prayer: *Henry Hunter*
Sermon: *Luke Gilmore*

An example of the quality and thought provoking sermons presented by our most senior boys, is this one, presented by the House Leader of Durham, **George Mackie**.

"I'm going to reflect on mistakes. In the Bible reading, a breach of faith was regarded as an error or mistake made.

Mistakes come in many forms and it is my belief, that it is how we cope with these mistakes that shape the people we are today. Personally, I have made many mistakes in my life. Some I have looked at as being stupid and should not repeat, yet the vast majority of them, I have benefitted from and learnt valuable lessons.

A few years ago I made the mistake of thinking I was fitter than I actually was and went into a national swimming competition vastly underprepared. I thought that if I trained intensely a month out from the competition, I would do as well as I had previously done. Going in with high expectations, I was pretty gutted with my results and went away more determined than previously and was hungry for a win. I could have 'spat the dummy' and stopped swimming, or instead decide to try harder to be better.

If you look at a mistake as if "you've done something wrong, you won't be able to fix it", then you're probably right; you won't fix it. Having a negative outlook on life is a mistake in the first place. Make the most of life. Don't sit around and let it fly by. Go and experience new things. You'll no doubt make mistakes along the way, but that's life. Deal with it. If you try new things and make mistakes, then you are allowing yourself to grow as a person and this in turn, will shape your personality and how you react in the future to different situations.

Take William Webb Ellis, for example. He made the 'mistake' of picking up a soccer ball and running with it. I think many of us would argue that this was no mistake, but that's beside the point. At the time, he was probably penalised as a result of that mistake. But he endeavoured to pursue what he believed in and as a result, the wonderful game of rugby we play today, has eventuated.

In most sport, we learn from making mistakes. We can, however, also relate this to our school work, where in the classroom, you should literally learn from your mistakes. In a test, if you fail or even just get a couple of questions wrong, then you should look over your books and learn what you don't know, so that you won't make that same mistake again.

A way that humans have learnt from their mistakes over the years is in medicine. Many people have died over the years due to medical procedures which have gone wrong,

If it weren't for these mistakes however, we would not have the state of the art technology and high quality Doctors who can perform miraculous complex life saving surgeries that we have today. These mistakes have no doubt led to negative consequences for the Doctors, but research on their mistakes and successful practice since, have led to improved quality in health.

The reading just shared with us, explains how if you sin, you have to bring gifts by means of good sheep to be forgiven. This can be likened to what I have just been saying because the unintentional sin spoken of in the reading can be compared to a mistake, where you have a consequence as a result of your actions. As times have changed however, you aren't expected to give your best sheep to someone because you made a mistake. You can't buy your way out of a mistake; you need to learn from it instead. You need to think about what you have done and make changes according to what action needs to be taken, for you not to make the same mistake again.

Remember, mistakes are a blessing if you learn from them. I leave you with a quote - "**A man's errors are his portals of discovery**".

SPECIAL CHARACTER

PERFORMING ARTS AND EVENTS CENTRE

March 26th will see a dedication ceremony for the Lowe Family Performing Arts Centre. In an 'in house' ceremony, the boys and the staff of the College will be joined by the College Council and major sponsors for a blessing ceremony. This will be followed by a 'Gala Opening' on the first weekend of Term Two (i.e. Saturday May 2), where all those who have sponsored seats, or have been significant donors for the complex, will be invited to Cocktails and Concert evening functions. Fundraising has accelerated over the past three weeks and we are confident that we will secure funding from a number of Charitable Trusts in the region. The total funds raised stands at \$1,052,950.00. We thank the following members of the Lindisfarne community who have recently supported the project.

Parents

**Keith & Laurie Harrison
Andy & Jane Lysaght
Howatson Family
Sawers Family
John & Margie Clayton
Reid Family**

Staff

**David Apperley
Rennie Family
Petersen Family**

Supporters

**Rodney Green Family
J A Simons Ltd
C B Norwood Ltd
Stafford Family**

Old Boys

**Rupert Ryan
William Buchanan**

We still have just over 80 Auditorium seats that are still to be sponsored. If you can assist with a donation of \$1500 (or \$500 over three years), we would appreciate you contacting our Special Projects Manager, Mr. Rob Hay (Phone 06-8731136, Ext 7056).

With just the Auditorium seating to be installed next week, the Rodney Green Auditorium complex has exceeded our expectations. The acoustics are amazing - a member of the N.Z. Symphony Orchestra commented that he felt that they were of 'Concert Hall' level. The complex has been finished to an extremely high standard, with beautiful Tawa panelling a real feature of the Auditorium.

On your first visit you can't help but be impressed. Almost as importantly, from a financial perspective, the project has been constructed within budget. Morgan Builders and BSM Architects are to be commended for the care and attention to detail that they have put into construction and design. The final result is a facility that will prove a real asset for our school in the future and a building that will be something for us all to be proud of. A big thank you to all of you, who have made it possible. It has been seven years in the planning, but the final product has been well worth the wait.

DAYBOY VS BOARDER HAKA

This Annual event, was held in the Gymnasium on Friday February 13th and judged by Messrs. Reimana Johnson and Grant Gilbert. The Boarding House prevailed, in one of the closest contests in a number of years. The Dayboy vs. Boarder contest was followed by the first Full School Haka of 2009, on the Homestead Lawn. Foundation Scholar, **Mr Roger Alexander** was accorded the honour of accepting the challenge, that faces the school in the year ahead. Mr. Alexander was a first day pupil when the College first opened in 1953. He was a College Councillor for eighteen years (i.e. 1967 to 1985) and played a crucial part in establishing the beautiful grounds and gardens that we now have within the College. Mr. Alexander is the long standing patron of the Old Boys' Association, playing a crucial role in the 50th Jubilee (2003) and 'Contemptibles Reunion' (2008). A dedicated supporter of Lindisfarne and a 'gentleman' in the truest sense of the word, Mr. Alexander was a very appropriate figure in the College's history, to receive our first Haka as a school, for 2009.

IBSC CONFERENCE ORGANISATION WELL ON SCHEDULE

With the Global conference of Boys' Schools just sixteen weeks away, planning is well on target for our College to host this International event in the first week of the July holidays (i.e. July 7 to 10).

A core group of twenty of Lindisfarne staff have worked tirelessly over the past two years to plan and organise for the fifteenth International Conference - the first to be hosted by New Zealand and the first to be hosted outside one of the world's major cities.

At present we have reached our target of 130 New Zealand delegates, and feel confident, that even given the global recession, we will have 380 to 400 delegates and approximately 150 spouses in the Hawke's Bay this July. We have had fantastic support from New Zealand schools - Dilworth (10), Southland Boys' (8), Christ's College (7), Sacred Heart College (7); Australian Schools - Baker College (12), Anglican Church School (8), Scotch College (8), Shore School (8) and from the United States - St. Mark's School of Texas (12). We are expecting delegates from England, Scotland, Ireland, Hong Kong, Japan, South Africa, Canada, U.S.A., Australia and New Zealand.

In a newsletter closer to the actual Conference date, we will give you greater details of the Conference programme, but at this stage we can state that presenter Steve Biddulph is willing to give an address to Hawke's Bay educators on one of the evenings of the conference and that we are planning to host either a 'Close Up' or 'Campbell Live' current affairs Television programme, on boys' educational issues at Lindisfarne during the conference.

We have received tremendous support from His Worship the Mayor of the Hastings District Council, Mr. Lawrence Yule, who is hosting a Mayoral reception for the delegates and their spouses at the Hawke's Bay Opera House on Thursday July 9th. While Mr. Hamish Whyte, Managing Director of Furnware, has confirmed his Education Furniture company as the major sponsor of this year's event.

In the February newsletter, P. & F. Association President, Mrs Jo Smith asked for parent support with the flowers, involvement in the purchase of Gift Baskets for delegates and the decorations for the Art Deco evening at the Opera House. Thanks to all those who contacted Jo with offers of assistance. If you haven't yet done so, but would like to assist, please ring her on (06) 8770200.

The conference provides a great opportunity to profile what is best about the Hawke's Bay. If you know someone who would like to promote their products to a very influential group of world educators or could assist by donating towards the gift packs any of the following, can you please contact Conference Secretary, Mrs Anne Averill - phone (06) 8731136 Ext. 7024.

- *Cheese samples*
- *Hand made chocolate*
- *Crackers or sampler biscuits*
- *Fruit (i.e. Apples, Pears or Kiwifruit).*
- *Or any other items suitable for inclusion in the 400 gift baskets for delegates.*

LINDISFARNE COLLEGE YEAR DINNERS

The dates for the 2009 Year dinners have now been set. Please make a note of these dates on your calendar. You will be sent an invitation closer to the date by the organiser of your year group dinner. This information will also be on the school web site under the Parents and Friends section.

			Organiser		
Day	Date	Year	Name	Phone no	E-mail address
Friday	27.3.09	9	Julie Arnall	06 877 7751	davidarnall@xtra.co.nz
Friday	3.4.09	Int Sch	Cath Jeffares	06 844 9844	cathjeffares@xtra.co.nz
Saturday	9.5.09	12	Prue and Peter Tod	06 856 8025	hollycombe@xtra.co.nz
Saturday	9.5.09	13	Patrick & Lesley O'Rourke	06 839 5903	Quarryburn.Farm@xtra.co.nz
Friday	22.5.09	11	Jenny Forbes	06 838 8438	jenny@forbes.gen.nz
Friday	14.8.09	10	Michelle Weaver	06 835 7559	pacificaesthetics@xtra.co.nz

These dates have been set by the school, and this year for the first time we are trying a Friday evening. Boarding parents may find it more convenient, as their sons often play Saturday sport. Please accept the invitation as a personal one when it is received, as it is not always possible for the organiser to contact everyone personally by phone.

This year we are starting the dinners with Year 9, followed by the Intermediate School, to enable new parents to meet other new parents early in the year. As in previous years, the Year 12 and 13 dinners are both to be held on the night of the School Ball. We would like to thank Jenny Forbes for the coordination of these year dinners, which is a huge undertaking.

UNIFORM MATTERS

Haircuts for the second half of term

We would appreciate parental support in ensuring all boys conform to the College's requirements; **hair should not touch the shirt collar or ears and must be well groomed.** Hair product is not to be used by boys while at school.

Tracksuits, House singlet and sports shirt

At the Swimming and Athletics Sports, we were able to ascertain, that a number of boys do not own key uniform items. These items are not optional - they are compulsory components of the College uniform code. The tracksuits, while an expensive item of clothing, is used by all boys at inter-house sport, major school interchanges and to and from sports practices/weekend sport. All boys need both tracksuit pants and top. All boys doing P.E. must have the College Sports shirt. This shirt doubles as sports uniform for Cricket, Tennis and Hockey.

Sewn embroidered name tags

In the six weeks of the year, we already have a huge amount of unnamed and unclaimed gear (i.e. boxers, towels, shoes, schoolbags, socks, sandals etc). Griffiths shoes will burn the surname of boys on the heel of their sandals. It is crucial that all items of clothing (and footwear), have sewn, embroidered name tags. Felt pens or iron on labels just don't work. Shoes need embroidered name tags on the tongue (below the laces), Sandals (with no burnt naming on the soles) need the name tags sewn on the back straps. Can you please check all items of clothing and gear are named, that your son brings to school.

Early notification of a change to Soccer Uniform for 2010

Mr. Glen Petersen, Master in charge of Soccer, has informed me, that Craft and Hearn have sourced enough Soccer shirts and shorts for this year, but the current uniform will no longer be produced for 2010. For next year, there will hence have to be a complete change in Soccer uniform across all teams. The new uniform is much smarter and will be actually cheaper than the present one. Lotto, the sports manufacturer, has guaranteed supply of the new shorts and shirt until 2015.

Respecting boys privacy

The boarding boys raised concerns about the presence of mothers, and on a couple of occasions sisters, in the Dormitories particularly after school, when boys are changing for weekend leave, exeats, dinner or sports practices.

We would ask parents to respect the boys privacy and not to enter the Dorms during the day, other than on the first and last day of term. Clothes, goods or tuck can be left at the office or with Matron during the day. Under Hostel regulations, the Ministry of Education requires that Dormitories are only visited by parents, when boys are being dropped off or picked up from school. We do have **a family/parent meeting room** in the **Matron's Annex** - this area has a microwave, jug, tea and coffee facilities, toilet and couches. Boys are free to meet with their families in this area, in relative comfort and relatively greater privacy.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The first half of the term has produced a very productive and positive six weeks. I have had the opportunity of visiting over twenty lessons, and have observed the teaching of all the new staff. I have been impressed by the calibre of the new teachers to our school and the calm, ordered and productive atmosphere, that has been a feature of all the lessons I have had the privilege of observing. Each of the College's teachers were asked to nominate 'Excellence in class Awards' to two students in each of their classes who had started the year on a positive note. These certificates were distributed this week in House assemblies. Impressively, teachers have struggled to name many, if any boys in classes that have lacked enthusiasm or focus in 2009.

Progress reports will be issued in Week Seven and will give parents an early indication of their son's approach to class work and prep. If you have any concerns regarding your son's start to the 2009 Academic Year, please do not hesitate to contact your son's House Dean - (*Aidan - Mr. James Francis, Cuthbert - Mr. Grant Gilbert, Durham - Mr. Matt Kidd, Oswald - Mr. Murray Smith*). On the first Monday (April 27 - Boarders and Year 13) and Thursday (April 30 - Dayboys) of Term Two, we will hold Parent-Teacher interviews, using the booking sheets enclosed in the progress report. Please ensure your son brings it back to school to enable interview bookings to be made.

We have had a very hectic half term, with the Annual Swimming and Athletics Sports, Dayboys vs Boarders Haka, summer sports exchanges with Old Boys, Scots College, St. Paul's Collegiate and Rathkeale, along with PAT testing, class, house and school photos. We have been very successful on the sports field, highlights being the senior Softball sides victory over Hastings' Boys' High School, some outstanding individual results by our Sailors, Kayakers and Rowers. We were proud of our senior boys' success in the recently released scholarship results. While the enthusiastic and competitive spirit of the boys as a whole, have been clearly evident in the pool and on the track at Athletics and Swimming championships.

I extend a warm invitation to all of you, to the House Music Festival, which is held in the College Gymnasium, on the Thursday prior to Easter. This always proves a most enjoyable and entertaining experience. The boys have put a huge amount of time and energy into the preparation and I am sure you will come away impressed by the array of musical talent within the College.

Yours sincerely,

GRANT LANDER,
RECTOR

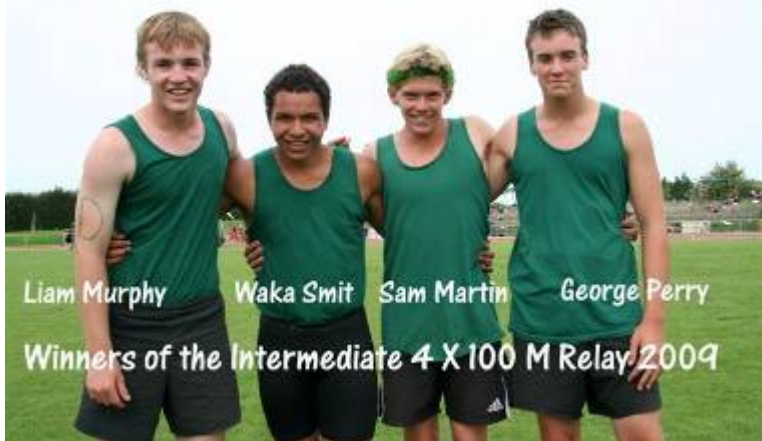


Boys performing the Haka in front of Mr. Alexander and Staff on the Homestead Lawn.

Swimming Champions 2009



Durham House



Cuthbert House



The Atrium in the entrance to the Performing Arts Centre



The Oral Communication classroom at the front of the Low Family Performing Arts Centre

