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2021 Annual General Meeting: President's Report

Greetings from WCOBA President, Ted Thomas [Class of 1976]

It is with pleasure that I present to the Members of WCOBA, the Annual Report for 2020/21.

Most of us will never have experienced a year like 2020. The changes that have taken place around the world because of the pandemic crisis has affected all of us in some way. We can be grateful that living on an island at the bottom of the world can be an advantage sometimes. We also reflect on chaos that the pandemic has created and what this might mean to Old Boys not only here in NZ but also in every other country where they may reside. Our thoughts are with those who continue to be impacted by 'lockdowns' and who are making many sacrifices to keep safe. Kia Kaha (be strong) in times of adversity. [Click HERE](#) to read the full report.



REUNIONS

FIRTH HOUSE REUNION

We are excited to welcome past Boarders from all eras to commemorate the Boarding House closing 40 years ago. Come back and share your stories and memories with other cellmates.

To register your interest, please email Steph Kane at oldboys@wc.school.nz. We would love you to encourage others to attend for what promises to be a fantastic weekend.

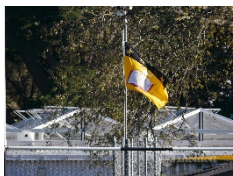
CLASS OF 1981 40 Years On Reunion

Click [HERE](#) for the 1981 Cohort Spreadsheet. [Those who started in Form 3 in 1977 at Wellington College - those who joined in later years are still part of the 1981 cohort plus those who left before 1981 or stayed on for another year]. You'll see we are missing a good number of contact details and email addresses. Take a trip down memory lane - click [HERE](#) for the 1981 *Wellingtonian*. More information can be found [HERE](#).

CLASSES OF 1961, 1971, 1991 and 2001

Members from these four cohorts have indicated they wish to have a reunion. We have contacted those with email address and a good number have already responded with their interest to attend their cohort reunion. If you haven't yet, email Steph at oldboys@wc.school.nz to confirm your interest. Once we have a firm idea of numbers, we can then determine the dates and venues.

FORM CLASS 4A1, 1981. Forty years ago, the College welcomed back members of 4A1 of 1941 for a class reunion. The Class of 4A1 of 1981 have decided they wish to meet up and replicate the earlier reunion. Hence, those in 4A1 of 1981 are asked to get in touch so arrangements can be made. A date has been set, Friday 22 October (Labour Weekend) here in Wellington. Please email oldboys@wc.school.nz for more information.



95th QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

The 2021 fixture was held at Christ's College this year and was won in a last-minute thriller by Nelson College over Christ's College 27-25 after coming back from a 20-3 deficit at half-time. Wellington College lost to Whanganui Collegiate in the Minor Final 24-15. On day one, Wellington College lost 23 - 28 to Christ's College. Nelson College won 41 - 14 against Whanganui Collegiate.

While it was not our year, it is interesting to note that three of the schools are coached by Old Boys; Ross Kennedy [Class of 2000] for Christ's; Jono Phillips [Class of 1983] for Nelson and Neemia Tialata [Class of 2000] for Wellington College.

The WCOBA hosted a lunch for local Old Boys and supporters where both President, Ted Thomas and Principal, Gregor Fountain addressed the group. Later that evening, Christ's College hosted a function which attracted a pleasing number of supporters and Old Boys from all four schools.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, the **2022 Tournament will be at Whanganui Collegiate 27 - 30 June**. 2022 will be the 150th year of the first rugby match played in Whanganui. WCS will be collating a history of this game and a match to celebrate this anniversary and will be played in Whanganui on the Wednesday, with associated events.



FAMILY CONNECTIONS

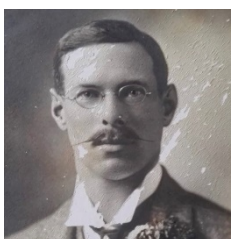
CRICKET RUNS IN THE BLOOD

We received an email from Pauline Tantrum, the grandmother of Y12 student and 1st XI member, Marco Muollo [top left]. Pauline believed her grandfather Daniel Hay played for Wellington College's 1st XI early last century and asked us to confirm.

We were pleased to advise that yes, Daniel did attend Wellington College from 1903 to 1905. He was in the 1st XI from 1903 - 1905 as well as the 1st XV from 1904 - 1905. Daniel's 1st XI stint in 1903 was infrequent until he was selected fully in 1904.

Marcos' older brother Joshua, attended Wellington College 2008 - 2011 and also played Cricket, Football and Waterpolo for Wellington College.

We managed to get a photo of Marco holding the original team photo of the 1st XI 1904, which features his great, great, great Grandfather. [Read Daniel's story HERE](#).



STRONG TIES RUN DEEP

Y12 student, Luke Jones' Mum Rochelle Jones also wrote to us to say that her mother found in some old papers, the cover (only the cover, no pages sadly) of a Wellington College exercise book from what we think is the late 1800's from Luke's great, great, great Uncle Harry Slade [bottom left]. Obviously it's very battered and fragile but she thought the Archives might welcome it.

Rochelle was also interested to find out if Harry's two brothers also went to Wellington College - Arthur Macrorie Manning and Llewellyn Evans Manning. Their father's name was John Slade Manning, a JP in Petone. We can confirm that all three Manning's attended the College; Harry [1878-1880], Arthur [1891-1893] and Llewellyn [1895-1897].

Luke has history on his father's side as well as his father, Peter Jones [Class of 1985] and his brothers Dwayne [Class of 1983] and Steven [Class of 1990] all went to Wellington College and all three were 1st XI Football members as well as competing in the McEvedy Shield team respectively.

As an aside, the WCOBA are pleased to award Luke with an Outward Bound Scholarship, which was endowed from the Alan Gawith Bequest to be awarded annually to a Y12 student. We are sure Luke will greatly benefit from this experience.



OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

VALE

It is with sadness that we advise our Old Boy community of the passing of **Morris [Morrie] Deterte** in early July. Morrie attended Wellington College from 1941-1945, and was a member of both the 1st XI and 1st XV – he was the 1st XV Captain in 1945 as well as a Prefect.

Morrie is described as 'a true gentleman' and a 'true Wellington College Boy'. Three generations of the Deterte family have attended Wellington College, his brother Des, his sons, Wayne, Rodney and Ian, and grandsons, Ben, Finlay, Matt and Zac. The full report of Morrie's passing can be found [HERE](#).

Sadly, there have been quite a number of Old Boys who have passed away since our 2020 Lampstand was issued. We will include the full list and obituaries in our 2021 issue.



QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOUR

*Arts access advocate Richard Benge says 'the work isn't done yet'. For **Richard Benge**, [Class of 1972] access means equity.*



The executive director of Arts Access Aotearoa – a not-for-profit focused on inclusive access to the arts and culture for all people irrespective of age, ethnicity, disability or circumstance – has been made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours for his services to arts accessibility.

Congratulations from the WCOBA!

HURRAH FOR OUR 2021 OLYMPIANS

We send our best wishes to **Jacob Smith** [Class of 2009], the current Black Sticks Player of the Year who will make his Olympic debut in Tokyo.

The Wellingtonian is a strong and direct striker who receives the ball well and also cleverly sets up his team-mates. Jacob first made his national debut for the Black Sticks in 2012.

Our best wishes also go to **Sam Sutton** [Class of 2019] (Wellington Phoenix, NZ) and **Matthew Garbett** [Class of 2019] (Falkenbergs FF, Sweden) who are both in the Football team (as travelling reserves).

Rower in the Eight, **Phillip Wilson** [Class of 2014] (Petone RC, Central RPC) is also in Tokyo.

Phillip got in touch to bring us up-to-date on his rowing journey. He has been in the NZ Rowing team for the past four years and shortly will be competing in the Men's 8.

After missing out on qualification for the games back in 2019, Phillip and the crew headed over to Lucerne, Switzerland in May this year to have a second chance at qualifying which was ultimately successful.

Phillip says, *Rowing all through my time at Wellington College, it was a dream to be able to race at the Olympics and it will be very special, once I am lining up on the start line later this month. I wanted to get in touch to make you aware of the continuation of the Wellington College legacy in Rowing at the Olympics after having George Bridgewater*

[Class of 2000] and Peter Taylor [Class of 2001] representing the school at the last four games.

We are sure all Old Boys extend their best wishes to all four in what must be the most unusual Olympics in recent times.

Our last eNewsletter overlooked a four other Old Boys who have participated in past Olympics and thus we acknowledge them as follows:



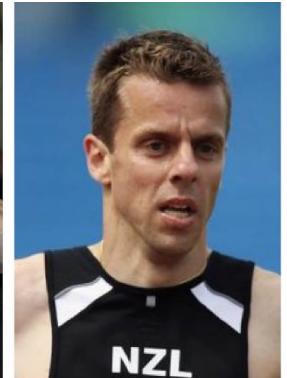
Simon Elliott
[Class of 1991]
Beijing, 2008
NZ Men's Football Team



Craig Bradshaw
[Class of 2001]
Athens, 2004
NZ Men's Basketball Team



Dave MacCalman
[Class of 1975]
Barcelona Paralympics, 1992
Atlanta Paralympics, 1996
Silver Medal: Men's Javelin F51
Sydney Paralympics, 2000
Gold Medal: Men's Javelin F52
Athens Paralympics, 2004



Tim Prendergast
[Class of 1996]
Sydney Paralympics, 2000
Silver Medals: Men's 1500m
T13 & Men's 800m T13.
Athens Paralympics, 2004
Gold Medal: Men's 800m T13
Beijing Paralympics, 2008
London Paralympics, 2012



BEAMING INTO YOUR LOUNGE

There is also one other Old Boy at this year's Olympics – **Chris Chang** [Class of 2004] reporting for TVNZ. Chris emailed me to report that *It's definitely a weird place to be, but nothing we weren't expecting. TVNZ has supplied us with a heap of face masks, hand sanitiser etc. We have to take quite a few COVID saliva tests while we are here. Interviews with athletes are all done socially distanced or via Zoom, and there's a tension that seems to be hanging over the games with the slowly-increasing COVID cases within the village. It's (hopefully) going to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience covering an Olympic Games in the midst of a Pandemic. I'll keep you posted.*



LISTEN OUT FOR ADAM

It's great to hear **Adam Cooper** [Class of 2010] back on the *Newstalk ZB* airwaves. After several years at *Radio Sport* in Auckland, and further radio work during his OE in Canada, Adam has been back broadcasting in Wellington and has recently started as the weekday breakfast sports news presenter during the Mike Hosking show, and on Saturday mornings, hosts the *All Sports Breakfast Show* between 7.00am–9.00am, providing listeners with the best in local, national and international sport – with a gold and black tinge! Adam is also the Operations Manager for *Newstalk ZB's* Wellington branch, and is part of the team that's recently relaunched local talkback – the new nine-to-noon weekday show with Nick Mills which also brings a Wellington flavour to local issues. Adam is a passionate Wellingtonian and a great advocate for local sports ensuring that local listeners will always support the gold and blacks (and Wellington College students and Old Boys where possible)! Keep an ear out for Adam on *Newstalk ZB* on 89.3FM and online.

Adam captained his tennis teams through all his five years at Wellington College, and fast realised his ability to watch and talk about sport far outweighed his playing abilities which led to him attending the NZ Broadcasting School in Christchurch after leaving Wellington College. Adam's love for performing and

engaging with audiences largely stemmed from his time involved as a guitarist in several school bands and music productions at Wellington College, and fondly recalls current staff members Katie Rawles (nee Macfarlane) and Mirsha O'Donnell as having a big influence on him building confidence to pursue his music and media passions during his school years, along with 'legendary' Student Careers Advisor, Ernie Rosenthal.



A MAN OF INFLUENCE

Congratulations to **Jono Willis** [Class of 2004] who has just been named one of 2021's Most Influential Lawyers by *NZ Lawyer* [recognising the most influential professionals at the top of their game]. Jono said, *Looking back over the past year, there has been so much disruption, with many people working harder than ever as a result.*



Jono has been working for Lion for the past nine years in both New Zealand and Australia. His role sits on the NZ leadership team as well as Lion's Little World Beverages leadership team which looks after the UK and US. He has spent the last few years working closely on global craft beer acquisitions for the Lion group. He and his wife Katie had their first child last year, a little girl Pippa, and Jono took three months off work to be the primary caregiver from when she was five months. In between work and family life, Jono still manages to play rugby (although, he says he is feeling very long in the tooth) and also keeping tabs on the Wellington College Debating, Rugby and McEvedy results.

Coincidentally, working alongside Jono is 2010 Head Prefect, **Marcus Playle** – another young and upcoming lawyer. Marcus has just been appointed for his first NPC games as a referee. He will also referee his first Ranfurly Shield game. *I can imagine there is much discussion at the water cooler on the College's debating and rugby news.*

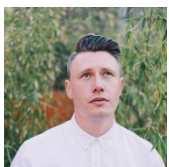
NEW BLOOD AT THE HELM

The WC Cricket Club are pleased to announce **Matt Roche** [Class of 1980] has accepted the role as coach of our 1st XI. Matt is a hugely experienced coach and most recently has been working with our 2nd XI in the Premier Youth Grade. A proud Old Boy, Matt is delighted to take on the challenge of leading one of the school's premier teams. We will include a full story of Matt's appointment in our next issue.

NEW COACH FOR SCOTLAND WOMEN'S CRICKET

Congratulations also go to **Mark Coles** [Class of 1986] [*Lampstand, 2020*], who has been appointed as Scotland's first-ever full-time women's coach.

The appointment, which signals Scotland's ongoing commitment to women's cricket, saw Mark sign a two-year contract as the Wildcats look ahead to a busy schedule over the next 12 months. Most recently, he was high performance manager at the Japan Cricket Association, and before that he mentored the Pakistani women's team throughout their ICC Women's Championship campaign between 2017–2019. He has also coached the Vanuatu women's team as well as various domestic sides in New Zealand and Australia.



LOUIS BAKER MAKING MARVELLOUS MUSIC

With a new single out, an EP on the way and a national tour looming, neo-soul star **Louis Baker** [Class of 2007] has had a busy year, but not too busy to answer a few questions: Click [HERE](#).



LANDSCAPING AMONGST THE SKYSCRAPERS

One of **Tama Whiting's** [Class of 2010] earliest memories is, aged five, standing with his grandfather at the 1998 opening of the colourful *Te Hono ki Hawaiki* in Te Papa and cutting the ribbon with Sir Peter Blake. Tama's grandfather Cliff Whiting ^{ONZM}, an influential contemporary artist would tell Tama and his sister, Kimi, myths and legends to share knowledge of te ao Māori. *He taught us that the first fish you*

catch, you throw back to Tangaroa. It's a good way to respect others and your environment. Read more [HERE](#).

MUSICIANS JAZZING IT UP

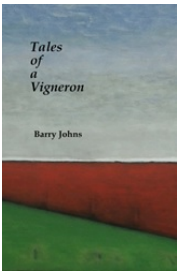
Congratulations to **Nick Tipping** [Class of 1993] who has just been awarded the Tui for Best Jazz Artist 2021 at the NZ Music Awards. Fellow Old Boy, **Lucien Johnson** [Class of 1998] was awarded Best Jazz Composition 2021 at the same time. Nick was presented with his award along with his band *The Jac*. Click [HERE](#) for the full story.



WCOB COBBERS GATHER IN PERTH

The inaugural gathering of Wellington College Old Boys resident in Western Australia was finally held on 6 March, 2021 having been delayed from its originally planned date of 6 February, (Waitangi Day), by a suddenly-imposed city-wide Covid 19 lockdown.

Both occasions were arranged by Class of 1965 members, Julian Levy and Hugh Cromie, with help from other local Old Boys. It was attended by 18 Old Boys whose College leaving years ranged from 1953 to 2006. Click [HERE](#) to read the full report.



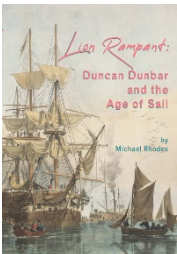
ALUMNI AUTHORS

Tales of a Vignerone, published by Rangitawa Publishing, November, 2020.

Barry Johns [Class of 1959] was a successful lawyer in Christchurch when he got bitten by the wine bug. *Tales of a Vignerone* is a fascinating account of a bicycle tour through the main wine regions of France; purchase of land in the Waipara Valley, North Canterbury, planting a vineyard, launching the wine brand *Fiddler's Green* and subsequent struggle to survive in a competitive over-supplied market.

It is reviewed by Bob Campbell ^{ONZM MW} as *a gripping roller-coaster ride that should be compulsory reading for everyone contemplating embarking on a similar journey*.

Tales of a Vignerone is available on Amazon as an Ebook edition and as a paperback print edition to the College community direct at the special price of \$22.50 per copy + postage (\$4.50) within NZ. Orders can be placed by email to info@glasnevinwines.co.nz



Lion Rampant: Duncan Dunbar and the Age of Sail

This intriguing biography of Duncan Dunbar by Sydney-based **Michael Rhodes** [Class of 1966] examines Duncan's rise to prominence from Dunbar Wharf in Limehouse to shipbuilder and owner of the largest fleet of sail ever assembled—larger than the Royal Navy at its peak. Additionally, he founded two insurance companies and two banks which exist today in modern form. He dominated trade routes to Australia, New Zealand, India, and Asia and brought to Australia and New Zealand fully one-third of all arrivals and supplied transport for the Burmese War, the Crimean, Second Opium War and Indian Mutiny. His house flag was recognised in every port, and he was a major public figure better known than Cunard and P&O. His estate in 1862 was £1,600,000, the third-largest Probate ever in the UK to that point. Contemporaries included Jardine Matheson, Rothschild, Lord Panmure, Baring, Gladstone, and several Prime Ministers. [PRE-ORDER HERE](#) (on sale July 2021).

FROM THE ARCHIVES | Mike Pallin, Archivist

Earlier this year during a visit by Old Boy, Barry Hellberg [Class of 1965], he lent us a family scrapbook with Wellington College photos from the 1930s. After scanning the photos then enhancing and colourising some of them, they gave a wonderful view of a number of sports and activities of the time. The photo [below left] is of a Garden Party on the College grounds in 1934.

ARCHIVES SLEUTHING PAYS OFF

We often come across photos in our Archives that are unnamed and undated. We do what we can to try and identify these photos. A good example, was this small photo [below right] of a group of five College boys. On scanning enlarging and enhancing it could be seen that some were wearing 1st XV caps. Starting with the 1930s we eventually found a named photo for 1949 of the team that went to Whanganui from which we have identified the students as follows: (L-R): Peter Jobson, Kingi Grace, Paul Burnett, Manly Bowater, Graham Aitkin. Three are capped players.



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

FUNDRAISER FOR UNDER 15 XV: The WC U15 Rugby team will be travelling to Christchurch in late August (29) to 3 September to participate in the National Invitational U15 Rugby Tournament. The boys need to raise a significant amount of money and there are a couple of ways they are looking to fundraise. Your support in buying raffle tickets for a chance to get a week away at a holiday home at Waikanae Beach plus the use of a new car from Gazley Motors for seven days and/or participating in the Quiz and Auction night will be much appreciated.

Purchase your Quiz Night Tickets [HERE](#). Buy your Raffle Tickets [HERE](#).

CHESS SUCCESS: From the large number of students that turned up to play Chess in Term One, two teams of four students were chosen for the school competition. There were six rounds of competition. Each team played as a group where each game scored: 1 point for win, 0.5 for a draw and 0 for a loss. After six rounds of competition, Team 1 was undefeated, winning convincingly. All team members consistently played a high level of chess. They seized on any opportunity offered by their opponents and put themselves in strong positions in all games. Team 1 went on to win the Regional Championships.

CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA: Wellington Girls' College and Wellington College present their 2021 Cultural Extravaganza. The combined colleges performing arts showcase includes the Orchestra, Kapa Haka, Pasifika song and dance, choirs, bands and competitive dance.

Where: At the Michael Fowler Centre

When: Monday 2 August 2021

Adults: \$25.00, Students: \$15.00

Tickets are available from Ticketmaster.

NZSO and their RELATIONSHIP WITH WELLINGTON COLLEGE: The relationship with the NZSO is a very exciting initiative for the young musicians at Wellington College. To date, the NZSO players have led workshops and masterclasses at the Instrumental Rehearsal weekend in Term One, and sat with the School Orchestra on a weekly basis to help musicians on an individual basis. This has been an amazing opportunity for some of our newer players to get targeted help during rehearsals, and for our top players to be able to work with instrumental specialists. The feedback received from both the NZSO players and students has been overwhelmingly positive. Wellington College has also hosted the NZSO Ensemble coaching sessions which involved a number of schools bringing in small groups to have specialist input from NZSO players.

Wellington College is also looking to run a performance that will feature young musicians playing with the NZSO, and a song writing performance that will allow nominated songwriters to perform their works with the NZSO. Ultimately, the hope is that the relationship with the NZSO will help WC to become a community hub for the Performing Arts and, in particular, music. Access to world-class musicians provides an opportunity to inspire students and demonstrate the legitimate pathways that are available in the Arts.

SWIMMERS FLOATING ON A HIGH: The NISS Swim Champs took place in June with great results produced by Team WC. The boys took out 1st place on the medal table winning 23 medals overall (five gold, nine silver and nine bronze). The team also won one gold, three silver and one bronze medal in the four relay events.

RUNAWAY SUCCESS FOR CROSS-COUNTRY: Also in June, the Cross-Country team competed at nationals in Taranaki, in what was arguably our best performance for a number of years. There were some amazing results.

- At Y9 level, WC were 1st in the 3 man event and 6 man event.
- At Junior level, WC were 1st in the 3 man event and 2nd in 6 man event.
- And at Senior level, WC were 3rd in the 6 man event.

TOP SCIENTISTS FOR 2021: Congratulations to Sumner Hancock on being selected to represent New Zealand at the 2021 International Young Naturalists' Tournament. Young scientists competed from all over New Zealand to be selected as one of a team of six so this is an exceptional achievement by Sumner.

Meanwhile, a talented trio of students entered the NZ Young Scientists' tournament – the first time the school has entered a team into a tournament like this. Over three gruelling days, students were challenged by other school's teams in 'Science Fights' to present, and defend in debate, solutions to open-ended science problems. Seven problems had been published in advance, so Aston Varga, Sumner Hancock and captain, Krishin Cox had already put in many, many hours of hard work to get their presentations up to scratch.

A good showing in the first two rounds followed by a brilliant presentation and defence in round three put us into the grand final. The presentations were strong, the debates were tough, but in the end our boys showed their superior understanding of key science ideas, debating skills, thus Wellington College won the trophy and won our scientific trio places in the New Zealand squad, hoping to represent NZ at the international tournament by Zoom later this year.

TRAMPING CLUB CENTENARY: The 1921 edition of the *Wellingtonian* contains epic stories from WWI that had only just finished three years earlier. One that stands out just a little, is of Bernard Freyberg swimming several kilometres, from one of the troop ships to the shore on the Gallipoli peninsula at midnight on 25 April 1915. He set up flares on a beach some distance from the landing site as a decoy to divert Turkish troops from where the landings would actually take place. Much of his swim was done under enemy fire. An extraordinary and almost unbelievable story of bravery and commitment.

The 1921 *Wellingtonian* also has a short article covering the founding of the Tramping Club. One of the 'vice presidents' was Mr Gifford after whom the observatory up behind the College was later named. Here is a quote from the article. *Commencing on Nov 5th a series of short tramps over the hills near Wellington will, it is hoped, train our members for more ambitious expeditions into the bush country east of Wainuiomata and at the head of the Hutt Valley.*

Later the article continues, *we do not wish to rob cricket and other summer pastimes of their enthusiasts, but we earnestly ask all those who are not engaged in other activities to give the Wellington College Tramping Club a trial... subs 1s per annum.*

In the following years, Wellington College groups successfully completed the 'Southern Crossing' of the Tararua Ranges on a number of occasions. This was no mean feat, in an era when clothing and

equipment, transport, lack of accurate weather forecasts and the condition of the tracks made such trips extremely challenging.

In 2021, we are fortunate to have polypropylene, Gore-Tex and merino wool clothing, comfortable backpacks and easy access, not just to the Tararua ranges but many other backcountry locations throughout the lower north and upper South Islands. Some of the tracks are still just as muddy, however. Several staff members at Wellington College have significant experience in the outdoors and it is on the back of this expertise and enthusiasm that we are able to run 3 – 4 weekend trips each year into our awesome National and Forest Parks. Many of the students who come on these trips are also working towards the internationally recognised Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award.

MUSICAL SUCCESS: A trio including Ning Chin and Benjamin Carter were winners of the Wellington Regional Competition. Benjamin has been selected as principal cellist in the NZ Youth Orchestra and will also be playing in the NZ Secondary Schools Orchestra along with Tom Christie and Joshua Langford.

Congratulations to our medal-winning teams from the **UNDERWATER HOCKEY** Central Regional Tournament

Senior A: gold medal – Senior Competition. Junior A: silver medal – Junior Competition

DISABLED SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations Corran Hanning winner of the *Dominion Post* Disabled Sportsman of the Year award.

Corran was selected in the NZSS team after winning two golds, two silvers, two bronzes and breaking three NZ records at the NZSS 2020 Athletics Nationals. Corran was also the WC Junior Sportsman of the Year in 2020.

2021 TRADITIONAL RESULTS

v St Patrick's Town

Rugby won 31-18

Football won 3-0

Basketball lost 64-83

v St Patrick's Silverstream

Rugby won 31-27

Football won 7-0

Basketball lost 77-83

v Rongotai College

Rugby won 34-0

Football won 4-3

Hockey won 10-1

KEEPING CONNECTED

Please help the Association grow by sharing this eNewsletter with other Old Boys you might know, encourage them to 'like' our Facebook account and put their name on the email list for regular updates of happenings and news. More importantly – why not come to some of the events. Your time at School was formative, it was the time you left childhood and became men, there were good and bad times, but the experience is a shared one. Sam Neill (not a WCOB) wrote in *The Listener*, "Find out what happened to those 'old blokes', what are they like now? The answer is often what you expect, but you can just as often be pleasantly surprised".

OUR NEXT e-NEWSLETTER AND OUR 2021 LAMPSTAND

For future issues of our e-newsletters and the *Lampstand*, we welcome any stories which you would like to share, updates on planned reunions or events, or any Old Boys' news – it makes for a great read to have diverse stories.

KEEP YOUR DETAILS UP-TO-DATE

With our new database in place, we now have the facility to tag and email Old Boys about certain news and events rather than flooding our community with emails that may not be of interest. Click [HERE](#) to update your preferences for future communications from us.

Seeking Co Facilitators for Regional WCOBA Functions and Initiatives

Often at the end of our Reunions, it's common to hear Old Boys say that it would be good to get together more often. That is also heard at regional gatherings which the Executive is keen to promote more widely. As has been discovered, more hands make lighter work. If you are keen to help organise regional gatherings in Auckland, Manawatu, Horowhenua, Hawke's Bay, Wellington, Canterbury, Otago, or off shore, please contact Steph Kane, who will, no doubt, welcome your support and input.



I hope this newsletter has kept you connected with the WCOBA and the College. We send our best wishes to those Old Boys in the UK who are celebrating their 'Freedom' after their lengthy lockdown, to those in Australia, especially those in NSW and Victoria going through their umpteenth Lockdown as well as SA and WA and our thoughts are with our own NZ farming and horticulture community and those who have gone through the devastating effects from the continuous rain and storms over the past week. If you have time, please drop us a line with your stories and anything else you have to share.

Best wishes

Steph Kane

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