

CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

HEADMASTER'S REPORT TO THE CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION 15 FEBRUARY 2005

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Parent Teacher Association for the enormous amount of work that they have done for the school in the last twelve months - the contribution of resources through fundraising, organising social functions and work about the school.

The energy put into hosting a number of social functions for parents, staff and students adds greatly to the positive social fabric of the school and is a great creator of school spirit and pride. The financial contribution towards the purchase of capital items is greatly appreciated by the school and staff. The \$50,000.00 last year contributes enormously to those resources that add to your son's learning. A special thanks to those who organise the two largest operations - Margaret Lavery (Sharing Shed) and Sally Cron (Tuck shop). As volunteers they contribute time beyond the call of duty. Thanks also to Dale Ledingham and Dawn Bates for the smooth running of the tuck shop especially under challenging conditions this year as we rebuild it. Thanks also to the office holders of the Parent-Teacher Association especially Russell for his chairmanship.

The past year has been challenging as we deal in the school with pressure on the roll, negotiating for extra rooms (3 being built now for July completion), implementing Level 3 NCEA and Scholarship and compliance.

The challenge is met head on by a school that has high energy, totally committed staff, supportive and loyal parents and students who in the main participate actively in learning and extra curricular activities. It is an exciting powerful mix that will ensure that this school is the first choice for many parents and boys. We turned away more than we enrolled last year. After conducting the ballot in August we had 35 Year 9 families shift in zone with 40 Year 10 - 13 families doing the same. The total package here is attractive to many. The sad thing from my perspective is that we cannot cater for them all.

Thank you all again for your significant contribution to the life and learning of our young men.



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Headmaster.