We have received some wonderful support from our community of late. The fundraising campaigns for the Shrine and grandstand and field development have been well supported. A group of parents, with the support of Buildtech (Buildtech), have carried out further renovations on the Te Reo classroom and countless other parents, teachers, old boys and community members have assisted in a variety of ways. The support for the school (much of it expert) is humbling and reflects the school’s sense of belonging.

Our boys and staff have continued to experience a wide range of success. Two highlights have been the 2nd XV rugby team’s performance in the Metro U21 rugby competition (in which they were beaten finalists) and our participation in Jazz Fest in Blenheim. The Dixie Band were named the best combo, the Jazz Ensemble won a Gold Award and the Funk Band were named the overall festival winners. Four of our boys were named in the All Star Band (Alex Smith, Oliver Carter, Jacob Morris and Dean Gibson). Other achievements by current and former pupils in 2015 are listed on the school’s website www.cbhs.school.nz and we do appreciate being updated on these achievements.
The ERO review process has been a positive one and we await their draft and then final report which will be released in September and shared with the community. The review team have made the comment to the Board that the boys love their school.

In association with the Old Boys we have been researching the origin of the name of the Memorial Lawn beside the river at the back of the school where the temporary library is situated. We were not sure whom it was a memorial to. Our research is suggesting that it may be a memorial to our second and longest-serving Headmaster Charles Bevan Brown (1884 – 1921). If any members of the community know more about this we would appreciate hearing what you know.

Examinations start next Friday for the Senior School. I have spoken to the boys about the principles of training (specificity, overload, progression and reversibility) as they apply to athletic training and I have encouraged them to apply these principles to their study. They should be pushing themselves and practising what they will be required to do in their end-of-year assessments. The boys should all know how they are tracking towards NCEA and they need to “find out what is required and deliver”. NCEA is a test of hard work.

*He manako te koura i kore ai.*
(Crayfish are scarce when they are expected. i.e. Don’t count your chickens before they hatch.)

Altiora Peto

Nic Hill

Headmaster

**Payment Portal link**

You can now pay your account by credit card via the payment portal on our student management system (PC School) >> Click here for instructions.

**NCEA Examination Fees**

Parents of Years 11, 12 and 13 students and of those Year 10 students who are in Geography or Mathematics classes taking externally assessed Achievement Standards should have received, in early June, their statement detailing the NZQA fees payable.

Up until **Monday 24 August** the school will accept payment for these fees on behalf of NZQA and then remit one bulk payment. **After that date we can no longer be responsible for collecting the fee and your payment would then need to be made directly to NZQA.**
A substantial discount is available to parents who are on low incomes, are beneficiaries, have a Community Services Card or who have 3 or more children entering NCEA in the current year.

>> Click here for a Financial Assistance application form

Copies of the form can also be collected from the school office or stationery shop.

For further information, contact the student records manager: sintonjr@staff.cbhs.school.nz

**Email Addresses**

The school now uses email for many communications with parents: Weekly Notes, Reports, Newsletters, etc.
Because personal information is often involved, we require a security code before recording or changing email addresses.

To register an email address, email enquiries@cbhs.school.nz giving your son’s full name and date of birth and your postal address – we will then send you your security code.
To change an address already registered, email enquiries@cbhs.school.nz giving your old and new email address – we will then send you your security code.

Note that there is a separate security code for each parent.

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**Calendar and Events**

**Choosing Courses for 2016**

Course choices for next year’s senior students must be made by **Friday 21 August**.
At the **Curriculum Afternoon** to be held on Tuesday 18 August, staff will be available to answer questions and offer guidance to students and parents. >> Click here for full details.

**Senior Examinations**

These start for Years 11, 12 and 13 on 21 August.
>> Click here for the examination timetable.

**Opening Procedures for 2016**
Help wanted - Renovation Day at CBHS!!!

We have set down the weekend of 26 September as Renovation Day for some repairs and maintenance, cleanups, painting, some planting, perhaps sewing and any other job not covered by normal day-to-day caretaker’s work, or the cleaning and grounds contracts. We are looking for donations of paint, painting equipment, or the loan of painting equipment including rollers, drop sheets, painting containers and ladders. We could also use the services of a qualified plasterer.

We will also be doing some cleaning, gardening and removing some rubbish so vehicles with trailers will be of great assistance.

Along with the PTA, we will be asking parents, students and staff to give us 4 to 5 hours on that day and, where able, to donate any trade or other skills, materials and tools. Times and tasks will be confirmed once we establish what needs doing, but it will be from about 8-30 am until 1 pm or 1-30pm.

We would like any parent or student to let us know what they could do.

Please email me at georgieffn@staff.cbhs.school.nz with any way you are able to help or donate so we can allocate tasks.

Charity Car Wash

Come down and enjoy watching the CBHS 1st XV take on Shirley BHS in the semi-final of the UC Cup and help out the Ronald McDonald House by taking part in our car wash.

We are a Year 12 business group, currently working on a NCEA 9-credit internally assessed standard on a business community activity.

On Saturday 15th of August at 2.30pm, we will be holding a carwash at CBHS — look for the signs next to the tennis courts on Kahu Road. Profits made will be going towards the Ronald McDonald House charity.
BLUE BLACK BALL 2015

Saturday 12 September
7:30pm - 1:00am

The Big Room CBHS
Entrance off Te Kura St.
AYR Street Band

Ticket : $90 single

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