



Welcome to the 'Parapet' the official magazine of the College Old Boys' Association. 'Parapet' is distributed free to MCOBA members. Look for it in your inbox monthly.

Life Memberships

As chairman I am pleased to announce two new Life Members were inducted last week - Don McIntyre and Bob Wilson.

Both individuals have served the College and the MCOBA tirelessly throughout their many years of membership. At home games on the front field the mighty trio of Ferg, Don and Bob would extract any surplus funds from those on the side line with their great value raffles.

Congratulations Don and Bob. Thank you for helping to make the College a better place. We look forward to your continued involvement.

Back in the day - quiz

Crime and Punishment – from the MBC Punishment Book 1969 Guess the number of cane strokes – answers at end of magazine.

Offence	Master
A: Truant	D S McKenzie
B: Gossip in class	H P Glen
C: Insolence	P Minehan
D: Rioting in class	W F O'Leary

What's coming up at school

Come along and support these events in Term 4:

- Tuesday 25th November 6 pm - MBC Rowing Squad Fundraising Dinner – Fairweather's Bar \$35 per ticket – great auction items– phone Justin Stevens for details 027 403 7131
- Saturday 29th November – SISS Track Cycling – Invercargill
- Tuesday 2nd December - Lunch and committee meeting at Fairweather's 12noon - all members welcome
- Monday 8th December – Leavers function – MBC Hall 6pm to 7.30pm
- Wednesday 10th December – Junior Prize giving / Last day of term 1pm to 3pm
- Thursday 18th December 7pm to 9pm – Welcome Home function – Fairweather's Bar – first drinks free. If you have been working or studying out of town and have returned to Blenheim for Xmas, come along and catch up with you old school mates.

Past Pupils Roundup

Jono Kenyon is enjoying success in TV and theatre. He most recently performed in the sold out season of *Ache* at the Court Theatre in Christchurch. He has also gained fame for his role as the lead in *Step Dave* and has appeared in smaller roles in other New Zealand dramas such as *Go Girls*. Jono recently came back to Marlborough Boys' College to speak at assembly and present awards at the Cultural Prize-Giving.

Atunaisa Moli is now studying at Waikato University after being awarded the much sought-after Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship. Earlier in the year he was named on the Chiefs development squad and programme for the 2014 season. He was also named as part of the New Zealand under 20 squad in the No 1 jersey, and competed in the Junior World Championship against South Africa, Samoa and Scotland.

Dr Chris Gallavin is an associate professor and the dean of law at the University of Canterbury. He is thought to be the youngest dean in New Zealand. In 2001 Chris was awarded the Freyberg, New Zealand Defence Force Scholarship and a full tuition and maintenance award from the University of Hull, England. This enabled him to read for a PhD at the University of Hull in international criminal law. After having taught English and Welsh domestic criminal law and international law at the University of Hull for two years he returned to New Zealand to take up his current position at Canterbury.

Cameron Karwowski is currently riding for a Belgium Continental Team called Veranclassic-Doltcini as well as being a reserve for the NZ Commonwealth Games team on the track. He lives at the BikeNZ base in Oudenaarde, Belgium which is a base for the NZ cycling team. When he is not cycling Cameron is finishing off a Bachelor of Business Studies through Massey University.

Michael O'Keeffe currently plays for Team Wellington in the ASB Premiership. In 2012 Michael received a call-up to the All Whites as an injury replacement for Mark Paston in the 2012 OFC Nations Cup. He was selected for the New Zealand football team, participating in the 2012 Summer Olympics and in 2013 O'Keeffe joined USL Premier Development League team Ocean City Nor'easters. Michael graduated from Fairfield University with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A), Television New Media.

Dr. Brendon Bradley is a senior lecturer in earthquake engineering at the University of Canterbury. Brendon obtained his BE(Hons) and PhD from the University of Canterbury, and from 2009-2010 he was a seismic hazard and risk modeller at GNS Science in Wellington. He has also recently completed a sabbatical period from 2010-2011 as a post-doctoral fellow at Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan. His awards include the 2013 Rutherford Discovery Fellowship; the 2014 Shamsheer Prakash Foundation Research Award; the 2012 Ivan Skinner EQC award; and the 2008 NZSEE research prize.

Ben O’Keeffe started refereeing after getting into Otago Medical School in Dunedin and progressed up the ranks to senior and representation rugby in Otago and the South Island. He has been in Wellington for the last 2 years and has been promoted to referee more senior and representative matches in the Heartland Championship and has completed his first season of the ITM Cup. Ben has been involved in the ITM Cup, Investec Super Rugby and international rugby games as a referee.

Kurt Schollum continues to impress on the softball field. He was selected twice to be part of the New Zealand Black Sox softball squad and has played games against Australia and smaller teams in the United States. He has toured Canada and the United States and the team is coached by Mark Sorenson.

Nic Hayes has continued pitching for the New Zealand Black Sox Softball Team. Along with Kurt Schollum, he played against Australia and continues to balance work with his sporting commitments.

Phillip Wilson is a pilot in the Royal New Zealand Air Force. He spent time in East Timor in 2002, as part of United Nations operations. In 2003 he travelled to the Solomon Islands as part of an Australian and New Zealand-led regional assistance mission. He participated in the Classic Fighters Airshow near Blenheim flying a NH-90 helicopter.

Old Boys’ Excelling – Tom Murray



Thomas James Murray (Tom) took up rowing at Marlborough Boys’ College to get fit for rugby as a 15 year old and won gold medals in the Double Sculls and Quad crews in the 2010 Maadi Cup, National Secondary Schools Regatta.

He quickly realised that he really enjoyed rowing and was doing rather better at it than in his other love rugby, although he did go on to play for the school first fifteen and represent the province at rugby before leaving Marlborough Boys.

In 2011 he went on to win gold in the Under 17 Quad and was elevated to the Under 18 Four which won a bronze medal, he was also picked to represent the South Island in the annual National Secondary Schools Inter Island Regatta. 2012 saw him as a crew member of the Championship gold medal winning crew in the Springbok Cup Fours feature race and to be selected as the South Island Captain. This effort also saw him selected as part of the New Zealand Junior Team (under 19) to row in the World Junior Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria where his crew won gold in the Coxed Four beating Germany and Serbia into minor places.

From here it was a huge step to be selected in the New Zealand Under 23 Eights as an 18 year old. This crew, now full time semi-professional rowers competed at the World Under 23 Championships in Vienna, Austria in 2013 and won gold against very stiff opposition from USA and Germany in second and third.

This year Tom's Under 23 Eight went on to complete the double winning gold in the Varese, Italy World Under 23 Champs with the same crew as the previous year in a World Class winning time of 5min 28.82 secs. As well this crew competed at two World Cup Elite Regattas getting 3rd in Sydney behind Australia and Netherlands in a depleted field and 5th in Lucerne, Switzerland behind USA, Russia, England and Poland but defeating Australia ,Netherlands, Italy and Ukraine. They now have to qualify for a place in the Rio Olympics by securing a top 10 finish in the 2015 World Elite Championships to complete their build up. Toms other success for the year was to be selected to represent NZ Rowing with a nomination for the Halberg Trust Emerging Talent Awards. He made the finalist four nominations but was unsuccessful in the final selection. Tom is also a finalist in this years Marlborough Sportsman of the Year Awards. *Story Courtesy of Ferg Murray*



High School boys' group - 1908

Head Boy – Who? When?



Answers at end of magazine





Old Boys in the main body N.Z. Expeditionary Force - 1915

Standing: E March, F H Grace, H S Macey, E Reid, G McCusker, A J Gridley, O L Watson, T S Couch, L A Craven

Sitting: H S Stratford, N Sheridan, F W Parker, C Dodson, O H Mead (later to become a general), H White, E W Wanden, G R Western, J Clunies-Ross

One hundred years ago Old Boys' answered the call to serve King and Country. New Zealand sent over 100,000 troops to support the Empire, of which over 40,000 were wounded and 18,800 killed.

Impassioned to serve their country, over 38% of all eligible men volunteered to serve in the NZ Expeditionary Force.

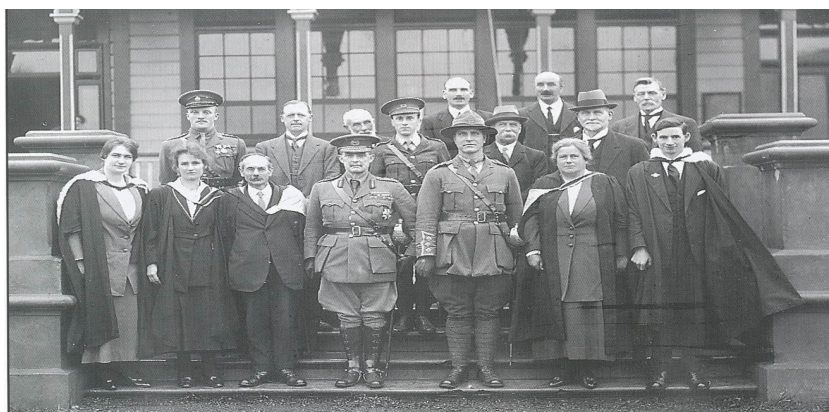
Old Boys were among those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and did not return home.

Those who did survive would never again possess the joy of youth that they had when they departed on 'the big adventure'. Those that had no physical injury, were scarred emotionally, preferring never to speak of the horrors they had seen.

As a father, I cannot imagine what it must have felt like, saying goodbye to your children, not knowing their fate.

May future generations never know the horrors that our forefathers have endured.

Lest We Forget



Board and staff with General Sir Edward Chaytor, K.C., M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B., at the unveiling of the World War I memorial tablet - 1921

Back row: Board members J Logan, W E Gascoigne, W D Pike

Middle: Aid-de-camp [?], Board members W J Girling, J J White; C Price (staff);

Board members E H Penny, the Hon. R McCallum

Front: Staff members Miss E M Virtue, Miss E M Pigott, Dr Innes; Sir Edward Chaytor; staff members H Robson, Miss E M Allen, S I Jones

Parapet Old Boys' Profile Questionnaire

Name: Dennis Robinson

Where are you living and working now? Blenheim, retired

What is your current career and Job Title? Emeritus Professor and Chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE, USA.

Business Interest: Equity Holder and Advisory Board Member for Vireo Systems, a USA nutraceutical company formed from the commercialisation of novel creatine derivatives (co-inventor).

When were you at Marlborough Boys' College? 1963 to 1967

Did you have any appointments at MBC? Prefect 1967, captain cricket first XI 1966-67, captain rugby 2nd XV 1966.

Did you engage in college activities or play for any MBC team? Member, cricket first XI 1964, 65, 66, 67, Member, rugby first XV, 1967

What is your most vivid memory of MBC days? Team sports and life-long friendships made.

Who was your favourite teacher and why? No one in particular unless we include all my rugby and cricket coaches.

Have you a tertiary qualification? If so what? B.Pharm., M.Pharm., Ph.D.

Have you received any community awards or Government honours? No

Where have you worked since leaving school? Department of Pharmacy, Medical School, University of Otago, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE, USA.

Is there any one person who has influenced your life decisions? If so, who and how? Older brother, Geoffrey, who was a great mentor when my father passed away when I was in 5th form

Gotta get the Card!



Your committee has developed the Marlborough College Old Boys' loyalty card which is available to all financial members.

The idea behind the card is that it provides members with buying privileges whilst generating income for the MCOBA. Currently we have the following affiliates with many more to come:

Fairweather's on Scott Street Grove Road Super Liquor

Quick Cash Finance Mitchell Sport

Red Top Bins Wingman Gifts

Buy local – support your former pupils

To become an affiliate the business, it must be owned or substantially managed by former pupils of MBC. Email oldboys@mbc.school.nz for details

If you would like a card please email us and we will get one out to you.

New web site

MCOBA is proud to announce that they now have their own web site.

It will go live on November 18, and is fully optimised so you can keep up-to-date on all our news and developments from your desktop, smartphone or tablet.

Soon you will be able to purchase college memorabilia direct off the web site to impress your mates. Visit us at www.mcoba.org.nz

Crime and Punishment – Answers

A: 2 strikes, B: 3 strikes C: 4 strikes D: 3 strikes

Head Boy from the past – Answers

A: Anton Oliver 1993 B: D.M. Peters 1972 C: D. S. McHardy 1988

If you have a story to be told of MBC Old Boy's life beyond the college, please drop me an email.

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