



Otago Boys' High School Foundation Newsletter



March 2016



Dear Foundation members,

I believe, that our school has made significant progress in the last 12 months. We have established a clear, well-articulated school culture that encourages our young men to strive and learn. I am a firm believer in the adage 'many a mickle makes a muckle'. To me it means simply; sweat the small stuff and the big stuff will take care of itself. Our school now sweats the small stuff. I think that can best be seen in the way our students wear their uniform with pride, the way in which they greet visitors and each other – their interactions and relationships are important.

Academically, the school enjoyed significant success last year. Our results were up on four of the five main categories, with our scholarship results – 21, with 3 at 'outstanding level' being the best in Otago and the best ever for the school. This is the core reason for our school – the learning. A new award the 'Centurion' badge, awarded when a student passes 100% of the standards they attempt has been embraced by the students, I believe it has contributed to the 'middle boy' achieving more highly than before. Consequently, over 50% of students at each senior academic level have passed with either a Merit or Excellence endorsement is spectacular.

In culture two significant overseas trips were run by staff, the Choir went to China to perform in the Shanghai International Music festival, and a group of our arts students travelled to New York for an outstanding cultural experience. In sport, our 1st XV made the national top 4 final in Rotorua and our 1st XI side also represented the region at the Gillette Cup, their version of the National finals.

Two long serving and significant staff, Mr Rob Duffy (1990) and Mr Atha Nazeris (1975) both retired in February. Both men have led the school through significant periods of time.

It would be difficult to overstate the contribution both of these men have made to the school over the years. I want to publically thank them on behalf of the Foundation for not only their service inside the classroom, but also their dedication to and support of our school. I trust that this will not be the end of their association with our school.

This term school has re-evaluated and made changes to its vision, mission and values. We want to remember who we are, what we are now and what we want to be. The vision – 'Best for Boys through the right learning', encapsulates the essence of our existence, to be Best for Boys and integrates our school motto, Recti Cultus Perpecta Roborant (Through the Right Learning to a heart of oak). Our values, Honour, Excellence, Respect, Perseverance and Courage are values for the young men of our past, our present and our future. Each of these values we believe is integral to shaping a young man of character. As an old boy myself and as Rector they certainly resonate with me.

Financially the Otago Boys' High School Foundation has made significant and much needed injections into our school. Foremost in that has been the redevelopment of the old tennis courts on Stuart Street. This has been one of the most successful outcomes of my first year and I thank the Foundation and Old Boys' community for not only their donation of resources but also the donation of their time. Those of you who follow the progress of the school (and I encourage you all to) will have seen this project through it's various stages. As I write this today we have almost finished the top courts. Already we have significantly more boys in our school playing OBHS club tennis on a Wednesday night so the benefits are already being felt.

The Foundation also contributed to the purchase of a new school van, which has been excellent.

I would like this year for the Foundation to be one in which we capitalise on the momentum created by such projects as the tennis courts. I have stated publically before that I believe the Foundation has a significant place in our school and

that place is as the fundraising arm of the Old Boys' Society. A school such as ours cannot unfortunately exist on government funding. We are still and always will be the school for all boys. The Foundation will be a significant part of that.

Steps will be made to formally align the two groups also. There is no doubt that the Old Boys' Society is also in need of an evolution and I believe that this time under new school leadership is the right time to do that. I would welcome the thoughts of any Foundation members.

Our school continues to be a place in which great and long lasting friendships are made, where the boys receive the best quality education and a wide range of opportunities. I look forward to your continued contribution to your school.

Richard Hall

Cricket Success

Congratulations to our 1st XI team which has qualified for the NZ 1st XI Cup finals in December by beating Waitaki Boys' High School today.

An outstanding effort by Cameron McAuslan who scored 156 and with fellow opening batsman Max Chu (41), put on a 151 run partnership for the first wicket.

Hunter Kindley (44) and Jarryd Taig (39) also made significant contributions to the total of 345.

In reply Waitaki Boys' made 107. Top wicket takers were Tim Horton 3/12, Declan Su'a 3/44 and Joe Turner 2/25.

A big thankyou to Mr Rust and Adam Miles for their coaching and support and to our team of supporters.



Old Boys' Society

The 11th annual OBHS Foundation Golf Classic was held at the Otago Golf Course on Friday 26th February with a packed field and a full line up of hole sponsors. We are grateful for the continued support of all our sponsors, in particular Crest Clean as major tournament sponsor. Once again hats off to Mike Christie and his team of helpers who ably put the event together. The weather was fine and very warm which also contributed to a successful and enjoyable day.

Many of you will have read in the media the appointment of our former rector, Clive Rennie, as acting Principal at Waitaki Boys' High School who have been battling through some difficult times; such are the challenges of running a modern boys high school.

Our current rector, Richard Hall, is doing a great job and has implemented some excellent initiatives all geared toward what he terms as 'Best for Boys'. I have written many times before in this column how impressed I am with the teaching staff and leadership team at our school - this is a genuine belief. My youngest lad, George, recently started 6th form (Year 12) so I have direct contact with the teachers through him as well as in my role as Society President. The school is in excellent shape and we are starting to see some roll growth in a competitive and diminishing market. Simply, there are 500 less secondary school students in Dunedin - so there are less boys to go around (the equivalent of 1 school) and the challenge remains to attract as many as we can to Otago Boys. Old Boys can do their part by spreading the good word and helping out in some way. Please keep an eye out for future fundraising activities and events - we want our alumni to feel a sense of ownership and remain connected.

If you haven't seen the redevelopment of the Stuart Street tennis courts then I implore you to pay a visit. Resurfacing of the lower 3 courts is complete along with a full makeover of the gardens, walls and clubhouse. This has given the courts a new lease of life and is now being well utilised by the boys as an all-weather facility. Refurbishment of the 3 remaining courts will follow. This has been all been achieved through some very generous financial contributions as well as donations in kind from our Old Boys and wider school community.

Brent Alexander
President
Otago High School Old Boys' Society

**Copies of the OBHS book 'Above the City' are
available from the school office for \$65 plus P&P.
Also available 150th Commemorative ties for \$25.**

Tennis Courts – Official Opening

The redevelopment of our tennis court area on Stuart Street was officially opened for use on Thursday 25th February at 1.00pm. Mr Hall spoke to an audience of students, staff and invited guests to thank the sponsors of the project, and our wider community for their volunteer efforts to complete this stage of the project. Mr Hall also said that the funding was now available for the completion of the re-surfacing of the upper court area, which will begin later this term.

In spite of the wet weather the boys and guests were able to see first-hand the impact that this new facility will have on their learning opportunities. The lower courts have an all-weather surface and are marked out for a range of sporting activities. The weather proved that the courts will live up to their intended purpose. The upper courts have been resurfaced with Plexipave, which is the same surface that Australia's Tennis Open is played on.

We would like to thank our sponsors for their generous support of this project:

Mitre 10 Mega, Eion and Jan Edgar Charitable Trust, Graeme Marsh, Valspar, Programmed Project Management, OBHS Foundation, Lion Foundation and the Otago Community Trust.



Remembering Alexander Aitken

On Tuesday 2 March, Otago Boys' remembered the life of Alexander Aitken, father, World War One veteran, mathematical genius, teacher, sportsman, musician and old boy. We were lucky enough to be joined by his niece, Bev Abernathy and Governor of our Old Boys' Society, Brigadier, Brian McMahon.

Aitken was a pupil and Dux of our school in 1912. At age 20 in 1915 he along with a number of his classmates volunteered for the 'great adventure', World War One. Famously Aitken took with him a violin, that violin was to 'see' active service at Gallipoli and the Somme, two of the most horrific theatres of war. This violin was played by Aitken on these battlefields, and I fancy, became a moment of sanity in the madness.



His wartime experience is covered in his book 'Gallipoli to the Somme; Recollections of a New Zealand Infantryman.' I recommend it as an unsentimental account of life in the trenches.

He was injured in France and invalided home - where he returned to Dunedin and our school as a teacher. His memory and mathematical ability was legendary, when challenged once by a boy he was able to easily in his head multiply 123456789 by 987654321! (As we all know the answer is 121932631112635269 - easy). In 1926 he was enticed to the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, where he saw out his remaining days. War was to touch his life again as he was part of the Bletchley Park team that worked on the 'Enigma' code machine.

The violin too made it home and was gifted to the school, we still have it. Aitken and the violin were the subject of an ANZAC item that will screen on Newshub during the lead up to April 25th. For further information we recommend you catch this item.

News from North Canterbury Branch of the Old Boys' Society

On Sunday 21 February there was an excellent turnout of members and partners, along with numerous offspring, to this long-established summer function. It was held on the extensive property of President, Steve Pile, at Mandeville, just north of the city. Thanks to the catering skills of Steve and his family, the kindness of the weather and the eclectic mix of guests, it proved to be one of our most successful functions ever.

Last year's innovation of including the children of members (at no charge) again proved very popular and is helping to attract a very healthy increase in the participation of our younger members – several of whom have recently joined our committee – all of which augurs well for the future of our branch.

As can be seen from this list of attendees, the ages of those present spanned almost half a century of the School's history: Allan Smith (1944), Ross Moon (1948), Bruce Cooper (1952), Alan Hale (1952), Dale Priest (1953), David Sutherland (1953), Kelvin Duncan (1954), Alan Alty (1955), Frank O'Connell (1955), Roy Sinton (1955), Robert Aitken (1957), Warwick Fergusson (1957), John Grenell (1957), Alison Ross (1957), Steve Pile (1961), Neville Ross (1961), Paul Collins (1962), David Robinson (1963), Bryan Schriiffer (1970), Greg Tyrrell (1980), Rhys Dobson (1984), Carlos Kazianis (1987–), Graham Ferguson (1989), Mike Pile (1989), Brett Walter (1992), Justin Nixon (1993).

Our next function is the annual Winter Get-Together coinciding with the OBHS/CBHS sports exchange in July at which we always look forward to hosting the Rector and being brought up-to-date with the progress of the school.

Roy Sinton (1955-59)

PHD Student George Taiaroa's DNA tool wins 2015 Translational Research grant



Otago researchers will use the 2015 Translational Research award to establish a new method to accurately identify changes in DNA.

Associate Professor Richard Macknight, of Biochemistry, and PhD student George Taiaroa will use the \$50,000 award from the Division of Health Sciences to build on the new method – preparing it for clinical use and linking with international groups.

"Our aim is to have these tools at the point of care – at hospitals, clinics or even out in the field. This new diagnostic method should provide an affordable and accurate way of achieve this aim," Associate Professor Macknight explains.

"Making diagnostic tools more accessible could have a major benefits to many people around the globe, particularly in developing regions," Mr Taiaroa says, citing Tuberculosis, Malaria and emerging viruses as examples of targets that could be analysed using this novel method.

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The Translational Research Grant was established to enable research to be converted into products and services to benefit society. Mr Taiaroa, the first student to receive the award, is co-supervised by Associate Professor Macknight and Professor Greg Cook of Microbiology and Immunology – himself a recipient of the Translational Research award in 2013.

Other researchers that have contributed to the success of this project include, Htin Lin Aung of Microbiology and Immunology and, Russell Poulter, Margi Butler, and Anita Dunbier of Biochemistry.

The University's technology transfer unit, Otago Innovation Ltd (OIL), is assisting the scientists with proof of concept and marketing and a provisional patent has been filed.

Translational grant submissions are assessed by a panel of experts comprised of external and internal members who evaluate submissions based on scientific validity, potential societal benefits and how readily the research can be translated, amongst other criteria.

Panel Chairperson and Division of Health Sciences Associate Dean (Research Commercialisation) Professor Ian Tucker says the quality of applicants was "remarkable" and the assessment panel was impressed by the exciting research put forward for review.

"Translating research into products and services that benefit society is a part of the mission statement of the Division of Health Sciences. This grant and the research awarded the funding help stimulate more interest in translation and enhance understanding of how the outstanding research at Otago can impact and benefit society."

The runners-up for the 2015 Translational Research Grant were Dr Andrew Cridge and Associate Professor Peter Dearden, also of Biochemistry, for their research, which authenticates the composition of honey and validates its origin.

OBHS Old Boy Adrian Voo (2003-04) stars in Jason Biggs Film "Amateur Night"



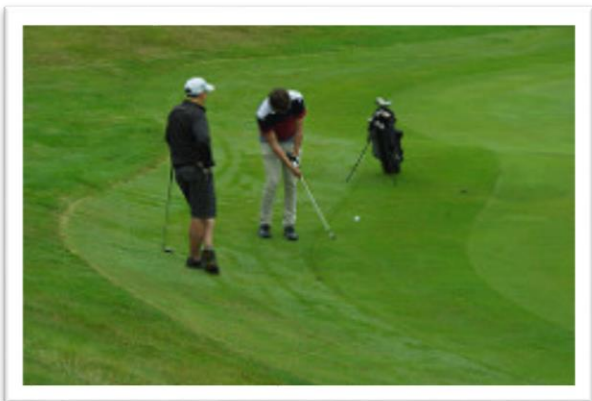
An Otago Boys' High School graduate (2004, Commendation in Physics), Voo never thought he would be working as an actor in Los Angeles. He left New Zealand in 2006, earned a Bachelor of Science from San Francisco State University, before finding himself in Los Angeles. Adrian Voo was born in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He is an actor, known for [Amateur Night](#) (2016), [Seventy-Nine](#) (2013) and [Quarantine L.A.](#) (2013). Growing up, he spared equal passion for science and the arts. He earned a Bachelor of Science from San Francisco State University in 2011 before moving to Los Angeles to pursue acting. He studied at New York Film Academy and The Groundlings. In 2014, he was named "Hollywood's Newest & Hardest Working Actor" by All Indie Magazine.

Growing up an only child, Adrian Voo was drawn towards entertainment from an early age. "Television was my first friend and teacher," he says. "I always wanted to work in entertainment, never specifically as an actor. I acted in plays..." After graduating with a Bachelor of Science from San Francisco State University, he felt that he could not ignore his early aspirations and went on to study performance arts at New York Film Academy.

This spring, Voo will co-star in "Amateur Night" opposite Jason Biggs, Janet Montgomery and Ashley Tisdale. He recently completed filming teen comedy-drama "Little Bitches" opposite Jennette McCurdy and Kiersey Clemons.

2016 Crest Clean Otago Boys' High School Foundation Ambrose Golf Classic

This year's OBHS Golf Tournament was held at the Otago Golf Club with Crest Cleaning running out winners for the first time! 120 players braved very hot, typical Dunedin conditions to support the raising of funds for the upgrade of the ablution block at Mt Aspiring Lodge, with around \$12,000 being raised.



Craig Cumming and Jamie MacKay provided very interesting after dinner entertainment while Murdoch from the Mornington Tavern did a great job in running a successful auction! Alan Rose & team from Sharpies were runners up for the 2nd year running while 3rd place was filled by the "One Stop" team.

A big thanks to Mike Christie and team for coordinating this year's event and to Grant McLauchlan of Crest Cleaning for his ongoing sponsorship of the day. Thanks to all other sponsors, players and supporters of this tournament who all helped to make the tournament a great success.

The 2017 tournament promises to be another great event – see you there!

Obituary for Old Boy Ben Naylor (1937-1941)



Dunedin building contractor Ben Naylor used his presidency of Master Builders to lobby for better wages and conditions within the industry and to sort out squabbles between firms. In the building boom of the mid 1980's, he convinced all Dunedin building firms to agree to increase wages by \$1 an hour a 20% pay rise, believing the strategy was a good way to stop the drain of talent and keep the competitive landscape on an even footing. Mr Naylor, the former managing director of Naylor Love Construction, died on 20th October 2015. He was 92.

Mr Naylor, was involved with Naylor Love, a firm with its origins in the company W H Naylor Ltd, from 1948 until his retirement in 2006. Former Naylor Love staff member Jack Bartlett who retired in 1977 after 50 years' service, said Mr Naylor was one of the nicest blokes to work for. "A real gentleman". Mr Naylor was born in Dunedin in 1923 and attended the Normal School and Otago Boys' High School. He left school in 1942 and was keen to join the armed forces, but his parents, Hughie and Annie Naylor refused to sign the papers an 18-year-old needed. His father insisted his four children, Ben, Margaret, Ellen and Grace had a university education, so he went to the University of Otago's School of Mines to study mining engineer.

In the holidays he worked underground on many of the West Coast coal mines, at the gold mine in Waihi and on a dredge inland from Hokitika. In 1944, aged 21 with his studies half complete, he applied to join the navy but was rejected by a Commander Beauchamp, who later became his father in law when he married Elizabeth Beauchamp in Christchurch in 1956.

He served with the 8th Field Engineers of the New Zealand Division in Italy building bridges, clearing mines and repairing roads as the Allies advanced through northern Italy. After the war ended, he was sent to Japan as part of the first draft of J Force.

When he returned home in 1946, he did another 18 months' study before joining his father's firm W H Naylor Ltd, which was founded by Hughie Naylor in 1910. He continued his military career with the Territorials in Dunedin as an officer cadet then serving as commanding officer of 3rd Field Squadron until his resignation in the early 1960's.

Mr Naylor became a director in 1951 and when his father died in 1959, assumed the role of managing director. He continued and built on the relationships his father had with longstanding clients such as National Mortgage and Greggs, doing all their building work locally and further afield, including NMA's wharf and crayfish plant on the Chatham Islands – the firm's only overseas division until Naylor Love's later expansion across Cook Strait.

By 1964, Mr Naylor brought in a talented young quantity surveyor, Alex Coleman, from Fletcher Construction. The two men's drive and enthusiasm won projects such as Cargill House and Mater Hospital. The 66 bed hospital was the biggest job Naylor's had won, beating bids from firms with far greater financial resources.

Naylor Love director Ian McPherson said Mr Naylor and Mr Coleman were a formidable team – Mr Naylor handled the policy, strategy, politics and subcontracting divisions, Mr Coleman won the contracts then made sure they made money. In 1969, Evening Star Company general manager Vic Cavanagh approached Mr Naylor because Love Construction was having trading difficulties. W H Naylor was seen as the logical cornerstone of a new public company, Naylor Love Construction. The Evening Star and W H Naylor shareholders brought a majority shareholding in Love Construction and Mr Naylor was chosen to lead the new company. The merging of the two companies and cultures was not easy.

*VISION: Boys reaching their potential in life and learning
Excellence- Hiranga; Integrity-Ngakau tapatahi; Fairness – Pono; Respect - Manaaki*

Naylor Love quantity surveyor Warner Gardiner described the first year as difficult, "When Naylor's took over, Loves had no work. Naylor Love had to find work for over 200 men."

Former Naylor Love chairman Bill Bayliss said the bomb disposal skills Mr Naylor learnt in World War 2 came in handy when defusing difficult situations as staff from the two companies learnt to work together. Mr Naylor's mining background proved useful when Naylor Love was looking for work on the West Coast in the 1970's. Work was also sought in Invercargill, where the McLellans Naylor Love Partnership won the contract to build the State Insurance building. The Upper Clutha power project allowed Naylor Love to secure contracts in Cromwell and was the start of the Central Otago decision which continues today.

The early 1980's was a time when many construction companies went to the wall and there was a lack of contracts in Dunedin. Mr Naylor had to announce some staff redundancies. A staff member said "He had tears in his eyes. He hated doing it." In 1983, Naylor Love became a private company with Mr Naylor as managing director, a role he held until his retirement in 1987. Mr Naylor remained on the board of Naylor Love until 2006 when he resigned after 58 years' service to W H Naylor and Naylor Love. The Naylor family retains a long term interest in the company with the appointment of Mr Naylor's son, Chris Naylor, to the board resulting in three generations of founding family governance.

Mr Naylor was also a director of the Otago Building Society which would later become the New Zealand Building Society for 33 years, 21 years as its chairman. Mr Naylor believed widespread home ownership was the mark of a stable and prosperous society. After his retirement from managerial roles, he joined the Otago Peninsula Trust, working on the Royal Albatross Colony and Glenfalloch Gardens. He was made a life member of the trust in 2009.

He and his wife Elizabeth shared an interest in sailing, camper-vanning and gardening. The couple's Portobello Rd garden was included in many fundraising garden tours.

Mr Naylor is survived by his sons Richard and Chris, daughter Annie, six grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Retirement for Atha Naziris and Rob Duffy



After 41 years at OBHS Atha Naziris retired last month.

Atha began his teaching career when he joined the staff in 1975. Mathematics was his main subject but he also taught Science and Chemistry. His obvious enthusiasm for teaching, coupled with his expertise and his sense of humour, made him popular with and respected by his students. He was able to win over the most challenging classes so that they could succeed with their learning.

In 1988 Atha's career took a new direction when he was appointed Guidance Counsellor, a position he held until his retirement. In any school this is a difficult and demanding job. The problems faced by young people today are complex, challenging and varied. Atha's approach with boys, no matter what their problems, was caring and supportive. At the same time he was down-to-earth, recognising that sometimes the best help comes when we start to help ourselves.

Outside of his official role, Atha's interests and contributions to OBHS were many and varied. For a number of years he coached football teams, managed smallbore shooting teams and helped build the set for school productions. Atha's love of music, particularly opera, and performance made him a great supporter of students who shared these interests. He encouraged boys like Jonathan Lemalu to follow their passion. Atha's sense of fun, his enthusiasm for life, his stories, and his company will be missed at OBHS by staff and students alike.



Rob Duffy, 26 years at Otago Boys' High School

After 10 years as Teaching Principal at St Brigid's Primary School, I taught Maths, English and Music at my old St Paul's High School (1988), then Maths, English and Music at Kavanagh College (1989), before moving yet again when I accepted the job as HOD Music at OBHS, beginning in 1990 in Rooms 107, 108 and 110. Four different schools in as many years ... really wondered if I had made the right moves! While Kris White taught the senior music classes, teaching music to all third form form classes and four large fourth form form classes as well as a fourth form Music option class and English to my

challenging third form form classes was initially demanding, as well as looking after those having lessons with itinerant Music tutors and assisting with other music events and ensembles. However, by the end of term 2, I felt I was beginning to settle in, and, having had a fabulous week at the Lodge with a great staff team and fourth form class, I decided the right moves had been made. Working in subsequent years with other OBHS teachers in our Outdoor Education programme - kayaking, tramping and camping at the Lodge in the Matukituki Valley was a wonderful break each year from the confines of the music rooms and the Bell Tower.

Plans and construction were already well underway for the new suite of rooms in the back of the Tower Block into which we moved in July 1992. Boys were a great help with the shift down stairs, across the quad and upstairs again, especially with the pianos! Though these rooms lacked sufficient natural light, ventilation and sound proofing was inadequate, they became 'home' for me and hundreds of music students during the next 24 years. Gaining a little more practice and teaching room space and being nearer the Green Room, Theatre, and in more recent times, the Shand for piano with Denise Dore and drums, made life a little easier as the new practical (Performance) curriculum requires room for tutors and practice. OGHS can be congratulated on achieving the ideal now with their new suite of rooms!

The hundreds (thousands?) of students included 25 DF form classes and 25 years of Music classes and those who found their way there every break (and sometimes in class time) for a jam session, or simply to chill out with cards at lunchtimes. After a year of post graduate study leave in 1995, I taught all the Music classes, but by then third and fourth form, Years 9 and 10 respectively, were only option classes. Many characters and multi-talented musicians have passed through those rooms! While I would love to include their names here, time and room does not permit, nor sadly, would I remember all those whose love of music and ability in music was so evident.

Friendships developed with boys and their families, school staff, itinerant Music teachers and others involved in Music in and beyond Dunedin have been a very special part of my time at OBs. Serving as staff representative on the Parents' Association was very beneficial for Music and the beginning of many a friendship. Bruce Aitken assisted with school assembly singing in the early 90's. Robin and Bronwyn Crawford, Karen Bowen, Jan Probert, David More and Mike Waddell chaired our support group -Friends of Otago Boys' Music - an active student-parent group for many years supporting our hosting of many different visiting music groups – from schools in NZ, Melbourne, Sydney. Remember the late Heather Spicer's innocent mistake in the daily notices when the whole school (instead of just the First XV as Rector McMillan expected!) gathered in the Grandstand to haka Knox College 38 member Pipe Band on Littlebourne, and our Town Hall concert with our Intermediates and Sydney Boy's Preparatory Schools St Ives and Edgecliff – schools from Brisbane, Launceston. We hosted Launceston Church Grammar School three times! Germany (Filderstadt Brass and Alp Horns), USA (Kantorei Boys Choir), Mauritius (Reunion Accordion Band) - and our OBHS Symphonic Band, Choir and Music Group trips to NZCB Festivals and NZCF Big Sing National Finales in Christchurch, Wellington, Auckland, Whangarei, Brisbane (1995 and 2011), Melbourne (1995 and 2005), Launceston (2005), and in 2013 on our European Sporting and Cultural Tour - our Lunchtime Concert in St Georges Chapel, Windsor Castle and singing in Dortmund, Germany with their Konzert Jugendchor – these were indeed very memorable musical events.

Working with Karen Knudson from 1998 – 2015 with our boys and combined OB/OGHS choirs, competing in The Big Sing annually and many times also in national finales and culminating in our choir trip to Beijing and the Shanghai International Music Festival Choral Arts Week in 2015 was a demanding but enjoyable part of the job – providing a shuttle service and running up many kilometres in the school vans between OGs and OBs; as were our many evening

concerts with visiting music groups. The late night journey home in Big Red in July 1994 after the concert with Upwey High School from Melbourne was a trip never forgotten after the massive mid evening dump of frozen icy snow to sea level! After some concern involving the local constabulary re two missing students, Rector Michael McMillan found two of our visitors sitting in the snow in the Archway the next morning suffering from hypothermia. Their host family had not heard the radio message re the postponement of Upwey High School's trip to Central Otago.

Trips away meant raffles and fundraising projects including battling with the corporates re selling 7000 Speights cushions over several years at Carisbrook. In 1991 "Sir" William Henderson began our weekly Symphonic Band rehearsals, and in 1994, formed a 43 member Greater Dunedin Symphonic Band also directed by Wm (Bill) Henderson including staff colleague Euphonium player George Holt and students from 13 Otago schools which participated in the 1995 International Concert Band Festival in Brisbane and returned via a reciprocal music exchange with Melbourne's Upwey High School.

Other very special memories include -

26 plus ANZAC services, including Bill Henderson's commemorative bugle played at our 2015 service and especially our 2013 Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate in Ypres and our service in the Milan Commonwealth Graves Cemetery ; String Ensemble performances directed by Richard Mackay and Alan Starrett including the Hampden 2015 Gallipoli re-enactment and my final assembly in 2016 commemorating Alexander Aitken; participation in local concerts as Guest Choirs at the Royal Dunedin Male and RSA Choirs Concerts; Rock Quests and OBHS Battle of the Bands including successful bands such as ***Tin Soldiers, Fryatt Swamp, Jam, Gunslinger, Outright, Puzzle Puppets*** and ***Chandeliers*** to name but a few; Chamber Music Groups and their successes in Regional Competitions; Barbershop Quartets, PI Cultural Groups and Poly Fests; providing background music for many community charity fundraising events; Jazz Bands directed by Kris White, Jim Mackay and Ross Kane; Road Shows and Productions with OGHS especially those with Dulcie Gunn and Eugene Shields, some of the more memorable shows being ***Big River, Fiddler on the Roof*** (2x), ***My Fair Lady, Bugsy Malone, The Sound of Music, Buddy Holly, Footloose, Sweeney Todd, Oklahoma, Back to the 80's***, and ***Rush***; annual school (Senior) and Junior Prize Giving Ceremonies - Orchestras, Music Groups conducted by Sinclair McLaren with his musical arrangements accommodating the varying student abilities and instruments played, and especially Sinclair's arrangements for the Community Band's music for our 150th Celebration Concert, conducted by Sir Wm Henderson ; Otago Secondary Schools' Annual Music Festivals; Pipe Bands with tutor the late Airdrie Stewart; and in recent years having a vocal tutor, Pat Scally-Richardson. Those are but some of the memories!

It has been wonderful to follow so many of our boys as they have achieved in music on the local, national and international stages. Attending national conferences in Auckland (1990 and 2009) and an International Music Educators' Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece in 2012 served to confirm that we were on the right track with what we were offering our students and what they were achieving in Music at OBHS.

Keeping up with the many changes in technology has not always been easy, but has certainly made music more accessible for many students and with Sinclair McLaren's assistance, Sibelius and Garage Band have enabled many boys to make a real start in composition and arrangement. Facebook and email have enabled me to keep in touch with many past pupils, many of whom have returned to demonstrate and or teach – Guitar, Drums, Acting, Singing, Composition - or simply to visit and show support and give encouragement to current students.

Reflecting on my 26 years at OBHS in Music has been a pleasure. It certainly was worth making the hard decision to change school yet again in January 1990. Thanks Philip Craigie for asking me, and thanks to the many parents, boys and staff for your encouragement and support during my time with you. Best wishes to Konrad Hanson, now installed in the Bell Tower.

While there is finally some public acknowledgement (Tim Carson Chair of NZSME) that there is a lack of adequate training for the teaching of music in primary and intermediate schools, research has for many, many years proved that learning music, singing and making music does enhance and complement our learning abilities and enriches not only the soul, but our lives and the lives of others in our community, so keep singing and making music!

Summer Interschool Results

Timaru Boys' High School held 16 – 17 February in Dunedin

Cricket

1st XI OBHS 1st XI 236 and 130/4 declared

TBHS 1st XI 89 and 167

A win to OBHS by 110 runs

Colts

TBHS 63 all out Shaedon Miller 4/11

OBHS 64/1 Shaedon Miller 28 not out, Cameron Elliot 25 not out

Tennis

OBHS 1 TBHS 8

Touch

OBHS 3 TBHS 0

Waitaki Boys' High School held 22-23 February in Dunedin

Tennis

OBHS 4 WBHS 5

Cricket

1st XI

OBHS 166 and 94/9 WBHS 70 and 89

A win to OBHS

2nd XI

OBHS 218 WBHS 163 for 8

A win to OBHS (50 over 1 day match)

Christ's College held 29 February – 1 March in Christchurch

Cricket 1st XI

OBHS 320/6 declared (Max Chu 82, Cameron McAuslan 73, Gus Wood 70 not out) and 25/5

CC 159 (Cameron McAuslan 3/28, Declan Su'a 3/33) and 193 (Ben Lockrose 4/51, Hunter Kindley 3/28)

Game drawn

Cricket 2nd XI

First innings: OBHS 2nd XI 158 Will Trapeznik 31, Marc Cormack 23, Louis Holt 22

Christ's College 128 Jacob Day six for 29, George Kavanagh-Walker two for 25

Second innings: OBHS 2nd XI 202/3 declared Josh Kellett 52, Hayden Johnson 47no, Marc Cormack 36, Louis Holt 32

Christ's College 232/8 Lois Holt three for 24, Marc Cormack two for 49

Win to CC 2nd XI

Golf

Christ's College 5

OBHS 4

Tennis

Christ's College 24

OBHS 0

(but there were some games where boys just lost in super tie break in the third set)

Southland Boys' High School held 14 -15 March

Cricket 1st XI rained off - were winning on the first innings

Cricket Colts rained off - lost the first innings

Softball 11 - 7 win to OBHS

Tennis 9 - 3 win to OBHS

Touch 2 - 1 win to SBHS

Waterpolo 14 - 4 win to OBHS

Foundation Members

Remember, pledges do not need to be large lump sum payments – we are very grateful for all contributions, large or small, and in one payment or spread over a period of up to five years, which often makes the donation much easier to handle from the Old Boys' budgeting point of view.

Since our last newsletter, we have received a donation from:

Paul Twemlow (1991-95) – Associate Fellow

Alan Alty (1955-60) – Donation

James Burns (1961-62) – Friend

Darryl Swann (1976-80) - Trustee

We are genuinely appreciative of the continued support and belief in the Foundation's objectives shown by those Old Boys who have become Foundation Members. If you wish to find out more about how you can make a pledge or donation please contact the Foundation Office on 03 - 477 2546.

Cheap fuel with OBHS Foundation's fuel card

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In Memoriam



We acknowledge the recent passing of the following Old Boys of the school:

George E Brensell (1955-56) died 3 December in Western Australia

Alan Reid (1936-37) died 19 December in Arrowtown aged 93 years

Walter Inder (1939-42) died 14 January in Levin aged 90 years

Colin Rutherford (1932-35) died 15 January at Monticello Veterans Home aged 96 years

John Lawson (1932-36) died 9 January in Australia aged 98 years

Neville Baker (1966-69) died 29 January at Leslie Groves Hospital aged 63 years

Roger Barrowclough (1951-55) died 16 February in Dunedin aged 78 years

Mark Deason (1988-91) died 5 March in Bali aged 41 years

Keith M Ramsay (1954-57) died 17 March in Oamaru aged 75 years

We will remember them