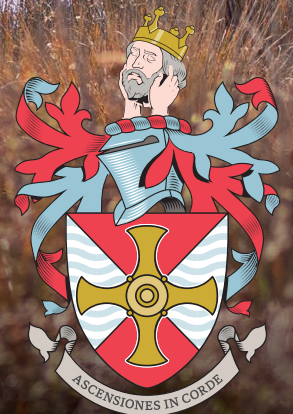


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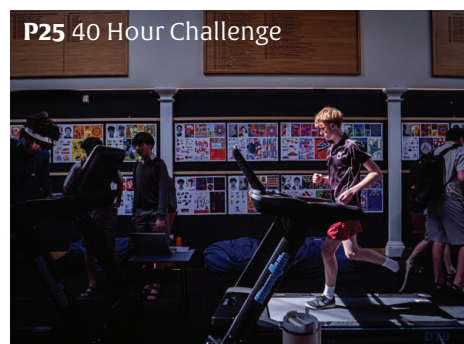
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Reflections on GROWTH, GRATITUDE AND THE PATH AHEAD

As we reach the end of another full and rewarding year at Lindisfarne College, I have been reflecting on the growth, courage, and character shown by our young men right across the four cornerstones. Every day I see boys stepping forward, trying something new, backing themselves, and learning through challenge. It has been a privilege to watch them develop into confident, capable young men who contribute to the life of our College with energy and heart.

Recently, as Christmas approaches, I found myself thinking about a story many of us know well from childhood, though perhaps not as many boys today have read. A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, written more than 180 years ago, offers a simple but powerful reminder about who we have been, who we are, and who we choose to become. The first visitor in the story, the Ghost of Christmas Past, shows Ebenezer Scrooge the moments that shaped him. When I think about our boys, I see those same shaping moments everywhere. The first day they stepped into a new classroom. The nerves of a chapel reading. The thrill of making a team or music group. The challenge of auditions, exams, or competitions. The leap of courage it takes to try something unfamiliar. They may not realise it now, but these moments are changing them. They are becoming more resilient. More confident. More self-aware. More prepared for the years ahead.

Then comes the Ghost of Christmas Present, who helps Scrooge see all that he has, but fails to notice. It reminds me of the incredible opportunities right in front of our boys here at Lindisfarne College every day. Whether it is a sports team, a production, Duke of Edinburgh, Spirit of Adventure, service projects, music tuition, academic extension, or leadership roles - the list is endless.

These experiences are not simply activities. They are invitations to grow in character and to make the most of being part of a school that offers so much.

It is also a reminder to pause and be grateful. Grateful for supportive families, for teachers who show up every day with commitment and care, and for the privilege of being part of a community that values learning, service, and strong relationships. We are fortunate to live in a country and attend a school where opportunities are abundant. Many young people around the world do not have the same security or support.

The final visitor in Dickens' story, the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, shows Scrooge that the future is shaped by the choices we make today. That message sits strongly with me as we look ahead to a new year. Hard work, kindness, discipline, good friendships, and a willingness to serve others all compound over time. They build the foundation for success not just at school, but in life.

For our boys, my challenge is simple. Be better next year than you were this year. Not perfect. Not extraordinary. Just better, in the small, consistent ways that count. Because those small improvements shape your future more than you realise.

As this year draws to a close, so too does my time as Rector of Lindisfarne. It has been such a privilege to serve this community and I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you all. To our families, thank you for your trust and partnership.

To our staff, thank you for your commitment to the College and to the development of these young men. To the College Council, Old Boys Association, Parents and Friends Association, and all those who give their time and talent to support us, your contribution strengthens the fabric of the College.

Finally, to the boys: thank you. Your humour, your energy, your talent, and your decency have made my years here rich and memorable. I am so proud of the boys of this College and to serve you has been an honour.

Like Scrooge waking on Christmas morning with renewed purpose, I hope each of you enters the holiday season with pride in how far you have come, gratitude for those who support you, and optimism for the road ahead. Hold the Lindisfarne Way close. Use it as your north star. Let it guide who you become and the difference you make in the lives of others.

Stuart Hakeney
Rector

Herrick Award, Good Man Award and Smith Salver Award

Chris Proctor

The **Herrick Award** is presented to the student who, in the opinion of the staff, exemplifies the qualities celebrated in previous awards and is recognized as the best all-round student in the school. This prestigious honor is symbolized by a beautiful solid silver cup, gifted to the College in 1953 by Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Herrick. The award commemorates their three sons—Dennis, Brian, and Michael—who were born and raised in Lindisfarne and lost their lives in World War II. It stands as the most distinguished accolade the College offers.

The **Good Man Award** is given to the Year 13 student who, in the judgment of their peers, best embodies the qualities illustrated in the Chapel's "Good Man" window. These traits include respect, compassion, integrity, generosity, trustworthiness, kindness, reliability, courage, honesty, and humility. More recently, these values have been distilled into the school's six core values, represented on the College flags. Being a "Good Man" means consistently upholding these principles, and Chris has exemplified them throughout his time at Lindisfarne.



Galations Trophy®
Daniel Hoffmeister



Bruce Ruddenklau Award
Angus Scott

Dux for 2025, Te Weu o te Kaitiaki Scholarship: 'Te Turuki' Recipient

Jimi Logan

With an exceptional Grade Point Average of 95.24% across his best five Level 3 subjects, Jimi's academic record speaks for itself. He has earned 350 NCEA credits across three years, with 92% achieved at Merit or Excellence.

This year, Jimi placed:

- 1st in Level 3 Art Photography
- 1st in Level 3 Mathematics with Calculus
- 2nd equal in Agriculture & Horticultural Science
- and was awarded Year 13 Academic Colours with Distinction.

Adding to his remarkable achievements, Jimi also received the Te Weu o te Kaitiaki Scholarship: 'Te Turuki', established by Old Boy Dr Phil Lyver. This prestigious \$25,000 scholarship recognises integrity, leadership, service, and a passion for learning, qualities Jimi demonstrates in every aspect of his College life.



Proxime Accessit
Josef Oosthuizen



The Cassidy Family Cup
George Chambers



SENIOR PRIZE GIVING

END OF AN ERA

Lindisfarne College’s Senior Prize Giving brought our community together to celebrate the achievements of our senior students and farewell the Class of 2025. It was a proud moment as boys were recognised across all four College cornerstones, culminating in the graduation of our Year 13s.

The ceremony also marked the final address from our Rector, Mr Stuart Hakeney, who reflected on living the Lindisfarne Way with integrity, courage, and service. College Council Chair Sharon Wards shared heartfelt reflections gathered from students about Mr Hakeney’s leadership and his impact over the past five years.

Major Academic Awards
Dux of Lindisfarne College
Jimi Logan

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Josef Oosthuizen

Dux of Year 12
Jasper Jamieson

Dux of Year 11
Jamison Chheur

Special Awards of Prestige and Distinction

Creative Innovation & Imagination
(Craig Foss Cup)
Josef Oosthuizen

Best Appreciation of Two or more
Cultures (Te Whaiti-nui-a-toi Trophy)
Noah Rogers

Te Weu o te Kaitiaki Scholarship:
Te Turuki
Jimi Logan

The Cassidy Family Cup
George Chambers

Bruce Ruddenklau Memorial Trophy
Angus Scott

Galatians Trophy
Daniel Hoffmeister

Herrick Cup – Best All-Round Student
Chris Proctor



Senior Prize Giving was a fitting end to an outstanding year, honouring excellence, service, and the strength of community that defines Lindisfarne.



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Junior Prize Giving

CELEBRATING GROWTH AND SUCCESS

December 4th marked a meaningful close to the school year as we gathered for our Junior Prize Giving, a celebration dedicated to recognising the achievements, progress, and character shown by our Year 7 to 10 boys. It was more than a ceremony. It was a moment to pause, to look back at the journey these young men have taken, and to acknowledge the many ways they have grown.

Our Rector reflected on the value of gratitude, encouraging our boys to remember the importance of recognising the people and opportunities around them. He reminded them that success is built through the choices they make every day, the effort they put into their learning, and the confidence with which they step forward into new challenges. His message set the tone for an event focused on effort, courage, and success.

As we celebrated our students, we were proud to acknowledge those who received special awards for excellence, attitude, and contribution across a range of areas.

Dr Bruce Ritchie Awards - For Academic Diligence and Effort

Levi McEntee
Year 7/8

Sam Allen
Year 9

James McDougal
Year 10

Gabriel Miranda
Years 7/8 Intelligent Behaviours - P.M.A Cup

Reeve Fan-Robertson
Year 8 Diligence, Service, Honesty, Humility & Responsibility - Highways in the Heart Cup

Leo Baker
Outstanding Contribution for Intermediate School - Todd Bradley Cater Robert Bowyer Cater Trophy

Luca Flowers
Outstanding Contribution as a Y9 boarding - J A Curran-Farne Shield

Liam Pentreath
Outstanding Contribution as a Year 9 Dayboy - Greg Hughes Memorial Cup

Bruno Follet
Striving, Learning, Achieving as a Year 9 Student - Shane Andrieux Memorial Trophy



Max Han
Striving, Learning, Persevering in Year 10 -
Sutherland Cup

To all our boys, award recipients and not, we thank you for the energy, enthusiasm, and integrity you have brought to the College this year. Every effort on the stage, the sports field, in the classroom, and through acts of service contributes to shaping the strong, capable, and good young men we are proud to support.

The occasion also provided an opportunity to farewell Jacky Stafford, who has served on the College Council for over 22 years. Her dedication, guidance, and unwavering support have left a lasting legacy. Jacky was presented with flowers by our 2025 Head Prefect, Chris Proctor.

Finally, we extend our gratitude to the staff, families, and community members who have supported our boys across all four cornerstones this year. Your encouragement and commitment remain essential to the success and growth of every student.



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Setting The Standard

FAREWELL TO MR STUART HAKENEY

As we reach the end of the school year, our community reflects on the leadership and service of Rector Stuart Hakeney, who concludes five years at Lindisfarne College. Stuart arrived in late 2020, stepping into the role during a time of uncertainty, yet very quickly became a steady and reassuring presence for staff, students and families. His leadership style has always centred on connection. He made it a priority to know our boys as individuals, to build genuine relationships with families, and to help shape a school environment where young men feel supported, challenged and encouraged to step up.

It is appropriate to pause and reflect on Stuart's contribution, and in the weeks leading up to his farewell there have been numerous occasions for people to share their memories and experience of his time with us.

College Council Chair, Sharon Wards shared that at the time of Stuart's appointment, the Council had been searching for a leader who would strengthen relationships, lift standards and guide the College into its next chapter. Stuart lived up to those expectations and more. He fronted every challenge, including the extraordinary events of the past few years, with composure and integrity. Sharon recognised his commitment to excellence across academics, culture, sport and special character, and the enormous number of hours he dedicated both in the office and out in the community. His focus on people and his insistence on doing things properly have left a lasting mark on the College.

During Stuart's tenure, the community worked together to define our identity and clarify how we aim to nurture and develop the young men in our care. This led to the creation of The Lindisfarne Way and a refreshed set of organisational values. This was a collaborative project involving staff, students, parents, Old Boys and supporters. Stuart played an important role in championing this shared work, helping ensure the values were not only articulated but actively lived across campus. Today our community is united by a clear set of values. We aim to be Leading and Innovating, Striving and Achieving, Resilient and Flexible, Caring and Connected and Honest and Respectful.

These values now guide our expectations, our culture and the way we support our boys. Under Stuart's leadership they have become a strong anchor for behaviour, learning and character development.

Another defining feature of Stuart's time at Lindisfarne has been his relationship with Old Boys. Old Boys' Association President Hugh McPhail reflected on Stuart's immediate and genuine commitment to engaging with past students. Over the years he has attended pub lunches, Old Boys' dinners, regional gatherings, A&P shows and milestone celebrations, building meaningful connections with men from every generation. Hugh spoke of Stuart's energy, humour and unwavering focus on the success and character of current students. Under his leadership, Old Boys have felt valued and included, and the bond between past and present has been strengthened. Hugh summed it up by saying that while we knew we were a good school, Stuart has shown us what it looks like to strive for something even greater.

Our Parents and Friends Association has also shared their deep appreciation for Stuart's leadership. PFA Chair Emily Brittin thanked Stuart for the way he consistently supported the PFA, worked alongside parents to streamline processes, and maintain open communication. She spoke warmly about the countless College events he attended, often several in a single day, and the good humour he carried with him despite long and demanding weeks. The parents recognised not only his presence but his genuine care for their sons. Stuart's partnership with families strengthened trust and helped reinforce the message that parents and the College work together for the good of the boys.

Some of the most meaningful reflections have come from our students themselves. Several Year 13 boys who have been here throughout Stuart's time shared their thoughts. They described a leader who does not simply speak about values but lives them. They recalled him knowing every boy by name, showing up to games and performances, and stepping into activities himself to encourage participation. They spoke about him singing at assemblies, playing his bass ukulele at the guitar recital, running during the 40 Hour Challenge, and giving endless hours on the UK and France rugby tour to ensure their wellbeing. They talked about his humour, his energy, and the quiet moments of encouragement that meant the most. In their words, he has been the heart of the school, a role model and a leader who always put the boys first.

Five years may seem a short period in the life of a school, but Stuart's impact is significant. The College is stronger, more connected and anchored by shared values. Students feel known. Families feel supported. Staff feel encouraged. The Lindisfarne Way is woven into everything we do, and the community is optimistic about the future.

Stuart and Lydia, thank you. You have given so much to our boys, our staff and our families. You will always remain part of the Lindisfarne story, and our whole community wishes you every happiness and success in the journey ahead.

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Guided by Character

HARRY WIXON (16-22)

From Hawke's Bay to the fast-paced cities of Asia, and from late night arrivals in unfamiliar places to building his own tech venture before finishing university, Old Boy, Harry Wixon has been carving out a life defined by curiosity, courage, and action. His journey is anything but ordinary and it speaks clearly to the character he shaped during his years at Lindisfarne



Harry credits Lindisfarne with instilling values that continue to shape his life. "The College doesn't just teach you how to succeed; it teaches you how to be a good young man. Those values have shaped how I choose to live, lead, and interact with others. Without those foundations, I don't think I would have developed such a conscious awareness of how important it is to live with purpose and strong principles". Harry believes that Lindisfarne helped him appreciate the privilege of growing up in Hawke's Bay and being part of a community that encourages excellence, while inspiring him to seek experiences beyond its borders.

Harry has certainly taken to heart the encouragement to seek out new experiences. After starting his degree at Auckland University, he opted to do a student exchange for four months at the University of Singapore. Harry describes his experience: "Arriving in Singapore late at night at the start of my exchange was pretty overwhelming. Little did I know, that I would undergo a paradigm shift in my understanding of different cultures and make some of the best connections of my life." While on exchange, Harry travelled to Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam,

Hong Kong, Macau, China, Taiwan, and Japan, where he was introduced to Eastern perspectives on life and business and witnessed firsthand the scale and innovation of Chinese fintech. Stepping beyond the familiar boundaries of Hawke's Bay, Harry found the experience transformative, giving him a new level of confidence and teaching him to adapt, connect, and thrive in unfamiliar environments, skills that continue to serve him well.

Even before heading to Singapore, Harry was already pursuing innovation by developing a web-based tool to help small businesses in construction and manufacturing communicate with clients and track project progress, much like tracking a parcel. "'Collabgo' started as a simple idea and evolved into fully functioning software," Harry explains. "Growing up in an entrepreneurial family, I always dreamed of starting my own business. The idea began in high school when I noticed poor communication during family renovations. Later, working at a CNC manufacturing company, I saw updates scribbled on cardboard and phoned through manually. There had to be a better way," he thought. Today, 'Collabgo' is live and being tested in the

industry, with early interest from venture capital firms. "More than anything," Harry says, "the journey has been an education, teaching me how to validate and refine a product, and understand that success is measured not just by revenue, but by the lessons learned."

Harry is now focussed on what the future holds for him: "Looking ahead, I'm preparing to finish university this year and am actively building a pathway that will take me internationally next year. I'm excited for what's ahead and the opportunities that will fast-track my growth in the corporate and entrepreneurial worlds." Harry's time on exchange in Singapore, surrounded by students from Ivy League universities and travelling through countries that have endured adversity, profoundly changed his perspective. It reminded him of the diversity of human experience and reinforced the value of stepping outside one's comfort zone in order to grow.

Reflecting on his own time at Lindisfarne, Harry encourages current students to embrace an attitude of action, urging them not to overthink their next move, but instead to try things, learn, and adapt. He believes that going the extra mile is always worthwhile, as giving your best effort inevitably pays off. Harry has always tried to visualise his goals by calling to mind the whakatauki "Titiro ki Rehua," (Look to Rehua, a guiding star for Ngāi Tahu) as a metaphor for setting a clear vision and working backwards to create the steps that lead there. Harry encourages Lindisfarne boys to be bold. "You are so young, take some big bets," he says. "Apply to your dream university, start a business, pursue life abroad. The world is much bigger than you think, and the opportunities are endless if you're brave enough to chase them."

Harry is obviously taking his own advice and we wish him great success with whatever the future holds for him. It is certain to be exciting!



More than a Game

LINDISFARNE RUGBY TOUR

This year's rugby and cultural tour to France and the United Kingdom for 41 students and four staff members had all the hallmarks of a classic touring adventure. It combined very competitive and demanding games of rugby with exposure to some of the most iconic cultural experiences in Europe. The boys took turns to write accounts for the Facebook page and this gave supporters at home real insight into the way the tour was progressing. There were moments of sombre reflection at Le Quesnoy in France countered by great hilarity and in house jokes and an acknowledgement that it was unwise to challenge the Rector at pool!





Soon after their arrival in Paris, the boys played their first game against the Massey Club U18 team who, in the words of Beck Allen and Oscar Morice, "Absolutely smoked us!" The next game was against Racing Metro with a very tight encounter resulting in a narrow loss (35: 41) for Lindisfarne. In between games, the boys had opportunities to tour Paris, taking in the sights and sounds and plenty of baguettes! The trip to Le Quesnoy was described by Fergus Benefield and Lachie Swanson:

"The highlight in Le Quesnoy was visiting the memorial wall where the NZ soldiers famously entered the town on ladders. In keeping with tradition, our group performed a haka there, a powerful and fitting tribute to those who fought there. For many, it was sobering to think that young men the same age as our boys would have been fighting in those very fields."

The last game in France was played against Stade Francais, Paris and was described by Danilo Brandon and Manuel Vaoheilala: "It was very physical, but we stayed on top after an excellent start. The French started to get stronger, but we were just one step ahead of them and the game resulted in a 31:19 win to the lads of Lindisfarne. A very special moment was when Louie realised his family were on the sidelines to watch him."

From France it was on to Scotland where Lindisfarne played Glenalmond College in an impressive performance, winning 75-14. Hugo Beardmore and Will Worthington-Thin paid tribute to the loyal band of Lindisfarne supporters: "The

crowd of Lindisfarne parents that travelled over was amazing - they really energised the boys and kept them going throughout the game." The boys were also impressed to learn that Robbie Coltrane who played Hagrid in the Harry Potter films had attended Glenalmond and recommended that their dining room be used as a model for Hogwarts!

Hugo Beardmore and Will Worthington-Thin had the task of writing about their visit to Edinburgh Castle: "Wow it is impressive! We toured around the massive site, taking in the cool panoramic views of Edinburgh city and the historic sites of the castle, including the old prison, cemetery for soldiers' dogs and the "Fight for the Castle" exhibition." One of the real highlights of the tour was the visit to Lindisfarne Island where it has become customary for visiting Lindisfarne teams to perform a haka at the top of the castle. Everyone present felt the strong connection to the island that is part of the College's heritage and gives us our Maori name, Motutapu Kāreti.

Sedburgh School were the next rugby opponents and both the Firsts and Seconds were victorious, the Firsts by a significant margin. The final school to be visited on the tour was St Peter's, York. Ardie J. Smith and Te Awarangi Puketapu-Pene filled in some of the historical background: "St Peter's is the third oldest school in the world and was established around the time of Aidan and Cuthbert - AD 627! Its famous old boys include Guy Fawkes and some of his plotting mates!"

The final game of the tour was against the combined St Peter's / Barnard Castle teams. Patrick Ross and Charlie East described the Seconds' game: "At the whistle the St Peter's / Barnard Castle team brought line speed that we aren't used to in NZ. At the half it was 0-0 and in the second half the boys spent most of the time on defence in their own 22. The final whistle blew with a 14-5 loss to

our lads. For the Firsts' game, a scrappy second half with some "on and off rugby" led to some quick fire tries and the game ended with a 26-14 win to Lindisfarne"

The last leg of the journey, London, started with a football match between Charlton Athletic and Blackburn Rovers and a victory for home team Charlton. The next day, the boys rose to the challenge of navigating buses and finding their own way around London, taking in all the attractions from Big Ben to the London Eye, Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London.

Thomas Griffiths and Will Symes described the final day of the tour before the boys headed home: "We presented Mr Spriggins with a special taonga to show our gratitude towards him for making this trip possible. He's done an amazing job! "

Ben Spriggins who organised the entire tour had nothing but praise for the touring party, "The students were exceptional on the rugby tour. On the field, players had to cope with the first two games being played on turf, against French Club sides that were ranked in the top ten at U18 level. The players adapted quickly to early starts and late finishes without complaint. They supported each other, and were polite, helpful and extremely respectful. Their performance on and off the field drew many positive comments from coaches, Principals, billeting families and the travelling parents. The way our pupils persisted through sickness, lack of sleep and in a foreign setting made the tour meaningful and rewarding for everyone involved."



From Lindisfarne To Leadership **Andrew Clark**

For many Old Boys, Lindisfarne College shapes character long before its influence becomes obvious. For Andrew Clark, those years didn't just form a foundation, they set the direction for a life defined by service, discipline, community leadership, and high performance. Today, Andrew is one of Hawke's Bay's leading real estate professionals, but long before the awards, his story began on an orchard in Havelock North.

Growing up with his two brothers, Andrew learnt work ethic early. Orchard life was physical and routine-driven. He attended Te Mata Primary and Hereworth before moving to Lindisfarne, where he stepped into leadership as a Prefect and Head of House for Durham. These roles demanded responsibility and revealed strengths he would carry into later chapters.

After finishing school in 1996, Andrew spent a gap year at St Stithians College in South Africa, coaching cricket and rugby and playing for the Wanderers Under 21s. The experience broadened his perspective and reinforced his belief in sport as a pathway to connection and opportunity.

Returning home, he completed a Bachelor of Business Studies while pursuing his rugby aspirations. His performance earned him places in the Hastings Premier Team, Hawke's Bay Under 21s, and a nomination for the NZ Marist Under 21s. During this period he also represented Hastings in Premier Rugby League and later won a Premiership with Tamatea in 2008. In 2002 he was selected for the Hawke's Bay Development Squad, which led to a semi-professional rugby contract in Northampton, England. An achievement marked by commitment and discipline.

“Lindisfarne taught me to work hard, lead well, and leave things better than I found them.”

Back in New Zealand, Andrew completed a degree in Sport and Recreation and moved into coaching and fitness. He worked as a Strength and Conditioning Coach for Central Districts Cricket, spent 15 years personal training, and owned his own gym, Xtreme Fitness. A career highlight came when the China National Sevens teams trained at his facility. After witnessing his coaching firsthand, the Chinese Rugby Union appointed him National Strength and Conditioning Coach for the Women's Sevens team preparing for the Rio Olympics.

When Andrew entered real estate in 2016, he brought with him the discipline and communication forged through years of sport, leadership and building relationships. His first year set the tone: Rookie of the Year. Every year since, he has placed in the Top five, often inside the Top three, eventually receiving the #1 Sales Agent title and the Kel Tremain Memorial Cup.

Andrew's commitment to community began long before real estate. The culture of Lindisfarne emphasised

service and contribution, values he carries with intention. For the past eight years he has been the main sponsor of the Clive Premier Rugby Team. He has continually invested in junior sport through sponsoring and coaching the Clive Cougars Rugby League Team, also coaching the Hereworth u11s, u12s and u13s Rugby.

Now, with his son Victor entering Lindisfarne, Andrew's connection to the school has strengthened again. He has committed to sponsoring the Lindisfarne First XV for the next six years and is coaching the Lindisfarne Under 16 Rugby League team, continuing the leadership tradition he once benefited from.

For Andrew, supporting Lindisfarne is personal. It represents returning to the place that shaped his expectations of himself. The leadership roles taught him to step up. The sporting culture taught him to chase excellence. The community values taught him to give back.

These threads have influenced every chapter of his life, from elite-level coaching to becoming one of Hawke's Bay's top real estate agents. Today, Andrew is proud to be involved not just as an Old Boy, but as a parent, coach, sponsor, and mentor, energised for what lies ahead as Victor begins his own journey at Lindisfarne.



A successful band is always more than the sum of its parts. In the case of the Lindisfarne College/Hastings Girls Concord Symphonic Band, not only does each musician lend something to the culture and ethos of the band but each school brings something unique to the activity of making music together.

The current band has been going for three years under the baton of Simon Schofield from Hastings Girls with direction from Lindisfarne's Flemming Kristensen but the original idea for a combined band between the Pakowhai Road neighbours goes back to the '90s. The concept was developed by John Snowling (or Papa John as he was known to generations of music students from both schools) in collaboration with Alana Frankum from Hastings Girls. The band gave students the opportunity to do so much more than just play a musical instrument. They introduced an element of competition by taking the band to numerous festivals, giving them a chance to showcase their talents before a wider audience. They also took the band overseas, to France, England, Scotland and America and gave many band members their first opportunity to travel beyond New Zealand's shores.

While each school could have developed its own band, and Lindisfarne did for a time, as a combined ensemble they seem to enjoy greater audience appeal and synergy than they could generate on their own. More importantly, the band captures the joy of making music together and many band members graduate to play in the Bay Cities Band, keeping musical connections alive long after school. Recently, past and present members gathered at Lindisfarne to celebrate John Snowling's immense contribution to Hawke's Bay music and mark the Bay Cities Band's 20th anniversary.



James Bevin who is a Lindisfarne Old Boy is now co-conducting the band with Laura Grady (Ex Hastings Girls) after both were mentored by John Snowling.

The Combined Concord Symphonic Band continues to take part in band festivals around the country. These include the National Band Festival, the Feilding Band Festival and of course our own Hawke's Bay Festival of Bands which is hosted every year at the College. This attracts entries from across the North Island including St Paul's, Hamilton and Palmerston North Boys. Most entries come from school and community bands and in recent years, the New Zealand Army Band has been providing an adjudicator who is usually a young member of the band. The adjudicator often runs workshops for the musicians which makes the festival experience doubly worthwhile for those involved.

Music-making together has sparked further partnerships and we now have a combined choir consisting of about 30 girls and 12 boys. Directed by Suzanne Russell, this group performed at the Big Sing competition, giving many of our boys, their first experience of singing in public. This blending of voices and cultures has broadened horizons and deepened appreciation for the power of working together.

The combined Lindisfarne/Hastings Girls band has generated so much more than music over the years. The camaraderie and social engagement are the aspect that most band members will recall and value but the band has also been a training ground for all the values that the College endorses. The band members have learnt to commit to each other and to the effort of a shared project, they have achieved exceptional musical skills and they have learnt to lead and inspire others to follow their example.





FOOTBALL

RESILIENCE IN ACTION

Football at the College has been steadily gaining momentum in recent years and it has hit its stride this year with a landmark season in which football teams achieved their best results yet. Both the First and Second XI claimed top honours in the Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools' competitions. It is the first time the Second XI has won their division, and only the third time in College history that the First XI has secured the premier title. Adding to their accolades, the First XI has retained the Dean Ronberg Challenge Cup for four consecutive seasons, successfully defending it on multiple occasions. Over the course of the season, the team played 22 matches, winning or drawing 18 and losing only four. Their goal tally is exceptional: 85 goals scored, with just 26 conceded, a testament to their dominance on the field.

This success reflects a broader trend, with increasing numbers of students playing football, a pattern echoed nationally. New Zealand now has two professional teams and has recently signed up to play in the FIFA Oceania Football Federation which features eight premier clubs from across the Pacific and will become Oceania's qualifier for the FIFA World Cup in 2029. New Zealand can now offer improved avenues for talented players to play at a professional level and this contributes to the raised profile of football at the College.

Key to the growth of football within the College is the strong team culture. Captain of the team, Aydan Belcher, thinks that the team has done well because they play well together, not because they have star players. *"Some of the people who play for us haven't even played much football,"* added Aydan. Josh Vossen-Chong who plays at centre back agrees with him,

"There is a really uplifting culture within the team. We see ourselves as brothers not just on the field but off the field too. I remember how supportive the team was when I joined, even when I made mistakes. Highly competitive teams aren't always like that."

Mid-fielder, Ziggy West- Hill, who has joined the College this year from Gisborne already feels a great sense of loyalty to the team. *"We are all close in the team and no-one mucks around. We've always got each other's backs. It's very inclusive,"* he said.

Coach, Henry Harland has fostered this team spirit by creating a collaborative approach within the team and encouraging everyone to adopt a positive team ethos. *"Even our supporters buy into the spirit of the team,"* said Mr Harland. Mr Harland himself has contributed a great deal to the team's success and has encouraged a spirit of professionalism by building up to each game with a team building session. The players recognise the efforts that Mr Harland puts into preparing the team and respond accordingly. *"He puts so much work into planning structured training sessions and is always supportive and upbeat,"* comments Josh. Mr Harland's efforts have not gone unnoticed in the community and at the recent Hawke's Bay Sports Awards he was presented with the MediaWorks Service to Secondary School Sport Award for his inspirational leadership, and dedication to football.

Looking ahead, the team faces the challenge of losing several senior players at the end of the year; a natural part of the cycle in school sports. With the strong culture, depth of talent, and committed coaching already in place, there is every reason to believe the team will rebuild successfully from the strong foundation they have established.





The O'Sullivan's

CRAFTING A LEGACY OF CARE

If Lindisfarne College were to choose individuals who truly embody the values of "Caring and Connected," John and Michelle O'Sullivan would stand at the forefront. Their connection with the College was celebrated recently at a special assembly, at which they received their Honours tie and scarf in recognition of their outstanding contribution. As Rector, Mr Hakeney, read their citation, it became clear that the O'Sullivan's are a family whose roots run deep in Hawke's Bay and whose unwavering care for others has become a defining force in their lives.

John and Michelle's association with Lindisfarne started when their two boys, Daniel and Rory attended the College over a period of 13 years. They soon became familiar faces at Lindisfarne, supporting their sons, helping at College Galas and quietly making a difference behind the scenes. In 2015, they established the Evergreen Scholarship to assist the recipients with the cost of boarding fees at the College. For many boys, this scholarship has been the deciding factor in enabling them to attend Lindisfarne; a gift that has changed lives. Significant though this assistance is, it represents only a fraction of what the Evergreen Foundation and the O'Sullivan family have given back to the community.

The O'Sullivan family business, Tumu Group, began as a small timber yard in Dannevirke. At just 22, John was sent to establish a new yard in Maraekakaho, Hastings. "My dad subscribed to the sink or swim theory of business," John recalls. From there Tumu Group has grown into a diverse and thriving enterprise, employing hundreds and making a significant contribution to the regional economy. In 2023, the O'Sullivan family received the Entrepreneur of the Year Family Enterprise Award of Excellence, recognising resilience, strong values, and a long-term vision that spans generations.

An ethos of care within the Tumu Group was always a guiding principle for John and it led ultimately to the creation of the Evergreen Foundation in 2014. John explains its origins: *"It had small beginnings with staff members who passed the hat around when there was a*

tragedy or hardship. I thought there was a better way of helping and introduced a system of giving through the payroll which was then matched by a company donation. Staff could also donate the financial value of a day of their leave to causes." John believes that "Culture beats strategy," and this mantra has become central to his leadership.

"One of the most rewarding aspects of my working life has been building a great team of people within our various workplaces and seeing them contribute to the culture of care," says John.

Although the Evergreen Foundation started small, it grew rapidly with John and his brothers donating funds and the wider community getting involved. A diagnosis of brain cancer five years ago forced John to re-evaluate his priorities and accelerated his focus on the work of the Foundation. This work concentrates on three areas: assistance in the face of financial hardship, support for education and training and help for specialist health treatment.

It was Cyclone Gabrielle that truly tested and demonstrated the heart of the Evergreen Foundation. When disaster struck Hawke's Bay, the Foundation sprang into action, using the Tumu Group's networks and connections to focus help where it was needed most: in

the rural and horticultural areas. \$3.46 million was raised to help with the relief projects but the impact went far beyond the financial, extending into the heart of Hawke's Bay. A few of the many practical projects that were implemented were cleaning and repairing 30,000 silt-damaged apple bins, providing fuel for generators in cut-off communities, and funding a volunteer laundry service that did 3,600 loads of washing for affected families. One of the most unique and compassionate projects was the financial support given to every boarding school in the Hawke's Bay, including Lindisfarne, which enabled many students to return home to their families and eased the burden of boarding costs for families under immense stress. These actions didn't just restore homes; they restored hope.

This year, John was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to business and philanthropy; it is hard to imagine a more worthy recipient. Through all of this, Michelle has been a constant presence, quietly strong, deeply compassionate, and unwavering in her support. She has stood beside John, sharing in the vision and the work of the Evergreen Foundation and together, they have built not just businesses and scholarships, but a legacy of care.



Theo King

CHARACTER LIVES HERE

At Lindisfarne, we believe character is not something you talk about. It is something you live. In boarding, this is woven into every shared meal, every late night chat, every moment when boys choose to look after each other. Character lives here. And this year, no one has shown that more clearly than our Head of Boarding, Theo King.

Theo has spent five years calling the boarding house home, and over that time he has quietly set a standard for what it means to be caring, connected, resilient, honest, respectful and self managing. He is the whole package; the kind of character we want our young men to grow into.

Director of Boarding, Mr Lennox, puts it simply, *"When we appoint a Head of Boarding, we look for someone the boys can trust and look up to. Someone who leads for the right reasons. Theo had all six of our Lindisfarne character traits right from the start. He was never just capable. He was exceptional."*

Theo's leadership has been lived out in the small hours and the small moments. The Year 9 boys in his dorm talk about how he always made time for them, how he helped them settle in, how he listened to them, laughed with them and supported them. To them, he was a big brother who showed up every day.

"He's just a good guy," says Declan Knight. *"Genuine. Always there for us."*

Henry Heald agrees. *"Theo is a role model. And he's unreal at ping pong. He tells us stories about his farm and hockey and we know he's got our backs."*

Head Student Chris Proctor has seen the same thing. *"Theo never puts himself first. He sits with the juniors, helps them sort things out, gives advice, and he does all of that before he even starts his own homework. He brings real heart to the boarding house."*

Theo's own words, shared at the end of year Boarders Prize Giving, show exactly why he has had such an impact. *"Serving the boys has been the biggest privilege of my life,"* he said.

"You boys have been the highlight of my year. Our boarding house is not just where we sleep or study. It is our home. It is where we laugh, where we grow, and where we build bonds that will last forever."





He went on to reflect on the power of small kindnesses and the importance of choosing what is right. *"You never know what someone is going through. You do not have to be friends with everyone. You just have to be friendly to everyone."*

This is the heart of boarding at Lindisfarne. Let character in. Let it shape you. Let it strengthen the way you treat the people around you. Theo did that every day, and the boys watched, learned, and lifted each other because of it.

Next year Theo will head to Auckland University to study architecture, taking with him all he has learnt about people, service, and hard work. It is a demanding path, but his resilience, tenacity and steady character will serve him well.

Theo leaves a legacy in our boarding house that will be felt for years. A legacy of friendship, humility, leadership and heart. A legacy that reminds us all that character really does live here.

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40 Hours

ONE CHALLENGE. ONE COMMUNITY



When Service Prefect Will Telford headed to the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge conference in Wellington earlier this year, he came home inspired. He had seen first-hand the difference young people could make when they combined purpose with teamwork. Back at school, he shared the idea with the prefect team, and a bold idea took shape, a plan was set in motion, and our community rallied behind it with energy and heart.

The challenge was simple in description but huge in commitment. Forty hours. One treadmill. One goal. From 10pm on Saturday 18 October until 2pm on Monday 20 October, the boys aimed to keep a single treadmill running without a break.

Their cause was close to home in the Pacific. Families in the Solomon Islands are facing increasing food insecurity as climate change affects soil quality, crop reliability, and access to affordable food. Basic items many of us grab without thinking have become a daily struggle for families there:

A kilo of rice costs around \$2.60.
A loaf of bread at \$2.30.
A dozen eggs nearing \$9.
Fresh vegetables, when available at all, can cost up to six dollars a kilo.

World Vision's work in the region focuses on climate induced hunger. Through community gardens, sustainable farming practices, drought resistant crops, and mangrove planting to stabilise eroding soil, they are helping families grow their own kai and build long term food security. Every dollar makes a tangible difference. Twenty dollars can feed a family for up to five days or provide seeds to start a garden. Fifty dollars can sustain a family for two weeks. One hundred dollars can fund a full garden kit that supports a family for more than a month.

With the stage set, the prefect team launched their 40 Hour Challenge promo clip, and support came in fast.

When the clock hit 10pm on Saturday night, the atrium lit up with noise, music, encouragement, and that unmistakable Lindisfarne buzz. Boys ran their shifts through the small hours while staff brewed hot drinks, parents offered steady support, and laughter carried through the space despite the tired legs.

By Sunday morning the energy was still pumping. *"Since kicking off at 10pm on Saturday night, the Lindisfarne 40 Hour Challenge has been absolutely pumping,"* read one of the updates. *"The boys, staff, and parents have been incredible, smashing every goal we set, from distance run to funds raised."*

And they kept going. Hour after hour. Step after step. One foot in front of the other for families they may never meet, but whose challenges they took to heart and when the treadmill finally stopped at 2pm on Monday, the results spoke for themselves.

It was an effort that surpassed every expectation. Our goal had been \$3000. The boys more than doubled it. This was the first time Lindisfarne had taken part in the 40 Hour Challenge in six years. To return to the kaupapa with such determination made the achievement even

more meaningful. So meaningful, in fact, that representatives from World Vision came to Chapel to present the College with a Gold Award for our contribution.

None of this would have been possible without the leadership and drive of our prefect team. Led by Will Telford, they organised shifts, promoted the cause, encouraged donations, kept the atmosphere alive, and even created the promotional video with our Marketing Department that sparked so much community support.

Thanks also go to Reverend Dunnett and the staff who gave their time across the entire weekend, keeping spirits high and providing encouragement when fatigue hit; to our parents who ran, cheered, and baked; and to every boy who stepped onto that treadmill with determination, humility, and heart.

This challenge showed our community at its very best. It highlighted endurance, teamwork, compassion, and a fierce commitment to helping others. It reminded us that service is not something we talk about. It's something we do.

DRAMA & PUBLIC SPEAKING DIPLOMAS

2001 CA. DUBSON A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2002 SA. STEVEN A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2003 W.E. SARTON A.S.R. Speech & Drama (as a member of a team)
2004 RA. PERCHON A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2005 JR. WEBER A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2006 RAG. HOWLEY A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2007 G.H. MURPHY A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2008 AJ. GUN A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2009 DA. MORLEY A.S.R. Speech & Drama (as a member of a team)
2010 JA. CAMERON A.S.R. Speech & Drama (as a member of a team)
2011 LFR. WILLIAMS A.S.R. Speech & Drama (as a member of a team)
2012 AJ. DAN WARR A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2013 JR. SPONS A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2014 LJ. MILLER A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2015 AJ. BIRCH A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2016 TA. MANNING A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2017 NA. VOZ A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2018 JA. GLENN A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2019 RT. KNUTLEY A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2020 LJ. DAYSH A.S.R. Speech & Drama (as a member of a team)
2021 J. MCGARVEY A.S.R. Speech & Drama (as a member of a team)
2022 M.E. NEWMAN A.S.R. Speech & Drama (as a member of a team)
2023 GJ. WILSON A.S.R. Speech & Drama (as a member of a team)
2024 DA. FINNEN A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2025 W.G. LITTLE A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2026 A. MAJSTOROVIC A.S.R. Speech & Drama (as a member of a team)
2027 TJ. SMITH A.S.R. Speech & Drama (as a member of a team)
2028 JA. BLACK A.S.R. Speech & Drama (as a member of a team)
2029 JO. ALEXANDER A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2030 M.H. DEVONSHIRE A.S.R. Speech & Drama (as a member of a team)
2031 RH. GIBBS A.S.R. Speech & Drama (as a member of a team)

2000 A. ACKERMAN A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2001 P. MORAN A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2002 A. WORTH A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2003 G. CAMPBELL A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2004 JR. HENRY A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2005 L.R. HENRY A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2006 H. MORRISON A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2007 RAG. GIBSON A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2008 J.A. WYATT A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2009 C.T. GALE A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
2010 F. HARTLEY A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
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2016 J.A.R. MATHIAS A.S.R. Public Speaking (as a member of a team)
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JIMI LOGAN
Finalist in HB Young
Photographer of
the Year



Regional and National SUCCESS ACROSS THE ARTS

The second half of the year was a strong period for the Arts, with students achieving success in competitions and continuing to lead creatively in the classroom. From mixed-media works and sculpture to expressive photography, students demonstrated technical skill, imagination, and a willingness to push artistic boundaries.

A major highlight came from the Hawke's Bay A&P Show Art Competition, which attracted more than 500 entries from students aged 5 to 18 across the region. Against this highly competitive field, Intermediate and selected Year 10 Sculpture students delivered exceptional results.

In the Creative Art (Mixed Media, Ages 11 to 13) category, Oliver Chen placed second and Lin Kokuryo placed third. Their work was recognised for thoughtful composition, inventive use of materials, and expressive creativity. These results reflected the strong foundation being developed in junior Arts programmes, where students are encouraged to experiment boldly and develop their individual artistic voices.

Equally impressive was the clean sweep in the Freestyle Model category, entered with sculptural heads. Max Knowles took first place, followed by Tyler du Toit in second and Jack Chambers in third. Their creations were dynamic and distinctive, capturing the attention of judges and spectators alike. These achievements highlighted both the technical skill of the students and their growing confidence in tackling challenging 3D work.

The College also strengthened its presence in the wider arts community. At the Year 12 Hawke's Bay Student Art Exhibition, nineteen of our students exhibited their work at the Hastings Community Arts Centre across the fields of Design, Photography, and Painting. Congratulations to William Jerebine, who won the Painting category for his evocative acrylic piece depicting a haunting Chernobyl scene. His work stood out for its atmosphere, conceptual strength, and refined technique.

Photography continued to thrive throughout the year.

In Term 3, the College held its second internal photography competition based on the theme of Movement. This event again showcased the enthusiasm and talent of young photographers from across all year levels. In the Junior category, first place was awarded to Will Eyre, with a Highly Commended going to Oscar Wilding. In the Senior section, first place went to Selby Jowsey, while August Popadich received Highly Commended. The wide range of interpretations and the willingness of students to experiment with motion, light, and timing made this one of the most engaging competitions to date.

Senior students also excelled beyond the College. Year 13 student Selby Jowsey was named the winner of the Beef and Lamb New Zealand Photo Competition for an image capturing the quiet beauty of farm life. Judges praised the work for its strong composition, emotional impact, and storytelling quality, noting how the tight crop and expressive detail created an immediate connection with the viewer. Selby's photograph will feature nationally in National Lamb Day 2026 promotions, and he received a dining voucher in recognition of his achievement.

Further success followed at the FotoFest Photography Festival Hawke's Bay, which returned for its fourth year and featured more than 60 exhibitions from local, national, and international photographers. As part of the festival, the Hawke's Bay Young Photographer of the Year Competition celebrated emerging talent from across the region. Two College students were named as finalists. Year 13 student Jimi Logan was selected in both the Aotearoa New Zealand category and the Life category, while Year 12 student Ashton Scott was named a finalist in the AI category. With more than 130 entries across five categories, reaching finalist



SELBY JOWSEY
Winner of NZ Beef and
Lamb Photography
Competition



ASHTON SCOTT
Finalist in HB Young
Photographer of
the Year

status was a significant accomplishment that reflected technical skill, creativity, and a strong sense of visual storytelling. These achievements across mixed media, sculpture, painting, and photography demonstrated a vibrant and dynamic Arts culture within the College. Students did not merely participate, they excelled, experimented, and led, showing creativity

and technical skill in ways that extended beyond the classroom.

Reflecting on the second half of the year, it is clear that the Arts programme continues to foster originality, resilience, and leadership. The accomplishments of Oliver, Lin, Max, Tyler, Jack, Selby, Jimi, Ashton, Will, Oscar, August, and

William are a proud reflection of the creativity flourishing within the College. The future of the Arts remains bright, and the successes of this year mark only the beginning of what promises to be an exciting journey ahead.




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Year 10 Paddle Project

CONNECTIONS AND HERITAGE

Many of us can remember the projects we made in Technology lessons at school, some of which may still be tucked away in cupboards, a little worse for wear. The items created by Lindisfarne's Year 10s are nothing like that. The concept for this project has been developed by Head of Technology, Mr Dave Rennie to have far greater significance to our students and hopefully the results will be treasured for years to come, as symbols of belonging and shared heritage.

The entire Year 10 cohort has worked together to make wooden paddles adapted from a basic design. To create these they have had to learn to prepare and laminate wood for the blades. They have shaped the blades, sanded them carefully and finally embellished them with a whakatauki or saying of their own choosing. The symbolism is significant as these paddles represent a tool to guide and propel our students into the future. They serve as a rite of passage and are a metaphor for the journey that lies ahead, wherever their waka takes them.

The materials from which the paddles are constructed are also highly significant as they are made from heart rimu which was salvaged from the College Homestead when major renovations were undertaken three years ago. The Technology department carefully collected all the century-old wood that was being removed from the building and safely stored it for future use. Initially the wood was used for a project in which students made picture frames that were engraved with family names and personal motifs. This concept was, however, replaced by the paddles because of their resonance as a coming-of-age symbol and their connection to Mātauranga Māori.

Wherever the current Year 10s go when they leave school, they will take a tangible piece of Lindisfarne College with them in the form of their paddles.

This project has also fostered a strong sense of community, another important aspect of Mātauranga Māori. Boys have spent hours working side by side, chatting as they sanded their paddles and sharing ideas for their chosen whakatauki which has been laser-cut onto the paddles. For some, the whakataukī reflects family traditions; for others, it's an inspirational phrase discovered through research. Examples of the sayings that the boys have chosen this year are: "The best view comes after the hardest climb," or "It's never too late to be who you might have been" and "Don't count the days, make the days count."

The paddles have resonated not only with students but with staff and the wider Lindisfarne family. When selecting a leaving gift for Rector, Stuart Hakeney, the Chairman of the Old Boys Association, Mr Hugh McPhail chose a paddle made by Mr Dave Rennie as the perfect gift. He spoke about the meaning of the paddle at Mr Hakeney's community farewell,

"This paddle is no ordinary gift. It carries with it the spirit of Lindisfarne College, crafted from New Zealand rimu reclaimed from the Homestead, wood that has witnessed generations of learning, leadership, and legacy. It is a piece of our past, now transformed into a symbol for future journeys."

Similarly, College Councillor, Sam Chatfield joined the workshop to craft a paddle as a birthday gift for a friend. In doing so, he has spent valuable time working alongside the boys, getting to know them better while developing his own woodworking skills. Mr Rennie hopes that this will inspire more staff members to take part, becoming paddle makers themselves and sharing in the experience of creating something meaningful with the students.

These paddles are beautifully crafted, almost sculptural in their elegance, but their true value lies in what they represent: shared effort, enduring heritage, and the bonds that unite our community. As our students move forward, each paddle will serve as a reminder that they are part of something larger: a College that values tradition, craftsmanship, and connection.

A portrait of Patrick Van Workum, a young man with short brown hair, smiling warmly at the camera. He is wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a white collared shirt. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage.

Finding Direction Through Discovery

PATRICK VAN WORKUM

Many Year 13 students worry about not knowing what they want to do when they leave school. Some even head to university undecided about their career path. Patrick Van Workum, who graduated from Lindisfarne College in 2016, was in exactly that situation, but he didn't allow uncertainty to hold him back. Instead, he embraced the challenge and discovered a passion that would lead him to the cutting edge of scientific innovation.

Patrick admits that when he left Lindisfarne, his future was far from clear. "Honestly, when I left Lindisfarne, I had no idea where I'd end up," he reflects. "I just knew I wanted to study something I enjoyed learning about." That curiosity led him to explore psychology, commerce, and pure mathematics before settling on physics and statistics, subjects that captured his imagination and kept him engaged through countless late nights. "Not because I had to study them," he adds, "but because I wanted to understand them."

After graduating from Victoria University of Wellington in 2021 with a degree in Physics and Statistics, Patrick's journey took him to Switzerland, where he completed a Master of Science in Physics at the University of Zurich. His master's thesis focused on developing an algorithm to improve the efficiency and resolution of single-photon X-ray detectors, technology that enhances medical and scientific imaging. The university recognized the potential of his work, employing him to continue the research and transform it into a commercial product. His efforts were further acknowledged with the prestigious UZH Digital Innovation Grant, which supports researchers in launching start-ups based on their discoveries. "It's

exciting to think this technology could one day help hospitals and research labs with their important work," Patrick says.

While his achievements are impressive, Patrick is quick to credit the foundation laid during his time at Lindisfarne. "Any school can teach you to pass NCEA and get into university, but Lindisfarne went further. It taught me resilience and persistence, to keep pushing forward even when things get difficult. Setbacks happen all the time, but the ability to persist through these challenges, to get back up and try again, is what ultimately leads to the most satisfying moments."

Patrick's story is not only about academic success but also about broadening horizons. One of his most memorable experiences was traveling across Europe during his undergraduate years. "Growing up in New Zealand, you don't realize how isolated we are until you're in the middle of Europe, where you can hop on a train or bus and be in a completely different country within hours," he says. "It puts things in perspective; New Zealand is a beautiful home, but there's an entire world out there to experience."

For current Lindisfarne students wrestling with uncertainty about their future, Patrick offers advice grounded in

experience: "The most important thing I've learned since leaving Lindisfarne is this: we become what we think about. It sounds simple, but it's true. If you spend your time thinking about and working toward something that genuinely excites you, not what your parents want, not what seems most prestigious or profitable, but what you actually want to pursue, that's where you'll find success." He urges students to think critically and take ownership of their choices. "Don't just do what everyone else is doing or telling you to do without knowing why. Think about what you want your life to be about. Then focus your mind on that goal and take action toward it every single day, even in small ways."

Patrick concludes with a challenge that reflects both resilience and courage: "In life, the only real failure is not trying at all. Take the opportunities that excite you, even if they're uncertain. As Earl Nightingale said, 'You have nothing to lose, but a life to win.' I'd add: in life, the only real failure is not trying at all. Direct your thoughts toward what you want to achieve, and don't be afraid to take a path that looks different from everyone else's. That's where life really begins."

Introducing Our New Rector

CRAIG HARDMAN



The Lindisfarne College Council is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Craig Hardman as the next Rector of Lindisfarne College, commencing in 2026.

Mr Hardman is currently the Associate Headmaster (School Operations) at St Paul's Collegiate School in Hamilton, where he has held a range of senior leadership positions including Acting Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster (Pastoral), and Boarding Housemaster. With more than 16 years of leadership experience, he brings a deep understanding of both day and boarding school life and is highly regarded for his ability to lead with integrity, clarity, and care.

College Council Chair Sharon Wards said the appointment followed a rigorous national search process conducted in partnership with Sheffield Search.

"We were fortunate to have a strong field of candidates, and the process was both comprehensive and robust," said Mrs Wards. "Craig stood out as a proven and values-driven leader who can both honour Lindisfarne's proud traditions and guide the College confidently into the future. He has demonstrated the ability to lead through complexity and change, and his future-focused approach will ensure our boys are well prepared for an ever-evolving world."

Mr Hardman said he was honoured to be appointed as the next Rector and excited to join the Lindisfarne community.

"It is an absolute privilege to have the opportunity to lead a school that is both a proud boarding school and a place of rich tradition and strong values," said Mr Hardman. "As we look to the future, I am excited to work alongside Lindisfarne's exceptional staff and talented young men to continue building on the legacy of those who have gone before us. At the heart of everything are the relationships with our students, connections that inspire confidence, nurture growth, and empower them to be the best they can be."

Mr Hardman's leadership experience is complemented by extensive professional development, including the ISNZ Aspiring Principals Programme, training with the Institute of Directors and PwC, and study visits to leading schools in New Zealand and Australia. His work across curriculum design, pastoral care, and staff development demonstrates a strong alignment with Lindisfarne's focus on character, academic excellence, and service.

He will take over from Mr Stuart Hakeney, who has served as Rector since 2020. Under his leadership, the College has seen continued growth in academic, cultural, and sporting achievement, and further strengthening of the boarding and day school connection. Mr Hakeney will return to Hamilton Boys' High School in 2026 to take up a senior leadership position.

Mrs Wards said the College Council was deeply grateful for Stuart's leadership and service. *"Stuart has been an outstanding Rector who has led with warmth, vision, and a genuine commitment to the development of young men of character. We wish him every success as he returns to Hamilton Boys' High School and thank him for all he has contributed to Lindisfarne College."*

We look forward to welcoming Craig, his wife Brooke, and their four children in 2026. We know they will be embraced with the same warmth, care, and sense of belonging that define life at Lindisfarne, and we look forward to getting to know them as part of our extended College family.

Mr Hardman will officially commence his tenure as Rector at the beginning of 2026.



End-of-Year Camps

OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR JUNIORS

The end of Term 4 was highlighted with our junior students heading to their year group camps, with our Year 10 students camping at Waimarama and Ocean Beach, our year 9 students in Taupo, our Year 7s at Lake Ranch, Rotorua and our Year 8s in Taupo.





From Rubbish to Results

THE GREEN TEAM LEADING THE WAY



Most of us are aware of the impact of climate change and the need to mitigate the effects on our environment but for many of us, actually doing something ends up in the “too hard basket” and no action is taken. A group of Lindisfarne boys, however, has demonstrated their commitment to environmental change and is trail blazing the way to positive action by minimising food waste around the College. This group, consisting of Niko Sawyers, Josh Arnold, Angus Gardiner, Liam Pentreath, Arush Rathour and Max Riley-Harper, assisted by Mrs Caldwell and Mrs Lawrence embarked on a project as a response to a challenge from the Hawke’s Bay Regional Council to address the problems of climate change.

The boys’ motivation to get involved with this project aligns perfectly with the values of the College, as Niko explains, *“We are a school that turns boys into men of good character, who are capable of innovating and leading the way. It makes perfect sense that we should also do this in the area of the environment and pave the way to the future by making our Earth a healthier, cleaner, and better place for us all.”*

With the help of Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Caldwell, the boys met regularly to decide what kind of project they would take on. *“The boys gave up many lunchtimes to get the project off the ground and decide what their focus would be,”* said Mrs Caldwell and although they had very ambitious plans in the beginning, practicality meant that these were scaled back to reducing food waste around the College. Using appropriate scientific methods, the boys started by doing a rubbish audit to collect data and assess the amount of food waste by sorting and weighing it. They were appalled to discover that 91% of what the College sends to landfill is food waste.

The group also engaged with Chef Kate Mathers and Grounds Manager Dave Selfe to see how they managed food waste and they visited Bio Rich composters and the Omaranui landfill site to find out what actually happens to our food waste after we discard it. As Liam relates, *“We were all shocked by the real problem food waste actually causes. One of our biggest discoveries was just how clear*

the solution seemed. We discovered that you can send your food waste to BioRich for cheaper as well as reducing total landfill and the negative methane and leachate problems associated with it.”

The Green Team next set up a pilot project to collect food waste in the Intermediate School. This worked well, so they were able to roll it out to the wider school but to do this they needed a lot of collection bins that could be distributed around the College. To purchase purpose made bins would have been very expensive but an opportunity arose to utilise discarded bait bins from Cape Kidnappers Bird Sanctuary. Although this was a cost effective solution, it created additional problems as Max explains, *“Some of the bins still had remnants of bait in them and to avoid sending contaminants into the stormwater system, we initially opted to manually wipe down the bins, which was a slow and labour-intensive process. Following this, we carefully washed the bins. This extra step, though necessary, was time-consuming and delayed our progress.”*

Another problem that the boys faced was how to get their message out to the Lindisfarne community and they set about doing this by speaking in a staff meeting and two chapels. Liam and Arush have also created a four minute educational video with footage from their visits to the land fill to communicate the importance of sustainability in an engaging way.

All of this hard work came together in Term Three when the Green Team presented their project to judges, Hinerangi Price and Sally Chandler from the Hawke’s Bay Regional Council. Later in the term, the Green Team were delighted to hear that they had won the overall competition, winning the trophy and a grant to go towards their food waste project. The real success of their project, however, is already evident around the College and in the amazing 45% reduction in food waste indicated in samples taken after the launch of the project to the wider school.

Mrs Caldwell and Mrs Lawrence are really impressed with the boys involved with the Green Team and praised their dedication and commitment.

“The boys have learnt so much through this challenge – from understanding the science behind climate change and waste, to working together on a complex project that offered no easy answers. A key part of their learning has been realising that real change begins with education. The video they created is a true taonga for Lindisfarne – a powerful resource they’ve gifted to the school to support the necessary shift in thinking. Putting new systems in place has taken determination and resilience, and the boys have shown both in abundance. We are immensely proud of them.” said Mrs Lawrence

At the **AIMS** Games

REPRESENTING LINDISFARNE AFAR



The AIMS (Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools) Games, currently branded as the Zespi AIMS Games, is the largest junior sporting event in Australasia. Held annually in Tauranga, this year's event attracted a record 14,022 competitors, more than the Paris Olympics! Intermediate school-aged students from 431 schools competed across 27 sporting codes and Lindisfarne was represented in six of those codes: canoe racing, canoe slalom, cross country, golf, mountain biking and swimming.

Our boys delivered outstanding performances, particularly in the canoe slalom and canoe sprint, competing for the first time in these demanding sports. In the slalom, William Kilpatrick claimed first place with Alby Redmond right behind in second. Together with Ivan McLean, the trio secured second place in the Year 7 team race. In the Year 8 event, Oscar Fitness finished fifth and Leo Baker was sixth which secured them the gold medal in the teams' event alongside a Hastings paddler.

In the canoe sprint event, Magnus Jones, William Kilpatrick, Alby Redmond, Wiremu Geary and Ivan McLean all competed in the Year 7 category in which Magnus, William and Alby took out the Year 7 teams' gold medal. Oscar Fitness and Leo Baker competing in the Year 8 event clinched the combined teams' silver medal with

Leo being awarded the Canoe Sport Sportsmanship medal.

In the very competitive swimming event, Wiremu Geary, Levi McEntee, Flynn Webber and William Kilpatrick all produced some personal best performances and Flynn Webber was awarded the Sportsmanship medal. There were 88 aspiring golfers and Jack Bernie did extremely well to finish 18th in the field. In the mountain biking, Harry Daly, Baxter Warrington and Tom Morris met up with competitors that they knew from other national events and enjoyed competing over some very tricky trails.

What the Boys Had to Say

To capture the spirit of the AIMS Games, we asked some of our athletes to share their experiences. Their reflections highlight

not only the thrill of competition but also the camaraderie and personal growth that make this event so special:

"I liked hearing people cheering us on down the trails. There was a big meeting area where you could eat food and support your mates. It was not just a competition, it was about kids meeting each other and giving things a go for the first time." Tom Morris, Mountain Biking

"I enjoyed representing my school and connecting with other players I had met previously. Playing at the AIMS Games will help my performance and help me cope under pressure on the golf course." Jack Bernie, Golf



"I had never tried canoe slalom or sprint and I learnt a lot about techniques like paddling upstream which is quite hard. I also had to learn to control the sprint boats in the sea as it's very different to the canoe polo boats I usually use. Being part of the AIMS Games was so much fun and I would encourage everyone to give it a go.

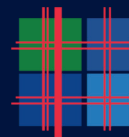
I enjoyed how close the competition was!" Leo Baker Canoe Slalom/Canoe Sprint. "The things that I took away from the AIMS games were firstly the competitive spirit because, before this experience, I didn't have that in me but when everyone else is bringing it, you have to bring it. Secondly, the variety of sports that people

participated in at the AIMS Games was phenomenal. From hip hop dancing to lawn bowls, the opportunities for sporting endeavour are seemingly endless." Magnus Jones Canoe slalom and Cross Country

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Sam Whitelock Caps Off LEADERS OF TOMORROW FOR 2025

Term 4 brought a major highlight for Lindisfarne College's Leaders of Tomorrow programme, as students were given the rare opportunity to hear from one of New Zealand's most respected sporting figures. The initiative, designed to expose young men to real-world leadership in action, delivered an inspiring and memorable session that resonated long after the event ended.

The programme reached a real high point by securing the services of Sam Whitelock as their final speaker for the term. Head Prefect, Chris Proctor, had been in negotiation with the famous All Black for several months and was eventually able to pin him down to speak to Lindisfarne students about his experiences in the All Blacks and his own leadership journey.

As the most capped All Black ever, Sam Whitelock was already well known to the

audience, but many were surprised to hear about his struggles at school and the role that sport played in helping him find direction. He shared stories of learning alongside other iconic All Black leaders such as Kevin Mealamu and Richie McCaw, offering students a rare insight into the culture and expectations within a high-performance team.

After Sam's presentation, Chris and Angus Scott kept the momentum going with some

sharp questions before opening the floor to the audience. Sam graciously posed for photos with many star-struck boys (and some staff) and chatted freely with students about their own sporting ambitions. It was a powerful lesson in leadership for Lindisfarne students to witness the humility and generosity of such a high-profile sportsman. Congratulations to Chris for all the behind-the-scenes work that made this exceptional opportunity possible.



Aidan House OVERALL CHAMPIONS 2025

Winter House Sports looked a little different this year, with only the juniors taking part due to the rolling strikes that affected the days when our seniors would normally compete. Cuthbert claimed first place overall, with Oswald and Aidan tying for second, and Durham finishing fourth.

It turned out to be a brilliant (and blustery) Hawke's Bay day for our final House events of the year. With the Gahan Shield on the line, every single point counted.

We opened with a crowd favourite: Tug-of-War. Oswald showed immense

strength to take the first win of the day, followed by Cuthbert, Aidan and Durham.

Next up was the Park House Relay, a uniquely Lindisfarne spectacle that is equal parts chaos and teamwork. From egg and spoon sprints to hurdle vaults and flat out running, positions shifted constantly throughout the ten man race. Oswald once again crossed the line first, with Cuthbert second, Durham third and Aidan fourth.

A massive thank you goes to our 2025 House Prefects, who have led with

enthusiasm, kept spirits high and ensured every event was fiercely competitive but always fun.

These events wrapped up the year's overall House competition, with Aidan taking a well earned victory. It is an especially impressive feat given they have only claimed the title twice in the past 25 years (2002 and 2020, tied with Durham). Oswald finished close behind in second, followed by Cuthbert and then Durham.





INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

RANK	HOUSE	Haka	House Banners	Swimming Sports	Athletics	House Music	Winter Sport	Cross Country	Tug of War	Park Relay	TOTAL
1	AIDAN	45	12.5	75	45	75	52.5	75	30	20	430.0
2	OSWALD	67.5	12.5	30	30	60	52.5	45	50	50	397.5
3	CUTHBERT	30	5	45	60	30	75	60	40	40	385.0
4	DURHAM	67.5	20	60	75	45	30	30	20	30	377.5





President's Report

LCOBA

2025 has been an active year for the Association which the following update attests to.

Our two annual Old Boy events held in the latter half of the year were well attended with the annual Puketapu Pub lunch held in June, for which there were 35 Old Boys in attendance and in early December we held our final event of the year, the annual dinner at the Hawke's Bay Club which attracted 40 attendees. This was a very special one as it was the final event attended by Rector Stuart Hakeney and his wife Lydia. It also happened to be the birthday of our Patron, Roger Alexander (53-55), so the evening was one of celebration amid great company.

In September we hosted an All Blacks vs Springboks test match evening in the Auditorium. It was the test match the AB's won, thankfully, so it was an excellent evening with about 80 Old Boys and parents in attendance, joined by all the boys from the boarding hostel. Andre Bell (Director of Rugby) gave a short, and entertaining, pre-match talk about his rugby career. It was an eye-opening for many to hear about the heights of Andre's rugby experiences, both on the field here in NZ then coaching overseas, most notably in France and Japan. We

are truly fortunate to have someone of Andre's caliber as Director of Rugby at Lindisfarne College.

At our AGM on 18 September, we welcomed two new Old Boys onto the Committee, these being Jeremy Gilbert (83-87) and Ray Munn (03-07). Thank you, gentlemen, for sticking your hand up to be involved and we look forward to the fresh ideas and thinking you will bring to the Committee table.

In addition to the above events, it would be remiss not to mention the great work Rob Hay (College Community Relations Manager and LCOBA Secretary) does to fly the Old Boy flag at regional visits (Waipukurau, Wairoa, Gisborne and Taupo) and at A&P shows (Gisborne, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay, CHB and Taupo). He also organises Old Boy catchups in various locations when the College is away on sport exchanges. Thank you, Rob.

A few other 2025 points of note include:

The launch of a new Old Boy and Lindisfarne community platform, Lindisfarne Link, earlier in the year. This one was thoroughly researched by Alumni Relations Co-ordinator, Jacqui Pearse and it is a platform used by a number of



top universities and schools through New Zealand and Australia. Old Boys can join and update their own contact details and save your preferences on how you would like to be kept up to date - we strongly encourage them to jump online to do this. This platform also gives access to a number of archival items such as the chronicles dating back to 1953, and a collection of images, which is growing (make sure to check these out and see if you can find a picture of yourself).

Earlier in the year we donated \$8k to College for the upgrade of the Old Boys Pavilion. This work has been completed, and the Pavilion is looking fantastic and in keeping with the look of other College buildings.



Grandsons Of Old Boys



Sons Of Old Boys (2025 new to school)

The LCOBA Scholarship is awarded annually to a Year 9 boy who is the son of an Old Boy. It is a discretionary scholarship with no application process, and recipients are selected by a panel of staff independent of the LCOBA. The scholarship provides \$1,000 per year for three years, with three boys across Years 9 to 11 receiving the award in any given year.

The 2025 Year 9 recipient is Payton Thomsen, son of Callum Thomsen (1990–94). The full list of 2025 recipients is Payton Thomsen, George Dorward, son of Nick Dorward (1991–95), and Lachie Butler, son of Willie Butler (1990–94). There were 13 new sons of Old Boys who

started at the College this year, bringing the total to 61 sons and 20 grandsons of Old Boys at College. 9 Old Boys are members of staff, comprising: Rob Hay (77–83), Campbell Howlett (80–86), Hamish Hay (10–16), Kadin Good (13–17), Karl Jones (86–88), Laurent Simutoga (05–06), Milarn Smith (88–92), Andre Bell (85–89) and Richard Foddy (71–74).

It is with sadness we acknowledge the passing of Old Boys since the last edition of Highways as reported on page 43. Some of these gentlemen have been attending the Puketapu lunch and HB Club dinner for many years, and it is deeply felt by all when they are no longer in attendance.

On a final personal note, I thank Jacqui Pearse, Rob Hay and Campbell Howlett for the amazing work they do, not only on behalf of the Association, but on behalf of the circa 5000 Old Boys we represent, and on behalf of the College. They have been vital to the organising and running of the Old Boy events.

Hugh McPhail (80–84)
LCOBA President



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Old Boys Catch Up with Dave Rennie

HOD Technology Dave Rennie recently reconnected with Old Boys Brandon Sermaine (04–10) and Tu Teira Brightwell (20–24). Tu is now at PlaceMakers Napier, while Brandon works as Chief Engineer at PTL Machinery. Always good to catch up with our Old Boys. **Photos 1 & 2**

Regional & Community Catch-ups

Our team has been out across the regions catching up with Old Boys:

Waipukurau – Will Butler (90–94), Callum Gray (90–94), Simon Hales (92–96), Jim Syme (66–69), Simon Collin (76–82), Will Martin (95–99), Robert Hay

Taupō – Ben Thomassen (15–19), JJ Gaites (19–23)

Gisborne – Nick Pollock (86–90), Spencer Butt (90–94)

Photo 3 (Waipukurau Gathering)

Ovation to John Snowling

A full Auditorium honoured former Head of Music John Snowling (1996–2016) at the Bay Cities Symphonic Band 20th

Anniversary concert. Wonderful to see James Bevin (08–12), Brooks Kershaw (07–11), Ben Hunt (02–06), Eddie Harvey (18–24), Rob Hay (77–83) and Kim Francis (91–95) among the crowd. Highlights included 'Papa J' conducting Highland Cathedral and the massed-band finale. Life Memberships were awarded to John and Madge Snowling and Brian and Maureen Kennedy in recognition of their service. **Photo 4**

Old Boys' Patron at Prize Giving

We were honoured to have Old Boys' Patron Roger Alexander (53–55) at Senior Prize Giving. Alongside Rector Hakeney, Roger presented Old Boys ties to 85 Year 13 leavers as they graduated. Roger is pictured with Chris Proctor, prior to the Senior Prize Giving. **Photo 5**

Palmerston Gathering

With the 1st XI Football team in Palmerston North, staff hosted an Old Boys gathering at Brew Union. Attendees included Ross Judd (74–77), Bruce Ebbett (62–66), Barvick Ravla

(18–22), Leighton Judd (85–89), Jason Ludeman (18–22), Tom Edwards (10–14), Grant McRae (74–80), Owen Edwards (10–14) and Lachie Huddleston (11–15). Apologies from Barry Lyver (77–83), Alex Watson (11–15) and Nathan Ebbett (05–09). It was a relaxed night of connection across decades.

At Tournament Week in Palmerston North, we also caught up with Tom Speers (20–24), Tom Cassidy (20–24), Will Foster (20–24), Hugo Till (20–24) along with Glen Petersen (86–87) and Joe Eccleton (93–98). **Photos 6 & 7**

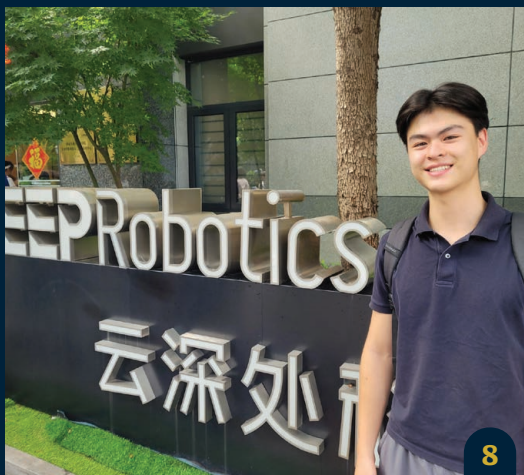
Leo Guo's AI Internship in China

Old Boy and 2023 Dux Leo Guo (17–23) has completed a six-week internship at Zhejiang University through the GRIPS programme. Working alongside Helen Fan in Dr Bruce Yu's lab, Leo explored PETL techniques in video transformer models and gained hands-on experience with large-scale deep learning workflows. A standout achievement for a young researcher on the rise. **Photo 8**

To see more of our 'Old Boys' Highlights' make sure to follow @Lindisfarne College Old Boys Assn on Facebook.



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HB A&P Show

Friday at the A&P Show marquee was full of familiar faces after Thursday's cancellation. We caught up with James Bell (81-85), Willie Bell (82-86), Mark Phillips (09-13), Blair Cunningham (97-03) and a long list of visitors including Roger Alexander (53-55), Marcus Hildreth (05-09), James Bevin (08-12), Ben Goldstone (99-03), Malcolm O'Dwyer (71-75), John MacLennan (68-71), Marcus Buddo (08-12), Simon Collin (78-82), Ralph Haper (67-69) and Jordon Williams (00-04). Great to see so many Old Boys. **Photo 9**

Hawke's Bay Dinner

It was great to see a good muster of our 1950's, 60's 70's and early 80's Old Boys and wives at the HB Club in Napier for dinner, for their 6 monthly get-together. This year, attendees included Bruce Dunderdale, Roger Alexander, Stuart Gunn, Hilton Meech, Bruce Worsnop, Rupert Ryan, John McKenzie, David Mossman, Adrian Smith, Ralph Harper, Bryan Mouat, Jim Syme, David Goodwin,

Bruce Goodwin, Robert Lockyer and Alisdair MacMillan.

Attending their first HB Club function were Jasper Buttress (65-69), Stephen Lindsay (70-72), Humphrey Walker (80-86), Nick Chrystall (83-87) and Old Boys executive committee members, Jeremy Gilbert (83-87) & Campbell Howlett (80-86). Also in attendance, were Rector Stuart Hakeney, his wife Lydia and LCOBA President, Hugh McPhail. Bruce Worsnop spoke on behalf of the group, thanking Stuart for his service to the College and presenting a small gift.

It was very special to have Messrs Alexander and McNeil, present; two of our first day, 1953 pupils and to celebrate Roger's birthday with a small cake, and a gift of two photos all framed in old Rimu, from the Homestead. **Photo 10**

Honours Tie

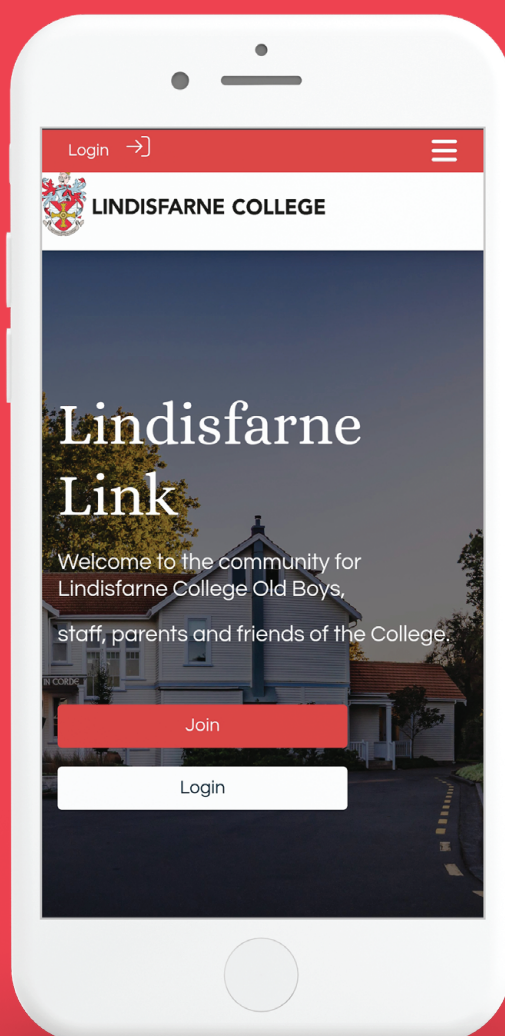
In Term 4 assembly, Rector Hakeney presented an Honours Tie to Deputy Rector and Old Boy Campbell Howlett (80-86), recognising nearly two decades

of remarkable service. A proud Old Boy, Campbell's leadership and dedication across academics, culture, sport, and the spiritual life of the College have shaped generations of Lindisfarne men. He now joins Rob Hay as the second Old Boy on staff to hold the award. Long-time College supporters John and Michelle O'Sullivan of Tumu Group and Evergreen Trust were also acknowledged, receiving an Honours Tie and Scarf. A great moment captured with fellow Honours Tie holders Murray Richardson, Dave Rennie and Rob Hay.

Photo 11



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In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we advise the following members of our community have passed away. Our condolences to their families in their time of loss.

S L (Stuart) Pittar (79-81), Old Boy, died in Port Douglas, Queensland, Australia, 28 May, 2024

J W (Wayne) Cook (62-64), Old Boy, died in Taradale, 21 July, 2025

T R (Tom) Reed (58-60), Old Boy, died in Masterton, 5 August, 2025

K B (Keith) McLeod (53-56), Old Boy & 1953 First Day Pupil, died in Hastings, 13 September, 2025

Mrs B R (Barbara) Gordon (nee Herrick), died in Hastings, 13 October 2025, aged 99
Barbara had a close connection with the College, in particular the Homestead, the beautiful trees, gardens and surrounding property. Born in 1926, Barbara grew up in the Lindisfarne Homestead and lived there through the 1931 Napier earthquake and WW2 until parents Eddie and Ethne Herrick sold the property in 1951, for the creation Lindisfarne College.
She was a long time College Supporter, was always warmly welcomed back to school, attending many Anzac Day Services at the College.

Lindisfarne will miss Barbara, but our connection will continue, as one of her great grandsons starts at Lindisfarne in 2027

P W (Patrick) Bronte (92-95), Old Boy, died in Palmerston North, 7 November, 2025

The Sky is The Limit

FINN MACTAGGART



Embracing challenging new experiences is something Lindisfarne students are always encouraged to do for personal growth and character development. Some boys, however, need no persuasion to seek out situations that test their capabilities and introduce them to new horizons and Finn Mactaggart is definitely in this category.

Recently, Finn has taken part in two demanding and highly technical competitions that have pushed him to excel. The first was the University of Canterbury's Engineering Challenge, which he entered alongside three other Year 13 students. This competition presents a complex mechatronic problem that participants must solve within just eight hours. Their solution must be supported by a detailed report, complete with equations, diagrams, and project costings.

This year's challenge was to design a home security system, an especially difficult task for the group, as electricity is not covered in the Level 3 Physics course they are currently studying. Undeterred, the team devised a system involving a camera, a sensor and a control module that uses AI to analyse movement and assess threat levels before triggering an alarm. Competing against 97 school teams, the Lindisfarne group made it into the final five which is an outstanding achievement.

Finn's second competitive pursuit stems from his passion for flying, which he began learning last year. He thrives on the technical and demanding aspects of aviation, saying, *"I love everything about flying, but the best parts are the low-flying and flying in difficult weather."* But it's not just about the thrill as Finn is also tackling the rigorous examinations required to earn his pilot's license. To prepare, he attends two weekly lectures of two hours each, covering seven modules which include meteorology, air law and flight radio telephony.

Finn's growing proficiency led him to compete in the Hawke's Bay and East Coast Aero Club's pilot competition. Entering both the student category for landings and the open category for non-instrument circuits, Finn was thrilled to win both. This qualifies him for the regional competition, but since he can only compete in one category, he has wisely chosen landings, recognising that success

in the non-instrument circuit category relies heavily on local terrain knowledge. The regional event will be held in Whanganui in late November. *"The day after my last exam,"* Finn commented ruefully.

Finn, who turns 18 next year, is on track to earn his pilot's license before his full driver's license which is an impressive feat. Before he can qualify, he must complete additional hours of instrument-only flying, a particularly daunting task as trainee pilots wear a hood that restricts their vision to the instrument panel alone. But with his proven determination and appetite for challenge, Finn seems on course to complete his license on schedule and will no doubt be seeking out his next adventure soon.



Artist in Residence

CINZAH MERKENS

We were excited to welcome back renowned Hawke's Bay artist Cinzah Merkens as our 2025 Artist in Residence. Over the past week, Cinzah has collaborated with Year 9 hostel students to design and complete a vibrant mural for their common room, built around the theme of brotherhood.

This project marks his third major artwork for the College. Cinzah created our very first school mural in 2015 between the two art classrooms, and later completed a second piece as a Year 13 leavers' gift.

The new mural features Te Mata O Rongokako (the Sleeping Giant), bold lettering, cultural motifs, silhouetted imagery, and a symbolic reference to our Christian Cornerstone. It stands as a meaningful and visually striking addition to the College's growing collection of artists' works.



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Farewell to PFA Secretary
Phil Boustridge

Parents And Friends Update

LOOKING AHEAD

The second half of 2025 has brought exciting changes to our Executive Committee. We are delighted to welcome Elmein Boshoff as Treasurer, succeeding Phil Boustridge. Phil's years of service have been invaluable, his attention to detail, excellent reporting, and contributions to Gala financial planning and the SOAP funding guidelines have greatly strengthened the PFA. We sincerely thank Phil for his dedication and the value he added during his tenure.

Elmein brings extensive commercial accounting experience and will be a tremendous asset to the team. She and her husband Neil have a son in Year 7, and we look forward to the expertise and energy she will contribute.

We are also pleased to announce that we have seconded Rebecca Reed to stand in for Jo Pentreath as Vice President until our AGM in March. Rebecca, who owns and runs two businesses, brings a wealth of experience and has two boys at Lindisfarne in Years 7 and 10. Her temporary appointment comes as Jo Pentreath steps down due to new work commitments. Jo has been a wonderful VP, leading communications and events. Thanks to her, our Facebook page is up and running and our event systems are more streamlined. We are deeply grateful for Jo's contribution, and we're thrilled she will continue to run the Gala produce stall, be sure to stop by and support her!

This year's funding applications have been outstanding, with staff thinking creatively to enrich the Lindisfarne experience. The Gala continues to be both a major fundraiser and a joyful community event, enabling opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach. Highlights funded this year include:

- Cricket covers to ensure dry wickets when there is overnight rain
- Boarding house couches
- Canoe polo boats and equipment
- Waka Ama paddles
- Futsal uniforms
- A CNC plasma cutter
- Large branded tents for Gala and other events

These initiatives reflect the powerful partnership between Parents and Friends and the College, working together for the benefit of all our boys.

We begin 2026 with the new parent gathering on the lawn in front of the Homestead. The Executive team will be there to welcome new families and help them feel part of our special community. It's also a great chance to lend a hand with set up, pack down, or serving drinks while meeting new parents.

Next up is the **Gala on 1 March 2026**, a huge event that runs smoothly thanks to many hands sharing the load. If you haven't volunteered before, I encourage you to get involved. It's fun, rewarding, and comes with a thank you lunch and drink at the end, what more could you ask for!

We're also compiling a list of volunteers for the year ahead to ensure the work doesn't fall to just a few. Keep an eye out for our upcoming survey, which will outline the many ways you can help. As the saying goes, many hands make light work.

Emily Brittin
PFA President



Save the Date

Our first Society Meeting of 2026 will be held in the staffroom on the second Tuesday of term at 6pm.
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COLLEGE COUNCIL REPORT 2025



This year has been one of transition, renewal and steady progress for Lindisfarne College. It has provided the Council with an opportunity to reflect on our governance responsibilities, acknowledge long-serving contributors, welcome new members, and prepare the College for an important new phase of leadership.

Early in the year we acknowledged the immense contribution of Dr John Wakeman, whose service to Lindisfarne spanned many years. His passing in February was met with deep sadness, and the haka and guard of honour performed by our young men provided a fitting tribute to a man whose legacy is woven into the buildings, traditions and culture of this place.

Changes within our Proprietors also marked a significant moment. We welcomed Mr Mike Knobloch as Chair and now farewell long-serving Proprietors Mrs Jacky Stafford and Reverend Jill McDonald, who complete their tenure at the end of 2025. Their guidance and commitment have played a key role in strengthening Lindisfarne.

Among our elected parent representatives, we farewelled Shayne Walker and Karen Holder after three years of service. Their insight and constructive contributions to Council discussions have been appreciated by all. We also acknowledged the retirement of Mr Trevor Webb, who has led our Finance Committee for over 30 years. His stewardship through countless budget cycles and audits has been instrumental in maintaining the College's long-term financial sustainability. This year also brought new energy and perspective to our governance team. Pete Swinburn joined the Council as a parent representative early in the year and has taken up the role of Boarding Committee Chair with enthusiasm.

The September elections saw the reappointment of Sharlene Taylor, who has served as our Board of Trustees Chair for the past three years. She is joined by new parent representatives Marcus Smith and

Rob Cato, who bring fresh skills and diverse viewpoints to the Council. We are grateful to all who continue to give generously of their time to ensure the College is well governed and future-focused.

A major area of Council focus this year has been the recruitment of a new Rector. Following a comprehensive and robust process, we were pleased to appoint Mr Craig Hardman, who will join the College in Term 1, 2026. His appointment marks a new chapter for Lindisfarne, and the Council looks forward to working alongside him as we refine systems, advance our strategic direction, and support the College's continued growth.

This year also marks the conclusion of Rector Stuart Hakeney's five years of service to Lindisfarne College. Stuart joined us in Term 4 of 2020, arriving with energy, purpose and a deep belief in the value of boys' education at a time when the College was soon to enter a major building programme and the world was on the verge of unprecedented disruption. From the outset, Stuart set high expectations around discipline, presentation and standards. His belief was simple: get the small things right and the big things follow. Over five years he worked tirelessly to raise expectations, model integrity and strengthen relationships with students, families and the wider community.

His leadership through extraordinary events, including Covid and Cyclone Gabrielle, was marked by calm resolve and a strong sense of responsibility. He brought forward new initiatives, encouraged bold thinking and consistently challenged us as a Council to consider what would best



enhance the experience of Lindisfarne's young men.

As a Council, we were honoured to present Stuart with a pounamu toki in recognition of his service. The toki symbolises a chisel carving a path through life. Stuart has carved his mark into the story of Lindisfarne, strengthening its foundations and helping shape its future.

We also recognise the support of his wife, Lydia, whose understanding and presence allowed Stuart to give so much of himself to the role. We wish Stuart and Lydia every success and blessing as they return to Hamilton and step into the next stage of life.

As we move toward 2026, we do so with gratitude for those who have served, confidence in those who have stepped forward, and optimism for the next chapter. Our responsibility as governors is to safeguard the College's direction, values and long-term sustainability. With a strengthened governance team and a new Rector joining us, the future of Lindisfarne feels promising and full of opportunity.

Sharon Wards
Chair, College Council

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Sunday 1 March 2026

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