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MEDBURY SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

April 2009

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Being on the Touchline is about as close to the action as you can get, without actually being in the field of play! The Old Boys Association's interest in what the Medbury team is doing will vary as much as our ages do, but it is very important for us to "keep in touch" with each other. Communications are a critical part of developing and instilling Fellowship and over the years this newsletter will keep you informed of what Medbury and all its Old Boys are and have been doing. We all have one thing in common – being students at Medbury School. Through this network we can achieve many things for both you and the group of Old Boys as a whole. We hope you enjoy our new formatted newsletter, the success of which will have just as much to do with the feedback and Old Boys news that you forward to us.

How the Recession Affects Medbury

There has been a lot written in the press about the affect of the recession on private independent schools. The Medbury Trust Board recently organized an evening where the Headmaster of Medbury, Mr Peter Kay, spoke of the economic climate and its affect on the school. For Mr Kay and the Board the situation has caused much uncertainty, but the Headmaster has been amazed that the school has the highest roll, at this time of the year, that they have ever had, and has a boarding house that is full. Mr Kay has always had the objective of providing the very highest quality academic environment within the school, which will hold the school in good stead in environments such as we now live in, as there will always be a high demand for quality education.



At the same time the Board and Headmaster are most sensitive that the market is difficult. As well as high school rolls, the Headmaster is regularly receiving requests for enrolments, and envisages that there will be a continued and increasing demand from families living overseas who are considering migrating to New Zealand for a different lifestyle.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 3 May

ANZAC Service of Remembrance.
The Medbury Centre, 9am.

Thursday 14 May

AGM.
Auditorium in the Medbury Centre.
5.30pm for 6pm

Wednesday 2 September

Annual Dinner:
Guest Speaker will be Julian Holderness (52-54) on his "Tour along the Silk Road of China"

Friday 16 October

"Five Years On"
BBQ for Year 8 leavers from 2004.

ANZAC Day
Remembrance
3 May 2009

AGM
14 May 2009

ANZAC Day Remembrance

In 2008 for the first time in many years, the Medbury Service of Remembrance was held at school to commemorate ANZAC Day. This was a significant and moving service attended by over 250 people. During this service the Roll of Honour was read out of all the Old Boys who gave their lives during the wars.

This year the 2009 Remembrance Service will be held at the Medbury Centre at school on Sunday 3 May at 9am. You are all welcome to attend.



Were you at Medbury in 1999?

If you left Medbury in 1999 we are going to invite you for an informal BBQ and refreshments later in the year. We need your email though. No email, no refreshments! Contact: oldboys@medbury.school.nz



Leavers of '99 - 10 years on

AGM Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Medbury School Old Boys' Association, to be held in the School Auditorium on May 14 2009 at 6pm. Refreshments will be provided from 5.30pm. The agenda will be available at the meeting.

Nomination Forms for positions on the Association Committee. These may be obtained from the Old Boys secretary at Medbury, or by sending an email to the secretary – alanw@medbury.school.nz.

Support and Mentoring for Old Boys

When times are more difficult it is most important that people have the ability to talk about their issues and concerns. Through our Old Boys members we have a range of leading businessmen who would be welcome to assist any Old Boys who want advice with business development and strategies.

If you have a great idea you would like to develop in to a business, or a business that needs a fresh input of ideas then don't hesitate in contacting us, and we will introduce you to the appropriate people.

Similarly for those who want to discuss employment issues then just let us know and we can talk through options with you. If you are a semi-retired or retired businessman and would be available to offer your wisdom and advice for any of these requests please let us know. Contact: oldboys@medbury.school.nz



School Gates

Over the last six months there has been a lot of work around the school constructing a new fence line along Clyde and Creyke Road, and including a new gateway on Clyde Road.

After a Board Review the lack of security around the school was seen as a problem, with the Medbury ground being regularly used as public thoroughfare during both day and night. This security issue was especially of concern given the boarders living at the

school. New gates have since been installed at both entrances and a 1.8m border fence around the fields. Along with this, a range of security cameras have been installed in the school – the boarders think they know where they all are, but the Headmaster insists that there is a hidden one!!

The main gate on Clyde Road has been constructed with stone pillars in the style of the original gates, and will be known as "The Old Boys' Association Gates".

Overseas Opportunities

One of the things this Association would like to be able to do is to help our young Old Boys move beyond their education years and open their eyes to experiences, life and employment opportunities that maybe they hadn't thought about previously. We would like to offer young men the chance to carry out GAP or post graduate work outside of NZ. If you live outside NZ then maybe you can help make relevant connections or networks to help our young Old Boys find GAP type job opportunities. For

example, there may be a law graduate wanting to spend 12 months in London, or New York, and maybe you could help? Or there may be a 19 year old wanting to teach rugby at a school in the UK. Or a 17 year old wanting to spend two months in France learning a new language. If you live overseas and think you can help here please let us know. Similarly if you are a young Old Boy and have some plans that may benefit from the Medbury Old Boy network then just let us know. Contact: oldboys@medbury.school.nz



EMAIL Addresses

We really need your email address if we don't already have it.

Please send this to us at:
oldboys@medbury.school.nz

or visit:

www.medbury.school.nz
to contact us.



Leavers of 2004 - 5 years on BBQ and Refreshments 16 October

The 2008 Medburian

Last year's School Magazine will be available by mid May. The 2008 leavers will receive a copy with the compliments of the School. If you would like a copy please contact:
alanw@medbury.school.nz (Cost \$15).

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Leavers of 1959 - 50 years on



Were you in this team? Please let us know where you are now.
(oldboys@medbury.school.nz)

OLD BOYS NEWS

If you hear of any Old Boys doing interesting things in NZ or around the world, please let us know.

The following Old Boys were appointed school prefects/monitors at their various schools, and we congratulate them and wish them well for 2009:

Christ's College:

Alexander Fowler (Head Prefect)	Richard Reid
Alexander Reese (Head of Condells House)	Andrew Springford
Hamish Borowczyk (Head of Harpers House)	Henry Wright
William Taylor (Head of Corfe House)	Charles Hadfield
Ben Eggers (Head of Richards House)	Robert Fairgray

Christchurch Boys' High School:

Jamie Pottinger	Oscar McAuley
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Also:

Austen Deans (26-29) one of our oldest Old Boys, married Margaret Alpers at St. Barnabas Church on January 31st.

Robert Fairgray (00-04) and Ned Allison (02-04) came 4th in the Schoolboy section of the Coast-to-Coast Endurance Races.

Sam Heveldt (97-98) was the coxain of the RPC South men's premier rowing eight which won a national title and set a course record at Lake Ruataniwha in February.

Jeremy Johnson (1997) was elected as Diocesan Vice Chancellor at the recent synod of the Anglican Diocese.

Michael Paterson (96-98) is playing for the Crusaders, and Adam Thomson (94-95) for the Highlanders, in the 2009 Super 14 rugby competition.

Martin Gilbert (-1973) lives with his family in Vienna, and works for the British Council.

Medbury Old Boys' Association Committee 2008/2009

John Reese (President), Alan Winnicott (Secretary), Nicholas Tyler (Treasurer),
Richard Ballantyne, Edward Burrell, Jeremy Johnson, Harry McLernon, Ben Voice.
For any queries please contact us at: oldboys@medbury.school.nz



Newsletter Format

We'd be keen to hear your comments about the new newsletter format that we have used. Let us hear your feedback, and whether there is other information you would like to read about. Let us know what you are doing, and we can include it in our next "Old Boys' News" newsletter. Contact: oldboys@medbury.school.nz

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