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ROSMINI NEWS

THE ROSMINI OLD BOYS' NEWSLETTER

2011 PREFECTS

The Rosmini College Head Boys for 2011 are Year 13 students George Muir (16) of Greenhithe and Ryan Waddingham (17) of Albany. George is part Sri Lankan. He is studying English, Statistics, Geography, Economics and History. George has been an Under 16 North Harbour and New Zealand Hockey Representative and he hopes to be selected for the Under 18 New Zealand Hockey Team later this year. Ryan is studying English, Chemistry, Biology, Statistics and Music. Ryan has a blackbelt in Tae Kwon Do and is a talented pianist. Ryan hopes that he will be, "a genuine leader." The Deputy Head Boys are Hayden Wright (17) of Rothesay Bay and Daniel Pervan (17) of Glenfield. Hayden is studying Physics, Graphics, Geography, Statistics and Health. He was a member of Rosmini College's winning 2009 Coastal Challenge team and his Team were runners up in the 2010 competition. Hayden wishes to, "enhance the Catholic Character of the College" and "help the Year 7s settle into the school." Daniel is studying Music, Geography, Calculus, Graphics and Statistics. As well as playing rugby for the school he is a member, along with Ryan, of the school's Jazz Band. Daniel is a talented guitarist. The Sports Captains are Ryan Thompson (17) of Devonport and Nathaniel Larmer (17) of Huapai. Ryan is studying Economics, Statistics, History, Geography and English. He is an Under 18 North Harbour Rugby Representative. Ryan also plays for the School's 1st XV Rugby Team, 1st XI Hockey Team and 1st XI Cricket Team. He hopes to be, "a memorable role-model for young sportsmen in the school" as well as "driving interschool events." Nat is a New Zealand born Croatian. He is studying Calculus, Statistics, Chemistry, Physics and Academic P.E. He is heavily involved in sport, especially, rugby, cricket, hockey and swimming. He is hoping to, "organise a major sporting tournament in the school." The Rosmini College Prefects for 2011 are: Sean Boulton, Mark Casey, Joseph Choi, Mitchell

Collins, Ignacio Costa, Michael Craies, Andrew Davy, Christopher Duignan, Tyler Golightly, Jasper Lau, John Lee, Dominic Light, Michael Lyons, Mitchell Mentor, Marlon Nacario, Jarrod O'Sullivan, Daniel Parker, Lars Roschmann, Louis Whetton, Rhys Edwards, Jonathan Lee and Jellicoe Vea.



From left to right: Ryan Thompson, Daniel Pervan, Ryan Waddingham, Mr Tom Gerrard, George Muir, Hayden Wright and Nathaniel Larmer.



Please watch Rosmini College's website: www.rosmini.school.nz for upcoming information on the Programme of Events and Registration Details.

Rosmini College's 50th Jubilee will be held over Queen's Birthday Weekend, 2012

VIEW FROM THE TOP

I have glanced through an interesting book titled '*To Miss With Love*' by Katherine Biralsingh. Miss 'Singh' was a Deputy Head Teacher at a South London school and spoke out about the failure of the British Educational System at a Conservative party conference. Although she received a standing ovation, within a week she had lost her job. (In her book she outlines why she spoke out). In summary, every day brought a fresh crisis as she is obliged to cope with unruly and often very disturbed pupils – violence and theft are common place. Some teachers are dreadful, and they cannot be dismissed – the boys are wedded to gang culture etc. Anyway this is a good read and should make us appreciate what we have in New Zealand.

Doubtless we were all supportive of the people in Christchurch who have been devastated by the earthquakes. This was then followed by the Japanese tragedy where countless thousands have lost their lives. The boys and our Rosmini Board of Trustees donated \$11,000 to help the Catholic schools most affected. There is not much man can do against the forces of nature, except rebuild and prepare as best we can.

We have just completed an ERO visit, whose team members found our school 'caring' and felt that the students and teachers worked well together to produce excellent results. We look forward to seeing that in their report.

Now to important issues. Our 50th Jubilee is to be held on Queen's Birthday Weekend 2012 and Kevin Barry heads up a high powered Jubilee Committee. I will keep you posted on developments. A rough idea of the programme could be –
Friday evening – Mix and Mingle
Saturday morning – Morning Tea
Saturday afternoon – Sport
Saturday evening – Jubilee dinner
Sunday morning – Mass, followed by refreshments, to conclude the weekend. Details are yet to be firmed up and we will keep everyone informed. The committee will be producing a Jubilee Magazine so if you have any great ideas or photos etc you could send them to Sarah Scholz – sscholz@rosmini.school.nz There is a lot of planning to do, but Kevin has us underway.

The school is in great heart, with a roll of 1000 boys who are fully involved in all aspects of school life. Cricket now gives way to rugby and soccer and we are always up for both. However, hockey and basketball are making huge progress, along with a variety of other sports, which underlines the fact that we are not just a rugby school! I hear on the grapevine that there are a couple of fund raising events (either a luncheon or breakfast) so I will keep you posted.

That's enough from me –
look after yourselves and keep the faith.

God Bless

Tom Gerrard



Liston's House Captain, Ryan Thompson, in action during Rosmini College's **Senior Athletics Day** held on Friday, 4th March. Liston again won the House Championship Trophy this year.

STAFF CHANGES AT ROSMINI

At the end of 2010 Rosmini said a fond farewell to the following staff:

Mrs Marian George – R.E, Drama and English. Marian moved to Otaki. She played a prominent role in the Catholic Character of the school. She made a great impression on the school over the years.

Mrs Sue Williams –HOD Music. Sue left to teach at Orewa College. Sue played a major role in the development of the Rosmini Music Department and fostered the talents of a number of musicians and singers.

Mr Marc Camburn – P.E, English and Year 9 Dean. Marc also successfully co-coached the Rosmini College 1st XV alongside Mike Barry. Marc returned to teach in his home town of Whakatane.

Mr Alex Brown – Maori and P.E. Alex, an Old Boy, is currently embarking on his O.E. He is teaching in London.

Ms Kim Hocking – French. Kim left at the beginning of Term 4 on maternity leave and in December gave birth to a beautiful daughter, Lily.

Mr Richard Mayhew – Intermediate Sports Coordinator. Former Head Boy (2003) Richard is currently playing professional rugby in England.

Ms Irene Kim – Teaching Assistant. Irene offered invaluable support to a number of Rosmini's International Students. Irene left Rosmini to teach at Carmel College.

Mr Scott Woodcock – ICT Support. Scott left Rosmini to join the Corporate sector.

Staff Changes:

Mr Vic Barrington and **Mr Dan Rennie** have relinquished their HOD positions and are both teaching at Rosmini part-time this year.

New HODs are: **Mr Nick Lorimer** (Economics), **Dr Ju Cheol Wang** (Music) and **Mr Ben Plummer** (Science)

New staff at Rosmini:

Mr Ben Plummer (B.A (Hons)) is the new HOD of Science. Ben was born in London, England. He has previously taught at Silcoates in the United Kingdom and at Auckland's Mount Albert Grammar School. Ben hopes to, "have fun whilst increasing achievement levels." Although, he adds that he is, "thoroughly enjoying myself already!" Ben enjoys sailing, fishing and Robotics. Ben was the Coach/Manager of Mount Albert Grammar School's *Roarbotix* team who won 2010 Vex Robotics Tournament and were selected to represent New Zealand at The Vex Robotics Championship in Dallas, Texas.

Mr Tim Lucas (BPhEd, Dip. Grad. (Human Nutrition), Dip. Tching) is the HOD of Maori, the Intermediate Sports Coordinator and he is also teaching R.E. Tim was born and raised in the South Island and consequently he has, "a passion for the outdoors; tramping, mountaineering, hunting, fishing and mountain biking." Tim has relieved and taught at Rosmini previously.

In 2009 Tim taught in East London and this experience made him realise Rosmini is, "a fine school which we should be grateful for and proud of." Tim hopes to be a positive role model and an effective and inspiring classroom teacher. He adds, "I'm really excited to be back at Rosmini full-time."

Mr Eric Elgoyhen (Bach. Comp. Sci, Grad. Dip. Tching) is teaching French, Japanese and ICT. He was born in France near Toulouse. Eric previously taught at Japan's Kosima High School and Auckland's Green Bay High School. Eric hopes, "to infuse in students a thirst for knowledge and give them the proper tools to learn and become good people." He lists his interests as all kinds of books, tennis, soccer, swimming, running, video and trading cards games. Eric concludes that, "I am a Christian and having the chance to teach at Rosmini is a great opportunity."

Mrs Jennifer Herbst (Higher Dip. in Ed – specialising in English, Maths and Science) is teaching R.E, English and Drama. Jennifer was born in South Africa but she has been teaching in Auckland Catholic schools for the past eight and a half years. Jennifer previously taught at Baradene College and St Michael's Primary School. She says she is, "happy to be back teaching after two years of 'maternity leave,' especially at such a fantastic school." Jennifer has, "a busy two year old boy and a delightful seven year old daughter." As well as being a mother and teaching, Jennifer is also furthering her studies in Theology. She hopes to make a positive and strong contribution to the education of the boys in her classes.

Mr Darren Sexton (B.Ed, Dip. Tching) is teaching Maths and P.E. Darren has previously taught at Enfield Grammar in the United Kingdom. He has also taught at Auckland's Kelston Boys' High School and at Carmel College. A keen sportsman, Darren's interests include rugby, diving, fishing, surfing, skiing, indoor cricket, volleyball and golf. He hopes to, "do a good job" and "produce well rounded students who will achieve their potential." He adds that securing the 2nd XV title this year would be an added bonus.

Mrs Ester Keeling (B.Ed) is teaching English and Religious Education. Ester has taught at Rosmini previously.

Miss Elizabeth Lee (B.Sci, Grad. Dip. Tching) is teaching Science, ESOL and assisting International Students in various other classes. Elizabeth was born in Korea and she came to New Zealand in 1993. She lists her interests as Music and Art.

Mr Farzan Qureshi (Post. Grad. Dip.Computers/Information Sciences, AUT Masters in Networks/Telecom.) joins the school as a Network Technician and additional ICT Support. Farzan is Pakistani and he was born in Karachi. He previously worked at AUT as an I.T. Technician. Farzan lists his interests as tennis and cricket. He hopes to keep Rosmini's "technology infrastructure fully capable." Farzan says he has found the staff at Rosmini very friendly and that he is determined to, "provide all necessary help" to both them and the students of the school.

OLD BOY OPERA SINGER

Former Head Boy, Moses Mackay (2007) spent his first two years out of high school singing in the New Zealand Youth Choir along with completing a Bachelor of Music Performance (majoring in Classical Voice) at the University of Auckland. Moses says this, "took commitment and perseverance to a whole new level" as he occasionally had "ten hour days of sight-reading, listening, singing and rehearsing...When I wasn't singing in the choir I was learning art-songs, arias, languages and handing in counterpoint assignments. Being this heavily swamped was no walk on the beach, but one event that inspired me to stick with it was singing in the backing choir for Andrea Bocelli in 2008. It was nothing less than amazing – inspirational." In 2010 Moses left the New Zealand Youth Choir as he was accepted into the NBR New Zealand Opera Chorus, where he has sung in Mozart's 'The Marriage of Figaro' and Verdi's 'Macbeth'. At the end of last year one of Moses' tutors was asked to put together a small group to be backing vocalists for George Benson. Moses was a member of the group and they toured with George throughout New Zealand. He describes Benson as, "a genius and the band were phenomenal. My funniest memory from the tour was being swamped by fans and then asked what part of America we were from. We started playing games to see how long we could fool them with our terrible American accents! Bad I know, but funny." Moses has received numerous awards and the University of Auckland Blues Awards for three years in a row. He has been asked to continue studying at Auckland University and he hopes to graduate with Honours at the end of the year. He will continue singing with the NBR NZ Opera Chorus and audition for the Emerging Artists. He says, "I am currently working, competing in competitions and tutoring kids while I study to put together money, firstly to pay off my steep student loan and then pay my tuition fees. In the future I hope to continue studying in either New York's School of Music or Manhattan School of Music... pursuing the gift I have been given." One of Moses' enduring memories of Rosmini College is, "winning the 5th Grade championship with Mr Bell yelling, "RUN MOSES RUN MOSES!!!" from the sideline with a voice that if trained could possibly be higher than Pavarotti's but, he adds, "I think singing *O! Man River* in the Town Hall with the school choir was a big highlight that I still get recognised for!" Moses continued playing rugby after 1st XV but, he says, "dislocating a knee playing Masters touch, I think sealed the deal for a music career!"



2011 Year 7 Fathers and Sons Breakfast

Fourth row (from left to right): Logan McLaughlin, Mark McLaughlin, Matthew Lynch and Tony Lynch.

Third row (from left to right): Jude Rollin, Paul Rollin, Frank Gore, Anthony Gore, Joe Taylor, Matthew Taylor, Finn Barry and Mike Barry.

Second row (from left to right): Daniel Fraser, Stephen Fraser, Ben Coombes, Michael Coombes, Joe Holloway, Andrew Holloway, Sebby Stewart and Richard Stewart.

Front row (from left to right): Tony Coughlan, Dante Coughlan, Graham Dowd, Wilson Dowd, John Berry, Matthew Berry, Daniel Eastwood and Uncle Ross Helpin.



Moses sang at a corporate function at the Opera Factory in Newmarket last year where he got to meet Dame Kiri Te Kanawa.