New Zealand Tour Proves Worthwhile

While the country has basked in sweltering temperatures for much of summer the northern hemisphere has endured the cold of winter. For Simon Mulholland (1994-1998) the gloom was relieved by the outstanding performances of the Sedbergh 1st XV that completed an unbeaten season and were the top school in the UK. In 2017 Simon, who is Head of Rugby, bought his squad to New Zealand as preparation for the home season. The tour was highly successful and undoubtedly paved the way for the home championship. The Association congratulates Simon on his efforts and wishes him well.

Reflecting on the season Simon said, “we have had an outstanding season this year. We have finished as the number one ranked 1st XV in the country. We won the Daily Mail Trophy and had an unbeaten season winning all 13 games. Fourteen of the 1st XV squad have represented either England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales or Canada in National under 17 or 18 training camps. I am a very proud coach!”

He went on to say, “As the Director of Rugby at Sedbergh School I could not be prouder of my players. We have had a tremendous season. The boys have risen to every challenge and have worked for each other and the school every single minute of every game. They are superbly talented but beyond that they are a great team. This year in particular our forwards gave us an outstanding platform on attack, they were simply relentless and incredibly physical. This continually gave our backs front foot ball to play from all areas of the field, something that we love to do at Sedbergh. Attacking rugby is what we are famous for. Defensively we were consistently outstanding all year, during a six match spell in September & October we only conceded one try. This is extremely impressive considering our strong fixture list.”

When asked if any his player were candidates for higher honours he said, “Our Captain Cam Redpath in particular is one to keep any eye on; (Son of former Scotland halfback Bryan Redpath).

He has played for England U18s for the last two seasons and he is now in the England U20s squad as a school boy. He has already made his senior debut for Sale Sharks as a 17 year old. Position – second five eight.”

Rearranging the results:

V Whitgift Won 20-13
V Wilmislow High School Won 57-14
V RGS Newcastle Won 73-0
V Berkhamsted School Won 69-9
V Durham School Won 28-6
V Barnard Castle School Won 31-0
V Kirkham Grammar School Won 34-9
V Llandovery College Won 73-5
V Lancaster Royal Grammar School Won 83-0
V Warwick School Won 26-10
V Woodhouse Grove School Won 39-16
V Wellington College Won 53-12

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New Year 9 Students Welcomed

Last week the College welcomed the 2018 Year 9 students and their parents. The day began with a formal welcome and then the boys were put in the care of staff and senior students to begin the orientation process. Janine Ross-Johnstone was on hand to record the day.

Want to Organise a Reunion?

The Community Development Office and the Old Boys’ Association are keen to support class, team and year-group reunions. If you would like to get together with your former school mates please contact either Tony Murdoch or Jacinta Gardner at the College. Contact details below.

The format for reunions can be tailored to suit.

Options include:
- Lunch or Dinner in the dining room.
- Lunch and refreshments in the boardroom overlooking No. 1.
- Tours of the College.

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Bedean Connections Revived

Among the new students and parents who came to the welcome for the new Year 9 students were some with long standing connections to the College. Pictured below are three photographs showing the next wave of Bedean, generational, students.


Warren Frew (1976-1979), Max Frew.

Requiescat in Pace

Anthony Francis Gallen (John) 1949-1953
Maurice Molloy 1955-1958
Clifford Eggeling 1960-1962 (Nov 2017)

If you know of the passing of an Old Boy or someone who has had close links to the College please advise Jacinta Gardner jgardner@stbedes.school.nz

Requiescat in Pace

In response to the many requests from old boys and families the PTA in conjunction with the Development Office are pleased to offer for sale box sets of the College wine glasses. Each glass carries the College crest making it a special memento for old boys family members and friends.

Price for a boxed set (6 glasses) is $75.00 GST Inc.

To purchase a set please fill in the response form below or email pta@stbedes.school.nz

Purchase and Delivery: Please note that we are unable to provide a delivery service and need to order sets of glasses in batches.
Barry Gardiner's Remarkable Sporting Career

Last week's newsletter featured the Gardiner brothers, Barry, Ron and Neil. Space prevented detailing Barry's sporting achievements. These are well worth considering as Barry moved from team sports to squash and to a world championship title. Barry has supplied these details.

Barry Gardiner

"I was in 1958 Kiwi team vs Great Britain for test series but ended up as the emergency-forward. No replacements in those days so although I wore the black jersey never got on the field. I had been selected for the South Island at rugby league.

Then 7 years later I was selected in the South Island Rugby team but this time as the emergency back (I was the only back of the 9 selected who wasn’t an All Black).

I also represented NZ at Squash.

Represented West Coast at Athletics (Canterbury Junior Shot put champion) for 3 years, cricket (5 years) and rugby league (5 years).

In addition I also represented South Canterbury at tennis (3 years), rugby (5 years) and squash.

I have won Over 50, Over 60 and Over 70 Squash World Championship. I did the Coast to Coast 4 times (including the one-dayer when I was 60 years old). Competed in the Mototapu mountain bike event twice when aged 78 and 79 (oldest finisher).

In 1960 I played against France at Rugby League as loose forward but when halfback was injured played most of game at halfback. In 1961 I played against France for South Canterbury in rugby as flanker but first five injured and played most of game at first five. This meant I played against France in the two rugby codes in two successive years in 4 different positions! Also played against South Africa at second five, All Black Trials - 1961 as flanker and 1965 as centre.

I was NZ senior squash selector and convener for 7 years and Squash NZ President for 2 years. Selector for Southern Districts - also 7 years.

Chairman South Canterbury Tennis Association for 3 years and Secretary of West Coast Cricket Association for 3 years.

As a matter of interest Tony I have just had a new knee inserted - believe it or not the old one completely worn out - since 1965 when South African hit me 2 min late putting me out of rugby forever and starting the knee injury process that now has me on my back and completely bored!"

“A Little from a Lot”
Our Fundraising Campaign

Progress to Date

To donate to the new chapel in memory of a loved one please go to: www.oldboys.stbedes.school.nz/chapel

Watch the Video

To view the campaign video please go to: www.oldboys.stbedes.school.nz/chapelappeal

To make a donation...

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Bedeans in Business - Logan Preston

Logan Preston left school two years ago and has already started his own business. In the beautiful setting of Lake Tekapo he is making his way in the world by taking jet boat tours. This article came from the Stuff website. We wish Logan all the best in this venture.

Tekapo’s Logan Preston is determined to make a success of his new tourism business in spite of the challenges in just getting it off the ground.

At 20 he has big ambitions, and with the help of his mother and father, Kath and Kim Preston, he officially launched Tekapo Jet on Boxing Day.

At this stage the business is a one man, one boat, operation, with Preston offering Mackenzie’s burgeoning tourism market a “unique jetboat experience that gives you the opportunity to connect with New Zealand’s most beautiful lake”.

Logan Preston, 20, has established a tourism venture on Lake Tekapo.

Tourism appears to be in his DNA as both of his parents have been in the tourism sector for about 20 years and run tourist based activities in Hanmer.

Logan had put in the hard yards by obtaining a diploma from the Queenstown Resort College last year after undertaking work experience with Tekapo tourist operators, preparing and attaining all the relevant licenses, consents, safety and operating certificates required for the business, and asking the bank for a loan, Kim Preston said.

Logan said he was determined to succeed, and that there had been some real challenges.

“Everyone was keen to let me know I would never be able to do it,” he said.

“I say it’s about being persistent.

“It must be in my DNA because you have to get on with it and keep at it I guess.”

Logan Preston believed there were visitors to Tekapo looking for more activities so launched his own business.

Kath said the idea of a jet boat tour operation on Lake Tekapo came from the time Logan spent in Tekapo working last year.

“He came home and said that there were a lot of tourists in Tekapo with not enough activities to do and suggested it would be great if they could do a tour of the lake in a jet boat,” Kath said.

“Logan has grown up boating, driving, water skiing and wakeboarding and spent many summers on Lake Tekapo as we have a home there.”

Tell Us About Your Business

Old Boys are welcome to profile their business in the Bedeans in Business section of the newsletter. The format of the page can be adjusted to your own needs and the photos and logos used will be of your own choice.

There is no charge for this service.

For further information contact Tony Murdoch.
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Please note: The emailed version of the newsletter will show the page in a slightly different format.

Endowing a Scholarship

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Making a Bequest

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Send Us Your News

We are always keen to receive information about old boys. Our readers enjoy snippets of information and the longer stories that come through. If you have had an old boy friend or family member who has passed away please drop a note to tmurdoch@stbedes.school.nz.

Photographs, especially of generational Bedean families are especially welcome.
Recent old boys George Berry and Jordan Kennedy have had a busy summer with their band The Butlers. Commenting, Jordan said, “We came together about 10 months ago and started doing bigger gigs, opening for bands in Dunedin. We decided to record a really rough EP, just in our garage,” Kennedy said.

The Halfway House EP was released in mid-2017 on iTunes and Spotify. Their biggest hit, Are You Sure, has been played more than 100,000 times on Spotify.

Their new album, Frederick’s Friends, was recorded at Orange Studios in Woolston and will be launched at a gig at Wunderbar on Friday. They released their latest single, Full Noise, last Friday along with a music video, filmed around Sumner.