



## Message From The Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa

Term 4 is always eventful in a secondary school and this year is no different. As I write this, our Year 8s are getting ready for their time away at Camp Columba. They are fortunate to be joined by a large number of parents this year. We are always so grateful for parent support, whether it is at camps, through sports, or during musical preparations. Thank you for the time you spend away from your own commitments and families to support us. Similarly, I am grateful to the staff who prepare for and take part in camps, tramps, sports tournaments, and other events – they too leave behind families, important events, and commitments to do this work. I am sure that our Year 10s will also enjoy their experiences and the camaraderie at one of the three camps offered when they head away soon.

Senior students are nearing the end of their NCEA and Scholarship examinations. For our Year 13 students, they are also saying goodbye to their college as they embark on exciting new adventures. They are well ready to expand their horizons beyond school and we wish them all the best for 2024 and beyond – God bless! Congratulations to Samuel Kelly who was the deserving Dux recipient this year. He was closely followed by Oscar Robertson as Proxime Accessit. Both these young men have very bright futures ahead of them and we look forward to hearing of their successes.

The recent selection process to choose a head student team for the coming year was as challenging as ever. I am confident that the integrity, ambition, and service of the students who applied for these positions will create a very strong team of prefects and role models in 2024. Our next Head Student Team (see below) will be joined by newly named prefects for their induction at our Opening Mass next year.

As we come to the end of the year, I would like to thank our Trinity community for their ongoing support. It has been a very positive year operating under our new name. Learning programmes continue to go from strength to strength, student wellbeing continues to improve as we bounce back from the disruption and challenges of the last three years, and our roll has grown considerably moving into 2024. We grow to five Year 7 and five Year 8 homeroom classes next year and it has been affirming during recent employment appointment processes to have so many excellent candidates wanting to become part of our place. We will also grow our senior leadership team next year with the addition of Mike Waterworth as an Assistant Principal with responsibility for Year 10 and 11. This will allow our DP, Steve Read, to work more closely on curriculum needs and the inevitable changes ahead of us.

It takes a village to raise our children and that village is you – our parents and whānau, our special staff, our amazing young people, our supportive Board, our loyal alumni, and our parish and Catholic school communities. Thank you all! Have a blessed and joy-filled Christmas.

Arohanui,  
Kate Nicholson, Principal

### Congratulations to our Head Students and Special Character Prefects for 2024



From left: Head Students Isaac Tili and Alice Kelsall, Deputy Head Students Tia Mawhinney and Jake Innes.

The Special Character Prefects for next year are Charlotte Harris and Beatrice Schonwald.

## School Formal

The 2023 Trinity Catholic College Formal was held on 8 September at the Otago Museum. With a wide range of colourful flowers and delicate lights, a couple of cute backdrops, and a lot of hard work, the social committee did an excellent job of transforming the Otago Museum into this year's formal theme of "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

All the Year 12 and 13 students in attendance looked very elegant and classy - they truly did dress to impress! Not only did each student look wonderful, but they all contributed to making the night extra special with their amazing presence and happy, bubbly demeanors.

The formal was definitely a huge success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all those who contributed to the organisation of the formal and to the students and staff who attended and helped make it such a special evening.

*Michael Louw-Young, Social Prefect*



## Board Update

The end of the year provides a time to reflect. 2023 has been the year when we returned to more of our usual routines and activities post Covid, and the students at Trinity have thrived and embraced all the opportunities available to them throughout the year.

I would like to thank our teaching and support staff for all they have done for the students during 2023. Their dedication to teaching, pastoral care, and assisting our young people to reach their potential is immeasurable and greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the senior management team (Steve Read, Tricia James, Rachel Mortimer, and our pastoral leader Liz Cameron) for their continued leadership, dedication, and commitment to the college and students.

We are truly blessed to have Kate Nicholson as our Principal. Her Term 2 principal's sabbatical was an acknowledgement from the Ministry of Education of the value that she not only brings to our school but also the wider profession. Our largest intake of Year 7 students joining us in 2024 is also a testament to the ethos and culture that Kate has created since joining us in 2019.

Our school values of aroha, manaaki, tika, and pono provide a strong foundation for our students to build on. These are the values we will continue to show to one another and encourage our new students entering the school in 2024 to embrace as they embark on their life as Trinity Catholic College students.

Thank you to all the coaches, mentors, teachers, whānau, and members of the PFA who have volunteered their time, supported, and encouraged students during the year in a variety of different ways including sports, cultural activities, academic pursuits, and education outside the classroom events. Your input is extremely valued in ensuring students can participate in and enjoy a wide range of experiences and activities.

The Board of Trinity Catholic College would like to wish everyone a peaceful, restful, and relaxing festive season.

*Barb Long*  
*Presiding Member, Trinity Catholic College Board*

## Polyfest

Otago Polyfest took place at the end of Term 3. Te Whetū Tīrama, the Trinity kapa haka group, performed on the opening night, while Tangata Moana, the Trinity pasifika group, took to the stage later in the week. Both groups had been practising for many months and did the school, their whānau, and themselves proud with their skilled and heartfelt performances.

This year marked 30 years of Otago Polyfest and Trinity's Pesamino Tili (Co-Director of Religious Studies and teacher) has been involved during this whole time taking part in the very first Otago Polyfest as a Kavanagh College high school student.



## Mana Pounamu Awards

Nei rā te mihi ka rere atu ki a Ted Kerr-Bell kōrua ko Evie de Graaf i tā kōrua whakatutukitanga o te tohu Mana Pounamu. Kei runga noa atu kōrua!

Congratulations to Ted Kerr-Bell (tuakana) and Evie de Graaf (teina) on receiving Mana Pounamu Awards for 2023.

This special event was celebrated in November at the College of Education Auditorium. Each Otago secondary school is allowed to put forward one junior student (Years 9-11) and one senior student (Years 12-13). These awards recognise Māori students who have achieved in one or more of the following areas: cultural, leadership, academic, community, sporting.

*Maya Tate-Manning*



## Sports Awards

The Sports Awards were held early in Term 4. Trinity students who had achieved success in a number of different sporting areas were celebrated, as well as those who had provided service to various sporting codes.

### **Sports Blues were awarded to the following senior students this year:**

Bella Anderson, Hannah Davis-Gorrie, Evie de Graaf, Ruby de Graaf, Sophie Golden, Nuala Kelly, Alice Kelsall, Georgia Kennedy, Oliver Lodge, Shreenidhi Mahamuni, Ellie McKenzie, Olivia Oram, Sarah Oram, Aya Oseki, Angie Quinn, Suliana Samita, Isla Simonsen, Bella Stewart, Therese Tili

### **The following students were awarded the top sports trophies for 2023:**

*Principal's Trophy for Student Coach of the Year:* Drew White

*The Gallaher Family Award for Team of the Year:* Girls Curling Team (Ellie McKenzie, Olivia Oram, Sarah Oram, Bella Stewart)

*McLaughlan Trophy:* Hannah Davis-Gorrie

*Principal's Trophy for Year 7/8 Sportsperson of the Year:* Joshua Elliotte

*Principal's Trophy for Year 9/10 Sportsperson of the Year:* Isla Simonsen

*Principal's Trophy for Senior Sportsperson of the Year:* Aya Oseki

Some students at Trinity provide amazing service to sports primarily through coaching, but also by umpiring and managing teams. The Manaakitaka Award recognises senior students who have made an exceptional and sustained contribution to Trinity through service for at least two years.

### **In 2023 the following students were presented with the Manaakitaka Award for their service to sports:**

Joseph Brennan, Hannah Davis-Gorrie, Ruby de Graaf, Daisy Jarvie, Alice Kelsall, Jemma Mortimer, Aya Oseki, Abby Simpson, Drew White

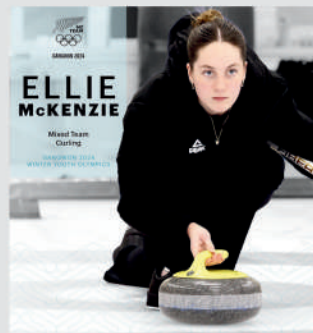


## Curling Champions

During the last school holidays, the Trinity girls curling team - made up of Ellie McKenzie, Olivia Oram, Sarah Oram, and Bella Stewart - competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Curling Competition.

The team had come 2nd earlier in the month at the South Island Secondary Schools Competition, but they dug deep and won all their games to come out on top and earn the title of national champions.

Then, at the end of November, it was announced that Ellie McKenzie had been selected as a member of the Mixed Team to represent New Zealand at the Winter Youth Olympic Games in South Korea in early 2024, with Bella Stewart named as a non-travelling reserve.



## Softball

Congratulations to Year 10 student Riley Matthews who has been selected for the Otago U17 Girls Softball team. She will head to the Mainland Tournament in Christchurch in December and to the National U17 Tournament in Auckland in January.

## Handball

Congratulations to the six Trinity students (Bella Anderson, Nuala Kelly, Aya Oseki, Angie Quinn, Isla Simonsen, and Therese Tili) who recently travelled to New Caledonia to compete in the IHF Oceania Trophy Tournament as part of the New Zealand U17 handball team.



## Volleyball

A number of Trinity students recently competed at the Otago Junior Secondary School Championships.

Our Junior A Girls came 4th in their division, with the Junior B Girls taking out 10th placing. The Junior A Boys achieved a fantastic 2nd place which qualified them to participate in Division 1 at the South Island Championships later in the term.



Congratulations to Cameron Adnitt, Louis Bresanello, and Harry Nai who were named in the boys tournament team and to Paige Clark who was named in the girls tournament team.

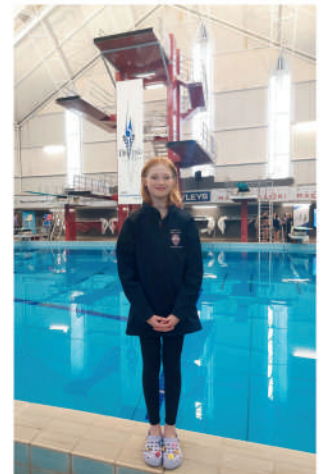
Both our junior boys and girls volleyball teams then went on to compete in the South Island Volleyball Championships later in Term 4. The boys finished 7th in Division 1 and the girls finished 2nd in Division 2.



## Diving

In the last school holidays, Sophie Megget (Year 7) represented Trinity Catholic College at the New Zealand Intermediate and Primary Schools Diving Champs in Auckland.

Sophie placed 5th overall in the intermediate (Years 7 and 8 combined) girls springboard section and was 1st out of all the Year 7 girls.



## Trinity's Got Talent



In October, Trinity students and staff were entertained by some of the school's finest performers at the Trinity's Got Talent shows.

The acts included singing, comedy, guitar, hip hop dance, bands, rap, minecraft, and piano playing - and everyone gave it their all. It takes a lot of courage to get up on the stage and perform in front of your peers and teachers, and the audiences appreciated this by showing lots of support for all of the performers.

At the end of each show, the students and staff got to vote for their favourite act and the winner was given the opportunity to perform at the Cultural Awards that evening. After the voting closed, the rap duo of Munya Mharakurwa and April Gamao were announced the winners, with Lucy Appleton the runner-up.

Thank you to Isobel McKewen and Sam Kelly who hosted Trinity's Got Talent, Daniel Cairns, Drew White, and Patrick Cotter for all their tech support, all the fantastic performers, and everyone else involved with making this special annual event happen.

*Tor Devereux*



## Pantomime - "Santa's Red Carpet Christmas"

Every year the college puts on a Christmas Pantomime at the end of Term 4. There are certain characters that always feature, such as Santa, Mrs Claus, Rudolph, and the elves, and each year they have a different adventure.

In "Santa's Red Carpet Christmas", Santa, Mrs Claus, and Rudolph decide to travel to Hollywood to try and become famous movie stars. As with all good pantomimes, there are evil villains along the way, as well as lots of toe-tapping singing and dancing.

There are several matinee performances which we invite local primary schools to come and watch, as well as two evening performances for the general public.

The Pantomime is a perfect way for the performing arts at Trinity to end the year as it's so much fun and it gets everyone into the Christmas spirit.

*Tor Devereux*



## Cultural Awards

The Cultural Awards provided a wonderful opportunity for the Trinity community to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our students in the performing arts area this year. We are very fortunate to have such talented students here at Trinity who are willing to share their love of performance with us.

In addition to the presentation of awards, the evening also featured performances from Te Whetū Tīrama (Trinity's kapa haka group), hip hop duo Tia Mawhinney and Gracie Ruri, Caritas SINGout4JUSTICE song winners Oliver Lodge, Anamika Jones, Jayden Deuster-Parker, and Jamie Hall, Tangata Moana (Trinity's pasifika group), and the winners of Trinity's Got Talent rappers Munya Mharakurwa and April Gamao.

### The winners of the cups and trophies at the Cultural Awards were:

*Drama Trophy:* Christopher Caulton

*Director's Cup:* Sam Kelly

*Tried and True Award:* Meadow Stewart

*Dancer's Cup:* Tia Mawhinney

*Cultural Committee Cup:* Anamika Jones

*Rising Star Award:* Jack Be

*Theatre Sports Cup:* Riley Culling

*Performance Technology Award:* Daniel Cairns

*The Paris Cup:* Tim Lapham

*The Farry Cup:* Jeremy Meikle



*A Tempo Trophy:* Serenity Hook

*Stephen Chambers Cup:* Sam Kelly

*John McKewen Trophy:* Oscar Robertson

*Top Composer Cup:* Oliver Lodge

*Kaea Wahine:* Evie de Graaf

*Kaea Tāne:* Levi Tainui

*Harger Trophy:* Isobel McKewen

*Year 7 & 8 Cultural Cup:* Camila Barns

*Junior Cultural Cup:* Joseph Kelly & Ché McGivern

*Senior Cultural Cup:* Oliver Lodge

### The senior students who were awarded a Cultural Blue this year were:

Jack Be, Daniel Cairns, Patrick Cotter, Evie de Graaf, Jayden Deuster-Parker, April Gamao, Maverick Gayoma, Jamie Hall, Phoebe Harris, Serenity Hook, Anamika Jones, Sam Kelly, Oliver Lodge, Isobelle Mahoney, Meila McCartney, Jeremy Meikle, Jemma Mortimer, Aya Oseki, Oscar Robertson, Sean Small, Isaac Tili, Therese Tili

### In 2023 the following students were presented with the Manaakitaka Award for their service to cultural activities:

April Gamao, Phoebe Harris, Sam Kelekolio, Tim Lapham, Taita Lolohea, Tia Mawhinney, Jemma Mortimer



## Dux and Proxime Accessit

At the Senior Prizegiving in early November, Sam Kelly (right) was awarded the highest academic accolade being named Dux of the college for 2023 with Oscar Robertson (far right) being awarded Proxime Accessit.

**Sam Kelly:** 1st with Outstanding Achievement in Chemistry, English, and Mathematics and Calculus. 1st= with Outstanding Achievement in Drama. Outstanding Achievement in Music and Religious Education.

**Oscar Robertson:** A+ Mathematical Acceleration and Extension Stage 1 (Auckland University 2023), A+ Advancing in Mathematical Science Stage 1 (Canterbury University 2022), Outstanding Achievement in Physics (2022), Outstanding Achievement in Music (2021), Commendation in MATC (2021)



## Recognition of Teaching Excellence

Congratulations to Trinity's Head of Mathematics, Daniel Kelly, who was awarded the Jim Campbell Award for Teaching Excellence by the New Zealand Association of Mathematics Teachers.

This is thoroughly deserved and reflects Daniel's professionalism, leadership and, of course, his excellent classroom practice. Daniel has also given much to wider Dunedin, coordinating the annual O'Mathalon and other maths events in the city. So many of our students, past and present, have benefitted from Daniel's teaching.

Congratulations Daniel, a very well deserved reward for dedication to the profession!



## Leavers Mass

A very special Leavers Mass was held in November to farewell our Year 13 students and bless them on their journey. As they head out to the next stage of their lives, we thank each of them for their unique contribution to the special culture of Trinity Catholic College.

The Leavers Mass always creates a great mix of emotions as it marks the end of school life for these students and the leaving of a place where many of them have spent the last seven years, but also the beginning of a new phase and new possibilities, and all the excitement and anticipation that comes with this. Best wishes to the Class of 2023!

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