



## Welcome to the 'Parapet'

'The Parapet' is the official magazine of the College Old Boys' Association. 'Parapet' is distributed free to MCOBA members. Look for it in your inbox monthly.

## Annual Report – May 2015

It is my privilege to present my second annual report. MCOBA has taken some great steps forward this year, but not large enough. As with all voluntary organisations, we are totally dependent on people's available time. Hopefully we will shortly receive assistance in the form of an administration person to relieve basic administration and improve continuity. This year's most notable project would be our car delivery program in association with Blenheim Toyota. It was great to meet many of our Old Boys who kindly volunteered their time to deliver new rental vehicles to Picton. As a result of this project, your MCOBA has been able to contribute over \$20,000 to the college's four pillars initiative. During the year we have seen the establishment of our web site, extensive social media presence and a regular Parapet magazine sent out by electronic mail. Thankfully, we have finally got our accounting set up in Xero and are starting to build a reliable database of members. To those of you who have received duplicated invoicing, my apologies. Dominic has been working with Sandra Robinson to create a meaningful database of members, which to date we have not had. Personally, I have enjoyed working with the positive attitude of Wayne Hegarty and his team during the uncertain period of the schools possible relocation. Whatever the outcome, the MCOBA will be most important to maintain the college's traditions and history. As Old Boy's we need to encourage our school mates to become interested in the Old Boys' Association. This year I must thank Sandra Robinson for her computer skills and Jill Adams for taking on the organisation and coordination of the vehicle delivery project. Your organisation has been able to donate over \$25,000 to the college this year. Leading the contributions is \$19,500 to support leadership training, followed by \$3,115 to provide swimming pool maintenance support. We continued to support academic excellence and positive student attitudes with our end of year academic prizes. As a result of our improved social media presence, it has been great to engage with Old Boy's throughout the world, who still take a keen interest in the college sports team results and general

news. Thank you to past pupil Logan Anderson for his contributions to enhancing our social media. Thank you also to John Bailey our tireless secretary, who keeps our minutes with precision and provide excellent secretarial support. In conclusion I would like to thank the committee for their support and attendance at our meetings and hope to see more of our members attending our bi-monthly open lunch meeting at Fairweather's in the future.

Ross Anderson

Chairman

## Back in the day - quiz

Crime and Punishment – from the MBC Punishment Book 1969 Guess the number of cane strokes – answers at end of magazine.

Offence	Master
A: Fighting	M Bowling
B: Slow to class	P Minehan
C: Disturbance in class	M A Charles
D: Persistent irritation and bullying	W F O'Leary

## What's coming up at school

Support these events

Combined College's production Saturday Night Fever opens Tuesday 28 July – Saturday 1 August – book now at the Floorpride Marlborough Civic Theatre

3 & 4 August St Bede's Exchange Christchurch

Tuesday 4 August @ 7 pm MBC Board Annual Review and Future Planning evening for community and stakeholders.

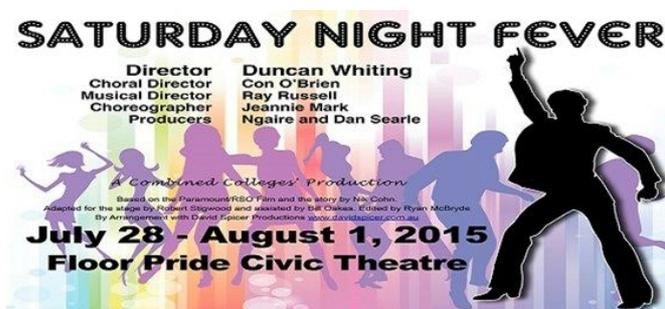
It is important for parents and old boys to attend this presentation. Hear first-hand what is planned and the developments already implemented at our school

Saturday 8 August, 12 noon Rugby 1st XV v St Andrews on front field MBC

31 August – 4 September Winter Sport Tournament week and also Jissen Gakuen exchange from Tokyo 42 students being homestay hosted.

Friday 11 September, Formal for Y12 & 13 students, Convention Centre.

18 September Cultural Prize giving – this is an entry by ticket only.



## Mr John Maffey's - Economic 101 - A lesson in life!

Explanation of the Greek Bailout!!!

It is a slow day in a little Greek Village. The rain is beating down and the streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody lives on credit.

On this particular day a rich German tourist is driving through the village, stops at the local hotel and lays a €100 note on the desk, telling the hotel owner he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one to spend the night.

The owner gives him some keys and, as soon as the visitor has walked upstairs, the hotelier grabs the €100 note and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher.

The butcher takes the €100 note and runs down the street to repay his debt to the pig farmer.

The pig farmer takes the €100 note and heads off to pay his bill at the supplier of feed and fuel.

The guy at the Farmers' Co-op takes the €100 note and runs to pay his drinks bill at the taverna.

The publican slips the money along to the local prostitute drinking at the bar, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer him "services" on credit.

The hooker then rushes to the hotel and pays off her room bill to the hotel owner with the €100 note.

The hotel proprietor then places the €100 note back on the counter so the rich traveller will not suspect anything.

At that moment the traveller comes down the stairs, picks up the €100 note, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, pockets the money, and leaves town.

No one produced anything.

No one earned anything.

However, the whole village is now out of debt and looking to the future with a lot more optimism.

And that, Ladies and Gentlemen, is how the bailout package works

**Thanks Maff-Dog for your inspirational Accounting and Economics classes. –  
You're a legend**

**Who is this young man with the great Moe?**



**Answered later in magazine**

## Lifetime of service honoured

Napier McFedries and his wife Lyn have been awarded Queens Service Medals for services to Lifesaving. Now 76, Napier has received many honours and awards for his dedication to swimming and lifesaving, which he has been involved in for over 50 years. Originally from Blenheim and educated at MBC, the couple now live in Otaki.

## An amazing response to help one of our own!

### Over \$170,664.70 donated

PJ's recovery from his coma is now basically over. He has established his own breathing regime and sleeping and waking patterns. He now no longer needs oxygen and has been 100% cleared to fly home. PJ will be flying into Christchurch on 28th July!!

From here PJ will be going through a rehabilitation program to try and restore memory and lost synaptic functions. PJ is still yet to talk but slowly he is regaining control. Yesterday the team on the ground began to notice some important cognitive responses.

Paul Snr explained to PJ that his family all wanted to see him back home and named everybody. He understood some of this because he gave them the first smile! It was a big one too. PJ then pulled Paul Snr down for a hug and went into the best sleep he has managed for days.

Thanks for your generous support!



## University of Otago appoints the first Professor of Earthquake Science – a MBC Old Boy!

Dr Mark Sterling will become the inaugural Professor of Earthquake Science when he takes up his appointment in February 2016. Dr Sterling is currently Principal scientist for seismic analysis at GNS. Following MBC, Dr Sterling graduated from University of Otago and subsequently obtained his Ph.D at State University of Nebraska (U.S.A.) His portrait currently hangs in the MBC science block.

## The Year is 1964



JOHN F. DRYLIE, Head Boy, 1964

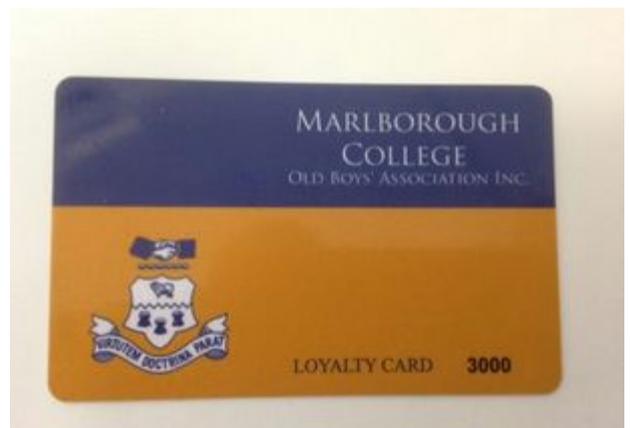


Mr D. S. McKenzie

## Gotta get the Card!

Your committee have developed the Marlborough College Old Boys' loyalty card which is available to all financial members. The idea behind the card is that it provides members with buying privileges whilst generating income for the MCOBA. Currently we have the following affiliates with many more to come:

- [Fairweather's on Scott Street](#)
- [Grove Road Super Liquor](#)
- [Quick Cash Finance](#)
- [Mitchell Sport](#)
- [Red Top Bins](#)
- [Meaters of Marlborough](#)
- [Wingman Gift](#)



## Buy local – support your former pupils

To become an affiliate the business, it must be owned or substantially managed by former pupils of MBC. Email [oldboys@mbc.school.nz](mailto:oldboys@mbc.school.nz) for details. If you would like a card please email us and we will get one out to you.

## New Web site

MCOBA is proud to announce that they now have their own web site. Soon you will be able to purchase college memorabilia direct off the web site to impress your mates.

Visit us at [www.mcoba.org.nz](http://www.mcoba.org.nz)

### Crime and Punishment – Answers

A: 2 strikes, B: 2 strikes C: 2 strikes D: 2 strikes

Who is this man?

Answer: Phil D’Auvergne

If you have a story to be told of MBC Old Boy’s life beyond the college, please drop me an email.

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