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On our cover: Madison Horan (Year 13) and our Kapa Haka Group. *Above:* The newly formed Scottish Group performed at this year's ASB Polyfest on the Diversity Stage. Read about our cultural groups' successes on page 22.

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR



Gill Chappell, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, is proud to share highlights from our recent Special Character Review Report.

At Baradene, we strive to integrate the school's special character and charism into the teaching curriculum and embed it as the ethos of our school community. The College's endeavours to achieve this goal, and its success in doing so, were recently recognised by the Catholic Special Character Review, which is undertaken every three years by Catholic Education Services. The Review's authors visited the College for three days in May, attending classes and interviewing key stakeholders including staff, board members, students, and parents. I am very proud to share some of their findings:

- "The College's quality teaching and leadership with a special character lens integrates different aspects of human knowledge through the subjects taught and the wider life of the school, in the light of the Gospel."
- "There is a clear, shared understanding of Catholic spirituality that is articulated and shared. The faith-based leadership and witness of the Principal, Senior Leadership Team, Director of Mission, and Head of Faculty RE are evident in all they do."
- "The classroom environments are very settled, with respectful relationships where the students are well known, happy, and engaged. They appreciate the love and care of their teachers. Student voice is regularly sought."
- "Warm, respectful relationships are evident throughout the school and Special Catholic Character permeates everything."

On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank all those who participated in the Review, and our staff and students for the way in which they embrace the special character teaching opportunities.

As Religious Education is the subject providing a direct opportunity to reflect on religion, I recommend that for some interesting and wide-ranging discussions at home, you ask your daughter about the topics discussed in those classes. You may discover, as I have as a parent and as did the reviewers of the Catholic Special Character Review, that students believe the spiritual aspect of their education helps them to be well-rounded individuals with a deeper understanding of religion's place and impact in the world. I constantly appreciate the sophisticated level of debate this subject offers and how enthusiastically students engage with it.

As the concepts of mental health and wellbeing take on increasing importance, the value of religious education is perfectly summed up in the proverb "Mauri tū mauri ora" – an active soul is a healthy soul.



Principal Sandy Pasley reminds us of the important connection between faith and wellbeing.

We feel very fortunate to have been able to hold many special community events before the latest COVID-19 restrictions were imposed in August. We held Mass for St Madeleine Sophie's Feast Day followed by our special FOSH concert; our Year 13s enjoyed their School Ball; we welcomed grandparents into the school for the Feast of the Assumption; and we had a full school auditorium over several days and nights for sold-out performances of our successful production *Legally Blonde*.

Those large community events seem like a dream now, as we come to terms with the arrival of the Delta variant of COVID-19 in New Zealand and the ensuing restrictions. Once more I am thankful for the efforts of our teachers, parents and caregivers who have assisted our students with online learning from home. While we have become adept at this new way of learning, I am mindful that it places an extra burden on staff and families and am grateful for the efforts of all involved during this stressful time.

In light of this, it was pleasing to learn recently that despite the disruption to schooling last year, an independent researcher has collated the results for University Entrance percentage pass rates in 2020 and found Baradene was the top school in the country, with 97.7% of our students obtaining UE. Congratulations to our staff and students on this fantastic achievement.

Catholic Special Character Review

Board of Trustees Chairperson Gill Chappell has referred to the very positive Catholic Special Character Review in her letter on page 1. These external reviews evaluate the efficacy of our teaching of Religious Education and are an important measure of how well we are doing to engage and connect our students with their Catholic faith, and to strengthen and develop our Catholic culture.

It is also a reminder that it is our Catholic character that

sets us apart from other schools and gives us a different lens with which to view the world: That of our faith. Faith is at the centre of our school life, and I believe it has a very positive impact on student wellbeing.

The years spent at Baradene provide an important opportunity for our young women to pursue their individual potential, nourish their faith, and leave ready to thrive in a world filled with hope, purpose and meaning.

The report made particular mention of the many opportunities for prayer, reflection, and contemplation that students and staff are given at Baradene, and these are an important part of the daily rhythm of our life at school.

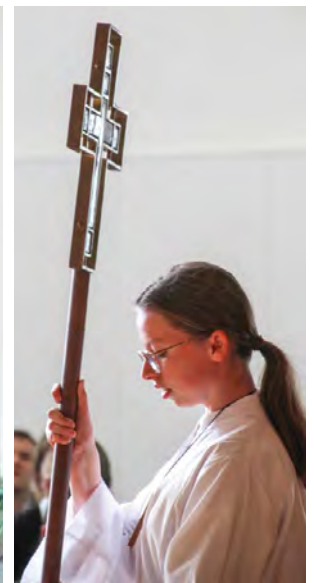
As the Catholic Special Character Review found, "Faith in Action is firmly embedded into the way things are done at Baradene College. Charity, service, and outreach are part of the day-to-day life of the school and students are well grounded in Catholic Social teachings."

There is also a growing emphasis on Religious Education as an academic subject, and it is one in which our students excel, achieving high levels of Merit and Excellence passes and, last year, nine students received NCEA Scholarship passes in the subject.

"The Sacred Heart never asks that we become perfect all at once, but that we work at becoming so day by day as God gives us grace and light."

~ St Madeleine Sophie Barat

The Catholic Special Character Review team spoke in very positive terms about our school culture, noting that, "Warm, respectful relationships are evident throughout the school and Special Catholic Character permeates everything. Staff feel supported and described the kind,



St Madeleine Sophie Feast Day Mass



St Madeleine Sophie Feast Day Mass

collegial nature [of their relationships] towards one another. Parents are very positive about the way their daughters are educated. There is a sense of shared purpose and belonging and many spoke of their love for the school.”

The Review team also joined the school in the Mass to celebrate St Madeleine’s Sophie’s Feast Day, which they described in their report as “a beautiful community celebration.”

Wellbeing

Faith and wellbeing go hand in hand at Baradene and, as the Review noted, “There is a strong culture of wellbeing at Baradene College that aims to support students to thrive with their spirituality, learning, and wellbeing.”

Mention was made of our pastoral care plan of Manaakitanga, which “embodies the ideas of reciprocal caring for others and the environment, showing kindness and hospitality, treating people with respect, and establishing nurturing relationships and relating to all members of the school community.”

This concept is important to us as, from the earliest days of the Society of the Sacred Heart, diversity has been cherished. We value the richness of Aotearoa’s bicultural society and we welcome students from many different backgrounds. Our international students come from all over the world.

Arts and Sports

One of the ways we build student wellbeing, confidence, and resilience is by giving our students the opportunity to take part in extra-curricular activities in the Arts and Sports.

We were very pleased by the excellent results obtained by our musicians in the KBB Music Festival, the Auckland Secondary Schools Music Competition. The Baradene Concert Band and the Combined St Peter’s and Baradene Symphony Orchestra were both awarded Gold.

“From the earliest days of the Society of the Sacred Heart, diversity has been cherished.”

Both our Premier Basketball and our First XI Football teams made the Auckland finals. Our Premier Netball team was named the winner of the Auckland Premier 1 Netball Grade. At the National Championships Baradene was named as the Top Girls’ School in orienteering, and 3rd Top Girls’ School in swimming. Baradene cyclists were named the Top Girls’ School at the North Island Championships.

We believe these recent sporting successes come from having good systems and support within the school, alongside great coaches and managers. But they also come from having a very high number of our students involved in sports, as all students can play no matter their ability. Taking part in extra-curricular activities also encourages authentic social connections away from the influence of social media.

It is when we are forced to spend time away from school, as we have been in recent months, that we have the opportunity to reflect on just how much we all gain from being part of the community at Baradene: A community that has faith that better days will come.

From the Archives

PLACE OF SIGNIFICANCE: THE GROTTO

Baradene's Grotto, located between the Auditorium and the Conservatoire de Musique, was in the past the destination for our Lily Procession.

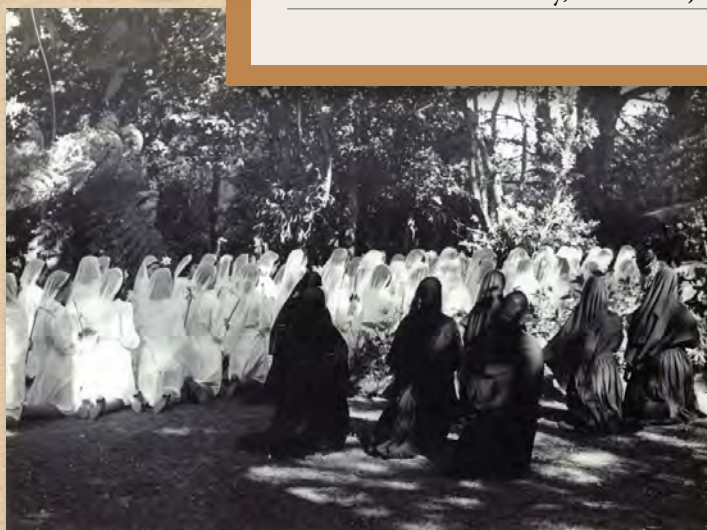
A Marian grotto is a picturesque rock formation in an outdoor garden which serves as a shrine and holds a statue of Mary.

1930s



2021

Baradene's Grotto dates back to at least the 1920s (possibly earlier, as records are unclear). It is a place of peaceful reflection and was the setting for our Lily Procession. This traditional Catholic ceremony is held throughout the world and honours Mary, Mother of Jesus (Mater Admirabilis).



The white lily, a symbol of Mary, represents her purity and innocence. At past Lily Processions, Baradene students each carried a lily and placed it into a vase at the Grotto to honour our Blessed Mother.

RSCJ UPDATE

Sister Barbara Crombie RSCJ of the Baradene Convent celebrated her 100th birthday on 10 September 2021, and reflects on her interesting life.

On my Baptismal Certificate from St Mary of the Angels Church in Wellington, New Zealand, the date is September 18, 1921 and residence is given simply as "The Terrace". Born on 10 September, I spent 19 years in Wellington. I was a day pupil of St Mary's College until I left during wartime to enter our Noviceship at Rose Bay, Sydney.

After my First Vows in September 1943, I joined a pioneer group in the new foundation of Kerever Park, a junior Boarding School – wonderful sharing of wartime conditions in the Southern Highlands of NSW. Before I went to the Probation in Rome in the Holy Year of 1950, I had the joy-filled experience of two years teaching at Baradene as a happy prelude to my Final Vows.

To cover the years after this, there are three clear divisions: Twenty years teaching in New South Wales and Victoria, then a graced time of teaching in New Zealand under the more relaxed regimes of post-Vatican II, and then 20 years of Ashram life in India. This was again a pioneering time: The foundation of Jeevan Dhara Ashram, Jaiharikal, 7,500 ft up in the Himalayas. This was a unique experience as I was the disciple of Vandana Mataji who had formerly been our Provincial in India. In 1999, we handed over our Ashram to the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, and I have since had a wonderfully blessed retirement time here at Baradene.



(Above) Sister Barbara Crombie at her birthday celebrations. (Left) The special Papal Blessing received from Pope Francis to commemorate her 100th Birthday.

In Memoriam

Patricia Horsley, AMASC President

Patricia was born in 1930, and from 1941 Patricia and her sister Mary attended Rose Bay, following the family tradition; their mother and aunts having attended Kincoppal and Rose Bay. Patricia graduated in 1947 and then studied Architecture at the University of Sydney. During that time she lived at Sancta Sophia College, run by the Society of the Sacred Heart, until she graduated in 1954. She was subsequently on the Council of Sancta for 41 years. While President of AMASC (World Association of Alumnae of the Sacred Heart) Patricia took every opportunity to visit NZ and participate in RSCJ celebrations, especially those at Baradene. The Chapel Society at Rose Bay became a major interest, combining her love for her school and architecture and, appropriately, her memorial service was held in the beautiful Chapel. Patricia had the gift of friendship in abundance and lived her life fully in the Sacre Coeur tradition.



Sister Mary d'Apice RSCJ AM

Sister d'Apice was an Australian who spent time working from Baradene in the 1970s, largely outside the school. Mary was educated at Rose Bay following family tradition. She studied Medicine at the University of Sydney and graduated before entering the Society of the Sacred Heart. She taught in a number of schools and became Mistress General at Rose Bay from 1958-66 and, later, Reverend Mother. Sister d'Apice trained in the USA as a counsellor and Spiritual Director, and in Auckland and Sydney her ministry was in working with Religious from many orders. Her 1989 book *Noon to Nightfall* explored the journey through midlife and ageing and became very popular. Sister d'Apice became a Member of the Australian Order of Merit in 2018. She died on Boxing Day 2020 at the age of 98.





FUN AND FUNDRAISING

**\$7,000
raised**

La Fete may have looked a bit different this year, but our students made the event an enjoyable success.

This year's Feast of the Sacred Heart was held on Friday, 11 June. The day started with Mass, followed by La Fete (Fair) and a concert. As last year's La Fete was cancelled due to COVID-19, we were all delighted to be able to have the event go ahead this year, albeit with some differences. In previous years, home baking was provided by students for La Fete, with the proceeds going towards the SHIFT Foundation to continue their important work. Instead, we brought in food trucks, and moved donations online. With over \$7,000 raised, this year's fundraising campaign was a great success.



Sacred Heart Institute for Transformative Education (SHIFT) Foundation

Proceeds raised from FOSH celebrations go to Sister Lydia Collado RSCJ at SHIFT (bit.ly/3z562nE), supporting the work of the Society of the Sacred Heart in Northern Samar. Since COVID-19 became a reality, the SHIFT community has focussed on Sophie's Farm, an initiative that grows crops for food, hosts training seminars for animal health and management, and demonstrates productive farming techniques. This work builds the capability of the local people to provide for themselves and create surplus for sale.







IN SERVICE TO OTHERS

Practical hours spent working with others gives our students the chance to see firsthand the many organisations who support and encourage their local communities, explains Catherine Everitt, Director of Mission.



St Madeleine Sophie Barat said that “to influence our world, we must understand it.” The College overview of Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation seeks not only to see our students involved in the practicalities of supporting others, but also inviting them to address the often-uncomfortable question of how such circumstances came to be. Programmes and

initiatives are subsequently designed to enhance the academic, practical, and reflective dimensions of considering any issue of social justice.

The work of the Church in the areas of Justice and Peace, the shared intentions of Pope Francis and the global Church, and an appreciation of Principles of Catholic Social Teaching shape our school-wide experience.

Students in Year 12 are asked to identify an opportunity to undertake 30 hours of service, with a comprehensive reflection during the process. This is not organised for them – they must liaise and work with an organisation or individual who has agreed to work with them, with the guidance of a personal mentor.

The opportunity for self-understanding and the capacity for service and compassionate action is heartening to witness. Here, two of our Year 12 students reflect on what they learned from their Social Services volunteer experiences.

Mikaela Campo, Year 12

For the Social Services programme, I spent my time volunteering at Manukau Library. Although I was apprehensive at first, the atmosphere was wonderful, and I formed great relationships with the staff, who guided me to learn valuable skills I wouldn't have otherwise had the opportunity to learn.

My time volunteering there gave me confidence and helped me develop my leadership skills when I was put in charge of Activities Day during the holidays. Prior to this experience, I had little confidence in myself; however, successfully supervising the children as well as enjoying my time with them made me realise the importance of stepping out of your comfort zone.

Additionally, I spent some time assisting customers and shelving books. This allowed me to learn patience and how libraries serve a variety of purposes. I've seen university students studying, younger kids having fun, and people reconnecting with their culture. Libraries provide a safe place in the community for relaxation, learning, and personal growth.



Seine Jung, Year 12

I volunteered at the Dove Hospice Shop in Remuera as part of my Social Services hours. Dove Hospice has multiple retail stores across the country that sell pre-loved, high-quality items. Profits from the stores are used to support people with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

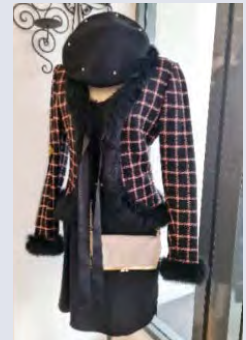
Being afflicted with a life-threatening illness, or caring for someone who is, takes a significant toll. Dove Hospice is a charitable trust that aids those in need of support. As well as stores, Dove Hospice provides counselling sessions, respite care, and other services that ease stress and worry for people affected by life-threatening illnesses.



Volunteering at Dove Hospice was a very memorable part of my year as I learned a lot of useful skills such as merchandising, how to deal and interact with customers, as well as being organised. During my time at the store, I learned a lot from the people I worked with. They were friendly, helpful, and had a lot of experience with the various skills needed to run a store.

Working at Dove Hospice also provided me with a lot of opportunities with regard to my own career, as I would like to work in the apparel industry. The manager allowed me to style and dress the mannequins.

Dove Hospice was a perfect place for me to volunteer and I highly recommend it to others because you can develop skills that you can apply to future jobs while also supporting a wonderful cause.



KILOMETRES FOR KIDSCAN



Our Year 7 and 8 students put on their running shoes to raise funds for a good cause.

Year 7 and 8 students turned their annual cross-country race into a “Kilometres for KidsCan” fundraiser earlier this year, and they raised \$16,334.45 for Kiwi kids in need! Kilometres for KidsCan offers prizes to every child who raises over \$10 – the more money raised, the better the prize.

In addition to raising funds, our girls also donated their prizes to a KidsCan partner school, the first time this has happened

in New Zealand. KidsCan NZ was blown away by this act of generosity and kindness, which reflected our school's social justice model and displayed the kind spirit of Cor Unum.

Carol Adamson (Director of Year 7 and 8) took three school vans full of students to St Joseph's Catholic School, Grey Lynn, to distribute prizes. In the process of giving, our girls witnessed the joy that others felt and how much it meant to them. It was particularly emotional for everyone and humbling to see how our students felt, knowing that they had made such a positive impact on others.



SUSTAINABLE IDEAS

Baradene's Sustainability Team are committed to implementing future-forward ideas in our school.

We had an excellent start to sustainability this year at Baradene! Year 13 Student Leaders Grace Balmer (Leader), Catherine Hall (Deputy), and Kelly McGregor (Deputy) lead the Sustainability Team. Sustainable food, fashion, technology, and transport were included in this year's goals.

The Sustainability Team encouraged everyone to attend the first meeting to share ideas for improving sustainability at Baradene. The girls began the year with some initiatives, such as a walk-to-school day that included spot prizes and fruit for the walkers. Additionally, a pledge initiative was held in which everyone was able to commit to doing something for the environment.

Grace, Catherine, and Kelly were fortunate to attend the Sustainable Schools Cluster Meeting hosted by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Nursery staff in Pourewa Valley. They explored native New Zealand flora and fauna, and river and water care, and brought that knowledge back to Baradene.

They also participated in a guided tour led by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei that showcased their sustainability initiatives, including their nursery and māra kai (food gardens). It was an experience that the students were grateful for as it allowed them to connect with the local community, which included several knowledgeable individuals.

The team looks forward to Sustainability Week each year. Students explored different aspects of sustainability over the course of the week. They hope that people were able to learn about sustainability and grow as a result of the week.

Soon, the Sustainability Team intends to draft a composting proposal to advocate for responsibly disposing of food waste produced at Baradene via a commercial composting company and organise an annual beach clean-up.



SUSTAINABILITY WEEK 21-25 JUNE 2021

Meatless Monday

Students were encouraged to pack a meat-free lunch, and meatless options were available at the Tuckshop.

Technology Tuesday

Old phones were collected from students and staff and taken to REMOBILE collection sites to be recycled.

Walk to School Wednesday

Sustainability team members organised two meeting points for girls to gather before school and walk together. The turnout was great, and everyone enjoyed getting outside in the fresh air. House leaders also participated in this initiative, so every walker who attended received house points.

Threatened Species Thursday

The team held a bake sale, with proceeds going to the LIVEOCEAN charity, which promotes ocean conservation. With the generous donation of baked goods from the sustainability team, more than \$350 was raised!



TUNE IN FOR SUPPORT

Introducing a new informational resource for parents and teachers to help support our students with life at school and outside the classroom.

Thanks to our generous PTA, Baradene can now offer SchoolTV (schooltv.me), a new parent information platform. SchoolTV is an online resource designed to empower parents with credible and sound information offering realistic, practical, ongoing support strategies. This platform has a series of key topics, such as cyber safety and healthy bodies, plus regular special reports including parenting styles, COVID-19, and exam stress.

Parents can access this streamlined, aggregated platform through the parent portal. Every year 10 new editions are added to the topics. Each edition includes a video quiz, video question-and-answer with leading specialists, fact sheets, articles, and a host of resources, including suggested apps, books, websites, and additional videos. It is a one-stop-shop of advice for parents to access with school contacts available if the need arises.

The SchoolTV resource can also be accessed by school staff and is a valuable resource for teachers of Health, RE, and the Student Support team.



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LET'S MAKE MUSIC

Nino Sloser, Head of Music, gives an overview of this year's welcome musical renaissance.



After a relatively silent year in 2020 due to cancelled musical events, 2021 has served as a counterweight. New events such as the Autumn Music Festival, Catholic Choral Connection, and *Legally Blonde* (the first musical production with a full live orchestra at Baradene) and new music groups – Clarinet

Ensemble, Flutesque Trio, the combined Baradene and St Peter's Jazz Band and Elysium choir, the Year 9 and Year 10 Music bands, the newly established House Mass Band, as well as The Late Bloomers – have all added to the already rich Baradene musical culture this year.

There have been many successes at the local and national music festivals, whether it be vocal, instrumental, spiritual, classical, jazz, or popular. We were very fortunate and grateful to have been able to compete in so many events prior to another COVID-19 outbreak in August. However, our department's most important focus and accomplishment lies in building a strong musical culture in which students are encouraged to strive for excellence and, at the same time, enjoy the process of creating music with other students and sharing it with the community. Achieving this would not have been possible without our students' incredible talent and hard work, the support of the school's management and staff, the expertise of our music teachers, and the commitment of the parents who recognise the importance and benefits of music. We also wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Friends of Music, led by Brenda Brightwell, for providing support for music events, uniforms, and fundraising during this year.

With the end of the school year fast approaching, we acknowledge and praise students in their final year at Baradene who have been dedicated to music throughout their time at the

College. We celebrate their achievements and wish them all the best on their future journey. At the same time, it is exciting to see what the new generation is hiding up their sleeves!

BARADENE & ST PETER'S COLLEGE GALA CONCERT



Year 13 student Kathryn David reflects on the Gala celebration.

The Gala celebration is held every year to honour the work St Peter's College and Baradene College put into the KBB Music Festival. It showcases a variety of musical styles and gives families and friends the opportunity to see what the ensembles have accomplished, while the students can enjoy and appreciate their musical abilities. In my three years as a Gala participant, I have had the chance to spend time with friends and experience the wonderful music both schools produce!



GOING FOR GOLD

**TWO
GOLD
AWARDS!**

This year's KBB Music Festival was a successful one for our musicians.

The Baradene Concert Band and Combined St Peter's and Baradene Symphony Orchestra were both awarded Gold at the KBB Music Festival (Secondary Schools' Music Competition) Award Ceremony on Saturday 14 August. Both groups should be immensely proud of this achievement and all their hard work to reach this point! The Combined St Peter's and Baradene Symphony Orchestra was selected as one of four top orchestras to perform at the Gala Concert, a prestigious honour. Baradene's Symphonic Band and Combined Baradene and St Peter's Jazz Band also competed, and are to be commended for their progress and participation at the festival this year.



Year 13 Student Kathryn David reflects on KBB 2021.

The KBB Music Festival brings secondary schools from Auckland together to showcase their musical abilities. It is always exciting to have a goal to work towards, and it helps the participating Baradene music groups focus on making the best music they can. Having the opportunity to compete against other schools adds an extra edge to the atmosphere, and it's cool to know that so many people around the city and New Zealand share a similar passion and drive!





Year 13 student Emma Mazzaschi talks about preparing for this competition and the thrill of receiving Gold.

The Concert Band's primary focus has been preparing for the KBB Musical Festival Competition. Our band put a lot of effort into the event this year because we missed the opportunity to perform live last year due to limitations imposed by COVID-19. Besides rehearsing every week, the band has weekend workshops and sectionals during the school day with dedicated tutors who guide and support us. Receiving a Gold Award in KBB was an outstanding achievement for the band. We are thrilled with these results, which reflect all our hard work and dedication. We thank our families for their ongoing support, the Friends of Music Committee for fundraising and supplying us with lunches, and the incredible staff for encouraging us to achieve our best.



CATHOLIC CHORAL CONNECTION

On 13 June, college choirs from St Peter's, Sacred Heart, Marist, St Paul's, St Dominic's, and St Mary's converged on Baradene for the inaugural Catholic Choral Connection.

This event, created by Baradene music teacher Matt Pipe, brought together the Catholic school community for a day of workshops. It was an excellent opportunity for the choirs to get much-needed performance experience before The Big Sing. David Squire (New Zealand Youth Choir Musical Director) took the choirs through their paces and provided beneficial feedback. The day ended with a beautiful concert of choral music and mass item, "Ka Waiata", that the students had learned during the workshop.



Schola and our new mixed choir Elysium competed at this year's Big Sing.

This year saw the founding of a new choir, Elysium, a combined effort with St Peter's College consisting of 26 young singers. Under the direction of Matt Pipe and Arthur Adams-Close, the choir competed at The Big Sing this year and received a Commended Award. Elysium was also one of the 12 choirs selected for the prestigious Upper North Island Cadenza, an event for choirs of exceptional promise. This event, held in Rotorua, provides choirs with the opportunity to perform, rehearse new works and improve their choral skills.

Schola also competed at The Big Sing and was noted as an "obviously skilled choir, full of talented singers who enjoy their performance... An all-round spirited performance, executed with elan." The choir received a Highly Commended Award.

Many Schola singers are also part of Elysium and have demonstrated an authentic commitment to keeping singing alive at Baradene.



Year 13 student Eumin Byun talks about being a member of Schola and Elysium, and her Big Sing experience.

Schola choir is the representative choir of Baradene, which contains many unique singers from Years 9 to 13. With the cancellation of The Big Sing Festival last year due to COVID-19, we took that extra time to concentrate on our strengths and improve our weaknesses, which resulted in us receiving a Highly Commended Award at this year's event. Thank you to everyone in the Schola Choir who has worked so hard this year and gathered every Thursday to sing together and create beautiful harmony. Thank you also to our most beloved conductor, Matt Pipe, who always guides the Schola Choir to show our uniqueness.

Additionally, a new mixed choir, Elysium, was formed to bring together students from Baradene College and St Peter's College. Despite the limited time we had to rehearse together due to the challenges of scheduling members from two schools, everyone worked very hard within their individual practices, and the choir's hard work paid off when they made it into The Big Sing Cadenza. We are so proud of what we have achieved, considering that our journey only started this year. In a short amount of time, everyone bonded with the strong connection of singing and became one big family.

I really appreciate every singer in the Elysium choir family for their fantastic teamwork. Thank you to our conductors, Matt Pipe and Arthur Adams-Close, who worked so hard to establish this new choir.

YOUNG SINGERS IN HARMONY

In June, the Baradonnas performed at the Young Singers in Harmony Festival in Hamilton. The competition is comprised of a cappella groups from Auckland and Waikato. Under the direction of Ruth Pearson, the group worked hard to build up the chorus after a hiatus over the last couple of years. Their determination and love of singing earned them the Young Women in Harmony Auckland award.

Year 10 Student Nikita Nobre says of the performance: "With the leadership of our musical director, Ruth Pearson, we delivered an outstanding performance in Hamilton at the Young Singers in Harmony competition. As a result, we were awarded the First Girls School in Auckland prize, a testimony to our hard work and dedication. It has been a great year for both our senior and junior groups, and I can't wait to see what music at Baradene has in store for us next year."



AUTUMN MUSIC FESTIVAL

On a Sunday afternoon in May that felt more like winter than autumn, Baradene hosted our first annual Autumn Music Festival.

This event was a showcase of Chamber Music groups and Junior Music groups. More than 100 of our students participated, ranging from seniors in the Jazz Band to beginner musicians from the Junior Music Programme. For some of these juniors, it was their first time performing in our auditorium and on stage. It was wonderful to see so many families and friends supporting the girls. Thank you to all the staff and Friends of Music who helped make this event a success.

Year 13 student, Emma Mazzaschi, talks about why the Autumn Music Festival was so important this year.

The Autumn Music Festival was introduced this year to showcase Baradene's junior and chamber groups. Lockdown restrictions last year meant many of our groups missed out on performances, so it was great to see them perform to family and friends in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. It was particularly wonderful to showcase some of our new groups, such as the Clarinet ensemble, Flutesque trio, and Year 10 Music band. Students from Years 7 and 8 also got the opportunity to share what they had been working on.

This event provided students with valuable performance time, helping them to feel more confident and prepared for their competitions later in the year. The music department staff put so much effort into making this event possible and gave up a lot of their time to ensure it ran smoothly, so we are all very thankful for their dedication.



STARS IN HER EYES

Year 12 student Katie-Lee Webster put her best voice forward for TVNZ's talent show *Popstars*.

In November 2020, I saw the show *Popstars* advertised on TVNZ saying auditions were open, so I thought I'd give it a try – it could be fun! I sent in my application along with an audition video of one of my original songs. As a result, I met the production team and was selected to do a live audition at The Civic in front of the judging panel.

I was surprised to get three “yeses” from judges Kimbra, Vince Harder, and Nathan King, which gave me a callback pass, moving me into the top 24 competitors (the pass is still stuck to the fridge; thanks, Mum!). They only gave out three callback passes on my audition day, so I was thrilled! The judging panel and team were lovely and gave encouraging feedback, such as suggestions and tips on improving my craft.

“The show was the push I needed to encourage myself to keep following my dreams of making and performing music.”

The callbacks were intense, as it was a full day of filming, singing, interviews, and promotional activities for the show. We were given an opportunity to sing a cover in front of the judging panel, and I chose “Black Sheep” by Gin Wigmore from the songlist provided. In preparation for the callbacks, we were put in touch with producers to help us make the backing track for our cover song, which was a great opportunity to get some creative direction.

After we sang for the judges, we were tasked with writing a song in 20 minutes about the word “fame”. Having cameras everywhere made it difficult to achieve a calm, creative atmosphere, which I found highly challenging! Although I was unwell at the time, I was still immensely proud of the song I had written under such demanding circumstances.

I loved the experience and met so many talented musicians from all over Aotearoa. This show was the push I needed to encourage myself to keep following my dreams of making and performing music for the rest of my life.



DANCING QUEENS

This year Baradene's four dance troupes showcased their teamwork and talent at the National Dance Challenge.

On Friday 11 June, Baradene Dance Troupes took part in the school's division at National Dance Challenge NZ. In Term 1, our Head of Dance and Drama, Nicole Eichstaedt McComb, provided Year 12 Dance students with an opportunity to choreograph dances for this competition. Year 12 students held auditions, choreographed, and taught routines. A special mention to our Jazz Troupe, whose music stopped 16 counts in, and they continued to perform their routine with no music but a hugely supportive crowd cheering them on! Congratulations to the girls on their great results.

**Gold
Award**

Contemporary Troupe
Choreographer:
Ciara Higgott

**Gold
Award**

Contemporary Troupe
Choreographer:
Sophie Brunel

**High Silver
Award
(4th)**

Jazz Troupe
Choreographers:
*Jessikah Bell
& Ashleigh Bell*

**3RD
Place**

Lyrical Troupe
Choreographer:
Jessica Fairweather

*Clockwise from top:
Jazz Troupe (Jessikah Bell
& Ashleigh Bell), Lyrical
Troupe (Jessica Fairweather),
Contemporary Troupe (Sophie
Brunel), Contemporary Troupe
(Ciara Higgott).*





Baradene Ball 2021

The Baradene Ball is a special event that Year 13 students look forward to from Year 7. It is a spectacular night that consistently exceeds expectations. This year, the event was held at the Ellerslie Event Centre on Saturday 8 May, with the theme “Lost in Wonderland”, an enchanting twist on the classic *Alice in Wonderland*. Thanks to the amazing decorators and DJ, the room looked almost as good as the students! It was an unforgettable evening, and White Door Photography captured the whole event beautifully. Mr Jones, Mrs Bamber-O’Malley, and the Ball Committee did an outstanding job making this incredible night possible.







POLYFEST 2021



After two years of cancellations, it was lovely to see students take to the stage at Polyfest in April 2021.

Polyfest is always an exciting and rewarding week for our Baradene cultural groups. This year we had five groups perform: Kapa Haka, Filipino, Samoan, Tongan, and the brand-new Scottish group. Congratulations to our groups that competed so successfully in this event; they achieved some outstanding results. Thank you to our tutors, student leaders, teachers, and families who continue to support our students.



Maori Stage

- First Equal in Kakahu Wahine
- Second in Haka Taparahi

Diversity Stage: Scottish Group

- First Place Europe Continent Award



Diversity Stage: Filipino Group

- First Place Asia Continent Award
- Second Overall Winners
- Third Equal Choreography
- Third Equal Interpretation of Theme

Tongan Stage

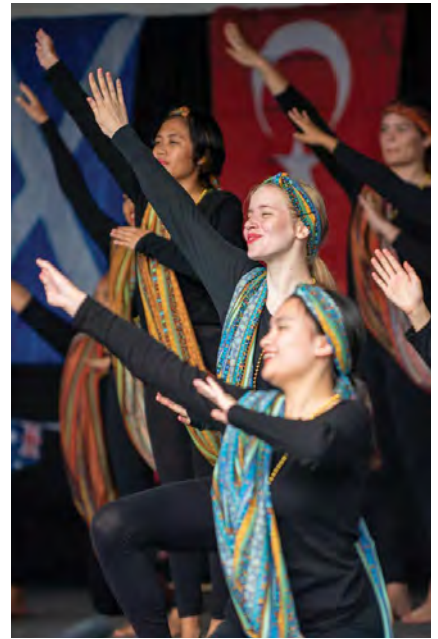
- Second in Otuhaka



Samoan Stage

- First in Teine Taupou/Manaia (Alecia Haiosi)
- First in Teine Togiga
- Second in Teine Ulufale, Teine Ulufafo
- Second Equal in Teine Tauluga
- Third in Teine Aggregate Tu'ufatasiga o Togi, Teine Pese o le Aso, Teine Fuataimi, Teine Mauluulu







THE POWER OF PINK

Pink, polished, and toting a precious pooch, lawyer-in-training Elle Woods came alive on stage in this year's production.

Our 2021 production, *Legally Blonde*, was an absolute hit! The show was performed from 3 to 7 July and featured over 120 students in onstage and backstage roles. Audiences were thrilled with incredible choreography, show-stopping vocals, lively visuals, and upbeat tunes. The cast and band spent six months bringing this show to life and should be incredibly proud of their high-quality performance. A special thank you to Nino Sloser, Matt Pipe, Nicole Eichstaedt McComb and Chloe Bagayas for their countless hours of work on the production.

“Being true to yourself never goes out of style.”

~ Legally Blonde



“It was fabulous – we loved it! Well done to everyone involved.”

”Amazing show and talent! Thank you to all involved for giving the students such an incredible piece of musical theatre to learn and experience. It really was so much fun witnessing it!”

“Absolutely fantastic show!”

“Awesome production, very talented girls and boys, really enjoyed the show.”





NEW ZEALAND SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Baradene is very proud of the athletes who represent New Zealand in their chosen sporting code. These opportunities have steadily increased over the years (11 in 2016, 19 in 2017, 26 in 2018, 25 in 2019).

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, many international events did not proceed in 2020 and 2021. Consequently, our girls have not had the same opportunities available to them as in the past. In 2020 the following girls were named in New Zealand teams: Havana Hopman, Sofia Higgott, Kaatje Ymker, Audrey Rossolatos, Ruby Nathan, Lilly Parke, Valentina Serrano, Elyse Tse, and Maya Allsop. Sadly, with the cancellation of many events, the majority turned out to be paper teams. Congratulations to Havana Hopman, Penelope Salmon, Frances Jonas and Alicia McGivern on their selections this year. Emma Blackmore and Gemma Carter were also selected in the 2021 NZ Triathlon team.



Ruby Nathan
NZSS Football,
NZ U14 Maori 2020



Sofia Higgott
Sailing 2020



Kaatje Ymker
NZ Artistic Gymnastics
2020



Audrey Rossolatos
Archery 2020



Maya Allsop
NZSS Football 2020



Lilly Parke
NZ U16 Basketball 2020



Valentina Serrano
AFL NZ Kahu 2020



Elyse Tse
Tennis 2020
NZ Junior Federation Cup



Havana Hopman
NZ Rhythmic Gymnastics
2020/2021



Penelope Salmon
Orienteering - NZSS (Senior)
NZ U23, NZ Senior 2021



Frances Jonas
Cricket - NZ U19
and White Ferns 2021



Alicia McGivern
Orienteering - NZSS
(Junior) 2021

SPORTS PLAYER PROFILES 2021

After achieving great results during the season, our winter code Premier teams were disappointed when Winter Tournament week was cancelled for the second year in a row. When we went into lockdown, our 1st XI Football and Premier Basketball teams were due to compete in the Auckland Finals, and Premier I Netball were heading into the Auckland Netball Semi-Finals. Although unable to finish the season, the following results were announced: Premier I Netball were named Winners and Premier Basketball were named Runners-up in their respective Grades. A winner couldn't be determined for Football due to the format of the competition. Congratulations to all players selected in our Premier teams. Meet the players and read what they love about their sports below.

PREMIER BASKETBALL



Amelia Nathan



Charlotte Rattray



Daisy Parke



Deyna Topia



Emily Burrows



Harriet Burrell



Julie Bladinieres



Lilly Parke



Poppy
Cavanagh-Briggs



Ritorya Tamilo



Summer Faleafa

Amelia Nathan

Year Level: 10

Position: Shooting Guard

Career Highlight: Being a part of the Baradene Premier Basketball Team

Why Basketball: I love playing basketball because I get to meet and play alongside so many different people. I thoroughly enjoy being in a team environment and would encourage everyone to play!

Charlotte Rattray

Year Level: 13

Position: Power Forward

Career Highlight: Qualifying for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament

Why Basketball: Basketball is fun, and I have met so many great people through the sport.

Daisy Parke

Year Level: 11

Position: Centre

Career Highlight: Being chosen for a New Zealand Basketball camp in Year 9

Why Basketball: I love the intensity of the game, the friendships formed, and how much fun everyone has both at trainings and games.

Deyna Topia

Year Level: 11

Position: Point Guard

Career Highlight: Making the Harbour U17 Representative Team

Why Basketball: I feel like I can be myself playing the sport I love. I have made lifelong friendships through basketball, and I am so grateful for that.

Emily Burrows

Year Level: 10

Position: Guard

Career Highlight: AIMS games 2018 and 2019

Why Basketball: I started playing basketball to try something new and to meet new people. I love it and it gives me something to look forward to.

Harriet Burrell

Year Level: 11

Position: Power Forward/Centre

Career Highlight: Being selected in the Baradene Premier Team

Why Basketball: I love being in a team environment. I also love the physicality and adrenaline when playing on court.

Julie Bladinieres

Year Level: 11

Position: Guard

Career Highlight: Being selected in the Baradene Premier Team

Why Basketball: I play basketball because it's a fun, active game, and every time I play, I learn something new.

Lilly Parke (Captain)

Year Level: 13

Position: Guard

Career Highlight: Being selected in the New Zealand U17 team in 2020

Why Basketball: I love the competitiveness, the physicality, and being able to get better and better each day. I also love the people I get to meet and the opportunities it gives me.

Poppy Cavanagh-Briggs

Year Level: 11

Position: Small Forward

Career Highlight: Representing Auckland and North Harbour

Why Basketball: It's something I've loved for so long and the friendships I've made along the way make it so much better.

Ritorya Tamilo

Year Level: 11

Position: Centre

Career Highlight: Being selected to take part in the 2021 New Zealand U16 Selection/Development Camp

Why Basketball: I am very passionate about basketball. It allows me to show off my height and skills. I love the physicality and challenge that it provides and the new people I get to meet.

Summer Faleafa

Year Level: 12

Position: Power Forward/Small Forward

Career Highlight: Being selected to play at the Eltham Dandenong Junior Tournament, Melbourne

Why Basketball: It's fun playing the sport, meeting new people, and building connections on and off the court.



1st XI HOCKEY



Alix Hayworth



Amelia Dobbs



Beth Stringer



Charlotte Davidson



Evie Scott



Katy Dew



Lucia Donnelly



Maddie Brill



Milla Webb



Olivia Walton



Phoebe Hall



Poppy Webb



Riley Castle



Samantha Daly



Sofia Higgott



Sofia McDougall

Alix Heyworth

Year Level: 12

Position: Striker

Career Highlight: Making 1st XI

Why Hockey: My family always played hockey and I didn't want to play netball!

Amelia Dobbs

Year Level: 13

Position: Striker

Career Highlight: Being selected in 1st XI

Why Hockey: I play hockey because I love the team environment and making lifelong connections with my team members.

Beth Stringer

Year Level: 11

Position: Defender

Career Highlight: Making 1st XI

Why Hockey: My parents played, so they enrolled me when I was younger, and it looked like fun!

Charlotte Davidson

Year Level: 12

Position: Goalie

Career Highlight: Winning a penalty shootout to qualify for SuperCity

Why Hockey: I always have so much fun when I play – it's something that I always look forward to.

Evie Scott

Year Level: 11

Position: Midfield

Career Highlight: Being selected in 1st XI

Why Hockey: I love working hard within a team environment and seeing all that hard work pay off when we all play together.

Katy Dew

Year Level: 12

Position: Striker

Career Highlight: Making the Auckland U18B Team

Why Hockey: Hockey is just so much fun!

Lucia Donnelly

Year Level: 12

Position: Defender

Career Highlight: Making 1st XI

Why Hockey: I play hockey because I like the team aspect and have made so many friends playing.

Maddie Brill

Year Level: 12

Position: Midfield

Career Highlight: Making the Auckland U18B Team

Why Hockey: I play because I love hockey and I love playing with my friends.

Milla Webb

Year Level: 13

Position: Midfield

Career Highlight: Being selected in 1st XI

Why Hockey: I enjoy the team aspect, and being able to perform the skills that I have been putting endless hours into improving. I love the amazing friendships that develop during the season, not only with the coach and teammates but the supporters and those who work behind the scenes to organise them.

Olivia Walton

Year Level: 13

Position: Midfield

Career Highlight: Making 1st XI in Year 9

Why Hockey: I play hockey because it has helped me build character and confidence. Playing alongside my teammates motivates me to never give up until the final whistle and to be proud to represent Baradene.

Phoebe Hall (Co-Captain)

Year Level: 12

Position: Midfield

Career Highlight: Winning U18 Nationals

Why Hockey: I love playing with friends, learning new skills, and it's challenging.

Poppy Webb

Year Level: 10

Position: Striker

Career Highlight: Making 1st XI

Why Hockey: Because it's my passion and because of the people.

Riley Castle

Year Level: 12

Position: Defender

Career Highlight: Making 1st XI

Why Hockey: I started playing hockey when I was five and kept playing because I loved it. I wasn't good at any other sport. I love playing hockey because it's a team sport, so we work together towards a goal, and I get to spend time with my friends.

Samantha Daly

Year Level: 12

Position: Striker

Career Highlight: Just playing the sport I love every week

Why Hockey: Because it requires hard work and dedication, and it's awesome to see it pay off with good team results. I love seeing my teammates succeed.

Sofia Higgott (Co-Captain)

Year Level: 13

Position: Defender

Career Highlight: Being selected in 1st XI

Why Hockey: I love the sport and playing alongside the best people.

Sofia McDougall

Year Level: 13

Position: Midfield

Career Highlight: Five years in 1st XI

Why Hockey: I love how fast and exciting the game is.

1st XI FOOTBALL



Prue Catton



Sophia Sipsos



Rosa Caird



Olivia Page



Marie Green



Issy Gerrand



Maya Allsop



Gabby Abraham



Ruby Nathan



**Lanihei
Connolly**



Holly Roberts



Lucy Hunt



Maddy Woolford



Issy O'Connell



Penny Brill



Emma Paetz

Prue Catton (Captain)

Year Level: 13

Position: Striker

Career Highlight: Back-to-Back National Champions with Baradene in 2018 and 2019

Why Football: I play football because I have loved it ever since I was four years old. I thrive in competitive situations, and love being a part of a team alongside my best friends.

Sophia Sipsos

Year Level: 13

Position: Left Mid

Career Highlight: Winning Nationals with Baradene in 2019

Why Football: I love seeing hard work pay off – the feeling of winning Nationals is incomparable.

Rosa Caird

Year Level: 13

Position: Midfield

Career Highlight: Winning Nationals with Baradene in 2018

Why Football: The team spirit and going to Nationals to try and get the "3peat".

Olivia Page

Year Level: 12

Position: Right Mid

Career Highlight: New Zealand U17 Camp

Why Football: I love football and it's so much fun!

Marie Green

Year Level: 12

Position: Centre Back

Career Highlight: New Zealand U17 camp

Why Football: I love playing football, working on skills, and being a part of a team.

Issy Gerrand

Year Level: 12

Position: Striker

Career Highlight: Winning Nationals in 2019

Why Football: It's fun and keeps me fit!

Maya Allsop

Year Level: 12

Position: Centre Back/Full Back

Career Highlight: Making the New Zealand Secondary Schools Team in 2019

Why Football: I play football to make new friends.

Gabby Abraham

Year Level: 12

Position: Winger/Striker

Career Highlight: Representing Auckland

Why Football: It's a good way to exercise and meet new people, while learning new skills and fulfilling my competitiveness.

Ruby Nathan

Year Level: 11

Position: Attacking Mid

Career Highlight: Attending the New Zealand U17 camp

Why Football: I play football because I love being a part of a team, I enjoy the challenges it brings, and it is so much fun.

Lanihei Connolly

Year Level: 11

Position: Centre Back

Career Highlight: Winning the National Age Group Tournament with Auckland Football in 2019

Why Football: I play football to spend time with friends.

Holly Roberts

Year Level: 11

Position: Centre

Career Highlight: New Zealand Regional Training Centre

Why Football: I have played football since I was four, so it is a big part of my life. I play for the valuable experiences and lessons it teaches me.

Lucy Hunt

Year Level: 11

Position: Full Back

Career Highlight: Winning the National Age Group Tournament with Auckland Football in 2019

Why Football: I love playing football because I can hang out with friends while doing exercise.

Maddy Woolford

Year Level: 11

Position: Full Back

Career Highlight: Named Junior A MVP in 2020

Why Football: I started playing when I was five and grew a love for the sport.

Issy O'Connell

Year Level: 10

Position: Goalkeeper

Career Highlight: Winning the National Age Group Tournament with Auckland Football in 2019

Why Football: I play football because I have always loved playing and it's fun.

Penny Brill

Year Level: 10

Position: Midfield

Career Highlight: Futsal National Champion with Auckland in 2021

Why Football: I have always loved and enjoyed playing football.

Emma Paetz

Year Level: 9

Position: Midfield

Career Highlight: Placing 2nd at Futsal Nationals in 2021

Why Football: I have always enjoyed watching and playing football.

PREMIER NETBALL



Grace Balmer



Laura Balmer



Ashleigh Gallagher



Georgia Kriletich



Bonnie Rattray



Jenna Dell



Lilly Parke



Catherine Hall



Charlotte Rattray



Maddison Sinclair



Millie McHugh



Ritorya Tamilo

Grace Balmer

Year Level: 13

Position: C

Career Highlight: The 2021 season – unbeaten in Auckland League has been great!

Why Netball: I love playing netball because I love being in a team environment, working hard, and having fun with my teammates. It is a mental reset away from other things in my life, and it challenges me to push past obstacles.

Laura Balmer

Year Level: 13

Position: GK

Career Highlight: Baradene 2021 Season – it has been an amazing year!

Why Netball: I play netball because I love the game, the tactics involved and the physical demands of the sport. I also love the feeling of being connected and being a part of a team, especially at Baradene.

Ashleigh Gallagher

Year Level: 12

Position: GA, GS

Career Highlight: Being selected in the U15 Representative team

Why Netball: The court has always been the place where I feel safe. When I take the court, I can forget about everything else going on and just play the sport I love. I love netball because it is a time where I can contribute my own strengths to help the team achieve their goals.

Georgia Kriletich (Captain)

Year Level: 13

Position: WA, C, WD

Career Highlight: Selected to attend the Netball New Zealand Secondary School Development Camp

Why Netball: I play netball because I have played it from a very young age. I was brought up with netball in my life as my mum was a very passionate netball player. I love netball as it allows me to keep fit, healthy and create great friendships that I cherish.

Bonnie Rattray

Year Level: 11

Position: C

Career Highlight: Being selected into the Premier team!

Why Netball: I started playing netball at a very young age because my mum played. I have loved it ever since and love the fact that you are a part of a team.

Jenna Dell

Year Level: 12

Position: GA, GS

Career Highlight: Being selected to go to UNISS for Winter Tournament Week

Why Netball: I love being in a team environment and playing at a competitive level motivates me.

Lilly Parke

Year Level: 13

Position: GA, GS

Career Highlight: Playing for Auckland U15 Team 1 and coming 2nd at Nationals.

Why Netball: I play netball because I love the intensity and quickness of the game, as well as the people I get to meet and play alongside.

Catherine Hall

Year Level: 13

Position: GD, GK

Career Highlight: Winning U18 NZ Netball Nationals 2021

Why Netball: I play netball because I love the feeling of getting out on court and giving it my all. It's a super fun way to stay fit and challenge myself.

Charlotte Rattray

Year Level: 13

Position: WD

Career Highlight: Being unbeaten in the Auckland Premier competition – 11/11 wins heading into semi-finals

Why Netball: Playing the sport, meeting new people, having fun, and building connections with my teammates.

Maddison Sinclair

Year Level: 13

Position: WD, GD

Career Highlight: Being involved with both the Premier 1 and Premier 2 teams with both teams on track to make finals

Why Netball: I love having the opportunity to meet and play with lots of different people.

Millie McHugh

Year Level: 12

Position: C, WA, WD

Career Highlight: Making Premier 1 for Baradene

Why Netball: I love the team aspect – I have met some of my closest friends whilst playing netball! I also love the healthy competition and joy it brings me.

Ritorya Tamilo

Year Level: 11

Position: GS

Career Highlight: Being selected to take part in the NZ Netball National Development Camp.

Why Netball: I play netball because it is a sport that I grew up watching. It is something that I am good at, and I enjoy playing it with my awesome teammates.



ORIENTEERING NATIONALS

Sunny Hawke's Bay was the setting for three days of intense orienteering competition at NZSSOC.

In the last week of the July holidays, 27 students from Years 7-13 represented Baradene in Hawke's Bay at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships. This three-day event involves a sprint, long distance, and team relay. There were over 350 competitors from more than 60 schools around New Zealand. We had fantastic individual results and were awarded:

Top Girls' Year 7/8 Team

Top Girls' Secondary School Team

Premier School Competition Trophy for Girls

This trophy is awarded to the school with the best performance by their top competitor in each grade at Championship level.

This is the first time that Baradene has won all three of the premier awards at Nationals. At the prizegiving, there was also a special mention for Alicia McGivern, who halted her race to help an injured competitor from another school. The girls had long days racing and supporting one another, and many achieved personal best results and brought home new skills.



Sprint Event

Intermediate (Year 10/11)	3rd Isabelle McDonnell
Senior (Year 12/13)	2nd Penelope Salmon

Long Event

Year 7/8 Championship Division	2nd Niamh Hoare
Senior Championship Division	1st Penelope Salmon

Relay Event

Year 7/8	1st Annabelle Holdcroft, Niamh Hoare, Orla Hoare 2nd Amelie Chisholm, Emily Fippard-Peacock, Dora Slavich 3rd Amy Towers, Emma Gowen, Lily Sanderson
Junior	2nd Kate Robinson, Josephine Stickley, Harriet Johnston
Intermediate	2nd Ciara Swan, Sophie Lawrence, Solenn Jordan
Senior	1st Aliana Henderson, Isabelle McDonnell, Penelope Salmon

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

What an amazing meet our swimmers had at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships.

There were 720 swimmers from throughout New Zealand competing, and our 12 performed outstandingly in tough competition. We are incredibly proud of their results, which saw Baradene receive **3rd Top Girls' School** on the points table. Overall our swimmers gained 12 Gold medals, four Silver medals, and four Bronze medals. Thank you to managers Jasmine Connolly and Claire Gibson.



12
GOLD

4
SILVER

4
BRONZE

3rd Top Girls' School!

Medal Winners

Lanihei Connolly (15 years)	1st 200 Breaststroke, 1st 50 Breaststroke, 2nd 100 Breaststroke, 3rd 50 Freestyle
Amelia Bray (14 years)	1st 100 Freestyle, 1st 50 Fly, 1st 50 Freestyle, 1st 100 Fly, 3rd 100 Backstroke
Trelise Dance (16 years)	1st 100 Breaststroke, 2nd 200 Breaststroke, 2nd 50 Breaststroke
Isabelle Gibson (15 years)	1st 50 Backstroke, 1st 100 Backstroke, 2nd 200 Backstroke
Olivia Gibson (16 years)	3rd 200 Breaststroke
Lucy Gleeson (14 years)	3rd 200 Breaststroke
U16 4x50m Medley Relay	1st - Isabelle Gibson, Lanihei Connolly, Amelia Bray, Isla Petherbridge
U16 4x100m Freestyle Relay	1st - Lanihei Connolly, Amelia Bray, Isla Petherbridge, Emma Wallace
U16 4x50m Freestyle Relay	1st - Lanihei Connolly, Isla Petherbridge, Emma Wallace, Amelia Bray



Now in our third year of having the wonderful turf facility on site at Baradene, hockey is reaping the benefits.

Our participation rates have increased consistently over the past few years and in 2021 we had 13 teams – the most teams Baradene has had for many years, if ever. It is now our second largest code participation-wise, with 180 girls playing for Baradene. We see this as a direct result of the convenience of training and playing games at home and the ability to run pre-season “give it a go” sessions. It has been fantastic to host games every Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, and we have exciting plans to make even more use of the turf in the off-season (holding in-house competitions, skill sessions etc). Baradene is also fortunate to have high-calibre coaches throughout all age grades, and it is great to see so many students coaching our younger teams.

1st XI Hockey

Unfortunately, the Federation Cup was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19. At the last Federation Cup tournament in 2019, our 1st XI team placed 12th, the highest ranking Baradene has ever secured at this event. They have also consistently qualified for the Super 6 competition in Auckland.

Year 7/8 A Hockey

This team has had a great season. They were undefeated at the Eastern Zones tournament, qualifying for Inter Zones. At this tournament they won their pool, had a stellar semi-final against Holy Cross, but were just pipped in the final, 1-0 by Mahurangi.



Our Hockey Objectives

- Provide a suitable environment to cater for all levels of ability.
- Create a competitive hockey programme that attracts students to Baradene.

Our Values

- Enjoyment – Hockey should be enjoyable for all players at Baradene, irrespective of age and grade.
- Success – We aim to be competitive in all grades, competitions, and tournaments.
- Cor Unum – Encourage all players, coaches and supporters to adhere to the Cor Unum values throughout all grades.





PTA UPDATE

Community is much more than belonging to something, it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter, says Baradene PTA Chairman Derek Pereira.

Being a Catholic school, clothed in the light and guidance of our Lord Jesus, everything done here is underpinned by our Christian values which sets a great foundation for our daughters. It is these values that we as the Baradene PTA live and breathe. The PTA has a great depth of experience, talent, and diversity, and everyone is fun and engaging.

We've had a fantastic year, starting with our Wine and Cheese Evening. The event is a pivotal one for Baradene as we welcome our new Year 7 parents. Jazz music played in the background as a great turnout of enthusiastic parents wandered into the Atrium to enjoy an evening of delicious refreshments and excellent service. Thank you to the amazing PTA volunteers for making the evening a success.

We followed that with the spectacular Art Show, which brought in record numbers and was a huge success. The Art Show is one of our major fundraisers.

Next on our calendar was our much-anticipated Father/Daughter breakfast. This is a popular event, and tickets sold out over one weekend – not surprising given that Dr Siouxsie Wiles was to be our guest speaker. Similarly, we were thrilled to work with, and support Eat My Lunch's "Buy One, Give One" initiative, where every lunch we buy helps them support Kiwi kids who would otherwise go without.

"This year to date, the Baradene PTA has raised approximately \$122,000, which will help fund school-led initiatives."

Unfortunately, upon finishing setting up on Tuesday afternoon, we were informed that we would be going straight into a Level 4 lockdown, so our team raced back to the auditorium to remove the gorgeous setting we had created. We know the cancellation of this event was disappointing, especially for those of you whose daughters are leaving this year.

However, given these uncertain times, we are grateful that most of our scheduled events took place as planned. Thank you to Kate Saunders, Paul Thompson, the Art Show and Father/Daughter committees, and those who volunteered

for these events. Also, thanks to our Art Show and Father/Daughter breakfast sponsors.

This calendar year to date, the Baradene PTA has raised approximately \$122,000, which will help fund school-led initiatives. In addition, we also have the preloved uniform sale to look forward to in December. All the proceeds from this sale go to the Pastoral Care Fund, and I encourage you to donate your old uniforms to the school to support this worthy cause.

Lastly, I would like to thank our Baradene families and the PTA team for your contribution and support. It's been a fantastic year, and we look forward to an exciting 2022.

Thank you to our Father/Daughter Breakfast sponsors

Despite the event not going ahead, our generous sponsors still made donations.

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The 2021 Baradene Art Show was back in person, with record artworks sold and funds raised this year, says organiser Kate Saunders.

It meant so much to our school community, not to mention the artists, to host the 2021 Art Show in person this year following quite a different show last year held online and through Facebook Live due to the 2020 COVID-19 gathering restrictions. The team of volunteers had worked on the project since September of last year, bringing together more artists than ever before, so everyone's tastes were provided for.

The acclaimed Friday opening gala sold out in a record time of fewer than five weeks, and the night didn't disappoint for either attendees, buyers, artists, or volunteers. A small but graceful stampede of excited buyers raced in the moment the doors opened to secure the artworks they had set their hearts on. Much of this anticipation was thanks to a well-published website, advertising, community outreach, and social media campaigns that the volunteers put together in the lead-up to the event. The 2021 Art Show sold more art pieces than ever before and resulted in a record profit of \$119,555.

None of this would be possible without the help we receive from our wonderful community. We want to thank our sponsors for their support and generosity; without them, we wouldn't be able to fund such a fantastic event. We'd also like to recognise our team of volunteers, some of whom work year-round to make this a successful and memorable event in the school calendar.



Principal Sandy Pasley with Art Show organiser Kate Saunders, holding the artwork gifted to the College this year.



Artist Shane Gault with MP David Seymour.

Be a part of the Art Show!

The Baradene Art Show team is informal and fun, so why not consider joining them to help run the 2022 show? It's a great way to connect and you will learn a lot about art along the way!

If you're interested, please reach out to organiser Kate Saunders at kate.ant@xtra.co.nz

GROWING HEART NEWS

Growing Heart has been supporting Baradene for five years. Here is an opportunity to look back.

Much of Baradene's success over its long history can be attributed to its caring, generous, and supportive community of past and present RSCJ Sisters, staff, students, alumnae and parents.

This has been particularly apparent over the last 18 months of COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions. During this time, the dedication of our teaching and senior leadership staff, combined with the support of families and caregivers, has seen Baradene distinguish itself by continuing to deliver an outstanding education to our students, seamlessly transitioning from in-classroom to remote online learning.

Baradene's Foundation, known as Growing Heart, was set up in 2016 to channel financial support provided by the community, enabling it to make a very real and positive difference to the educational experience of our Baradene students, now and into the future.

“Growing Heart demonstrates what makes our Baradene community so special, highlighting what can be achieved if we all play our part.”

Five years on, Growing Heart is an established presence in our community, supporting Baradene by providing funding for resources and initiatives to benefit students and staff, which would not otherwise be able to be funded by the government or from parent contributions.

Growing Heart demonstrates what makes our Baradene community so special, highlighting what can be achieved if we all play our part, aiming to leave Baradene in a stronger place than when we arrived, thus continuing the more than 110-year legacy of a caring and generous community working together to ensure the best for our students.

Much has been achieved in five years and, as a community, we should feel justifiably proud. To date, Growing Heart has paid or committed approximately \$140,000 in grants for the benefit of students, including:

- Musical instruments for the new Conservatoire de Musique – a grand piano, percussion instruments and a contribution to the Music Department's wonderful new harp;



“We would like to express our gratitude to the Growing Heart Foundation and Baradene College Board of Trustees who procured this magnificent instrument. The harp is certainly a dynamic addition to the Orchestra and other music groups. We currently have two experienced players at Baradene whom we look forward to seeing utilise this beautiful instrument, and we look forward to growing the depth of harp players at the College.”

~ Nino Sloser, HOD Music

- An electronic scoreboard, signage, and other equipment for the new hockey turf;
- For students to attend United Nations conferences and RSCJ conferences; and
- For students of families affected by the economic impact of COVID-19.

In addition, Growing Heart has established and administers student scholarships with a total value of over \$240,000, including:

- A new Growing Heart Scholarship, providing a deserving student with the opportunity to obtain the benefit of a Baradene education, commencing in 2022;
- The Erskine Barnao Fund Scholarship, each year providing an aspirational Year 13 student with a grant of \$3,000 to assist her with the costs of her NZ university course;
- The Deirdre McKay Piano Award, each year providing a talented Year 11 piano student with \$1,000 toward the cost of her piano tuition; and
- Hugo Charitable Trust Education Scholarships, which provide two current Baradene students with a fully paid Baradene College education.

We acknowledge and thank our Baradene community – the parents, alumnae, and friends of Growing Heart who have so generously made donations, pledges, and bequests over the last five years and who share a philosophy of “giving back”. Without your generous support, we would not have been able to provide these benefits.

A word about bequests

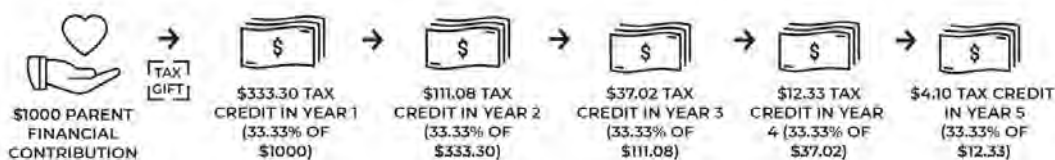
Growing Heart has been fortunate to receive very generous bequests from alumnae who valued their Sacred Heart education and want to pass that benefit on to others. These bequests assist future generations of Baradene students to achieve their potential, while also highlighting that support can be provided in many forms. Some alumnae are not in a position to support Baradene now but may wish to do so in the future. We are working on a Bequests programme to ensure these type of gifts are made as easy as possible.

Save the date: Growing Heart Carols Event

We are hoping that we will be able to gather together to welcome the festive season at this year's Growing Heart Carols event on Sunday 5 December 2021, so please save the date. Tickets will go on sale soon.

TaxGift Initiative

Baradene, in partnership with TaxGift, will launch this initiative in this 2021/22 financial year, enabling families to donate their tax credits on Baradene College Limited (BCL) Parent Financial Contributions back to Baradene. The credits returned to Baradene will be used to provide such things as Student Scholarships and the additional College facilities and resources which are not able to be funded by the Ministry of Education or parent contributions. More information will be sent to families about this initiative, but here is an example of how it works: From a Parent Financial Contribution of \$1,000, TaxGift claims \$497.83 from Inland Revenue and donates this amount to BCL as a gift from you – a gift that will make a powerful difference. This initiative will provide a quick and cost-effective way for families to opt in and support Baradene and provide much needed additional funding.



How to donate

It is now very easy to donate to Baradene's Growing Heart Foundation. If you are looking for a way to give back to Baradene, simply go to baradene.school.nz/our-community/growing-heart-foundation and donate! Growing Heart supports Baradene's special character by raising funds for student scholarships and support, staff support, the fit out of building projects, and by establishing an Endowment Fund to safeguard Baradene's special character.





ALUMNAE NEWS

Baradene Alumnae Association President Alice Gallagher says it is a special legacy for a school when alumnae send their daughters to the College they attended.

In June, we co-hosted the Alumnae Mothers event, which we hold every two years with the Development Office. The room was filled with wāhine who had all been through Baradene or Erskine College and chose to continue that educational legacy in the Sacred Heart tradition. There are



so many reasons that alumnae decide to return to Baradene throughout their lives, from having daughters here, to participating in school life, from sports coaching to Friends of Music, to careers evenings and PTA events.

We recently hosted our annual Five-Year Reunion event in the new Conservatoire de Musique building. Baradene alumnae who graduated in 2016 attended this event with some of their teachers and Principal Sandy Pasley. The young alumnae were excited to see one another, be back at Baradene, look at archive photo boards and magazines, and reminisce on their time at school together.

In May, we held our AGM and were grateful for all who attended. There was an incredible turnout with both new and familiar faces and an excellent opportunity to reflect

and review the previous year. Anyone who would like to join the committee is always welcome. Your investment back into building the alumnae legacy is a valuable one, so don't hesitate to contact us at our new email address alumnae@baradene.school.nz

We are thrilled to welcome some new committee members to the Alumnae Committee: Kate McKay, Alenka Catton, and Christie Fan (Treasurer). Their enthusiasm, perspective, and skills are valued additions to the committee.

All alumnae of Baradene and Erskine are members of our alumnae community, no matter how long you may have attended. If you or someone you know would like to be subscribed to our database to receive our communications, please contact us at alumnae@baradene.school.nz

This year, once again, we received some wonderful nominations for our Meritae Award and read about some amazing alumnae who embrace the Cor Unum spirit professionally and in their community. While the 2021 Meritae Award and High Tea event has been cancelled due to COVID-19, we look forward to celebrating together at next year's Alumnae Meritae Award and High Tea in September 2022 and honouring Mary-Louise Browne (Class of 1975) as the 2022 Alumnae Cor Unum Meritae Award recipient.



The Class of 2016's five-year reunion group. Find more photos on page 40.

ALUMNAE MOTHERS





FIVE-YEAR
REUNION
CLASS OF 2016



LAURA O'GORMAN QC (Dux, Class of 1990)

Laura O'Gorman was made a Queen's Counsel in the latest round of appointments, announced in June this year. She follows a strong tradition of Baradene alumnae who have excelled in the law. A student at Baradene for Years 7 to 13, Laura has fond memories of sports days, school camps on Motutapu Island, the school tramp in the Waitakere ranges, debating, and playing sports including tennis, football, badminton, and basketball. In her senior years at Baradene, Laura focussed on German and French, mathematics, and accounting. Laura particularly remembers Sister Snedden and Mrs Crosswell, who stimulated her passion for foreign languages.

After Baradene, Laura studied for conjoint Law and Commerce degrees at The University of Auckland. In 1999, Laura obtained an LLM from the University of Cambridge. While there, she also rowed for her college, Peterhouse, and played bridge for the University.

Laura has specialised in commercial litigation and insolvency law. Her most interesting cases have included working on large insolvency matters including Feltex, Solid Energy, and Five Star Consumer Finance; acting for the Electricity Commission and Electricity Authority in numerous appeals and judicial reviews; and acting for Zespri on judicial reviews, contractual disputes, and a competition law claim.

Laura has a six-year-old daughter, and in terms of advice for young women, her key messages would be:

- Always stay true to your own values and character.
- Keep an open mind and be ready to take up unexpected opportunities.
- Understand the trade-offs with any key decisions in life, appreciate that the choices are subjective and the decision must be your own, and be prepared to revisit those choices as life evolves.
- Know your own level of self-confidence and risk tolerance, and believe trusted supporters when in doubt.



PERLINA LAU (Class of 2007)

Perlina (at right, in pink) is a broadcast journalist, Worldwatch Producer and Presenter for Radio New Zealand, and co-creator and co-star of the TVNZ series *Creamerie*. After leaving Baradene, Perlina completed a Bachelor of Communications (Studio Television and Journalism) at the Auckland University of Technology and has since worked in broadcasting. She was previously a Producer for TV3.

Described as a "darkly funny dystopian series," the storyline for *Creamerie* is that eight years after a viral plague killed all men, three women who run a dairy farm accidentally run over the last surviving male human on the planet. Perlina and a group of colleagues and friends from Flat3 Productions originally pitched *Creamerie* back in 2018, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Soon after pitching the idea, Perlina moved to London and worked as a news producer for BBC World. She returned to New Zealand in March 2020 specifically to film *Creamerie*, and had plans to head back to the UK after they had finished filming. Her arrival just in time for our first COVID-19 lockdown was purely coincidental, and she saw the irony of filming a pandemic black comedy in the middle of an actual pandemic. Filming wrapped in September 2020 and



working around COVID-19 restrictions, using masks, and social distancing made for some interesting and surreal times on set.

At that time, the UK was in and out of lockdowns, so Perlina decided to stay on in New Zealand and successfully applied for the role at RNZ, which means she can continue working in her much-loved field of world news. Perlina also does TV reviews for RNZ. She and her colleagues are now in the process of developing season two of *Creamerie*.



DR JO KENNELLY PHD



Dr Jo Kennelly (Deputy Head Girl, Class of 1984) has a PhD in Medical Geography and is the founder of Malaika Vx Inc, a Canadian biotech company based in Toronto.

During her time at Baradene, Jo was a keen Geography student. Following the advice of a family friend who said she should “go to University and do what you love”, Jo then attended Otago University and obtained a BA(Hons) with First Class Honours in both Geography and Economics.

After University Jo backpacked around Europe, spent a year in London, and was then accepted into Cambridge where she completed a PhD in Medical Geography. After her PhD, Jo completed post-doctoral work in Health Economics at the Royal Free Hospital London (University College). She also spent time as a fellow at the Praed St Clinic, St Mary’s Hospital London (part of Imperial College), and the UK Centre for Health Economics, University of York. During this time, Jo studied the relationship between geographical movement and HIV treatment.

Jo returned to New Zealand in the 1990s and held a variety of Government policy roles, including working in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, advising three Prime Ministers. Jo also raised a family and acknowledges she found combining a high-level career with motherhood challenging, and believes this is something more women should prepare for and talk about. Jo moved to Canada in 2001 and worked in public policy for the National Cancer

Institute of Canada and the Canadian government. Jo was the Director of Policy to Canada’s Federal Minister of Health.

She married Dr Frank Plummer, an infectious diseases doctor and globally renowned HIV researcher whose team were the first in the world to identify the causes of the 2003 SARS outbreak and 2009 H1N1 outbreak. Frank’s team also developed the highly successful Ebola vaccine. Frank held many leadership roles in Canada’s pandemic and infectious disease response, including acting Chief Public Health Officer

“Until recently, medical geography was a reasonably niche field, but the global spread of COVID-19 has brought it into the mainstream.”

of Canada and head of the Global Lab Security Network (G7+ Mexico), and received a Gairdner Award (mini-Nobel) for his scientific efforts. Frank was preparing to become involved in the global response to COVID-19 when he sadly passed away in Kenya in early 2020, while visiting clinics he helped to establish there during the 1980s/1990s.

Frank’s work in Kenya ultimately led to the identification of a group of women who have natural immunity to HIV/AIDS, and these studies have led to Jo’s current role as founder and owner of Malaika Vx Inc, a Canadian biotech company based in Toronto, which is entering human trials for a preventative HIV vaccine in 2022.

During her career, Jo has been involved in other interesting work, including working with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on a range of global health topics and for an artificial intelligence company interested in applying machine learning to enhance rapid infectious disease screening and testing technologies.

Until recently, medical geography was a reasonably niche field, but the advent of the SARS and H1N1 viruses and, more latterly, the spread of COVID-19 around the world, have brought the career fields associated with global pandemics into the mainstream.

This year Jo returned to New Zealand for an extended visit and took the opportunity to reconnect with her friends from Baradene’s Class of 1984 at an informal reunion. Jo also spoke via videoconference to our scholarship Biology class about her interesting career.

JANE PATTERSON MNZM

Jane Patterson MNZM (Class of 1985) is an experienced event management professional and the Chief Operating Officer for the upcoming FIFA World Cup 2023.

Jane's career spans nearly three decades in the professional sporting events industry. In 2016, she was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) in the New Year's Honours in recognition of her achievements in service to sports administration. Most recently, Jane was appointed Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 (New Zealand and Australia).

Jane came late to Baradene, attending for her 6th and 7th Forms, but she says they were a fantastic couple of years and among her happiest schooling days. She remembers warmly the welcome and support she received from fellow pupils, teachers, and renowned School Principal Bill Fryer.

“Jane feels extremely privileged to oversee the largest sporting event New Zealand has ever hosted.”

After leaving Baradene, Jane attended the University of Canterbury, obtaining a BA in Education and Psychology, and went on to gain a Diploma in Public Relations. Early in her career, Jane spent 10 years working in public relations for one of New Zealand's leading firms. In 1997, she joined International Management Group (IMG), the world's largest sports marketing and event management Company. Jane was responsible for the overall management of many major events in New Zealand and Australia including IRONMAN triathlon, New Zealand Golf Open, Brazilian Soccer Tour of Australia, as well as an annual concert series featuring artists Ray Charles, Beach Boys, Doobie Brothers, Julio Iglesias, Lulu, The Hollies, and Dame Kiri Te Kanawa.

In 2004 Jane founded The Patter Ltd, an event management and marketing company which delivered many large-scale sporting events including the REAL Women's Duathlon Series, IRONMAN New Zealand and the Port of Tauranga Half IRONMAN. Jane's experience also led to her managing several World Championship events hosted by New Zealand, including World Netball Championships in 2007, World Roller Figure Skating Championships in 2012, and BMX World Championships in 2013. Between 2013 and 2016,



Jane assumed the role of Chief Operating Officer (COO) for IRONMAN Asia Pacific.

Jane returned to New Zealand from the UK in March 2020 for what should have been a brief visit to see her family when COVID-19 broke out, landing with one suitcase on the last flight before our borders closed, and she hasn't left! In August last year, Jane began working on the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023, and in February 2021 was appointed the event's Chief Operating Officer (COO) for New Zealand.

Jane feels extremely privileged to oversee the largest sporting event New Zealand has ever hosted. She reminds us that it is the third-largest event in the world and the largest event for women. Considerably bigger than the 2011 Rugby World Cup hosted in New Zealand, the FIFA Women's World Cup will see 32 teams play 64 matches over 32 days. Two countries, nine cities, and 10 stadiums! And the stakes are high, because 1.4 billion people watched the final of the last FIFA Women's World Cup in 2019. That's a lot of eyeballs on Australia and New Zealand!

Jane has also embraced her love of sport as a participant. She completed the IRONMAN in Hawaii in 2009, IRONMAN New Zealand in 2015, and several marathons, including Auckland and Paris.

As Jane reflects on her career, she credits her achievements on the foundations of her final years spent at Baradene, her tertiary education, and the relentless support and love from her family and friends. Jane shares many fond memories of her time at Baradene – school sports days, riding her Vespa to school, Mr Fryer's school assemblies, playing netball, and dressing up as “mad scientists” for the end-of-year group photo for the yearbook. Over 30 years on, Jane remains in close contact with the friends she made at Baradene.

Milestones

Celebrating the achievements of Baradene alumnae, both in their professional and personal lives.

Karla Brennan (née Smith, Class of 1992) is National Restaurant Solutions Group Manager at McDonald's New Zealand. In 2020 Karla was awarded the President's Award by the Chief Executive Officer of McDonald's Global Business. The President's Award celebrates high-achieving individuals and recognises the outstanding achievements of the top 1% of McDonald's corporate staff employees globally. This is an incredible achievement for Karla, who has maintained her connection to Baradene and is currently serving as Secretary of our Alumnae Association.



Tessa Crean (Class of 2020)

In May, Tessa Crean travelled to Wellington with Principal Sandy Pasley to attend a special ceremony in Parliament which honoured New Zealand's Top Academic Scholars for the 2020 New Zealand Qualification Authorities examinations. Tessa received the award for the Top Student in New Zealand in Technology, and met Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.



Charlotte McLauchlan (Class of 2020) starred in the National Youth Theatre's recent production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Charlotte was joined by many Baradene students who also performed in the production, which was held at the Aotea Centre in June. Congratulations to Maya McCarthy, Savannah Finnegan, Vesta Rowe, Paige O'Neil, Charlotte O'Neil, Danielle O'Neil, Victoria Butler, Gabriella Wooler, Jaeda Ala'atola-Dale, and Jessie Jang for their performances in the show.



Britney Clasper (Class of 2017), Isabella Graham and Ella Rose Steven (both Class of 2016) received Awards at The University of Auckland Law Student Awards in June. Britney's award was for being part of the winning team in the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Mediation Competition, Isabella received the AJ Park Intellectual Property Law Prize, and Ella Rose was awarded the Erica Pabst Scholarship for Equity and Justice. Britney is also the recipient of the 2021 EY Business Student of the Year Award.



From left: Britney Clasper, Isabella Graham, and Ella Rose Steven.

Molly Penfold (Class of 2019), a promising fast bowler, received her maiden call-up to the White Ferns squad to represent New Zealand for their tour of England and took two wickets in her debut game. Molly has also been offered a New Zealand Cricket Development Contract for this season, along with Fran Jonas, our Year 13 NZ Cricket representative. Molly is a very talented cricketer and played for Baradene's First XI Cricket team from Year 8 onwards. She currently plays for the Auckland Hearts. During her time at Baradene, Molly was an all-round sportsperson who also played for our Premier Netball Team (and representative netball) and our Premier Touch Rugby Team, representing New Zealand in touch rugby. Molly also represented Baradene in athletics, played volleyball and, not surprisingly, was our Sports Captain in her final year at school.



Current Baradene teacher and alumna **Julie Venter (née Erceg, Class of 2005)** and her husband Pieter Venter welcomed a daughter, Scarlett, on 12 February 2021.

Stephanie Bowler (née Piaggi, Class of 2004)
In July, Baradene alumna and teacher Stephanie Bowler welcomed a son, Frankie, to her family. Steph's daughter Florence is very much enjoying being a big sister.



Ella Rose Steven (Class of 2016) is the recipient of the 2021 University of Auckland Erica Pabst Scholarship for Equity and Justice. Studying for a conjoint degree in Arts and Law (Hons) at the University of Auckland, Ella Rose's Arts major is Geography, and she is writing her Law Honours dissertation on global environmental law, focussing on ocean acidification. Ella Rose has been co-manager of the Equal Justice Project's Advocacy team for the last two years. EJP is a non-partisan, pro bono charity that applies law students' legal training and knowledge to promote social equality, inclusivity, and access to justice in our local and wider community. The Advocacy team has been working on holding local government to account regarding their climate change obligations and stopping the detention of asylum seekers in NZ prisons. Ella Rose is also currently undertaking an advocacy internship with Defend Them All, a US-based non-profit that seeks to enhance legal protections of threatened species and their habitats. Her particular interests are environmental law and indigenous people's law. She has a graduate role at law firm Chapman Tripp commencing in 2022.



Ella Rose (left) and Erskine College alumna Lynda Park, sponsor of the Erica Pabst Scholarship.

Informal reunion Class of 1984

In July several alumnae from the Class of 1984 got together for an informal reunion. This was a chance to catch up with alumna Dr Jo Kennelly PhD, who was visiting New Zealand from her home in Canada (see page 42).



You may recall us featuring **Alisha Lovrich (Class of 2011)** in Issue 9 of *Heart* magazine. Since then, Alisha has been to Tokyo as an accredited photographer for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, and has shared some of her images below. To see more amazing photos of Olympic action please follow her at [instagram.com/alishalovrich](https://www.instagram.com/alishalovrich)



Rochelle Kirby (Class of 2014) is a Mechanical Engineer at WSP and is the 2021 joint winner of the Rising Star Award from the National Association of Women in Construction. In February 2021, as the recipient of the True Young Explorer Scholarship, Rochelle travelled to the New Zealand Sub Antarctic Islands, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with Heritage Expeditions. The 17-day expedition included visits to the Snares (Tini Heke), Auckland Islands (Maungahuka/Motu Maha), Campbell Island (Motu Ihupuku), Antipodes Islands, Bounty Islands, and the Chatham Islands. The goal of the scholarship is to inspire young Kiwis to increase their passion for conservation and the preservation of the Islands, and Rochelle reported that the itinerary, enthusiasm of the crew and the wonderful ship environment made the expedition a truly unforgettable experience that she would recommend to anyone with an adventurous spirit.



Chelsea Oliver (Class of 2020) and Samantha Milicich (Class of 2019) were named in the NZ Junior Women's Water Polo Team for the U20 Trans-Tasman test series against Australia which was scheduled to occur at the end of June. Unfortunately, due to the worsening COVID-19 situation in Australia the series did not go ahead.



Chelsea Oliver (left) and Samantha Milicich (right) in action!



Regular readers will be interested to know that florist and artist **Felicity Jones (Class of 1982)**, featured in Issue 9 last year, has followed up the success of her North Island wardian case project with *Case Studies South*. Felicity and her collaborator, photographer Mark Smith (partner of alumna Lucy Stone, Class of 1985), travelled

to the South Island at the end of last year, their trip timed to coincide with the blooming of the lupins, Otago's controversial import. In June they held an exhibition of the beautiful photographs taken down South at Auckland's Allpress Studio, and were surprised by a visit from a special guest (below, left and right). Their work was also featured in recent issues of *Canvas*, *Homestyle*, and *Here* magazines.



Felicity Jones (at right) shows the Prime Minister some of her artworks.

Erskine College alumna **Catharina van Bohemen (Class of 1971)** has recently published *Towards Compostela* – her account of walking El Camino de Santiago, or Way of St James, in 1998. The Camino is a 750km medieval pilgrimage walk, and pilgrims walk to Compostela in Spain where the remains of St James were believed to rest. Catharina writes about the Camino's history, pilgrims she met, glimpses of her childhood in Hawke's Bay, and boarding at our sister school Erskine College, which closed in 1985. She is interested in the significance of pilgrimage, the spiritual aspect of our lives, and how walking can be meditation. Catharina dedicated her book to Sister June Kirk Smith RSCJ, to whom she read each week before she died. Sister June was Catharina's French teacher at Erskine prior to becoming Principal there, and they became lifelong friends. *Towards Compostela*, published by The Cuba Press, was longlisted in the 2021 Ockham Book Awards, shortlisted in the 2021 PANZ Book Design Awards, and is widely available.



Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Felicity Jones at the exhibition.



Baradene Connect

Baradene Connect is an online community which enables alumnae to connect wherever they are in the world, and fosters professional networking and mentoring relationships between alumnae.

If you are an alumna of Baradene (or Erskine) College, please register at baradeneconnect.co.nz – sign up in a few minutes by registering via email or through your LinkedIn or Facebook profile.

Bringing
our alumnae
together

It's easy
to join!



FAREWELL FROM OUR STUDENT LEADERS

Holly Henderson Deputy Head Girl 2021

I will take away from Baradene:

The gratitude and inspiration that come from sharing this journey with the best cohort of girls from 2015 to 2021, and the laughs and triumphs that accompany our shared experiences. I am thankful for the friendships I have made at Baradene that will continue to serve as a reminder of the wonderful times that have helped us all to grow into the mature and courageous women we are today.

The future:

Next year I am studying Health Science First Year at either the University of Otago or Auckland. From this course, I aim to work towards a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery specialising in Paediatrics. I hope that this career path will allow me to travel to various places and help people from all backgrounds while sharing and gaining new experiences.

A funny moment:

Nearing the end of Year 10, a few of us thought it would be fun to bring in cereal, Nesquik, spoons, and bowls, and eat cereal and drink chocolate milk during class (not setting a good example, but we still got all the classwork done!). Our teacher was none the wiser.

Laura Mooney Head Girl 2021

I will take away from Baradene:

The most valuable things I will take away from my time at Baradene are the friendships and relationships I have made. Throughout my time at Baradene, I have met the most amazing people whom I love and who always inspire me to always do my best. The friendships I have made are so valuable, leaving me with memories I will treasure for the rest of my life.

The future:

I plan to complete a Law and Arts conjoint at Victoria University. When it's possible, I also hope to do lots of travel and learn a new language. I am really looking forward to the future, wherever life takes me!

A funny moment:

In Year 8, our year level was having a steps competition, with everyone wearing pedometers to count the number of steps we did a day. During maths class, everyone attached the pedometer to their ankle, tapping their foot to get the number of steps up. Our maths teacher got so sick of the tapping, we were made to run around the school in the middle of class to get our steps up instead!

Misrica Talia'uli Deputy Head Girl 2021

I will take away from Baradene:

All the opportunities that have been offered to me and changed my life forever. The friendships I have made with students and the staff will hold a great place in my heart.

The future:

Pacific Islanders are underrepresented in the medical science sector, so I would like to change the narrative and focus on pressing health issues in the Pacific community.

A funny moment:

All the lunchtime and FOSH dance battles. While they were highly embarrassing, looking back, they always make me laugh.



We wish our student leaders the very best in their future endeavours, and we thank you for representing your fellow students in 2021.



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