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The old and the new: Students model historical Baradene uniforms, along with current Junior and Senior uniforms. Read more on page 12.



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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR



As we wrap up the celebrations of Baradene's 110th anniversary year, we're proud of how far we've come and where we're headed, says Gill Chappell, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

When celebrating something new, it is often worth reflecting on the old; firstly, to see how far you have come, and secondly, to appreciate the cumulative effort and hard work that has led to the result.

And so, it is appropriate that we are celebrating the 110th anniversary of Baradene College of the Sacred Heart in the same year that we have been able to formally open the new Conservatoire de Musique and Sports Facilities.

The development of the new building has been the direct result of the work of a truly dedicated team of people on the RSCJ Trust Board and the Proprietor's Board (Baradene College Limited) who, in turn, have built on the vision of the Society's founder, St Madeleine Sophie Barat RSCJ, and those dedicated Sisters of the Sacred Heart who established the College in Auckland all those years ago.

For the Board of Trustees, the new building is also important because it facilitates two key strategic planning goals. The first is to support and grow participation and the pursuit of excellence in sport. The second goal is to support and grow participation and depth of achievement in music.

This building will assist with implementing these strategic goals because, while teachers are at the heart of the students' learning achievements, it is good infrastructure that facilitates that learning. It is well recognised that participation in sports and music strengthens academic achievement.

Bucking national trends, sports and music participation rates continue to rise in the College – and the Board is particularly looking forward to seeing a surge in the number of hockey players at the school.

The Board's strategic plan also seeks to develop stronger connections with our local community and, in that vein, we are looking forward to being able to host hockey games at a facility of international standard.

Feedback about the carpark also suggests that the community appreciates greater ease of access to the school, as do the staff.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to again extend sincere thanks to the RSCJ Trust, the Proprietor's Board, and their hardworking consultants for providing these wonderful new facilities. This will be a legacy much appreciated by the staff, students, and wider community for many years to come.





Baradene College Principal Sandy Pasley considers how learning has evolved over the years, and what the future of education at Baradene may hold.

When the RSCJ Sisters founded Baradene College in 1909, it is difficult to imagine they could ever have envisioned what life would be like 110 years after the doors first opened. In those days, the “chalk and talk” method of teaching – picture our students seated at their desks in tidy rows, facing the blackboard, memorising facts – was considered to be the most effective way for young people to learn. Contrast that to today’s classrooms, where interactive teaching methods, hands-on learning experiences, collaboration, critical evaluation, and other innovative techniques have turned the traditional model of education on its head.

According to Otto Scharmer, a senior lecturer at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “action learning” has taken the place of abstract thinking, inverting the traditional teacher-student relationship. In 2019, particularly as technology has changed the way we access and expand our knowledge, the student experience has become the focus of our learning environment. Students are “change agents”, while teachers are coaches who facilitate the learner’s discovery process, helping her reach her highest future potential.

At Baradene, we believe it is important to offer a diverse curriculum that gives our students the opportunity to discover their talents, learn what they are capable of, and grow their confidence to dream big and work towards those dreams. The Sacred Heart educational goals championed by our founders embrace innovation, change with the times, and lay foundations for the future. Although the RSCJ Sisters of 1909 lived (and taught) in a different educational era, they were forward-thinking, gifting us with the example of their strength, perseverance, and inspiration which has continued to shape our College to meet our students’ educational needs.

Sir Ken Robinson, international advisor on education in



the arts, notes that there is mounting evidence that students’ educational achievement improves when we engage them physically. One of our strategic goals is to improve participation and excellence in sport, and ensure Baradene students continue to achieve stunning successes in their sporting endeavours.

We also understand that we can’t ignore the interior world of our students. As a Catholic school, we have the opportunity to expose our students to a spiritual world where having faith is fundamental to having hope for the future. Robinson also advocates the importance of students being curious, engaged, interested, and connected to the community. Our 2019 Sacred Heart Focus Goal, “The Building of Community As A Christian Value”, interweaves these characteristics by encouraging Baradene students to see the College as their home, exhorting them to “accept with gratitude all those in your school community. From them and with them, you can learn what love is. Through giving and receiving, you will foster the caring atmosphere that permeates your Sacred Heart home.”

This connectedness begins and ends with our faith, which is at the heart of all we do at Baradene, and is embodied in the RSCJ Sisters who are our constant link to our past, present, and future.

What will Baradene be like in the next 110 years? I think it’s imperative that we implement more opportunities for our students to be creative and innovative. However, for this to happen effectively, students need to have a very good body of knowledge – which means traditional teaching of that knowledge is still important. While I was away on sabbatical, I visited several of our sister schools in the USA, and was interested to see how some schools have integrated “maker spaces” – open areas for students to create, freely design prototypes, and learn in a self-directed, hands-on way. I’ve been pondering how we might implement a maker space here at Baradene. What would it look like? Where will it be located? What equipment does it need? How does it work in a school of 1,200 students? These are among the questions I’ll be thinking about as I consider the Baradene College of the future. What do you think the future will hold?

Grand Designs

As we celebrate our milestone 110th year, a new chapter begins for Baradene College with the opening of the new Music and Sports facilities.





A happy occasion; Bishop Patrick Dunn cuts the ceremonial ribbon as Deputy Head Girls Sophie Everitt and Cecilia Koloamatangi look on.

Edmund Lawler, Chair of the Board of Baradene College Limited (BCL), reflects on the opening of our new building.

On Wednesday 24 July we held the official opening of our new Conservatoire de Musique, hockey turf, and carpark facilities. We were privileged to have the building blessed by the Most Reverend Patrick Dunn, now in his 25th year as Bishop of Auckland. We also welcomed distinguished guests Sister Lynette Toohey RSCJ, Provincial for the Australia and New Zealand Province of the Society of the Sacred Heart, and Linda McQuade, from the NZ Catholic Education Office. Our kaumatua, Manuel Beazley, performed the karakia, and our Kapa Haka group, Schola Choir, and Jazz Band provided entertainment.

The new complex is a fantastic addition to our campus, providing much-needed infrastructure and modern, customised facilities for music, media, sport, and the performing arts. The Conservatoire de Musique, with purpose-built music facilities, is now in use. Our hockey players are enjoying the convenience of practising, playing, and hosting hockey games on the new turf. The secure, covered carpark is not only greatly enjoyed by all staff, but the campus is now largely vehicle-free – resulting in safer and more accessible grounds for our students. The project has transformed an



under-utilised field into a fabulous resource.

Moreover, the structure was essentially completed on time and to budget. BCL extends our thanks to the many consultants and contractors that made it such a success, particularly our architects Jasmox, main contractor Savory Construction, and project managers Exception Management.

I would also like to particularly acknowledge and thank Reuben O'Neill as a member of the RSCJ Trust, shareholder of BCL, and property owner. Reuben's strategy in terms of governance and leadership at the College provided BCL and the Board of Trustees with the confidence to undertake this ambitious endeavour. His leadership of the project itself, the countless hours he has dedicated to it over the last three or so years, his expertise, and his attention to detail have been essential to the impressive facilities we now enjoy.

This was a major financial undertaking for BCL, and we are extremely grateful for the support from our parent community. As proprietor, BCL's objective is to provide the facilities to support a broad range of high-quality educational opportunities for the students at Baradene, now and into the future. As we celebrate our 110-year anniversary, we are confident the new building will greatly assist Principal Sandy Pasley and the staff to deliver a quality Catholic education to the students of Baradene through the charisma and values of the Society of the Sacred Heart. *See more photos on page 6.*



GRAND DESIGNS



INTRODUCING
**BRENT
COUTTS**

HEAD OF FACULTY
SOCIAL SCIENCES



Brent Coutts is the Head of Faculty for the Social Sciences, an area that includes the subject areas of History, Geography, Classical Studies, Travel and Tourism, and Social Studies.

Brent Coutts, Head of Faculty for the Social Sciences, graduated from the University of Otago, majoring in History and Archaeology, before heading to Christchurch Teachers College. He has taught in New Zealand and England. When coming to work at Baradene College in 2002, one of the key challenges was to establish Social Studies as a subject; General Studies, which combined English and Social Studies, had just been disestablished.

Brent has had extensive involvement in the History Teachers Associations, and for a long time he served as Chairperson of the Auckland History Teachers Association and the New Zealand History Teachers Association. When NCEA was introduced, he was the Lead Facilitator for History in Auckland and Northland, training teachers in the new system of assessment. He has spent a year in senior management at Baradene.

In 2007, Brent was awarded the Janet Erskine Stuart Award to travel to the West Bank in Palestine for a month in order to research human rights and social justice issues. In 2009, he was awarded a fellowship as Royal Society Teaching Fellow from the Royal Society of New Zealand, during which he carried out an individual research project into New Zealand soldiers' social relationships in the Second World War. In 2016, Brent undertook a two-week study tour for History teachers to Russia. In 2017, he was awarded a place on a Korean Studies Workshop study tour to South Korea, run by the Asia New Zealand Foundation.

A passionate world-traveller who has now visited 84 countries, and a keen art collector, Brent has also published

a number of history books. This includes *Protest in New Zealand* in 2013, *Re-Reading the Rainbow* in 2016 and *Pacific History* in 2018. He is convinced that teachers need to have academic rigour and enthusiasm for their subject. He believes a history teacher needs to read, breathe, and talk history. His recent focus has been towards historical thinking skills and further developing a culturally responsive teaching pedagogy.

There are many highlights in Brent's teaching career. Taking a group of students to the Gallipoli battlefield in Turkey was one of these. There have been a number of trips taking students to Vietnam and, most recently, to Poland and Bosnia. In 2015, Brent facilitated a project which joined together History students from Baradene and Lycée Professionnel Jean Macé in Chauny, France. The students undertook joint research which led to the publication of a book and exhibition which is now on display at the Queen Elizabeth Education Centre in Wellington.

Brent is most interested in giving students opportunities that enrich their lives. This has included organising for Year 10 students to visit the Māori land occupation at Ihumātao, encouraging students to take up UN Youth and MUNA Assembly opportunities, bringing a survivor of Auschwitz into school for students to hear, and facilitating citizenship education. Running the Pacific History Club this year has been particularly successful. One of the projects Brent is most proud of is setting up the Social Science Faculty Sustainable Community Partnership with a Catholic school in Timor-Leste, especially the connection to the United Nations Sustainable Development goals. It is hoped this social justice project will continue each year to make a significant contribution to others less fortunate.



Members of the Board of Trustees of Baradene College bring a wealth of experience to their roles. We're pleased to introduce you to our current representatives. A Student Representative will also be elected later in the year.

**Gill Chappell
Chairperson**

Gill is a self-employed environmental lawyer and works with other barristers in the city. She and her husband Rob have three children: Emily, at Baradene; Tim, who is at Victoria University; and Matthew, who is at Sacred Heart College. Gill enjoys riding her electric bike to work along the waterfront. Her current favourite quote is "Humans are waterproof," which she tries to remember on the rainy days.

**Edmund Lawler
BCL Representative**

Edmund is a Proprietor's Representative appointed to the Board of Trustees. His wife Adrienne (nee Downey) and three daughters have attended Baradene. Edmund operates his own law firm practice. He has been involved with the Board for a number of years, and has most recently been immersed in construction of the newly completed music and sports facilities. Edmund's interests include running and golf.



**Richard James
BCL Representative**

Richard has recently stepped down after 10 years as Chief Executive of NZ Funds, an independent wealth management firm, but remains a shareholder and semi-executive director of the company. He also acts as an adviser to a small number of privately owned companies and family offices. Richard is married to Baradene alumna Sarah Stone, and their three daughters, Mollie, Jemma, and Nina have all graduated from Baradene in the last few years.

**Catherine Ryan
BCL Representative**

Catherine is currently taking a relaxing break following 20-plus years as Principal in three of Auckland's Catholic primary schools. She is one of five siblings who grew up on a farm in the Waikato. Catherine's paternal grandmother, mother, and sisters are all alumnae of Baradene. Catherine and her sisters were boarders at Baradene and her nieces have attended Baradene and Stuartholme School in Brisbane.

**Michael Stowers
Parent Representative**

Michael is a Partner in Stowers Butterworth chartered accountants, and has extensive governance experience in education, business, Pacific health, and other professional sectors. Michael is Chair of Northern Health School and is on the executive committee of the Pacific Island Chartered Accountants Network. He is married to Elizabeth and has four daughters, three of whom are currently at Baradene. Michael enjoys cycling, running, marathons, and Ironman events.



Sandy Pasley
Principal

Principal of Baradene College since August 2011, Sandy's career has involved a range of secondary schools around New Zealand. Sandy has a science degree from Otago University and a post-graduate qualification in chemistry. She is the past President of the Secondary Schools Principals' Association of New Zealand (SPANZ). She is married to David and they have four adult children. Her interests include walking, reading, and gardening.



Sherna Matta
Staff Representative

Sherna is Head of Biology in the Science Department at Baradene, and is also the Year 10 Dean. Having attended Carmel Convent School in Mumbai and St Mary's College in Auckland, Sherna is well-versed with the Catholic School system. She was a participant in the inaugural Science Teaching Leadership Programme prior to commencing at Baradene College. She enjoys reading, writing and hiking.



Sister Elizabeth Snedden RSCJ
BCL Representative

Sister Elizabeth currently lectures in Theology and Spirituality at Good Shepherd College, where seminarians are trained for the priesthood. She lives in community with the Sisters of the Sacred Heart at Baradene, some of whom were her teachers when she was a student at Baradene in the 1940s and 50s. She has been a staff member and Board member for many years, and shares with the other Sisters a duty of praying constantly for all members of the school community.



Robert McDonnell
Parent Representative

Rob is the GM Technology for NZ Post. Rob and his wife Gina (who is also on the Baradene PTA) have two daughters, Poppy and Scarlett, at Baradene, and their son Finn is a former Head Boy at St Peter's College. Rob spends his spare time running and tackling home renovations, and his favourite book is *An Unsung Hero: Tom Crean - Antarctic Survivor*, by Michael Smith, a great story of grit and adventure.



Liz O'Neil
Parent Representative

Liz is Chief Financial Officer for Coca Cola Amatil NZ Ltd and is a Board member for SpringBoard Trust. Liz is married to Kevin and they have twin daughters Paige and Charlotte, both in Year 8 at Baradene. Two of Liz's sisters (also twins!) are alumnae of Baradene. Liz starts the day early when involved with Masters Rowing at West End Rowing Club, and also enjoys running and spending time north of Auckland on the East Coast beaches.



Eva Cornforth
Parent Representative

Eva is the Head of Science at Otahuhu College and has over 20 years of experience in the education system across a range of schools. She was the recipient of a Fulbright Distinguished Teacher Scholarship in January 2019. Eva is married to Neil and they have two daughters, Bess and Grace at Baradene, whose grandmother received a Sacred Heart education in Timaru. In her spare time, Eva enjoys making quilts and reading.



WOMEN OF FAITH



Sophie Everitt, Deputy Head Girl and Special Character Leader, shares her experience of the Feast of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat, which also celebrated Baradene's 110-year anniversary, in late May.

This year Baradene celebrated 110 years of Sacred Heart education in Auckland. It was through the pioneering spirit of Saint Philippine Duchesne taking the Society of the Sacred Heart to America that ultimately brought us to 2019 and our school here in New Zealand. It's because of Saint Madeleine Sophie and Saint Philippine that girls like me can attend Baradene College all these years later.

The Feast of St Madeleine Sophie was a special opportunity to reconnect with members of the wider Baradene community, including Sisters of the Sacred Heart, alumnae, Board members, parents, teaching staff past and present, students, and friends of the College.

The Most Reverend Patrick Dunn, Bishop of Auckland, led us in the Mass to honour our foundress, and his thought-provoking reflection challenged all of us to consider how we would take St Madeleine Sophie's vision and make it our own in the years ahead.

Every student who was a part of this day received a limited-edition badge as a special keepsake. This is something we can proudly wear on our uniform blazers that links us to our heritage and reminds us of the rich history of our college.

St Madeleine Sophie would surely be proud of the many hundreds of students who have been a part of the Baradene story over the past 110 years.

**“Strengthen in us, O God, the work
You have begun in us.”**

~ St Madeleine Sophie Barat



Bishop Patrick Dunn blesses the 110-year badges



Uniforms left to right: Earliest uniform early 1900s; winter uniform 1970s and 1980s; winter uniform 1990s and 2000s; summer uniform pre-2005; house tunic 1950s and 1960s.

From the Archives

Archivist Yolande van de Wetering gives a glimpse into the past through Baradene's historical uniforms. Do you recognise the one you wore?

For many years, Baradene's uniforms were produced onsite by the RSCJ Sisters. The 1979 *Baradene Magazine* speaks fondly of Sister Newth, who "spent most of her life in the linen room making uniforms." Later, uniform material could be bought at the Convent and taken to an approved tailor for dressmaking. Eventually, the uniform's manufacturing was commercialised, and George Court's in Karangahape Road became the official stockist.



1971

Uniforms for Senior girls were abolished (but not for long!).

Brown blazers were replaced by red blazers. According to *Baradene Magazine*, "1987 might be remembered as the year when the school uniform changed – when the nickname for Baradene girls changed from 'peanut brownies' to 'jelly tips!'"

1987

1990

A new uniform was introduced: A red blazer with brown checked skirt for winter, and a lighter brown checked skirt and blouse for summer.

2005

The uniform still in use today was brought in: A pinstriped skirt, white blouse, black blazer, and a red cardigan for winter.

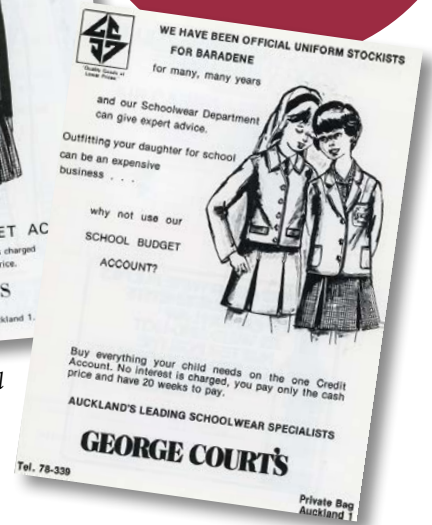
2015

Uniforms began to be sold onsite at the uniform shop located in the former stables.



Uniform adverts in the school magazine in 1973 (above) and 1978 (right).

"With a uniform... students not only learn to take pride in their school, but also a pride in themselves."
~ *Baradene Magazine* 1983



EVERYBODY CUT FOOTLOOSE

FOSH 2019 brought out Baradene's finest and freshest talent, and showcased a wide range of new and familiar faces in the entertaining acts, says Year 13 student Rolhana Kean of the Performing Arts Council.

Yeehaw! What better way to end the Feast of the Sacred Heart than with Baradene's much-enjoyed tradition of the FOSH Concert. This special celebration takes place at the end of our Feast Day and showcases Baradene's performing arts talent in music, dance, and song. This year the Performing Arts Council themed FOSH around the hit musical *Footloose*.

We saw a wide range of performers, from singing – solo artists, duets, and ensembles – live instruments, and dances, with everything from Irish dance and hip-hop to K-Pop style. Even teachers joined in onstage to “battle” the student exec in a final number to the *Footloose* theme song. In true Baradene spirit, everyone was energised and ready to “cut footloose”!

More than 50 acts auditioned, and had to be narrowed down to a selection of nine acts. This shows just how much talent we have at Baradene, as it was very hard to refine the selection to an hour of performance. Bridie Nelson, Jordyn Scholten, and myself, of the 2019 Performing Arts Council, worked hard overseeing the FOSH Concert. We organised the theme, auditioned the acts, collaborated with the technical team for lights and music, and ran many rehearsals.

The months leading up to the FOSH Concert were hard work, but also an amusing and growing experience. The Performing Arts Council had an amazing time working with everyone, organising the whole event, and being able to witness just how much talent Baradene has to offer!





Baradene Ball 2019

The annual Baradene Ball is one of the most special events on the Baradene calendar. Year 13 students look forward to attending the ball right from the time they're in Year 7, and this year's ball exceeded all expectations. The theme was "Starry, starry night," based on the famous painting *The Starry Night* by Vincent van Gogh. With a celestial color palette of navy, gold, and black, fabulous photography by Cactus Photography, and amazing beats by NZDJ, the evening was one to remember. A massive thank you to Mrs Victor, Mr Jones, and Whaea Ross for helping us create such a stunning event.

~ Connie Langbrown, Claudia Green, and Anna Davies of the Arts and Publicity Team







BEARING WITNESS

At the Gazi Husrev-beg Mosque in Sarajevo

Genocide is not an easy topic to study, but bearing witness is important to education, understanding, and ensuring its eradication. On the recent History Trip, Baradene students visited Poland, and Bosnia and Herzegovina to enhance their learning about genocide.

In July, History students from Baradene College travelled to Poland, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The trip took place after students had completed comparative genocide studies, learning about the Holocaust in Year 11 History and at the Bosnian War and Srebrenica Massacre in Year 12 History. Underlying the trip's focus are questions that remain relevant today:

- *What causes genocide to take place?*
- *Why would genocide happen in Europe 50 years after the Holocaust?*
- *How were people impacted by these events?*
- *How did people attempt to resist this?*
- *How did the world respond?*

In Poland, the students learned more about the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising by Jewish people in 1943, and the Warsaw Uprising by the Polish underground resistance in 1944.



Students travelled to the Masurian Lakes to visit the eerie ruins of the Wolf's Lair, where Hitler was based for three years. This was the place from which many of the decisions about the Holocaust were made, as well as the location of Operation Valkyrie, the failed plot to assassinate Hitler with a bomb in a briefcase.

In Krakow, students toured the Oskar Schindler Factory museum and went on a day trip to Auschwitz II-Birkenau, the former Nazi concentration and extermination camp.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has undertaken considerable rebuilding since the Bosnian War; however, a tour of sites from the Siege of Sarajevo made this period of history come to life. Students were in Bosnia for the 24th anniversary of the Srebrenica Massacre, passing many burnt-out and ruined buildings as they



drove towards the site of the killing of thousands of men and boys. Visiting the new museum at the former United Nations Headquarters was an emotionally charged experience. Its displays helped students further understand how the UN could not save the Muslim people they had been tasked with protecting. The visit ended in the cemetery with a prayer which included these lines:

God of mercy

*We remember with sorrow the thousands of young and old men,
Innocent lives destroyed brutally because of hatred and vengeance;
The young dreams that never came to fruition,
The old age that was not spent with family and friends.
We remember with sorrow their loss to their grieving mothers,
family, and friends.*

God of generations

*Help us in our fight against vengeance, prejudice and hatred,
Strengthen us in our efforts to open benighted eyes, distorted
visions through mistrust and misunderstanding,
Enlighten us so there shall never be destruction of your creation again.*

ON HALLOWED GROUND

During this year's History Trip to Europe, Baradene students also travelled to holy sites, making a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as visiting the Vatican in Rome.

After learning more about genocide in Poland, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, Baradene students made a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. The Blessed Virgin Mary is believed to have first appeared here to six children on 24 June 1981. The site has become a major pilgrimage centre for Catholics, and it is believed that apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary regularly continue to occur here. Students visited the Church of St James, where pilgrims pray to Our Lady of Medjugorje, and saw sculptor Dino Felici's beautiful statue of the Queen of Peace.

In Rome, students visited the Vatican, where they viewed the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, and St Peter's Basilica. They then walked across Rome to the top of the Spanish Steps, where the Trinità dei Monti church is located, and were fortunate to view the original *Mater Admirabilis* fresco there. A young RSCJ novice, Pauline Perdreaux, painted this iconic fresco depicting the Virgin Mary in the middle of the 19th century in one of the corridors of the convent where the sisters of the Sacred Heart lived at that time. Pope Pius IX, on visiting the convent, recognised this fresco and gave the authorisation to change the corridor into a chapel.

Nowadays, a painting of *Mater Admirabilis* can be found in every Sacred Heart school around the world, including Baradene. Mr Coutts read the "Prayer to Mater Admirabilis" before students entered the chapel for silent reflection with the painting. This was a wonderful way to complete this special trip to Europe. Special thanks to trip leaders Brent Coutts, Sarah Whitehead, and Connor McFadyen.



Prayer to Mater Admirabilis

*Mother Most Admirable,
Guardian of our interior life,
we come to ask you to detach us,
to loosen our grasp on visible things
and lead us back to the Invisible which your eyes behold:
The invisible presence
The invisible life
The invisible action
The invisible love
All these realities of faith which are, for us, eternal values.
When we are preoccupied in the activity of the visible,
keep us in the light of the unseen,
and make us strong as though we beheld the invisible.
Give us, we ask, a hunger and thirst for the essential.
Amen.*





The Social Science Faculty has recently launched a Community Partnership with Centro Treinamenu Intergral e Desenvolvement, a Catholic school in Baucau, Timor-Leste.

During the July school holidays, 12 Baradene students were the first New Zealand school group to visit Timor-Leste, which is located above Australia and is one of the poorest countries in the world. The trip started with a tour of the historical sites of Dili, the largest city in Timor-Leste. We visited the places where the dramatic protests and massacres took place that culminated in the birth of this new nation. Our group adapted quickly to the warm climate, different cultural norms, and the reality that, as foreigners in a developing country, we were a rare and curious sight. This was especially evident outside the main city. Driving through the country, local children ran alongside our vans to look, cheer, and wave at this group of foreign visitors.

Our main purpose in visiting Timor-Leste was to launch our new Community Partnership with Centro Treinamenu Intergral e Desenvolvement, a Catholic school located in Baucau. Mr Brent Coutts and Ms Vicky Reilly set this Community Partnership programme up in 2018 and the 2019 trip was led by Ms Reilly and Ms Angela Byrnes. This sustainable partnership is aimed at contributing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 17: Strengthen the means

of implementation and revitalise the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development. The fundamental core of good partnerships is the ability to bring together individuals from different backgrounds in ways that can together achieve cooperation and collaboration, and make an impact on each other's lives.

Our time at the school was spent collaborating with students in various activities including drama, technology, cooking, sport, and art. The Timorese students especially wanted to practise their English in conversation, and very soon, we were all talking, laughing, and singing together. We initiated our first enterprise project, which will see the Timorese students making cloth shopping bags, which we can sell on their behalf in New Zealand.

This inaugural trip marks the start of an annual event. If you would like to visit Timor-Leste as it opens up to the world, the Social Science Faculty Community Partnership will hold a trip each July, open to senior students. This is a unique experience that offers students a chance to participate in social justice in a developing country and make a real difference.





History students meet a Holocaust survivor

We were honoured to host Holocaust survivor Guta Goldstein, who spoke to our History students. Guta survived the Łódź Ghetto, then Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, and Mehltheuer concentration camps. Guta gave a lot of details about the abominable conditions inside the ghetto, where she witnessed the premature death of her father from pneumonia caused by starvation, then the death of her younger sister from meningitis. In August 1944, the ghetto was liquidated and Guta, together with her aunt and cousin, were rounded up and deported to Auschwitz. Despite being small and undernourished, Guta inexplicably survived numerous selections and deportations, and she attributes her survival to a series of miracles and good fortune. She was 15 years old when Mehltheuer was liberated on 16 April 1945. In sharing her story of survival, Guta connected students to this important historical narrative that we have studied.

Caitlin O'Carroll (Year 12) attends the Youth CHOGM

Along with 53 other college students from around New Zealand, Caitlin O'Carroll recently represented Baradene at the Youth Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Wellington. The Youth CHOGM replicated the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, a biennial summit meeting of the heads of government of all Commonwealth nations. Held at Parliament, students were given the opportunity to debate in the House of Representatives and have dinner in the Grand Hall. Caitlin watched parliamentary procedure and riveting debates between Jacinda Ardern and Simon Bridges, and was also able to participate in moral and economic debates, mock forums of Commonwealth meetings, and represent different member states on certain issues. Caitlin says, "It was an experience that I will remember forever and would recommend to anybody in a heartbeat. The opportunities I was given and amount I was able to learn about government and international relations both inspired and humbled me."



A taste of uni life in California

Year 13 students Anna van Wijk and Antonia Brightwell attended the Great Books Programme run by Thomas Aquinas College (TAC) in Santa Paula, California. This is an opportunity for students who are thinking about attending TAC to get a feel for the classes and environment. Unlike most universities, at TAC there are no textbooks or electives, and very few lectures. Instead, students use the "discussion method": Sitting around a table with a professor and other students, discussing original works from the greatest minds in history. In this way, learning becomes active, and you experience the give and take of debate, unravelling texts and ideas with combined insight and understanding. Not only did Anna and Antonia experience university life, they also had fun, visiting the Getty Center, Hollywood Bowl, Santa Barbara Beach, and Mugu Peak, as well as volleyball games, open mic nights, swing-dancing lessons, a last-minute Shakespeare performance, thrift shopping, and much more. Visit thomasaquinas.edu/admission/high-school-summer-program for more info.



Neve Petherbridge (Year 12) reports on the annual Youth NZ United Nations Aotearoa Youth Declaration.

During the April holidays, Year 12 students Valentina Serrano and Neve Petherbridge, and Year 13 students Bella Hosking and Lisa Cwetler attended the annual Youth NZ United Nations Aotearoa Youth Declaration. Over four days within our different ropu (groups), we discussed local and national issues, problem-solved, created resolutions, engaged with guest speakers, and participated in the outreach programme. In the Governance ropu – the group I was a member of – we visited and observed the High Courts, which was incredibly interesting. During the four-day programme, the group activities and stories shared by guest speakers challenged our thoughts, provoked deeper thinking, and generated new ideas. Our minds were opened to different perspectives on many aspects of New Zealand’s society. I learned valuable information from the topics we addressed in the declaration and from the individuals I engaged with. The UN Youth event also gave us the opportunity to meet new people and form strong friendships with students from around New Zealand. Overall, the Aotearoa Youth Declaration was a memorable experience that developed our mindsets and skills.

With the assistance of a grant from Baradene’s Growing Heart Foundation, Year 11 students Laura Mooney and Ashleigh Munapeyi were selected to represent New Zealand at the United Nations Youth Pacific Project in July.

The first week of their trip was spent in Melbourne, where Laura and Ashleigh participated in the UN Youth Australia National Conference. In Melbourne their residence was Melbourne University, where they conversed and lived with 130 like-minded youth from all over Australia, as well as a small delegation of Taiwanese students, all of whom shared the same passion and curiosity for the future. This first week consisted of workshops, a Model United Nations Assembly, passionate debates at the Victoria Parliament, and learning about the United Nations. It was a week of finding not only new views of the world, but undoubtedly making lifelong friends and memories.

Their second week was spent in the nation of Vanuatu at a homestay in Pango Village. Here they visited different non-governmental organisations and charities, such as Oxfam, the Blind Foundation, and Care International, to find out what they do and how they operate within Vanuatu and throughout the Pacific. Many of the organisations they visited had a focus on youth and female empowerment. They left each meeting feeling so empowered and with many ideas to bring back to their own communities. As well as visiting charities, they visited the New Zealand Embassy and got to meet the High Commissioner, who gave them an insight into New Zealand’s role in the Pacific. It was a truly life-changing experience that Laura and Ashleigh will never forget, and they’re grateful to the Growing Heart Foundation for the grant which enabled them to go (turn to page 40 to find out more).





TESSA BRUNTON (Year 13)
Bronze Medal, International
Geography Olympiad

Year 13 student Tessa Brunton represented New Zealand at the International Geography Olympiad in Hong Kong from 30 July to 5 August. She was part of a team of four Year 13 students from around the country. Her selection into the NZ team involved writing an essay comparing the potential impacts of climate change on Hong Kong and New Zealand before being chosen to travel to Wellington to complete a series of tests to determine the final selection. In Hong Kong, Tessa competed against students from over 40 other countries in three sections: Fieldwork, multimedia, and the written response. Tessa was ranked 73rd in the world, receiving a Bronze medal for being in the top 50% of participants. She said the highlight of her experience was “meeting amazing, like-minded people from all around the world and getting to experience a wide variety of cultures.”



KELSEY MAUER (Year 12)
Runner-Up Youth Health
Volunteer of the Year

National Volunteer Week, which takes place each June, celebrates the collective contribution of the 1.2 million volunteers who enrich Aotearoa New Zealand. Kelsey Mauer (Year 12) was recently recognised by Hon David Clark as Runner-Up Youth Health Volunteer of the Year at the Ministry of Health Volunteer Awards. Kelsey has dedicated hundreds of hours of voluntary work to Recreate NZ, a not-for-profit organisation that provides social and adventure opportunities for youth with intellectual disabilities. Kelsey volunteers on many of Recreate NZ's programmes, including holiday programmes, “urban youth” evening programmes, junior adventure weekends, markets, and the Auckland Down Syndrome social club events. Recreate NZ says, “Kelsey shows great promise and will be a ‘future change maker’ for disabled youth. She has a fantastic attitude working with our young people and shows experience and patience beyond her years. We are so proud of her achievement and we are honoured to have such an amazing volunteer involved with Recreate NZ.”



HONOR BROWNE (Year 13)
Science Scholarship,
Harry Messel International
Science School

In the July holidays, Honor Browne (Year 13) was awarded a scholarship from the Royal Society as one of six students selected from New Zealand to attend the Harry Messel International Science School. Since 1958, the International Science School has taken place every two years at the University of Sydney. Along with 130 other students from eight different countries, Honor attended lectures from leading scientists from around the world, and participated in lab sessions and academic challenges. Highlights were the lectures on advanced scientific research – for instance, developing nano robots out of DNA and quantum computers – and also making a working bionic hand out of craft supplies with no guidance. Honor says, “I made many international friends and loved talking with other like-minded students. It was interesting listening to them talk about their ideas and passions. To end this amazing experience, I was also awarded my group's prize for leadership, willingness to learn, and inclusiveness.”





WINTER TOURNAMENT

*National
Football
Champions
two years
running!*

FOOTBALL

National Champions once again!

The Baradene Football 1st XI won their maiden title in Taupo last year, and this year, they won it again in Christchurch! Winning back-to-back championships is a tough ask for any team, nor would they be expected to win the championship with eight new players in the squad, four of whom joined only the week before tournament. However, our players conquered that challenge and look to continue to make history!

It was a slow start for Baradene in pool play, with one early loss to Westlake Girls High School dampening their spirits. However, after moving to Top 16 on goal difference, the momentum was starting to shift our way. Wins against St Mary's College Wellington and Wellington East Girls College saw Baradene through to a match against Epsom Girls Grammar in the semi-final. We (once again) took it out in penalties, and then went on to win 3-0 against Hillcrest High School in the final. Prue Catton (Year 11) scored eight goals in the tournament (one off golden boot), Margaret Wood (Year 13) kept a clean sheet for all knockout games, and Hannah Pilley (Year 13) stole the show in the final with two brilliant goals. Special thanks to coach Ryan Shiffman and Bernadette Goulding for all their hard work.



BASKETBALL

The Senior Premier Team competed in the AA Zone 1 Schick Premierships, playing tough games against teams in the Premier Competition. Baradene proved we can compete with the best!

With wins against Mt Albert Grammar School, Epsom Girls Grammar School, and Northcote College early on, we also came up against St Mary's College and Carmel College, who both proved too strong for us. Heading into day three, we were up against Rangitoto College. Even though we took them to the wire, the loss by one goal meant we had one last shot at Nationals against One Tree Hill College, who dominated the scoring. Our final result for the week was seventh place. Post tournament, a team withdrew from Nationals, so Baradene will be attending. A huge thanks to Coach Andrew Parke, Assistant Coach Candice Marsh, Manager Geoff Norgate, Lauren Arndt, and all the parents and supporters.



HOCKEY

The 1st XI had the most successful Tournament in Baradene history. For the first time, the team qualified for the Federation Cup (Top 16 in NZ).





They had a fantastic start to the Tournament, matching up against past Federation Cup winners, Rangī Ruru Girls' School. This set a high standard for their following performances. With coaching from Phoebe Steele and Lorene Maher, the team continued to succeed, finishing in twelfth place.

CYCLING

Our cycling squad competed at the Northern Tour in mid-September.

The Northern Tour consists of an ITT, Hill Climb, and a Criterium, and this year the Criterium event was for National titles. Baradene had another "sister" double following in the footsteps of the Mortons last year; this year it was the turn of the Hopkinson sisters, Alice (Year 10) and Lara (Year 12), to take out the National Champion titles. Congratulations to all our cyclists, who rode in some tough conditions over the two days.

Congratulations to our Gold medallists!

 ALICE HOPKINSON U16 Hill Climb	 NATALYA CARTER U20 Hill Climb	 ALICE HOPKINSON U16A Hill Criterium
 LARA HOPKINSON U20 Hill Criterium	General Classification top three placings (overall points from the three events): U16 – First: Alice Hopkinson (Year 10) U17 – Third: Jorja Clouth (Year 11) U20 – First: Lara Hopkinson (Year 12) U20 – Third: Grace Cummins (Year 12)	

HOCKEY RESULTS	
Pool Play	
vs Rangī Ruru Girls' School	0-3 loss
vs King's College	2-1 win
vs Sacred Heart Girls' College	3-0 win
Top 16 Playoff	
vs St Andrew's College	2-4 loss
9-16 Playoff	
vs Columba College	4-1 win
9-12 Playoff	
vs Napier Girls' High School	2-4 loss
11 th /12 th Playoff	
vs Bethlehem College	0-3 loss



WINTER TOURNAMENT



NETBALL

Our Premier Netball Team had a fabulous week competing at the Upper North Island Secondary School Tournament held at Netball North Harbour in Auckland.

The girls played strong and courageous netball, going through undefeated to secure their spot in the Top Eight. With such a high calibre of teams at the tournament, the road from there was tougher, and our final result was seventh place in the Upper North Island. Thank you to Kiri Wills, Megan Parke, Shona Burrows, and Brittany Hastings-Kutty for supporting the girls through a very memorable and enjoyable week. Congratulations to Vika Koloto (Year 13) for being named in the tournament team.



NETBALL SUMMARY	
DAY 1	
vs Hillcrest High School and Rotorua Girls' High School	2 wins
DAY 2	
vs Aorere College and Waikato Diocesan School for Girls	2 wins
DAY 3	
vs Trident High School and Epsom Girls Grammar School	1 win, 1 loss
DAY 4	
vs St Kentigern College and St Peter's School	2 losses
DAY 5	
Our playoff for sixth place against Westlake Girls High School resulted in a tough loss by one point. The last game was against Mt Albert Grammar School, and we rounded off the week with a big win to secure seventh place.	

AIMS GAMES 2019

Year 7 and 8 students had a great week at the AIMS Games International Sporting Championships. This exciting event runs over eight days, giving students an opportunity to compete against the best of their age from New Zealand and invited countries.

As well as some brilliant results, we are most proud of the exceptional Cor Unum spirit our students displayed both while playing, and with the overwhelming support they showed for all the other Baradene teams there. A huge congratulations to our Football team, who came second (the best result in Baradene history) – they went down to a very strong Mt Maunganui Intermediate team 1-2 in the final. Thanks also to all the amazing coaches, managers, and parent helpers who travelled with the teams.

TEAM PLACINGS	
Football	2nd
Water Polo	4th
Netball	6th
Hockey	17th
Basketball	22nd
INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING BARADENE:	
Swimming	Amelia Bray: Gold in both 12 years 50m and 100m butterfly
Swimming	Isabella Gibson: Silver in 13 years & over 200m backstroke and Bronze in 100m backstroke
Rock Climbing	Dixie Whiting: Second overall in Year 7 after a week of exceptional performances
Cross Country	Girls came mid-field on a challenging course
Gym Sports	Jemma Cronin: 1st Maddy Meredith: 4th Sofia Bray: 8th



NZSS SWIMMING

Our swimmers had a great weekend at the National Championships, winning nine medals and an overall fifth placing for the team.

Congratulations to:

- **Lanihei Connolly:** Gold 13 years 50m breaststroke, Silver 13 years 100m breaststroke, Silver 13 years 100IM
- **Trelise Dance:** Silver 14 years 50m breaststroke
- **Olivia Gibson:** Silver 14 years 200m breaststroke
- **Olivia Upston:** Gold Para 100IM, Silver Para 100m backstroke, Silver Para 100 freestyle, Silver Para 50m backstroke

NEW ZEALAND SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Once again we have a record number of Baradene College students who have had the honour of representing New Zealand in their code. The commitment, dedication, and hard work these students put in to achieve at this level is amazing, and we are proud of you all!



Kate Vernal
Ice & Inline Hockey



Olivia Upston
Para Swimming



Natalya Carter
Triathlon & Cross Country



Grace Cummins
Cycling



Chelsea Sharp
Touch



Jorja Gantley
Karate



Vika Koloto
Netball



Havana Hopman
Rhythmic Gymnastics



Valentina Serrano
AFL



Georgia Fitzpatrick
Diving



Jaime Watson
Weightlifting

SPORTS REPS



Hannah Pilley
Football



Emily Carr
Ice Hockey



Lucy Burrell
Rowing



Aimee Blackmore
Cycling



Alexandra Galvin
Cycling



Jorja Clouth
Cycling



Zoe Mains
Sailing



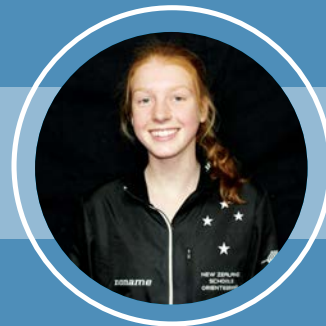
Audrey Rossolatos
Archery



Chelsea Oliver
Water Polo



Penelope Salmon
Orienteering



Anna Duston
Orienteering



Ruby Nathan
Orienteering



Rachel Duston
Orienteering



Kate Duncan
Football



Frances Jonas
Indoor Cricket



GO FOR GOLD

AWARDS

Baradene’s instrumental music groups enjoyed great success and achieved outstanding results at the KBB Music Festival this year.

The KBB Music Festival showcases secondary school orchestras, concert bands and jazz bands in Auckland. Each year, approximately 130 groups represent more than 50 schools from across the greater Auckland region. Groups perform in professional venues, competing for awards and a place in the gala concerts.

This year, we had three groups representing Baradene Music: The Combined Baradene and St Peter’s Orchestra and the Baradene Concert Band in the competitive category, and the Baradene Symphonic Band in the non-competitive category.

The Concert Band and the Orchestra showcased outstanding performances of their carefully crafted repertoires, for which they were acknowledged with a Gold award. A special award for the Best Performance of a Work in an “Other Style” was also presented to the Orchestra.

The Symphonic Band delivered an uplifting performance, for which they received huge applause from the crowd in Holy Trinity Cathedral.

A very special thank you to all the students and teachers involved, and to everyone who supported the groups on the way to their success this year.

- **GOLD** for Concert Band
- **GOLD** for Senior Orchestra
- **SPECIAL AWARD** for Best Performance of a Work in an “Other Style” for Senior Orchestra



SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST

Baradene performers took top places at the 2019 Smokefree Rockquest music competition.
 Congratulations to our young vocalists for their outstanding performances!

**Auckland Central Solo-Duo Region
 First Place: Marianne Leigh**

Third Place: Katie-Lee Webster

Smokefree Best Vocals: Katie-Lee Webster





★
GOLD
AWARD



CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL

Baradene Concert Band, under the directorship of Nino Sloser, received a Gold Award at the NZCBA (New Zealand Concert Band Association) Festival, where we competed against bands from across New Zealand. It is the first time the band has been awarded the top award, and it is the only band from an all-girls' school to have received it this year. The adjudicators acknowledged our interesting and challenging programme, and were particularly impressed by our percussion section!

TRINITY GALA

Year 13 students Antonia Brightwell and Bridie Nelson report on the Baradene and St Peter's College Gala Concert.

In August, we held the second annual Baradene and St Peter's College Gala Concert in Parnell's Holy Trinity Cathedral, showcasing a fine selection of the music ensembles. Baradene's Senior Orchestra, Senior Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Schola Choir each performed a selection of their KBB Music Festival and Big Sing National Finale repertoires. We enjoyed two very entertaining MCs: Well-known New Zealand actress Theresa Healey, and local St Peter's dad Richard Christensen, who both kept the evening running smoothly and captivated the audience with their humour! Overall, this night was



awesome preparation for competition season but, most importantly, it was an amazing opportunity for our families, friends, and the local community to come together to celebrate the immense talent and spirit that Baradene and St Peter's music students have to share.

SINGING SUCCESS



SCHOLA
RECEIVED
A BRONZE
AWARD!

BIG SING 2019

In June, Schola took part in the Auckland Regional Big Sing Festival alongside 72 other choirs, and was awarded a Distinction Award, the top award that a choir can be awarded at the regional level. Matt Pipe also received the Most Promising Conductor award. Over 7,000 students took part in this year's Big Sing, and Schola was selected in the top 24 choirs out of hundreds of entries to perform at the National Finale in Dunedin, where they received a Bronze award. A finalist placing is a massive achievement and a real vote of confidence that the choir programme at Baradene is achieving great things. Special thanks to Elizabeth Lau for her outstanding professional support and piano accompaniment.

Silver
for
Sophia!



KIDS SING FESTIVAL

The Sophia Choir, an all-comers choir of keen Year 7 and 8 singers, took part in the Kids Sing Festival this year at Auckland Town Hall. Kids Sing is a sort of "junior Big Sing" that gives primary- and intermediate-aged singers the opportunity to perform three choral pieces on the big stage. This year, the Sophia choir, led by Matt Pipe, took part and received a Silver Award for their committed and energised performance. The choir was enormous this year, with over 60 singers. This bodes well for the future of choral singing at the College!



BARADENE MUSIC COMPETITION

2019 marks the second year that Baradene's Music Department has run the annual Baradene Music Competition for the many outstanding student musicians here at the College.

53 students took part across all year levels and in the categories for string, woodwind, brass, piano, percussion, and voice. This year saw the introduction of a new category for small groups which featured a range of vocal and instrumental ensembles.

The adjudication was overseen by three very experienced and qualified musicians from around Auckland: Elizabeth Lau, a local musician who has a diverse range of skills and experience from conducting and composition through to performance, adjudicated the senior categories while Lorna Wright, a very active performer in Auckland and local itinerant flute teacher, oversaw the intermediate musicians. Our Juniors had the pleasure of being adjudicated by Ronnie Karadjov, Head of Music at Marist College.



Ella O'Brien

The following students were awarded First Place in their category:

Junior Piano	Ella Nie	Senior Piano	Eumin Byun
Junior Strings	Olivia Zhu	Senior Strings	Ella O'Brien
Junior Wind:	Caitlin Murphy	Senior Brass	Bridie Nelson
Junior Vocal (Filipo Cup)	Nikita Nobre	Senior Wind	Poppy McDonnell
Junior Musician of the Year	Emma Chen	Senior Vocal	Marianne Leigh
Intermediate Piano	Alina Chen	Senior Musician of the Year	Marianne Leigh
Intermediate Strings	Katie-Lee Webster	Senior Group	Kate Scotting and Nastasia Healey
Intermediate Wind	Alina Chen		
Intermediate Brass	Charlotte Crean	Junior Group	Juliene Salvio and Kerryn Gray
Intermediate Percussion	Ella McKanny		
Intermediate Vocal (Harris Cup)	Katie-Lee Webster		
Intermediate Musician of the Year	Alina Chen		



LET'S MAKE MUSIC

Years 7 and 8 are the perfect time for students to take up an instrument and get excited about making music. Here's why.

In Year 7 and 8, Baradene students receive instrumental tuition during their designated music class period (curricular music). Students will learn and play a band or orchestral instrument during class time, and perform music as a class ensemble.

This scheme enables students of all musical levels and abilities to develop music literacy, instrumental playing, and a wide range of interdisciplinary skills that are beneficial for their academic progression and cultural personification.

Students will be allocated an instrument based on their music testing and personal preference and, with health and safety in mind, we request that each student have their own instrument to practise in class and at home. The Music Department emails each parent with details on instrument selection and hire information towards the end of each school year.

Group assessments and inter-class music competitions for each of our Year 7 and 8 classes will be held, as well as opportunities for students to perform to local rest homes, connecting with our community.

Seven reasons why children should learn a musical instrument

1. For the shy child, playing a musical instrument is self-expression.
2. For the awkward child, it's co-ordination.
3. For the impulsive child, it's a way to channel energy into a rewarding accomplishment.
4. For the easily distracted child, it's concentration.
5. For the uncertain child, it's poise and confidence.
6. For the child who gives up easily, it's perseverance.
7. For a socially withdrawn child, it's a way to connect.



DANCE DREAM COME TRUE



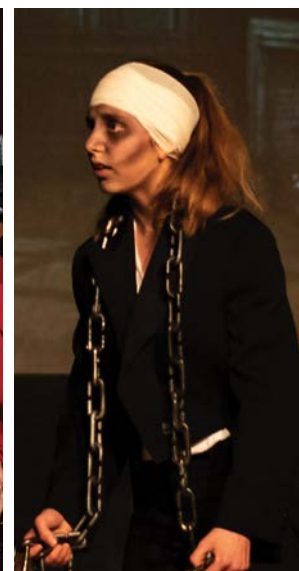
Jadyn Bagayas (Year 12) has been awarded a scholarship to attend Ballet Academy East, a prestigious ballet academy in New York. She will be part of the pre-professional division and will be trained by some of the world's best choreographers and dancers. The scholarship is only awarded to one student worldwide each year. Jadyn was noticed during a workshop over the holidays, and was offered this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. A huge congratulations to Jadyn – what an outstanding achievement!



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

A timeless classic was brought to life onstage in the Year 10 Drama cohort's production of *A Christmas Carol*.

The Year 10 Drama cohort's production celebrated midwinter Christmas with Charles Dickens' timeless tale of redemption and the power of love: *A Christmas Carol*. Both Year 10 Drama classes were involved in a play that utilised our beautiful proscenium arch theatre in Jubilee – reminiscent of the musical halls of Victorian London, which Dickens loved to attend. The play is rich with character and language, much of which, in this adaptation, is taken directly from the novel. This gave the students the opportunity to play multiple roles and use their creativity to bring these colourful characters to life. The Year 10 Drama cohort created props and worked on costume and set, taking full ownership of this production. The result was a heart-warming, feel-good production that the students tackled with commitment and professionalism. Well done to Miss Bolton and all of the students involved!



SHUDDER

The Year 12 Drama students' production of *Shudder* was exciting and emotional for both the performers and the audience.

The Year 12 Drama students' performance of Pip Hall's New Zealand play *Shudder* was a highlight of Term 2. The script is a poetic piece about the colourful underworld of Wellington's subcultures, and shows how different types of people cope in a moment of crisis. It asks the audience to consider what we all do to survive in life, in love, and in moments of hardship. *Shudder* features an onstage earthquake, 12 different locations, and hundreds of diverse characters all within a one-hour show, so it is a challenging play for a class to tackle. The Year 12 Drama students spent all of Term 2 designing and rehearsing the production, which was performed in Jubilee in August. Rather than traditional theatre staging, the class performed the show on a cross-shaped stage to help make the audience part of the experience. Brecht's minimalistic theatre techniques were used to help with quick shifts in place, character, and experience. Above all, exceptional acting skill, narration, multi-roling, and clever ensemble work from the Year 12 Drama students helped bring this play to life in an entertaining and exciting way. Well done to all involved!



Meet the Sisters



The Religious of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ) of Baradene College are a unique and important part of the College's past, present, and future. You may remember them from your own student days, or notice them around campus. Gavin Rennie profiles the eight RSCJ who live at the Baradene Convent.



Sister Mary Newman-Watt RSCJ

Sister Mary Newman-Watt is an alumna and former Head Girl of Baradene, which she attended with her late sister Ethel, who was also an RSCJ. Sister Mary was one of a large family and, in addition to having an RSCJ sister, she had another sister who became a Sister of Mercy, and a brother who was a member of the Society of Mary.

Sister Mary grew up in rural Paremure and attended a small local state school before coming to Baradene. On leaving school, she served as a nurse at Greenlane Hospital and then joined her sister in the Noviceship at Rose Bay in Sydney. As soon as she made her first vows, Sister Mary returned to teach in New Zealand. She undertook teacher training at Loreto Hall and taught at Baradene, St Madeleine Sophie's School, Erskine, and Braybrook in Melbourne. She was a gifted teacher, loving and well-loved by generations of children. Her later teaching was in Christchurch, where she spent many years at Christ the King Parish School and was actively involved in church life in that city.

Noted for her warm and caring nature, Sister Mary enjoys her ongoing contact with Social Awareness students and still gets great pleasure from her garden, which is in the back of the Mitchelson Block.



Sister Margaret D'Ath RSCJ

Sister Margaret D'Ath was born in Otaki in 1924 and was educated at Erskine. After a short time working in Wellington, Sister Margaret entered the Noviceship at Rose Bay in 1942. After her first vows, Sister Margaret pursued a BA degree at Sancta Sophia College within Sydney University. She later did postgraduate studies at Melbourne University.

For many years, Sister Margaret was a brilliant and resourceful teacher at Baradene, Erskine, and Sacré Cœur in Melbourne. In 1967, she was principal of Loreto Hall, the Catholic teachers' college in Remuera, which the Society ran on behalf of the Bishops of New Zealand to train teachers for Catholic schools. She spent 1988 to 1991 on exchange in Woldingham, Surrey.

Sister Margaret went on to work in the Religious Education offices of both the Wellington and Christchurch Dioceses, and later trained in Canon Law and worked in the Auckland Diocesan Tribunal until well into her eighties. For a number of years, she was a member of a small parish-based community in Massey.

Sister Margaret's Baradene students were always appreciative of her many gifts, and she continues to keep in touch with many of them, and attends their annual reunions.

A word about place names...

- "Erskine" is used to refer to Erskine College, the last name by which the Society's school in Wellington was known before its closure in 1985. Over the years, it was referred to variously as "Island Bay", the "Convent of the Sacred Heart in Wellington", "Convent of the Sacred Heart, Island Bay", and many permutations thereof. Here we have referred to it as "Erskine" for simplicity's sake, but it may have been called something else at the time the Sisters were there.
- Some of the Sisters refer to "Rose Bay" and "Kincoppal"; these refer to the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Rose Bay, and Kincoppal School at Elizabeth Bay, Sydney. In 1971 these two schools were merged at the Rose Bay site, and the school is now known as "Kincoppal-Rose Bay".
- Baradene College, as it is now known, was once also a primary school.



Sister Barbara Crombie RSCJ

Sister Barbara Crombie grew up in Wellington near St Mary's College, where she was at school for 12 years together with her sister, who entered the Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion. Sister Barbara loved school and the Sisters of Mercy, but realised that in spite of having an early call to religious life, it was to be in another order. She met the Society through an invitation to a retreat at Erskine and reading about the life of St Madeleine Sophie, and she later entered the Noviceship at Rose Bay. After first vows, she began teaching at Rose Bay and was evacuated to the country along with her pupils during World War II. Sister Barbara studied languages at The University of Melbourne and The University of Auckland, and taught in Melbourne, at Erskine, and then at Baradene.

Attracted to the contemplative life, Sister Barbara asked to spend a short time in India, where the Society had gone before World War II to establish houses. The "short time" expanded to over 20 years, during which Sister Barbara lived and served in the Jewan Dhara Ashram in the Himalayas, where people came to pray and learn from the wisdom of Vandana Mataji and Ishpriya Mataji, the RSCJ Gurus of the Ashram.

At Baradene, Sister Barbara lives differently from the other members of the community. Her life is contemplative, including a retreat day each week. She can be seen walking along Victoria Avenue most days. Sister Barbara has a keen interest in the school, and has often remarked on how happy the girls look when she sees them. Now 97, she is a good example of a life that was and still is being lived well.



Sister Annett Hanrahan RSCJ

Sister Annett Hanrahan was raised in Whanganui and Blenheim, and attended Erskine. In her last year, she was Head of the School and, soon after leaving, entered the Society at Rose Bay. After her first vows, Sister Annett returned to New Zealand to do teacher training at Loreto Hall, then began teaching at Baradene. She later taught at Erskine and in Christchurch, and completed a degree at the University of Canterbury.

As a young Religious, Sister Annett left the classroom to take on important administrative roles on behalf of the Society; she negotiated the integration of Baradene into the state system and, in so doing, insisted that the particular and distinctive nature of the Society's educational mission was not lost. She went on to chair the first Board of Baradene College and later served on subsequent Boards of Trustees, and was also a member of the Board of Baradene College Ltd (BCL).

During her time in Wellington and later at Whitecliffe in Auckland, Sister Annett took art classes and discovered her gift as an artist. The wonderful sandblasted windows either side of the doors at the main entrance, in the Atrium, Chapel, and Boardroom are an ongoing testament to her skill. For many years, the Stables (which is now the Uniform Shop) was Sister Annett's studio. In retirement, her creative gifts go into knitting and other crafts, and she remains interested in the College and in what is happening in the world generally.

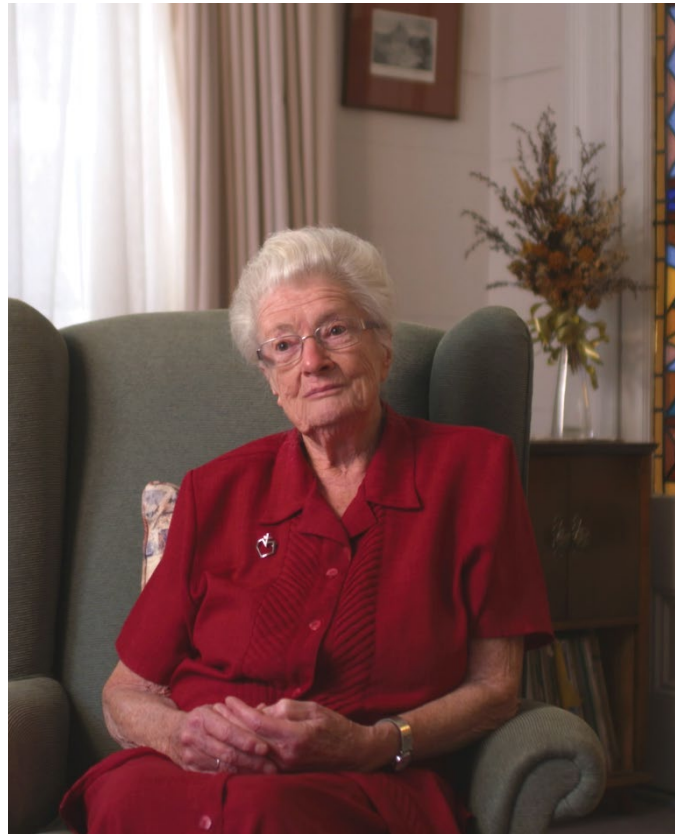


Sister Anne de Stacpoole RSCJ

Sister Anne de Stacpoole was born in Hawkes Bay and went to Erskine in Wellington at the age of five. Her three sisters and many cousins also went there. Sister Anne would say that as a child at school, she knew she was called to be a nun.

She did her Noviceship at Rose Bay, and was finally professed in February 1957 in Rome. In those days, the number of Religious was large, and five months living with RSCJ from around the world emphasised the internationality of the Society of the Sacred Heart. In 1962, after four years at the primary school in Braybrook, Melbourne, Sister Anne joined Religious of the Society from the Irish/Scottish province in taking over a training college in Uganda, where she spent five years in the administration. During this time, Uganda was going through post-colonial changes, and religious life was also changing through the directives of Vatican II. Sister Anne left Uganda one week before civil war broke out, and came back to Baradene.

In 1983, Sister Anne was accepted by the Catholic Overseas Volunteer organisation to go to Kiribati, where she served for 12 years as financial manager and secretary to the local Bishop, Pau Mea. On returning to New Zealand in 1997, she was charged with the Society's property in Orewa, where she lived a simple lifestyle within the parish and attended to visitors who used the house for retreats and rest. Sister Anne is now well known to the students at Baradene, and enjoys attending whatever school functions are taking place. It is a delight to both her and students when they share time and stories.



Sister Dorothea Hewlett RSCJ

Sister Dorothea Hewlett was born in Malta, and her father died when she was young. She attended a number of boarding schools run by various religious orders, and came in contact with the Society of the Sacred Heart when she attended Craiglockhart in Edinburgh. On leaving school, Sister Dorothea moved to Sydney with her mother and, after some time, she began her Noviceship at Rose Bay. Her call to religious life was shaped by an attraction to a contemplative life, and she found in the Society both contemplation and an active life. She spent time teaching at Kincoppal and Rose Bay, Sydney, and at Sacré Coeur, Melbourne. Through her university studies, she became fluent in a number of European languages, and has twice spent periods of time at the Society's Mother House in Rome doing translation. On returning to Australia, Sister Dorothea formed part of some small, new communities in a diverse range of places. She was moved to Baradene in 1967 to become the Society's archivist following the retirement of Sister Phyllis Goulter. She undertook this work with great commitment and dedication, and became responsible for moving records from now-closed houses of the Society to the Turnbull Library in Wellington.

For many years, Sister Dorothea was one of a small community in the cottage in the grounds of Baradene, and her cat was always a valued member of her community. She recently moved to the convent at Baradene and is now retired, but continues to read widely and take a keen interest in what is going on around her.



Sister Elizabeth Snedden RSCJ

Sister Elizabeth came to Baradene at the age of eight, together with her sister Margaret. By her own admission, she quickly fell in love with both God and the Society of the Sacred Heart. Following a distinguished career at school, she attended The University of Auckland and entered the Society when there were still relatively large numbers in the Noviceship. After first vows, Sister Elizabeth returned to New Zealand for teacher training and to further her university studies. She taught at Kincoppal, Rose Bay, Baradene, Cottesmore, and Erskine, but once the other New Zealand schools closed, she returned to Baradene where she taught Religion, French, and German until 1999. She was a classroom teacher for almost 40 years, loved and respected for her gifts of mind, love, and humanity.

As a renewal programme, Sister Elizabeth went to study

scripture in Fribourg, Switzerland in 1980. She has served as a simultaneous translator and later as a delegate at General Chapters of the Society. Sister Elizabeth twice served on the Provincial team for the ANZ Province, and is currently coordinator of the New Zealand RSCJ. She is also a member of the Board of Baradene College Ltd (BCL).

When she finished teaching at Baradene, Sister Elizabeth took up Theological Studies, doing a Master's degree at Melbourne University of Divinity and going on to Doctoral work. She was twice awarded a Loneragan Fellowship to Boston College. Recently her doctoral thesis was turned into a book *The Eros of the Human Spirit* which was launched at Baradene in 2017.

While lecturing in Theology and Spirituality at Good Shepherd College, Sister Elizabeth has continued to do formative work with alumnae, friends, and Associates around the Spirit of the Society.



Sister Philippa Wittering RSCJ

Sister Philippa Wittering has lived at Baradene for 31 years. She was born in England, then moved to Australia as a small child and lived in rural New South Wales. She was an only child but had cousins nearby, and at various stages they all went to board at Rose Bay, Sydney. She subsequently entered the Noviceship there, as did one of those cousins. Most RSCJ who entered as Choir nuns spent many years in the classroom. Sister Philippa, having done teacher training and having taught at Rose Bay, became involved more in practical and pastoral care in boarding schools as bursar, in charge of the linen room and student health. She served at Rose Bay and later at Stuartholme in Brisbane, then took on administrative duties at Duchesne, the Society's college within the University of Queensland. Sister Philippa loved Queensland, but was asked to come to New Zealand, and since then has had only short stays in Australia. She has found in her heart a deep appreciation for her adopted country too. For many years, Sister Philippa was the Society's representative on the PTA. Those who served with her admired her insight and tenacity; her other principal role for many years has been providing hospitality to visitors, something she relishes and does with élan. Sister Philippa is well known in the College because each day she sorts the mail for the school and community. She also never forgets a birthday, and reliably conveys birthday greetings. In return, each year on her birthday, the Year 7 and 8 students celebrate with her by lining the corridor of Duchesne and singing "Happy birthday". Last year was especially significant, as she turned 90. Sister Philippa has an abiding interest in all that happens at Baradene and an interest too in the lives of those who work for the College.





PTA UPDATE

Derek Pereira, Chair of the Parent Teacher Association, reports on the year that was for the PTA.

Community is much more than belonging to something; it's doing something together that makes belonging matter. As I write this, we've just completed a wonderful Father/Daughter Breakfast event held over two mornings. Baradene's fathers and daughters were treated to a scrumptious Al Brown-designed and sponsored meal followed by an inspirational talk by Cam Calkoen, who blew the audience away with his powerful speaking style and amazing experiences – a true inspiration. A special thanks to Stephen McIvor for hosting this event and making it a success. Stephen always makes the event run smoothly and we are so grateful.

We've had an amazing year, starting with a successful Wine and Cheese Evening for our Year 7 parents, closely followed by the extremely popular Baradene Art Show, then working our way through a number of special events and fundraisers during the year. Our profits from these events were up 10% from last year. To date this year, the PTA has raised approximately \$146,000, and we're especially pleased to be able to contribute \$100,000 to the new school playground.

The dedication and experience within the PTA and volunteers have made these events a huge success and I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all our PTA members and the wider Baradene families for your contribution to making this year such a successful one.

We'll end this year with our Preloved Uniform Sale on 7 December. We urge you to donate your old uniforms to the school to support this cause, as all proceeds from the event will go to the Pastoral Care Fund.

As a Catholic school, clothed in the light and guidance of our Lord Jesus, everything done here is underpinned by our Sacred Heart values – and it is these values that we as the Baradene Parent Teacher Association live and breathe. It's been a fun year working alongside my fellow PTA members and the school leadership team, and I'm looking forward to an even more exciting 2020.



PTA volunteers needed!

Do you have time to help the PTA with our special events and fundraisers? We always need more parents who can give us the gift of time and assistance at our events throughout the year! Please reach out to us at pta@baradene.school.nz – we'd love to hear from you.

PICTURE OF SUCCESS

New record!
\$122,563 raised

'Patikitiki 2019' by Annabelle Buick on display in the new Conservatoire de Musique.

With a swag of new artists and new families stepping up to help, the 2019 Baradene Art Show, the largest event run by the PTA, was once again an outstanding success, says Justine Williams.

Expertly curated by Prue Gardner and Bridget Bidwell, 140 artists' works adorned the walls of the auditorium for the Baradene Art Show, which kicked off with the Gala Opening Night on 17 May. Some 600 guests enjoyed delicious food by Gattings, along with a glass of wine – or two – while taking advantage of the first buying opportunity of the show.

The Art Show continued over the weekend, raising a staggering \$122,563.20 for the school. Proceeds from the Baradene Art Show will go towards the funding of an incredible new adventure playground, which will not only delight newcomers to our junior school, but will also be a welcome addition to the PE department.

This year, we were fortunate to welcome Lady June Hillary back to the show. Lady June and her late husband Sir Edmund Hillary were special guests at the very first Baradene Art Show, and it was an honour to have her in attendance again, 30 years later. Lady June has a longstanding connection to Baradene as her daughters, Robyn and Susan Mulgrew, attended the College in the 1960s and 1970s.

As per tradition, art has been purchased by the PTA and gifted to the school. One piece was purchased this year, with a fairly specific placement in mind. *Patikitiki 2019* by Annabelle Buick hangs proudly in the new Conservatoire de Musique. It is a concave, woven textile work.

This is a huge show to produce, and we appreciate any and all help given by parents and the wider community. This was my last show as Art Show Coordinator, and we are actively on the lookout for new people to join the team – so if you think this is you, please get in touch. It's incredibly satisfying and rewarding to be part of such a wonderful event. The 2020 Baradene Art Show will be held 15 to 17 May 2020.



(Above) Lady June and Sir Edmund Hillary at our very first Baradene Art Show, and (below) Lady June with Art Show Coordinator Justine Williams at the 2019 show.



Merci beaucoup!

The PTA would like to sincerely thank Justine Williams for her years of dedication and leadership as Art Show Coordinator. You've created an event to be proud of, Justine!



GROWING HEART NEWS

Music teacher Matt Pipe surrounded by students as they admire the new grand piano!

The Growing Heart campaign for the fit out of the new music and sports facilities will end in a few weeks. There is still time to make a donation – every dollar helps!

Now that the new Conservatoire de Musique and Sports Facilities are in use, the focus is on completing the fit out. To date, thanks to the generosity of our parent community, the Growing Heart fit out campaign has raised funds for a performance grand piano for the Conservatoire de Musique, an electronic scoreboard for the hockey turf, and bean bags for the use of media students. However, more sound and recording equipment, musical instruments, and sports equipment are needed. We hope that by the end of the campaign, with your help, the Growing Heart Foundation will be able to make further grants for these items.

This campaign has been a great example of how the Growing Heart Foundation can partner with the parent community for the benefit of all students of the College. Please continue to support this campaign – all contributions are most appreciated!

Thank you to the parent community for so generously supporting this fundraising campaign to date. You can make a one-off donation to the fit out campaign – please visit baradene.school.nz/our-community/growing-heart-foundation or contact Development Manager Stephanie Graham by email sgraham@baradene.school.nz or phone (09) 524 6019 ext 865.



ALUMNAE: HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH

Keeping up-to-date records of our alumnae through name and address changes is a huge task, and we need your assistance!

Baradene is performing very well, not only academically but across the spectrum of music, sport, and culture – and we want you to remain connected to our vibrant community. If we have your up-to-date contact details, we can keep you informed about the school's progress, share alumnae news, invite you to special celebrations and events, and send you the link to the latest *Baradene Heart* magazine.

Simply scan the QR code at right or [CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to our Alumnae update form to update your details.



Growing Heart Grants

The Growing Heart Foundation recently made a grant to assist with the travel costs for two Year 11 students, Laura Mooney and Ashleigh Munapeyi, to participate in the United Nations Youth Pacific Project. After an external application and interview process by the UN Youth team, Laura and Ashleigh were both selected as two of only 12 New Zealand secondary school students to represent New Zealand at the UN Youth Australia National Conference in Melbourne, and then to travel to Vanuatu to visit the New Zealand High Commission, see a range of NGOs, and participate in a homestay experience. See page 20 to learn more.

Laura Mooney (Year 11)

“I enjoyed meeting new, like-minded people, in an environment where we were encouraged to speak up about our thoughts and experiences. It was so interesting to hear all the different perspectives and opinions from others.”

Ashleigh Munapeyi (Year 11)

“The UN Youth Pacific Project had a number of moments that were impactful to me but one highlight was the open discussion with all delegates led by the Australian UN Youth Representative Kareem El-Ansary. This discussion led to the most passionate and inspiring open-ended conversation I have ever had in my life, which taught me the power of being heard. And then seeing a lot of youth empowerment work happening in Vanuatu, I know one thing for sure: The future is in safe hands, and I have never been more excited for the next world leaders.”



Ashleigh and Laura inside New Zealand's High Commission in Port Vila, Vanuatu, with High Commissioner Jonathan Schwass.



Hockey Alumnae vs Baradene 1st XI

Recently a group of hockey-playing alumnae returned to Baradene to play our current 1st XI under lights on the new hockey turf. Our 1st XI won the game against the alumnae team, which included players such as last year's MVP Florence Fox, the Rollo sisters, and Lucy Fuller. It was an enjoyable night for all involved, on and off the turf.



Alumnae in London

In August, while on sabbatical in London, Baradene Principal Sandy Pasley managed to catch up with a few London-based alumnae. These alumnae are keen to organise another larger alumnae event in London when the opportunity presents. If you are based in London or the UK, please let us know so we can send you details when the time comes! (Read about our last London Alumnae event in issue 4 of *Baradene Heart* magazine.)



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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.



Baradene Alumnae

'bringing alumnae together'

ALUMNAE NEWS

Alumnae Association President Mel Watson shares news from recent alumnae celebrations and events.

The Alumnae Association recently hosted our annual Five Year Reunion event at the College. A large group of alumnae who left Baradene in 2014 attended, along with various staff who taught these students, and Principal Sandy Pasley. The young alumnae were excited to see one another, be back at Baradene, and reminisce on their time at school together. We had a wonderful evening filled with laughter, connection and some nostalgia with a pop quiz: Can you name all five of the school goals, or remember what the theme of your school ball was?

Keep an eye out next time you are in the atrium of the auditorium at Baradene, as soon there will be two beautiful

honours boards installed on the wall to recognise the previous presidents of the Alumnae Association and recipients of the annual Alumnae Cor Unum Meritae Award. It's a privilege to honour these women in our alumnae community, and we thank them for their contributions.

Our committee is made up of 13 dedicated and passionate women, and we were thrilled to recently welcome Katrina Craig and Louisa Copestake into our ranks. If you haven't already, please like and follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/baradene.alumnae) to keep up-to-date with upcoming events and news from the Baradene alumnae community. Our next event is our annual High Tea and Meritae Award on 8 December. We'd love to see you there!



Baradene College
Alumnae

Baradene Alumnae
'bringing old girls together'

SAVE THE DATE

High Tea & Meritae Award
Sunday 8th December
2:30 - 4:30pm

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ALUMNAE CELEBRATE 110 YEARS

Baradene alumnae came together in May to celebrate 110 years of Baradene College. A wine and cheese evening was held on the evening of the Mass, where alumnae shared stories of their school days and enjoyed looking through old photos from the Archives on display.

ALUMNAE



MARLENA DEVOE



New Zealand-born Samoan opera star Marlena Devoe (Class of 2004) recently starred as Mimi in the New Zealand Opera's performance of *La Bohème*.

The fact that Marlena Devoe was blessed with the voice of an angel was evident from a young age. In 1998, when Marlena started Year 7 at Baradene College, she had already been accepted into Opera New Zealand Children's Chorus.

At Baradene, Marlena was introduced to musical theatre by her music teacher, Delysse Glynn. In Year 11, Marlena played the role of Mary Magdalene in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, in Year 12 she played Eponine in *Les Misérables*, and then in Year 13, she starred as Maria in *The Sound of Music*.

Marlena was also a member of Schola and her beautiful solos graced many school occasions. During her college years, Marlena sang at St Patrick's Cathedral, and she credits that experience with helping her to get over her nerves and anxiety about performing, and teaching her to harmonise and work well with other singers. In her final year at Baradene, Marlena was selected for the New Zealand Secondary Students Choir, which toured America and Canada.

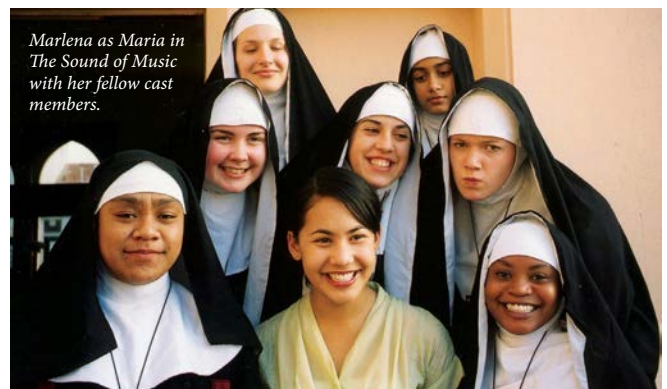
In 2005, Marlena started studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Italian and German at The University of Auckland. She continued singing at church and also started taking lessons from Frances Wilson, of Mollies hotel fame. Frances encouraged Marlena to take some small opera roles in New Zealand and then, as she gained confidence, to go overseas.

Marlena graduated from university in 2009, and in 2010 she was awarded the Anne Bellam Scholarship from The University of Auckland and the national and regional AMP Scholarships.

Following university, Marlena trained at the Manhattan School of Music in New York, and at the Wales International Academy of Voice in Cardiff, where she completed her MA in Advanced Vocal Studies with Distinction.

In 2014, Marlena won the fiercely competitive and prestigious Joan Sutherland and Richard Bonyngel Bel Canto Award in Sydney. As part of the prize, Marlena attended the Georg Solti Accademia in Tuscany and was invited to sing the role of Adina in *L'Elisir d'Amore* at the Verbier Festival in Switzerland.

2018 was a standout year for Marlena. She was a 2018 Alvarez Young Artist at Garsington Opera in Wormsley, England, and was then given the opportunity to perform the lead soprano role of Alice in Verdi's *Falstaff* at Garsington. Last September, Marlena



Marlena as Maria in *The Sound of Music* with her fellow cast members.

made her debut with the New Zealand Opera, singing the role of Mimi in Puccini's *La Bohème*. To finish off the year, Marlena returned home once more to perform *Messiah* with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra in New Plymouth, and then again with the Auckland Choral Society at the Auckland Town Hall in December.

During her career, Marlena has performed alongside Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Andrea Bocelli, Jonathan Lemalu, and Simon O'Neill, and has won many awards, among them the Leonard Ingrams Award, the Richard Bonyngel Award, and the Tait Memorial Prize. We have the feeling that these accomplishments are only the beginning for our Baradene songbird, and we are very fortunate that on visits home Marlena often returns to Baradene to give the benefit of her experience to our classical singing and music students.

Meanwhile, Marlena is back in London preparing for a different role, as she looks forward to the birth of her first child. Just imagine the lullabies that little one will be lucky enough to hear!

ALUMNAE IN THE MEDIA

We're proud to see Baradene College alumnae being recognised in the media both in New Zealand and internationally. Here are some recent profiles of alumnae in print.



Emilia Wickstead (Class of 2001)

Fashion designer Emilia Wickstead appeared on the cover of *Denizen's* Winter 2019 issue, and was recognised as a "Denizen Hero" in a special Design Award feature celebrating her accomplishments. Now based in London, Emilia's beautiful clothing designs are worn by celebrities and royalty alike, and the article describes her as "a New Zealander making a significant mark on the world."

Dr Lupe Taumoepeau (Class of 1998)

New Zealand's first female vascular surgeon and former Baradene Head Girl Dr Lupe Taumoepeau featured in Issue 2 2019 of *Fashion Quarterly*, in an article entitled "Surgeon Ahead". In it, she discusses the challenges of being the only Pacific Island vascular surgeon in Australasia, and the women who have inspired her along the way. Lupe now works in hospitals in Wellington and in the private clinic Specialist Vein Health, and teaches vascular surgery to students and interns.



Clare Gallagher (Class of 2003)

Clare Gallagher features in the April 2019 issue of *Mindfood* discussing her work in the sustainable design field. In 2018, Clare received a WELL Leadership Recognition Award from the International WELL Building Institute for her work in advancing health and wellbeing in the built environment. Clare trained as an architect and is currently employed as a Sustainability Manager at Built in Sydney.

i Baradene alumnae are doing many exciting and wonderful things in their careers and lives, and we would love to hear your news. To share your story, please email sgraham@baradene.school.nz

MILESTONES

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

Jessica Riley (Class of 2010) graduated with a Master of Laws in International Law (First Class) from Girton College at Cambridge University. The photo below shows her degree conferral by the Vice Chancellor (here deputised by a Master of one of the Colleges).



Elise Janssen (Class of 2014) graduated with a Bachelor of Chemical and Materials Engineering (Honours) from The University of Auckland and is working as a graduate engineer at Hilti in Liechtenstein while finishing her Master of Engineering Management.

Mackenzie Round (Class of 2014) graduated with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Honours) from The University of Auckland, and is employed as a graduate mechanical engineer at Beca.

Rochelle Kirby (Class of 2014) graduated with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Honours) from The University of Auckland and is working as a Graduate Mechanical Engineer at WSP Opus.

Portia Bing (Class of 2010) recently qualified to compete in 400m hurdles at the IAAF World Champs, which will be held in Doha, Qatar, in October 2019. These are Portia's second World Champs, but her first time for the 400m hurdles; she swapped from heptathlon to hurdles last year. Portia holds the national record for the 400m hurdles.

Helene Quilter (Class of 1971) was made a Companion of the Queen's Service Order for Services to the State in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2019. Helene was previously the Secretary of Defence and Chief Executive of the Ministry of Defence, and has recently been appointed as Deputy State Services Commissioner. She is also a long-standing board member of Diversity Works New Zealand.

Aisling Baker (Class of 2018), in her first year out of school, was cast in Silo Theatre's *The Wolves*, which played at Q Theatre, and which Baradene students attended. Aisling was featured in the *NZ Herald* article "Young, gifted – and answering back" on 1 June 2019.

Dominique Barker (Class of 2004) received a Master of Information Technology (Professional Practice) degree from Deakin University in Melbourne, Australia, and was awarded the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Achievement. Of the eight medals awarded each year, Dominique was one of two recipients for the faculty of Science, Engineering, and Built Environment. Her grade point average was 98.5%, the highest in the faculty. She is employed as IT Delivery Manager at DeakinCo. The photo below shows Dominique at the far right, next to Vice-Chancellor Professor Jane den Hollander.



Jessica Milicich (Class of 2013) and **Gabrielle Milicich (Class of 2016)** were named to the New Zealand Water Polo Women's Team. In March, they both went to the FINA Women's Water Polo World League Intercontinental Cup 2019 in Perth with the New Zealand Women's Water Polo Team.

Jemma James (Class of 2014) was selected to the 2019 Rowing NZ U23 Team (Womens Coxless Four) and competed in the World Rowing Under 23 Championships which were held in Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida, USA.

Nadia Olla (Class of 2017) was selected to the New Zealand Women's Football team that attended the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup in France. Nadia had earlier made her debut for New Zealand at the Women's World Cup qualifiers that were held in New Caledonia in November 2018.

Reina Va'ai (Class of 2008) has been named as a finalist in the 2019 Women of Influence Awards in the Public Policy category. She is a lawyer, journalist, and author and works for the Public Defence Service.

Julie Venter (née Erceg) (Class of 2005), a teacher at Baradene, married Pieter Venter on 23 March 2019 at St Michael's Church in Remuera, followed by a reception at Hedges Estate in Waiuku. Father John Allardyce officiated, having promised Julie he would marry her when she was a Year 9 student at Baradene! Two of the bridesmaids were Baradene alumnae: Sophie Hickey (Class of 2005) and Anna Erceg (Class of 2010).



Zosia Herlihy-O'Brien (Class of 2018), in her first year out of school, has been named Associate Principal 2nd Violin in the NZSO National Youth Orchestra. She is also Associate Concertmaster of the Auckland Youth Orchestra and Acting Organist at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Georgia de Pont (née Chunn) (Class of 2006) and her husband, Antony de Pont, welcomed a daughter, Lyra Annabel Mary de Pont, on 16 June 2019. Georgia also featured in the article "Women role up to take on work in STEM" in *The Daily Telegraph (Sydney)* on 29 June 2019.

In Memoriam

Finola Cocker (Class of 1953)

Pamela Peters (née Roach) (Class of 1955)

Mary-Elizabeth Hales (née Simson) (Class of 1947) passed away on 2 September 2019. She attended Baradene from 1935 to 1947. Her five daughters also attended Baradene: Caroline Mitchell, Nicola Barry, Philippa Bullard, Antonia Wills, and Fiona Williams.

Kathleen Mearns (née FitzPatrick) (Class of 1943) passed away on 14 August 2019 in her 94th year. Her sister Josephine Cleary (née FitzPatrick) also attended Baradene (Class of 1947); as well as Kathleen's daughters Catherine-Anne Lamb, Louise Wright, and Michelle Mearns; and her granddaughters, Sarah and Joanna Lamb, Michaela Mearns, and Ella Rose Steven.

Are you celebrating a milestone?

Share it with your fellow alumnae in the next issue of *Baradene Heart*! Tell us about your milestone, whether it's a significant career milestone, achievement, community recognition, graduation, birth, marriage, death, or award. Email development@baradene.school.nz to share your milestone.



Cecilia Koloamatangi Deputy Head Girl 2019

What I will take away from Baradene:

The sense of community that I have experienced during my time here. I have been fortunate enough to learn and grow with so many talented people who will continue to inspire me for many years to come. When I leave, I know that I will leave not only with valuable knowledge, but with a strong sense of family, love, and support as well.

In the future:

I am looking to study towards a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery. This pathway will allow me to combine both my passion for the sciences and my love for helping others. I also hope to work internationally by carrying out humanitarian work overseas.

Funny moment:

In Year 9, my friends and I were racing to the classroom and I thought it would be quicker to cut through the pile of bags outside the class. I clearly had way too much faith in my parkour abilities, which was proven when I ended up face-planting. It wasn't one of my finest moments, but it still makes me laugh to this day.



FAREWELL FROM OUR STUDENT LEADERS

From left: Sophie, Emily, and Cecilia

Emily Everitt Head Girl 2019

2019

I will take away from Baradene:

The friendships and connections made with my peers and fellow students are something that I will definitely never forget. The Year 13 cohort is a family and I am inspired by each of them. When thinking of Baradene, the laughs we have shared together are something that I will always look back on fondly.

The future:

I aim to complete a Bachelor of Law and Commerce, majoring in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. Although I am unsure where I will study (either Wellington or Otago), I am looking forward to taking the next step and continuing to challenge myself. I hope to one day be doing something that has a positive influence on the wider community.

A funny moment:

In Year 7, we had to draw scenes from the poem "The Highwayman" for English. I spent a long time trying to perfect my horse and was hoping that it looked good. That is, until Mrs Reilly came over and asked me if it was a hedgehog – the whole class was laughing. Mrs Reilly and my friends still bring it up to this day, and we laugh about my lack of artistic ability!

Sophie Everitt Deputy Head Girl 2019

I will take away from Baradene:

I've learned that whether it's coping with challenges or making the most of awesome opportunities, there's always something to learn that makes you a better person. Baradene's helped me to grow in every way possible – faith, personal best, and being part of a community.

The future:

I'm excited for the future ahead! I plan on going to university and seeing what I can achieve at the next level. Hopefully I can sneak some travel in there as well!

Funny moment:

In Year 7, when our class fish died, we held a funeral, led by our teacher Mrs Venter! The whole class came along to farewell our golden friend.



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