

The Voice

Tackling Traumatic Crime

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Crime in South Africa is very severe and deadly. There are people that do wrong such as theft, armed robber-

ies, rape, murder, kidnapping, abduction and drug selling. These things happen to men, woman and children. Police men and police woman can

help alot. According to Toney Penso, a policeman the most common crime is breaking into cars and stealing people's belongings. A



life of a police officer is very difficult in South Africa.

An example of this was when Captain Tony Penso who has been a police officer for 42 years at Rondebosch, South Africa and another police officer went to arrest a teenage boy. The rest of his family wanted him arrested. The boy was very violent and would

not get into the police vehicle. Eventually they tricked him into fetching a new tyre from the back of the car because of another 'flat'

tyre. He fell for it, and they pushed him in and closed the back of the car. They drove him back to the police station. They decided afterwards to sedate him. This is the scariest crime that Toney Penso Captain Detective of the Rondebosch Police Station has experienced!

The police officers in South Africa are very aware of how crime is affecting the ordinary people of Cape Town. Lyn a victim of a car hijacking lost R150 and got a flat tyre. Luckily the neighbors herd them and called the police. Unfortunately they weren't caught. After the crime, Lyn was counseled by Lynne Wright at Rondebosch Police Station a couple of days later.

Now you know what the crime in South Africa is like. Yes it is a severe problem that we have to live with every single day.

The Weather Today,
Weather badly
predicted by Josh Kokich

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ACC CRACKS DOWN ON HUMPTY

Vincent Curd, reporting from Abu Dhabi

Humpty Dumpty, a resident of Abu Dhabi, has suffered serious injuries to his shell after his parachute failed to open after jumping off his 30cm garden wall. Dumpty, a refrigerator polisher by trade, is under full ACC protection, but according to him there is a problem. "ACC is refusing to pay my compensation and insurance money", quoted Dumpty. "It's absolutely horrible. I am in no fit state to earn money through the job I love."

Justin Case, the ACC chairperson in charge of Dumpty's case says that it is impossible to pay Dumpty compensation because of one simple reason.

"The accident is far too subtle for compensation", said Case. "Anyone can jump off a 30cm height without sustaining any serious injuries".

Despite the numerous times Dumpty has protested saying that eggs have a very fragile body, ACC is continuing to ignore him. Dumpty has contacted his lawyer and is threatening to sue ACC unless he gets his compensation. The case shall be taken to court tomorrow.

"Its about time ACC listened to the voices of their patients, not their rulebook", says Dumpty.



Class Outraged At Courts Being Changed

Sean Eustace

Early last week the four-square courts around Cobham Intermediate School were repainted. The courts are a very common attraction for students at lunchtime and last year they even had a four-square tournament, but unfortunately the numbers on the courts outside rooms 18, 19 and 20 were changed, eg: the old number four is now number two.

The public of room 19 are outraged. 'I'm annoyed that they changed them (the numbers) around because now I'm confused' said Ribu Dhakal. 'It's so annoying!' Kyran Gray said.

The courts have now been repainted all around the school but the residents of room 19 are still annoyed. 'I just hope that next time they'll ask us first' Kyran Gray told the reporter.

There is nothing that can be done about it now, but room 19 hopes that next time they will be asked first. They also hope that other classes or individuals are not afraid to voice their problems.

Leftie Luck?

Mitch Tapp

In America five of the last presidents have been left-handed. All have been persuasive speakers and comfortable in front of an audience and this poses the question is it the same in Cobham Intermediate School?

To answer this question a survey was conducted. The first 17 lefties found were asked if they saw public speaking as a strength of theirs. From this it was discovered that half of the people see speaking in front of an audience as a strength while the other half saw it as a weakness so it looks like Cobham Intermediate School is not like the presidents of the past and present so it looks like just another coincidence.

From this test we also discovered that out of 17 people there were only 2 left-handed girls. This proves that Cobham Intermediate School, like most of the world, has more left handed boys than left-handed girls. Scientists suggest that this is because left-handedness could be related to testosterone.

Scientists have also discovered that animals favour one limb over another to get jobs done. Everything from cats to koalas around the world have been discovered displaying favouritism of one paw. This has prompted the idea to explore the differences between animals and humans with the causes of left-handedness. One particular test is to see if genders have any impact on the amount of left-handed animals and also which has the bigger percentage of lefties.

So every day new theories are being formed as to the definite answer of how left-handedness is caused.





David Bain Case

James Blanchett

David Cullen Bain was convicted in May 1995 of murder of the rest of his family on 20 June the previous year. He appealed for a retrial and he got one on May 10 2007 after repeated attempts that were ignored.

In 2006, the Privy Council agreed to hear Bain's appeal against the verdict of the Court of Appeal, and this hearing took place over five days in March 2007. On Thursday, May 10, 2007 the Privy Council quashed David Bain's murder convictions, concluding that "a substantial miscarriage of justice has actually occurred." They recommended a retrial, which the Solicitor-General of New Zealand later confirmed would take place.

The emergence of much new evidence after the trial led to the later appeals and the eventual overturn of Bain's convictions, pending a retrial. Nine of the most important items were reviewed in the Privy Council findings:

The jury did not know that Robin (the father) was "quite seriously disturbed", had reportedly hit a student at the school where he was principal, and had published brutal and sadistic children's stories in the school's newsletter, one of which involved the serial murder of members of a family.

Laniet had apparently told a friend just before the killings that she was planning to confront her parents that weekend about an incestuous relationship between her and her father Robin, but the trial judge had ruled the friend's evidence inadmissible because he saw it as unreliable. The jury therefore never heard about this possible motive for Robin. (The exclusion of this evidence was the principal question in the first appeal.) Since then, two other people had come forward stating that Laniet had told them about the incest, and another two had given supporting statements.

Prints from a right sock impregnated with blood were detected using luminol in Margaret's room, going in and out of Laniet's room, and in the hallway outside Margaret's room. They all seemed to be

from the same foot, measured at 280 mm in length. These were in places where Robin would not have gone under the Crown's theory of events. It was accepted during the trial that the prints were David's, and the prosecutor summed up saying they were too big to be Robin's. The jury were not told Robin's feet were measured to be 270 mm in length. Later measurements showed David's feet to be 300 mm in length. According to the Privy Council report, the new evidence "throws real doubt" on the assumption during the trial that the prints could not have been Robin's.

The jury was told and later reminded by the judge that the computer was turned on at precisely 6:44 am, just after David had returned home. However the exact time was not precisely recorded. A computer advisor employed by the University of Otago determined the time that the computer was switched by identifying how long it had been going, and what the current time of day was.

However he was not wearing a watch himself and relied on the watch of an accompanying constable, DC Anderson. The constable's watch had no seconds hand and only five minute interval

divisions, and later upon examination appeared to be two minutes fast. During the Privy Council appeal both sides agreed that the computer could have been turned on as early as 6:39:49 am.

Someone was seen by a passing motorist entering the gate at 65 Every St at 6:45 am. The reliability of this time was left more doubtful than necessary in the minds of the jury, because they were not told that the police had checked the car's clock. Nor were they (or the defence) told of a second statement made by the motorist, in which she mentioned that she saw the yellow paper bag over his left shoulder. After retiring, the jury asked to read the motorist's statement, regarding when David arrived home; the judge then re-read her (first) statement.

The jury heard a statement from an optometrist that glasses found in David's room were David's, conflicting with David's testi-

mony that they were his mother's. David was then cross-examined about this in a way that raised doubt over his credibility. The optometrist had in fact changed his mind shortly before testifying, and believed his statement had been changed to say they were the mother's, but this had not happened. The jury asked a question about this issue after retiring, and were reminded of the conflicting testimony by the judge. The Privy Council concluded that while the ownership of the glasses was not a vital matter in itself, the conflicting evidence may have detracted from David's credibility in the eyes of the jury.

The left-hand lens of these glasses was found in Stephen's room. During the trial, Detective Weir testified that it was found there in the open. This was more consistent with the Crown's case that it become dislodged during the struggle there than what is now accepted, that it was found under a skate boot under a jacket, and was covered in dust. This may have misled the jury.

David's fingerprints were found on the rifle, impressed there by bloody fingers. During the trial it was assumed that this was human blood. (Other blood on the rifle was definitely human.) A test of the fingerprint blood afterwards did not test positive for human DNA, and the prints may have resulted from possum or rabbit shooting months beforehand.

The jury was told that only the murderer could have heard Laniet gurgling. The second Court of Appeal heard some contradictory evidence and concluded it was not so clear-cut. The third Court of Appeal decided that it was, but was criticised by the Privy Council for having stepped outside its reviewing role here.

The Privy Council ruled that the third Court of Appeal had exceeded its role as a reviewing body in deciding the implications of all this new evidence. The Council also addressed three points which the third Court of Appeal had relied on in confirming David's guilt:

David's knowledge of spare key to rifle, bloody rifle clearer around David's fingerprints and a spare magazine standing upright

They found that the implications of the first point were contentious, while the other two should have been decided by a jury instead of an appellate court. They felt they did not need to consider in detail several other contentious points that the third appeal court saw as pointing towards David's guilt, including blood on David's opera gloves, Stephen's blood being found on David's black shorts, the timing of the washing machine cycle, David's head injuries, and Robin's full bladder.





Killer Shark in Breede River

By Donna R, Emily R and Athe N

Can you imagine swimming with a shark? The Breede River, near Cape Town, had a major shock when a 4 metre long Zambezi shark appeared out of nowhere.

Alice Johnson, who works with the SASC, said that the shark was first caught by the South African Shark Conservancy (SASC) on about the 22nd of January 2009. It is estimated to weigh 500 kilograms. A group of specialists are doing research to find out why it's so far south and if it stays in the river or if it goes out to sea. Zambezi sharks are normally found near to Mozambique which is a country north of South Africa. People are probably wondering why it was in the Breede River. Is it there because there is lots of food (like fish) and it's safe for the shark to have its young. There isn't a huge problem with the shark.

A Zambezi Shark



It has been living in the Breede for a long time and there haven't been any attacks. Many people are worried about the shark attacking them, but we don't think it will harm anyone.

The South African Shark Conservancy says that Zambezi Sharks are fascinating because:

The Zambezi shark is the largest of its kind

The Zambezi Shark appeared to be pregnant

The SASC suggests that the Breede River may be a nursery ground for the sharks

The shark is named Nyami Nyami after the Zambezi river god

Nyami Nyami is being tracked for 43 hours which is the longest time the species has ever been tracked

20 other sharks are estimated to be living in the Breede

The shark in the river near Cape Town has links to a story taking place in the north of South Africa. A teenage surfer was killed by what is believed to be a Zambezi shark at Second Beach, Port St John's on the Wild Coast. This is the second shark attack death at the beach this year and the third in the past two years. The surfer, who was believed to be about 16, was attacked shortly after

4pm and, although he was still conscious after being taken to shore, died on the beach after losing a lot of blood. The teenager was part of the Iliza Surfing Academy and was surfing with three other surfers. In January off-duty lifeguard Sikhanyiso Bangilizwe, 26, was killed by a 2.5m Zambezi shark and, although there is no evidence yet to say what shark killed him, people are saying that it could also be a Zambezi shark

But you don't need to worry. Humans are not sharks natural food and we should not hurt them. Sharks only attack people when they mistake them for seals. We hope that people have learnt some more about the Zambezi shark in the Breede River and decide to swim again in the joyful waters - but watch your back!



Classroom around the World

Hayley Q.

At Trinity Christian Academy, the Upper School offers the wonderful opportunity for 9-12th graders to go to Europe for ten days during spring break. They go for educational reasons, and visit at least three countries. If they read about something in school, then they try to go visit that area. The group always goes to France, since the teacher who coordinates everything, Ms. Cox, is a French teacher. This year the cities and countries visited were Nice, France; Monaco; Florence, Pisa, Siena, San Gimignano, Assisi, and Rome in Italy, and they also visited Vatican City.

While interviewing Ms. Cox this week, she told me what it is like

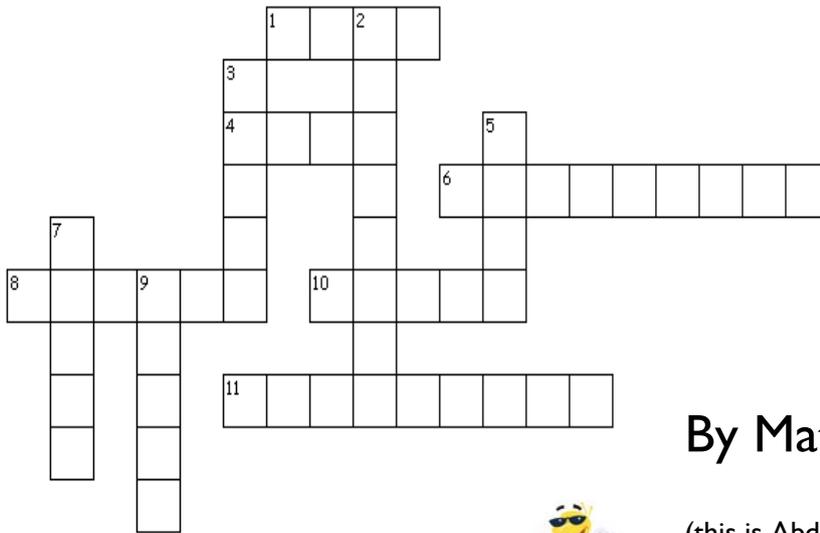
to organize an international trip for the high school students. The largest number of students they have ever taken is about 100 and the fewest is 22. "After 9-11, it changed, and people were nervous about traveling." Any student in 9th-12th grade is eligible to go, and one adult sponsor goes for every six students. Three to four students stay in one hotel room.

Once they fly to Europe, they use trains, electric trains, tour buses, and walking to get around. One day, they figured out they had walked five to seven miles.

The TCA groups never visits the exact same places for several years so people can go all four

years of high school and have new experiences. Ms. Cox decides on the itinerary by picking the places that everyone asks about. For instance, on spring break 2009 everyone asked about London, so next year they're going to London. They visit museums, castles, statues, and local attractions. The favorite part of the trip for Ms. Cox is seeing the students' faces and how happy they are when they get to experience Europe for the first time.

Ms. Cox really enjoys the trip, and so do the students who get the opportunity to go on this exciting trip, and visit the beautiful places. They experience new cultures, different types of trans-



Across

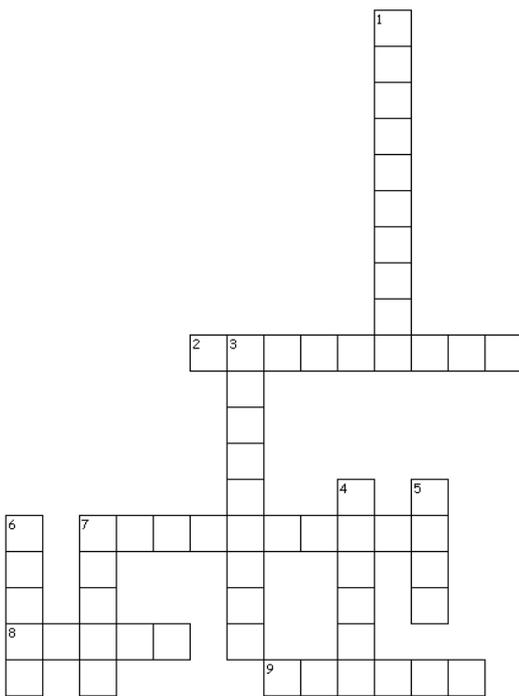
1. The writer of this section.
4. The colour of the Cookie Monster.
6. Something you are trying to complete now.
8. A monkey might eat this.
10. Five times Twelve.
11. What Spongebob lives in.

Down

2. The name of this newspaper.
3. Barack _____, 44th president of America.
5. How to check if a bone is broken.
7. Capital city of France.
9. Room 19's yellow and black mascot.

By Matt

(this is Abdul)



Across

2. What starts with 'garden' and ends with 'ing'
7. Cold continent NZ is closest to
8. New Zealand's most common animal
9. The middle layer of Earth, between the crust and core.

Down

1. The capital city of New Zealand
3. The bird with the longest wingspan in NZ
4. The capital city of Portugal
5. The weather forecast for Hamilton
6. What elephants are thought to be afraid of.
7. The plastic coating on the end of a shoe lace

Some Jokes

Why did the boy fall off his bike? *Because someone threw a refrigerator at him.*

Why did Tigger look down the toilet? *To look for Pooh.*

How do you get Pikachu on a bus? *You Pokemon.*





Netballers lose the ball

Sarah August



Recently it was announced that Cobham Intermediate is almost halving the amount of netball teams that they had last year. Going from twelve, teams to about eight, unless they get more parents to help as coaches. Many students are annoyed that there are fewer teams than last year and want more teams.

Results show that even with fewer teams this year, 90% of people would have still trialled but many want ten to fifteen teams apposed to five to ten, which means many people want the same

amount of teams as last year. "The only other option is to get parents to be the coaches" quoted Mrs Tudor, one of the schools coaches.

Many people will have to stay at school on Tuesday if they don't get in netball, so there is still the issue of having coaches here at school to do the netball as well, as it is one of Cobham's main sports.

With about 200 girls trialling this year, only about 50 girls are going to get in, so three

quarters of the girls who trialled are not going to be successful. This means many will have to turn to other sports that they do not enjoy or even know how to play.

Many are thinking Cobham should have about the same amount of teams as last year but with the economic crisis many want to hold onto their jobs and not lose their hours or money to helping out the school. So fewer girls will get in this year and possibly in future years.

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Kogarah Boys School, Sydney

After 30 weeks in the premier league Manchester United are 1st and Liverpool are 2nd. Liverpool have won their past 2 matches against Manchester United and Aston Villa and Manchester United have lost there past 2 matches against Liverpool and Fulham and there is 1 point between Manchester United and Liverpool. The stand-out players for Liverpool are Fernando Torres and Steven Gerard. Manchester United's stand out players are Cristiano Ronaldo and Wayne Rooney.

Brawn GP take fabulous one-two win

Vincent Guan

Never since 1954 has a debut Formula 1 team finished one-two. But yesterday the face of history changed. On the 29th of March 2009, in Melbourne, Australia the ING Australia F1 Grand Prix. There were 20 racers but only 1 winner.

Jenson Button, the leader in pole streamed off right at the start and led, followed by the former Ferrari driver Rubens Barrichello and the super streaky Sebastian Vettel. Then

Barrichello, Nick Heidfeld, Mark Webber, Adrian Sutil, and the McLaren driver Heikki Kovalainen on lap 19 knocking most of them out.

After that Button's lead went to 47.7 seconds to nothing. After 5 laps the safety car went and Button opened his lead again over Vettel. As the threat of the Ferrari's faded, the Brawn GP racer held a pretty commanding lead until Lewis Hamilton starting charging from 18th

from the grid. Also Robert Kubica started a mount back.

After another pit stop Barrichello slipped to 5th place. On the 55th lap Kubica wanting to get pass Vettel for 2nd made both of them crash and taking them out of the race, leaving Button to conquer the GP under the safety car. Button's team mate also did well coming 2nd, Jarno Trulli coming from the pit stop at the start came 3rd and Hamilton came 4th.





CHAMPS IN THE MAKING!

By Camilla J, Abulele D and Sharna F.

Who doesn't want to win a medal in the Olympics! Young people like us are becoming more and more aware of how they can improve on their sporting skills. We interviewed Judith J, a registered sports dietitian in Cape Town, about the diet of young sports children around the world. It is important to know what to eat as a young athlete.

"My advice for a healthy breakfast is, add protein to your breakfast, such as Pronutro or egg on toast. Lots of energy drinks, water and snack bars are good to boost your energy before a match. After a match you should be active and rehydrate, within 30 minutes you should have a carbohydrate snack. If you injure yourself in a match you must stop playing and

check if the injury is severe. Call for ice. You should eat lots of fruits and salads to keep in shape. Always drink before you eat because it fills you up. Just eating the right food will not keep you healthy. You need to look after your mind as well as to keep a positive attitude towards everything and everyone. Also make sure you do the right cross training for your sports." Judith also quoted "Set your goals on something achievable."

These days children also have access to scientific information to improve sports, like Prof Tim Noakes of the Cape Town Sports Science Centre. He says that children should start training to be professional athletes only at 18, however, children need to learn the skills before that. "In skilled ball

sports you need to develop the brain controls from a very young age probably from the age of 3.

It seems that it is easier to learn these skills at a young age when the brain is still not cluttered with other information. But once the skills has been acquired (by completing about 10 000 hours of practice) it does not take much to retain that skill. Then the best players are those who have prolonged careers so that they are still playing when they peak at 27 - 30 years of age."

Some children might think that a magic pill will make them into better and faster athletes. However, Prof Noakes says that supplement is a waste of money. You need mental self-belief to be successful. This cannot be purchased in a bottle. Also most children eat enough healthy food to not need supplements.

Soccer balls take over park

James McErlich

On the 22nd of February, 8th of March and the 15th of March children from around Burnside went to Avonhead Park to have a go at getting in to a soccer team for Burnside. The testing was hard because there were so many people with so little time but because it was managed so well everyone was put into the right team.

At the moment not all of the kids know what team they got in because the coaches haven't contacted them yet, but the teams are set. A few parents

were asked the same question 'How did you think it went?' and they all answered the same "very organised". The organisers also worked at home with choosing the team which is a hard choice to make if two people have the same abilities.

There were tears, hugs and lots of determined faces on the field all throughout the games whether you got hit in the face or scored or just played hard. Ready kids came in sweaty tired faces came out." The hardest part was seeing everyone" said

the organisers. The long time from 10am to 12pm made it hard for the kids to concentrate and with both days being hot didn't make it any better.

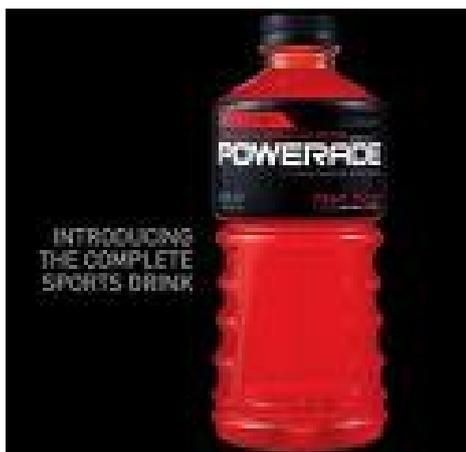
Parents say that it is an opportunity for kids to have a go and get active and also it's a morning off and at least you know that your kids are having fun. It is great for kids and parents so trial out for soccer.

RUGBY COMP

Kogarah Boys School, Sydney

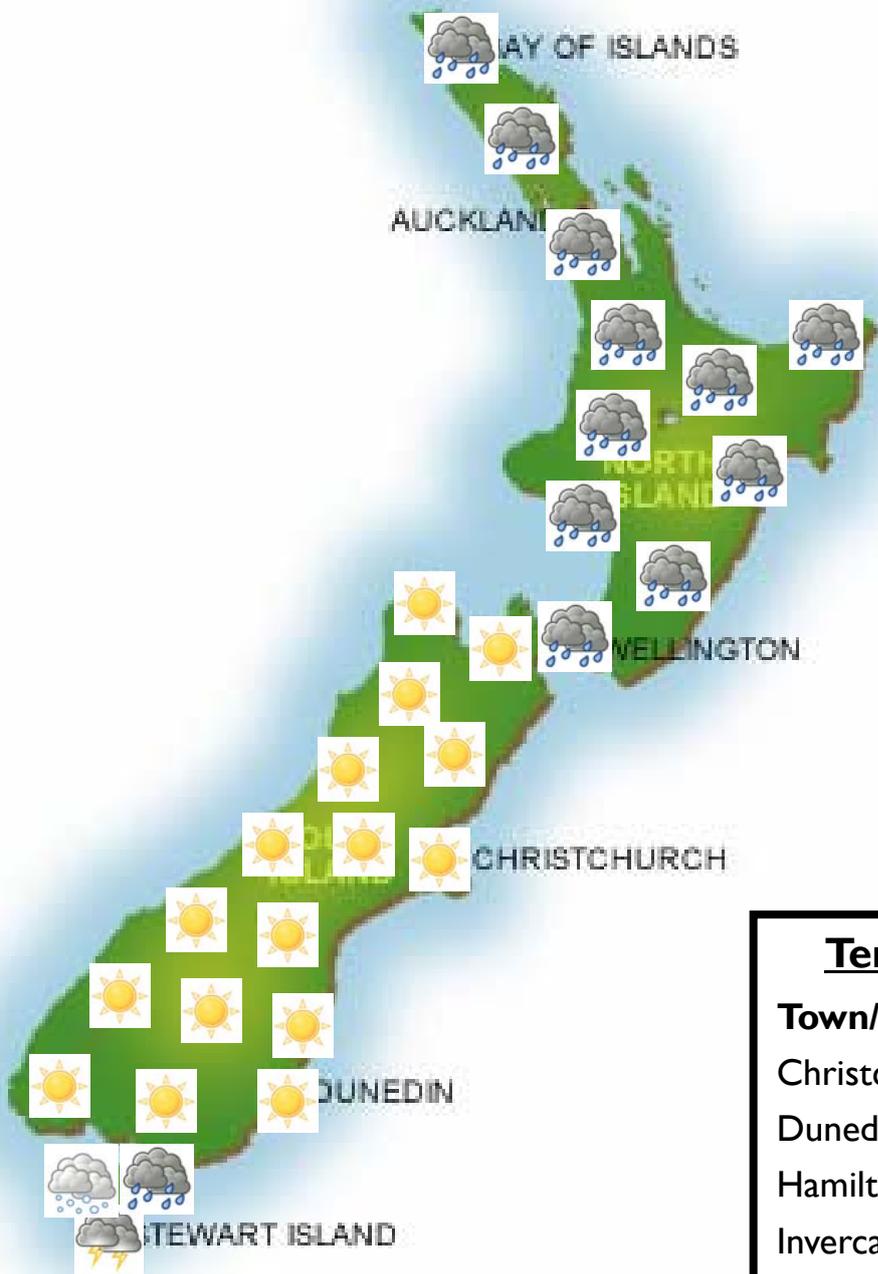
James Cook Boys High has emerged victorious in two recent clashes played at home on the JC Oval. In the Uni Shield Rugby Competition played on the 17th of March, James Cook defeated Oatley in a very close game. After the first half James Cook was down by 10 points to 12 but some tremendous attacking play in the second half enabled the home side to storm away with the game, winning 28 points to 18.

The Buckley Shield clash against Belmore also proved a close thing but the good guys won that too.





The Weather Today, Weather badly predicted by Josh Kokich



Temperatures Today

Town/City	High	Low
Christchurch	30°C	21°C
Dunedin	23°C	17°C
Hamilton	8°C	2°C
Invercargill	26°C	19°C
Gisborne	6°C	-5°C
Wellington	3°C	-10°C
Auckland	-2°C	-12°C
New Plymouth	1°C	-9°C
Taupo	4°C	-3°C
Queenstown	21°C	14°C
Stewart Is.	-16°C	-40°C

