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To Ponder . . .

Words are the plaything of markets, media and ratings-driven news.
Words are cheapened by their use to induce our need for some-*thing* else.
Words reframe circumstance to misrepresent, confuse, or nullify what actually is.

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation... James 5:12(ESV)

Last week we were warned not to be cruel or condemning with our words. This week, pray that God would give us the courage to avoid using words for unfair gain or to avoid merited criticism. Perhaps then, when we say "I love you" or "I'm sorry" or "Well done!" there will be integrity enough.

. . . Chaplain



Ben and Kai on the old tractor



Riley found a kid-sized tractor

Friends of Pipes & Drums

The next meeting of FOPD will include the AGM:

Tuesday, November 27th, 2012

5pm in the Library

Everyone is welcome.

We will need to review 2012, elect committee, and think ahead to the beginning of 2013. if anyone has anything else for either the AGM or ordinary meeting please let me know.

Enquiries to Lynda Ireland 0408 675 642.



The year is rapidly drawing to a close with a number of very significant events for our students and parents. I encourage everyone to make the most of the opportunities to enjoy the rich array of end of year events on offer which include:

- Lithgow Christmas Concert and Fete, 12 noon Friday 30 November
- Kindergarten – Year 6 Awards Assembly, 9am Tuesday 4 December
- Senior School Awards Assembly, 1pm Tuesday 4 December
- Cadet Ceremonial Parade, 4.30pm Tuesday 4 December
- BBQ provided by the Friends of Junior School, from 5.15pm Tuesday 4 December
- Community Carols on the Old Boys Oval, 6.30pm Tuesday 4 December
- Speech Day, 10.30am Wednesday 5 December at Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

I encourage everyone to plan to attend the Cadet Ceremonial Parade followed by the Carols on Tuesday 4 December. A fundraising BBQ hosted by the Friends of Junior School from 5.15pm will take place between the two events with the Carols to begin at 6.30pm. The carols will take a very different format this year as it becomes a community event to be held on the Front Garden.

My purpose in making this change takes place with the following aims:

- To extend the Christian mission value of the Christmas Carol event into a broader community.
- To allow visitors who don't normally come to Scots to see our school community in action.
- To be sensitive to the culture and heritage of the School while reaching a contemporary audience.
- To form stronger partnership with the local Presbyterian Church in a joint venture with the Carols.

Please refer to the Swimming Program which follows. The Summer Swimming Program provides something for everyone. We are very fortunate to have this excellent facility and the convenience of learning or training for swimming at school. Please book your place for the beginning of Term One before spaces run out.

Have a good week...

David Gates

NOTICE -- IMPORTANT SCHOOL SHOP DATES

The Scots School Uniform Shop **will not be open** for student purchases on Friday 30th November, Monday 3rd December, Tuesday 4th December or Wednesday, 5th December. Please check your uniform requirements for Speech Day and purchase during normal shop hours.

Mrs Weal can be contacted at the Junior School for any urgent purchases.

The Scots School Uniform Shop 2013

Parents wishing to purchase uniforms from The Scots School Uniform Shop, please contact Administration on 63312766.

The School Uniform Shop will re-open on Tuesday, 22nd January 2013, the week before school commences – Bookings are essential during this time.

Have a Safe and Happy Christmas Break

Kathy Weal

From the Deputy . . .

This is the last *Highlander* for the year. It has been a very busy and fulfilling year for our school and it is my privilege to look after our wonderful children at Scots and Scots' families. I take this opportunity of wishing you all a restful, relaxing holiday with your children and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2013.

House Drama Festival

Congratulations to the tutor houses who put on a splendid set of performances on Friday for the Annual House Drama Festival. The plays this year represented the most even and excellent standard of performance during my time judging the festival. I was particularly impressed with the leadership and creativity demonstrated by the many Year 11 students who contributed to this important occasion.

Speech Day

Speech Day this year is on Wednesday, December 5th. This is an important occasion for all students K-12 at The Scots School and is a compulsory event. We ask that all students be seated in designated areas by 10:30 a.m. at The Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre. All students sit as a school body, not with parents.

Full school uniform is required.

Please stay after the conclusion of the speech day programme for lunch in the foyer upstairs.

Mrs Shillabeer will personally email the parents of each award recipient at Speech Day and each principal award recipient at the awards assembly to notify them of their child's receipt of the award at that occasion.

Year 10

Year 10 also have scheduled Peer Support Training on 20th and 21st November and their Big Day Out on 30th November. Year 10 will do their practical session of First Aid Training on Thursday, November 29th.

Ceremonial Parade

The students in Years 8-10 and the Cadet Leadership have been working hard to prepare for the Ceremonial Parade to be held Tuesday, 4th December at 4:30 p.m. I would like to thank Mrs Vickers, Mr Dundon and Major Linins for their sterling efforts in kitting out the cadets for this year's parade. The Ceremonial Parade is an important occasion on the school calendar and parents and friends are cordially invited to watch the parade.

Awards Assembly

The Senior School Awards Assembly will be held in Aikman Hall on Tuesday, 4th December commencing at 12:30 p.m. At this assembly students will be recognised for their achievements across the year. Parents are most welcome to attend the assembly.

Carols at Scots

After the Ceremonial Parade, the students will be dismissed to return their kit to the Q-store. I ask for support in this regard, as the return, logging and orderly store of all kit and equipment is vital.

The P&F is running a fundraising BBQ after the Ceremonial Parade and prior to the Carols at 6:30 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Aikman Hall. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend this relaxing occasion.

Textbooks 2013

Text book order forms for 2013 were sent to all families.

Lists for incoming Year 7 students were distributed at the experience day. The discount applicable order date has been negotiated for Friday, 14th December. Orders after this date are charged at full price rather than the 15% discount rate which is passed on in its entirety to families. **Remember also that the textbook order forms are available on the website under the Curriculum/Years 7-12 link.**

Mrs Lynne Fleming

The Board and the Headmaster of
The Scots School Bathurst & Lithgow

cordially invite you to the

Annual Speech Day

Wednesday, 5th December at 11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Guest Speaker

Mr Adrian Lamrock

B.A., Dip.Ed.(Syd.), M.A.(Macq.), A.Mus.A., MACE

All parents, family and friends are welcome to attend. A light lunch will be served on the upper mezzanine level immediately following the ceremony.

Students are asked to be seated by 10:30 a.m.

The Annual Ceremonial Parade of The Scots School Cadet Unit

will take place on the Old Boys' Oval
Tuesday, 4th December commencing at 4:30 p.m.



followed by



'Carols at Scots'

presented by the Bathurst Presbyterian Church and The Scots School Bathurst
Please bring along your picnic rug and join us for a barbecue and Carols on
The Scots School Old Boys' Oval. Seating will also be provided.

Barbecue **5.15 - 6.30pm**

Carols **6.30 - 7.45pm**

Parking through the O'Connell gate (Senior School entrance) to the top oval.

If weather is inclement we shall move to the Aikman Hall

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Tuesday, 4th December

No After School Care on this day.

Classes cease at 3:20 p.m.

Junior School News

Congratulations to the Year 6 leaders for the great Fun Day activities on Friday, as their final fundraiser of the year. Everyone enjoyed the disco, movie and jumping castle not to mention the pizza, paddle pop and lollies! Thank you everyone for supporting them in their fundraising activities this year. Graduation D

Garden Beds

The new garden beds now have a layer of soil over a layer of gravel thanks to the generous donation from Hothams Landscape Supplies. Many children worked like beavers with their sand pit buckets to move the soil and gravel into the beds. They were keenly supported by Austin, Jack and Kyron with the 'grown up' tools from maintenance. We are looking forward to planting some seedlings and watching them grow.



Christmas Decorations

Stage 2 and 3 students were set the challenge of making a Christmas decoration from recycled materials to enter into a competition conducted by Skill Set. There were some amazing entries, all of which will be transported to the Flannery Centre for judging this week. Mr Gates took the time to visit and view the display and he was beautifully guided through the display by Jorjana Micalos.

Graduation Dinner

On Wednesday evening the Year 6 students and their families will celebrate the end of their Junior School education at a dinner in the dining room. We are all looking forward to this special time and the opportunity to mark this special time in their lives. Students should wear full school uniform and go to the Stage 3 classroom at 6:15 pm so they can move as a group to the dinner. Parents should go straight to the dining room.

End of School Year

Speech Day rehearsal will be held on Monday 3rd December. Prize winners and Kindergarten students will all attend. Every child in Kindergarten will receive a book prize at Speech Day.

Tuesday 4th December will be the last day of classes which will cease at 3:20pm. There will be no after school supervision on this day.

The Junior Awards assembly will commence at 9am on Tuesday morning. All students should be wearing full school uniform. Parents are invited to attend.

The Ceremonial Parade commences at 4:30pm, followed by a barbecue and Carols at 6:30pm on Tuesday evening. Children should wear smart casual dress unless notified by class teachers of a different requirement.

Speech Day on Wednesday 5th December commences at 10:30am. Children will need to go to and from the Bathurst Entertainment Centre with parents and arrive at 10:15 am to meet teachers who will guide them to designated seating. Please ensure that uniforms are immaculate, hair well groomed and shoes polished. Parents may collect children at the end of the ceremony and join us for a light lunch before departing.



Year 5 constructing a cubic metre

Junior School
Fun day



Mr Gates viewing our Christmas decorations made from recycled materials.



LITHGOW PRE-KINDER NEWS

Newsletter Weeks 7&8

Sounds Programme

We have now completed all our letters and sounds. We will be concentrating on some Christmas activities for the next 2 weeks and incorporating all the letters of alphabet as we go along.

Concert Mini Fete Day

Friday 30th November!!!! All families should have picked up a note from sign in desk with information on how to help for this very exciting and wonderful day. We have been practising very hard to get all our songs just right. Please send children dressed in "elf" (Santa Helpers) costumes. Red and green clothing is most appropriate with a hat. Friday children come to school as normal; all others are invited to join us in the room from 11.30am. We will be starting the concert at 12noon sharp in the Bible Church. We need all children ready to go up together so please endeavour to be on time. Everyone is invited to come along and watch the festivities. Sausage and steak sandwiches are available but orders MUST be in to class teachers by Thursday 22nd November so we cater for numbers. No sandwiches will be available on the day so if you want one please order.

Party Day

To celebrate the end of our school year the Tuesday class are invited to a Party Day on Tuesday 4th December at school. Please see separate note for all the information.

Church Service

Our end of term Church service will be held on Monday 3rd December at the Bowenfels Presbyterian Church from 9.30am. All Monday families are invited to join us there. A small morning tea will be supplied afterward for anyone who can stay.

End of Year

As the end of our year draws closer please remember to collect all your childs belongings. The staff will endeavour to have them out on your childs last day in Week 8. They can then stay at home!

Farm Excursion

Last Wednesday we headed out to Ben Bullen for our excursion to "Mitchlach Farm." We had a fantastic time leraning all about tractors, bulldogs and dozers. I would like to thank Mr & Mrs Desch and their two delightful boys, Mitchell and Macauley for the invitation and for showing us a terrific day. It was so great we may do it again nextyear. Here are some photos of all the fun.

Til Next Time

Liz Tracey & Lorelle

Mr Desch shows Amy and Amir how it works



LITHGOW PRE-KINDER PHOTOS



Wednesday Class

in front of the old bulldozer



Holly and Macey

Bathurst Pre-Kinder Highlander Term 4 - Week 8

Pre-Kindergarten Highlander Week 8

End of Year Information- Our end of year is fast approaching and it is a busy time but a lot of fun! Notes were sent home late last week outlining the Christmas Carols evening on Tuesday, 4th December that Pre-K will be involved in.

All students are invited to attend our last day of school for some Christmas activities, craft and games. There will be **no After School Care** on this day, with children to be collected **before 3.30pm**. On this day children will take home a special Christmas bag containing their Student Portfolio, Art Book and other craft and treats. End of Year Reports will be posted in the first week of holidays.

Ice Creams for Vannida - Mrs Hallahan will be selling ice creams on Tuesday and Wednesday this week to raise money for our World Vision sponsor child in Cambodia. They are \$2.50 and will be a nice treat for the children in the hot weather!

Bathurst City Library - This Thursday we will travel to the Bathurst City Library for our last 'story time' visit for the year. We will travel on the school bus and be back at school before lunch time. If there are any students who have not filled out a permission slip, please see your child's teacher before this day.



Braiden looks like he knows what he's doing.

Cohen and Blake take her for a spin.



Having a god in the old truck





Having a go in the old truck



THE SCOTS SCHOOL SUMMER SPORTS

Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 8 Term 4

Rugby and Netball Tours 2013

An acceptance letter requesting a non refundable deposit of \$750 has been sent home outlining the draft itinerary, information about the tour uniform and a request for clothing sizes. **Deposits are now overdue. Please return by this Friday.** We request boarding students to communicate with their parents about returning the forms.

Any parents with fundraising ideas are encouraged to contact Mr. Adams so that planning for them can begin before the New Year. There are also opportunities for businesses to promote their company logo on the rugby playing jersey. Again contact Mr. Adams (jadams@scots.nsw.edu.au or 63334733).

Scots Term 4 Swim Meet

This Saturday the 1st of December we are holding a mini swim meet in the Scots Indoor Pool commencing at around 10.00am. A program of events will be offered for all ranges of swimming abilities. It is expected that **ALL** students who do swimming on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for school sport be in attendance. We also expect all students training in squads to make themselves available. The times recorded for the races will be our initial times to help pick the WAS and ISA teams for 2013. Races will be seeded on times rather than ages or genders. Stay tuned for more details. Spectators and helpers are most welcome!

Have a Happy and Safe Holidays

As the school year draws to a close we take this opportunity to wish all students and their families a happy, safe and active holiday. We thank all the students and parents for their ongoing support for our school's sports program and look forward to resuming our summer sports season next year.

Radio 2BS Junior Sport Report

Please tune into 2BS (1503 AM) each Saturday morning from 7.40am to catch the Junior Sport Report. This term expect to hear reports from Jonty Boshier, Stephanie Ferguson, Robbie Hayward and Jock Sinclair. Details about cancellations due to wet weather will also be given to this program.

Mr. Justin Adams (Sportsmaster)

jadams@scots.nsw.edu.au

**All Basketball Times tbc
See Sports Noticeboards**

Weekly Sports Schedule . . .

Sport/Team Details	Coach	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue	Transport
Basketball	Please refer to the following website for draws and results - http://www.bathurstindoorsports.com.au/					
Scots Black (Div 1)	Mr. Hayward(3)	01/12/12	v Animals	8:30 pm		
Scots Cobras (Div 3)	Mr. Hayward (4)	01/12/12	v ASC Stormers	7:45 pm		
Scots Colts (Div 3)	Miss. Perry/Mrs. Simcock (6)	01/12/12	v. Scots Ravens	5:30 pm		
Scots Ravens (Div 4)	Miss. Olivia Patterson (1)	01/12/12	v Scots Colts	5:30 pm		
Scots Gold (Div 1/2)	Ms. Hughes (4)	01/12/12	BYE			
Scots Silver (Div 3)	Ms. Hughes (4)	01/12/12	v. ASC Silver	7:45 pm		
Scots Bronze (Div 3)	Miss. Perry/Mrs. Simcock (3)	01/12/12	v. ASC Gold	7:00 pm		
Scots Platinum (Div 4)	Miss. Olivia Patterson (3)	01/12/12	v. Devils	6:15 pm		
13s Cricket	Mr. Lee	02/12/12	Rugby Union	8.20am	Scots Lee St	Nil

Hockey. . .2013

Junior District Hockey Selections

Training for Junior District Hockey teams (U13, U15, U17) began on Sunday, 4th November and will continue every second week, with selections to take place over 2 Sundays -- the 2nd December and 16th December -- before resuming on Sunday, 20th January. Training will continue every second week after that.

Any boys interested in playing for these district teams should attend these training dates. Further information from Barry Cartwright 0417 048 061.

Hockey NSW 2013 State Championships:

*U17 boys Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th May at Narellan

*U15 boys Friday 31 May to Sunday 2nd June at Orange

*U13 boys Thurs. 11 to Sun. 14th July at Taree (the Thursday will be a training day).

Tennis. . .

The Tennis fixture for The Scots Squad on 24.11.12 was against KWS2 at Wade Park Tennis Complex in Orange.

The Senior Squad really deserves commendation for the way they led the competition as a team. I was tremendously impressed with their quiet focus, the manners with which they played and their steely determination to post a win. Miller and Allen (5-3) set the tone with a creditable doubles win and Callan and Burrey were not disgraced in their (4-4) result. In the singles competition, Miller held off her fancied opponent with strong play (5-3). Wins were also posted by Callan (7-1) and Allen (5-3). It was a marvellous result on a hot, dry morning. Victory to Scots 4 ½ sets to 1 ½ sets (28-20).

In the Intermediates, Crozier and Booth went down in their doubles (1-7), but Booth was able to post a singles win (5-3). These girls really worked hard together and their sportsmanship was exemplary. Peter Driver and Andrew Coles did not take a backward step all morning, winning their doubles (5-3) and narrowly conceding their singles matches, each 3 games to 5. Victory to KWS2 4 sets to 2 sets (30-18).

The Juniors had another tough day, but their games are improving in each competition outing. Josh Woods said "every game went to deuce". He has decided to "focus on the game, not the balls" and with this sort of attitude, Woods, Rosin, Wilde and Morrissey will be a great squad in the future. Victory to KWS2 6sets to 0.

I would like to thank the parents and boarding house staff who so reliably had students smartly kitted out and ready for the bus. Andrew Coles and Madeline Miller took charge of the arrangements for the morning as good senior students always do. Tim Burrey and Ben Allen were, as always, models of reliability and calm.

Mrs Lynne Fleming (Madeline Miller Vice Captain)

CRICKET . . .

UNDER 15's CRICKET REPORT

As expected, day 2 of our fixture -v- SSC "petered" out, with Stannies recording a comfortable win on the first innings. Greater pressure resulted in the team capturing 5 wickets. Standout bowler was Josh de Boos who took 2 wickets for 8 runs. Josh's action is quite interesting with flailing arms and legs combining totally to confuse many batsmen!!!! On a serious note, Josh has improved significantly over the course of the season using his height to great advantage.

Batting for a second time our intent was to gain valuable batting practice. At stumps we had reached 3 for 71, with Hugh Lennon compiling a useful 32 before his dismissal shortly before stumps. The team now heads into the Xmas break, we look forward to the season recommencing in 2013.

B.J. Mair (Coach)

Scots 13s Cricket

Game v RUCC at Scots
TSS 6/70, RUCC 6/165

We were sent in to bat on what looked like a hot day. We batted reasonably well but lost some early wickets to good line and length and accurate spin bowling. Isaac W (19) Ollie S (14) scored some runs but when we go back in next we'll be relying in Andrew (14*) and John (4*) plus Jack, Ryan and Eddie to get some big runs!

When our turn came to bowl their openers got off to a quick start but then some good bowling brought them back to us. Aiden (4.1.0.11), John (3.0.2.14) bowled really well but Andrew (4.0.3.24) put in a beautiful spell. Some good catching meant we took our opportunities but in the field we struggled a little with the fast outfield and let through more runs than we needed to.

Other good performances were Jack Morrison whose over of leg spin included one ball that turned and bounced so that Shane Warne would be proud. Ryan Gordan fielded well and showed growing confidence by vocally encouraging his team mates and Luke Im played his first game as wicket keeper becoming more confident as the game went on; Well-done boys. Hamish A found the captaincy a challenge but got into the swing as the innings went on; great effort Hamish.

Next week we have a big task but on the evidence of this week we will stay in and keep fighting. Keep up the good work boys for the last week before Christmas.

Mr A Lee

Scots 1st XI

Unfortunately St Andrews College were unable to send a team to Bathurst and forfeited the match. This has guaranteed us a place in the semi-finals and we look forward to hosting other ISA schools next year.

Mr Adams

Basketball. . .

Scots Silver v. Scots Bronze

In an all Scots battle both teams showed reluctance to go to the basket. The scores were locked at nil all after 10 minutes. Eventually Elyse opened the scoring and the girls grew in confidence. Lucy Woods continued with her lay up from the base line ball and Felicity Walker continued to show excellent passing skills. Annabel played her best game so far often being open under the basket. Kanja Le Roux was also often in open sapce and had many scoring opportunities.

A 22-12 Win for Scots Silver.

Player of the match: Annabel Shephard

Ms R. Hughes

Scots Gold v. ASC Red

The game started slowly with both teams finding it difficult to score. The girls maintained their game plan and eventually put points on the board. ASC were in foul trouble and this gave us plenty of scoring opportunities. Ellie Fricker stood strong in defence and turned the ball over often. She also scored plenty of points under the basket. Laura Wright was also strong in defence and showed plenty of patience in offence.

Ms R. Hughes

Scots Cobras v. Gagnam Style

The team found its mojo this week. They played an excellent game with good passing taht kept the defence moving and opened up scoring opportunities. It was great to see defence skills that we worked on in training being used to good effect to give them a WIN!

Mr Hayward

Scots Black v. Based

A hard fought match that was in the balance till the last 10 minutes. the team kept their cool against some dirty plan which eventually went against the opposition.

When we used our passing game we were able to open up the opposition's defence and take away a win.

Mr Hayward

Basketball photos look great in colour. Check the Highlander on the school website under weekly news.

Basketball. . . Junior School

Junior School Sport

Basketball

Scots Blue

Last week we started off a little slow but as the game progressed we really started to look like we might comeaway with another win. Sadly it wasn't to be. Angus Druitt has a new basketball hoop at home to practice on and managed to dunk 1 or 2 into the basket during the game! The coaching clinic at the Sports Stadium on Sunday December the 9th would be an excellent opportunity for all players to learn more skills.

Mrs Lyn Inglis

Touch. . .

On Saturday the junior and senior girls played against All Saints and Kinross at the All Saints Gala day. The juniors played well in their first game and in a closely contested match went down 2-0. An improvement in all the girls individual and team skills was very evident. In the juniors second game they went down to Kinross 6-0. Too much space was offered to the speedy Kinross girls in the centre of the field and careless mistakes in attack turned the ball over too frequently. Despite this the girls were determined with their defence and held the opposition out time and time again.

The seniors played their first match against All Saints and had a comfortable win 4-0. Solid and creative play was demonstrated by Giamia and Alyssa whilst Rachel and Natalie showed their lightening quick pace in both attack and defence. In the second game against Kinross fatigue started to become evident and gaps were opening up all across the park which the quick and elusive opponents took full advantage of. The final score was about 5-0.

A huge thank you must go to Mr David Weekes for coaching the girls on Saturday in Mr Coyte's absence. His influence and extensive knowledge of touch has really improved the game play and skill levels of all our players. Thanks.

Justin Adams

ASC CRICKET ROADSHOW
Here at Scots!!! -- January 7, 2013

Australian Sports Camps will be bringing their one day Super Cricket Clinic to Bathurst on Monday, 7th January. The event will be held at The Scots School. Two clinic sessions are scheduled: a morning session for 5-10 year olds and the afternoon session for 11-16 year olds. **The cost is just \$55 per player and pre-registration is essential.** The NSW coaching session is led by Doug Walters, assisted by an experienced coaching team, giving students a chance to gain an insight from those who have succeeded at the very highest level of cricket. This camp is open to all interested members of the Bathurst community.

Scots Senior students can obtain registration forms from Mr Adams.

Basketball. . . Photos



Basketball. . . Photos

