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## To Ponder . . .

In our series of proverbs we are moving from the wisdom of wealth to broad strokes of wisdom centred about the moral life.

*The wise of heart will receive commandments, but a babbling fool will come to ruin.*

... Proverbs 10:8(ESV)

A curious contrast between the one who listens to instruction and the one who doesn't cease to sprout what they think... I'm not sure that listening to instruction is ever easy! Why do you think the *teacher* creates a contrast between faithful obedience and babbling?

... *Chaplain*

**Parents, please return vaccination permission forms to sister immediately!  
Forms required for all Year 7 students (boys and girls) and Year 9 boys.**

## Old Boys .... 1982 Year 9 History Excursion



Mr. Maher has been scanning some of his old colour slides to put into the archives. One find was a photograph taken on a 1982 Year 9 History excursion to Hill End and Sofala. The boy on the right in the front row is Ian Quant, now president of the Old Boys and Girls Association, and father of Henry in Year 10. Other boys in the photo include Craig Granger (cut off at left), James Wolstenholme and Geoffrey Guascoine. In the back row is Dirk Chen, Andrew Mitchell and Richard Edgeley with the guitar.



## From the Headmaster...

It is hard to believe we are almost half way through Term One. The start of the year has been a very good one and students are well into the busy rhythm of a vibrant and full school program. Our **Cattle Team** students enjoyed much success at the Blayney Show on Saturday and are in final preparations for the Sydney Royal in two weeks under the excellent guidance of Mrs Libby Dawes. Similarly, the **Pipes and Drums** are extremely busy working with Mr Gil

MacKenzie preparing for the Band Competition at the Highland Gathering in two weeks. I would like to wish these two very significant groups in our school all the best for their preparation over the next few weeks.



Congratulations to the **First XI Cricket Team** for qualifying for the Final of the Independent Sporting Association Cricket competition to be played against Chevalier College from Bowral next Saturday. Chevalier College have been the runaway leaders in this competition this season but the First XI defeated them at home two weeks ago so have strong form on the board. On Sunday the team backs up in the annual end of season fixture against the Old Boys. This is a great day and this year we are expanding the day by including an Old Girls' Netball fixture against our Senior Netball teams. The visiting Old Boys' Cricket players and Old Girls' Netballers are encouraged to bring their family along to spectate, join us for lunch and have a swim in the pool in the afternoon.

On Saturday I thoroughly enjoyed catching up with the **1982 30 Year Old Boys Reunion**. It began with the Headmaster hosting a very thorough tour of the school where we explored the old, the changed and the new. It took over two and a half hours as many of the boys had not really been back through the school since they left. The new for them therefore included some structures that are now over 25 years old such as the Tennis Courts, The John Hunter Sports Centre, the Design and Technoogy Centre and many of the classrooms. Quite a few of them had been boarders in Coerwull House for six years and were intrigued by the transformation as they walked through what is now the Junior School. Most of the others had been in Bulkeley House and were impressed with how modern boarding facilities and space per student compares with their cramped and spartan existence. Of course our newest structures, The Lamrock Performing Arts Centre and the Swimming Pool brought out many stories of the facilities they had available to them 30 years ago. Following the tour I joined them for the Reunion Dinner hosted by Andrew and Sarah Martin (parents of Emma Martin in Year 9) on their property near Lithgow. I wish to thank Andrew for his continued enthusiasm in organising regular reunions for this cohort of Old Boys.

Whilst on the Old Boys and Girls theme, I encourage all current parents who are Old Boys and Girls of The Scots School to get right behind the resurgence in this association by a participating in two events on the Highland Gathering Weekend – 16 & 17 March. At 2pm on Saturday 16 March the **AGM of the Old Boys and Girls Association** will be held in The Lamrock Performing Arts Centre. This will be followed with a **'Back to Scots' event at the Ceilidh from 4.30pm**. This is a fantastic social event for all the school community however there will be special tent for Old Boys and Girls to gather. Current parents are strongly encouraged to support this event and past students are very welcome to catch up with each other in the tent. I wish to acknowledge and thank Mr Ian Quant, President of the Old Boys and Girls Association and his committee, for all the work they are doing to make this a very important part of our school community for our past and future alumni.

On Wednesday 6 March the **2014 Kindergarten Information Evening** will be held. I encourage all parents of the school who know anyone considering The Scots School for Kindergarten next year to make sure they know about this very important event and to encourage them to attend. The time is 5:30 pm for 6:00 pm start in the Performing Arts Centre.

Have a good week.

## From the Deputy Head . . .

### Highland Gathering

This week I wish to issue advance notice regarding the compulsory attendance of students at the Highland Gathering and Welcome Fair on Sunday, 17th March 2013.

I will be preparing a roster of students year by year for the stall for which their year group has responsibility. Students will be assigned 1 hour time slots across the day (10 a.m. through to 4 p.m.). Students should wear full school track suit for the day's activities.

The Highland Gathering and Welcome Fair is always a wonderful occasion for our school community and I look forward to seeing you all on the day.

### Cricket Finals

My best wishes to the Cricket 1st XI who will be participating in the finals this coming weekend at Chevalier College. This is a creditable achievement for our 1st XI, and is representative of the resurgence of Cricket at Scots.

### Old Boys & Old Girls Games on Sunday

This weekend (Sunday, 10th March), the school will welcome back many old boys and girls for their respective Cricket and Netball matches. I thank Mr Adams for his coordination of these games and his conscientious preparation of the wicket.

*Mrs Lynne Fleming*  
Deputy Head/Director of Teaching & Learning

## Senior School Calendar - Term 1

Mon 4	RYDA Safe Driver Training	Fri 22	Parent/Teacher Interviews Years 7 & 12 – 3:30 pm
Tue 5	K-12 Chapel	Sat 23	Year 12 Information Talk – 6:00 pm
Fri 8	Stage 6 Dinner 6:30 pm Dining Hall	Tue 26	Rugby and Netball Trials @ TSS
Mon 11-Thu 14	Year 7 Camp at Tea Gardens	Wed 27	WAS Netball Trials Gala @ KWS (alt. date)
Mon 11	Evans Crown Horse Day		HICES Debating Round 2
Tue 12	WAS Hockey Trials @ KWS		ISA Swimming @ SOPAC for 11:30 start
Wed 13	Girls Basketball AICES @ Castle Hill	Thu 28-Tue 2	Classes Cease 3:20 pm Boarders Depart
Thu 14	Try-A-Trade (Y10) a.m.	Fri 29	Easter Break
Thu 14	University Road Show (Year 12) @ TSS		<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
	HICES Junior Football Trials	Mon 1	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Fri 15	University Road Show @ TSS 2:00pm	Tue 2	Boarders Transport back to school by 4pm
	Boys Basketball AICES @ Wollongong	Wed 3	Classes resume
Sat 16	Lithgow Show	Thu 4-Fri 12	AICES Touch Championships @ Penrith
	Lithgow Show	Thu 11	Year 12 Half-Yearly Examinations
	Ceilidh – 5:30 pm	Fri 12-Sun 14	7-12 Cross-Country @ TSS intra-house
Sun 17	<b>HIGHLAND GATHERING and WELCOME FAIR</b>		Bathurst Show
Mon 18 – Sat 23	Cattle at Royal Easter Show		Classes Cease 3:20 pm – End Term 1
Wed 20	AICES 16's Girls Hockey Trials @ Bathurst	Tue 23-Mon 29	Rugby/Netball Tour to Gold Coast
Thu 21	WAS Netball Trials Gala @ KWS (tbc)		

## HIGHLAND GATHERING MEETING

There will be a Highland Gathering meeting in the Library this Tuesday 5th commencing at 5.30pm.

Anyone who is interested in assisting, or wishing to contribute as a committee member, is very welcome to attend our meeting next Tuesday.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Ross Andrew  
0429294869

## **BCCC & PCYC PRESENT** **CLUB 29** **NEON UNDERAGE DANCE PARTY** **THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**@ BATHURST CITY COMMUNITY CLUB**  
**29 WILLIAM STREET, BATHURST**

**6yr – 12yr FROM 5pm – 7pm**

**TICKETS \$10 (soft drinks & lolly bag included)**

**&**

**13yr – 18yr FROM 8pm – 11pm**

**TICKETS \$20 (soft drinks & food included)**

**PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED & BEST DANCERS**

**TICKETS AVIALABLE AT THE DOOR OR PRE-PURCHASE**  
**THEM FROM THE PCYC & THE BCCC**

**\*DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT\* \*NO PASSOUTS\***



# Castles 'R' Us

It is nearly time to construct the castle  
– a focal point of the Highland Gathering



## Can you help?

- Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm to move all the castle sections from storage shed to the oval?
- Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> to build the castle?

Thank you to Lindsay Wilde who has joined the castle building team. He will learn the ropes from Dave Cowan (in his last year at Scots) and lead the team next year.

Do you have, or know someone who could donate crane or lifting equipment for the Friday?

Any donations of equipment will be prominently acknowledged at the Highland Gathering.

**Please contact Dave Cowan 0407 259 557**

**Lindsay Wilde 0408 474 995**

# The Scots School Bathurst

invites you to a

# CEILIDH

This is pronounced 'kay-li and means a Gaelic party. We will gather in front of the castle for a fun, informal evening with music from TSS Pipes & Drums and others.

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Scots Main Oval**



*5pm - 8pm*

*Gold coin  
donation*

Bring your own rug or chair and jumper in case it's chilly.

If you would like to perform bring your pipes, drums or other instrument and talk to Gill MacKenzie on the night.

There will be a BBQ dinner with steak, sausage and our special 'Scottish Sausage' sandwiches; soft drinks, tea/coffee and slices available for purchase.

## **BBQ Helpers Needed**

Parents - Grandparents - Family  
Members --

We need at least 6 helpers per hour  
on the BBQ stall to help prepare  
salads, bread, etc. to keep all our  
hungry customers well fed.

Can you Help???

Please phone

Karin LeRoux on 0428 859 898

## **Entry Gate Help Needed**

**Parents of Year 11:** Year 11 parents  
are in charge of the entry gates this  
year and helpers are needed for the en-  
try gates at the Highland Gathering.  
This would involve helping parking  
and selling programmes. If you can  
sign up to help, please contact

Peter/Rhianna Deacon on

0148 379 582

or peter.deacon7@bigpond.com

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## **HIGHLAND GATHERING**

### **“GUESSING**

### **COMPETITION” TICKETS**

As you know boarder parents have had a  
“Guessing Competition” over the last few  
years where great prizes have been offered as  
the HG is the boarder parents’ major  
fundraiser for the boarding houses and this  
year is no different.

We have 3 great prizes on offer including  
accommodation with breakfast for two at Rydges Mount Panorama.

If you or your family and friends are overseas, interstate, too sick to travel or unable to  
make the Highland Gathering day for whatever reason, but you know they would still like  
to buy some tickets so that you or your friends don’t miss out on this opportunity, we now  
have these available for purchase prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Its just \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5**

**This is also eligible for Lithgow School Parents, family and friends**

Please contact Karen Quant on 0414 376 047 or email [karen@sacredclearings.com.au](mailto:karen@sacredclearings.com.au) and  
I can send some tickets out to you or you can get some ticket books from Henry Quant  
(Year 10 / Boarding). Just please give the stubs back to me prior to the day or on the  
morning of the HG, with money collected so they can be included in the draw



This is one of the great  
prizes in the Guessing  
Competition.



## Australian Defence Forces Parade - Canberra - March 1, 2013

Former students Caitlin McDermid (TSS 2012) and Thomas Sharp (TSS 2010). Caitlin is preparing to be an Army Officer whilst Thomas is training as a naval officer.



The proud McDermid clan at the ADFA Parade. Mrs Janet McDermid, Caitlin McDermid, Mr Iain McDermid and Lachlan McDermid (TSS 2010)

Caitlin and her grandmother enjoyed the day.



The spectacular view at the parade grounds in Canberra.



# Junior School News

## Congratulations

To the swimmers who competed in the WAS carnival at Kinross on Tuesday.

To Stage 3 for their leadership throughout the week which earned them the class cup at assembly this week.

To Baxter Fitzgerald for his outstanding manners at assembly this week, taking Scotty back to Stage 1 until the next assembly.

To the HICES Debating team for their convincing win against Blue Mountains Grammar school on Thursday.

To the Swimming carnival champions and ribbon recipients announced at assembly on Friday.

## Family Fun Day

The rain held off enabling us to go ahead with the Family Fun Day on Saturday. Unfortunately the jumping castle could not be inflated due to safety reasons associated with the wind. This didn't dampen the spirits too much as a large crowd gathered to enjoy a barbecued lunch, ice creams and lots of fun with the tug o war, slip n slide and an assortment of small games. It was lovely to meet so many new families and for existing families to be able to welcome them to the Scots community. The Friends of Junior School looked fabulous in pink as they gathered donations for the Mc Grath Foundation.

## Kindergarten for 2014 Information Night

The Information session will be held at 6pm in the Performing Arts Centre. If you know of families who may be interested please pass on an invitation to attend.

## Debating

Andrew Knox, Gabrielle Morrison, Genevieve Gates and Gabrielle Boshier argued convincingly that school hours should be longer to take a Round 1 victory in the HICES competition held at Scots on Thursday. The speakers were well prepared and had too many strong arguments and supporting evidence for their opposition. The next debate will be against Kinross on the 26<sup>th</sup> March.



## HICES Leadership Day

The Year 6 students who attended the HICES Leadership Day at Blue Mountains Grammar School on Monday are to be congratulated for their exemplary behaviour and participation in the day's activities which were at times quite out of their comfort zones. The activities were highly motivating and fast paced, focussing on leadership qualities such as teamwork, differing opinions, communication, empathy, self belief and vision. The students are working on their vision of leadership for 2013 at Scots and will present it to the student body upon completion.

## HICES Swimming

Our best wishes to the swimming team as they venture to Homebush on Thursday. We know they will do their best and enjoy the experience of competing at the Olympic Pool at Homebush.

## Winter Sport

Please return the intention for Winter Sport note as soon as possible so that planning may proceed.

**Friends of Junior School meeting tonight at 7pm in the Stage 3 classroom.**

## Coming Events

5<sup>th</sup> March K-12 Chapel

7<sup>th</sup> March HICES Swimming Sydney

8<sup>th</sup> March Fresh Fruit Friday

12<sup>th</sup> March Stage 2 and 3 Blue Mountains excursion.

17<sup>th</sup> March Highland Gathering





# Family Fun Day







HICES Leadership Team

## Junior School Assembly



Stage 3 won the class Cup!

Baxter and Scotty the Bear



BROWNING HOUSE -- 2013 Swimming Champion House!!!



# Pre-Kinder News

## Pre-Kindergarten Highlander – Week 6

Learning Program- This week we will be looking at the letter 't'. The students will use a combination of Jolly Phonics and other learning programs to learn this sound for the week. Our rhyme this week is 'teapot tipping t,t,t' and for Jolly Phonics a head movement is used as if the children are watching a game of tennis with the 't, t, t' sound. For craft you can expect to see; tigers, teapots, turkeys, turtles, triangles and lots more.

Crunch & Sip- We have started our Crunch & Sip program at school, it will usually take place in the afternoon around news time but is flexible to fit in with our daily routine. This is something that we will be doing across Pre-Kindergarten and The Junior School. Crunch & Sip is a break during class when students can refuel on fruit or vegetables and rehydrate on water. The break assists students with physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.

Kindergarten Information Night- This Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm we will be hosting a Kindergarten Information Night for families who are interested in learning more about our School for 2014. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet staff, here and see presentations relating to our excellent Kindergarten program and whole school philosophy.

Teddy Bears Picnic- To coincide with our learning of the letter 't' this week, students who attend on a Wednesday will be taking part in a Teddy Bears Picnic here at school. So don't forget to bring your favourite teddy for a special day of treats!

### Upcoming Events-

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March- Kindergarten Information Night 6pm
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March- Highland Gathering
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March- Easter Hat Parade

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## Junior School HICES SWIMMING

The photo below is the Junior School WAS and HICES Swimming squad. Good luck to all swimmers as they prepare for the HICES meet at SOPAC on Thursday of this week!





# Senior School Sport

Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 6 Term 1

## 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket team have moved through to the ISA Division 3 Final against Chevalier College this Saturday at Bowral. This is a fantastic result for the boys who have all trained very well and demonstrated great dedication to their team this summer. We are extremely proud of their achievement and wish them the best of luck in the final.

## WAS Doubles Tennis Championships

Last weekend our tennis doubles teams contested the WAS doubles championships. It was a time of reminiscing for some of our senior players who played their last games of tennis for the Scots school and who have been great servants of the tennis team for six years. Lachlan Conyers, Tim Burrey and Hayden Callan, Kalyan Manning have all played over the majority of their time at Scots. Lachlan and Tim chose to dress in retro and wore their old white Scots sports polo shirts to celebrate the occasion.

The results were as follows:-

### Junior

- Josh Rosin and Lewis Wilde went down to Stannies in Round 3 of the Plate competition.
- Leanka Deacon and Jack Morrissey lost to Stannies in Round 3 of the Plate competition.

### Intermediate

- Andrew Coles and Calhan Behrendt lost 6-3 to Stannies in Round 3 of the Plate competition.
- Kalyan Manning and Benjamin Allen beat Stannies 6-0 to win the Plate competition.

### Seniors

- Lachlan Conyers and Tim Burrey lost to Kinross in the semi final of the Plate Competition.
- Hayden Callan and Michael Hubbard lost to Stannies in the semi final of the Plate Competition.

## Old Boys Cricket and Old Girls Netball

This Sunday we have the annual Old Boys versus the 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket match on the Scots Main Oval from 10.00am. We also this weekend will have the first ever Former Girl students (Old Girls) matches against our Scots senior netballers. These matches both promise to be a lot of fun and great entertainment.

## Winter Sport training transition

As we draw to the end of the summer sport season the transition to winter sport training will commence. We do however have to be mindful of the basketball teams who may still have finals in the later weeks of the term. The procedure will be as follows:-

**Week 6** (5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of March) Summer sports training continues, touch and tennis are to arrange inter house matches to play during training sessions.

**Week 7** Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March will be **Summer sport photos** (playing uniforms required) followed by basketball team training, Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March will be rugby and netball training only.

**Week 8** - Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March will be the first Winter sports training session for all sports and activities. Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March will be basketball training for teams in the finals and winter sport training for netball, rugby, and soccer.

**Week 9** – Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March – Winter sports training for all sports and activities.

**Weeks 10 and 11** will be Winter sports training for all students.

## Upcoming Sport Events

10<sup>th</sup> March            Old Boys and Girls Association Cricket and Netball matches

27<sup>th</sup> March            ISA Swimming Carnival (Homebush)

22<sup>nd</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> April    QLD Tour (Rugby and Netball)

Mr. Justin Adams (Sportsmaster) [jadams@scots.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jadams@scots.nsw.edu.au)

# Senior School Weekly Sport Calendar

Sport/Team	Coach	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue	Transport
<b>Details</b>						
Basketball	Please refer to the following website for draws and results - <a href="http://www.bathurstindoorsports.com.au/">http://www.bathurstindoorsports.com.au/</a>					
Scots Black (Div 1)	Mr. Hayward(3)	08/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scots Cobras (Div 3)	Mr. Hayward (4)	08/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scots Colts (Div 3)	Miss. Perry/Mrs. Simcock (6)	08/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scots Ravens (Div 4)	Miss. Olivia Patterson (1)	08/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scots Gold (Div 1/2)	Ms. Hughes (4)	08/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scots Silver (Div 3)	Ms. Hughes (4)	08/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scots Bronze (Div 3)	Miss. Perry/Mrs. Simcock (3)	08/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scots Platinum (Div 4)	Miss. Olivia Patterson (3)	08/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Cricket</b>						
Please refer to the following website for draws, results and season statistics - <a href="http://scotsbathurst.nsw.cricket.com.au/">http://scotsbathurst.nsw.cricket.com.au/</a>						
1st XI	Mr. Adams/Mr. Maher	02/03/13	Chevalier College	Chevalier	10.30am	Bus leaves at 5.30am
15s	Mr. Mair	02/03/13	Stannies 3rds	8.30am	McKibbin	Nil
13s	Mr. Lee	02/03/13	Blayney	8.20am	Napier Park Blayney	Mr Lee 7.40am
Tennis	Mrs. Davis	Season Over				
Touch	Mr. Coyte	Season Over				

Senior boys tennis last weekend.

Tim Burrey, Lachlan Conyers, Hayden Callan



## Junior School Swimming Champions

The Junior School Swimming Champions and Runners-Up received their awards from the Headmaster at last Friday's assembly. Congratulations to all.



### Swimming Champions and Runners-up Junior Girls

Swimming Champion – Sarah Knox  
Runner – Up – Madison Whitley

### Junior Boys

Swimming Champion – Evan Smith  
Runner-Up – Baxter Fitzgerald

### 11 year Girls

Swimming Champion – Genevieve Gates  
Runner – Up – Danika Toning

### Senior Boys

Swimming Champion – Andrew Knox  
Runner – Up – Jacob Cranston

### Senior Girls

Swimming Champion – Amber Rosin  
Runner – Up – Gabrielle Boshier

### Swimming House

Champion for 2013 – BROWNING.

### WAS Junior School Swimming Report

Last Wednesday the Scots Junior School WAS Swimming Team went up to Orange to participate in the WAS swimming carnival.

Scots went very well with a whole chunk of ribbons including a few firsts, quite a few seconds and a whole lot of thirds. I myself went very well getting 2 thirds for 50 meter freestyle and 50 meter fly. In butterfly I nearly got first because I was smashing them the whole way but right in the last 5 meters I was so tired and I slowed down. I got a good result though 3<sup>rd</sup>.

It was good to see so many people really enjoying themselves. I had a great time.

*THE END*

*by Austin Markwick Year 4*





# Scots went Pink for the McGrath Foundation

Pink Stumps Day – February 23

The Pink Stumps Day fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation raising money to place breast care nurses in hospitals around Australia was a wonderful success. The Under 13s cricket would love to say thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraising efforts to go to such a worthy cause.

During the week leading up the U13s sold pink cupcakes at school. At the game on Saturday a number of people sponsored the team or individual players for various elements of the game such as the number of 4s hit, the number of catches taken and runs scored and the umpires' 'unusual' signals. The Junior School supported us by collecting at the Family Fun Day and then the whole school went pink with a mufti day on Monday 25 Feb.

This was a wonderful collaboration and resulted in a fantastic effort. We were required by the McGrath Foundation to pledge at least \$500 to cover the cost of the pink stumps kit. We set ourselves a fundraising target of \$1000 to double that pledge.

What we achieved however was even better. At the last count before going to press the school and the U13s cricket team has raised a whopping **\$1501** for **Pink Stumps Day!**

We particularly wish to express our gratitude to the mums who baked cupcakes, families and other who sponsored us and to the whole school community for getting behind us. Thank you all so much for supporting the U13s and this fantastic cause!!!

Late Donations can still be made on the website. It is very easy to do, it updates instantly and you will receive a receipt. Go to:

<http://pinkstumpsday2013.gofundraise.com.au/page/ScotsSchool>



\$1000

\$500



together we can make a difference



**PINK STUMPS  
DAY**

# BASKETBALL ...

## The Scots Junior School Basket Ball

Last weeks game demonstrated how much we have grown as a team. We played a very competitive team and we were only just beaten by one basket. During training we worked on our shooting drills and fast passing also keeping the ball close when dribbling. We are looking forward to this weeks game.

Mrs Inglis

Scots Platinum v. Cream

Oh so close! A close hard fought game that went down to the wire. At half time the girls were down 12-6 and looked in trouble. The second half saw a resurgence and the team started to match the opposition and quickly brought the score to 12-12. From there it was basket for basket until the opposition defended our final shot.

A great effort from all players.

Final results: a 23-22 loss

*Mr G. Hayward*

## **Scots Gold v. Fury**

The game started with plenty of possession thanks largely to Lucy Blackmore's defence but we were unable to put the ball in the basket. The girls persisted and eventually Ellie Fricker and Mollie Harley found their mark. Again working well as a team in defence created many turnovers in the second half and we made the most of our scoring opportunities. We continue to work on our offence and are trying to improve our movement of the ball, our speed and the early pass.

Best player this match: Lucy Blackmore

Final result: 42-10

Miss Rachel Hughes (Coach)

## **Scots Black V Based**

43 – 34 Win

The first quarter was a tight affair with Based taking a slender lead. Our shots were not falling so we struggled to keep with the opposition.

Eventually the boys got into their rhythm and the points started to flow and we established a small lead for the remainder of the game, extending it in the last few minutes. Determined defence and great ball movement, which broke up the oppositions defence, was the key to the win. All players can be proud of their efforts and composure throughout the game.

## **Scots Cobras V Gangnum Style**

Win

It was pleasing to see a return to form for the Cobras this week. The boys were unselfish in their play assisting team mates to score when they could. This resulted in a fast flowing game with plenty of ball movement.

Scoring shots were taken from all points in the key with all players contributing; this ability will always put the oppositions defence in two minds as to how to cover the offence.

## **WAS Basketball Trials**

Last Thursday ten basketball players (8 boys and 2 girls) tried out for the opens WAS (Western Associated Schools) Basketball teams. With players from Scots, All Saints and Kinross Wolaroi present the competition is fierce to make the squad of ten for each team. Three of our boys were successful in gaining selection for the open boys' team. Jun Huang (guard), Iori Hashida (guard) and Tim James (centre) will travel to Wollongong on the 15<sup>th</sup> March as part of the WAS team to compete in the AICES carnival against teams from other Independent Schools Regions.









## TENNIS ...

Mr Maher took a photo of Tim Burrey and Lachlan Conyers in their early days of tennis at Scots!  
Here is a comparison photo taken last week:



Kalyan Manning -





## HICES Debating Round 1 2013



HICES debating got underway for 2013 with Round 1 hosted here at Scots last Thursday 28 February.

Debating is a formal, highly structured discussion about a given topic. It is useful for building confidence, teamwork and thinking skills. Debating encourages students to reason quickly while assessing arguments and points of view for their strengths and weaknesses.

As South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu said “Don’t raise your voice, improve your argument.” The HICES competition divides schools into regions for the preliminary rounds while teams who win through to the finals will debate against the leading teams from other regions. This will include schools from Sydney, Newcastle, and Wollongong and further afield such as our Western Region that takes in the four HICES schools in our area including Kinross, All Saints and Blue Mountains.

There are debates in four divisions Junior (Years 5 & 6), Middle (Years 7 & 8), Senior (Year 9 & 10) and Open (Years 11 & 12) over four Preliminary Rounds.

Debates in Junior and Middle have prepared debates but in Senior and Open the debaters are given their topic one hour before start time and have to prepare an impromptu debate. Each team must consist of male and female debaters. Adjudicators are asked to award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for Best Debater for each debate – a little like Best and Fairest Points in footy.

This round our teams performed very well. In Junior our team of Andrew Knox, Gabrielle Morrison, Gabrielle Boshier and Genevieve Gates did really well winning their debate about extending the school day convincingly. In the Middle age group a totally new team of Libby and Jaime Balzke, Max Semmens and Emily Watts did well but went down in a discussion about whether we need more police on public transport.

In the Senior Division Jesse Wells, Natalie Camps, Zoe Behrendt and Ben McGrath found their first impromptu debate challenging and went down in a tough debate while arguing the negative for “Australia should be afforded more respect on the world stage”. For the Opens; Kalyan Manning, Sophie Ireland, Meredith Spence and Jonty Boshier, the debate was a hard initiation where they had to argue the negative of “That the government should enforce equal pay for men and women in similar positions”. In a really close deliberation where the adjudicator could not split the teams on points our team came out on top because of the logic of the arguments.

Well done to all teams. A pleasing result to have two wins from Round 1. The Next rounds are

**Round 2: Tuesday 26 March @ KWS**

**Round 3: Wed 22 May @ ASC**

**Round 4: Thu 13 June @ BMGS**

Well done to all teams; a great effort.

Thanks to Mrs Davis, Mrs McKay and the team of Chairpersons / time keepers who helped out on the day. Much Appreciated!

Yours in Debating

Mr A Lee



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