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LOST:

A set of keys with a blue tag was left in the door of the P&F shed on Saturday, and I am told that a parent found them. Please ring Genevieve Spence--mobile number is 0400 446 219.

To Ponder . . .

Hatred stirs up trouble; love overlooks the wrongs that others do.

... Proverbs 10:12 (CEV)

As with any parallelism it is important to note the dichotomy. There is hatred and there is love. This one causes me particular difficulty... When is it loving to overlook a wrong? When does love require us to speak up and bring a matter to light? In our overlooking or divulging how do we maintain the demands of love? Jesus puts it the three, "*justice and mercy and faithfulness.*" Matthew 23:23(ESV).
... Chaplain

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From the Headmaster...

What an amazing weekend for our school!

An enormous commitment from the Highland Gathering Committee and the Friends of Pipes and Drums was backed up by parents, students and staff to enable the weekend to be the fabulous event it was. I



particularly wish to acknowledge the work of the President of The Scots School Parents' and Friends' Association, Mr Ross Andrew, in this his final year as President of the P & F and Convenor of the Highland Gathering Committee. I also wish to thank the parents, students and staff who organised stalls and activities, put up tents and did a great deal more besides, often behind the scenes, to ensure the success of such a large undertaking.

One of the great things about Scots is its tremendous sense of school community and the commitment of so many people to this school. Such an example of commitment is a wonderful example to our children in terms of what it means to be part of a community and to give generously for the greater good. This is part of the important character mission of The Scots School which prepares our students for a life of service beyond school. We expect our students to do their best, to be a team player, to do things they don't necessarily want to do and to not be afraid of facing challenges. Of course, our character mission is also inextricably connected to our Christian Mission as Jesus Christ is the supreme example of personal sacrifice in giving His life for us so that we may live. When children see the commitment of parents and staff of the school and the obvious alignment of values between the two, the message to them is clear.

There were many highlights at this year's Highland Gathering apart from the beautiful weekend we were gifted. The castle was a perfect backdrop for the Pipes and Drums with a big crowd in attendance to enjoy the competition. The Ceilidh on Saturday evening, organised by the Friends of the Pipes and Drums, allowed for an informal evening where the pipers and drummers performed in front of the castle whilst the audience enjoyed a BBQ or picnic in a very relaxed atmosphere. I wish to thank Mrs Fiona Hayward and her committee for their hard work in preparation for the Ceilidh and indeed the whole weekend. The Ceilidh is really growing as an event with a very good attendance this year. If you haven't experienced one yet, don't miss it next year! Our own Pipes and Drums under the leadership of Gil McKenzie represented the school admirably to gain third place in their category of competition. The Equestrian Show Jumping was bigger than ever with competitors coming quite a distance to enjoy our wonderful event under the leadership of Mrs Libby Dawes. Other highlights included the mass bands performing together at the closing presentation, the role of our cadets in the Flag Raising Ceremony, the inclusion of a tent for the Old Boys and Girls Association under the leadership of President Mr Ian Quant and the presentation of a new trophy and perpetual shield for the Best Juvenile Drum Corps from Old Boy Mr Richard Bremner in memory of his brother Peter.

It was an honour for me to be able to share the day with Mr Tim Hector, the Chieftain for the 2013 Highland Gathering, and his wife Jennifer. Tim is a highly distinguished Scots Old Boy who arrived in 1942 aged six as an original student and the very first student from Bathurst. He was here from 1942-1945 as a student of the Scots College Branch School during the war and was a foundational student of the Scots School Bathurst from 1946 -1950 before completing his education at the Scot College in Sydney.

(Chieftain Mr Tim Hector presents a prize to The Scots College Band)



After Tim Hector completed his education he returned to The Scots School in 1956 to assist in the formation of the Pipe Band. He did this with his good friend from The Scots College Branch School and Scots College, Mr Hedley Taylor. They did this in conjunction with the School Headmaster of the day, Mr Allan Mitchell, the School Council and the P and F Association.

Tim Hector addressed the Senior School Assembly (pictured on page 2) during the week by telling some of the story of the early days of the school and the beginnings of the Pipe Band at the Scots School. He spent the weekend talking to all the visiting Pipe Bands and moving around the crowd talking to parents, students and Old Boys and Girls. I am very grateful to his commitment to the important role of Chieftain for this years' Highland Gathering.



Of course there is a great deal else that continues at The Scots School. Year 7 enjoyed a wonderful four days on Year 7 Camp last week under the leadership of Mr Geoff Hayward, Years 3-6 experienced a Field Trip to the Blue Mountains to align with their work in class, the Summer Sports Season is drawing to a close with our Basketball teams doing very well, Year 7 and 12 have Parent Teacher interviews this Friday and Year 12 are preparing for the Half Yearly Examinations following the Easter break. Life at The Scots School is busy. Our students certainly experience a rich diversity of opportunities.

This week our Cattle Team with 22 students and 13 steers will attend The Sydney Royal Easter Show for what is a huge week for them. I wish to thank Mrs Libby Dawes for her amazing commitment to this program ably assisted by many of the parents and some amazing students who take on great responsibility in this program. They have been working hard for six months in preparation and I wish them all the best. I look forward to attending on Thursday. The Sydney Royal Cattle Judging is one of the highlights of the school year for me not because we have been the leading school in NSW for the last two years but because I love to see the passion, commitment and leadership of our students in action. I wish them all the best for what will be an exhausting week.

Have a good week.

David Gates



Old Boy Mr Richard Bremner presented the new trophy and perpetual shield for the Best Juvenile Drum Corps in memory of his brother Peter Bremner. The award was made to The Scots College drum corps.

From the Deputy Head . . .

I extend my appreciation to all staff, students and families for their extraordinary contribution to the Highland Gathering and Welcome Fair weekend. At the Ceilidh on Saturday night the talents of our students were on display and the relaxed and positive atmosphere was a joy. The Highland Gathering provided our students with opportunities to contribute across such a wide range and they excelled in their contributions.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews for Years 7 and 12 are scheduled for Friday, 22nd March from 3:30 pm. Students should make appointments with their classroom teachers, using the appointment sheets distributed to students. These appointment sheets are collected and photocopied on Thursday, 21st March and returned to students.

The Year 12 Information Session will take place in Room 25 at 6:00 pm.



Pui Ching Li received an award of achievement for her distance education course at last week's assembly. Pui Ching & Mrs Fleming at the assembly.

Easter Break

Classes conclude at 3:20 p.m. on Wednesday, 27th March and re-commence at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 3rd April. Every learning day for students is vital. I would ask that all travel arrangements accommodate the scheduled conclusion and commencement times with the exception of Western boarders with long distances to travel beyond Dubbo.

Easter Show

I extend my best wishes to all students involved in showing cattle at the Royal Easter Show this week. I thank Mrs E. Dawes for her extraordinary contribution and commitment to this program.

Homestay Required: EASTER BREAK

A Year 10 Japanese student (female) requires a homestay for the Easter weekend break. This would be Thursday, 28th March through to Tuesday, 2nd April after 4pm.

If you can offer a homestay to this student, please contact Jenny Donnelly on 6331-2766.

Mrs Lynne Fleming

Deputy Head/Director of Teaching & Learning

Senior School Calendar - Term 1

MARCH		Thu 28-Tue 2 Easter Break
Mon 18 – Sat 23 Cattle at Royal Easter Show		Fri 29 GOOD FRIDAY
Wed 20 AICES 16's Girls Hockey Trials @ Bathurst	APRIL	
Thu 21 WAS Netball Trials Gala @ KWS (tbc)	Mon 1	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Fri 22 Parent/Teacher Interviews	Tue 2	Boarders Transport back to school by 4pm
Years 7 & 12 – 3:30 pm	Wed 3	Classes resume
Year 12 Information Talk – 6pm		AICES Touch Championships @ Penrith
Sat 23 Rugby and Netball Trials @ TSS	Thu 4-Fri 12	Year 12 Half-Yearly Examinations
Tue 26 WAS Netball Trials Gala @ KWS (alt. date)	Thu 11	7-12 Cross-Country @ TSS intra-house
HICES Debating Round 2	Fri 12-Sun 14	Bathurst Show
Wed 27 ISA Swimming @ SOPAC for 11:30 start		Classes Cease 3:20 pm – End Term 1
Classes Cease 3:20 pm Boarders Depart	Tue 23-Mon 29	Rugby/Netball Tour to Gold Coast



Having fun at the Highland Gathering

Year 7 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp

Last week Year 7 spent four days at the Great Aussie Bush Camp near Tea Gardens on the Mid North Coast of NSW. The camp offered a variety of activities for the students to challenge themselves physically and mentally, as well as group challenges that had them working as teams.

Scott our camp leader was excellent in his knowledge and ability to encourage students through the activities, not that many needed encouragement.

Straight of the bus on Monday the students were faced with a Low Ropes course that tested their balance and agility. Next was the Dual Flying Fox with everyone having a go at soaring across the lake, the day finished off with a disco. Adrenaline levels were certainly high by Monday night.

Tuesday started with an engineering challenge where the students, working in teams, were required to build a rig carry one team member and then a catapult to fire tennis balls at a target. The day also included a climbing wall, 12m tall, which a number of the students successfully scaled, canoeing on the creek, which had a very muddy bottom as some of the year 7's found out. Also another team challenge 5m's up crossing a number of barriers each requiring a different technique. The night saw a fun and games back at our accommodation.

Wednesday was a highlight for many with Mud World been first on the agenda. The students undertook a series of mud obstacles whilst been harassed by buckets of water thrown at them by Scott, and their teachers, when Scott was tired of course. A challenge activity that required teamwork and problem solving rounded out the morning.

As the camp is close to Port Stephens it was a good opportunity to take advantage of a Dolphin Cruise. With calm seas and little wind Wednesday turned out to be a pleasant afternoon to search for dolphins and take a cool dip in the drag net of the side of the Tambou Queen. To round out the evening an adrenaline packed ride on the 17m Giant Swing was the go.

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YEAR 7 CAMP

Thursday involved one more activity, abseiling. After lunch, the long trip home.

Thanks must go to Year 7 for their positive attitude in attempting all the activities, the Year 11 Peer Support Leader who accompanied us, Josh De Boos also to Mrs Simcock and Mr Coyte for their support in running the camp.

Mr G Hayward



Year 7's really enjoyed the climbing wall and all the water activities.



Mr Mud Man is Year 11 Camp Peer Support Leader Joshua De Boos.

YEAR 7 CAMP



Junior School News

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Congratulations to our assembly winners this week, Sarah Knox, Flynn House and Kindergarten.

Highland Gathering

A huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have worked tirelessly in the weeks leading up to the Highland Gathering, and over the weekend to make it such a wonderful success. It is one of the highlights of our school calendar and a great show of community spirit and teamwork. Well done!

The children were very proud of their decorated pots and boots which have mostly made it to their recipients, however if you were not able to purchase your child's creative piece please send the money to school and it can be sent home this week.

Blue Mountains Excursion

Stage 2 and 3 enjoyed a brilliant day in the Blue Mountains last Tuesday. Sophie Cox has written an excellent report which captures the day well.

Aboriginal Culture Performance

Fred Reid will be visiting the school to share his Aboriginal culture with our students on Thursday. He performs music and dance and shares stories from the Dreamtime. Please return permission notes to school this week.

Easter Break

Classes will cease at 3:20pm on Wednesday 27th March and resume on Wednesday 3rd April.

Coming Events

21st March Fred Reid performance for Harmony Week

26th March HICES Debating

27th March Easter Hat Parade Classes cease Easter break

3rd April Classes resume

12th April Cross Country and Fun Run

Classes cease end Term1

Bathurst Show weekend

Term 2 resumes on Tuesday 30th April.

Amber Rosin (Year 6) participated in the showjumping at the Highland Gathering.



There will be more show jumping photos in the next Highlander

Blue Mountains Excursion By Sophie Cox, Stage 2



On Tuesday 12th March Stages 2 and 3 went to the Blue Mountains. We met at Bathurst Railway Station at 7.50, to wait for the coach. When we got to the Lithgow Railway Station there had been a change of plan: Instead of catching the train to Katoomba we travelled by bus up to Mount Victoria because of a broken track. When we got to the railway station we jumped on a train, which took us to Katoomba, where we caught the double decker bus – we got to sit up on the top! The red double decker took us to The Three Sisters. After a few

snapshots in front of the bus, we had a recess break. Then we meet our guides – Chris and Kathy – and we saw an excellent view of The Three Sisters at the main lookout. Then we split up into two groups – Stage 2, Mrs Inglis, Izzy and Chris and Stage 3, Mrs Robinson, Mr Ryan and Kathy. We walked down 976 steps that took us underneath the Three Sisters and reached the rainforest, which was green and beautiful. There were lots of fern trees, long grasses, colourful flowers, moss on boulders and birds of every kind. When we meet at the Cable Cart, it took us back up the mountain backwards through the rainforest. At the top we had a quick lunch before heading off to catch the Skyway across the valley. The floor actually went clear and we could see all the way down to the bottom! (Too bad if you were afraid of heights!) It is actually much higher than the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

On the other side Chris showed us ancient Aboriginal tools and weapons and gave a lecture on Aboriginal natural heritage, and painted our faces and arms with paint from the dirt. A special red double decker bus came for us and took us to Katoomba Railway Station. Some of us had never been on a train and most of us had never been on a red double decker bus. We all agreed that this was a fabulous experience. THE END



Bathurst Pre-Kinder News

Pre-Kindergarten Highlander – Week 7

Learning Program- This week we will be looking at the letter 'p'. The students have been enjoying our Jolly Phonics program and using the interactive white board. Our rhyme this week is 'possums peeping p,p,p' . For craft you can expect to see; pigs, penguins, possums, pirates, ponies and lots more. We will also be creating our beautiful Easter Hats here at school all of this week.

Highland Gathering-Thank you to all of the families and friends who attended the Highland Gathering last Sunday. It was a wonderful day out for everyone. The Pre-Kindergarten students were proud to show off their Pet Rocks and Pots that they had been busy making last week.

Easter Hat Parade- On Wednesday, 27th March Pre-Kindergarten will be involved in the Infants Easter Hat Parade. All children are invited to attend even if it is not their usual day. We ask that all children are dropped off at the classroom before the concert and then collected from the classroom afterwards. Invitations have been sent home so please return the RSVP for catering purposes.

Easter Egg Guessing Competition- In the lead up to our infants Easter Hat Parade we will be having a Easter Egg Guessing Competition. The basket will be located in the Pre-Kindergarten classroom on the sing-in table. Each guess is 50 cents and the lucky winner will be announced at the Hat Parade!

Town Library- Last Thursday the Blue class had their visit to the Bathurst City Library. They explored an Easter theme for reading time and made a beautiful egg. The children had wonderful manners on the bus and good listening skills at the Library.

Upcoming Events-

- Wednesday 27th March- Easter Hat Parade



Junior School Plants in Boots at Highland Gathering

Isabella Retallack helping sell the plants in boots on Sunday.



Senior School Sport

Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 8 Term 1

Winter Sport training

This week's sport training sessions are as follows: -

Week 8 - Tuesday the 19th of March will be the first FULL Winter sports training session for all sports and activities (Rugby, Netball, Soccer, 17s Hockey and Fitness). Thursday the 21st of March will be basketball training for only the teams that are likely to be in the finals and winter sport training for netball, rugby, and soccer for students **not** playing in basketball finals.

This Saturday we will also have internal Rugby and Netball games and training at Scots.

All players are expected to attend.

Week 9 – Tuesday the 26th of March – Winter sports training for all sports and activities.

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

ISA Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday the 27th of March the ISA Swimming Carnival is being held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush starting at 11.30am. Your child is part of the Scots swimming team and is required to attend this carnival.

A coach will transport the swimming team to Homebush, leaving from the Scots School at 7.30 am returning after to Scots at the conclusion of the carnival (approximately 9.30pm). Students will have access to a mobile phone to call home when we are approaching Bathurst so that parents can be at the school to pick up.

The Carnival starts at 11.30am and is anticipated to finish at 6.30pm.

Upcoming Sport Events

27th March ISA Swimming Carnival (Homebush)

11th April Secondary School Cross Country

22nd to the 29th April QLD Tour (Rugby and Netball)

Bathurst Tennis Centre Autumn Holiday Clinic

First week of school holidays

Monday 15th through Thursday 18th April

9am - 1pm daily

Ages 5-15 years

Phone 6331 3786 or 0419 499 467

Mr. Justin Adams (Sportsmaster) jadams@scots.nsw.edu.au

Sport/Team	Coach	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue	Transport Details
Scots Black (Div 1)	Mr. Hayward(3)	22/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scots Cobras (Div 3)	Mr. Hayward (4)	22/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scots Colts (Div 3)	Miss. Perry/Mrs. Simcock (6)	22/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scots Ravens (Div 4)	Miss. Olivia Patterson (1)	22/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scots Gold (Div 1/2)	Ms. Hughes (4)	22/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scots Silver (Div 3)	Ms. Hughes (4)	22/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scots Bronze (Div 3)	Miss. Perry/Mrs. Simcock (3)	22/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scots Platinum (Div 4)	Miss. Olivia Patterson (3)	22/03/13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Basketball	Please refer to the following website for draws and results - http://www.bathurstindoorsports.com.au/					

BASKETBALL TRAINING ON THURSDAY ONLY - The Priority is for teams likely to make finals

Old Boys CRICKET -- and Old Girls NETBALL



Jock Sinclair at bat; Scott Riley keeper



Barry Nott, Jack Ogilvy, Clint Cole, Pat Bird



Bruce Webb at bat, Jack Ogilvy and John Mair

Old Boys CRICKET -- and Old Girls NETBALL



Pictured left to right: Tessa McPhee (2008), Monique Kellond (2010), Kiera Pollard (2009), Katie Eisenhauer (2008), Jessica Spence (2010), Holly Duggan (2011), Meg Eisenhauer (2010)

Netball Action Shot
Courtney Puzicha (2010), Georgina Simcock,
Madeline Miller



BASKETBALL

Scots Cobras v. Platinum

A close game that we controlled throughout but could never get a comfortable lead. There are a few areas that the team will be working on in the training this week if we are to be successful in the finals series.

This was a win for the Cobras.

Mr Hayward

Scots Black v. Sesqualiurians

With some players recovering from sickness and three returning from a big day of AICES basketball, it was always going to be a hard night. However, the team got up to a great start and built up a good lead. Unfortunately the opposition fought back and we limped home to win by a point.

A close win for Scots Black.

Mr Hayward.

Scots Gold v. Scots Silver

Scots Gold started slowly allowing Scots Silver to have easy access to the basket. Late in the first half they began to create many more scoring opportunities but could not put the ball through the ring. They persisted with their game plan and Mollie Harley and Ellie Fricker began to find their range. Ellie Craft and Lucy Blackmore drove the ball hard into the key resulting in some heavy fouls. Scots Gold will prepare this week for its semi-final clash against ASC Red.

Best player: Lucy Blackmore

Result: A 22-20 win for Scots Gold

Ms R Hughes (Coach)

Scots Silver v. Scots Gold

In the last game of the season Scots Silver started strongly and had an early lead over their more fancied opponents Scots Gold. They lead the way for most of the first half. Easy access to the basket was provided by Jess Morrison, Elyse Owens and Georgina Simcock. The second half saw a much stronger performance from Scots Gold and Scots Silver was unable to hang on. The girls finished the season strongly and all players showed improvement as the season progressed.

I would like to thank the girls for their commitment to Basketball and look forward to next season with those that are returning.

Best performance this game: Elyse Owens

Final Score: Scots Silver 20 to Scots Gold 22

Ms R Hughes (Coach)

HOCKEY

WAS Girls U16 Hockey Trials

On Tuesday, 12th March two girls trialled for the WAS U16's team which is to play in the AICES Carnival in Bathurst on 20th March. Jessica Morrison was successful in gaining selection. Natalie Camps did well and now has an idea of the standard for future trials in the Opens.

We wish Jessica all the best.

AICES BASKETBALL

Last Friday the Open Boys WAS Basketball team competed in the AICES Competition against seven other teams from various divisions throughout NSW. Scots had three representatives in the team, Jun Huang, Iori Hashida and Tim James. The day involves three pool games followed by a playoff, an extremely difficult and physically demanding time. The team played very well and very quickly in the first game came together as a team, even though never having played as such. Game one was an unlucky one point loss, game two saw us come up against the eventual winners, going down in a convincing win to HRIZ with a similar score to the grand final. Our last pool game resulted in a hard fought victory to WAS.

Thank you to the boys for their efforts on the day and to Nerolie Powell for accommodating the Scots boys on Thursday night and transporting them to the venue in Wollongong on Friday morning.

Mr G Hayward



BASKETBALL



Alice Gates takes control of ball; Rebecca George ready to shoot



Tim James making his shot



HIGHLAND GATHERING



Flag party: Zac Hely, Jono Gates, Peter Deacon, Giamia Radice, Alice Gates, Lily Ross,



Piped onto grounds by Robbie Hayward & Riley Newell



Flag Party piped into the grounds and flag raising ceremony led by WO2 Zach Hely; Samantha Cowan sang the national anthem; welcome by Headmaster Mr David Gates; Chieftain Mr Tim Hector opens the gathering

HIGHLAND GATHERING

Our students and staff gave generously of their time to man all stalls at the Highland Gathering. Henry Quant, Erik Kristensen-Tulip, and Ben DrUITt were very professional book salesmen



Tessa McPhee (TSS 2008) official announcer all day

The popsicles on the Pop Shop



Our gappies from the UK Izzy Ham and Lucy Perry enjoyed the day with boarder Mem Spence



Trudy & Duane Bailey with Cleo



HIGHLAND GATHERING



Sam Flude on the horizontal bungee



Col Langford, Jane Bullen, Margaret Langford



Hikari Hashida and Ned Dawson visited the Old Boys & Old Girls Display



HIGHLAND GATHERING



Meredith Spence with Cleo and Scarlett Bailey



An historic Ford motor car



A visiting band and our amazing castle



Mrs Towart and Mr Mottram on the plant stall



A spectacular sight and always a crowd favourite as the massed bands take over the entire oval at the conclusion of the Highland Gathering.

Ceilidh



An appreciative crowd enjoyed the evening on Saturday at the Ceilidh. This event is becoming more and more popular with our Scots community. Well done to all the musicians who helped make this special evening of entertainment.

