



This week . . .

Mr Harris' refugee fundraiser continues

Highland Jazz Night

Rugby Fundraiser for Bathurst "Ignite the Night" helpers needed

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Charity Coat Drive

To Ponder . . .

Tuesday this week Young Life are running seminars with our students in place of our regular chapel services. We will hear from the Bible about David who did not take vengeance on his king, Saul, the one who sought his life.

"Look, my father, at what I have in my hand. It is a piece of the hem of your robe! I cut it off, but I didn't kill you. This proves that I am not trying to harm you and that I have not sinned against you, even though you have been hunting for me to kill me.

"May the LORD judge between us. Perhaps the LORD will punish you for what you are trying to do to me, but I will never harm you. As that old proverb says, 'From evil people come evil deeds.' So you can be sure I will never harm you." ... 1 Samuel 24:11-13

(NLT-SE)

David was far from perfect but, he remembered that God calls us to integrity and peace even when we have the opportunity to 'get even.' God will bring judgement... that is not our job.

. . . Chaplain

HOMEWORK CENTRE
There will be no homework centre
after school this week
(week beginning 19th June)

REMINDER TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS - School Stream App

If you haven't already, please download the School Stream App onto your phone. During winter, snow days can cause havoc with having to re-arrange transport of children to school and home again. The School Stream App is our preferred (and most efficient) method of communication. An instant message to your phone will ensure you have the very latest information when transport arrangements change.

LOST: A gold watch was lost either in the Junior School or nearby. If anyone finds a gold watch can they please bring it to the front office.



From the Headmaster . . .

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the school year and that Year 12 only has 11 weeks of school before their HSC Examinations commence.

I wish all students a well-deserved three week break and time with family and friends. For Year 12, I wish you all the best as you complete Major Works and assessments for submission and study for the HSC Trials in August. There is a lot of work to be done: be organised with your time and find some time for recreation and rejuvenation. It won't be long before school will be behind you and the opportunities of the future beckon!

Term 2 concludes at 3.20pm on Thursday. I ask all parents to do their very best to have their children at school until the end. It is vitally important that we teach right until the end of term so that the quality of our teaching and learning is maintained. If you have an exceptional reason for early departure, please apply for leave through me. Boarders may travel after school on Thursday or on Friday morning.

I would like to wish the senior students heading off to the snow for three days of skiing at the end of the week all the best. I especially wish to thank Mr Geoff Hayward for organizing this wonderful opportunity and Miss Grace Piol for agreeing to support the trip as the accompanying staff member. I am sure the students will enjoy the three days in the snow and develop or enhance their skiing skills.

I would like to remind all parents about the importance of completing the Embedding Excellence survey which was emailed to all current parents last Tuesday. The survey will be available on line until Tuesday 27 June. This survey has been provided by the Association of Independent Schools as part of a program we are undertaking with them to gather information which will be analysed by them and used to inform our future approach to teaching and learning at The Scots School. The Association of Independent Schools will continue to work with the school over the next few years as part of our ongoing commitment to staff professional development, teaching excellence and analysis of student learning data. We are very fortunate to be offered this opportunity.

It is important that a high percentage of parents complete the survey so I ask that you all take the time to complete the survey thoughtfully. Surveys with variable questions will also be completed by all academic staff, all students from Years 3 -12 and members of the School Board by next Tuesday. The results will be analysed by the Association of Independent Schools in the first week of the July School holidays and provided to Senior Staff for our meetings in the third week of the School holidays.

Steve Stretton from the Association of Independent Schools will then work with the Senior Executive and the Heads of Department on the Professional Development Day at the beginning of next term to begin to map out possible strategic developments in teaching and learning.

The Embedding Excellence program is a wonderful opportunity for The Scots School as the Senior Executive, teaching staff and the School Board work towards the development of a Strategic Plan in the second half of this year.

I am currently in the middle of reading all the reports for students from Kindergarten to Year 11. I regard this opportunity as a real privilege; it is something that I really enjoy as it provides a window into each student's academic life and their co-curricular involvement and commitment. I hope you will find the reports helpful and will take an opportunity to sit down with your children to go through them. I encourage you to make this a really positive experience of affirmation, encouragement and goal setting for next semester. I encourage you to focus more on your child's engagement with learning, effort and organisation rather than the final outcome and to look for positive ways to encourage improvement in those areas that need attention. I also encourage you to be prepared to support your children in the learning process by encouraging them in homework, assignments and reading on a regular basis and in a way that will allow them to learn and grow.

Have a good week and a wonderful semester break...

David Gates

Mr Harris - Act for Peace Ration Challenge

Mr Harris has joined the Act for Peace Ration Challenge to raise money for Syrian refugees. He will be eating the exact same rations as a Syrian refugee for one week.

Mr Harris is mid way through his week of food rations. This is what he has to eat for one week:

420g rice

170g lentils

85g dried chick peas

125g sardines

400g tinned kidney beans

300ml vegetable oil

1 coupon 1.5kg rice

1 coupon 450g flour

He will start this Thursday and finish on Thursday, 22nd June. If you would like to support Mr Harris and show your support for refugees, you can donate to

<https://actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/fundraisers/chrisharris>

Find your diary or calendar and save the date for:

The Scots School

Highland Jazz Night

Saturday 5th August, 2017

from 6pm

[End of Week 3, Term 3]

***Celebrating the Pipe Band, Musical and
Highland Dancing talent of The Scots School,
in the Aikman Hall***

Arrange a table of family & friends, bring a picnic
basket dinner and join in the wonderful night that is
the Highland Jazz Night.

Booking details to follow.....

The Scots School Community Calendar Photos needed for the 2018 Calendar.

All photos of Junior and Senior school activities gratefully accepted. They could be of the school's co-curricular activities (sport, music, cattle), boarding, typical day of academic activities, Highland Gathering, OBG activities, excursions, parent weekends.

Please save your photos onto a USB and drop them into the School office or email photos directly to Kristina Powell at eladnam@bigpond.net.au. The larger the file size, the better.

We really welcome and look forward to your contributions to make the 2018 calendar a show case of our school community activities.

Please support this important fundraising activity for the Scots School Boarder P&F.

History this Week by Max Semmens

20 June 1837 Victoria become Queen King William IV had been king of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland as well as the German State of Hannover for 7 years when he died at the age 71. And it is a great irony that the successor of such a short-reigning monarch went on to be one of the longest reigning monarchs in history. Victoria ruled over the British empire for 63 years, ending only with her death in 1901 at age 81. She was William's niece and the closest in line to the British throne, but due to a difference in the succession laws she was unable to inherit Hannover since she was female and so the title went to her uncle Ernest. Her reign began with young princess, who has only turned 18 on 24 May, being woken up and told that she was now the new queen, with her extravagant coronation taking place several months later. She could be considered the most important English monarch of the last 200 years, establishing the British monarchy as the centres of morality we know them as today, as well as mothering 9 children who all went on to marry into important noble houses across Europe. This gave her the moniker "the grandmother of Europe", and it should be noted that King George of England, Tsar Nicholas of Russia and Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany were all her grandchildren.

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Junior School News ...

Good Luck Grayson

Grayson Jacobsen is off to Trundle tomorrow for the CWA Inter Group Public Speaking Competition. Grayson recently won the Year 3 division of the Central West groups Public Speaking Competition held at Kinross Woleroi School. Grayson has prepared a new speech for the competition and we wish him every success.



Congratulations Izaak

Congratulations to Izaak Scott who ran in the CIS Cross Country last Thursday at Eastern Creek. Izaak finished the 2km course in 53rd place out of almost 100 runners in a time of 8 minutes and 49 seconds. Izaak finished strongly and took over several competitors in the final straight. A great



achievement Izaak!

Congratulations Andre

Congratulations to Andre Marais who recently won the Kindy Kits colouring Competition. The Kindy Kits program aims to promote road safety and caring for the environment. Andre's work will be on display at Council during the school holidays.

Embedding Excellence Parent Survey

All parents should have received an email regarding our Embedding Excellence Survey. As Mr Gates said in his piece last week all parents are encouraged to complete the survey. If you have not received the survey please contact reception.

Mrs Chapman Long Service Leave

Mrs Chapman will be taking long service leave for the duration of Term 3. Miss Power will replace her during this time.

Rugby Gala Day This Sunday and Netball continues

Just a reminder that netball continues this Saturday and our U/7s rugby players will compete in a Gala Day this Sunday at Anne Ashwood Park.

Semester One Reports

Semester One reports will be mailed out later this week or early next week. If there is anything in the report that you wish to discuss with your child's teacher then please feel free to arrange a time to meet them early in Term 3.

2017 Age Champions

Trophies were presented to our 2017 Athletics Carnival Champions at our assembly this morning.

Jnr Girls Champion	Catani Reynolds
Jnr Girls Runner Up	Lillian Gittins
Jnr Boys Champion	Izaak Scott
Jnr Boys Runner Up	Jack McRae
11yrs Girls Champion	Laura Scott
11yrs Girls Runner Up	Hannah Hilliard
11yrs Boys Champion	Mekhi Willott-Bird
12yrs Girls Champion	Jacquelin Ismay
12yrs Girls Runner Up	Sarah Knox
12yrs Boys Champion	Zachary Power
12yrs Boys Runner Up	Francesco DiFranco

Up-coming Athletics Dates

WAS Carnival: Friday 4th August

HICES Carnival: Thursday 10th August

Uniform Reminder

We have a lovely uniform at our school and it is important that it is worn correctly and that students arrive at school in neat and tidy manner. Information relating to the correct wearing of the uniform can be found on p.14 of the Kindergarten- Year 6 Handbook.

If your child needs to wear a parka, beanie, gloves or scarf then these items should be fully black in colour. Students are also required to leave the school grounds in their correct full school uniform.

Gymnastics

There is no gymnastics this week. The final gymnastics session will be held on the first Friday of Term 3.

French Day- Dress Up- THIS THURSDAY

French Day for 2017 will occur on Thursday 22nd June. Children are encouraged to dress with French “grace” and “flare”. Parents and friends are invited to “A French Concert” at 9.15 in the Performing Arts Centre. The children have been rehearsing with great zest.

This year we are fortunate to welcome Estelle Travis, French Chef and Language Professor. Estelle will spend time immersing the children from Year 2 - Year 6 in the French language, whilst conducting a “Crepe making Extravaganza Session”.

(There will be a small fee of \$5 charged to each participating child’s account. Enough crepes will be made for all students and teachers in the Junior school).

Lunch Orders

If your child would like to order a pie or a sausage roll for lunch on a Friday then simply write on a brown paper bag your child’s name, class, order with money with enclosed. Students bring their bag and money in on a Monday so it can be ordered for Friday. Pies are \$4 and sausage rolls are \$2.50. All monies raised from sale go towards the Year 6 fund raising program.

Lion Awards

This week they were awarded to:

Kinder: William Sturgiss, Alexander Sturgiss and Harvey Dempsey

Year One: Molly Ball, Lavisha Gnanaguru, Hayden Hodges, Kate Lang and Emily Nicoll.

Year Two: Zoe Banning, Margaret McCusker-Roth, Izaak Scott and Paul Christian

Stage Two: Alec Lewis, Grayson Jacobsen, Lillian Gittins and Joshua Inwood

Stage Three: Laura Scott, Shanlei Christian, Catani Reynolds, Jacob Brown and Zachary Power

Citizen of the Week

Last week our focus was, *Building Friendship*

Awards went to:

Kinder: Andre Marais

Year One: Kate Lang

Year Two: Grace Sturgiss

Stage Two: Imogen Smith

Stage Three: Catani Reynolds

This week our focus will be on: Freedom- Be generous in spirit and share your possessions with others.

Merit Awards: are presented to students when they have received three Lion Awards.

Merit Awards are presented to students who have received three Lion Awards. This week Merit Awards were presented to Lydia Brown, Lillian Gittins, Joshua Inwood and Zachary Power.

A **Headmaster Award** was presented to Carter Beech.

Up-coming Dates to remember

French Dress Up Day- Thursday 22nd June

Last day of Term 2- Thursday 22nd June

First Day of Term 3- Tuesday 18th July

Premier’s Reading Challenge concludes- 18th August

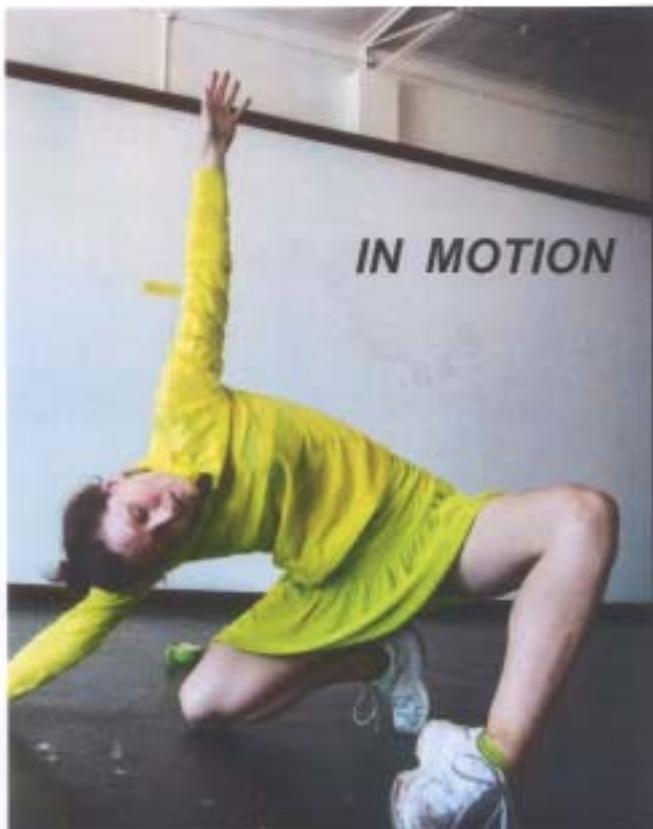
Hockey NSW is hosting School Holiday Clinics in various areas

Keep the boredom out and the hockey in this July school holidays with one-day hockey clinics run by Hockey NSW-accredited coaches. Focused on fun and development and utilising the revolutionary new Joey Ball, they’re suitable for kids of any ability under the age of 12 and start from just \$47. Don’t hesitate - get your school holidays plans sorted now. Head to <https://www.hockeynsw.com.au/participation/school-holiday-clinics/> to find a clinic near you. You don’t need to be a hockey player/member to be involved. All participants will receive a bucket hat and a Glitter Hockey NSW ball to take home.

For more information contact your local RCC Kate Pulbrook on 0447 186 494 or email kate.p@hockeynsw.com.au



The age winners appeared last week for a photo with Mr Roohan. Congratulations to you all!



Get moving these school holidays, with...
In Motion choreographic dance
 workshop at BMEC

Professional dance & physical theatre artist **Alison Plevy** leads a day long workshop exploring contemporary dance technique, improvisation from ideas and choreographic tools. Suited for those aged 13yrs and over with some dance or movement experience.

Alison is Co-Director of **Lingua Franca Dance Theatre**, Bathurst and Leader of **Australian Dance Party**, Canberra. She grew up in Bathurst, going on to study at WAAPA in Perth, receiving a BA(Dance) Hons. Alison has created and performed broadly in Australia and Internationally including ITS festival Amsterdam, CODA Festival, Norway and Wirksworth Festival, UK. Through her teaching and performance projects, Alison utilises dance as a vital tool for social connection, communication and change.

When: Saturday 8th July, 10am – 4pm
 Where: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre
 Cost: \$35
 Bookings: 0400 387 643



Pre-Kindergarten Highlander

This week our sound focus is 'g'. The Jolly Phonics action will see the children twist their wrist and hand like water gurgling down the drain whilst saying g,g,g,g,g,g,g. For our morning art experiences we will be making; green playdough creations, Gruffalo's, goats, green collages and lots more.

We are asking for any donations of old household telephones and computer key boards for our students to use in Pre-Kindergarten. If any families have any of these items available they can be dropped off to any of the staff in Pre-Kindergarten. Thank you in advance!

Link Program – The students have really enjoyed our series of activities and experiences each week with our rotations to improve fine motor and sequencing skills. We have one week left of this terms' program and will commence a Music focus during term three.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – This week, slips will be sent home to families indicating the time for each child's Parent/ Teacher Interview. The Blue Class will be held on Monday, 26th and the Gold Class Tuesday, 27th June in the Kindergarten Classroom in our Junior School Building. If you have not returned your child's preferred time to your child's teacher there are still places available for a catch up on your child's progress.

Week 10– As Pre-Kindergarten are the only students on campus during week 10 of the term, we will not be running the extended After School Supervision hours to 6pm. All students will need to be collected by 5pm in this final week.

Coat Drive

The Bathurst Community are looking for donations of warm winter coats. We are also looking for scarves, gloves, and hats.

If you have a good quality warm coat which you no longer need, please donate. Please make sure they are clean before donation.

**If you need a coat, go to Bathurst City Community Club
(Corner of William Street and The Highway – in the
bowling club)**

ON:

THURSDAY MORNINGS

9AM - 12 MIDDAY

Starting

The 15th of June

Finishing

The 17th of August

To drop off coats, go to:

Veritas House
(106-108 Russel Street)

Bathurst Local Aboriginal Land Council
(Corner of Russel and Seymour Street)

Bathurst City Community Club
(Corner of William Street and the Highway)

Wattle Tree House
(129 Piper Street)

Bathurst City Life Office
(111 George Street)

Contact:

Veritas House:
(02) 6332 3882

Bathurst Local Aboriginal Land Council:
(02) 6332 6835

Community Club:
(02) 6331 3187

Wattle Tree House:
1800 851 858

Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 9

Term 2

Rugby Representation

Congratulations to Wesley Standfield and Hayden Leopold on their ISA Div 2/3 rugby representation. Despite being in a losing team it was a very enjoyable and beneficial experience for the boys. Wes has given a report below. Well done.

WRAS 2018 Netball Squad Trials

The Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS) 2018 netball squad trials are approaching. The selection process has 2 phases. It is open to girls who are born in 2002, 2003 and 2004. The first phase (trial) is on Sunday the 27th August at Kinross Wolaroi and costs \$40. Further information and applications can be done through the WRAS website (<http://wras.org.au/sports/netball/>) or by calling 63384821.

Holidays

We look forward to a well-deserved break from our winter sports over the upcoming school holidays. We encourage all students to try and remain as active as possible over the holiday period so that their fitness levels do not drop away too much. I Challenge everyone student to try to do at least 30 minutes of activity (moderate to high intensity) on every day of the holidays.

Round 8 Netball matches

Thank you in advance for all the girls and parents that are able to support the games scheduled for round 8 on Saturday 24th June. We will have most teams playing.

Upcoming Sport Events

26th and 27th July Netball and Rugby Matches (1st and 2nd VII and 1st XV)

with visiting School from England
Sir William Borlase's Grammar from 2.00pm.

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



The Friends of Rugby are supporting
***Bathurst Regional Council's
"Ignite The Night" Winter Festival***

Saturday 1st July 2017 5pm - 9pm

This is a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for our children and to enjoy a great community event in Bathurst.

We will be running a BBQ and selling cakes and slices. We would love donations of your home cooking please!

Please let us know if you are available to assist on the night or with cake/slice donations

Lisa Knox - 0488049737
Shelly Van Essen - 0448860744

FRIENDS OF NETBALL

Chairperson – Rhonwen Hazell,
rhonwen@trafficsolutions.com.au, 0438 295 620
Treasurer – Natalie Cranston,
natalie@cranstons.com.au, 0409 367 596
Secretary – Tonia Cox, toniacox@bigpond.com, 0408 667 324
Dates to remember:
*Bunnings BBQ - Sunday, 13th August 9am to 3pm (please contact Rhonwen if you can help; we need 4 people per hour)
*Netball Dinner - Friday, 25th August

NETBALL . . .

Scots 2nds vs Bushrangers Bushgems

Score TSS 20 to Bushgems 31

This weekend Scots Seconds played the Bushgems who proved to be a tough opposition., In the first half of the game, the scorere remained fairly constant, Scots working hard to keep possession of the ball. In the second half the Bushgems dominated with their knowledge and smarts of the game showing through. The girls played well against strong defence but unfortunately were unable to come away with a win, losing by 20-31. Well done to all players on a fantastic game, which the score was unable to reflect.

by Alice Powell

Scots Rangers vs Oberon Tigers

This week the Rangers played the Oberon Tigers. The girls were off to a good start, but they came down in the last 2 quarters. The girls showed consistent effort throughout the game, but unfortunately couldn't come away with a win. Player of the match this week went to Prudence Inwood who showed good teamwork throughout the game.

by Sophie Morris

Scots Celtics vs. Collegians

Last Saturday Scots Celtics played against Collegians Little GG's. With strong attack from the other team meant that they gained the lead at the start of the game. However, the Scots girls stepped up their game and kept the scores close right up until the end. Unfortunately, the girls lost with a score of 31-24. Palyer of the match was the whole team.

by Lizzy Woodhouse

Scots Lionesses

On Saturday the 16th June the Scots Lionesses played against the Bulldogs Gems.

Despite having a weekend off last week due to the Long Weekend, the Lionesses worked hard at training this week and brought their very best attitude to the court.

Although the Lionesses went down 19-8 to the Bulldogs team, the girls put on by far their best performance of the season with the most goals scored in one game. The accuracy of passing, persistence in shooting, overall team work and diligence in defence were just some of the highlights of this show stopping game.

Best and Fairest as voted by the opposition was Laura Scott and the Player's Player as voted by the team was Emily Brown.

Please don't forget that there will still be a game this Saturday 24th June despite the commencement of school holidays for both junior and senior students. If you are unable to attend, please be sure to inform your coach in writing of your requested absence.

Mrs Sarah Willis (Coach)

Scots Blue vs OOT Toucans

This week Scots Blue played OOT Toucans. We started the game great, but the Toucans' attack was too strong. We played hard, but our play had a few holes in it. As a result, we had a 36-10 loss.

Scoring for Scots Blue were Liddian and Maddie

Best players for this game: Maddie with her great shots and Baileigh Honeysett

by Felicity Webb

Scots 1st VII

On Saturday the first's girls came up against their toughest opposition so far, playing against the girls below them on the ladder, Eglington Storm. The girls started off the game strong in the first half and were well ahead at half time with strong all over team play. However in the third quarter the game fell apart and the Eglington girls took a strong lead leading by 6 points at the start of the 4th quarter. The girls were unable to switch on and lazy game play and silly mistakes lead to the first loss of the season 32-43.

Player of the match went to Evie Simpson for adaptability, fast thinking and gameplay.

By Gwen Towart

		Sport Schedule Week 9 Term 2		Saturday 24th June		
	Coaches	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue	Transport Details
Netball (Boards)						
14 Black (1)	Lucy Woods (Ex), Mrs Dennead	24th June	Bulldogs Blitz	8.45am	Court 7	Nil
14 Gold (0)	Marie Cashen (Ex)	24th June	Bathurst 11 Yellow	12.10pm	Court 8	Nil
16 Celtics (0)	Mrs Sincock	24th June	Sportaco Spirit	8.45am	Court 2	Nil
3rd VII (2)	Mr Cameron	24th June	Collegians Black Thunder	3.45pm	Court 10	Nil
2nd VII (3)	Mr Adams	24th June	LJ Hooker Heat Hype	3.45pm	Court 7	Nil
1st VII (4)	Di Coombes (Ex), Mr Adams	24th June	Bushrangers Gypsies	3.45pm	Court 6	Nil

Venue

Netball John Matthews Sporting Complex - corner of Durham, Mitre & Merriest Streets, Bathurst

RUGBY . . .

Scots 1st XV v. Redlands

What an outstanding effort by our Opens players! With only 12 players on the field in the first half and no bench, one would have expected the Redlands players to walk all over our boys. However, that was not the case. Our boys were determined to make their opposition work hard for every point. The boys also showed that they could penetrate the Redlands defence. Again, well done to all the opens players.

Final score: TSS 5 to Redlands 39

Charles Flude score the TSS try.

Best performances for this match: Aiden Telfser and
Andrew Owens

Scots 14's vs. Redlands

The 14's have continued to deliver their best despite the odds at times being stacked against them. Although we lost the game, the boys never lost heart. Redlands' backs had considerable speed and size over us particularly out wide, which put us under constant pressure with those boys playing on the wing coped with quite well. It was pleasing to see that we could penetrate the Redlands' line to score two excellent tries and a conversion. Not going low enough in the tackle is still a key area that needs to be addressed. Thanks also to those parents who were able to support the team throughout the term.

Final result: TSS 12 to Redlands 50

by Mr Mottram

HOCKEY . . .

Girls U15's Hockey played on 6/6/2017

Joanna Morrison took advantage of the wing position and scored an early goal. Scots maintained this 1-0 lead for the majority of the match, with Rachel Hattenfels repeatedly clearing goal attempts. The second half saw All Saints bring on the 'big guns' and their more experienced forwards took advantage and hammered a few good hard shots to secure a 3 goals. A great improvement by our team duly noted by the All Saints coaches.

Best players this match: Joanna Morrison, Rosie Webb, Courtney Roberts

Final score a 3-1 loss

by Mr S. Dundon / Mrs Helen Thomson (Coaches)

ISA Rugby Representation

Last Sunday Hayden Leopold and I travelled down to Rat Park (Warringah) in Sydney to play for the ISA Division 2 and 3 team against the ISA 3rd XVs. It was bucketing down rain throughout the game which led to an extremely physical game up front in the forwards. The end of the game was 37 to nil to the ISA 3rds. There were also some exciting games played between ISA 1st XV against NSW CHS and ISA 2nd XV against NSWCCC. These games were a great eye opener for us on the level of schoolboy rugby around the state. Overall the day was a great experience and very enjoyable.

Wesley Standfield

Under 16s vs SCEGS Redlands16s

TSS 7 Redlands 57

Scorers: Try:C. Flude; Conversion: L. Baxter

While there can be no doubt about the superior quality, skill ... and size of the Redlands team that the boys faced on Saturday, there can also be no doubt that Scots played with spirited commitment for the full duration of the encounter. Reduced to a 16-player squad for the weekend's encounter due to injuries and absences, the team sheet saw many players filling unfamiliar positions. To a great extent, these experiments worked, with many of the fringe players making significant contributions towards the best team performance of the season to date. This may seem a confusing statement – surely there is little to celebrate in such an emphatic defeat? However, it was clear during the post-match huddle that the boys were justifiably proud of the tenacity they displayed against a superior opponent. Opposed sessions in recent weeks against the Scots First XV has taught the boys that, on occasions, there is satisfaction to be found in knowing that every player has put in a worthy effort, despite the tale of the scoreboard,. This was certainly the case on Saturday. The boys tackled themselves to a standstill, and forced plenty of frustration from the SCEGS team who were obviously determined to not slacken their pressure. Every individual Scots player should be proud of his efforts – each one knowing that he gave his all...and then some.

Mr T van Gend (coach)

