



This Week:

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**Save the Date:
Junior School
Production 30 Nov.**

**Christmas Carols
6-7 pm on 7th De-
cember**

**P&F BBQ will be
available between
Ceremonial Parade
and the Carols Serv-
ice**

Remembrance Day

**Blue Black & Gold
Ball**

Friends of Pipes and Drums AGM

Please be advised that the Friends of Pipes and Drums will hold the AGM this coming Friday, November 17, at 5pm in the band room.

All positions will be declared vacant and nominations received for committee positions.

Please join us for a short meeting to reflect on the year, and establish committee position holders for 2018.

Please contact Judith Wilde for any further information - judithwilde@yahoo.com.au

To Ponder . . .

**Carols @ Karralee Garden
6-7pm 7th December, 2017**

Then Isaiah said, "Listen well, you royal family of David! Isn't it enough to exhaust human patience? Must you exhaust the patience of my God as well? All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The maiden will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us'). ... Isaiah 7:13-14 (NLT-SE)

What great news!

Each Christmas we celebrate the wonderful reality that God has entered human history in the person of Jesus Christ.

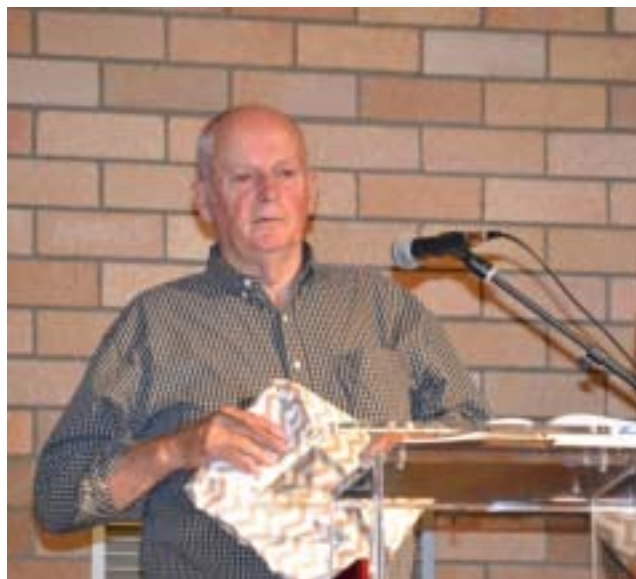
This year, following straight after the Cadet Ceremonial Parade we will gather at the gardens outside Karralee to enjoy some traditional lessons and carols presented and performed by our talented students.

Friends of the school all welcome so bring a chair or picnic rug, purchase a BBQ dinner and enjoy!

. . . Chaplain

Mr Peter Ribaux Retires from TSS

Our dedicated farm hand, Mr Peter Ribaux, was farewelled at assembly last week. Mr Ribaux has been with the school for ten years. He has been instrumental in ensuring that our cattle and sheep are in the best health and has assisted many agriculture students in learning what needs to be done around a farm. We wish you all the best in your retirement Mr Ribaux!





From the Headmaster . . .

The Blue, Black and Gold Ball was a wonderful occasion on Saturday night. Once again the event was very well supported by the wider school community with almost 300 in attendance. It was particularly good to see the number of old boys and girls who were present. The traditional photo on the stairs was incredible. Gordon Larkings (President of the OBGA) and Tess McPhee (Vice President of the OBGA) welcomed the past students and the newest members of the OBGA, the Year 12 of 2017, into the OBGA Association.

The Pipes and Drums provided much of the entertainment under the leadership of Gil McKenzie and Drum Tutor Millaine Longmore (Old Boy and School Captain 2011). They entertained the audience with a wide range of pieces which were well received by all present. Our Highland Dancers are going from strength to strength under the leadership of Mrs Kim Durie who has been working with our dancers for the last three years. This year, both the Senior and Junior Troupes performed accompanied by Gil MacKenzie and the Pipes and Drums.

I wish to acknowledge the tireless work of Mrs Belinda Boshier for her organisation of the Blue, Black and Gold Ball, ably assisted by Mrs Michelle Simcock and the team of helpers who assisted with the set up on Friday afternoon.

The academic year is rapidly drawing towards its finale with Year 7-10 Examinations concluding this week. Of course, many wonderful educational opportunities will take place over the next few weeks as curriculum programs are completed and excursions take place for some units of work. The Senior School students have been very busy preparing for the House Drama Competition on 24 November and the Junior School students have been preparing for their School Musical to be held on 30 November. The Year 6 Graduation Dinner on Wednesday 29 November is another highlight for students and their parents too.

The Cadet Ceremonial Parade and Carols at Karralee Garden promise to be wonderful occasions on Thursday 7 December from 4.30pm. I encourage strong support for these whole school events that represent so much that is important about our school. Our Cadet leaders are busy preparing Year 7 students for the Cadet Ceremonial Parade and Mr Gittins and Mrs Garland are working to prepare a wonderful Christmas celebration at the front of the school.

I wish to commend Year 11 for the way they have embraced the opportunity to take a strong lead in the School. Many of the new Prefects and Program Leaders have made a real impact already and their presentations on Assembly have been impressive. I particularly wish to acknowledge the outstanding Remembrance Day Service lead completely by the students under CUO Julia Ross and RSM Jaimie Balske. Once again the Catafalque Party were impressive too as they set the tone for the occasion through their respectful demeanour and attention to excellence in presentation. I also wish to commend the Junior School students for the proud way they sang the National Anthem. I think the older students can learn a great deal from our younger students in terms of the pride we should show as we sing our National Anthem. This is something we will work on in preparation for Speech Day!

I will be absent from School from Wednesday 15 November until Friday 23 November. Please refer any matters which would normally come to me, directly to Ms Tracey Leaf (Head of Senior School) or Mr Anthony Roohan (Head of Junior School). I am visiting China during this time with a small delegation of Heads of School and Educational Agents. This recruiting and promotional trip to China is to meet educational agents and prospective parents and students. It is also a fact finding trip to consider the possibility of setting up a separate educational ELICOS Centre. ELICOS is an acronym for English Language Intensive Centre for Overseas Students. Should such a centre eventuate, it would bring many wonderful benefits to the school.

Have a good week...

David Gates

From the Deputy . . .

A Pro Wrestler's Guide to Confidence - What We can Teach Our Children

As I write this message, our Year 7-10 students are in various classrooms, quietly working on their Yearly Examinations. I would like to commend our students for the conscientious manner in which they have approached this period of formal assessment. Whilst some students take exams in their stride, I am aware that many others find exams stressful. A recent national survey found 80% of teens deal with exam stress by bottling it up and keeping quiet. Where does the pressure come from? One-in-two students in Years 7-12 say the number one source of pressure is coming from themselves. Added to this for some students is their feelings of pressure from parents and teachers. Incredibly, one third of students said they are stressed about not being able to get a job once they leave school and 40% are worried about getting into their choice of university degree. The results of this survey are sobering and a reminder that our children are growing up with pressures that many of us never experienced. So how do we counter these negative messages? I was pondering this over the weekend while watching Mike Kinney's TED Talk, 'A Pro Wrestler's Guide to Confidence'. In sharing his story, Kinney encourages people to embrace their uniqueness, to find success in being *themselves*. "Turning yourself up is not some perfect idea of how to be great, it's a way of living - constantly looking for what makes you different and how you can amplify it for the world to see. You never know what you have the ability to do until you dig deep." Part of the counter-thinking we need to encourage is a celebration of the gifts and talents within each individual and the belief that our differences are indeed our strengths.

Further information on the recent survey and strategies for helping your child deal with stress can be found at <http://www.couriermail.com.au/lifestyle/parenting/australian-students-are-facing-school-exam-stress-more-than-ever-reachout-survey-finds/news-story/da941e657bee8480f9dc98225855b757>

Year 7 -10 Examinations

Years 9 and 10 complete their examinations today. Year 7 and 8 continue through to Tuesday midday. 'Make-up' exams for students who were absent will also be held on Tuesday.

2018 Year 7 Orientation

This Thursday is the 2018 Year 7 Orientation Day. We're looking forward to meeting the young people who will commence High School in January and trust they'll find Scots a welcoming and happy place.

2018 HSC Students - Assessment Schedules

Year 11 are now well and truly into their HSC courses and recently received their 2018 HSC Assessment Schedules. Please check this booklet regularly. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the class teacher.

The Blue Black and Gold Ball

This was, of course, my first Ball and I found it to be a thoroughly enjoyable experience. What a delight to see past students returning 'home' and our current Year 12 school leavers celebrating with family and friends. Many thanks to Mrs Boshier and her committee for their efforts in organising the Ball and creating a fabulous atmosphere. Thank you also to Mr Gill Mackenzie and the members of the Scots Pipes and Drums and the Highland Dancers for their wonderful presentations at the Ball. Our community is indeed blessed to have so many adults and young people who willingly give of their time and talents.

Remembrance Day

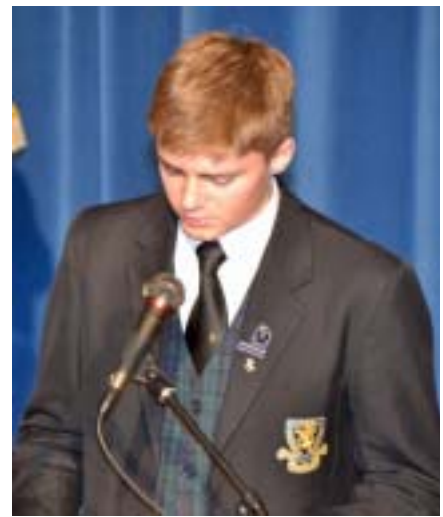
As a school we commemorated Remembrance Day on Friday with a special assembly organised solely by the students. It was an outstanding service and my congratulations and thanks to CUO Julia Ross and her team.

Year 7 - 10 Reports

Term 4 continues to be a busy time for students and staff. The completion of examinations and final assessment tasks leads to the writing of reports and the organisation of academic awards. My thanks to our students, teachers and support staff for the professional manner in which the busyness of this Term is being approached.

Ms Tracey M Leaf

Remembrance Day



Blue Black & Gold Ball



Year 12 graduates were presented to the assembled crowd

Gabby Boshier Drum Major, led the Pipes & Drums into the Ball

Mr Gill Mackenzie read the Ode to the Haggis.



Blue Black & Gold Ball



Craig Potts (Class of 2007) attended the ball with a number of his classmates for their 10th reunion. Craig was a vocal favourite and the pipe major during his time at Scots. Mrs Garland and Mr Gates enjoyed seeing him.



Georgia Flude is congratulated by band member Makenzie Honeysett



Staff and parents enjoying the party



Ball attendees always enjoy the entertainment by the Scots School highland dancers.



HIGHLAND GATHERING - SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

The Highland Gathering Committee has already been meeting and busily preparing for next year. We are seeking expressions of interest from local businesses who would like to sponsor and be featured at our fabulous Highland Gathering. Sponsorship, goods and service in kind and any assistance would be most welcome and appreciated.

For further information, please contact Sharyn Semmens sharynsemmens@gmail.com or 0429000924.

Sponsor Thank You . . .

The Highland Gathering Committee would like to thank **Westfund Health Insurance** for their generous sponsorship.

Westfund Health Insurance is a not for profit health insurance company. They are regionally focused. Be sure to drop by their new Care Centre in the Bathurst City Centre.



Year 11 band member Maddie Cain has a chance to wish Hayden Leopold well at the start of the Ball.

Many men in kilts!

Mrs Gillian Gates and Ms Tracey Leaf are not sure they want to try the haggis, but the Headmaster is willing!



The 2018 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships open on **Monday 4th December** and close on **Friday 5th January 2018.**

C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships are one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to **\$60,000 over three years.**

Information about the C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship and an application form are available at **www.hawkerscholarship.org** or by contacting the secretary to the Trustees on 08 8127 1654.

The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier and pastoralist **Charles Allan Seymour Hawker** and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia's most respected statesmen.

C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships have been presented by Governor-General **Ms Quentin Bryce AC**, Australia's Chief Scientist **Professor Ian Chubb AC**, South Australian Premier **Hon Jay Weatherill MP**, former Speaker of the House of Representatives and Hawker family member **Hon David Hawker AO** and former Governor-General **The Hon Major General Michael Jeffery AC**. The scholarships are available to all Australian students. The majority have been awarded to students entering their first year of university study.

Selection is largely based on personal qualities and demonstrated leadership as well as academic ability. Undergraduate Hawker Scholars are able to attend a range of Australian educational institutions.

HIGHLAND GATHERING 2018 -- Stalls

Pre K/Kindergarten Showbags

Years 1 and 2 Tombola

Years 3 and 4 Cakes and Chocolate Toss

Years 5 and 6 Devonshire Tea

Year 7 Ice Cream, Drinks & Popcorn

Year 8 Plants and Produce (Parents Only)

Year 9 Rides and Sideshow Alley (+ year 8 children)

Year 10 Books

Year 11 BBQ

Year 12 Parking and Entry Gates



PLANTS AND PRODUCE

The Highland Gathering Committee are busy preparing for next year's event to be held on Sunday 18th March. After feedback from parents we have made a couple of changes to the stalls that parents, teachers and children run. This year we have decided to add produce to the plant stall. This is a great little stall to run and we are aiming to cover the running of this stall with Year 8 parents. The Year 8 Students will help out with the rides and slideshow alley. Any help with donations for the stall would be greatly appreciated.

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HELP

The Highland Gathering Committee is busy preparing for next year's Highland Gathering (to be held on Sunday, 18th March).

Now that Spring is in the air, we would like to appeal to all of our 'green thumb' parents to consider potting up seedlings and plants for the plant stall. We rely heavily on our parents for this wonderful day and would be most grateful if you could keep the Plant Stall in mind while out in your beautiful garden.



Combined Disability Services

DISCO

When: Saturday 25th November 2017,
5pm-8pm
Where: Club Lithgow
Entry Fee: Gold Coin Donation

Music by digital discos!!!!!!

Family, friends and carers are invited to attend

Lets all dress up in Christmas outfits!

Enquiries about transport or RSVP please phone Daniel at
LINC 63545905

Raffle Tickets will be on sale throughout the night!

Junior School News ...

I had a great time at the Blue, Black and Gold Ball on Saturday night. What a wonderful night for the entire school community. It was great to see so many Junior School parents at the Ball enjoying the night and seeing some of the opportunities our school offers and where they can lead. The Pipes and Drums were simply sensational and it was great to see how these students have developed their skills so quickly. Similarly, the Highland Dancing was the best I have seen. Several items were performed and special mention to our Junior School girls Laura, Shanlei and Sarah. You were outstanding!

Icecreams for Masila

Student can bring \$2 to school on Wednesday to raise money for Masila. Ice creams will be available for \$2 for this great cause. A further reminder that at the first chapel of the month students can bring along a coin to give to Masila.

Intensive Swimming

Intensive Swimming begins next week for K-4. Registration is done via School Stream and should be completed early this week. For ease students can wear their sport uniform during this 2 week period.

I would like to encourage parents this week to help prepare students for Intensive Swimming by making sure they can dress themselves in their sport uniform when they have finished their session. I also encourage parents to remind their children that they are responsible for their things and making sure they have everything. All items of clothing and towels, goggles etc should be clearly labelled. This is a valuable opportunity for our young ones to develop independence.

Please note that due to the busy nature of our school timetable, daily swimming times for each class may vary each day. Please contact Mrs Weal if you need to know what time a particular lesson is on.

Communicating with the Junior School Office

Whilst Mrs Weal is now in the Junior School office for the remainder of the year, please be aware that Mrs Parnell's email is still active and should be used for any relevant correspondence. Mrs Weal will have access to this for the remainder of the year until the position is finalised for 2018.

WAS Chess Competition

Four students will travel to Orange Anglican Grammar School this Thursday for the WAS Chess Competition. Jacob Brown, Laura Scott, William Host and Bryce Host will form our team. Thank you to our Year 8 students

who have assisted in developing our Chess players in recent weeks. We wish our team every success.

French Christmas Concert

Please note that there is no French Christmas concert as may have been indicated in the school calendar that was put out at the start of the year. This concert was replaced by French Day and the up-coming Junior School Production.

Absences- School Stream

You are now able to submit your child's absence from school via the School Stream App.

The Absentee Form appears under 'Absentee' on the home page. Simply fill out the form on your device and submit. If this can be done before 9am it would be appreciated.

We trust that you will find this a convenient way to submit absences to school.

Arriving late or leaving early?

Please note that School Stream is for full day absences only. For partial absences - ie late arrival or early departure - parents need to sign children in using the book in the foyer as per usual.

Dean Mobbs Art Club

Group Two continues this Tuesday. Students will meet Mr Roohan in the foyer at 3:30pm and make their way to the Art Room. Sessions conclude at 5pm.

Hats

It is vital that all children have their hat at school everyday. Our No Hat No Play in the shade policy will be enforced at break times as well as during outdoor activities such as Fitness and Sport.

Assessment Week

Teachers will be conducting end of year assessments this week. Please avoid any unnecessary absence to ensure your child can complete all tasks with his/ her classmates.

2018 School Leadership Speeches

Our Year 5 students who are standing for leadership positions in 2018 will deliver their speeches at our 9am Assembly on Monday 20th November.

Up-coming Dates to remember

16th November: Year 7 Orientation and WAS Chess

20th November: Intensive Swimming program commences

20th November: Year 6 2018 Leadership Speeches

29th November: Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Mini Fete

30th November: Junior School Production

1st December: Lithgow Production and Mini Fete

7th December: Junior School Awards Assembly

8th December: Speech Day

Lion Awards

This week they were awarded to:

Kinder: Alexander Sturgiss, Grace Cranston and Emmeline Jacobsen

Year One: Kate Lang, Hayden Marr and Isabella Owens.

Year Two: Timothy Gittins and Zoe Banning

Stage Two: Angus Ryan, Makayla McRostie, Jack McRae, Lucy Roohan and Lacey Booth.

Stage Three: Jacob Brown, Jacquilin Ismay and Joshua Kidd.

Citizen of the Week

Last week our focus was, solving conflict in a peaceful way.

Kinder: Rory Hutchinson

Year One: Hayden Marr

Year Two: Jonathan Price

Stage Two: Imogen Smith

Stage Three: Emily Brown

This week our focus will be on aiming to get better at all things.

Merit Awards: are presented to students when they have received three Lion Awards. Merit Awards were awarded to Hayden Marr, Makayla McRostie, Angus Ryan, Joshua Kidd and Jacob Brown.

Under 9s Cricket Report

Conditions were warm, sunny and perfect for cricket as our Under 9s took on All Saints on their home ground on Saturday. All Saints were short a few players so a special mention to Jack McRae who offered to help out the opposition and play for them. He didn't disappoint and picked up a couple of wickets and scored some valuable runs as well.

We batted first and captain Paul Christian (12) and his opening partner Tim Gittins (18) got the runs flowing as the dew slowly dried off the grass. Lucy Roohan came

in at number three and started and ended her innings with 4s to finish with a handy 18. Jonathan Price continued his aggressive form and timed the ball superbly to make 26. Alec Lewis continued his good run of form in recent times with a well-made 14. Claire McKay placed the ball nicely into the gaps to make a tidy 7. Toby Hutchinson settled into his groove before he belted three consecutive fours at the end of his innings to make a season high of 25. Toby was joined by Lacey Booth (14) at the end of our innings and the two of them ran quickly between the wickets to take our total to 7 for 134.

In reply, All Saints got off to a flying start and found the boundary on several occasions. Scots kept their minds on the task at hand and fielded sensationally to restrict the All Saints scoring. It was great to see the improvement from last week with all players correctly fielding balls along the ground and cutting off boundaries. Tim, Paul and Toby each picked up wickets as our accuracy continues to improve each week. At the end of an enjoyable and friendly game All Saints finished at 3 for 83.



Pre-Kindergarten Highlander

Sounds Program—It's hard to believe that we are up to our final sound for the year! This week our sound focus is 'x'. The Jolly Phonics action will see the children pretend to take an x-ray photo whilst saying x,x,x,x,x,x. For our morning art experiences we will be creating things that contain our sound.

This week we will be constructing and designing our junk box recycled items during our sensory/project based developmental play in the morning session.

Ice Creams for Masila—This Wednesday at lunchtime Mrs Chapman will be selling ice creams for \$2.00 for Masila our sponsor child who lives in a small village in Kenya. Children will be able to have a vanilla ice cream in a cone with a selection of special toppings.

Hours of Operation – We would like to remind our families that our hours of operation for Pre-Kindergarten are **8.30am-5.00pm and 5.00-6.00pm with a charge**. The only students who are permitted in the building before the hours of 8.30am are the students who arrive on a bus due to supervision reasons. Thank you for your cooperation!

Maths Concepts – This week we will be working on the numbers 6-10; writing, tracing and their grouping.

News Topic – Recycling

Playball – There are an enthusiastic group of students who have signed up for the additional Playball sessions on Thursdays. If you have any inquiries about joining for the last 3 classes please contact Coach Phoebe. Congratulations to Austin Smyth who won the medal for last week's skills session!

Town Library –The students had a wonderful time last Thursday travelling into the Bathurst City Library for their final Story Time for the year. The stories, songs, games and craft activities are much appreciated by our students in this worthwhile community program.

Save the Date – Information was sent home last week outlining our upcoming Junior School Performance on Thursday, 30th November. Our Pre-Kindergarten students will be performing a musical item.

Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 6 Term 4

No Team Sport Training on Tuesday (14th November)

There is no sport training for all team sports on Tuesday (the swimming group and swimming squads will still be on). We have had to cancel as we have a large number of teaching staff involved in meetings after school. All day students are asked to go home at 3.20pm or on the earliest bus.

Thunder League Girls Cricket

The girls played last Wednesday evening against St Pats Blue at Scots. Our girls continued to show great individual and team skill development. Our star bowlers were Gabby Boshier (2 for 2 from 3 overs) and Olivia Grimshaw (2 for 15 from 4 overs). Our star batters were Belinda Kidd (38 not out), Charlotte Lindsay (25 not out) and Rosie Webb (18 not out). We thank Kiah and Kelly for helping out the opposition team.


Learn to Golf Program

We had our third golf session last Friday evening at the Bathurst Driving Range. Our professional coach Matthew Barrett taught the boys how to chip and play from the bunker. The quickness in which the boys have developed is amazing. Our fourth session is this Friday (it is the last one at the driving range). The fifth session will be at the Golf Club with an Ambrose competition played amongst the students. This is also an opportunity for parents to join in (they will need to pay green fees). Please let Mr Adams know (via email if you wish to play).

Lunch Time Inter House Tennis Competition

The lunch time tennis competition has proved popular amongst the students. We are reaching the semi-finals in most year groups. The Year 9 competition has finished with Seton Bremner declared the winner. The winning house is yet to be decided as is based on the number of points accumulated for each house.

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

		Summer Sport Schedule Week 6 Term 4		Friday 17th November & Saturday 18th November		
	Coach	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue	Transport
Cricket						
12s	Mr Adams	11/11/17 18/11/17	Rugby Union Voges	8.20am	Scots McKibbin	Nil
14s	Mr Maher & Mr Josh Coyte (Ex)	11/11/17 18/11/17	ASC	8.20am	Scots Lee	Nil
1st XI	Mr Harris & Mr Mair	18/11/17	Redfield College	10.00am	Redfield (TBC)	6.00am Departure
Girls Thunder	Mr Adams	15/11/2017	Bathurst City	5.00pm	Scots McKibbin	Nil
Basketball						
Girls Gold	Ms Hughes	17th November	TBA	TBA	Bx Indoor Sports	TBC
Girls Blue	Ms Hughes	17th November	TBA	TBA	Bx Indoor Sports	TBC
Boys Black	Miss Nikki Collins (Ex)	17th November	TBA	TBA	Bx Indoor Sports	TBC
Boys Raptors	Miss Nikki Collins (Ex)	17th November	TBA	TBA	Bx Indoor Sports	TBC
Boys Razors	Mr Oliver Williams (Ex)	17th November	TBA	TBA	Bx Indoor Sports	TBC
Tennis						
WAS Squad	Mr Doney	18th November	Kinross	9.30am	Wade Park, Orange	8.15am Departure
Touch						
Junior	Mr Coyte & Mrs Davis	18th November	All Saints Gala Day	8.30am	Scots Old Boys	8.00am Departure
Senior	Mr Coyte & Mrs Davis					
Swimming						
	Mrs Inwood (Ex) & Sarah (Gap)	18th November	Session 3	9.00am	Scots Pool	
Golf						
	Mr Adams or Mr Mottram	17th November	Golf Session 4	4.00pm	Bx Golf Range	3.40pm Departure

Venues
 BDJCA and ISA Cricket
 Touch
 Tennis
 Bx Golf Range
 Bathurst Indoor Stadium
 Lee St Oval and McKibbin Oval are at The Scots School - 4173 O'Connell Rd Bathurst
 Scots Old Boys
 Scots Tennis Courts
 180 Eglinton Rd, Bathurst
 34 Alexander St West Bathurst

Cricket . . .

Scots 14 s v. ASC

All Saints currently have first innings points. How the game will finish will be determined next week. The game was marked by a big improvement in fielding with very few byes being given away.

Darius Pouicha is to be congratulated on his score. Being further up the batting order gave him a chance to score some runs without running out of partners.

Scots all out for 67

All Saints 3 for 119

Batting Darius Pouicha 27

Bowling Ben Bingley 2 wickets for 22.

Good figures also achieved by Ike Starr and Keeran Rajkumar.

Mr J. Coyte (Coach)

Mr A. Maher (Team Manager)

Tennis . . .

WAS Tennis Round 4 TSS v ASC at Scots Saturday 11th Nov

A perfect morning for Tennis and both teams were keen to play. A particular welcome to the competition this round as it was the first time the tennis teams had met since the news of the schools joining together.

The Seniors again faced some tough competition with some very capable and experienced opposition. Stephanie Arpasi, playing up an age group, took her game 6-2 and Joshua Van Essen fought out an honourable 3-5 loss before going off to participate in the Remembrance Day Cadet party. Ben Dickenson and Peter Wang played strong opponents and both Doubles went down.

ASC 5 Sets TSS 1 (Games 36-12)

The Intermediates No1 Singles were played last when the match count was 2-2 along with one draw. No 1 Singles Krummins prevailed (8-0) for Scots to give us the age group. Lachlan Smith also took his No2 Singles, Jake Mawhood No 3 drew his and Seton Bremner went down in a close 3-5. Krummins and Smith took the No 1 Doubles (7-1), Mawhood and Bremner going down (2-6).

First Eleven Cricket Report

The First Eleven found the going tough in their fixture –v- Blue Mountains Grammar last Saturday. Batting first, BMG scored 275. Initially we were able to keep the score in check due to some tight bowling. However, we had to bowl an additional 4 overs (due to wides and no balls), and these extra overs resulted in an extra 50-60 runs being scored. We also allowed far too many easy singles to be scored with fielders being left “flat footed” instead of attacking the ball. Will Webb captured two wickets with Charlie Flude and Jacob Lloyd bowling better than their figures indicated.

Chasing such an imposing total we fell well short. Charlie Harris made a solid 29 before being given out on a highly dubious LBW decision. Josh Payne made an entertaining and belligerent 15.

Once again many thanks to all the parents who assisted on the day with the BBQ and canteen especially Lisa and David Knox, David Flude and Suzanne and Rob Webb.

Early results indicate that this year the competition will be highly unpredictable with no team able to establish dominance at this stage of the season.

Mr B. Mair (Coach)

TSS 3.5 Sets ASC 2.5 (Games 30-18)

The Juniors were also close. Both No1 and No2 Doubles were Draws. William Bremner played well to take his No 4 Singles 5-3 and Lachlan Collins fought hard at No 3 to go down 3-5 in one of the best contested games of the morning. That left the No1 and No 2 Singles to play with the games score 16-16 and the Matches one win each and a draw. Heady stuff ! The Scots coach was wondering whether he had Kyriouses, Tomics, Stozurs or Barties in his squad! As well as how secure his future looked. (Time to find a spare racquet and a scapegoat). Two marathon matches ensued where Hamish Larkings at No 2 came home strongly 7-1 and Jorgia Hazell took the No 1, 5-3, in the longest match of the morning.

TSS 4 Sets ASC 2 (Games 28-20)

So Scots takes the fixture and looks forward to the rematch later in the season. Round 5 next week sees us travel to Orange to play KWS.

Mr Doney

Touch . . .

Touch Football: Scots Host Round Three

Saturday 11th November saw Scots play host to Kinross Wolaroi for Round Three of the Touch Football.

Scots Juniors started off a bit rusty but improved in our defence. Kinross slipped through a gap and scored early but Skye Frewe and Charlotte Lindsay gave great chase. Great pressure from Scots led to mistakes from Kinross and some good passages of play from Scots. Joanna Morrison looked promising on debut. Ultimately Kinross proved to be the side more hungry for the win and took the match 4-0. Scots Juniors were Ellie Moorhead, Joanna Morrison, Charlotte Lindsay, Baileigh Honeysett, Simi Atluri, Felicity Webb, Skye Frewe, Samantha Edwards, Lana Eastment, Grace Evans and Claire Ferguson.

Aly Cranston

Scots Seniors stepped up next to take on Kinross. The run on team was Rosemary Webb, Evie Simpson, Anna Wilde, Gabrielle Boshier, Holly Proctor, Brooke Webb, Makenzie Honeysett, Madeleine Caine, Olivia Warry and Chelcie Brunton. Kinross were fast out of the blocks, putting points on the board early. There was some good go forward from Scots and Rosie Webb converted pressure into points with an efficient try. Defensively Scots flagged though and Kinross were able to run in a succession of quick points. Gabby Boshier showed good vision in setting up Brooke Webb who crossed for a consolation try in the dying minutes but the end result was a convincing win to Kinross 8-2.

Mrs. Davis and Mr. Coyte (Coaches)

Years 9/10 Basketball

The match went back and forth. In the end the boys narrowly lost. Full credit to the boys for hanging in there and coming back multiple times. Also, their shooting was impressive with the number of shots going in high above previous games.

Scoring by Lars Baxter, Connor Manton, Fin Eastment
Best players this match: Joey Souksamlanh for overall improvement and showing his dribbling skills

Final score a 37-41 loss

Mr J. Crofts (Coach)

Basketball . . .

Scots Black

The Scots Black (1st V Boys) played against Backboard users for the second time in the grading games. The game was again a very tightly contested game with the game going basket for basket. In the last minute we found ourselves behind by 2 points but due to Micheal Tse's excellent shooting we were able to tie the game, in the final 20 seconds Micheal was able to get a shooting foul in the key giving him 2 free throws. He was able to get both shots in with the final score ending up 29 to 31. All the boys played a great game and continue to improve as each week continues.

by Josh Payne

Scots Blue

Another strong performance from the girls this week. With only 5 players the girls got plenty of court time. They continued to pass well and worked well as a team. Each of the girls made the scoreboard. Sacha Spence score the majority of the points, but was well served by excellent passing from the other girls. The girls are continuing to develop and understand the game each week improving.

Final score a 46-14 win.

Miss R. Hughes (Coach)

Scots Gold

A much better performance from the girls this week resulted in a solid win. The teamwork and passing improved and our ability to score also improved. We had a good lead going into the second half but our ability to score quickly at the start of the second period was hampered. It took around 10 minutes for us to find the basket despite having possession for most of this time. Hopefully the girls will continue to improve and a full 40 minutes will follow.

Best players: Anna Wilde and Holly Proctor

A 28-18 Win!

Miss R. Hughes (Coach)

1st V

The team's hard work at training is starting to pay off. Boys worked well together as a team. Michael earned a foul on the buzzer, with scores at 29-29 and finished by free throws to win the game 31-29.

Scoring by: Michael Tse, Anthony Carter-Rankine and Jake Lu

Best play of the Match to Michael Tse for his winning free throws to take the match.

Mr J. Crofts (Coach)