



This Week:
The Lions Pride
photos

Ceremonial Parade
7th December

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

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

Crazy Sock Day

To Ponder . . .

Don't Forget!

Carols at Karralee Gardens

6-7pm Thursday 7th

Bring: a rug or chair
a picnic or purchase a BBQ dinner

To Ponder . . .

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." ... Luke 2:8-12 (NLT-SE)

These were blue-collar working men.

They lived rough and worked rough and yet God chose them share His joy.

The Messiah, God's saving king, is born!

That's good news for everyone.

. . . Chaplain

Final Week Events – Thursday 7th December

Secondary Awards Assembly -- Thursday, 7th December commencing at 12:30 p.m. All parents/family are invited to attend as we recognise the achievements made by our secondary students throughout the year.

Annual Ceremonial Parade of the Scots School Cadet Unit
4.30pm on the front oval.

Attendance is compulsory for all students. Spectators are to remain in school uniform, including hats.

Carols at Karralee Gardens

6.00 pm in the front area of the school.

Attendance is compulsory for all students. Spectators may change into neat casual clothes after the ceremonial parade.

Band, singers and readers are to be in full school uniform.



From the Headmaster . . .

I encourage everyone to plan to attend the Cadet Ceremonial Parade and Carols on Thursday 7 December. The Ceremonial Parade is at 4.30pm and the Carols from 6-7pm. The Friends of Junior School will provide a BBQ which will be available between 5-6pm and following the Carols at 7pm. Weather permitting, the carols will take place in the Karralee Gardens. The students will be seated together on the tiered seating. Some other seating will be provided but you may like to bring your own outdoor chairs to sit on. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbours to this event.

This week I have the enormous privilege of reading all the reports for students from Kindergarten to Year 10; Year 11 and Year 12 students have already received their reports. I really enjoy reading each student's report and gaining a sense of their achievements and areas for further development. I also like to reflect on their areas of co-curricular involvement and success.

The reports for Kindergarten – Year 10 will be posted next week. I trust you find these reports helpful and make the opportunity to sit down with your children to go through them at a time and place without the rush of a busy day. I encourage you to make this a really positive experience of affirmation, encouragement and goal setting for next year. I also 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 which need attention.

It was in December last year that I announced the decision of the School Board to restructure tuition fees with an average reduction of 30%. This decision was a shock to many but had been made following extensive consideration over a significant period of time to determine where best to position ourselves as a regional school in the educational landscape of the Central West. It enabled The Scots School to position itself at a different price point and become more affordable to a greater number of families in Bathurst, Lithgow and in communities across the Central West. The restructure was possible because the school had capacity for growth and was debt free.

The aim of the restructure was to enable the school to grow over the next few years whilst continuing to provide a quality education at a level which was more affordable to a greater range of families. The school board promised to continue to offer the range of learning opportunities and co-curricular activities that made the school unique.

Twelve months later, I can report that the fee restructure has been a resounding success. Enrolment numbers for next year have increased by over 20% and the Junior School will have seven classes for the first time in the school's history with single streaming from Kindergarten to Year 6. This growth will enable the school to plan for improvements in the educational offerings and infrastructure of the school. It is also exciting in view of the pending integration with All Saints' College in 2019.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the School community for your support this year in what has been a remarkable year. The contribution of the School Board, staff, students, parents and old boys and girls make this a truly wonderful community which we must never take for granted.

My prayer is that we will all work together to continue to develop and grow this school as a vibrant place of learning where children grow to become mature, confident young adults ready to serve their community, are challenged to strive to do their best in all areas of endeavour and are challenged to consider the truth of the Christian message and its relevance to their daily lives.

Next year will be a very special year as we work together with the All Saints' College community to prepare for the integration of the two schools in 2019. The Integration Working Groups will begin early in Term One with staff, student and parent groups charged with the challenge of providing ideas to maximise the benefits of one independent protestant school in Bathurst. This is a very exciting time with two wonderful schools joining forces to become a school of about 750 students in 2019. The aim of the integration group is to keep much of what we do really well now, whilst maximising the opportunities available in a medium sized school. This is already evident

for next year's Year 11 where subject elective lines have been combined for next year so that students have greater subject choice.

As this is the last Highlander for the year, I wish to thank everyone for your support of the school and wish you are very happy and blessed Christmas. My prayer for all of us is that the reality of Jesus will be revealed to all of us this Christmas like it was for the shepherds. The shepherds in the fields had an amazing experience when angels announced the birth of Jesus to them as recorded in Luke 2:8-20 New International Version (NIV).

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen which were just as they had been told.

I wish all school families a wonderful Christmas, a safe holiday period and a time to enjoy with family and friends. If you don't have a church you regularly attend, I encourage you to consider attending one of your local churches this Christmas to give thanks as we celebrate Jesus' birth this Christmas

Have a good week...

David Gates

CADETS . . .

Remembrance Day ...

The Scots School Cadet Unit was invited to the Bathurst Remembrance Day service, on the 11th of November. Remembrance Day marks a special occasion in Australian history, and it is a privilege for the unit to be invited to this service each year. The Cadets this year showed remarkable skill and precision in their sword drill movements and marching. Captain Russell Setright said that they all looked extremely good. The Cadets represented the School and the Unit exceptionally.

Ceremonial Parade ...

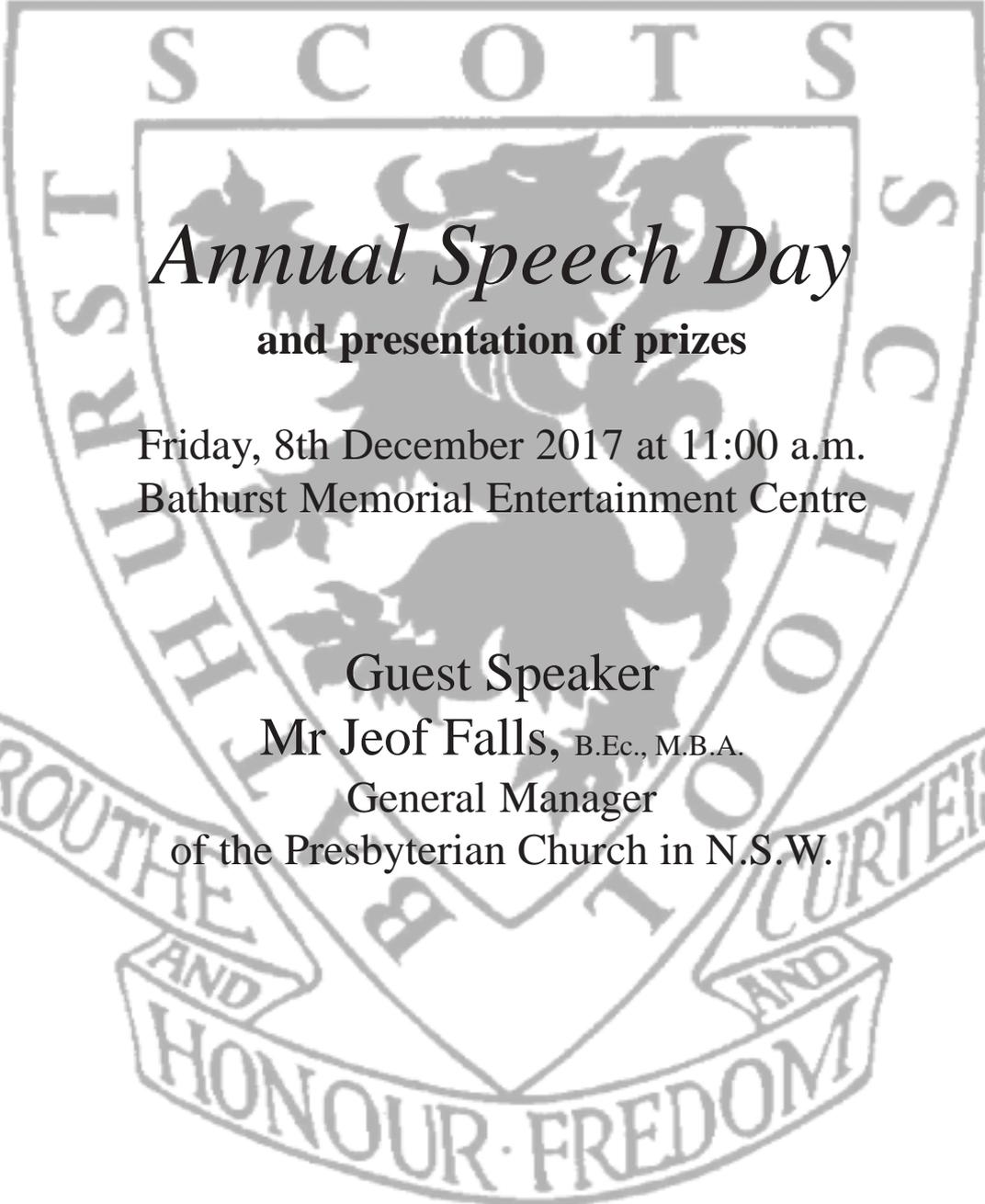
This year in the Cadet Ceremonial Parade, there are two Guests of Honour. We have the privilege of having Major Richard Varvel, Operations Officer, 1st/19th Battalion, The Royal New South Wales Regiment. Major Varvel will be addressing the parade and presenting the Sword of Honour to the recipient. We also have Lieutenant Caitlin McDermid attending this year's Parade. Caitlin is an ex-student who graduated from Scots in 2012, went onto attend the Australian Defence Force Academy, then continuing military training at the Royal Military College Duntroon. Lieutenant McDermid will be presenting the RSM's award to the recipient.

Please join us at 4:30pm on the Old Boys Oval for the Cadet Ceremonial Parade. The Parade will be led by CUO Julia Ross and the band led by Drum Major Gabby Boshier.

Ms Tegan Brunton (Cadet Administrative Officer)

The Board and the Headmaster of
The Scots School

cordially invite you to the



Annual Speech Day
and presentation of prizes

Friday, 8th December 2017 at 11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Guest Speaker

Mr Jeof Falls, B.Ec., M.B.A.

General Manager

of the Presbyterian Church in N.S.W.

All parents, family and friends of the school are welcome to attend.

A light lunch will be served on the upper mezzanine level
immediately following the ceremony.

Ceremonial Parade of The Scots School Cadet Unit



You are invited to view the
Annual Ceremonial Parade of the Scots School Cadet Unit
featuring The Scots School Pipes and Drums
7th December on the Old Boys' Oval
Commencing at 4:30 p.m.



Carols at Karralee Gardens

Thursday, 7th December

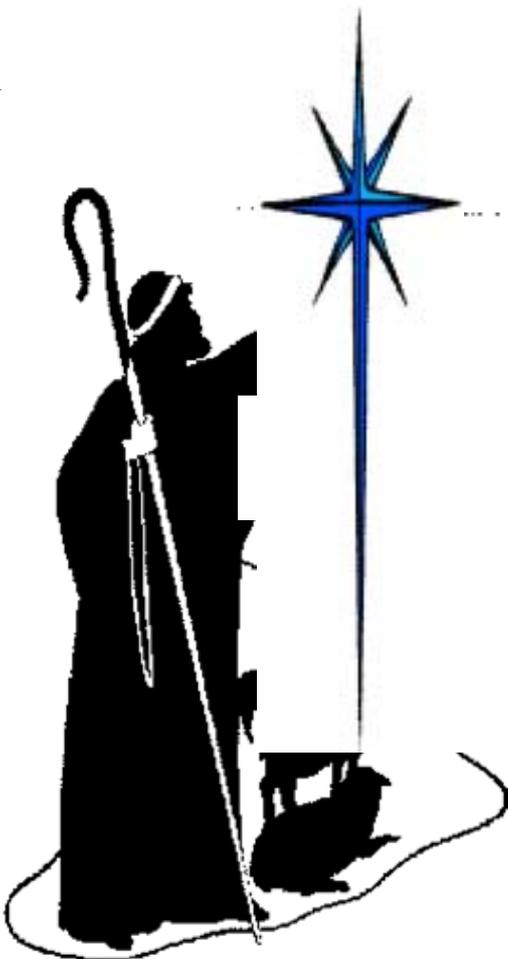
“A Child is Born”

The message of Christmas

in Carols and Verse

6-7 p.m.

Bring a picnic rug or chairs
Bring a picnie or purchase a BBQ
dinner from the P&F



Bunnings BBQ for the Friends of Pipes and Drums.

Friends of Pipes and Drums are holding a BBQ at Bunnings on **Sunday December 10, 2017**. If you can spare an hour or two of your time between 9am and 3pm, please contact Judith Wilde

judithwilde@yahoo.com.au Thank you, FOPD Committee.

From the Deputy . . .

SPEECH DAY

I would like to extend my congratulations to all our students and staff for the wonderful work done throughout 2017. On a personal note, I would like to express my gratitude for the support and patience exhibited during my first year at The Scots School. It's been a wonderful year and I look forward to moving into 2018 with a greater degree of familiarity of the people, processes and traditions of our school community.

I trust you're all looking forward to the 2017 Speech Day this Friday at BMEC. Students must be dressed in full town-leave uniform. Blazers must be clean and hair neat and tidy (Long hair must be tied back). Shoes should be polished.

Year 12 may choose to wear their Old Boys'/Old Girls' ties. The 'new' Prefects and Captains are allowed to wear their prefect ties and vests.

Prize winners going to BMEC on Wednesday morning for a rehearsal for Speech Day will require their blazers and hats. Students receiving awards have been notified.

A light lunch will immediately follow the ceremony.

Secondary Awards Assembly -- Thursday, 7th December commencing at 12:30 p.m. in Aikman Hall. All parents/family are invited to attend as we recognise the achievements made by our students.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Our local Presbyterian Church (cnr George & Howick Streets) welcome you to celebrate the birth of Christ at any of the family friendly Christmas events planned:

Christmas Eve Kids & Family Celebration 4pm and Christmas Day 9am. More information: <https://www.bathurstpresbyterian.org.au/>

Ms Tracey M Leaf

Dip Teach, B.A, M.A.

Deputy Head/Head of Senior School



The Scots School Highland Gathering Committee

Dear School Families.

The 2018 Highland Gathering will 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.

Tombola is a new stall that will replace Trash and Treasure.

We are asking all parents to donate a jar that contain a prize. The type of prize is only limited by your imagination, it could be as simple as a bag of lollies, hair ties/clips, playdough, slime, crayons, novelty erasers, homemade cookies, earrings, balloons or bubbles through to cookie mix in a jar, popcorn mix in a jar or even gift cards.

At the Highland Gathering each jar will be labelled with a ticket and corresponding tickets placed in a barrel. On the day you will be able to purchase tickets to see if you can win the jars and their contents. Every ticket will win a prize it may however be a booby prize. If you are crafty you could decorate the jars as well. Any help with donations for the stall would be greatly appreciated.

Any further information please contact any member of the highland gathering committee.

Kind Regards.

The Highland Gathering Committee.



French Excursion to LeGalle

French News

As the Year 7 students and I walked through the doors of Legall Patisserie we were met with an enthusiastic greeting. The students were mesmerised by the selection of high end desserts and croissants.

It did not take long for them to get into the à la French mode, they showed great determination to order their delights in French, which was most impressive.

Thank you to Angelique and all her staff for their patience and helpfulness throughout our visit.

The morning was much about fun as it was practising French in a formal situation.

Joyeux Noël
Madame Adamson



MUSIC NOTES.....

- **Emelia Inwood** (who has just completed her HSC) is to be congratulated on performing on the PIANO at the Bathurst Youth Arts Awards concert at BMEC last Wednesday evening. She is one of 10 finalists for the Bathurst Regional Council Australia Day awards of a \$1000 Scholarship. We wish her well for the finals.
 - **Christmas Carol Service – Thursday 7th Dec at 6pm. All musicians, singing leaders and Lesson readers are to wear School uniform for this service. Musicians need to be set up by 5.30pm please.**
 - **Speech Day – Friday 8th – at BMEC. Musicians need to arrive for set up/tuning by 9.45am.**
 - **Instrument Hire-** students with a school instrument please speak with Mrs Garland about your instrument over the holidays.
 - **Private Lessons for 2018** – please contact Mrs Garland 63334728 or dgarland@scots.nsw.edu.au for more details.
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Long Service Celebrations



Mrs Kerry Robinson was recognised for 20 years at Scots, while Mrs Kathy Weal received an award for 15 years.



Mrs Diane Mills from the Bursar's Staff received an award from Mr Gates for 20 years service at Scots.



Mrs Robinson displayed the 20 year award she received.

Several staff members were recognised with awards for 10 years service: Mrs Angela Davis; Mrs Belinda Boshier, and Mrs Erika Pringle (Lithgow).

Awards for 15 years service went to Mr Gill MacKenzie, Mr Duane Bailey, Mrs Kathy Weal and Mrs Denise Garland. Mrs Garland is pictured below, receiving her commemorative glass.



Junior School News ...

The Lion's Pride

Well done to all our students who starred in The Lion's Pride last Thursday evening. It was a great night and we hope you all enjoyed the story of our school.

Junior School Awards Assembly

The Junior School Awards Assembly will be held in Aikman Hall this Thursday 7th December, starting at 9am. Students will need to be dressed in full school uniform and should ensure that they arrive at school prior to 9am. All parents and friends are invited to our assembly as we celebrate our year.

Speech Day

Similarly, students need to ensure that they are at The Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre by 10:30am on Friday 8th December, for Speech Day. Please note that there are no classes on this day and students need to go straight to the venue with parents. Students will sit in a designated area and must be dressed in their immaculate school uniform. A light lunch will follow before students are dismissed and free to leave with their parents.

Class Picnics

End of year class parties will be held at lunch time this Thursday. Students can bring along an item of food to share. Please ensure that no food contains any traces of nuts.

Student Reports and Portfolios

Student portfolios will be sent home this Wednesday. Please take some time in this busy season to sit down with your son/ daughter and look through some samples together.

Student reports will be mailed home at the end of term.

Mr Roohan gives a vote of thanks.

Students will start taking home books and other items early next week.

Summer Sport Training

There will be no tennis this Wednesday. Cricket will continue as normal.

Christmas Carols and Ceremonial Parade

We'd love to see everyone at the Ceremonial Parade at 4:30pm on Thursday 7th December followed by the carols at 6pm. This is a lovely evening to finish the year.

Enjoy the Festive Season

On behalf of all Junior School staff, thank you for all of your support throughout the year. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Christmas season with your friends and family. See you in the new year. God bless!

Up-coming Dates to remember

7th December: Junior School Awards Assembly

8th December: Speech Day

Lion Awards

This week they were awarded to:

Year One: Mason Still, Hayden Hodges, Alexis Jarvis and Ryan Grimshaw

Year Two: Sybilla Chapman and Margaret McCusker-Roth

Stage Two: Kael Lawson, Lucy Roohan, Ayla Pigot-Baker, William Host and Lillian Gittins

Stage Three: Hannah Hilliard, Catani Reynolds, RemiHefferen, JacquilinIsmay, Shanlei Christian and Emily Brown.

Merit Awards: are presented to students when they have received three Lion Awards. Merit Awards were awarded to Anastasia Harris, Alexis Jarvis, Margaret McCusker-Roth, Sybilla Chapman, Jonathan Price, Catani Reynolds, Emily Brown, RemiHefferen and Hannah Hilliard.



The Lion's Pride - a fun history of The Scots School



Gough Whitlam Hall Foundation and Aikman Hall named by John Hunter

It's Time



Scots Old Boy Brett Whiteley wins the Archibald Prize



The sleepy boys.



Junior Art Works

The Lion's Pride - a fun history of The Scots School

Girls arrive at Scots



Girls Just Want to Have Fun.



The Narrator

Pre-Kinders arrive at Scots





Mr Lamrock opens the Lamrock Performing Arts Centre



The Highland Dancers perform for the Lamrock Centre



Mr Gittins and Jacob Brown

Curtain Calls . . .



Pre-Kindergarten Highlander

We are rapidly approaching the end of the year and our students are excited to commence many fun and exciting Christmas experiences over the next two weeks. We still have a busy few weeks ahead with school events to wrap up the year, so please touch base with your child's teacher if you are unsure of upcoming activities.

Graduation Afternoon Tea – Tomorrow afternoon we will be very proud and excited to welcome family and friends to our Graduation Afternoon Tea in the Performing Arts Centre at 2pm. If students do not usually attend on this day, could they please be dropped to the Pre-Kindergarten classroom at 1.50pm to walk over with their class.

The Lion's Pride – Thank you to the Pre-Kindergarten families who were able to make it to our School Production last Thursday evening. The students did a marvellous job on stage and are to be commended on their clever achievements on the night!

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!

News Topic – Free Choice

RSVP – If all families who have not returned their RSVP slip for our upcoming event of the Christmas Picnic could please do so this week to allow for catering purposes.

Parent Reminder – During Week 10, Pre-Kindergarten are the only students on campus. We will not be running the extended After School Supervision hours during this week. All students need to be collected by 5pm during this final week of term. Thank you in advance!

Upcoming Events-

Tuesday, 5th December – Pre-Kindergarten Graduation Afternoon Tea 2pm

Thursday, 7th December – Ceremonial Parade & Whole School Carols Service

Wednesday, 13th December – Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Picnic 5pm

Thursday, 14th December – Last Day of Pre-Kindergarten

The Pre Kinders Wiggles Show
at The Lion's Pride



Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 9 Term 4

Sportsperson of the Week

Our sports person of the week for week 8 was Thi Bich Trinh. Bich could not swim at the start of Term 4. She was a little apprehensive but very determined to get in the pool and have a go. With the support of our swimming teacher (Sharon Inwood) and the other students in the swimming for sport group, Bich soon developed her confidence and quickly made huge progress. She enjoys being in the pool and playing aquatic games with the other students. Bich is a courageous and determined student and is thoroughly deserving of being awarded the sports person of the week.

Thi Bich Trinh Sportsperson
for Week 8



Belinda Kidd Sportsperson
for Week 7

Girls Thunder League Cricket

Our girls lost the final of the inaugural Bathurst Girls Thunder League competition against St Pats last Wednesday evening. We were down a few players with injury and Year 6 dinners. With the bat we struggled to score boundaries due to the accurate bowling and good fielding of the St Pats players. Our bowling was good however a few missed chances in the field and aggressive batting from St Pats swung the game to their advantage. I am extremely proud of the girls for their effort, commitment and willingness to learn to play cricket. We never entered the competition to win it we entered it to learn to play and to have some fun.

Throughout the season we have revealed some good cricket talent and we look forward to our next season in 2018. Photo of the Thunder League Cricket team below.



Just a reminder that all girls that played in the Thunder Girls league are able to go to the Women's Big Bash games this Sunday at North Sydney Oval. The entry is free and a bus is also being provided for players and parents leaving from Bathurst McDonalds car park at 7.00am.

The end for 2017

We thank students and parents for their support of ours school's sports program and wish them a happy, active, safe and enjoyable Christmas break. Sport training will resume in Week 1, 2018 (Tuesday 30th Jan).

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

Basketball . . .

Scots Gold

Our last game of the season started well with a very evenly matched game. The girls found it difficult to score, but eventually found the basket. Defence again was our strong point, turing the ball over on many occasions.

The weather was particularly steamy inside the stadium and eventually the girls ran out of puff, ending the season with a loss. I'd like to thank the girls for their excellent participation throughout the first half of the season and wish them well for the second half next year.

Final result: 12-44 against us.

Ms Rachel Hughes (Coach)

Scots Blue

Our last game for the season was a very strong performance, bolstered by Anna and Makenzie, who couldn't make the earlier game. The defence was strong and all players contributed to the scoring.

Thanks to Mrs Selwood and her mum for doing another gret job on the bench.

I'd like to thank the girls for a wonderful first half of the season. They have been a pleasure to coach and I look forward to reading about their results next year.

Final score: a 58-14 win.

Ms Rachel Hughes (Coach)



Love the CRAZY SOCKS girls.





Celebrating 'Crazy Socks' Day and enjoying ice blocks.
Even Mr Mair and Mr Harris came decked out in their crazy socks.

