



## This Week:

### Highland Gathering PHOTOS



**The busy bees did  
a wonderful job!**

### Lost at Highland Gathering:

A gold chain and celtic cross. This beautiful item belonged to my husband so it is not a dainty chain and cross. If it has been found, please bring to reception, where we have contact details for the owner.

## *To Ponder . . .*

When does our work day end?

*On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. ... Genesis 2:2 (NLT-SE)*

In creation God the Father established a rhythm of work and rest. Even God the Son rested so He could keep sight of His mission [Mark 1:32-39]. And as people made in the image of God, we express our obedient trust when we rest.

To be *who* God calls us to be, we need to obey God's call to trust Him... to trust Him in our rest.

*. . . Chaplain*



*Cpl Daniel Allen-Ford raises the flag*



*Chieftain Mrs Liz Lennon officially opens the 2018 Highland Gathering*

## The School Uniform Shop

Stock received this week in the uniform shop include-

- Netball Skirts
- Netball Shirts

In Term 2 and 3 students will wear their winter uniform. Please check with Mrs Weal for any uniform requirements and make your purchases before the end of Term 1.



## *From the Headmaster . . .*

**The Highland Gathering was a wonderful occasion yesterday despite the unusually warm and windy conditions.** Thank you to all the parents who were involved in so many ways. Thank you to the Friends of Pipes and Drums for organising the Pipe Band Competition and also to Mr Gil MacKenzie and Mr Millaine Longmore.

I am very grateful for the enormous commitment of the Highland Gathering Committee lead by Mr Lindsay Wilde President of the Parents' and Friends' Association. I wish to thank everyone involved who organised stalls and activities, put up the Castle and tents and did a great deal more besides, often behind the scenes, to ensure the success of such a large undertaking.

There were many highlights at this year's Highland Gathering. Once again The Castle was a perfect backdrop for the Pipes and Drums with a big crowd in attendance to enjoy the competition. Our own Pipes and Drums, under the leadership of Gil McKenzie, represented the school admirably as usual. Other highlights included the mass bands performing together at the closing presentation, the role of our cadets in the Flag Raising Ceremony and the visiting dance troupes and highland dancers. Once again we had the team of professional 'Strong Men' from Highland Muscle who entertained the crowd with their feats of strength with a range of events including the Caber Toss. An initiative which proved popular this year was the Scottie Dog and West Highland Terrier competition which went very well.



The Official Party included Mia Wallace (vocalist for National Anthem); Chairman Mr Adrian Lamrock, Chieftain Mrs Liz Lennon; President of the P&F Mr Lindsay Wilde (and Mr Gates is hidden)

It was an honour for me to be able to share the day with Mrs Liz Lennon as Chieftain for the Highland Gathering in recognition of her decade of commitment to the P & F and the Friends of Pipes & Drums. Liz enjoyed the activities of the day very much along with the opportunity to catch up with many students and parents past and present. Liz's tribute at the Closing Ceremony to Mr Mike Stubbings, who passed away a few weeks ago, was particularly moving. It was a great weekend; thank you everyone for the part you played.

**Congratulations to the School Swimming Team who acquitted themselves so well at the ISA Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park last week.** Special congratulations goes to our Senior Girls' Team who took out their division and to Sarah-Joy Day (Year 7) and Matilda Proctor (Year 9) who have both qualified to represent ISA at the Combined Independent Schools Swimming Carnival after Easter.

**The School Cattle Team has a big week ahead of them at The Royal Sydney Show.** This is the highlight of their year as they have been preparing the steers since September. The students who have been involved in Cattle Team over the last two terms have developed a whole range of personal skills through this program. Not only do they learn a great deal about steers and preparing them for showing but they also learn to work together as a team, develop resilience as they face challenges, take on responsibility, mentor younger students new to cattle, develop patience and humility, have fun and a great deal more.

Mrs Dawes provides an exceptional educational program which is unique in its format. This programs outstanding success at Sydney Royal over the last six years is testament to her commitment, expertise and the leadership and support provided by senior students and parents. As always, I am looking forward to joining with them for the main judging day on Friday.



Have a good week.

David Gates



Josh Kidd (Y7) won the auction to throw sponges at the Headmaster.

# *From the Deputy Head . . .*

## **FROM THE DEPUTY**

What a super weekend we've just had! My thanks to the parents and teachers who met together on Friday evening to discuss the academic achievements of our senior students. It's a joy to partner with you as parents in the education of your children. For those unable to attend, thank you for the emails requesting teachers to email or phone you. If you were unable to attend and would like feedback from teachers, please either let me know or contact the teachers directly.

Many thanks to the teams of parents who organised another successful Highland Gathering! As a staff we are aware of the enormous effort and time that goes into the organisation of such an event. Please know that your commitment to our students and our school is greatly appreciated.

## **HOLIDAY HOSTS WANTED**

Would you like to host one of our Kentucky University students over the Easter long weekend (Fri 30/3 - Mon 2/4) and/or the upcoming school holidays (Sat 14/4 - Sun 29/4)?

This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to experience our culture and agriculture on an Aussie farm! If you think this would suit you and your family, please contact myself or Libby Dawes.

## **UNIFORM MATTERS**

The weather has been somewhat unpredictable lately and we have seen winter jackets coming out on the cooler days. Students have been reminded that the Winter jacket should not be making an appearance until Term 2. During Term 1, on the cooler days, students are required to wear a jumper and/or their blazer.

There has been a noticeable lapse in the uniform standards recently with the appearance of fake nails/nail polish and extra earrings. The uniform policy clearly states that "one pair of earrings (sleeper or stud) per lower earlobe may be worn by female students." The acquisition of fake nails is particularly concerning as these pose a safety issue at school. To that end students are not to be wearing fake nails or overt colours of nail polish. Please assist us in maintaining our high uniform standards by ensuring your students is compliant.

## **YEAR 12 HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS**

All the best to Year 12 who are busy preparing for their upcoming examinations! Please note that these will run this term during Weeks 10B and 11A: Wednesday 4/4 - Wednesday 11/4.

## **FORMAL ASSESSMENT TASKS YEARS 10-12**

N.E.S.A. have strict rules and guidelines surrounding the assessment procedures for students enrolled in N.E.S.A. Board Developed Courses. Whilst schools have a measure of autonomy in developing their assessment procedures, it is expected that students will submit/complete assessment tasks on the due date. Student have received their 2018 Assessment Booklets and are aware of the assessments that will be occurring this year across their subjects. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to speak directly with a class teacher if a student is having difficulties understanding or completing an assessment by the due date. Please note that computer and/or printer issues are not deemed by N.E.S.A to be a suitable excuse for non-submission of an assessment task.

Tracey M Leaf

Dip Teach, B.A, M.A.

Deputy Head

## *From the English Department*

At the moment students in Year's 7-10 are preparing to present their prepared speeches to the class marker. The students have put in a lot of work and they have developed some interesting ideas to support their argument. We look forward to hearing the Speeches starting with Year 7 and Year 9 this Monday.

Could all Year 9 and 10 students please remember to bring in their permission notes to school so that they may attend the play **Our Town Named War Boy**. This is a wonderful opportunity for both English and History students as it offers a lived theatre experience about a significant time in Australia's history.

From this week, the English department will include student writing into our report. The students write some much every day and very rarely do they have an opportunity to have an authentic audience. Commencing today, we would like to share some of their work with you. We hope that you enjoy reading the stories and essays from your sons and daughters.

### **Student Writing Creative Writing**

#### **A Long Way to Go- minutes of Writing**

##### **By Sam Edward Year 9**

He walked straight ahead not knowing what could happen next. It had been 6 o'clock when he left home and he thought it was probably about 6:30 now. He must walk until he..... cannot walk anymore. He had to leave; leave his home, his family and his friends. He was a 'wanted man' and he knew he must never return. With a broken watch and a stolen compass in hand, he was running, running through the bush. Away forever. He guessed It was about 7 o'clock now, he was walking now, slower and slower, until he heard CRUNCH he looked down and he saw a giant brown snake! He screamed as the snake sunk its huge white fangs into his leg. He fell down in pain slowly, nobody around, his eyes closed. Was the end?

### **Reflections on Schindler's Ark**

#### **By Toby Goodman Year 11**

"The best books... are those that tell you what you know already." George Orwell. As cynically expressed by Orwell in 1984, humanity seeks comfort in preconceived knowledge. As a critical thinker it is essential not to seek comfort in the ideals so easily and commonly accepted by the mass population, but reject these as life threatening structures. Critical analysis of human expression, such as art, poetry, film or literature, through connection with representation and technique, allows for myself as a writer to synthesise, explore and develop complex insight into humanity. Through understanding of technique and representation, I am extrapolate social and ethical implications of pieces of work and furthermore as a writer, enrich my conception of humanity in order to give relevant insight, with sharpened technique to deliver it. When Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie says "To choose to write is to reject silence" he demands writers to respond to humanity with their own personal insight, built by their relationship with humanity and the way it has shaped them. Through augmented study of the texts Schindler's Ark and the Lottery, I have had my relationship with humanity influenced and have amplified my understanding of language and literary techniques to articulate and assert my own didactic response to man in face of chaos. In Schindler's Ark, Keneally successfully challenges audiences innate preconception of conventional heroism through centralisation of an unidealistic protagonist in humanities time of chaos. Similarly, through composition of a dystopian satire, The Lottery, Shirley Jackson highlights fallacious compulsions of an oppressed society. Politics is the manifestation of humanity's weakness to manipulation through nationalism. It is an independent thinkers responsibility to allow themselves to utilise their perception of other independent thinkers pedagogic insight represented by their relationship with humanity, in attempt to create a personal response to the ethical implications of science, politics and philosophy.

### **When is motivation needed?**

This is an extract from **Hugo Humphries'** speech delivered to the class before he left to represent the School with the Cattle Team at the Royal Sydney Easter Show.

Today I am speaking on the topic "Speak for Yourself". However, I am changing it up a bit! Now motivation can be tough but would you rather aim for the stars and miss than not aim at all? Like you, I would prefer to stand and speak rather than listen? For some of us, however, this can be hard. Yet it is important to try. Think of it like this: there is a wall; on the other side; it is your perfect dream location. But you are on the side that is dark and sad. No ladders just hammer, nails and some wood. What do you do? Work and put in some effort to achieve your goal of seeing over the wall? Or sit there and wait for someone to do it for you? People will try and bring you back down to their level but you can make it over that wall. Now my theory might not be true for all of you. I believe to pass these sorts of barriers you need to believe, be brave and speak up for yourself. Too many people are sitting around not speaking for themselves and letting other people take over. They start to control their lives. For example, advertisements convince us that a certain product is going to change our lives and we should definitely buy it because "this famous person tried it once." Ninety percent of people want to believe this and the advertisement is successful! Ten percent think for themselves and avoid this manipulation. Sometimes this can be tough. Being different is challenging and scares most people. However this is your chance to make a stand and speak for what you want to believe in. Take a chance. Speak up for yourself.

*Have a wonderful week.  
Mrs C. Jooste (Head of English)*

## BOOKLINK 2018

The Bathurst City Library is again running its Booklink program this year. Books Plus and the Country Women's Association are sponsors once more. The competition is open to all junior members of the Bathurst city Library aged between 1 year and 17 years. Entrants can read books from either the Bathurst City Library or the school library. Everyone who enters receives a prize and certificate with special prizes for age division winners. Candidates for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme who indicate reading as one of their activities will need to enter this competition.

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Mr A. Maher (Librarian)



# PERFORMING ARTS EVENING

*Year 9 and 10 Drama and Music*

Come listen and view a wonderful hour of Storytelling and Music



**WHEN: 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018 at 6.15pm**

**WHERE: PAC**

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Pi Day! Hosted by the Mathematics Department

**IT'S PI DAY TODAY!**

**IF you lived in the USA, you would write today's date as 3.14.18. That's enough reason for us to celebrate that terrific mathematical number,  $\pi$  or pi.**

**To mark Pi Day, the Mathematics Department shared party pies and made cute Pi biscuits.**



Ben Anderson and Fin Eastment enjoyed the 'Pi' party pies at recess



Nr Barcham and Mrs Simcock with Alexandra Lindsay, Sophie Morris and Pru Inwood - dishing out tasty Pi biscuits

### **HICES Debating Round Two**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March saw the HICES debaters journey down to Blue Mountains Grammar School to partake in Round Two of the competition. The Junior team of William Host, Jacob Brown, Shanlei Christian and Hannah Day lined up against Kinross Wolaroi School to debate the topic 'That graffiti should be accepted as an art form.' Mr. Roohan and Mrs. Day cheered them on to victory from the audience.

The Year8 team enjoyed the luxury of a bye in Round Two, so it was left to Year 7 to fly the flag for Scots in the Middle division. Jamie Healy, Sarah-Joy Day, Elspeth Hardie and Jessica Mills took up the challenge and prosecuted the negative case for the topic 'That the government should censor social media to protect the users.' They argued valiantly but were ultimately defeated by their Kinross opposition.

The Senior team of Simi Atluri, SheunopaChani, George Butler and Sophie Cox stepped up to the plate to interrogate the respective merits of two artistic pillars through the topic 'That learning music is more important than learning Shakespeare.' They executed their case with polish and aplomb and debated their way to a confident victory over Macquarie Anglican Grammar School.

The final team to perform on the day was the Open team consisting of Anna Wilde, Cody Carr, Gabrielle Boshier and Gabrielle Morrison. Their impromptu topic 'That social media has a responsibility to self-regulate' proved a thorny one and they ultimately conceded the win to Blue Mountains Grammar School. We look forward to Round Three hosted by All Saints College and would like to thank Mr. Maher for his able adjudication and bus driving on the day.

Mrs. Angela Davis

## Highland Gathering



Mr Gittins and Mrs Day manned the book stall

Drum Major Gabbie Boshier directed the massed bands



Michael Tse and Ngok Tsun Ng enjoyed their day



The Junior staff (Mr Roohan, Mrs Inglis and Mrs Milligan) helped to set up the Junior School staff early in the morning



Lachlan Martin and James Healy were all smiles for the Highland Gathering



Maddie Burns sang and played ukelele



Pru Inwood and Sacha Spence helped seel books

### Highland Gathering



Monique Graham at the Scotty Dog competition; Alex Host had this cuite little Scotty dog on a lead



Clare Halpin sang beautifully



Sarah-Joy Day played her saxophone





A Highland Gathering with a wealth of Highland Dancers!



## ***Junior School News ...***

### **Highland Gathering**

Congratulations to all involved in helping make the Highland Gathering such a success. It takes many months to organise an event of this magnitude and many people to coordinate and run each and every part of it. A big thank you to all who gave of their time and assisted in coordinating, running a stall, cooking cakes or scones or bringing in various items. Every job counts no matter how big or small and helps to make the day a success. There were still some left over items in the Junior School Stall at the end of the day yesterday. If you haven't made your payment to the Junior School Office yet, please do so promptly.

### **Harmony Day**

We're looking forward to celebrating Harmony Day on Wednesday. A big thank you to those parents who have made themselves available on the day to help out with some of the activities and to those who have prepared food.

Students should still bring a normal lunch but will have the opportunity to sample some foods from other countries.

Students will participate in a range of cultural activities including indigenous artwork, South African games, Question and Answer sessions about French culture, music from around the world, Welsh quilting and Punjabi culture.

It should be a great day and a big thank you to Mrs Inglis for coordinating this event.

### **Try Saints for a Day**

Year 6 are off to Try Saints for a Day on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The bus will leave the flagpole at 8:30am sharp. It would be great if all our Year 6 students could attend this day.

### **Age Champion Trophies and HICES Certificates**

Congratulations to all our students who received certificates for participation at the HICES Swimming Carnival and to those who received Age Champion Trophies. Well done.

### **New Laptops**

A big thank you to the Friends of Junior School and all the fundraising work they do. FOJS have contributed \$10000 towards twenty new laptops in the Junior School (Bathurst Campus). The school has funded the remainder of the project.

The school has also purchased an additional 5 laptops for the Lithgow campus.

### **Round Two HICES Debating**

Well done to Hannah Day, Shanlei Christian, Jacob Brown and William Host who took on Kinross Wolaroi School at Blue Mountains Grammar School last Thursday in the HICES Debating Competition. Our team were convincing in their case and successfully argued that graffiti should not be treated as an art form. Great work team! (our team at Blue Mountains Grammar)



### **Premier's Reading Challenge 2018**

It's not too late to enter the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2018. We already have 60 students who have entered which is fantastic!

Students who would like to do the challenge should complete the registration form as soon as possible so that they can be issued with a username and password. To make sure you are reading the right books, check out the booklists and rules for the challenge on the website: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html>

Teachers recorded usernames and passwords in diaries last week so you can start adding books online. Please see your child's teacher if you haven't received your username and password yet.

### **ICAS (International Competition and Assessment for Schools)**

Last week parents were asked if they would like their child to take part in ICAS. ICAS is a comprehensive assessment program that has been used in our school for many years. ICAS does not simply test recall of curriculum content, it assesses higher order thinking and problem solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science,

Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies. **The assessments are designed to be quite challenging.**

There are many benefits of a child sitting an ICAS assessment. It enables teachers and parents to:

- Identify their child's strengths.
- Identify areas for development
- Track performance as they journey through the school years.
- Obtain an independent, external view of how their child is performing.
- See how their child compares nationally.

Special ICAS Certificates are also used to recognise student achievement.

ICAS Assessments **are optional. Students with specific strengths in the areas on the note are encouraged to apply.** If you would like your child to take part in one or more of the assessments then complete the details on the form that were sent home last week.

### **BOOK CLUB - ORDERS DUE TUESDAY 20th MARCH**

Welcome to Book Club for this year. We run Book Club once per term. All students from Pre-K to Yr 6 will have received their Book Club catalogues last week. Please finalise your orders and return by, or order online by, tomorrow. Ordering is easy. Please read all instructions accompanying your catalogue. Orders will be returned to the students in class before the end of term.

Class teachers receive commissions for every order you place, enabling them to order new books and resources for their classrooms. So every order is really appreciated.

*Lynda Scott*

*Book Club Coordinator*

### **Easter Hat Parade**

Just a reminder that this year we are asking students to make their own Easter hats to parade around in on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The big day will soon be here and I'm looking forward to seeing lots of creative hat designs.

### **Winter Sport- Rugby**

As per my School Stream announcement last week, we do not have enough numbers to form any rugby teams this year. Any students interested in playing rugby are encouraged to play for Bulldogs. Registration must be completed online this year and can be accessed via the Bathurst Junior Rugby website. Registrations must be completed by Good Friday. New regulations also make

it difficult for us to participate in gala days with All Saints.

### **After School Supervision**

After School Staff will give students the option of completing homework on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon between 4:10 and 4:30pm. ***This option will not be provided on other days.*** Mrs Robinson recently injured herself on the Year 7 camp.

### **Coles Sports for Schools Program**

Keep those vouchers coming in for the Coles Sports for Schools Program. The program concludes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April so start collecting!

### **Sport Uniform**

PE Days are as follows:

**Week A** (the first week of every term) The diary also lets you know what week it is.

Monday: Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday: Year 3 and Year 4

Wednesday: Year 5 and Year 6

### **Week B**

Monday: Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday: Year 3 and Year 6

Wednesday: Year 4 and Year 5

**School Stream:** If you need to remove a message from School Stream simply go to the message, slide across from the right hand side and select 'archive'.

### **Lion Awards**

This week they were awarded to:

**Kinder:** Elizabeth Host, Lucas Smart and Vivienne Todorova

**Year One:** Alexander Sturgiss, William Sturgiss and Anastasia Harris

**Year Two:** Alexis Jarvis, Charlie Roohan and Carter Beech

**Year Three:** Logan Berry and Grace Sturgiss

**Year Four:** Clancy White, Harrison Jenkins and Emily Plowman

**Year Five:** Zephir Valsain, Kane Lucas

**Year Six:** Catani Reynolds and Laura Scott

**Merit Awards** went to Laura Scott, Monique Graham and Molly Ball.

### **Citizen of the Week**

Last week our focus was, losing yourself in learning.

This week awards were presented to:

**Kinder:** Max Banning

**Year One:** Jye Christian

**Year Two:** LavishaaGnanaguru

**Year Three:** Timothy Gittins

**Year Four:** Lucy Roohan

**Year Five:** ZephirValsain

**Year Six:** Luke Burgess

This week our focus will be respecting the truth.

Always be honest and speak the truth.

Up-coming Dates to remember

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Harmony Day

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Try Saints for Day (Year 6 event)

Lithgow Easter Hat Parade: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Hat Parade and Junior School Cross Country: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Lithgow- Featherdale Wildlife Excursion- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Parent- Teacher Interviews: 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April

George's Marvellous Medicine- Live Theatre at BMEC for Stage 2 and 3-Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April

FOJS Up – Coming Events

\*Junior School Cross Country 29<sup>th</sup> March

\*FOJS Movie Night 12<sup>th</sup> April

\*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June- FOJS Trivia Night



Age Champions from the 2018 Scots Junior School Carnival.

Students who represented our Junior School at the 2018 HICES Swimming Carnival



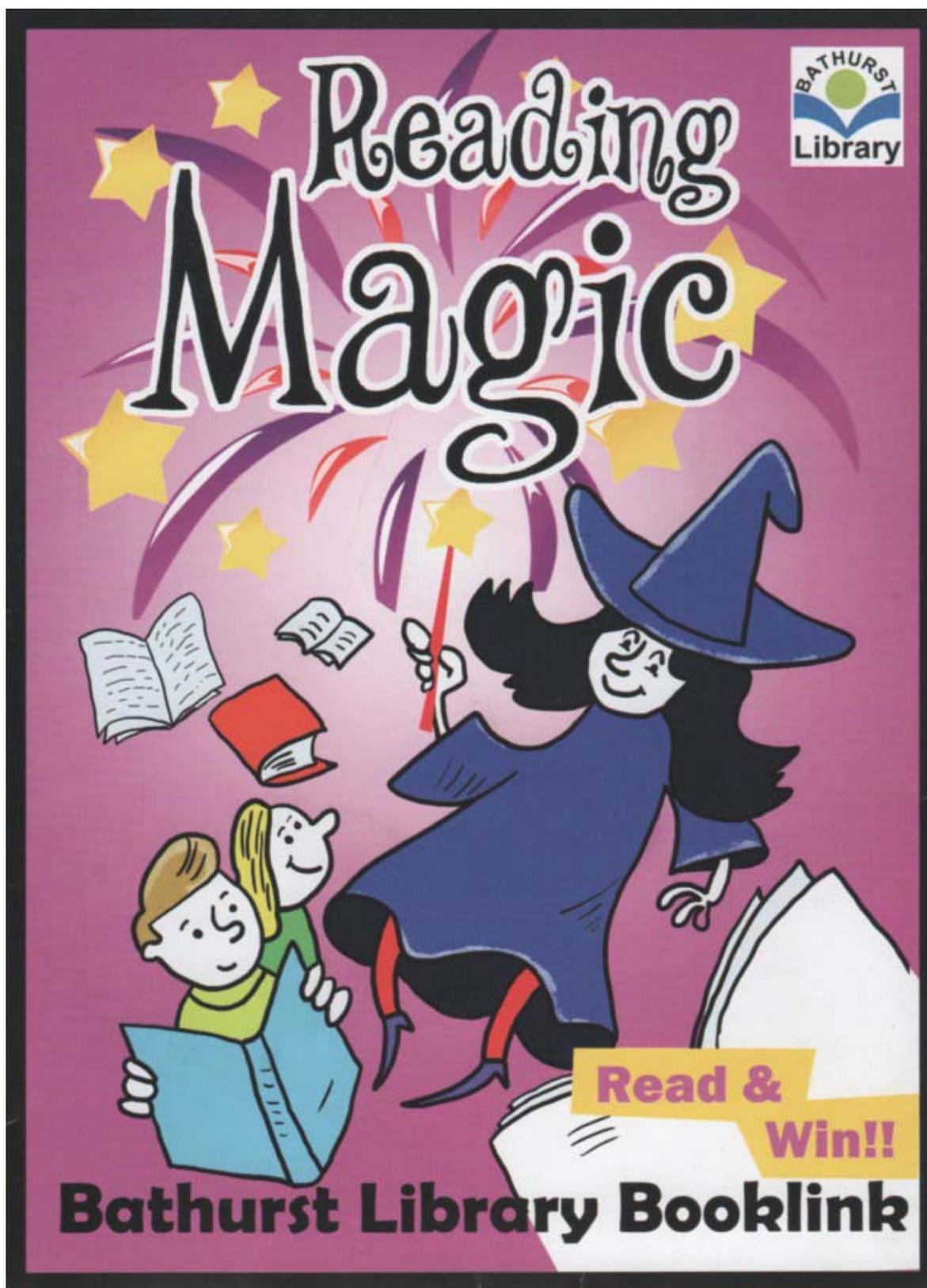
In Science, Stage 3 students have been learning about building design in earthquake prone areas. As part of their studies they had to design an earthquake shake table and build a model building with and without a tuned mass damper.



And . . . . Our beautiful stall at the Highland Gathering

Our students worked so hard to make lovely items!





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Mr A. Maher (Librarian)

## Pre-Kindergarten Highlander

**Learning Program** – This week we will be exploring the letter ‘p’. Children will pretend to blow out a candle using their index finger while they sing the Jolly Phonics rhyme. Our morning art experiences will reflect this sound at the beginning of words. You can expect to see ponies, pirates, princesses, pizza, parrots, pandas and many other things beginning with our sound.

This week we will look at the number 3, exploring its value, formation and letting our students experiment with tracing and writing it.

**Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)** groups will continue this week with Mrs Fabris, looking at ‘The Sun’. Students will work in small groups to explore and learn through inquiry and problem solving. Please make sure you arrive at school by 9am so that your child isn’t missing their session time and our other developmental play opportunities.

**Picnic in the Park**–On Monday our students travelled to Peace Park to enjoy a Pizza lunch and some games to coincide with our learning of the letter ‘p’.

**Harmony Day**–This Wednesday Pre-Kindergarten along with the Junior School will celebrate Harmony Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the cultures and backgrounds present within many of our students. Pre-Kindergarten will enjoy talks from some of our parents, enjoying some food from around the world as well as music and games from other cultures.

**Playball Sports Program**–Our students have enjoyed their first session with Coach Phoebe and Coach Josh. If you would like to enrol your child for the remaining 4 weeks of Playball please enrol online directly through the link that has been sent home. If you have any questions, please see your child’s teacher.

**Highland Gathering** – Thank you to all of the families who came out to enjoy the days’ activities on Sunday at the Highland Gathering. All of our students did a wonderful job decorating their pots to grow their ‘magic beans’. Happy growing!!

**Easter Hat Celebration** –We are fast approaching our upcoming Easter Hat Celebrations on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. Children will design and make their Easter hats at home this year. Please indicate the number of family and friends that will be attending for morning tea catering purposes. We are looking forward to seeing everyone for a lovely morning, celebrating with musical items and the Easter message.

## **ISA Swimming**

Last Wednesday the swimming team travelled to SOPAC (Homebush) for the ISA swimming carnival. We had competitors in every event (apart from the 12 year boys). The team did very well with each swimmer being very competitive in their event. A lot of students won place ribbons in their events. The highlight for the school was the Senior Girls winning the Division 2 shield. This is the second year in a row that the girls have done this. Congratulations to Madeleine Cain, Emily Watts, Olivia Warry and Makenzie Honeysett for their great swimming and exceptional team work.

We also received notification late on Friday that Matilda Proctor (Year 9) and Sara-Joy Day have gained selection into the ISA swimming team to represent ISA at the NSW CIS carnival. Well done girls.

## **Cross Country**

Last Tuesday afternoon we had our Senior School Cross Country. Our students participated with a lot of enthusiasm and the attitude and determination demonstrated by many of them was outstanding.

We congratulate our age champions who are listed below.

12s	Boys Akaal Arora	Girls Alice Radford
13s	Boys Hugh Argent-Smith	Girls Jacquilin Ismay
14s	Boys Lachie Woods	Girls Samantha Edwards
15s	Boys Darious Pouicha	Girls Morgan Watts
16s	Boys Angus Porter	Girls Genevieve Gates
17s	Boys Charlie Flude	Girls Rosie Webb
Senior	Boys Ben Brunton	Girls Emily Watts

## **WAS Representatives**

A few weeks back our touch and hockey players were involved in various WAS trials. We have received notification of the players who have gained selection and we congratulate them for this.

In the WAS touch, we have Rosie Webb, Evie Simpson and Brooke Webb in the senior teams (Anna Wilde as a shadow player) and Clare Mawhood and Grace Evans in the 15s team (Lana Eastment as a shadow). In the boys Charlie Flude, Joshua Payne and Andrew Knox have gained selection into the Opens team. The touch students will represent WAS at the AICES Championships on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

In the hockey, Rosie Webb was named as a shadow for the Opens team.

## **Winter Sport**

**Rugby** – Last weekend we had our rugby skills day. Thank you to the boys and coaches for supporting the day. We were fortunate to have Jarrod Simpson from the NSW Waratahs (Development Officer) lead the coaches and players through some of the current training techniques and methods. Our season kicks off this weekend with matches against Knox Grammar. The 13s are travelling away whilst the 15s and Opens are playing their matches against Knox up at Stannies. Coincidentally all the games are at 12.00pm.

**Netball** – Teams have been sorted and are on the noticeboard near the library. Games will start on the first Saturday after the Term 1 holiday.

**Hockey** – we are joining forces with All Saints in the hockey this season and teams and registration details are being finalised. The training arrangements and uniforms are also being looked at. Trials and first training sessions will be down at the Cooke Hockey Complex on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of April.

**Fitness** – Students in the Fitness group will start their boot camps on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April at the school.

## **Upcoming Sports Dates**

24 <sup>th</sup> March	First Rugby Trials – versus Knox (13s in Sydney, 15s and Opens @ SSC)
26 <sup>th</sup> March	WAS Netball Trials (KWS from 1.30pm)
4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> April	NSWCIS Swimming (SOPAC)
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	WAS Soccer Trials/Nominations
10 <sup>th</sup> May	WAS Cross Country
24 <sup>th</sup> May	AICES Touch (Penrith)

# BASKETBALL . . .

## Scots Raptors

The boys had a hard night for their final game. Whilst the score did not go our way, they are to be congratulated from the effort they exhibited. Not once during the game did they show any signs of giving up, even denying the last shot in the final seconds.

Best player this game: Cameron John

*Mr G. Hayward (Coach)*

## Scots Blue

An impressive effort by the girls on Friday night. With only four players, it was going to be a hard task from the outset. With skillful passing and energetic defence, the girls were far from disgraced.

*Mr G. Hayward*

On Friday afternoon the Scots Black (1st V Boys) played against Splash Squad. The first half was a tightly contested competition we were not working as a team. Even despite this we were still able to come out on top at the half time break. At half time we all had a talk, and decided that we wanted to really beat these guys. We went into the second half in front (21 to 28). Once we got back out there everything started to flow and we started to really show our dominance in the game. The game was an excellent show of skills and talent with every player making big plays. Jake Lu's major skill is how he is able to get fouled, everytime he contests. Luckily he was able to fix this and started to sink some baskets. Our defense really stiffened up in the second half as well only letting in 6 points with the final score ending up 27 to 41.

Special thanks to Edward (the legend) SIMcock for his amazing support and scoring efforts.

Josh Payne

		Summer Sport Schedule Week 8 Term 1		Friday 23rd Mar & Saturday 24th Mar		
	Coach	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue	Transport
<b>Basketball</b>						
Boys Black	Mr Oliver Williams (Ex)	23/03/18	TBA	TBA		TBC
Boys Razors	Mr Hayward	23/03/18	TBA	TBA		TBC
<b>Rugby</b>						
13s	Mr Bailey	24/03/2018	Knox 13C	12.00pm	Knox - Gillespie	Bus leaves 7.15am
15s	Mr Mottram	24/03/2018	Knox 15C	12.00pm	Stannies Keady	TBC
Opens	Mr Van Gend, Mr Newman	24/03/2018	Knox 4ths	12.00pm	Stannies #1	TBC

**Venues** Bathurst Indoor Stadium      34 Alexander St West Bathurst  
Knox Grammar - Gillespie Fields      Bangalla Street, Warrawee

# CRICKET . . . Old Boys



Edward Simsock



Ron Radford batting for the old boys



Ben Radford



Ben Anderson



Josh Payne  
bowls for the 1st  
XI



Old boy Gordon Larkings



Oliver Simpson for the Old Boys

# CROSS-COUNTRY...



Mitchell Giffney, Tony Tang and Toby Dickenson



Intermediate Girls



Bowei (Peter) Wang



Sam Lloyd and Isaac Cove



Shenoupa Chani and Angus Porter



Daisy Heilman



Senior boys off and running