



This Week:

Harmony Day

Photos

Rugby Pre-Season Begins

Advance Notice: Y7 and Y9 Parent/ Teacher Interviews Friday, 13th April Booking letter to parents in emails this week.

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 . . .

Why call it 'Good Friday?'

Why is it called Good Friday when what happened was so sad...

³² *Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him [Jesus].* ³³ *When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified – one on his right and one on his left.*

³⁴ *Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.*

³⁵ *The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. "He saved others," they said, "let him save himself if he is really God's Messiah, the Chosen One."* ³⁶ *The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine.* ³⁷ *They called out to him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"* ³⁸ *A sign was fastened above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews."*

³⁹ *One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself – and us, too, while you're at it!"* ... Luke 23:32 (NLT-SE)

The irony is Jesus couldn't take our guilt upon Himself unless He remained on the cross.

In that dark moment that Roman execution stake became a symbol of hope as God's judgement for our guilt is poured out upon His Son.

This Easter is an excellent opportunity to explore further the hope we find in Jesus. If you do not already have a church community to meet with, there is an extra service on Good Friday (9:00 am) and the usual services on Sunday (9:00 am, 10:30 am or 6:00 pm) at Bathurst Presbyterian Church, next to the Bathurst Post Office, where you would be very welcome.

... Chaplain

The School Uniform Shop

Stock received this week in the uniform shop include-

Winter Anorak Jackets have arrived for those who ordered them. See Mrs Weal in the shop

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 . . .

I thoroughly enjoyed last Friday with the School Cattle Team at Sydney Royal Easter Show. I particularly wish to congratulate the students on their excellent presentation, work ethic and team spirit which was very evident to me on the day and confirmed by Mrs Libby Dawes in terms of their approach all week. We enjoyed some exceptional results with places in all weight divisions where we had a steer entered. Two of the steers that received ribbons were bred at Scots which was even more special.

I wish to thank all the parent helpers and Mrs Dawes for the exceptional work they do every year to support this outstanding agricultural and leadership training opportunity. I also wish to thank Mr Geoff Hayward who took custodianship of the Junior Cattle Team members to take them to Sydney for the main day of judging.

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.

Kirilee Scott and Mr Gates at the Sydney Show



The Easter Hat Parade is a real highlight on the School calendar for students in Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2. It will be held on Wednesday in Lithgow and on Thursday in Bathurst. I encourage parents and grandparents to attend if you are able. Following the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday in Bathurst we will hold our Junior School Cross-Country. This is a fun day as the students try to do their best in running the course.

Easter is a very special time in the Christian calendar and we will prepare our students for it this week through Chapel, Christian Studies and the Easter Hat Parade. In an increasingly secular world, it is vital that schools like ours share the news of God's love and his redemptive plan of salvation. Of course, the Easter Season is the time of the year when we reflect on this more than any other.

I encourage all school families to attend Easter Services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday at your local church. Alternatively, you would be most welcome to join with the congregation at Bathurst Presbyterian Church at 9am on Good Friday or at 9am, 10.30am or 6pm on Easter Sunday.

The crux to the message of Christianity is that Jesus died for our sin and rose again to defeat death. The following passage from Mark's Gospel captures the amazing miracle of the resurrection:

Jesus Has Risen (Mark Ch16: 1-8)

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. (New International Version)

Jesus is alive and he's promised to return. His resurrection means death has been defeated. His promise to return means one day we will all meet Him. On that day He will either be the Master we have served or the Master we have rejected.

I encourage you to attend an Easter service at your local church to reflect on what Jesus has done for you.

I wish everyone a restful Easter break, lots of family time and safe travelling.

I wish Year 12 all the best as they prepare for their Half-Yearly Examinations next week. Year 12 are nearly half way through the HSC course and these examinations will assist in informing them of their progress with their course work as well as providing important examination practice.

Have a good week.

David Gates

From the English Department

Notes for English.

It is hard to believe that we have started Week 9. It has been a busy but productive term. On Thursday last week the Year 9 and 10 Drama students performed their self-devised pieces of theatre to a wonderful warm audience. The theme was 'War'. There were some very poignant moments and the audience had time to reflect upon the devastation to ordinary people of World War 1 and World War II. On Friday year 9 and 10 English and History students visited the production **A Town Named War Boy.** This self-devised performance created much debate about how war turns the life of so many upside down. Sadly we have flash points in the world where this is still occurring. The theatre experience was fantastic for the students and they were grateful for the opportunity.

Below is an extract from an HSC, EADL assessment by our International student Zhongtian Zeng. We hope that you enjoy reading it.

Student Writing

By Zhongtian Zeng

Two years ago! Wow, I can't believe it was two years ago. That was my first time to come to Australia. I could remember that it was summer, and I was wearing trousers and coat as I walked down from airplane through the passageway, I could finally feel the fresh air with stuffiness run down my face. I could see the bright sky and sunshine which is much better than the dark sky and cheerless sun shine in China.

I went to a language school at Kogarah English Intensive Centre and started my half year English study. During those six months I took a real and careful look of this beautiful country. Most week days I needed to catch the train to the school. During this time, the train was always full of different types of people. Some of them looked like they were very busy, from their face and their body language and also some people sat on the chair and sleeping, It was easy to think they must have been through a hard night.

I will never forget, when I sat on the air plane which was flying out from China, I could see through the window, I'm leaving my country, it's more like a little boy has left his mum. But he didn't feel depressed, the other thing was with me is exciting, cause it was my first time to come to Australia, and I am going to start study here, with my level zero English, I going to stay here for study, sounds ridiculous, right? But I am still doing this.

So far, my English is starting to get better and better. Now I can finally completely understand why I'm here. Every time when I went back to China, my parent were so happy, they start expect I can come back home from the first day I left them. I can feel, every time I have face time them, they love me and miss me.

To sum up, I'm really missing my great family and my lovely country; I will keep working hard on my life stage.

Junior School News ...

Easter Hat Parade and Cross Country

The Easter Hat Parade will be held this Thursday 29th March beginning at 9:10am. Morning tea will follow, before the Cross Country and fun run begins at 11am. Parents and friends are encouraged to assist on checkpoints or on the FOJS BBQ. Lunch will take place after all of the events at approximately 1pm. Once again, we will also endeavour to present place ribbons on the day.

Children need to bring a drink bottle, hat and sunscreen and should wear their sport uniform with their coloured house shirt. If you haven't returned the Pre-Paid BBQ Lunch form yet please do so ASAP.

Thank you in advance to all those parents who are giving up time to cook or station themselves on the course and to Mrs Inglis for coordinating the carnival. I'm looking forward to a great day.

Parent Teacher Interviews

All students should have received a note today relating to our new booking system for parent teacher interviews. Interviews will be held on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th April. Please follow the instructions on the form. Bookings can be made from 9am on the 27th March and close on the 5th April at 3pm. Please note Kinder interviews will be held on Monday and Wednesday.

Mother's Day Photography Session

Please return the slip along with \$30 to secure your Mother's Day photography session with Jo Guihot. Please refer to the note that went home last week for further details.

George's Marvellous Medicine

A permission note for George's Marvellous medicine was posted on School Stream last week. If you have a child in Years 3-6 please complete the form.

Harmony Day

Students had a wonderful time of Wednesday celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day was a great way to celebrate the diversity in our school and to learn about where each of our families come from. Students were able to engage in lots of fun activities including Indigenous Art, South African games, Polish Dancing, African singing and a French Q and A session. 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 all of the parents who were able to prepare some special food items. They were delicious! A big thank you to Mrs Inglis for coordinating this event.

Summer Sport Presentations

Our cricketers will be presented trophies at our final assembly for the term on Monday 9th April. All are welcome to attend as we acknowledge the growth of all our players throughout the season.

FOJS Movie Night

Make sure you keep Thursday evening the 12th April free as our Friends of Junior School will be hosting a wonderful event for our Junior School community. FOJS will be setting up a giant movie screen on the oval and the students will be able to view it from the grassy hill in front of the pavilion. Parents and friends are welcome to bring a picnic rug and fold up chair and enjoy the movie too, or socialise in the pavilion with other parents. More details will be forthcoming.

Coles Sports for Schools Program

Keep those vouchers coming in for the Coles Sports for Schools Program. The program concludes on the 3rd of April so keep 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

Lion Awards

This week they were awarded to:

Kinder: Hayden Brown, Beau Hanrahan and Emily Brown

Year One: Rory Hutchinson, Henry Plowman and Elisabeth Jenkins

Year Two: Hamish Comerford, Mason Still and Alexander Host

Year Three: Sybilla Chapman and Margaret McCusker-Roth

Year Four: Imogen Smith, Claire McKay and Angus Gossland

Year Five: Haylee Besant, Sritha Atluri, Chelsea Price and Anya Atkins

Year Six: Shanlei Christian and Jacob Brown

Merit Awards went to Henry Plowman, Elisabeth Jenkins, Rory Hutchinson, Angus Gossland, Tess Yordanoff, Carter Beech, Charlie Roohan and Shanlei Christian.

A spendid day for Harmony Day.





HICES Swimming Awards

Citizen of the Week

Last week our focus was, respecting the truth. Always be honest and speak the truth.

This week awards were presented to:

Kinder: Phoebe Marr

Year One: Jye Christian

Year Two: Isabella Owens

Year Three: Gracie White

Year Four: Kael Lawson

Year Five: Hannah Day

Year Six: Laura Scott

This week our focus will be building friendship.

Up-coming Dates to remember

Lithgow Easter Hat Parade: Wednesday 28th March

Easter Hat Parade and Junior School Cross Country:

Thursday 29th March

Lithgow- Featherdale Wildlife Excursion- Friday 6th April

Parent- Teacher Interviews: 9th and 10th April

Summer Sport Presentation- Monday 9th April at 9am

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

FOJS Up – Coming Events

* Junior School Cross Country 29th March

* FOJS Movie Night 12th April

* Friday 15th June- FOJS Trivia Night

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Pre-Kindergarten Highlander

Learning Program – Learning Program – This week we will be revising all of the sounds that we have covered so far this term – s, a, t, p, i, n. We will also be putting the last-minute touches to our Easter Hat Celebrations in readiness for Thursday morning. We are looking forward to seeing many of our family and friends to help join in for this special morning. Don't forget to have a guess in our Easter Basket Competition before the final announcement on Thursday.

Our students who attend on Thursdays will also participate in the Junior School Fun Run after morning tea. Lunch orders should have been returned, so confirm with your child's teacher for any late orders.

Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) groups for term 1 will be wrapping up this week. The students have really enjoyed working in small groups to explore and investigate 'The Sun' and its many effects on humans and our environment.

Survey Monkey – This week our Pre-Kindergarten families will be emailed a survey to help staff strive for the highest standard of care and communication for your children. The survey is very brief and should take around 5 minutes, simply through following the link that will be emailed through the main office. We would really appreciate if all families are happy to participate and all responses will remain completely anonymous. Thank you in advance!

Mother's Day – We have an exciting opportunity for all of our wonderful Mother's and special women in our lives leading up to Mother's Day. Notes will be sent home this week to book a mini-session for beautiful photos to be taken by JD Photography on our school grounds.

Harmony Day – Our students had lots of fun last Wednesday celebrating Harmony Day at Scots. We enjoyed some taste testing with Mrs Chapman and a special presentation from Benjamin Carter's mum Maki, learning about the Japanese culture in the morning session.

Playball Sports Program – Playball continues to be a big success with our students this term. The children have three remaining sessions with Coach Phoebe and her team.

Highland Gathering – We have just a few of our students 'Magic Beans' left to purchase from the Highland Gathering as a part of our fundraising. Please see the Pre-Kindergarten staff to pick up.

Easter Hat Celebration – Could all students attending the Easter Hat Celebrations on Thursday morning please ensure that their hats are delivered to school by Wednesday. We will be placing the hats in the Hall in readiness for a 9.10am start and would appreciate them being ready prior to Thursday. Thank you for your cooperation!

Toys – Just a reminder that children are not to be bringing toys to school unless it is for the set News topics set out at the beginning of the term.

See Ad for Bathurst Family Fun Day on page 15.
Saturday, 19th May 11 am to 2pm at Macquarie River
Bicentennial Park (Peace Park)

Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 9 Term 1

Basketball Semi Finals

Unfortunately both of our boy's teams lost their semi-finals on Friday evening. The Razors did not start well with only 3 players ready to take the court at game time. We lost about 4 minutes of play and only had 5 players. Thankfully a few more recruits arrived about another 5 minutes later. The game was close with the lead on the scoreboard swapping constantly. Connor Manton, Lars Baxter and Aaron Callan had very good games and scored some very good baskets. Unfortunately with less than a minute to play, with a 1 point lead and with the ball in our possession a stray pass went to their best player who attacked the basket and was fouled. With seconds remaining on the clock he sunk both shots to win the game.

The Scots 1st V boy's team had a very similar result in a very closely contested and good quality match. Toby Goodman, Nathaniel Couchman and Baxter Williams had very good games. Unfortunately with the team trailing by 1 point just seconds before the final siren one of our players was fouled and given 2 shots of which he sadly missed both.

Winter Sport

Rugby – We got our season is under way last Saturday with games against Knox. It was a good start to the season with plenty of highlights and also plenty of room for improvement. We look to have secured some more trials this term with games against St Stanislaus' College on the 7th April. This Tuesday after the ISA pre-season rugby meeting we should have a finalised season draw for our teams. Thank you for your patience with the draw.

Netball – Our teams have been graded in the Bathurst Netball association competitions with matches starting on the 5th May. The girls were all training well last week and our 1st VII and 15 and under players head up to Kinross for WAS trials on Monday. A reminder is given to all girls to make sure that they are registered to play by the end of this term. Please contact Mr Adams by email if you are having difficulty.

Hockey – Hockey Trials and first training sessions will be down at the Cooke Hockey Complex on the 3rd and 5th of April. Information about the registration process will be distributed soon.

Fitness – Students in the Fitness group will start their boot camps on the 3rd of April at the school. The fitness group will be meeting on McKibbin Oval.

Week 9 Sport Training and Easter

There will be **NO** training this **Tuesday 27th April or Thursday 29th April** and **NO sport this weekend** due to Easter. Training for all sports will resume on Tuesday the 3rd April. Have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable Easter.

Upcoming Sports Dates

26 th March	WAS Netball Trials (KWS from 1.30pm)
4 th and 5 th April	NSWCIS Swimming (SOPAC)
7 th April	Rugby Trials v St Stanislaus' College
2 nd May	WAS Soccer Trials/Nominations
10 th May	WAS Cross Country
24 th May	AICES Touch (Penrith)

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

Swimming . . .

ISA Aggregate Trophy

Maddie Cain and Olivia Warry were happy to accept the Aggregate Trophy on behalf of The Scots ISA Swimming Team



RUGBY . . .

Scots 13's before their game against Knox



RUGBY . . .

Scots 13's vs Knox

The 13's were the first team to hit the road this season as we travelled to Sydney to play against Knox Grammar School. The boys were very keen to get playing and looking forward to their first game of rugby for Scots.

The Knox side was well drilled and skilled which was expected. They came out quick and caught us off guard scoring 5 tries in the first half. The boys adjusted in the second half and played much better defence holding Knox to 4 tries in the second half whilst scoring two tries of our own. One by Hugh Argent-Smith after a bulldozing run in tight and another with a speedy run down the blind side for a 40 metre try by Ben Radford. Final Score TSS 12 VS Knox 45.

The boys realized there are many finer details of the game and each position has its own resume. It was a great day out and the boys all enjoyed themselves. We look forward to continued training to get ready for next term.

The boys also had the opportunity to mix with the 14's from ASC as we travelled to Knox together on the same coach.

Also big thank you to Mr. Adams who accompanied the team as well for his assistance on the day.

Coach: Mr. D. Bailey

Scots 15's vs Knox

Last Saturday saw our 15's play their first game for the season in hot dry conditions and like last year it was against Knox though this time we were up against their 15C's. The first 15 minutes saw us pinning Knox down in their 22 however we unfortunately were unable to convert possession and territory into points. From then on the game opened up more with the play moving up and down the field.

Result: Knox 15 to TSS 5

Overall both teams were very evenly matched in the area of skills however as the game went on fitness came into play and this was an area where the Knox players and their numerous reserves had a distinct advantage. Overall I was impressed with the potential our team displayed and the way that our new players fitted in.

I feel that this will be a promising season and I am keen to watch the boys develop their skills. Well done to all the players.

Mr R. Mottram (Coach)

First XV vs Knox Grammar School Fourth XV

Result: TSS 36 Knox 0

Scorers: Tries: C. Flude (3), N. Couchman (2), J. Payne; Conversions: L Baxter (3)

Players' Players:

Forward: Toby Goodman

Back: Charlie Flude

With very little training under our belts prior to this fixture, expectations of team cohesion were minimal; rather, our hopes before the match were limited to providing an opportunity to view the raw materials that we have available to us this season.

Promising early indications were unfortunately neutralised by handling errors and simple infringements which were correctly penalised by the referee. Possession thus handed to our opponents saw the contest maintained in the middle third of the field. Eventually, however, our forwards were able to sustain some good phase possession, providing opportunities for our backline to probe the strength of the Knox defensive line.

Our first try came from excellent backline running and support play, ending with Lars Baxter delivering a well-timed pass to Nathaniel Couchman, affording him an unhindered run to the try-line. A determined burst by inside centre Josh Payne followed by a shimmy to dismiss the fullback led to a second try, before Charlie Flude proved that his broken play running is still as elusive as ever, resulting in a 19-0 half-time scoreline.

During the opening ten minutes of the second half, Knox set up camp within fifteen metres of our try-line. Our defensive co-ordination, communication and commitment proved up to the task as we repelled successive waves of Knox attack which stretched from one side of the field to the other. Our patience was eventually rewarded and we were able to clear our half. Soon afterwards, two further tries to Charlie Flude, and finally a repeat of the Baxter/Couchman combination rounded off the match on a satisfying note.

While we were pleased with many aspects of our play, even more importantly the match allowed us to identify areas of development that we need to address in the coming weeks as we prepare for our final ISA campaign as The Scots School.

We sincerely thank the parents, siblings and other supporters who came to watch the match. We would also like to thank the Stannies' players who provided a rousing tunnel to send us onto the field.

Coaches: Mr L. Newman and Mr T. van Gend



NOMINATE A SPORTS VOLUNTEER— YOUTH & OPEN CATEGORIES

Summer may be over but appreciation for summer sport volunteers isn't!

Say thank you to a special volunteer that made summer sport possible with the Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award, where winners receive \$250 toward a sports development course or program endorsed by Office of Sport.

Tell us why your volunteer should receive the award in 150 words by Friday 13 April to go into the running: sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/clubs/volunteer-award



Bathurst Child & Family Network

Bathurst Family Fun Day

Macquarie River Bicentennial (Peace) Park



FREE fun for the whole family!

Enjoy activities, games, food, entertainment and more...

Everything is FREE!

Join the **cardboard box parade** wearing or carrying something you've made from a cardboard box – for young and old!

For more information call Centacare Bathurst on **6331 8944** & **like** 'Bathurst Child and Family Network' on Facebook to keep updated



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

GINGO



GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
NSW & ACT

Join Bathurst Girl Guides for a family fun night of:
Bingo, games and a little trivia —
plus the chance to win a lucky door prize

FRIDAY 6th APRIL

6.15pm Doors open

6.45pm GINGO starts

South Bathurst Public School - School Hall
Havannah Street

Tables of 8 or we can buddy you up on a table.

PRE PURCHASE tickets before March 30th (limited seats)

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Email: bathurstgirlguides@gmail.com

ADULTS \$20 Children 3-16 \$10

FAMILY (2 A/2C) \$50

Bring your own nibbles & drinks

Tea & coffee will be sold on the night