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Flood Relief Fundraiser

Friday 4th February 2011 -- Casual Clothes Day

All proceeds will go to the Presbyterian Church of Queensland and will be used to help families affected by the QLD floods.

Please be generous and bring donations on the day.

Covered footwear must be worn. No Ugg Boots, thongs or sandals.

Parents can donate by contacting the front reception on 6331 2766

REMINDER: New Medical Forms are to be returned to sisters this week. In the best interests of all students at Scots, these forms are required in case your child needs any care from the school sisters or in case of medical emergency.

Sister Kerrianne Thomson, SR

MUSIC NOTES

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

- Private Music Lessons will commence this week. Students continuing with lessons need to check for their lesson time.
- Lessons can be arranged for students during the school day. Please see Mrs Garland if you would like to begin lessons on any instrument.
- Some instruments are available for hire from the school.

MUSIC ENSEMBLES –start this week. All students having private lessons are encouraged to be part of an ensemble. They are as follow:

Monday-3.30-5pm – ORCHESTRA
Wednesday-(week A) -8am –CHOIR
Wednesday -3.30-5pm – Pipes and Drums
Thursday- 8am – STAGE BAND
Friday 8am- STRING ENSEMBLE

Mrs D Garland- Director of Music

Cyber Safety Program

During 2010 Staff discussed the issues of Cyber Safety and importance of keeping up to date with the issues that our children are facing in terms of their use of technology. Parents were also sent a copy of the Australian Communication & Media Authority's "Cybersmart Guide for Families" which was filled with useful information to assist parents in their role.

As a school we feel that it is imperative that the issues surrounding social networking be discussed and addressed by teachers, and as a result we have developed a Cyber Safety program to run during term one this year. The program will run during tutor groups and be led by classroom tutors. It will address issues surrounding student's use of technology including the internet, mobile phones and social networking sites.

It is our hope that this program will educate our students, teachers and parents/carers and promote open discussions that will help us navigate through this ever-changing and sometimes daunting environment. We would appreciate any feedback from parents in relation to the program or issues that they may be facing themselves. Please do not hesitate to contact the school as we believe communication is the key to dealing with these issues.

Nick Dawes
Director of Students
ndawes@scots.nsw.edu.au

From the Headmaster . . .

I am delighted to welcome the students back to The Scots School. Students make a school...their smiles and laughs, their catching up with friends, their sense of new possibilities as they embark on a new year with different opportunities, their striving to do their best. Of course, many of our students and some staff are new and it was a great delight to meet with all new students and parents for lunch and the New Students Assembly on Monday. I extend a very warm welcome to each of you.

I also wish to welcome Mrs Sarah Milligan into our Prep School to teach Year 3-4, Miss Rachel Hughes into the Secondary School to teach Mathematics and Mr Tim Richards, retiring Headmaster, to teach Year 11 & 12 Chemistry. In addition, I welcome Mrs Lisa Travers as Head of girls boarding in Galloway House. I also welcome the return of Mrs Alex Hallahan from maternity leave and Mr Simon Dundon from teacher exchange to Canada.

At the New Students Assembly I challenged students to strive for excellence in the classroom by giving their best effort and attention in class. I also challenged them to embrace the myriad of opportunities The Scots School provides for our students and not to settle for what comes easy to them but to look for new challenges. In particular, I spoke about the importance of taking on new challenges which would take them out of their comfort zone. Although somewhat scary at first, it is the stretching that occurs with new challenges that enriches our lives and allows us to grow.

I have been very impressed by what I have seen, heard and read about The Scots School since my appointment as Headmaster in mid November. This is a school with a very fine history and culture but also a school which has been willing to embrace change and make great progress to meet the needs of the modern student in a rapidly changing world. What has been immediately obvious to me is the wonderful sense of community that exists here at Scots – the students are proud of their school, the teachers are dedicated and committed professionals with a caring approach, students are well known and respected and parents are supportive and interested in being involved in the life of the school.

The School Commencement Service, held at St Stephens in Bathurst, was my first opportunity to meet most of the students. I would like to thank Tim Abbey and Jason Smart from St Stephens and our own Chaplain, Mr Samuel Gittins, for their involvement in this service. Jason spoke on Joshua Chapter 1 and particularly the verse repeated throughout to “Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid, nor dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you.” He applied this with great relevance to staff, students and to myself as the new Headmaster of The Scots School.

At the conclusion of my prayer for the School I quoted from Philippians Chapter 3: 6-9 some verses which should bring great encouragement to us all. I encourage you to read the full text but in brief it exhorts us to be anxious for nothing but to make our requests known to God. It concludes with these words – “whatever things are true, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things”.

I wish you all the very best start to 2011 and look forward to meeting many of you in the coming weeks.

... David Gates

Would you like to enjoy seeing the school news and photos in colour each week? Sign up to receive *The Highlander* by email. Send your email address to reception@scots.nsw.edu.au

***The Highlander* will also be available each week on the school website: scots.nsw.edu.au**

LOST: A black umbrella with Aboriginal designs was lost after the final senior school assembly Term 4. If anyone has seen it, could you please bring it to lost property.

From the Deputy Head . . .

Welcome back to all students. It was lovely to see you all looking resplendent in your school uniforms and hats yesterday as we travelled to St Stephens for our Commencement Service.

It was a pleasure to welcome new students and their families on Monday for lunch and the orientation assembly. I would like to particularly thank the staff of our school dining hall for their excellent organization of the lunch.

This week on Friday, the Student Representative Council and Mr Nick Dawes have organized a Casual Clothes Day to benefit Flood Relief Queensland. Footwear must be enclosed (no ugg boots, thongs or sandals). Please make a generous donation to this appeal. Parents may also make donations by contacting Reception (6331-2766).

To all students, please remember:

- *Hats are to be worn whenever outside at Recess, Lunch and between classes. It is an important part of our uniform.
- *Blazers are required for assembly on Tuesday and chapel on Thursday each week.
- *On these very hot days, ties can be removed.
- *Hair must be tied back and arranged neatly, no bangles or extra earrings to be worn and shoes should be clean, polished and in good repair.
- *Wear sunscreen every day and replenish it as needed.
- *Remember to drink plenty of water.

Galloway boarders will be using Rooms 3 and 4 for pre each evening until their internet connections are restored following the lightning storm last week.

We are looking forward to a busy and productive term. A senior school calendar for the month of February is reprinted below for your reference.

Mrs Lynne Fleming
Deputy Head

FEBRUARY

Mon 1-Fri 12	Swimsafe Prep School
Sat 6	ISA Round 8 Cricket vs Oxley at Oxley Touch WAS Trials at KWS
Tue 9	Y12 Biology - Blood Bank 9:00 am
Wed 10	On Stage Y11/12 Drama at Seymour Centre
Thu 11	Prep Captain Inductions - 9:00 am Aikman Hall
Fri 12	TSS 7-12 Swim Carnival*-9:00am-3:20pm PARENT WEEKEND 6:00 pm Year 7 Parent Function
Sat 13	ISA Round 9 Cricket vs CCGS at TSS Boarder P&F P&F Welcome - 5:30 pm Main Quad
Sun 14	Chapel - 9:30 am Aikman Hall* P&F Meeting

BOARDER P&F

The Boarder Parent P&F meets each Saturday of Parent Weekend at 4:00 p.m. in Room 9, and all parents of boarders are encouraged to attend and are very welcome. Boarder parents who have any concerns they would like raised at the meeting may contact President Karly Kelly by email at

karly@carruthersmachinery.com.au

or mobile phone 0428 264 990.

The other officers for 2011 are:

Secretary Mrs Jenny Shephard

dungarvan@westserv.net.au

Galloway contact Mrs Janine Pollard

ja9p@bigpond.com

Bulkeley contact Mrs Louise Fisher

louise_fisher@bigpond.com

Sydney Morning Herald Subscriptions

Subscriptions to the Sydney Morning Herald, Monday-Friday only and only during school term are available now.

Please complete a permission note and return to Mr Doney as soon as possible. The commitment is for the full year, approximately \$20 (or less) per term. Payment by account.

Papers are to be collected each morning at the school office.

Please have replies in by Thursday, 10th February. [BE QUICK -- numbers limited to a group of five.]

Mr Ian Doney

Sydney Morning Herald Subscription Permission

Date: _____

Student: First Name _____ Surname _____

Parents: _____

I would like to subscribe to the Sydney Morning Herald Mon-Fri, Term Dates only for the school year 2011. Collected by the student at the school office each morning.

Parent Signature: _____

**Please return form to Mr Doney
by Thursday, 10th February**

Cattle Team News.....

It was great to see some of you at the training days we had over the holidays. The steers look fabulous!!

Thanks to all those students and parents who fed cattle over the holidays. Special mention must go to our amazing farm hand, Peter Rebaux who looked after the cattle for us – without him there would have been no respite at all!!

Cattle Team Uniforms will arrive next week. I will distribute them as soon as they arrive.

It is HOT!!! Cattle on grain feel the heat as much as we do. I would like to continue cattle training on Mondays – if the forecast is going to be HOT I will run it from 7.30-8.30 on Monday mornings. If the weather is going to be reasonable then it will be from 3.45-4.45pm. I will notify the time by the Friday before.

We will be doing quite a bit of work during class time so feel free to bring a change of clothes and boots.

Remember Year 10 Ag students you will have a major assessment task on these steers so you should be well and truly taking photos and keeping records of weights etc.

See you in the yards!!

Mrs Dawes

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CATTLE TEAM MEMBERS RE ACCOMMODATION FOR SYDNEY SHOW 2011!

Formula 1 Sydney Olympic Park has offered us a good deal.

It is as follows for a 3 night stay (11/4-13/4): (Note they don't have rooms with 3 single beds (requested by Simcocks) – they only have QS bed with overhead bunk. (I asked for quotes for the following from the info you guys provided me)

9 rooms with 2 single beds- \$247 per room for the 3 nights
3 rooms with queen bed and two single bunks- \$307 per room for the 3 nights
1 room with a queen bed and overhead bunk- \$277 per room for the 3 nights.

RAS members get a further 10% discount.

To become a member for country residents will cost you \$90 but that gives you free admission for the entire show.

I can purchase parents tickets closer to the date for about \$13.50 per day (normal price around \$27 i think).

So what you need to do is:

- Decide if you want to go ahead and make a booking.
- Decide if you want to become a RAS member and receive a further 10% discount and free admission to the show.
- Become a RAS member – follow this link: <http://www.rasns.com.au/939.htm>
- Ring the Formula 1 Sydney Olympic Park on 0296483862 and book your room. You will need to tell them that you have been referred by The Scots School in Bathurst. I have been dealing with Alexis – mention that if they seem confused! You will need to tell them your RAS membership number if necessary
- Let me know when you have done this so I can mark you off my list.

Hope this all makes sense!!!

My mobile is out present, so you can ring me at school on 63312766.

Libby Dawes

Scots Prep School

Welcome back to 2011

Wow what a positive and hot start to the new year!
We especially welcome all our new families to the school.

We are excited to welcome Mrs Sarah Milligan to the Prep staff in Bathurst teaching Stage 2

Some Upcoming Events

Flood Relief Appeal - this **Friday, February 4th**

The whole school K-12 will participate in a **CASUAL CLOTHES DAY** to raise funds for the Queensland Flood Appeal. Please be generous in your donations. Parents who wish to donate as well can contact the school reception.

Family Fun Day – Feb 12

Saturday 11-2

On the back oval

Everyone is invited!

Free sausage sizzle

Backyard cricket, tennis, Frisbee –

Bouncy castle, face painting

bring some sports gear, Picnic blanket, hat sunscreen & drinks

School Swimming Carnival – Feb 18

At Bathurst Aquatic Centre

Lithgow Show Mar 18-19



FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday February 12, 11.30am

Tennis Courts / McKibbon Oval The Scots School

BBQ, Face Painting, Jumping Castle, Games & Fun

Sport at Scots . . .

Sports Bulletin Week 1 Term 1

Welcome Back

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday period. Our school summer sports program resumes immediately with matches scheduled for this weekend. Training sessions will be as usual on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.40 to 4.45 pm. All new students (yrs 8 to 12) are encouraged to speak with Mr Adams this week to arrange sport placement. Year 7 sport will commence in week 2 on Wednesday afternoons (a note will be issued to Yr 7 students).

Swimming Carnival changes

This year we have had to change to format of our school swimming carnival due to the upgrade of the schools swimming facilities. The carnival will be a twilight carnival held at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre (BAC) on the 11th Feb (3.00pm start. It is expected to be finished by 6.00pm). The carnival will be a championship style carnival where only the best four swimmers in each age group will contest. Students will have a chance to qualify for the races when their year group attends the BAC for the swimming assessment. (note to be issued)

Tour Update

At the end of last year the group deposit was paid for the rugby and netball tour. Unfortunately we still have quite a few students who have not paid their deposit. We urge students and parents to get any unpaid deposits in by the end of week 2 so that we can move on ordering the tour uniforms.

Tea Towel Fundraiser



Many of the girls going on the netball tour have begun selling tea towels. Lorraine Lea Linen is a sponsorship partner of Netball Australia and assist with groups doing fundraising. For \$8 you will receive two excellent quality linen tea towels. Orders will be taken throughout the first eight weeks of Term 1 and will be ordered ready for an Easter holiday delivery.

Rugby and Netball Tour Sponsorship

Opportunities exist for individuals or businesses to sponsor the 2011 netball and rugby tour. The rugby playing jersey, tour polo shirt, training t-shirt, travel bag and backpack all offer spaces for the advertisement of company or business logos. Please contact Mr. Adams by email (jadams@scots.nsw.edu.au) if you are interested.

Mr. Justin Adams (Sportsmaster)

The Scots School Summer Sport Weekly Schedule 2011 -- Term 1 Week 1

Sport	Team	Coach	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue
Basketball	Lions (1)	Mr. Hayward	04/02	Learn 2 play	8.25pm	Court 1
	Vipers (2)	Mr. Hayward		Silver Miners	7.35pm	Court 3
	Players(1/2)	Mr. Christie		Animals	7.35pm	Court 4
	All Stars (3)	Mr. Christie		Fast Crew	6.45pm	Court 2
	Lionesses (1/2)	Mrs. Davis		ASC Red	8.25pm	Court 2
	Angels (4)	Mrs. Davis		Coyotes	7.35pm	Court 2
	Fireflies (3)	Miss. Worthington		Pumas	6.45pm	Court 4
	Pumas (2)	Miss. Edward		Fireflies	6.45pm	Court 3
Cricket	1st XI	Mr. Maher, Mr. Lovell	05/02	St Pats (2)	6.00am	St Pats (Breen Oval)
	14s	Mr. Adams, Dr. Chew		Blayney	8.15am	Dakers (Blayney)
	13s	Mr. Mair		Rugby Union	8.15am	McKibbin Oval
Tennis	WAS Squad	Mr. Matus	05/02	SSC	8.30am	SSC
Touch	Jnr/Snr	Mr. Coyte		BYE		
Waterpolo	Jnr/Snr	Mr. Adams		No games this week		

Year 7 Sport on Wednesday afternoons will commence in week 2 with Ms Hughes and Mr Adams

Equestrian

Equestrian News.....

It was great seeing some of you at the lessons over the holidays. All of you have shown tremendous improvement!

I hope you have all enjoyed your time off to get riding. The weather has been perfect!

We would love to welcome any new equestrian members to our growing team. If you would like to join (you must have your own horse!) please come and see me ASAP to get a membership form and so we can organise your uniform and gear.

Just a few reminders and updates:

1. Make sure you have your entries in for Stannies which is on the 19th and 20th of Feb. Send direct to Stannies. I have only had one notification of an entry being done.
2. We are planning on regular lessons with Megan Joerg (for Equiskills) and Bardi Mannix (for Showjumping) this term. I will discuss dates. It would be great to have the whole teams support for these.
2. If you have all your equiskills completed make sure you send it into EA to get your certificates. There are 5 now who have got there certs and we would like to have an assembly early on to recognise the work you have all done.
3. Coona Accomadation- I have a hold on 9 rooms for Coona. Please contact the John Oxley Caravan Park (68421635) by the 15th of Feb if you would like to stay there and pay your deposit. HIs rates are great. Just tell

him how many rooms etc you want and he will have a room for you.

4. Coona - remember you will need grading cards for anything over 50cm jumping or for D grade ODE. Get this organised at your Pony Clubs first rally day.
5. Those doing equestrian as a Summer Sport - our record keeping of events/training was not great last term. I will hand out new log books and event records - there will no warnings this term - no records, no handing records in then no equestrian as a summer sport!
6. Evans Crown Horse Sports Day is on Monday 14th of March. Make sure you have all uniform requirements clean and up to date.
7. There is alot on from now on so if you need to find out what is on let me know - your PC secretaries should forward it to you but there are other events as well.
8. Our Highland Gathering is on the 27th March - I do expect all equestrians to be there and available to help in the week prior. It is going to be busy as we will be at Blayney Show the day before with cattle so will have set up everything on the Thursday and Friday.
9. Have fun riding over the next couple of weeks!!!!
10. I will be organising a short meeting for all parents and students early in term to discuss our equestrian plans.

Please call me if you need to discuss anything on 0418432882.

Libby Dawes
MIC Equestrian

Photo below: Lachie Dawes doing 6 bar showjumping at the Zone Jamboree



Cricket . . .

CRICKET

First XI fixtures for remainder of the season

ROUND SEVEN – SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2011

St Patrick's College v The Scots School *at Breen Oval SPC Strathfield*

ROUND EIGHT – SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2011

The Scots School v Oxley College *at Main Oval Scots Bathurst*

ROUND NINE – SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2011

Oxley College v The Scots School *at No. 1 Oval Oxley Bowral*

ROUND TEN – SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2011

St Pius X College v The Scots School *at Chaplin Oval Oxford Falls*

An air-conditioned bus is being hired for traveling out of. We have seats available for up to six parents if any would like to accompany the team to away matches.

Mr. A Maher
Team Manager