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*So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
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And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ... Genesis 1:27-28 (ESV)

So we're not here just to fill in space, our purpose is more than occupying the top of the food chain. We aren't just are. We are purposeful.

This Biblical creation account helps us to instruct our children in the great dignity of purpose that they have. That their creative drive, ordering capacity and urge for routine is embedded into their very being.

"My child, you are made to reflect what God does.

"You are creative in your own special way,

"Think about what excites you, what makes you angry and then make a difference.

"He has given to you this world to be its loving caretaker,

"Remember, what you have is first God's:

give thanks to Him for what you have,

take care of what He has given you, and

look after what belongs to others."

. . . Chaplain

Friends of Rugby

Rugby Season at Scots is just about to start and Friends of Rugby will hold their annual meeting tomorrow, **TUESDAY, 13th MARCH** in the School Library. If you are interested in running the Rugby Canteen or helping with the canteen, or supporting TSS Rugby please attend this meeting. All offices will be elected.

Please call Rod McPhee on

0432 870 719 if you are interested but unable to attend, or for any questions.

Highland Society Ball Debutantes

Girls wishing to make their debut at this year's Highland Society Ball are invited to contact Toni Daymond on 6337-3490 as soon as possible. The Highland Society Ball will be held on Saturday, 19th May 2012.



Sleeping Bags!!!

Jenny Donnelly needs to borrow about 20 sleeping bags for use by our visiting Keystone children when they go on the Junior School excursion beginning on March 22nd. If you have a sleeping bag you can lend to a student, please ring Jenny on 6331-2766 or bring it in to reception. Please be sure your name is clearly noted on each sleeping bag. AND thanks once again for your help!

**THANKS Woolworth's
Supermarket Stocklands.....** Your very generous donation of meat for our Highland Gathering will make a superb BBQ. We appreciate your help.



From the Headmaster . . .

On occasions I will include articles from 'Parenting Tips' in The Highlander. These articles are provided as a resource to member schools of AHISA (Association of Heads of Independent Schools' Australia) and are provided by Mr Andrew Mullins, Headmaster of Wollemi College. I have enjoyed reading these articles for quite a few years as they were provided for parents in the newsletter of my previous school. I have also had the privilege of working with Mr Mullins at a Staff Professional Development Day and interacting with him at AHISA meetings and so can recommend this material to you. On each occasion I include an article in The Highlander, I will introduce it briefly in my Headmaster's Report. Today's article addresses the issue of communication between home and school and provides some excellent protocols for use of email which have an applicability far beyond parent/school communication.

Last week I provided some reflection on The Gonski Review into School Funding for education and drew your attention to a Forum at Santa Sabina College in Strathfield that parents are welcome to attend. Last Monday I attended the NSW Branch Meeting of AHISA where considerable time was spent on this review. Mr Rob Oakeshott MP, Federal Member for Lyne, was the guest speaker and also spent a lot of time taking questions from the floor. This was followed by a detailed presentation from Dr Geoff Newcombe Executive Director of the Association of Independent Schools NSW and a further lengthy session of questions from the floor. Essentially, The Gonski Review has been well received as a theoretical position by all three educational sectors and Mr Oakeshott, Dr Newcombe and Heads/Principals of AHISA NSW Schools. It is a theoretical position however, and it is important that we all keep informed to see what the government does with it.

I draw your attention to the following two forums being provided by the NSW Parents' Forum in the near future:

1. Santa Sabina College, **Strathfield**, from 7.00pm - 8.00pm on Thursday, 29 March
2. Kinross Wolaroi School, **Orange**, from 6.30pm-8pm on Wednesday 16 May

The forums will include a panel with particular experience in the area of school funding, several of whom have been closely involved in the Gonski Review process. The forums will provide information for parents, principals and other members of the school community which will assist us in understanding the impact that the review might have on independent schools. Members of all NSW independent school communities are invited to attend.

To reserve seats for the forum please go to www.parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au and click on the link "*Free Independent School Parent Funding Facts Forum – Gonski and Beyond*."

I thoroughly enjoyed two basketball matches on Friday night where our students acquitted themselves very well. The Turnips have struggled for much of the season and are near the bottom of the ladder but they have enjoyed success over the last few weeks with steady improvement resulting in a couple of wins. The real test was going to be this week against the top side. They played very well for a strong win and Mr Christie and the team deserves much credit for such strong improvement. The other match I saw involved the 1st V Girls team, the Lionesses. They were involved in a most entertaining nail biter where the lead fluctuated throughout with neither side gaining more than a three point advantage until the closing minutes. In the end the girls won the match by five points with a strong team performance against a side with two outstanding players. Well done girls on providing such an entertaining match to watch and thank you to Jess McGrath (Girls Sports' Prefect) for making sure I was there for the match.

The Summer Sports' Season is almost concluded and winter teams are being organized. The First XI Cricket Team unfortunately had their semi-final washed out last weekend with Chevalier College progressing to the Final as a result of finishing the season higher on the ladder. This was unfortunate as the team has improved throughout the season and were confident of winning the match to progress to the Final. The First XI conclude their season with the Old Boys' Match on Sunday 18 March on the Main Oval. This will be the last match for a number of our Year 12 Cricketers some of whom have played for the First XI for a few seasons. I know they are eagerly anticipating this match and looking forward to a strong performance to conclude their season. I wish them all the best.

Thank you to the parents who very kindly hosted our Keystone students from Korea last weekend. I know the children had a good time and that this homestay weekend is an important part of their stay here for the term. Thank you for including them so naturally in the activities your family undertook in what was a particularly interesting weekend with the flooding.

I have just received a report that the students, staff, parents and friends who went on the New Zealand Pipes and Drums Trip have arrived home. They had a fantastic experience both in terms of the sight-seeing, cultural experience and the Band competition. All students were very well behaved and presented and they represented the school with distinction. Thank you to Mr McKenzie, Mrs Garland and Mr Hayward for their organization of the trip and the excellent support of the Friends of Pipes and Drums under the leadership of Mrs Lynda Ireland. I look forward to hearing a lot more over the next week.

Have a great week...

David Gates

From the Deputy Head . . .

YEAR 7 CAMP

The Year 7 Camp will take place Monday 26th March through Thursday, 29th March (Week 9). Notes have been posted to all Year 7 parents/carers. It is very important that these notes are returned promptly and that parents/carers plan purchases with the accompanying equipment lists in mind. It is also vital that all necessary health care information is included in the medical information form. The Year 7 camp is always very well organised by Mr Hayward and is a highly enjoyable experience for the Year 7 students. Mrs Fleming, Mr Coyte, Mr Hayward and selected Year 11 peer leaders will accompany the Year 7 camp.

Highland Gathering

This important event in the school calendar occurs on Sunday, 25th March 2012. It is a **compulsory activity** for all students and is marked as such on the school calendar. Students should wear one of Sports Uniform with house t-shirt OR full school sports tracksuit OR full town leave uniform. No other variations of uniform are permissible. [Students will be asked to remove hoodies or school football jumpers.]

Students are required on the day to commit themselves to a rostered place on their Year activity. Rosters will be drawn up this week.

YEAR 12 HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

A reminder is issued to Year 12 students that their half-yearly examinations are scheduled to begin Wednesday, 28th March and conclude on Wednesday, 4th April. Students should be operating parallel assessment task completion and study timetables from this week forward (Week 6).

*Mrs Lynne Fleming
Deputy Head*

MUSIC NOTES

Music ensembles return to regular practice sessions this week.

*Mrs Denise Garland
Director of Performing Arts*

CALENDAR

Tue 13 Friends of Rugby meeting
Fri 16-Sat 17 Lithgow Show
Fri 16 ISA Swimming Carnival (Snr) @ SOPAC
Tue 20 TSS (Snr) Cross-Country
Wed 21 AICES 16's Hockey @ Bathurst
Thu 22 K-12 Chapel
Fri 23 Yrs 10 & 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Year 10 Info. Talk 5:30 pm Year 12 Info. Talk 6:00 pm
Sat 24 Rugby & Netball Trials (tbc)
Ceilidh 5:30 pm
Sun 25 **HIGHLAND GATHERING** 10:30 am
Mon26-Thu29 Year 7 Camp
Mon 26 Cadet Dining-In Night 6:30 pm
Tue 27 Choral Workshop at All Saints' Cath.
Wed 28 WAS Netball Trials Gala @ KWS
Wed 28 Year 12 Half-Yearly Examinations start
Sat 31 Netball Trials v St Paul's @ SPGS
Rugby Trials v BMGS @ BMGS

APRIL

Tue 3 AICES Touch C'ships @ Penrith
Tue 3-Mon 9 Cattle at Sydney Royal Show
Wed 4 Year 12 examinations conclude
Classes Cease 3:30 pm/Boarders Depart - End Term 1
Sun 8-Tue 10 Sheep at Sydney Royal Show
Sat 21 WAS Netball Trials 15s/Opens @KWS

Term 2

Years 8, 9, 10 Boarders Return 4pm
Sun 22-Tue 24 Years 8-10 Camp
Mon 23 Staff Development Day 8:30 am
Yrs 7/11/12 Boarders Return after 4pm
Years 7&11 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Year 7 Information Talk 5:30 pm
Year 11 Information Talk 6:00 pm
Tue 24 Classes Commence 9:00 am
Wed 25 ANZAC DAY
Fri 27-Sun29 Bathurst Show
Sat 28 Rugby Trials v Redfield/Cranbrook (tbc)

Please note
return date for
Years 8-9-10

Parenting Tips . . .

Parents and School in Sync.

A strong trusting relationship between home and school is so important for a child. The two major learning environments for a child need to be in harmony.

- Children need consistency between parents, and between home and school. Consistency of expectations between home and school provides a child with a clear understanding of what is required. Good habits are learned through reinforcement.
- Trust between home and school increases the child's respect for both parents and teachers. By their positive talk, parents reinforce the appreciation of a child for teachers. Teachers also must be careful not to criticise parents... even in the staffroom. A negative culture towards parents or school develops when gratuitous criticism is offered.
- It is very much in the parents' interest to know their child's teachers and to work together to help the child reach his or her full potential. Parents have the duty to ensure that the other inputs in the lives of their children are consistent with their own messages. If they fail to do so there is the danger that, no matter how dedicated they are, their own efforts will be undercut by the competition. Children are wired to imitate those who take an interest in them... for better or for worse. Children imitate whoever they spend time with, not only in classrooms, but in Facebook, on DVDs, and on mobile phones.

Such a relationship requires a high level of communication between home and school, between teachers and parents. There need to be effective structures for regular communication in place, as well as a desire to be proactive, foresee each other's need for information, and back each other up.

Emails between home and school

Emails are like people. They have good and bad points. At their best they are great communicators. At their worst they cause misunderstanding, fail to communicate emotional nuances, and by their broadcast qualities can irreparably harm a reputation.



The mouse is mightier than the sword.
Wield it with caution

Communication is a good thing. The more communication the better, provided the communication is positive or constructive and appreciated by the other party. When staff and parents use emails to communicate we all need to observe some common sense protocols that allow us to maximise benefits and avoid the collateral! The advantage of email's speed is also its shortcoming. Friendships can be lost by too much haste and too little thought before pressing 'send'.

Parenting Tips . . .

Common sense guidelines for emails

The following guidelines serve well. Many are standard etiquette for email communication. Parents may wish to adopt them in guiding children in use of electronic messaging in all its forms.

-  Greet your recipient by name - it's polite.
-  Emails are at their best with content that is informative. Avoid emails that have emotional overlay. Avoid negative emails. Pick up the phone instead.
-  Group emails have the potential to waste many people's time if they are not pertinent. It is courteous to avoid timewasting emails, and even joke emails broadcast to groups.
-  Avoid emails for topics in the least confrontational, and for any issue that could at all possibly be taken the wrong way. Pick up the phone instead.
-  We must never email words we wouldn't say to a recipient's face.
-  We must not write about third parties using emotion charged words they would be uncomfortable to read about themselves. Interpret behaviour in a most charitable light and stick to the facts.
-  If an email is received that is contentious. Neither staff nor parents should ever reply to such emails. A face to face discussion is needed.
-  Emails of any sensitivity must not be forwarded to a third party without permission of the sender. This is obviously all the more important if there is distribution to a group.
-  Brevity is the strength of email but it can be all too easily mistaken for impoliteness. Before pressing 'send', if it is not an email response, recheck the text and add some niceties.
-  Sign off with your name and contact details - it's helpful.
-  CC the home room teacher in all communications touching on the welfare of a child.

Source: One school's approach to building a positive email culture.

THE 21st HIGHLAND GATHERING

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 2012

BREAKING NEWS.....

Record numbers of Pipes & Drums coming to the 2012 Highland Gathering!

Organisers have confirmed there will be at least 12 Pipe & Drums bands attending this year's Highland Gathering.

This is the largest number of bands to have attended our renowned competition!

PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP



Year 3-4 Cake Stall
Contact: Tonia Cox or
Sonja Bennett
toniacox@bigpond.com



One of the many Bands on their way to Bathurst for this year's Scots School Highland Gathering (or something similar! ☺)

We don't want people standing around like this waiting to be fed and entertained! This year we are organising our stalls around the year groups of the school.

Could you please contact the year parents via the emails provided to let them know that you are willing and able to help!

You are welcome to help on **any stall**, even if it's not your child's year!



Year 5-6 Devonshire Teas
Contact: Gillian Gates or Narelle Druitt
g.r.gates-hopper@hotmail.com

Our Castle Desperately Needs your Help.

**Please come and help assemble our beautiful castle.
It has become a symbol of our unique Highland Gathering.**

The Friends of the Pipes & Drums would love to hear from anyone in the Scots community who has access to any lifting equipment to assist in the construction of the castle for the Ceilidh and Highland Gathering. The castle will be built on Friday 23rd March.

We need to lift the panels of the castle and, more importantly, the turrets on to the top of the castle which is approx 6m high.

If anyone has access to any equipment or knows of someone who be happy to donate the use of it to the school please contact **Dave Cowan on 0407 259 557.**

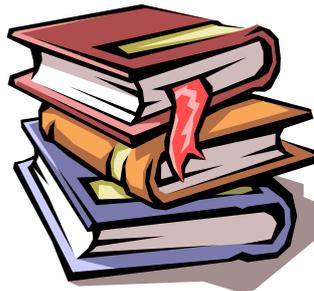
Thanks from the FOPD.



Junior School Contacts Years K-2

**Trash & Treasure
Contact: RhonwenHazell
or Jane Bennett**

mjjig_5@hotmail.com



Year 10 Books

**Contact: Scott & Ursula
Crozier**

scott.ursula@bigpond.com



High School Contacts Year 7 Plants

**Contact: Matt & Helen
Woods**

mhwoods@bigpond.com



Year 11 Entry Gate

**Contact: Karin le Roux
sanbonani@bigpond.com**



Year 8-9 Drinks/Ice Cream/Fairy Floss/Ticket Booth

**Contact: Shevahn Telfsar
telfser@iprimus.com.au**



Year 12 BBQ

**Contact: Sally & Glenn
Warton**
sallyandglenn@msn.com

More Trash & Treasure needed...



Do you have any old **bikes** you want to get rid of? Drop them off outside the Uniform Shop on the verandah or the maintenance area (just after the dining hall) as you drive past. Leave things on any day up until the Highland Gathering.

We would also like furniture, kitchen equipment, bric-a-brac, clothing in good condition (especially kids), sporting equipment, toys, tools, paintings.....



CAN YOU bake a batch or two of scones for the Yr 5 & 6 Devonshire Tea stall?

If 150 families bake a dozen scones we will have 1800 to sell!

Please let Gillian Gates know at g.r.gates-hopper@hotmail.com





CLEANED OUT the bookshelves, CD or DVD Cabinet yet? You can drop off books/ DVDs outside the Uniform Shop on the verandah or the maintenance area (just after the dining hall) as you drive past. You can leave items on any day up until the Highland Gathering.



DIG UP and divide some of your overgrown garden plants. If each family could pot up 3-5 plants we could have 1000+ plants to sell.



We would also like any vegetable garden produce, cut bunches of herbs...

Please drop off on the morning of the Highland Gathering by 9am before the gates close to cars.



They are on their way- help us show them we can run the best Highland Gathering outside Scotland!

Please contact Mark & Jenny Morrison mjigg_5@hotmail.com if you have any amazing donations or offers of help.....even “unamazing” offers of help welcomed!

Cadets Information . . .

Year 11

All Year 11 should be returning their CADET ISSUED GEAR from earlier years including:

- *Pack *Webbing *Water bottles
- *Belts *Boots *Hats *Kilts
- *2 pair camouflage DCPU Shirts
- *2 pair camouflage CDPU trousers
- *Khaki Shirts *Sporans *Spats
- *Red Flashes *Oversocks #Slouth Hats

Lists will be given to the Bursar's staff for missing items to be charged to accounts.

Please return items ASAP to either Major Linins, Mr Dundon, Mr Garretty or Mrs Vickers.

Cadets this week will be involved in a bullring of activities including a navigation exercise, drill instruction, training for ANZAC Day, radio procedure with Anpac 77 sets, field craft, basic first aid, and field fitness.

Mr S. Dundon

Pre-Kindergarten -- first visit to the Library!



This Week in History . . . by Rachel Hibbins

This week in History: March 12th – 18th

On March 13 1781, German astronomer William Hershel discovered Uranus, the seventh planet from the sun. Hershel's discovery was the first to be made by use of a telescope, which allowed him to distinguish Uranus as a planet, not a star.

On March 16 1926, Robert H. Goddard successfully launched the world's first liquid-fuelled rocket at Auburn, Massachusetts. The rocket was about 3 metres tall and was constructed out of thin pipes; it was fuelled by liquid oxygen and gasoline. It travelled for only 2.5 seconds at a speed of about 97km/h, and reached an altitude of 12.5 metres, landing 56 metres away.

On March 17, 1762 In New York City, the first parade honouring St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is held by Irish soldiers serving in the British army. Saint Patrick, was born in the late 4th century, and was one of the most successful Christian missionaries in history.

International Students Cultural Visit to Blue Mountains and Featherdale Wildlife Park



Junior School News ...12/3/12

Congratulations

To our swimming champions and runners up who received their trophies at assembly on Friday.

To Andrew Knox and Jorjana Micalos who were named first and second best debaters during Round 1 of the HICES Debating Competition.

To the HICES Debating team of Andrew Knox, Gabrielle Morrison, Jorjana Micalos and Hannah Crozier who won their debate against All Saints on Thursday.

To Year 6 for their enthusiastic participation at the HICES Leadership Day.

To Stage 3 for winning the Class Cup this week for their responsible and caring leadership demonstrated in so many ways across the school this week.

To Sarah Knox for her outstanding manners in assembly last week, Scotty selected her from lots of other students who were also listening attentively.

To Miss Gauder, Mrs Inglis and Stage 2 students for preparing a German lunch for parents and guests on Thursday.

Assembly

It was wonderful to have so many parents at assembly last week. Mr Gates was kept very busy with the presentation of lots of Merit Awards, swimming ribbons and trophies. Parents are welcome to join us at 11am each Friday for assembly in the Performing Arts Centre. There will be no assembly on Friday 23rd March as Stages 2 and 3 will be away on an excursion.

HICES Leadership Day

The Year 6 student leaders Paris Bennett, Morgan Bennett, Hannah Crozier, Anne Abraham, Jorjana Micalos and Makeeley Potter and I attended the HICES Leadership Day at Blue Mountains Grammar School last Monday. There were about 200 students from a wide range of HICES Schools represented. The program can be described as inspirational, challenging, thought provoking, fast paced and exciting for both the students and their accompanying teachers.

The activities ranged from whole group problem solving and challenges, films about real life people who changed the world with a simple idea and groups who had a vision and achieved it through sheer determination and working together for a shared goal. During the day the activities and discussion demonstrated and teased out the qualities of a good leader, what it means to be a leader and what

good leaders do. After lunch the teams worked in school groups to decide on a mission for their own school and their leadership this year. They had to start by identifying the strengths of the school which our leaders felt were the small size which meant that you could get to know everyone and have friends across the school, it is like a big family! Other strengths were the caring teachers, the facilities, the wide range of curricular and co curricular opportunities, the quality education because you get more individual attention.

From there they identified areas they would like to see improved, and they identified the enactment of values such as caring and respect for others, our environment and in all aspects of our school work and life. After quite a lengthy discussion, they decided that their mission this year would be best reflected in the slogo (cross between a motto and a slogan) 'Scots Kids Show They Care.' On the way home in the bus they tossed around ideas for a catchy jingle and how they would sell their campaign. It was a frantic trip with everyone bursting with ideas and hyped about how they could make our school a better place. At one quiet point I did get a word in and reminded them of the words of a famous leader in Ghandi- 'Be the change you want to see in the world.' Each week at assembly the leaders will share activities from the leadership day or a skit to demonstrate how Scots kids can show they care and remind us of their mission.

HICES Debating

The HICES Debating team of Andrew Knox, Gabrielle Morrison, Jorjana Micalos and Hannah Crozier won their debate against All Saints on Thursday. Although they had what I felt the more difficult argument to defend i.e. That Parents Should be Banned from the Sporting Fields, they were technically stronger and attacked the other teams case more effectively. Gabby Boshier had been involved in the preparation of the topic but was unable to be there on the day. Genevieve Gates did an excellent job as Chairperson and Paris Bennett did the timekeeping well. Hannah Crozier chaired the first debate very well earlier in the day. Andrew Knox was awarded the best debater of the round and Jorjana Micalos second, which is remarkable since it is Andrew's very first official debate. Well done everyone and special thanks to Mr Lee for organising the round and working with our team in preparation and to Mr Maher for his adjudication.

German Lunch

The Stage 2 classroom transformed into a restaurant for lunch on Thursday, as the culmination of their work on Germany with Miss Gauder. They prepared German meatballs and a delicious tangy potato salad, followed by chocolate and vanilla pudding for dessert. Parents and special guests were treated to a performance of a song in German and a scrumptious lunch. The presentation and manners of the children were exemplary and the lunch enjoyed by all.

Thank You Miss Gauder

The Junior School expressed their appreciation to Miss Gauder at assembly on Friday with handmade cards and a Scots Rugby jersey we hope will remind her of the time at Scots and the special friends she has made here. We have all learnt more about Germany and its culture and look forward to the continuation of the Pen Pal scheme begun by Miss Gauder. We wish her well for her travel before returning home and the continuation of her study. I feel certain she will become a fine teacher who will be much loved by her students.

Reading Buddies

Stage 3 had the pleasure of reading to a Kindergarten buddy this week. During the first part of the term we have been reading books from the Mr Men and Miss series and studying their characters and structure. The students then created their own character and wrote a story around that character. The stories were published, illustrated and made into a book ready to share. They also read another commercially produced Mr Men book and chatted with their buddy about reading. This will be an ongoing program and will incorporate all students across the Junior School eventually. It was a delightful time to observe the engagement and interaction focussed on reading.

Highland Gathering

Work has begun on decorating our bags for the Highland Gathering, and those completed look fantastic! All students are expected to attend the Highland Gathering on Sunday 25th March. They should wear full school sports uniform. It is always a fun time for children with plenty of games, rides and activities to be involved in. I know many parents are working tirelessly towards this day and we appreciate your efforts in making it a success.

Fresh Fruit Friday

Thank you to the mums who provided and served lots of delicious fresh fruit to our students on Friday, courtesy of the Friends of the Junior School P and F.

K -12 Chapel

There is a change of date for the K-12 Chapel service due to the Hill End excursion. The new date is Wednesday 21st March at 10:55am.

Speech Program

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 received their speech topics on Friday. New students should have received a Speech Guidelines booklet to assist in the preparation of their first speech at the school. Speeches will be delivered on Monday 19th March in class, K-2 and 3-6. Please contact class teachers if you have questions or concerns about the speech.

New Student Reports

All students who are new to the school will receive a written report this week, informing parents and carers how their child is settling in socially, emotionally and academically. This will be followed by a formal interview at the end of term. Parents are reminded that teachers are always happy to discuss individual progress at a mutually arranged time.

Hill End Excursion

A reminder that all notes are due so that final arrangements can be made.

Swimming Lessons

Lessons continue this week and hopefully the weather will be conducive to swimming. Everyone is enjoying time in the pool and improving their skill levels. Kindergarten students' lessons will commence on Monday 19th March for those participating.

SLEEPING BAGS

If anyone has a sleeping bag to lend, please let Mrs Weal know. We need to borrow sleeping bags for the Hill End Excursion coming up.

Mrs Kerry Robinson

Australian Fossil & Mineral Museum

Holiday activities Bookings essential 6331-5511

Good Vibrations - Science of Sound workshop

Thurs. 19 April 11am-12 noon for 6-12 years old \$12

Make a Fossil Workshop

Fri 20 April 11am - 12 noon for 6-12 years old \$12

Torchlight Tour

Thurs 19 April 7pm and 8:15 pm \$10 Adult/\$8 conc.
\$5 child / \$15 family

Kindergarten Corner

This week we would like to introduce our Kindergarten students with their photos. They had so much fun playing with the little chickens brought in by the Headmaster, Mr Gates.

Welcome to The Scots School. We hope you enjoy your year in Kindergarten.

All photos can be viewed in colour on the Scots website: www.scots.nsw.edu.au ... or parents, be sure to subscribe to have the Highlander emailed to you each week in colour. Just send your email address to reception@scots.nsw.edu.au



Sounds Program.

This week Pre Kindergarten will continue with their sounds program. Our next sound is “t”. Our rhyme is Teapot tipping t,t,t... and in Letterland we will meet Talking Tess. For craft expect to see tigers, teddies, tulips, tractors, trucks, turtles, trains, towers and teapots.

Teddy Bears Picnic.

This Wednesday, 14th March is Teddy Bears Picnic co-inciding with “t” week. The children bring in their favourite Teddy and the teachers will provide blankets to sit on and enjoy our picnic lunch! Please only **one** teddy per child.

Highland Gathering.

The Highland Gathering is the Scots Schools’ Annual Fete. Please keep Sunday 25th March free to come and support our school and come and see your child’s beautiful bag on display! It is always a wonderful day with lots for all the family including the children.

New Student Reports.

Our New Student reports will be posted at the end of the week. These are a brief overview as to how your child has settled into the routines of Pre Kindergarten.

Further assessment and reporting will take place throughout the year.

Coming up...

Annie's Ice Cream Week 8

Bathurst Fire Station Week 9

Easter Hat Parade/Cross Country Event Week 10



Senior School Sport . . .

Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 7 Term 1

Summer Season draws to an end - Winter Sport Season training begins

Our winter sports season will formally start training on Tuesday the 13th of March. Our basketball teams still have 1 week to go before finals. Below is a schedule for training for the next 4 weeks.

Summer Sport Photos – Students are reminded that summer sports photos will be taken this Thursday afternoon. All cricket teams, and the tennis team will be taken in school uniform (blazers on) immediately after school to allow time for students to go to rugby or 14s cricket training. Touch girls are to wear the sports uniform and all basketball teams are to be in their playing uniforms.

Week	Tuesday Afternoon	Summer sport photos (Basketball games)Note -
7	Winter sport – All students Early season organisation	Rugby training after photos for those not in basketball games
8	TSS Cross Country	Winter sport – All students
9	Winter Sport – All students	Winter sport – All students
10	Winter sport – All students	No sport training

1st and 2nd VII Netball Trials

Thank you to the girls who came to the 1st and 2nd VII netball trials last week. We have a lot of talented girls and a lot to look forward to this season. Final trials will be this Tuesday afternoon and teams will be announced by Thursday.

ISA Swimming

Permission notes were issued last week. Please return notes ASAP – meals need to be ordered by Wednesday (midday) Parents please be prepared for a late return to Scots on the Friday night/Saturday morning. Students will have access to a mobile phone to call when we within ½ hour from Bathurst.

Upcoming sport events

15/03	AICES Girls Basketball (Snake Pit, Wollongong)
16/03	ISA Swimming (SOPAC, Homebush)
26/03	AICES 15s and Under Girls Hockey (Bathurst)
27/03	TSS Inter house Cross Country
03/04	AICES Touch Championships (Penrith)

Mr. Justin Adams (Sportsmaster)

jadams@scots.nsw.edu.au

The Scots School Summer Sport Weekly Schedule 2012

Term 1 Week 7

ISA Swimming Carnival – Homebush 3.30pm Friday 16th March (bus leaves at 9.30am)

Sport	Team	Coach	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue
Basketball	Lions (1)	Mr. Hayward	16/03	Bye		
	Cobras (3)	Mr. Hayward	15/03	Razors	4.00pm	Scots
	Razors (2)	Will Hudson	15/03	Cobras	4.00pm	Sportsbarn
	Turnips (4)	Mr. Christie	16/03	Road Runners	6.15pm	Court 2
	Gumpton (5)	Mr. Christie		Gladiators	7.45pm	Court 4
	Lionesses (1/2)			ASC Gold	8.30pm	Court 4
	Jaguars (1/2)			Dribblers	7.00pm	Court 3
	Gazelles(4)	T. McPhee		Pumas	5.30pm	Court 3
	Pumas (3)	T. McPhee		Gazelles	5.30pm	Court 3
	Meercats (5)	Layla Leard		Glitterbugs	4.45pm	Court 2
Cricket	1st XI	Mr. Maher, Mr. Adams		Old Boys	10.00am	Sunday 18 th March
	14s	Mr. Mair	17/03	TBC	8.15am	TBC

Hockey . . .

WAS Boys and Girls Hockey Trials

(Tuesday 28th February)

Students attended these trials in Orange. We entered 4 triallists for the U16 WAS Girls, all of whom were successful. Congratulations to Meaghan Booth, Eliza Crozier, Jessica Morrison (all of whom represented last year), and Laura McFawn.

In the Boys Open Side we will be represented by Kalyan Manning (GK), Cameron Chew, Jonty Boshier and Calhan Behrendt. Congratulations also to these students.

1. AICES U16's Girls Carnival at Bathurst on Monday, 26th March for Meaghan Booth, Eliza Crozier, Jessica Morrison and Laura McFawn -- WAS 16's representatives.

2. AICES Open Boys play on Thursday, 16th May (Week 3 of Term 2).

Mr Ian Doney
Hockey Co-Ordinator

HICES Debating Round 1 **Scots takes the Case!**

Follow up to last week's report.

The Junior division debates of HICES Western Region Round 1 took place here at Scots on Thursday March 8 on the topic that parents should be banned from the sporting field. Kinross began against Blue Mountains at 11am in the PAC. In a good debate KWS took the points.

This was followed at 3.30pm by All Saints visiting to complete the round against the Scots team of Andrew Knox, Gabrielle Morrison, Jorjana Micalos and Hannah Crozier. Other than JJ none of the team had debated before so the nerves were running high. Andrew took the team off to a great start clearly laying out the definition and the team's case. Gab's rebuttal and her systematic working through her arguments was really strong and JJ finished strongly with lots of rebuttal and an impassioned plea that "mum and dad it's not about you, let's take the pressure out of children's sport".

Well done team it was a great effort and a good win. Andrew Knox awarded best debater points with Jorjana Micalos points for 2nd best.

Thanks to Mr Maher for adjudicating and the team of Chairpersons / time keepers who helped out on the day. Much Appreciated!

Yours in debating

Mr A Lee

Basketball . . .

Scots Cobras - Win 42-17

The Scots cobras had a very easy win against All Saints on Friday evening. A whole team effort was the key to the success with each player making contributions to the scoreboard and working together as a unit in defence. Hugh McKay picked off some great intercepts whilst Bryson Long and Peter Deacon were strong on the boards. Despite being off target with his shots early, Travis found his range and made some good baskets. Tom Fitzsimmons was pumped after knocking in a good jump shot late in the game and Sam Andrew contributed consistently in both defence and attack, where he shot with great accuracy.

Mr Adams (stand in coach)

Scots Lionesses – Win 42 – 37

The belief before the game was that "we will probably lose." That negativity was shortly forgotten once the girls started playing and matching it on the scoreboard with their opponents (GB Bandits). Only slightly behind during the first half the girls listened carefully to the half time instructions to maintain possession, use your team mates and to not panic in attack. Our girls' better team work and desire to keep running came through in the end as the opposition tired. Caitlin and Ruby were our main scorers with Brooke and Jess chipping in with some good shots from outside the key. Alyssa and Lucy were great in defence applying lots of pressure and causing numerous turnovers. Well done girls.

Mr Adams (stand in coach)

Turnips vs. Blue-Tongue Lizards (Div. 5)

52-16 Win

This was a very strong game for the Turnips, with all players contributing to an excellent team effort. A special thank you goes to Gwen Towart who helped out as an extra reserve and showed an adept ability in her brief appearance. The most improved player of the match was Ben Druitt, who seemed to be everywhere on the court at all times. Samuel Potter also showed improvement and was much more involved in making plays. Hikari Hashida was extremely strong in defence, creating many scoring opportunities from turnovers and Bryson Long caught just about every rebound in the game. Brad Corliss produced some great field goals and Erik Kristensen played a dominating game in all areas.

Mr B. Christie

Cricket . . .

UNDER 14 CRICKET REPORT.

The Under 14's played 2 matches over the past week, a deferred match –v- competition leaders Rugby Union and a “friendly” –v- Blayney last Saturday (Blayney had forfeited this two day fixture as they had been unable to field a team).

In our match –v- Rugby Union, we won the toss and batted reaching 9 for 99 at the end of our 25 overs. This was a little disappointing as at after 15 overs we were 3 for 72, after a partnership of 65 between JonoGates(38) and John Mair(19). In reply Rugby Union staggered early on at 3 for 6, then 4 for 20. Great early pressure was applied by ZacTelfser who ended with 2 for 5, Zac was well supported by Hikari as both bowled with hostility and purpose. After 20 overs R.U. were still struggling at 5 for 72, but eventually passed our total with 4 balls remaining. Once again poor catching cost us dearly, with 7 or 8 chances being “grassed”. In a 25 over match (in fact ANY match) teams can't expect to essentially give opponents two innings and expect to win.

In our second match –v- Blayney we recorded a comfortable victory. Batting first we scored 3 for 145, with Jono Gates (43) Luke Newman (29 no) John Mair (22) and Hugh Lennon (15) the major contributors. In reply Blayney batted well to reach 3 for 90 at the end of their allocated overs, as we took the opportunity to ensure all players had a bowl. It was good to be able to offer JontyBoshier and Cal Behrendt the opportunity to play and also thanks to Tom Fitzsimmons and Jack Bird who covered absences.

Next week we play SSC in a match which will determine who reaches the final.

UNDER 14 CRICKET REPORT

Almost fittingly, and almost predictably, the Under 14's season looks to have ended with another frustrating loss last Saturday. Playing what was essentially a semi final against Stannies, we were beaten with 2 balls remaining, with Stannies just managing to scramble past our total of 4 for 90.

Batting first, we were confronted with a heavy fog and a paddock which was heavy with dew and exceptionally long grass. After being in trouble at 3 for 13, John Mair and Zac Telfser posted a 4th wicket partnership of 72, with Zac only falling in the final over looking to score more runs. Zac made 24 in the “best” innings he has played for the team in two years, showing great patience and responsibility. John finished on 37 not out in a polished display.....his 37 probably equated to 70 odd on a normal

field without the heavy dew and long pasture!

In reply Stannies were decisively advantaged with a much faster outfield as the dew dried and some curious decisions. As mentioned they passed our total in the final over after some excellent and (generally) sustained pressure bowling. Hikari and Zac both put the batsmen under pressure, but pick of our bowlers was our young recruit Patrick Harris. Patrick bowled his wrist spin with great control, conceding only 9 runs off his 4 overs.

This was a tremendous team effort to get so close to the final, especially as we were without 4 of our regular players. Thanks to Patrick, Sean Grabham and Bryson Long for playing for us, and also to those involved in the Cattle Team at Blayney Show who delayed their departure to ensure we could field a team.

This was a match we certainly deserved to win and would have won with our full complement. Sadly the competitions best team will not be in the final.

In next week's Highlander I will give a full overview of the season. It is interesting to note how far the team has progressed over the past two years, from being seen as a fairly “easy” team to ostensibly the strongest team in the competition. Finally my thanks to all the parents who have supported the team during the season, with special thanks to Bill Marshall for his assistance scoring (and Mr. Grabham and Mr. Harris last weekend)

Mr B.J. Mair (Coach)

U13's Cricket v. St Pats

We batted first and scored 56 runs for the loss of 7 wickets off 20 overs. St Pats was difficult to dismiss and the boys were only able to take one wicket, bowled by Wes Stanfield. St Pats reached a score of 1 for 81 off their 20 overs.

This was our final game of the season. Thank you to Mr Telfser, Mr Harris and Mr Dawson for umpiring throughout the season and thanks to the boys who, for many in their first season of cricket, gave their best and all boys improved.

Scoring this week.

Ned Dawson 28 runs

Wes Stanfield 1 for 10

Best player this week to Ned Dawson.

Ms R. Hughes (Coach)

Cadet Swimming Training Day

All photos can be viewed in colour on the Scots website: www.scots.nsw.edu.au ... or parents, be sure to subscribe to have the Highlander emailed to you each week in colour. Just send your email address to reception@scots.nsw.edu.au



Are we wet, or what?!



Tegun Brunton after her swim.





The Scots Pipes & Drums New Zealand Tour