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School Vacation Care

The Federal Government recently introduced new legislation to be administered by the Department of Education and Commonwealth Services in NSW.

The Legislation has major impacts on the provision of services such as vacation care with requirements for registration facilities and the like. At the end of last year, it became clear that Scots would not be able to provide Vacation Care for the summer holidays but I indicated that we would look at the possibility of reintroducing it in the future.

Following a closer look at the legislation, we have decided that we will no longer be running Vacation Care at The Scots School.

Bathurst Regional Council run a Vacation Care Program and enrolment forms can be downloaded from the Bathurst Regional Council website at:

<http://www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/community/community-services/children/174-vacation-care.html>

or

by contacting Vacation Care directly on 02 63382800

THANKS Woolworth's Supermarket

Stocklands..... Your very generous donation of meat for our Highland Gathering will make a superb BBQ. We appreciate your help.

WORKING BEE

Saturday, 24th March

Please see inside on page 6 for help needed with jobs to set up the Highland Gathering.

Highland Gathering Committee

Meeting - Tuesday 7:00 pm

We will be holding our final pre-Highland Gathering meeting for 2012 this Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in

Helpers Needed: Castle Building

Thank you to those who have said they can help build the castle - the centrepiece of the Highland Gathering. We still need a couple of helpers for Friday 23rd March in the morning.

Does anyone have access to any lifting equipment (to lift the panels and the turrets), or, knows of someone who would be happy to donate the use of lifting equipment? This would help greatly!!!

Please contact: Dave Cowan on 0407 259 557.

Thanks from the Friends of the Pipes & Drums (FOPD).



From the Headmaster . . .

I thoroughly enjoyed the annual Old Boys versus First XI Cricket Match on Sunday. The Old Boys presented a very strong team with a range of old boys from last year's School Captain, Millaine Longmore, spanning the years through the generations to the 1960s. It was a competitive match won by the Old Boys. Ben Spence batted particularly well for 51 and was well supported in the field including a 'classic catch' from Stuart Marshall. This was the last First XI match for the five Year 12 students in the team – Ben Spence, Stuart Marshall, Isaac Watt, Kieran Ball and James Tresidder. Congratulations are in order for an excellent season from all the team and special congratuالتions to Ben Spence for his leadership and three centuries. I also wish to acknowledge the work of Mr Adams, Mr Maher, Mr Chew and Mr Lovell with this team.



School Captain, Hugo Newell, is one of 125 Year 11 and 12 students selected to investigate Australian Federalism: a question of balance, at the 17th National Schools' Constitutional Convention, being held at Old Parliament House in Canberra from 21 – 23 March. Facilitated by Emeritus Professor John Warhurst, Professor of Political Science at the Australian National University, Hugo together with other selected delegates will explore whether there is a case to be made for the Commonwealth to assume full powers over health and water in Australia.

Students will hear a panel of experts discuss the advantages, disadvantages and issues raised by such a proposal and, through working

groups, delegates will explore the principles that inform the division of powers between the respective levels of government in Australia. The Convention is funded by the Australian Government as part of its ongoing commitment for civics and citizenship education.

In becoming a national delegate, Hugo was selected from around 4,000 students from government, independent and Catholic schools, most of whom took part in feeder conventions in their home state or territory. This is an excellent honour and opportunity for Hugo and we wish him all the best.

The Federal Government has recently introduced new legislation to be administered by the Department of Education and Commonwealth Services in NSW. The Legislation has major impacts on the provision of services such as vacation care with requirements for registration facilities and the like. The Scots School didn't provide Vacation Care over the last summer holiday period but was hoping to be able to provide it again in the near future. Further investigation into the requirements of the new legislation however, has led to the decision to not provide Vacation Care in the foreseeable future.

The Highland Gathering is on this weekend and I encourage parents to attend and bring your friends. So much work has been going on for months in preparation by the committee and many parents and I thank everyone for their work in preparation for this event. It will be a great day with the Pipes and Drum Bands' Competition with bands from across NSW, Highland Dancing, Equestrian and lots of stalls to enjoy.

The Highland Gathering Chieftain this year will be Mr John Farrington, Olympic athlete and Scots Old Boy from 1947-1958. He will be addressing the Senior School at Assembly on Friday, officially opening the Highland Gathering at 10am on Sunday and presenting awards at the conclusion of the Bands' competition on Sunday afternoon.

Makeely Potter (Year 6) was inducted as Ives House Captain in the Junior School last week.

Have a great week and see you at the Highland Gathering...

David Gates



From the Deputy Head . . .

Year 10 and Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Students have been issued with their interview booking sheets and are currently arranging interview times. These booking sheets will be collected on Wednesday, 21st March. These interviews will take place Friday, 23rd March commencing at 3:30 p.m. The information session for Year 10 will commence at 5:30 p.m. in Room 25 and the session for Year 12 will commence at 6:00 p.m. also in Room 25. I look forward to welcoming many families to these sessions on Friday evening. Parents who are unable to attend Friday's interviews and information sessions should contact me to arrange suitable alternative telephone interviews. lfleming@scots.nsw.edu.au

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. Rostered places will be issued to students this week.

Cadet/Band Outdoor Activity

This important compulsory activity is for all students Years 8-10 and will take place Sunday, 22nd through Tuesday, 24th April inclusive. The boarding houses will be open on Saturday night (21st April) to enable boarding students to return in time for the camp. Students have been issued with information packs and permission notes. These notes have also been emailed to boarding families. 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.

Sleeping Bags!!!

We still need to borrow about 9 more sleeping bags for the Prep excursion coming up. Please call Jenny Donnelly or Kathy Weal if you have a sleeping bag to lend to a prep school child.

CALENDAR

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

Mon 26-Thu 29 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-Sun 29 Bathurst Show

Sat 28 Rugby Trials v Redfield/Cranbrook (tbc)

Please note
return date for
Years 8-9-10

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

Calling all rock enthusiasts!

This year's school production is "Battle of the Bands", following the story of young hopefuls as they try to make it in the music industry. For our set design, we need posters of rock stars – old and new. The bigger the better. Do you have any you would be prepared to lend to the Drama department? They will be looked after and returned after the last show.

Watch out for the Battle of The Bands: 17th-19th May, featuring rocking music stars and dancing enigmas alongside classically trained thespians who are currently rehearsing 24-7 to present the most amazing show this year.

B. Christie

Cadets Information . . .

On Wednesday there will be an address to students about the April 22-24 Camp.

Forms for Cadet Camp need to be returned ASAP.

The bull ring activities on RATEL, fieldcraft, navigation and drill will continue from last week.

People invited to cadet unit dinner will need to have Scottish dress issued -- please see Mrs Vickers/Kieran Ball/Hayden Callan.

The Cadet Unit Dinner time is 6 for 6:30 pm on Monday, 26th March. Please RSVP as per the invitation. This event recognises the departing Year 12 students and hands over Rank to the new promotion positions. Special guests will be Lieutenant Colonel (AAC) David Major; Major Boucher and Captain Boucher.

Year 11 -- please return ALL CADET GEAR.

Lt S. Dundon

CATTLE TEAM MEMBERS AT YASS SHOW

Two year eights from the cattle team were at the Yass show on the weekend. Lily Ross was awarded 2nd place in the novice all ages parader class and Michelle Fairall was awarded 2nd place in the under 14 years parader class.



YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

Please return the permission slips immediately to the Headmaster's Secretary Mrs McFawn. The first of the Year 7 Vaccinations will occur this Friday, 23rd March.

BANDAGED BEAR

Go to reception and visit the Bandaged Bear stall. There are some very cute little bears for sale, along with other articles such as pins and pens. Proceeds from the sales of Bandaged Bears all go to the Westmead Children's Hospital.

Seom of the band girls happily getting ready for the competition in New Zealand.



The Scots School

invites you to a

Ceilidh

in front of the castle on the Main Oval



March 24th, 2012 at 5:30 pm

BYO: rug or chair, drinks and nibbles,
pipes, drums or other instruments for an informal evening of fun music.

ENTRY FREE TO ALL.

BBQ DINNER

Steak, sausages, "Scottish Sausage" sandwiches & soft drinks available for purchase.

RSVP Tues 20.2.2012 for catering purposes

Gill MacKenzie 0429 776 888

21st HIGHLAND GATHERING SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 2012 PARENTS and FRIENDS HELP



We have the Bands coming, we have the Dancers on their way..... We need your help to sell the, 500 steak sandwiches, 30 legs of roast lamb, 1500 sausage sandwiches, 2000 drinks, 1000 fairy floss sticks, 500 ice creams, 500 scones, plus hot dogs, meat pies, books, plants, cakes, trash & treasure and tickets to ride!



Ceilidh:

We need cooks for the BBQ and people to be on the til and serve salads etc.

There is the opportunity to do some fundraising to replenish the coffers after NZ. Would someone be able to organise a raffle to be held at the Ceilidh?

Band Competition at the HG

Several people have indicated that they are able to do the same jobs as last year – THANK YOU

If someone else is available to run messages & general 'go-fer' that would be great.

Please let me know how you can help by return email or call 6337 7744 in the evening. I will send out a roster shortly.

*Thank you,
Liz Lennon (Secretary FOPD)*

Highland Gathering Band Competition

This year we have a total of 9 Bands entered, we are excited to welcome first time entrant NSW Police Band who will be competing in Grades 3 & 4.

The Highland Gathering Band Competition commences at 10:30 straight after the Opening Ceremony and will run right through the day on the main oval. All entrant details and times will be available in the Highland Gathering Programme which will be available at the entry gate.

The day will end with a great display at 3:45 of the massed Bands all playing together in front of the Castle.

Come along and see the spectacle of the Competition, bring a chair, enjoy the food and coffee and witness some of the best Pipe Bands battle it out in the last competition before the Australian Championships.



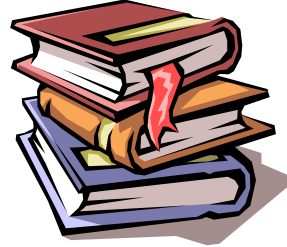
Junior School Contacts
Years K-2
 Trash & Treasure
 Contact: Rhonwen Hazell
 or Jane Bennett
mjjg_5@hotmail.com



High School Contacts
Year 7 Plants
 Contact: Matt & Helen
 Woods
mhwoods@bigpond.com



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



Year 10 Books
 Contact: Scott & Ursula
 Crozier
scott.ursula@bigpond.com



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

2012 HIGHLAND GATHERING

Thank you to all those parents who have offered their time to help run the various school stalls and events at the upcoming Highland Gathering.

The Highland Gathering is organised and run by the school Parents and Friends Assoc. We are a small committee of hard working parents who desperately need the help of other parents and friends within the school to help out on school stalls.

The money being raised at the HG is going towards the building of a multi purpose Sports Pavilion, to be located on the banks of the main oval. This pavilion will have a canteen, P&F meeting room as well as change rooms and amenities.

The P&F would very much appreciate your help to achieve this much needed building project. If you can spare some time this Sunday to assist other parents on school stalls, any help would be much appreciated.

Please contact Jenny Morrison
 Email: mjjg_5@hotmail.com



More Trash & Treasure needed...

Come on get into your cupboards and clean them out!
Only 1 week to go before we can take your treasures off your hands.

We need bicycles, furniture, bric- a- brac, clothing (especially kids), sporting equipment, toys, tools, paintings.....



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

If 100 families bake a dozen scones we will have 1200 to sell!
We've got a way to go to achieve this target.

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



CAN YOU bake some cakes, biscuits or slices for the cake stall? *For the benefit of those with allergies, please include a list of ingredients with each cake, slice or batch of cookies! Drop off on the morning to the stall.*



They will be on the other side of the Mountains in less than a week. We need your help to make this a great day!



HAVE YOU cleaned out the bookshelves, CD or DVD Cabinet yet? You can drop off outside the Uniform Shop on the verandah or the maintenance area as you drive past. Or you can drop off on Saturday 24th March.



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Make contact with the year group parents listed as soon as possible so they know how much help they will have and can be sure of a lunch break at some point!

Please contact Mark & Jenny Morrison mjgg_5@hotmail.com if you have any amazing donations or offers of help.....even "unamazing" offers of help welcomed!

THE BOOKWORM COLUMN

CHANGES IN THE LIBRARY

At the end of last year, the Library farewelled Mrs. Pam Murphy who had been the Library Assistant for thirty years. Many of her duties have been taken up by Mrs. Margaret Mackay, who has brought with her into the Library the 21 distance education students that she supervises. Mrs. Mackay already has some experience in the Library, having taken over Mrs. Murphy's duties whilst she was on long service leave. Mrs. Denise O'Grady, the school's receptionist, also assists with supervision in the afternoons.

Some of the distance education students have been making use of the Library for a few years. There was not enough room in Mrs Mackay's office for all of them. With all of them now working in the Library, and Mrs Mackay needing to relocate her office, it has been necessary to do some re-arranging of the Library area to accommodate her.

What originally started as an audio-visual room when the existing Library opened in 1985, has in recent years been the Pre-kindergarten and junior school library. This area is now Mrs. Mackay's office, and the classroom where the distance education students do their work. A cull of old books that are way out of date or have not been borrowed in a long time has occurred, so that the 700 & 800 sections of the Library can be moved to make space for a new junior library. This task has kept Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. O'Grady and me very busy all this term.

I would like to thank the ladies for their assistance in making the change occur. My thanks also to the Pre-kinder - 6 staff for their patience whilst their section of the library was relocated. Many thanks to, to the Year 10 History class. On a few occasions when there were students absent on excursions or other activities, they have been very helpful schlepping books to new locations in the library, or re-arranging the shelving. Some of the helpers are pictured to the right: Travis Gibson, Tom Fitzsimmons and Joshua De Boos, and Sam Pateman with Sam Andrew.

Whilst some work still needs to be done on the non-fiction section of the K-6 library, it is now largely up and running.

Mr. A. Maher
Librarian



Photo of the tour perhaps...

“you pick the right spear,
and we eat your little brother
for lunch, eh”

Everyone (except perhaps Josh)
enjoyed the visit to view
the traditional Maori village.

See more photos on page 20, and
the tour report from Mr Hayward
on Page 19.



Junior School News ...19/3/12

Congratulations

To Makeeley Potter who was inducted as Ives House Captain at assembly on Friday. Makeeley also achieved Maths Wall of Fame status this week.



To Andrew Knox who represented HICES in the CIS Soccer trials in Sydney on Thursday. Andrew played exceptionally well but narrowly missed selection.

To all students who are delivering speeches this week and thank you to parents for their invaluable support of this program.

Clean Up Australia Day

We were very fortunate indeed to have a visit from Mr Ian Kiernan, the founder of Clean Up Australia Day, on Thursday morning. Mr Kiernan spoke about the importance of keeping our environment clean and his formula $E=1$. He gave us some practical advice about 'clean up safety' and some children were lucky enough to receive gloves and other items to aid in the process. Mr Kiernan was amazed at the insightful questions asked by our students and was delighted to present each child with a 'Clean Up Australia Day' certificate. Our planned clean up had to be postponed because of the floods but went ahead on Wednesday. Our focus now will be on the challenge of keeping our environment clean every day of the year! (photos on page 13)

Swimming Lessons

Children in Years 1 to 4 completed their two week intensive lessons last Friday, with Mrs Micalos reporting progress across the board. Kindergarten starts their lessons today and will continue for the next two weeks. Students can wear sports uniform during this time to assist in the changing process. Thank you to the mums who have indicated they can assist getting the children to and from the pool.

Groups for ongoing lessons are being formed and will commence in **Term 2 if weather permits**. A decision will be made after the holidays and parents informed.

Highland Gathering

All classes have been very busy decorating calico bags for sale at the Highland Gathering. Stage 3 was lucky enough to have some very 'crafty grandmothers' assist us on Thursday! Mrs Lil Matthews, Paris Bennett's Gran and Mrs Liz Inwood, Grandmother of Charlotte, Angus and Millie Inwood, shared their expertise with the students and at the end of the session, everyone was thrilled with the results. Kindergarten has used a clever combination of fabric, drawing and paintwork on their bags, whilst Stage 1 has used the stencilling technique and Stage 2 has been busily sewing a cross stitch pattern to adorn their bags.

All students are expected to attend the Highland Gathering and should wear their sports uniform.

Upcoming Events

Hill End Excursion

Stage 2 and 3 students will be setting out on a two day excursion on Thursday morning. Children should be at school at 8:15am to ensure an 8:30am departure. We will arrive home by 3:30 on Friday afternoon.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held on Monday 2nd April. Details of times and booking procedures will go home this week.

K-12 Chapel service on Tuesday 20 March at 10:55am.

Friends of Junior School Meeting on Monday 2nd April at 7pm in the Library.

Easter Hat Parade, Cross Country and Fun Run on Wednesday April 4th.

Mrs Kerry Robinson

Parents can have the Highlander emailed home and see our great photos in colour. Just email reception@scots.nsw.edu.au to be added to the email list.



Reading Mentors to our Kindergarten students . . .



VACATION CARE

A copy of the Bathurst Regional Council Autumn Vacation Care program for April 2012 is being sent home with this Highlander to Junior School and Pre-Kindergarten parents. Please note the information on Page 1 of this Highlander regarding the discontinuation of vacation care at Scots. Parents who require vacation care

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

Lithgow Pre K Newsletter

Weeks 8 & 9

Sounds Programme

This week we will be revising the letters Aa Mm Ss Tt and Ii. We will be bringing home lots of art pieces starting with these letters. Ask your child which one goes with which.

In Week 9 we will be looking at the letter Ff. Our song is Fat Frogs Fishing f, f, f. Expect to see heaps of friendly frogs, fat fish and fabulous fireman. I am presently organising a visit from some local fire fighters who will come and talk to us about keeping safe and what to do in an emergency. They have been before and are great with the kids. The children always enjoy this experience.

Upcoming Events

Please put aside some time on Tuesday 3rd April (couple weeks away) for our Easter Parade and BBQ Day. All families are welcome to join us and notes with times and lunch orders will be sent out soon. The children will be carrying something special this year and will delight you with a small performance. Also Monday the 2nd April is our Church Service morning. All welcome to join us at the Bowenfels Presbyterian Church on the highway from 9.30am. The children have a small service followed by a delicious morning tea provided by the church families. Everyone is most welcome.

Term Finish

This year classes will cease on Wednesday the 4th April at 3pm. We hope to have a small surprise for all the Wednesday kids on this day. Term 2 will commence for staff on Monday 23rd May and for the students on Tuesday 24th.

Last Library Visit

Our last library visit will be on Monday 26th March. Please remember to pack your child's book so it can be returned to the library.

Harmony Day

This year we will be helping celebrate Harmony Day on Tuesday 20th March. All Tuesday families are invited to prepare food that is important to them, or something they love to share. We will all be joining together for a yummy lunch. Please note that it is very important to remember our allergy alert children and try to have foods with no nuts and limited dairy. All foods will need an ingredients list attached so we can be vigilant in this. Whilst we do have facilities to keep things cool, our freezer is very small and unlikely to fit much in and we are able to reheat foods suitable to a microwave but unfortunately do not have access to a stove or oven. We hope the day helps bring some harmony in a small way.

New Student Reports

All new students should have received their reports this week. This is just a small glimpse of how your child is going so far at school. Most children have settled extremely well indeed, and we have been very pleased in the way with which they have been conducting themselves. You should all be very proud. A more detailed report will be coming mid year.

STEPS

The staff from Western Area Health was impressed with the number of families who took the opportunity to have their children's eyes tested with them.

Remember if you have any concerns then talk to your local GP.

Til Next Time

Take Care

Liz, Lorelle, Tracey



During our Letter T week, the Friday kids enjoyed making then eating some toast. They were very clever at spreading the butter and toppings. I think they were very keen to try it at home too...it's an excellent tool for helping improve fine motor control and self help skills under adult supervision of course.



Clean Up Australia Day

Thanks Mr Kiernan for visiting our school.



Sounds Program

This week Pre-Prep will continue with their sounds program. Our next sound is “i”. Our Letterland rhyme is Itching Insects i, i, i... and in Letterland we will meet Impy Ink. For craft we will be making igloo’s, iguanas, iris’, insects, islands and many more exciting things.

Highland Gathering

This Sunday the 25th of March is our annual School Highland Gathering. It is a wonderful day for family and friends to visit our school and participate in all of the wonderful activities and stalls on offer. As you know the children have been working very hard to make beautiful Canvas Bags, which will be displayed on the day. If you have not yet paid to make one please bring in \$10 before Wednesday.

Annie’s Ice Cream Parlor

On Monday the children visited Annie’s Ice Cream Parlor. This excursion ties in with our letter of the week, ‘i.’ The children had the chance to see how ice cream is made and then were about to choose their favourite flavour to try.

Easter Hat Parade

Pre Kindergarten children have started learning songs and dances for our Easter Performance and Easter Hat Parade. The songs mainly focus on the story of Easter which includes Jesus dying on the cross and then coming alive again. We then have some songs about Easter Eggs and Hot Cross buns. The children are also learning some dances, and will start making their hats here at school over the next two weeks. All children are invited to attend our Easter Hat Parade on the last day of Term (Wednesday 4th April) even if this is not their normal day of attendance.

Cross Country Competition

Commencing at the conclusion of the Easter Hat Parade Morning Tea will be served followed by the Cross Country Competition for Pre Kindergarten to Year 6. This will be held on the Main Oval and Pre Kindergarten entrants will be running laps around this oval. This even will be raising money for the Jane McGrath Foundation, and students are encouraged to get sponsorship per lap. These special activities for the last day will conclude at lunch time.

We ask that children who do not usually attend on a Wednesday leave at this time with their parents as all other students will be heading back to the classroom.

Easter Egg Guessing Competition

For the last two weeks of Term 1 we will be running an Easter Egg Guessing Competition in conjunction with our Easter Hat Parade. The basket of eggs will be in Pre Kindergarten from Monday for children to guess how many eggs are in the basket. Each guess will cost 50cents and the child who guesses correctly or closest will win the basket and be announced at the Easter Hat Parade.

Note Boxes

On each teachers desk there will be a box for you to put any notes, permission slips or money when you drop off your child/ren. The teachers can then sort them later in the day. This may assist if you are dropping your child in a hurry and your teacher is busy.

School Holidays

The last day of Term is Wednesday 4th April when all the children are invited to attend our Easter Hat Parade. School resumes for Term 2 on Thursday, 28th April

Doll House

The Pre Kindergarten students are having lots of fun with the Doll House. As you know, over time, the dolls get old and broken with continuous play. If you have any Barbies, Kens, or GI-Joes you would like to donate the students of Pre Kindergarten would greatly appreciate it.

Senior School Sport . . .

Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 8 Term 1

ISA Swimming

Last Friday evening the swim team competed at the ISA swimming carnival at SOPAC, Homebush. We had some great individual and relay results with many students winning ribbons in their races. Place getters included Sarah Driver, Alice Powell, Bronte Doyle, Gwen Towart, Emma Harley, Felicity Walker, Bethany Hackfath, Jonathan Gates, Zachery Telfser, Ruby Hackfath, Mollie Harley, Lachlan Conyers, Jock Sinclair and Madeline Miller. Many of the students swam personal bests and most improved on their times swam at the school and WAS carnivals. The highlights of the night were the two 2nd place finishes and the celebratory dances done by the Intermediate girls relay team (pictured) after each of their relays and the 3rd place finish of the junior girls freestyle relay team.



In the overall standings for the carnival our best results were a 3rd place in the Intermediate girls and 4th places in the intermediate boys, junior girls and senior boys divisions. The NSW CIS swim team will be announced later this week but unofficially Zachery Telfser and Felicity Walker have probably qualified.

Old Boys Cricket

On Sunday the traditional 1st XI versus the Old Boys match was played on the Main Oval. There was a good mix of experienced old boys and more recent old boys which proved for a closely contested match. The Old boys were dismissed for 180 runs with credible contributions made by Greg Radford, Ron Radford, Angus Lennon, Millaine Longmore and PJ Edwards. The wickets were pretty well spread across the 1st XI bowlers but the highlight was Stuart Marshalls extraordinary catch in the outfield. In replay the 1st XI started poorly with both openers being dismissed without score. As had been a regular feature of this season Ben Spence and Cameron Chew came to the rescue and formed a good partnership. Ben was our top scorer with 51 runs and another highlight was Michael Hubbard's undefeated knock and his highest score. The celebration was also very entertaining. Unfortunately the 1st XI were dismissed for 119. The best of the Old Boys bowlers were Cameron Beer, Millaine Longmore, Oliver Whytes and Robert Webb.

Overall it was a tremendous day with great sportsmanship, team work, individual respect and good humour. Both teams also paused on numerous occasions to reflect and share a thought for a long time supporter of the Old Boys and The Scots School, Jamie Saba who is battling ill health and was unable to make the trip up to Bathurst. Our thoughts and prayers are with him, his family and friends during this difficult time. Finally it is with great thanks that we recognise the contributions made by our out-going year 12 1st XI cricketers, Ben, Isaac, Stuart, Kieran, James and Sam who have all made some contribution to making and continuing the tradition of Scots cricket. Best of luck in cricket in the future.

Bathurst District Cricket Rep trials

Rep trials for the 2012/12 season will begin with trials this Sunday 25th of March at the sportsground from 9.00am for the 12s and 10.00am for the 14s. The 16s will be on Monday the 26th of March from 4.00pm.

A **wicket keepers course** is also being held at Brookemore Oval on the 27th March from 5.00pm for all boys aspiring to be the next Brad Haddin, Matthew Wade or Adam Gilchrist.

Upcoming sport events

- 20/03 TSS Inter house Cross Country
- 26/03 AICES 15s and Under Girls Hockey (Bathurst)
- 03/04 AICES Touch Championships (Penrith)

Mr. Justin Adams (Sportsmaster)
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ISA Swimming -- a successful day for Scots swimmers!



Intermediate girls relay team;

Junior girls relay team



RUGBY...

**Friends of Rugby
invite all interested
rugby parents to
enjoy a light Morning
Tea
Saturday, 24th March
-- Place -- Dining Hall
-- Time -- 10:15 - 11:15**

**Please take the
opportunity to meet
other rugby parents
before the season begins
in earnest!**

REMINDER TO ALL RUGBY PLAYERS:

**Students will be training and having
internal trials on Saturday from 9 a.m.
to 10:30 a.m. on the Front Oval**

Basketball...

Turnips vs. Road Runners (Div. 5)

52-24 Win

This was another considerable win for the Turnips, in their continued late-season run of success. All team members contributed well, with Bryson and Eric dominating the point-scoring, Luke and Hikari providing aggressive and effective defence and Ben Druitt, Brad, Sam and Ben Nunan creating some excellent opportunities. As a result they will go through to the semi-finals, playing the Road Runners again at 6.40pm this Friday.

Mr. Christie
(Coach)

Gumption vs. Gladiators (Div.5)

46-28 Loss

Gumption have continued to develop their skills throughout the season and this, their last game demonstrated their ability to keep focused in the face of a very strong opponent. Both teams' defence was very strong, but the Gladiators were able to keep the upper hand for the majority of the game. This was a very positive way to finish the season and Mr Christie is proud of their improvement.

Mr. Christie
(Coach)

The Scots School Summer Sport Weekly Schedule 2012

Term 1 Week 8

TSS Secondary School Cross Country – 3.00pm Tuesday 20th March

Sport	Team	Coach	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue
Basketball	Cobras (3)	Mr. Hayward		Flame On	6.40pm	Court 1
	Turnips (4)	Mr. Christie		Road Runners	6.40pm	Court 4
	Lionesses (1/2)			Pink Panthers	7.30pm	Court 2
	Jaguars (1/2)			Gazelles	8.20pm	Court 4
	Gazelles(4)	T. McPhee		Jaguars	8.20pm	Court 4
	Pumas (3)	T. McPhee		Dribblers	4.10pm	Court 2
	Meercats (5)	Layla Leard		Glitterbugs	5.00pm	Court 3
Rugby	All teams	All coaches	24/03	Internal training and trial	9.00am to 10.30am	Old Boys Oval

Friends of Rugby meeting and morning team – All parents are invited to a morning team and meeting to arrange the Friends of Rugby for 2012. Come and meet other parents and enjoy a cuppa before the boarding fathers depart for the Waratahs game with their sons. – Dining Hall 10.30am

BLAYNEY SHOW REPORT -- CATTLE TEAM -- 2012

Blayney was the first of our 2012 shows.

This year we took a large team of 2 stud females and 12 steers with many keen and enthusiastic students.

TSS Dreamtime 02 (Gertrude) was our first Limousin Heifer to be judged. She was paraded by Laura Pollard and was placed first in the Under 12 months class. Gertrude's mother, Willandra Your Kids Dream (Emma) was next to be judged and was paraded by Tegan Brunton. This was Tegan's first show and she did a tremendous job with Emma being placed 3rd in her class.

We then swamped the Steer classes with our 12 steers. In the under 400kg class our trade heifer, Helen who has been prepared by Kristen McAndrew, Maddie Miller, Sean Grabham and India Toole won this class. In the over 400kg class Jess McGrath and Hamish Andrews Steer, Rocky took out the class, followed by Brooke Andrew and Jonty Boshiers steer, Milo who took out 3rd place. The judge commented on what a tremendous team of steers The Scots School had and said he would come and watch us at Sydney Royal as he was sure our steers would perform wonderfully.

Paraders was next. Many of the students had never shown cattle before so there were many nervous cattle paraders. I could not have been more proud with all of our students parading at a high level. This was a good trial run for Sydney Royal. I would also like the opportunity to thank our more senior cattle team students as they have been mentoring out younger students in the fine art of parading, without their expertise these students would not have picked up their skill so quickly. So thank you to Emma Boland, Jess McGrath, Laura Pollard, Brooke Andrew, Bec George, Annabel Shepard, Georgie Simcock, Edith Lennon, Kanja LeRoux and Kristen McAndrew.

The students (and Cattle) all behaved impeccably and should be proud of their results. As I write this we are in preparation for Sydney Royal. Next

Saturday (24th March) we will be washing all of

who will be clipping them on the Sunday. It would be wonderful if as many of the team could assist on the Saturday. I will advise the students of the times required during the week.



Floods Don't Stop Us – Pipes and Drums Tour To New Zealand

Scots parents and students from Bathurst and as far away as Narromine and Young did not let the recent floods stop them from travelling to Sydney to catch a plane to Auckland for the New Zealand Pipe Band Championships. We arrived on Sunday 4th March and travelled by coach to Tauranga in the Bay of Plenty. Our 4 star accommodation at the Sebel was spectacular with 180 degree views of the water and only a five minute walk to cafes and shops.

Arriving four days prior to the competition provided us with time to practice, allowed us to adjust to the lifestyle and weather (mild and balmy) and fit in some sight seeing. A day was spent walking around a living Maori village in Rotorua and riding the gondola to the top of Mount Ngongotaha, then descending part of the mountain riding a luge. Some of the parents are not looking forward to their children getting drivers licenses. Wednesday was spent travelling to the northwest to visit Waitomo Caves and Hobbiton. In between practice sessions some of us climbed to the top of Mount Maunganui to view the spectacular coastal landscape then relaxed in the hot thermal baths at the base of the mount. Others took advantage of the strong Aussie dollar and indulged in some retail therapy. By Thursday the police were receiving noise complaints from the locals about pipe bands (not ours). The peaceful coastal retreat had become a sub tropical Scottish Highland.

This added to the excitement of the impending competition and by 8.30am Friday the Scots Band was ready in the foyer with mirror shined brogues, perfect uniforms, beautiful braided hair and new hand made sock tops. We joined 63 other bands at the Tauranga Domain for the competition. The Scots Pipes and Drums were one of three Australian bands competing.

On Saturday we joined the rest of the bands in the Street March, here each band was scrutinised and judged on a variety of criteria such as dress and marching. This was a new experience for many of the band; however they were warmly encouraged by the locals and a few Aussie tourists. Once all the bands converged into the centre of Tauranga they were relocated into grades for the Massed Street March. This was a highlight for our students as it was the first time many had played and marched with over 100 pipers and drummers at once. Stephanie Ferguson stood out as the only female Drum Major as she helped lead the bands back to the Domain with more mature Drum Majors.

Throughout the competition the students were complimented on their discipline, presentation, manners and friendliness. Many locals wanted to know where we were from and appreciated our enthusiasm and participation. The trip exceeded all expectations; each time the band competed they improved in confidence and ability, often drawing the attention of the more experienced and sometimes champion pipers and drummers.

I would like to thank and congratulate Mr Gill Mackenzie, band Master, and old Mack for their dedication in preparing our students for competition at such an elite level. A special thank you to Denise Garland (HOD Music) who helped organise and run the tour. Thanks also to the parents who accompanied us on tour, for all their assistance in making the trip an outstanding success.

The success of this tour highlights the importance of the Pipes and Drums as a vital part of the identity of The Scots School, it provides a unique opportunity for students as it continues to be an important and respected tradition of the school.

The Scots School Pipes and Drums would like to thank the following for contributing to the 2012 New Zealand Tour

Paul and Sharon Newman (Newman Bus Service) for donating a bus to transport the tour group to and from Sydney Airport.

Stuart and Leanne Ferguson for transporting the band equipment to and from Sydney Airport.

Sue Longmore for hand sewing the bands sock tops.

Centennial Coal for their donation to help fund the tour uniform.

Mr G Hayward

New Zealand Tour

Band
you look great!

