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To Ponder . . .

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them ... Gen 1:27 (ESV)

Last week we looked at how our children have a value more than what they look like, what they achieve, or the circumstances they are born into. This then impacts how we teach our children to view others...

Is difference a reason to fear or dislike? Different skills, languages, skin colour, upbringing, understandings, ability, age? Whatever contributes in making a person a person – given by God who has formed us in His image – can't be a reason to diminish a person in our eyes.

“My child, just as you are made by God and are precious... so too is that other person,

“We value them because they also are made just the way God's wants them,

“We praise God for the diversity we see in others,

“We are kind not because we are better than them, or how they make us feel,

“We are kind because they are precious to God”

. . . Chaplain

Friends of Rugby

There will be a meeting to elect office bearers for the 2012 season on Tuesday, 13th March at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library.

Anyone interested in running the Rugby Canteen or supporting TSS Rugby is encouraged to attend.

Please call Rod McPhee on 0432 870 719 if you are interested but unable to attend, or for any questions.

School Shop

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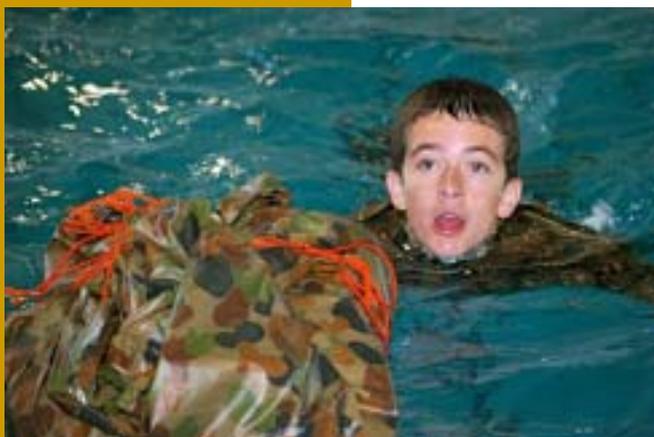
Black Rugby Shorts
School Rugby Jumpers
Plus

Track Jackets, Track Pants in
some sizes.

School jumpers have arrived in
all sizes

SHOP HOURS:

Monday & Friday -
8.30am – 11am & 1pm – 2pm
Wednesday -
8.30am – 11am
Tuesday & Thursday -
1pm – 2pm





From the Headmaster . . .

I have recently made some comments on the Gonski Review into School Funding at the Boarders' P & F Meeting and the School P & F Meeting and in The Advocate. The following comments on the Gonski Report are provided to assist parents to understand how the independent sector is responding to the review. The comments come from the AIS Media Release and Board Bulletin.

The independent sector has welcomed the release of the Gonski Report into school funding, viewing it as a comprehensive blueprint for the future of school funding in Australia. While there are some elements of the report and recommendations that the AIS believes would not be beneficial to the sector, overall we are supportive of the report's directions.

There has been some comment that implementation of the report's recommendations would potentially lead to a reduction in funding to independent schools. It is the AIS view that such a view is misplaced and is not the intention of the panel's recommendations. More particularly, until the Australian Government responds in some detail to the report and considerable work is undertaken to populate a possible funding model with data and attach levels of government funding, the model remains a theoretical one. It will require considerable work from the Government to populate the model with actual data before it is possible to accurately assess the impact the recommended model might have on the independent schools sector. The Government has stated that it will now conduct a round of consultations with key stakeholders before deciding how, when and if the recommendations will be implemented. AISNSW expects to be closely involved in this process along with ISCA.

The Government has also stated that it intends to introduce new funding legislation into Parliament by the end of 2012 for new funding arrangements to commence from 2014. We will continue to keep schools informed of developments as they occur.

The key recommendations of the Gonski Report include:

- An increase in overall government funding for schools
- Improved funding arrangements for all students with a disability, regardless of the type of school attended
- Development of a more accurate measure of the cost of educating a student to an accepted level
- The need to base all funding decisions on robust and comparable data.

The Government has responded in general terms on some of the recommendations but is yet to provide a full response to the Report.

“While independent schools support efforts to improve the existing funding arrangements, it is important that the Government moves quickly to provide schools with an indication of their funding levels for 2014. The Review commenced in early 2010 and nearly two years later schools still don't know what their funding will be the year after next.”

Dr Newcombe said that the sector would continue to work closely with the Government to ensure future funding arrangements are based on robust and reliable data.

“A major emphasis of the Review was that it covered all schools, government and non-government, so we will continue to apply this benchmark to any future policy decisions made by the Government in implementing the recommendations. “

“As a result we will wait for further information and detail from the Government on its response before we can fully support the review. We are looking forward to working closely with the Government to achieve this aim.”

The NSW Parents Council, in conjunction with AISNSW, the Independent Education Union (IEU) and Santa Sabina College, **Strathfield**, is holding a parent forum from 7.00pm - 8.00pm on Thursday, 29th March 2012 which will focus on the impact that the Gonski Review might have on the independent schools sector. The forum 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 forum will provide information for parents, principals and other members of the school community and assist with understandings of the impact that the review might have on independent schools. Members of all NSW independent school communities are invited to attend and schools are encouraged to promote the forum to parents through school newsletters.

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.*”

Have a great week...

David Gates

From the Deputy Head . . .

I wish to thank students, parents and carers for the efficiency and good will with which last Friday's (2nd March) school evacuation occurred. The students demonstrated responsibility and intelligence and were extremely cooperative with staff members. I also wish to thank tutor house masters and classroom teachers for their custodianship of house and class rolls. Boarding staff also should be recognised for their care of the children in what was a very long, wet weekend.

House Debating

In the last two weeks I have greatly enjoyed the experience of adjudicating House Debates.. This competition concludes this week. The house debating competition is very important to us here at Scots. All students have the opportunity to speak publicly with assurance in a secure and supportive environment. The skills of teamwork acquired in the house debating competition are important and the esprit de corps engendered is marvellous.

Advance Notices --

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 house stall or activity. Housemasters will draw up these rosters in the next 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

There are no music ensembles this week due to Pipes & Drums New Zealand tour.

Private music teachers absent this week:

Miss Griffin on Wednesday

Mr Newell on Friday

*Mrs Denise Garland
Director of Performing Arts*

CALENDAR

Sun 4-Sun 11 Pipe Band New Zealand Tour
Tue 6-Wed 7 NSW All Schools Triathlon Penrith
Tue 6 HSC Simulated Area of Study Day
Wed 7 AICES Boys Basketball @ Castle Hill
Thu 8 Y11 Ryda at Mt Panorama
Sat 10 Blayney Show
Thu 15 AICES Girls Basketball @ Castle Hill
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

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!



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

PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP



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!



Junior School Contacts
Years K-2
Trash & Treasure
Contact: RhonwenHazell
or Jane Bennett
mjjig_5@hotmail.com



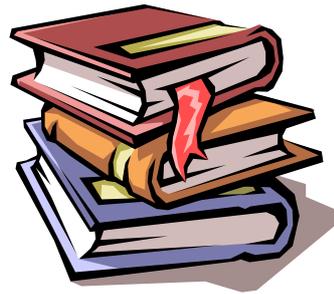
High School Contacts
Year 7 Plants
Contact: Matt & Helen
Woods
mhwoods@bigpond.com



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



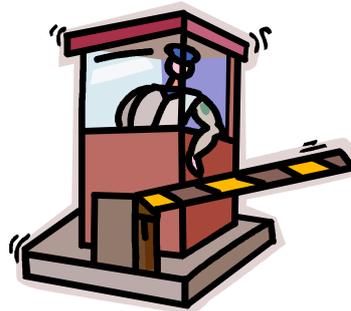
**Year 8-9 Drinks/Ice
Cream/Fairy Floss/Ticket
Booth**
Contact: Shevahn Telfsar
telfser@iprimus.com.au



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 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!

This week in History 5th to 11th March

On March 4, 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated as the 32nd president of the United States. In his famous inaugural address, delivered outside the east wing of the U.S. Capitol, Roosevelt outlined his “New Deal”—an expansion of the federal government as an instrument of employment opportunity and welfare—and told Americans that “the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” Although it was a rainy day in Washington, and gusts of rain blew over Roosevelt as he spoke, he delivered a speech that radiated optimism and competence, and a broad majority of Americans united behind their new president and his radical economic proposals to lead the nation out of the Great Depression.

In 1954, the USA tested a massive hydrogen bomb nicknamed “Bravo” at Bikini Atoll, part of the Marshall Islands in the Pacific Ocean. The bomb was nearly 1,000 times more powerful than the atomic bombs the USA dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War 2. Three weeks after the test, it was revealed that a Japanese fishing boat was within the 129 Km of the test zone during the explosion and that its 23-crew members were seriously affected by radiation sickness. They were among 264 people accidentally exposed to the bomb’s radioactive fallout.

by *Ben Numan*

The ESL Cultural Excursion

Thursday 1st March 2012

Nothing is better than going on an excursion with all the International students. On the 1st of March, Mrs Denmead and Mrs Donnelly led ten International students who are in Years 7 to 11 and are from Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and China on a cultural excursion. On the day, although it was not sunny, it did not rain! We had the best weather during our excursion. Just in time considering the floods in Bathurst began the next day.

The excursion started at eight o’clock in the morning. All of us were so punctual and full of excitement. This time Mrs Donnelly was our driver. She had good driving skills which let us play and sleep comfortably on the bus.

We travelled by bus for about one hour to Katoomba. Katoomba is the chief town of the City of The Blue Mountains in New South Wales. We stopped at the Blue Mountains and had our morning tea. On the top of the mountain the wind was so strong but we all felt cool. The Blue Mountains were fantastic, the sky and the mountains grouped together. It seemed that the sky was part of the mountains. The mountain was surrounded by a cloud, just like a heaven. There were lots of tourists, including Japanese, Korean, Chinese, French and Australian. We were excited that we could hear our own language in Australia. After morning tea, we rode the Skyway to look through the mountains. We rode on the electro-scenic glass floor high above the valley. The view was great and the feeling was really like we flew in the sky. There was a waterfall which was near the cable-car called the Katoomba Falls. It was extremely beautiful and grand. We were surprised that the tour guide could speak Japanese, Korean, Chinese and English. He was quite funny.

After the Skyway, we got on to the bus again and we took one and a half hours to get to Featherdale Wildlife Park in Sydney. We first saw kangaroos which were adorable. We were curious about the animals, thus we continued walking around the zoo and did not want to stop for our lunch. Of course we have to have our lunch first, so we took a rest and finished our packed lunch in the Top Picnic Area. We had a lesson about the Australian animals after lunch. There was a learning burrow at the zoo for the lesson. We learnt about snakes, koalas, birds and lizards. Two boys, John and Hikara from year 7 and year 9 respectively were so brave that they did not feel scared when the snake crawled on their body. We had about one hour free time after the lesson. We walked around the zoo and took photos with the animals. Although the zoo was not big, we still had a great time there and we learnt a lot of things.

We travelled back to Bathurst when we finished all our zoo tour. After travelling for a whole day we did not feel too tired. We chatted and played in the bus with each other. We went to the McDonald’s near The Scots School and bought our dinner. We tried buying the food in English by ourselves. It was a good time for us to learn.

We really enjoyed the day on the cultural excursion. It was full of joy and excitement. It was not only a trip to some places but it was a time that we could learn with each other and share with each other.

Written by: Sophia (Tsz Ying) Ng - Yr11 student.

(we will have photos of this excursion next week)

HICES debating kicked off for 2012 with Round 1 hosted here at Scots last Thursday 1 March.

Debating is a formal, highly structured discussion about a given topic. It is useful for building confidence, teamwork and thinking skills. Debating encourages students to reason quickly while assessing arguments and points of view for their strengths and weaknesses.

French philosopher Joseph Joubert said “It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.”

In HICES debating Scots is part of the Western Region including Kinross, All Saints and Blue Mountains. There are debates in four divisions Junior (Years 5 & 6), Middle (Years 7 & 8), Senior (Year 9 & 10) and Open (Years 11 & 12) over four Preliminary Rounds. Any of our teams can then go on to the Finals against leading teams from other regions.

Debates in Junior and Middle have prepared debates but in Senior and Open the debaters are given their topic one hour before start time and have to prepare an impromptu debate. Each team must consist of male and female debaters. Adjudicators are asked to award 1st, 2nd and 3rd for Best Debater for each debate – a little like Best and Fairest Points in footy.

This round our teams performed very well. Middle; Jesse Wells, Ben McGrath and Stephanie Ferguson with team advisor Gwen Towart were the affirmative in “That sporting competitions are improved by technology.” In a pleasing win over BMGS they took the points. Ben McGrath was named Best Debater with Steph Ferguson in a tie for Second.

For the Seniors; Putri Moran, Meredith Spence, Jonty Boshier and Sophie Ireland convinced the adjudicator that sport and politics cannot be separated against ASC. For Best Debater Putri was named first with Jonty 3rd.

The Opens; Caitlin McDermid, Hugo Newell, Jess McGrath and Kanja Le Roux had the difficult task of the Affirmative in “That the London Olympics should be postponed until after the financial crisis in Europe is resolved”. Despite a great team line referring to bread and circuses and Hugo’s valiant attempt to explain the GFC with buckets of water and a leaky pool they went down to KWS. Hugo was given 3rd for Best Debater.

Well done to all teams; a great effort.

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

Junior debates will take place here at Scots on Thursday March 8 (KWS v BMGS @ 11am & TSS v ASC @ 3.30pm)

Dates of the next rounds / finals are below.

Preliminary Rounds

Round 1:	Thursday 1 March
Round 2:	Tuesday 8 May
Round 3:	Wednesday 30 May
Round 4:	Thursday 14 June

Finals

Preliminary Final:	Tuesday 24 July
Quarter Final:	Wednesday 15 August
Semi Final:	Thursday 30 August
Grand Final:	Thursday 6 September

Yours in Debating
Mr A Lee

Junior School News ...5/3/12

Congratulations

To our swimming team for their mighty efforts at Homebush last week in bringing home the Division 2 percentages shield! Well done to all our swimmers and thank you to Mr Travers, Mrs Inglis, Will and Miss Gauder who accompanied the team. Parent supporters as always were enthusiastic and their presence is greatly appreciated by us all. Unfortunately due to the flooding on Friday we were unable to present the ribbons at assembly, we will hold them over until this Friday.

To Claire Ferguson who also played with the Senior School string ensemble at the parent weekend performance.

Friday Flooding

Thank you to all parents for their support and patience on Friday as we undertook the difficult task of getting students home safely, as waters continued to rise and the rain continued to fall.

HICES Debating

The Stage 3 debating team consisting of Gabrielle Boshier, Andrew Knox, Jorjana Micalos and Gabrielle Morrison are busily preparing for their debates which will be held on Thursday this week.

HICES Leadership Day

The Year 6 students attended the HICES Leadership Day at Blue Mountains Grammar School today. It is always an exhilarating experience which generates a lot of discussion about how students can best contribute to their school in their leadership roles. We look forward to hearing from our captains Hannah Crozier, Jorjana Micalos, Anne Abraham, Paris Bennett and Morgan Bennett about their experiences and vision for Scots.

Swimming Lessons

Students in Years 1 to 4 began their two week intensive swimming lessons today at our very own pool! Mrs Micalos will be conducting the lessons between 12:30 and 2:45pm.

Kindergarten lessons are being finalised so notes indicating your intentions need to be returned immediately so that groups can be finalised.

Winter Sport

Teams are being finalised this week; however there are still some people who have not returned a note. I ask for your assistance in this so planning can take place.

New Student Reports

All students in Kindergarten to Year 6 who are new to the school will receive a written report to advise parents and carers how they are settling in to school. These will be posted at the end of this week.

Speech Program

The Scots School Public Speaking program is one we are very proud of and continues to show benefits for all students. It entails the children preparing and presenting 3 speeches over the year to their peers, and culminates in a Finals Competition at the end of the year. The finalists are selected on their results in all three speeches. Topics are selected by teachers and relate to their units of study. A booklet of advice and information to parents about how to help their children with this task will be sent home with speeches for families new to the school. Speeches will be set for homework in Week 7 and will be sent home on Friday to allow for two weekends in the preparation and practice phase. Speeches will be delivered to peers on Monday 19th March, in K-2 and 3-6 groupings, which allow for a great deal of sharing of ideas and role modelling from older students.

Keystone Home Stay

Thank you to all families who hosted our Keystone friends over the weekend. It is always the highlight of their visit and is most appreciated by their families at home.

Highland Gathering

Children will be decorating colourful bags to be sold at the Highland Gathering, orders are being finalised and need to be accompanied by payment.

Mrs Kerry Robinson

HICES SWIMMING

At 5am Thursday morning when most of you were still fast asleep, 15 children from the Junior school boarded a bus to take them to the HICES Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park.

We arrived at 8:30am and walked in to the pool, for many children this was their first experience at HICES and swimming in a 50m pool.

Our motto for the day was 'quality not quantity.' and this saying fitted us very well with some amazing swimming from Andrew Knox and Jake Cranston.

As the day came to an end they called out the results with our children cheering so hard for the other schools we almost missed hearing we had WON the percentage shield. This meant instead of a quiet bus ride home with some very tired swimmers, it became a party bus!!!!

Place getters:

Andrew Knox: 3 x 1st's, 2 x 2nd's

Jake Cranston: 1 x 1st, 1 x 2nd, 1 x 3rd

Aly cranston: 3rd

Evan Smith: 4th

Austin Markwick: 4th

Paris Bennett: 4th

Special congratulations for our younger swimmers who showed plenty of courage and to the staff who attended.

Andrew Travers

More Family Fun Day photos

(Thanks Mrs Sally Rosin for providing all the photos on this page and on pages 12-13)



Bathurst Junior Rugby 2012 season

Bathurst Bulldogs U'13's & Bathurst Burrs U'7's, 9's & 11's will be holding their 2011 season registration nights on 9th March. If you are thinking about it, just do it!!

On the night we will also be taking expressions of interest for U15's & 17's players in the hope of fielding sides in the 2012 season.

**Registration will be from 5:00pm to 6:30pm
Friday 2nd & 9th March 2011
Anne Ashwood Rugby Park
Hereford Street, Bathurst**



Sounds Program

This week Pre-Prep will continue with their exciting sounds program. Our next sound is "s". Our rhyme is Soft snake sliding s,s,s... and in Letterland we will meet Sammy Snake. For craft expect to see spiders, snails, seals snakes, sunflowers, squares, stars, Spot, Scarecrows and Snowmen.

New Student Reports

A report about how well your child has settled into the routines of Pre-Prep will be issued to all students during week 7. So far we have found the children loving the program and following the routines well.

Highland Gathering

The Highland Gathering is the Scots Schools' Annual Fete. Please keep Sunday 25th March free to come and support our school. It is always a wonderful day with lots for all the family including the children.

Decorated Bags

Please remember to bring in your money and note for your child to decorate a canvas bag. These bags will be completed in the classroom and will be displayed at the Highland Gathering (date above). The bags are then your to keep or use a gift. Money is now due so please pass it along to your teacher as soon as possible.

Town Library Visit

Pre-Prep thoroughly enjoyed their first visit to the Bathurst city Library for Story Time. The theme was 'underpants.' The children enjoyed some lovely books, songs and craft. All of the children displayed beautiful manners which was wonderful to see. The bus trip was also another huge highlight!

Children's Clothing and Apparel

Please check your children's jumpers and hats to make sure that they have your child's name on them. Some jumpers and hats have gone missing. If you find your child has someone else's clothing please return it to your child's teacher.

Reminder: Please remember to pack a spoon in your child's lunch box so they can eat their yummy yoghurts.

Coming Events

Wk 7 – Teddy Bear's Picnic – Wednesday 14th March. Wednesday children only to attend.



FAMILY FUN DAY



Lithgow Pre-Kindergarten News...

Sounds Programme

This week we will be focusing on the letter Tt. Our sounds song will be teapots tipping TTT. Expect to see terrifying tigers, Tommy turtles and terrific teddy bears amongst others. In week 7 we will be looking at the letter Ii. Our sounds song will be itcyinsects iii, and I'm sure you will see interesting igloos, inventive iguanas and individuals all around. Have you seen our "WelcomeWall"? I think this has come out fantastically well. The kids look great. If you haven't look up next time you sign in or out!

Alphabet Books

Hopefully all interested families got a copy of this book to take home with their child. It's meant as a learning aid and something to have fun with. Just take 2-3 minutes every night and practise some letters. It's best if you model the letter name then sound it makes the first several times. You will be amazed at how quickly your child will learn the rest. (any families with older siblingsget them involved, they usually burst at the seams to help or do at the same time they are doing their homework.) Reinforcing school learning at home is a crucial step forward in your child's education.

Toastie Day

This will be on Wednesday the 7th March (this week). Monies need to be paid on Monday. Any family that could spare an hour of their day around 12.30ish let Mrs Lang know and I can pass on to our P&F. we would like to thank the people involved in this for their help.

STEPS Vision Programme

The ladies from Western Area Health will also be on Wednesday 7th from 10am. Hopefully all families have returned their notes. Your child's vision can change quickly so it's always important to have regular check-ups.

Ice Cream Day

To help celebrate and reinforce our learning of the letter I, we will be having an ice cream day on Thursday 15th of March. If you're interested then just put 50 cents in a labelled envelope and give to staff before then. We will just be having a small cone with vanilla ice cream and a special treat on top.

Important Information

I am currently still waiting for lots of information from many families. There is a list on the wall above the sign in table. Please check to see if you still need to bring this in. Thanks to those families that have since done so.

Lithgow Pre-Kindergarten continued . . .

Earlier on in the Year Mr Writer came to visit us. He talked to us about playing Hockey and we even got to have a practise

Here is the Thursday class with Mr Writer



Below is Seth, Thomas, Laken and Noah learning all about stick work along with the rest of the class showing off their skills.



Take Care
Liz, Tracey & Lorelle

Senior School Sport . . .

Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 6 Term 1

1st XI Cricket knocked out due to weather

Unfortunately the ISA season for the 1st XI ended when last Saturday's semi final versus Chevalier College was cancelled due to the wet weather. As we were the lower ranked team (3rd) we have been eliminated from the competition. It was a disappointing way to finish the ISA season in particular for our Year 12 boys Ben, Isaac, Stuart, Kieran and James who will finish their playing careers for Scots at the Old Boys match on the 18th of March.

Winter Sport Season

Our winter sports season will formally start training on Tuesday the 13th of March. Our basketball teams still have 3 weeks to go. Below is a schedule for training for the next 4 weeks.

Week	Tuesday Afternoon	Thursday Afternoon
7	Winter sport – All students	Winter sport (no hockey) Basketball teams train
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

Girls wanting to trial for the 1st and 2nd VII netball teams are asked to attend trials this Wednesday and Friday lunch times in the sports barn. Take away lunches from the dining hall will be arranged so that girls can come straight to the trials.

ISA Swimming

Our swimming team for the ISA will be the same as for the WAS carnival. Permission notes will be issued this week. Please be prepared for a late return to Scots on the Friday night/Saturday morning.

WAS Touch Trials

Last Thursday the WAS open boys touch trials were held in Orange. Of our boys that attended the trials Angus Dunn and Jock Sinclair made the possible's probable's game from which Jock was selected for the final team. Well done Jock. The girls have had a series of trials throughout their WAS touch season. We have Giamia Radice, Rachel Hibbins, Bronte Doyle and Natlie Bowles in the 15s team and Caitlin McDermid, Alyssa Weekes and Madison Hohnberg in the open team. Well done girls.

Upcoming sport events

7/03	AICES Boys Basketball (Castle Hill Sports Stadium)
15/03	AICES Girls Basketball (Snake Pit, Wollongong)
16/03	ISA Swimming (SOPAC, Homebush)
21/03	AICES 15s and Under Girls Hockey (Bathurst)
27/03	TSS Inter house Cross Country
03/04	AICES Touch Championships (Penrith)

Mr. Justin Adams (Sportsmaster)

The Scots School Summer Sport Weekly Schedule 2012

Term 1 Week 6

Sport	Team	Coach	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue
Basketball	Lions (1)	Mr. Hayward	09/03	Da Bossez	9.15pm	Court 3
	Cobras (3)	Mr. Hayward		ASC Hurricanes	7.00pm	Court 4
	Razors (2)	Will Hudson		SSC Bouncers	5.30pm	Court 3
	Turnips (4)	Mr. Christie		Blue Tongue Lizards	4.45pm	Court 4
	Gumpton (5)	Mr. Christie		Custard Crew	4.45pm	Court 1
	Lionesses (1/2)	Mr. Adams		GB Bandits	8.30pm	Court 3
	Jaguars (1/2)	Mr. Adams		Pumas	7.00pm	Court 2
	Gazelles(4)	T. McPhee		Bye		
	Pumas (3)	T. McPhee		Jaguars	7.00pm	Court 2
	Meercats (5)	Layla Leard		Furious Five	4.00pm	Court 1
Cricket	1st XI	Mr. Maher, Mr. Adams		Next game vs Old Boys	10.00am	Sunday 18 th March
	14s	Mr. Mair	10/03	Stannies Blue	8.15am	Stannies (Gavin)
	12s	Miss. Hughes	10/03	St Pats Blue 12s	8.15am	TSS, Lee St Oval
Tennis	WAS Squad No game	Mr. Matus		Season finished internal champs at training this week		
Touch	Jnr/Snr	Mr. Coyte	03/03	House champs this week at training		No Game

Bathurst Junior Rugby 2012 season

Bathurst Bulldogs U'13's & Bathurst Burrs U'7's, 9's & 11's will be holding their 2011 season registration nights on 9th March. If you are thinking about it, just do it!!

On the night we will also be taking expressions of interest for U15's & 17's players in the hope of fielding sides in the 2012 season.

**Registration will be from 5:00pm to 6:30pm
Friday 2nd & 9th March 2011
Anne Ashwood Rugby Park
Hereford Street, Bathurst**

RUGBY...

Photos from the 13's Rugby on Parent Weekend.

Thanks to Mrs Rosemary Standfield for submitting these photos. (Handy to have when all our recent weekend sport was cancelled due to the flooding.)



Above Ned's ball just about to hit the stumps.



Wesley Standfield bowling for the 13's.

RYLSTONE SHOW (February 2012) . . .



Emma Martin WON Junior Showgirl and a swag of prizes at the Rydal Show held on the 4th of February. Emma also won 2 Trophies; 1) most successful junior in Cooking, Horticulture and Needle work and 2) the trophy for most points gained in three sections. Emma also won champion vegetable.

(Mrs Johnstone was a judge of the Senior showgirl competition and very slow at putting in Emma's photo and story!! ☺)

Henry Quant came 1st in Junior Sheep Judging at Rylstone Show! Well Done Henry!



Our Scots show team was very successful at Rylstone.



Cadet Swimming Training Day

