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Headmaster David Gates presenting the Pace Stick to CUO Angus Dunn during the Cadet Ceremonial Parade in December.



School Shop Hours

Monday & Friday -
8.30am – 11am & 1pm – 2pm

Wednesday -
8.30am – 11am

Tuesday & Thursday -
1pm – 2pm

HOUSE T-Shirts have arrived!!!

**The next P&F Meeting is on
Wednesday 29 February
at 7pm in the school library.
All welcome.**

SPEECH AND DRAMA with Mrs Boshier

Classes will resume next week for Speech and Drama on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. If you are interested please contact Belinda Boshier on belindalee.bb@gmail.com or leave a message with Mrs Kathy Weal.

Music Department this week . . .

Week 1

- **Private Music Lessons - will commence this week. See Mrs Garland if you have not been given a time.**
- **NEW students wishing to have Private Music Lessons – see Mrs Garland for an application form**

MUSIC ENSEMBLES- this week

- **Stage Band – 8am Thursday**
- **String Ensemble – 8am Friday**
- **Concert Ensemble/Orchestra – MONDAY - 3.30 - 5pm**
- **CHOIR – Vocalist for the Musical- 8am Tuesday**

*Mrs D Garland
Director of Creative and
Performing Arts*

Friends of Pipes & Drums Meeting:

THURSDAY February 2nd, 2012 at 5:15pm in the Library
All welcome. We will be discussing the NZ Tour.

Tour Meeting:

For all students and parents
Sunday February 26th - after Chapel Service

HICES Debating 2012

First Round here at Scots 1 March
(alternative date for Junior TBC)
Meeting Second Half Lunch Thursday 2 February
Room 16 (upstairs Stable Block)

Four Teams Required:

Junior = Years 5&6

Senior = Years 9&10

Everyone welcome to have a go

Thank you Mr Lee

Middle = Years 7&8

Open = Years 11&12

From the Headmaster . . .

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

I also wish to welcome Mrs Bev Vickers to teach Year 11 & 12 Chemistry and Mrs Tonia Cox to teach Year 7 French. I also welcome Mrs Anna Micalos as a School Assistant with various responsibilities including management of the pool and conducting learn to swim classes, School security and a role as a Senior Boarding Resident working with the girls in Galloway House. In addition, I welcome the return of Mrs Alex Hallahan from maternity leave and Mr Simon Dundon and Mr Ian Doney from Long Service Leave.

At the New Students' Assembly I challenged students to strive for excellence in all they do at school and to make the most of their opportunities not only in areas they had participated in before but in new ventures. In particular, I spoke about the importance of taking on new challenges which would take them out of their comfort zone. Although somewhat scary at first, it is the stretching that occurs with new challenges that enriches our lives and allows us to grow.

The School Commencement Service, held at St Stephens in Bathurst on the first day, was an excellent way to begin our year. This service allows us to give thanks to God for all we enjoy at Scots and to be challenged about the year ahead. I would like to thank Tim Abbey, Jason Smart and Tristan Merkle from St Stephens and our own Chaplain, Mr Samuel Gittens, for their involvement in this service.

I wish you all the very best start to 2012 and look forward to catching up with many of you again shortly either on the sporting field or at the Term One Parent Weekend on the weekend of 24-26 February.

Have a good week.

David Gates

Pipes & Drums at Young Cherry Festival

The Pipes & Drums performed at the Young Cherry Festival on Saturday. They first played in what was probably the



longest and hottest street march they have ever done followed by an individual performance and finishing with a massed band with 4 other bands. The band performed admirably in all three elements and often showed up the adult bands with their blend of music, drill and deportment.

A special mention goes to Stephanie Fergusson and Michelle Fairall. Stephanie, who despite having a recalcitrant shoe

lace, lead the band perfectly from start to finish and Michelle for having to dance on a difficult surface and doing so with grace. I would like to thank all of those involved, including Mr Hayward.

Mr G Mackenzie

P&F Uniform Pool 2012
Term 1, 2012

The Uniform pool was open for the week before school commenced and Monday of this week. A ***BIG thank you*** to **Jess Spence** (Year 12 in 2010) who (wo)manned the pool for most of the week. Also to **Mrs Gillian Gates** and **Mrs Gen Croaker** (Spence family grandmother) who filled in for a few hours. **Kathy Weal** was extremely helpful as always.

Parent Weekend: open 10.45 am after Chapel on Sunday 26 February.

We are planning to open the Uniform Pool for a couple of hours a week – a roster will be published in the Highlander soon. If you would like to volunteer to do a shift please contact me - it is an easy way to help out and contribute to your child's school experience.

The P&F is looking for volunteers to co-ordinate the Uniform Pool. This could be done on an individual or committee basis, and is not an onerous responsibility, particularly if shared. If you would like to discuss this, please call me on the number below.

Contributions to the Uniform Pool

The Uniform pool accepts contributions either as donations or percentage return to the donor. We request that all items are in **reasonable condition, laundered, mended if necessary and belong to the current uniform requirements.** Please complete the details slip available through the School Shop or email me for a copy, and enclose with the uniform in a closed bag that may be delivered to Karralee, the School Shop, or the Uniform Pool when open.

It is possible to access the Uniform Pool at any time that the School Shop is open –
Kathy Weal kindly opens up and helps with any choices you make.
Please note that purchases are cash or cheque only.

Genevieve Spence
P&F Treasurer
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Cadets on Parade --
Ceremonial Parade
Day 2011



Junior School News . . .

Welcome to 2012 at The Scots School, a year we hope will be exciting and memorable for our students, parents and staff. I trust you have enjoyed a relaxing holiday season and the children are rejuvenated and keen to commence school.

Staffing K-6 will be as follows:

Kindergarten - Mrs Jennie White
Stage 1 - Mrs Sarah Milligan
Stage 2 - Mrs Lyn Inglis
Stage 3 - Mrs Kerry Robinson
Pre-Kindergarten – Mrs Alex Hallahan, Mrs Lisa Travers, Mrs Cheryl Gilbert and Mr Andrew Travers.

Mr Andrew Travers will be providing relief from face to face teaching across K-6, specialising in Information Technology, Science and Sport. As an Early Childhood Trained Teacher he will also teach part time in Pre-Kindergarten.

In line with our focus on K-12 staffing, K-6 students will have the opportunity to have specialist teachers in French, Drama and Choir and Music and Stage 3 Art. Mrs Denise Garland will once again be working with our choirs and co-ordinating our instrumental groups. Another exciting program for Stage 3 will be practical Science with Mr Samuel Gittins in the laboratory.

On Friday of this week we welcome our Keystone friends who visit us from Korea for Term 1. The children participate in our normal school activities. It is a fantastic opportunity for them improve their English and to interact with our students and our Australian lifestyle. The cultural experience of their visit each year is welcomed by our students and the school community. We wish them a happy and enjoyable stay with us.

Out of the classroom we have a lot to look forward to this term as well. The Swimming Carnival and Sprinkler Fun Day in Week 3, Swimming Lessons, HICES Swimming and Leadership Day, the Highland Gathering, Easter

Hat Parade, Cross Country and Fun Run – (Just to name a few!)

We love to have parents involved in our school so please mark these dates in your calendar when you receive a Term Planner. You are also welcome to our weekly assembly at 11 o'clock each Friday. Other exciting programs to be introduced this year will be our K-6 Peer Support program involving Stage 3 leaders and also the Year 12 academic mentor program which will see Year 12 students involved in all Junior classes. The Pre-Kindergarten Link program will also commence early this term.

Information sessions will be on Monday 6th February for all classes K-6 and Pre-Kindergarten on Wednesday, 8th February, which will give parents an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and receive more specific information about curriculum and classroom routines.

At The Scots School we see “communication” as a priority. The School Diary, the Highlander and information notes will be sent home regularly via the message folder to keep you up to date. Generally however your child as an individual is our primary focus so please contact class teachers initially if you have any concerns or queries, via the diary or phone to arrange a mutually agreeable interview time. Of course, I am also available to discuss issues further and welcome your input of ideas. Please feel free to drop in to say hello and introduce yourself to me as I take on my new role this year. I will be ably supported by Mrs Lyn Inglis and Mrs Jennie White who are taking on some key roles.

The staff have all been busily preparing for the return of students this week and thoroughly enjoyed their interactive whiteboard inservice course yesterday.

We are looking forward to a great year in 2012.

*Kerry Robinson
Pre-K to Year 6 Co-ordinator*

Senior School Sport . . .

The Scots School Summer Sport Weekly Schedule 2012

Term 1 Week 1

Sport	Team	Coach	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue
Basketball	Lions (1)	Mr. Hayward	03/02	Da Bossez	7.00pm	Court 1
	Cobras (3)	Mr. Hayward		Razors	6.15pm	Court 4
	Razors (2)	Will Hudson		Cobras	6.15pm	Court 4
	Turnips (4)	Mr. Christie		Blue Tongue Lizards	4.45pm	Court 3
	Gumpton (5)	Mr. Christie		Custard Crew	4.45pm	Court 4
	Lionesses (1/2)	Mrs. Davis		Fruit Loops	9.15pm	Court 2
	Jaguars (1/2)	Mrs. Davis		Bye		
	Gazelles(4)	T. McPhee		ASC Silver	7.00pm	Court 3
	Pumas (3)	T. McPhee		Dribblers	6.15pm	Court 3
	Meercats (5)	Layla Leard		Squishy Marshmallows	4.45pm	Court 2
Cricket	1st XI	Mr. Maher, Mr. Adams	04/02	Chevalier College	10.00am	TSS Main Oval
	14s	Mr. Mair	04/02	All Saints	8.15am	Stiles (ASC)
	13s	Miss. Hughes	04/02	St Pats 12s	8.15am	TSS Lee St Oval
Tennis	WAS Squad	Mr. Matus	04/02	KWS 1	10.00am	TSS Courts
Touch	Jnr/Snr	Mr. Coyte	04/02	No games, TSS Gala Day next weekend		

Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 1 Term 1

Welcome Back

We trust that all students had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. Most summer sports resume this weekend, please check this Highlander for match details. Training sessions will resume on Thursday this week and then continue as normal on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons next week. We remind students to be ready and properly prepared (sports clothes, hat and drink bottle) for training sessions by 3.35pm.

Cricket Website

Follow our cricket teams at the mycricket websites; bdjca.nsw.cricket.com.au/ and isa.nsw.cricket.com.au/

Upcoming sport events

- 10/02 TSS Inter House swimming carnival (TSS Indoor Pool)
- 11/02 TSS Touch Gala day and WAS Touch Trials (TSS, Old Boys)
- 14/02 WAS Basketball Trials (ASC to Host)
- 17/02 WAS Swimming Championships (Stannies) 4.00pm
- 28/02 WAS Boys and Girls Hockey Trials and WAS Boys Touch Trials (KWS)

Mr. Justin Adams (Sportsmaster)

jadams@scots.nsw.edu.au

Cadets Ceremonial Parade December, 2011 . . .



Caitlin McDermid ready to lead the ceremonial Parade. Above Major Chris Boucher and his staff officially represented the Army at the Ceremonial Parade

The cadets looked resplendent in their dress uniform.

Flag party officers
Jonathan Gates, Nathan
Warton and Meredith
Spence



Cadets Promotions Course . . .

Major Juri Linins accompanied three cadet officers to the Cadet Promotions course at Singleton Army Base during the recent school holidays. We are most pleased to report that our cadet leaders performed admirably at this course.

Jonathan Gates and Meredith Spence were appointed Junior Leaders for the course. Benjamin Spence has been promoted from acting CUO to CUO.



Pictured are Major Linins, Ben Spence, Meredith Spence and Jonathan Gates.



Above, Major Boucher presented the Sword of Honour to CSM Caitlin McDermid.

Parade and band ready at the command.

More photos on school website later this week.



House Drama . . . 2011

Once again, the four tutor houses fully entertained the school with their end of year drama presentations. Well done to the Year 11's (2011) who co-ordinated the event for each house.

