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Ken Field

6 July 1942 – 7 January 2012

Ken Field gave many years of service to His Lord and Saviour Jesus, seeking to use the talents he had been given for God's Glory. He served through his local Presbyterian Church in Bathurst as an Elder and Chairmen of the Church's Committee of Management. He also served as the Church's Pre-School Treasurer and often willingly provided advice to young couples at Church finding their way through the maze of buying their first home. He constantly worked to make church a place for all ages to come and find forgiveness with God. Ken applied these same skills and determination to the Scots School when he joined the School Board in 2003, a position he retained until his death in January, 2012. Ken joined the School Board after his son finished Year 12 at The Scots School, seeking to do whatever he could to help others learn about Jesus through the School. Ken was a member of both the Finance and Building & Grounds Committees of the School Board. His sound thinking and prudent advice was highly valued and was something which enabled the school to consolidate a secure future, both financially and spiritually. Ken was a calm person who thought carefully and provided a considered opinion. He had a servant heart but was also a determined man who did all things with integrity with the betterment of the school in mind. He will be missed, but we praise God for Ken and rejoice that he is now with His Lord in Heaven.

Highland Gathering Meeting

There will be a Highland Gathering meeting in the Library this Tuesday 21st at 7.00pm.

Anyone who is interested in helping at the Highland Gathering, is very welcome to attend.

Parent Weekend Events

Friday, 24 February

Year 7 (2012) Activity Sessions
Year 7 (2013) Experience Day
Performing Arts Concert 7p.m.

Saturday, 25 February

Scholarship Day -- 8:00 a.m.
Boarder's P&F Meeting 4:00 p.m.
Boarder's Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 26 February

CHAPEL - 9:30 a.m. (compulsory)
Band Tour Mtg (students & parents)

Homestay Required

Our lovely group of Keystone children and their two teachers have arrived at Scots and are looking forward to a wonderful term, practising their English and learning about Australian life.

As part of this learning, we are asking Scots families to welcome the children for a homestay **weekend on March 3rd and 4th.**

Please contact Jenny Donnelly on 6331-2766 if you are able to provide a homestay for a student. (A big thank you to the families who have already volunteered. There are still students requiring a billet. Can you help???)



From the Headmaster . . .

The Junior Swimming Carnival was held last Friday and was a great event with lots of participation and effort. It began with the House War Cry which displays House spirit, team work, originality, lots of colour and some amazing hair styles. Flynn House were the clear winner with a very polished performance but the other three Houses were impossible to split. Well done to House Captains and the students for the excellent effort you made to make it fun.

The House Swimming Carnival was held in our brand new indoor pool. We didn't have to worry about the sun, rain or even the thunder storm which rumbled overhead. What a fantastic venue to be able to use. The effort in the pool was amazing. What really impressed me the most, however, was the support and encouragement for the swimmers, not just in their own house but for swimmers who were doing their best.

The pool was left in a very tidy state at the end of the day, something that impressed the staff when it came to pack up time. Thank you to Mr Travers, Mrs Weal, Mrs Micalos, the teachers and the parents who willingly gave of their time to assist. Thank you also to the Friends of Junior School and their helpers who provided a lovely lunch.

The Western Associated Schools' Invitational Carnival for students in Years 7-12 was held at Stannies on Friday afternoon & evening. Our students acquitted themselves well with some strong personal swims and improved times from last week's house Carnival. We took home the Girls' Percentage Shield and the Co-educational School's Percentage Shield. These shields take into account the size of the respective schools as a factor in the point score. Thank you to Mr Adams, Ms Hughes and Mr Bailey for their work with our students and as officials at the WAS Carnival.

Our first Parent Weekend is on next weekend and provides an excellent opportunity for the whole community to come together to celebrate our great school and welcome new parents and students. I want to reinforce the importance of such events as the Parent Weekend Chapel Service, which is a compulsory event for senior students, and ask that all parents of the School make it a high priority. Of course, on occasions, there may be an unavoidable clash. At these times, please apply for leave to the Headmaster in writing or via email with a clear explanation. Please remember that a School of high quality needs to have a strong sense of community and that only occurs through strong commitment to all aspects of the school. Boarding parents are strongly encouraged to attend the Boarders' P & F at 4pm on Saturday in Room 9 and the Boarders' Dinner on Saturday night.

The Saturday of the Parent Weekend also doubles as the Scholarship Testing Day for entry for 2013 which means that there will be many prospective students and parents visiting on the Friday for Year 7 2013 Experience Day and on the Saturday for scholarship testing. Please make them all feel very welcome as you see them about on these two days.

Late registration for School Scholarships is still possible by contacting Megan Johnstone at school if you know someone who is thinking about sending a child to Scots next year.

Have a great week...

David Gates

From the Deputy Head . . .

It was with great pleasure that I was notified by Mr Adams on Saturday afternoon of the very exciting drawn match by the First XI Cricket in the ISA Competition. Our First XI have been achieving splendid results across the season with Benjamin Spence currently leading run scorer in our division and Jock Sinclair leading wicket taker. These promising results are a testament to the abilities and enthusiasm of our boys and the very hard work of the staff involved. Mr Adams, Mr Maher and Mr Lovell have long worked to profile Cricket in the school, ably assisted in the junior ranks by Mr Mair and Ms Hughes. The Headmaster, Mr David Gates, is also an enthusiastic cricket supporter. I extend my best wishes to all cricketers in the school.

Open Weekend Programme is listed on Page 1.

Clarification and General Guidelines in Applying for Leave

Central to our character mission at Scots is a commitment to our co-curricular programme. A strong co-curricular programme builds student confidence and teamwork. Each child is blessed with particular enthusiasms and abilities, which they can best demonstrate when supported by a committed team. Adult life is full of obligations and responsibilities (as well as joys). It is the role of the school to train children in the fulfillment of responsibility.

However, of course there are times when leave from activities will be applied for and granted. Parents and carers should be aware of the following general guidelines around leave:

*Coaches and supervising teachers should be notified early and in writing, at least by the Wednesday prior to weekend leave. In the case of Cadet parade, Mr Dundon should be applied to by 3:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

*Sports commitments **MUST** be cleared with the sports coach and will only be granted if substitutions are available.

*International students must have appropriate guardian arrangements in place, even for weekend leave.

*Leave from sport or other commitments will usually only be granted once per term. Parent Chapel leave will usually only be granted once per year, under pressing circumstances.

Generally, I am very pleased with the adherence of our students at Scots to leave expectations and regulations.

*Mrs Lynne Fleming
Deputy Head*

MUSIC NOTES.....

PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT

Friday 24th February, 2012

7pm

In the *Lamrock Performing Arts Centre*

Featuring

**The Scots School String Ensemble
and
Senior Music students**

All welcome -- Gold coin donation

To Ponder . . .

Taking our first child home I find myself thinking “So they just let us keep her?” It’s one of the great daunting responsibilities of life – to be responsible for another.

I don’t claim to be the fount of all wisdom – far from it!

However, I am confident that God has given us many tools to help us raise our children, consider: our families and communities in whom a history of wisdom is stored and shared; those who have been trained in human behaviour and form like doctors and psychologists; even the heart and mind of a parent who desperately wants good for their children.

These are all good gifts that God has given to help us guide our children into maturity, but I believe that it would be unwise to ignore God’s clearest word as found in the Bible... I thought we’d begin at the beginning.

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)

In a great reversal of religious understanding this ancient account makes a completely unique claim; we are to worship a God of whose image we bear rather than a god made in our image.

What would it mean for our children if they understood that they were made in the very image of God?

. . . Chaplain

Year 7 Camp

The date is fast approaching for the first school camp of the year. Year 7 in week 9, 26th March to 29th March, will be heading to the Great Aussie Bush Camp which is situated on the Mid North Coast near Hawkes Nest.

The camp will be run over four days/three nights, Monday to Thursday, with accommodation in huts, full catering and transport to and from the site being by coach. A range of activities will be undertaken which are designed to build confidence and cooperation amongst the group. A number of the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders will also be attending the camp to further build on the program which has been running at school this term. There will also be time for a Dolphin Cruise on the waters of Port Stephens.

The only special equipment needed, which boarders may not have at school at the present time, will be a torch and sleeping bag. A note outlining the camp in more detail will be emailed to parents and a hard copy given to students sometime in the coming week when final arrangements and costing have been completed.

Mr G Hayward
Camp Coordinator

CALENDAR

Mon 20 Lions Club Youth of the Year Comp.

Fri 24 Y7-2012 Activity Session

Y7-2013 Experience Day

Performing Arts Concert (Snr) 7:00 pm

PARENT WEEKEND

Sat 25 ISA Cricket Round 10 v St Pat's @ TSS

Rylestone Show

SCHOLARSHIP DAY - 8:00 am

Boarders P&F Meeting - 4:00 pm

Boarders Dinner - 6:00 pm

Sun 26 **Chapel - 9:30 am**

Tue 28 WAS Hockey Trials @ KWS (tbc)

WAS Boys Touch Trials @ KWS (tbc)

Wed 29 TSS P&F Meeting - 7:00 pm

MARCH

Thu 1 HICES Debating Rnd 1

Fri 2-Sun 4 Mudgee Show

Fri 2 Cleanup Australia Day

Sat 3 ISA Cricket Finals

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 HIGHLAND GATHERING – SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 2012



DO YOU . . .

have any “treasure” you would like to donate for the **TRASH & TREASURE STALL?**

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



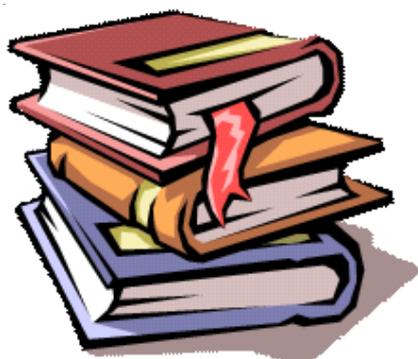
You can drop off your treasures outside the Uniform Shop on the verandah or the Maintenance area (just after the dining hall) as you drive past. You can leave things on any day up until the Highland Gathering.

CAN YOU bake a cake or slice or biscuits?

Baked items can be left at the **CAKE STALL** on the day.



CLEANED OUT the bookshelves, CD or DVD Cabinet? The book stall will take them all off your hands.



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 or pot some cuttings from the garden. We would also like any vegetable garden produce, cut bunches of herbs, seed packets, little terracotta pots.

Please drop off on the morning of the Highland Gathering.



School Shop Hours

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

Boys grey shorts have arrived -- sizes 14 & 16!

PIPES AND DRUMS

Tour Meeting:

**For all students and parents
Sunday February 26th -
10:30 am after Chapel Service**

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

Sydney Morning Herald Subscriptions

Subscriptions to the Sydney Morning Herald during term time are now open. Not surprisingly, the digital age is now, almost, choiceless.

SMH Digital 7-day access all year	\$45 (min. 10)
or single subscription	\$60

(The single subscription charge is if we do not achieve 10 subscribers.)

SMG Digital 5-day access term time	\$50 (min. 10)
Print copies 5 days term time only for the entire year	\$199

**Please return the permission slip below to Mr
Doney as soon as possible.**

Permission Slip

Sydney Morning Herald Subscription 2012

Student Name: _____

Parent Name and Signature: _____

Options: SMH Digital 7-day access all year	\$45 (min. 10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	or \$60	<input type="checkbox"/>
SMG Digital 5-day access term time	\$50 (min. 10)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Print copies 5 days term time only for the entire year	\$199	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Date: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Parents and Friends Association ...

P&F Uniform Pool

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

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.

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.

Genevieve Spence, P&F Treasurer

O400 446 219

genevieve.m.spence@gmail.com

***Boarding families take the
opportunity to clean out your
cupboards and bring your
“trash & treasure” for the
Highland Gathering.***

***You can drop anything off at
the Uniform Pool on the
parent weekend after Chapel
on Sunday 26th February.***

Junior School News ...20/2/12

Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival held last Friday ticked all the boxes to be hailed as an outstanding success!

Fantastic Venue: Our new indoor pool facility worked like a dream. The water temperature was comfortable for the swimmers, the spectators enjoyed protection from the elements and good viewing of the events with great seating around the pool. Officials were aided by good sound, starting and timing equipment and an efficient recording system. There was even enough space indoors to serve and accommodate everyone for lunch when a storm threatened to sabotage the barbecue. For many of our younger students it was their very first visit to this fantastic facility.

School and House Spirit: The day commenced with the house cheering competition. It was an incredibly colourful and lively display of creative songs, chants and cries led by our Year 6 leaders who are to be congratulated for their efforts in coaching their team and generating such a buzz of excitement. Mr Gates had the unenviable task of deciding the winner, whom he declared to be Flynn by the narrowest of margins. For Kindergarten students, this was their initiation into what it means to be in a 'house.' It was wonderful to see them swept up in the enthusiasm and contributing to each performance. The cheering and encouragement continued throughout the day as children applauded the efforts of individuals and teams in the pool. The Swimming Shield was also won by Flynn.

Great Organisation: The carnival ran smoothly and was finished in time to present ribbons at the end of the day. This was due largely to the efforts of Mrs Kathy Weal and Mr Andrew Travers for whom we have great appreciation. Support from remaining staff and parents is also critical in ensuring a successful day and we thank them for their contribution behind the scenes.

Having Fun and Participating: All children from Pre Kindergarten to Year 6 from Bathurst and K to 6 from the Lithgow campus had a fun day. The Sprinkler Fun Day was enjoyed by all and the staff involved are to be commended for getting so many youngsters in and out of their swimming attire without a hitch! There was excellent competition in the pool events and some courageous displays from children swimming in many events to earn points for their house. The novelty relays were a chance for everyone to have fun and get into the action.

Community Support: It was fantastic to have so many parents, grandparents and friends join us for the day. They wrote out ribbons, acted as timekeepers, cooked and served a delicious barbecue lunch, took photos and

BOOK CLUB - ORDERS DUE WED 15TH FEB

All classes received this terms Book Club catalogues last week. A note went out explaining how Book Club works and how to order. Just a reminder that orders need to be returned this Wednesday to Mrs Weal or your teacher. Thanks.

Lynda Scott
Book Club Coordinator

cheered on our swimmers. The children enjoyed a sausage sizzle, drinks, chips and fresh fruit, whilst adults were treated to some delicious salads, cakes and slices! Their contribution is amazing and I cannot thank them enough for their support.

The school swimming team for the WAS carnival at Kinross on Wednesday will be announced today and notes sent home with details. We wish them well for their representative schedule ahead. Age champions will be announced and awarded trophies at our assembly in coming weeks.

Family Fun Day

I would like to encourage all school families to join us for some fun and games on the Old Boy's Oval on Saturday between 12 and 2pm. The Friends of the Junior School will be providing a sausage sizzle for the nominal fee of \$5 per family. We would like to welcome new families to our school and enjoy some fun activities with the children.

PIPS Performance Indicators in Primary Schools

All students in Kindergarten have participated in an online assessment program this week. Mrs White and I have worked with the children individually to complete the assessment to collect data to be returned to the University of Western Australia. The data will be processed and a report generated for each child. The assessment will be conducted again at the end of the year so that progress can be tracked.

The assessment can assist with:

- assessing the progress of students in literacy, numeracy and phonological awareness
- diagnosing individual student work and providing data to indicate what areas students are achieving or underachieving
- predicting future performance for identifying individuals who might benefit from early intervention.

It is based on international research. All assessment items are correlated with future literacy and numeracy.

I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with Kindergarten students and for them to show me how clever they are!

Swimming Lessons

I can now confirm that we will be offering small group 'learn to swim' lessons this term. Lessons will be conducted by Mrs Micalos every day over a 2 week period for 8-10 lessons. These will occur in Weeks 6 and 7 for students in Years 1 -4 and in Weeks 8 and 9 for Kindergarten. A note with further information and an application form will be sent home this week.

Following the intensive lessons we will be offering a weekly follow up lesson before or after school, for those interested. There will be no cost involved with the program.

Pen Pals

Stage 2 and 3 students went home buzzing on Thursday afternoon after learning about Germany and meeting their new Pen Pals via DVD and beautifully written and presented letters. Miss Gauder's presentation was brilliant! The children were totally engaged and keen to learn about Germany, as well as be involved in having a friend in another country. Letters to send back were to be returned to school today so that Miss Gauder can send them altogether with a DVD about us! This week Stage 2 will enjoy learning a German song about the seasons.

No Hat No Play

It is pleasing to note that almost all our students are wearing their hats to school every day, and staff are enforcing our No Hat No Play policy. It is essential that all clothing is clearly labelled so that it can be returned to rightful owners immediately.

Uniform Matters

At the Scots School we take great pride in our uniform and the way we wear it. This includes our hair and accessories and the wearing of minimal jewellery. I would like to refer all parents to the green section of the Student Diary where guidelines are clearly set out.

Book Covering

Thank you to families who have successfully completed the annual battle with contact! I hope by now all student work books have been covered beautifully as this makes a statement as to how the work inside will be completed. I am looking forward to seeing sets of class books in the near future, so if there are books still to be covered; perhaps next weekend would be an ideal time.

Co-Curricular

Many children have joined Highland Dancing lessons with Mrs Weber and groups have now been finalised. Robocup projects and Chess Club are underway with very enthusiastic groups wishing to be involved. The Crusaders meeting is held with Mrs White on Friday at lunch time and everyone is invited to attend.

Music

Stage 2 and 3 are thoroughly enjoying their Music program this term. They commence with a Choir session and then break into groups, Mr Christie is sharing his experience and love of 'Jazz' this term with Stage 2 whilst Stage 3 are having loads of fun with Mrs Inglis taking on some challenging percussion pieces.

Private Music Tuition has also commenced with an encouraging number of students involved. Small group lessons on brass, woodwind and strings will give students a taste of learning an instrument and are in the process of being organised. Mr Newell reports that the small group who meet on Friday with the string ensemble are making excellent progress. Other students who were part of the Concert Band formed last year are invited to attend a session on Monday afternoons with Mrs Garland and the Senior School band.

Assembly

Stage 2 are to be congratulated for winning both the Class Cup and Scotty at our last assembly.

Mrs Kerry Robinson

Lithgow Pre-Kindergarten News ... Week 4

Welcome to week 4. Who can believe we've been learning for four whole weeks now? It's very pleasing to report that all the children are very settled and happy at school and making terrific progress. I hope they are retelling their days learning to you at home.

Notes and Information

I am still waiting for several families to return their permission notes, the "All About Me" Information sheets, copies of immunisations and birth certificates. If you have not returned any or all of these please do so as soon as possible. It is also very important that you check the sign in table each time you bring or collect your child. All important current information and upcoming events can be found here. We don't want anyone to miss out so please check carefully.

Sounds Programme

This week we will be learning about the letter Mm. Our song is many mice munching m, m, m. expect to see our room beginning to fill with mice, monkeys and many fine musicians. In week 5 we will move on to the letter Ss and sing about soft snakes sliding s,s,s.

Highland Dancing

Kim Drurie has started these fabulous lessons on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15pm. Cost \$5. Great fun and good times. If anyone from Pre Prep is interested, please see Mrs Lang.

Lunch Orders

I hope all the Thursday families received their menus for lunch order day. If you haven't got yours yet then please see Mrs Lang.

Library Day

Our first expedition to the Lithgow Library proved to be very successful on Monday last week. For most of the children it was their first trip in a bus and to the library without Mums and Dads. Whilst Robert is away on holidays Mrs Lang and Mrs Bradford will be reading the story and organising the art and craft, so we look forward to meeting him soon.

Here are some action shots from our day.....

We are all lined up ready for Mr Foxley and the bus.





Lexie, Amy, Braiden & Dane are seated on the bus waiting for their books

Freya, Jarah and Summer



Take Care Liz Lang, Tracey and Lorelle

Pre-Kindergarten —

Term 1/ Week 4

Sounds Program: The week Pre- Kindergarten will be starting their exciting sounds program. The first sound we look at is 'a.' The children will be introduced to the 'Ants in the Apple program,' and will be learning the rhyme 'ants in the apple a,a,a. We will also start Letterland and will meet 'Annie Apple.' As for craft, expect to see apples, ambulances, ants, arrows, astronauts and many more.

Scripture: The children enjoyed participating in their scripture class last week. Their scripture teacher's name is Rev. Tim Abby from the local Presbyterian Church. Tim brings his guitar each week and the children enjoy singing along to different songs.

Sprinkler Fun Day: On Friday we held our Sprinkler Fun Day in conjunction with years K-2 at the same time as the Prep School's Swimming Carnival. The children had lots of fun, running under the sprinklers, a favourite past time activity! It was a wonderful opportunity for the Pre-Kinder children to interact and play with the K-Year 2 children.

Tissues: Each year we ask the Pre-Kinder families to donate 1 box of tissues for the year. This is particularly helpful in winter when the cold weather presents. However, we are already finding a few runny noses starting, so if you would like to donate a box of tissues it will be very much appreciated. Thank you to all of the families who have already done so.

News: The children have been given their notes stated which day is their news day. The children can bring in a small toy/photo for their news. Can we please stress that children do not bring items that are too precious to avoid loss or breakage.

Library Bags: The children need to bring their library bags on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. They do not need their Library Bags on the days we attend the Bathurst City Library as we do not borrow books on these occasions.

New Student Reports: A report about how well your child/ren has settled into the routines of Pre-Kinder will be issued to all students during week 7. So far we have found the children loving the program and following the routines well. If your child seems tired, this is normal for the beginning of the year and they will soon become used to the structure and days of attendance.

Eye Screening: Last week permission forms were sent home with your child outlining information about the Steps Eye Screening Program. This is a free community service to check children's eyes before starting Kindergarten. It is important that you complete the information sheet and return it to your child's teacher ASAP. The screening will take place in early March.

Sign In/Out Sheet: Please remember to sign your child in and out on our daily sign in/out sheet in their correct class, either Blue or Gold Class. This is located at the front entrance. Please also remember to write a message to when your child is going to be collected and by whom.

After School Supervision: Please remember that After School Care closes promptly at **5:00pm**. Any pick up after 5:00pm will incur a fine.

Senior School Sport . . .

Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 4 Term 1

WAS swimming carnival

Last Friday (17th Feb) our swimming team attended the Western Associated Schools swimming carnival at St Stanislaus College. From most reports the water was quite a bit cooler than what we had swum in a week prior. The standard of racing was very good with Kinross dominating most age groups as expected. The goal for most of our swimmers was to improve their times from the school carnival and get some race practice in a 50 metre pool before the ISA carnival (16th March at Homebush). Students who recorded considerably better times at WAS than at the school carnival included; for the girls Sarah Driver, Emma Harley, Bethany Hackfath, Mollie Harley, Samantha Cowan, Alice Powell and Madison Smith; for the boys James Scott, Robbie Hayward, Jonty Boshier, Oliver Simpson and Jason Corliss.

From the carnival we won two shields, the Girls percentage and the Co-education schools percentage.

1st XI Cricket

Congratulations to the 1st XI for a nail biting and very exciting tied game versus Oxley College on Saturday. Batting first we scored 99 runs with the tail again struggling to wag. Best batting performances were made by Cameron Chew, Jack Ogilvy and Oscar Sobalirov. By our calculations we were about 25 runs short of a good total due to the slow outfield and unpredictable wicket however we knew going to lunch that it would be difficult for Oxley to chase down. Our opening bowlers, Isaac Watt and Jock Sinclair took full advantage of the wicket and attacked the stumps which resulted in a top order collapse. Oxley constructed a few middle order partnerships which saw the run tally progressively get closer to the goal as our change bowlers took their time to get into rhythm and released the pressure valve. The return of our strike bowlers swung the match back into our favour with some crucial wickets. The match was all tied up in the 32nd over with Oxley's last batsman at the crease. The final delivery by Cameron Chew clipped the top of the stumps and the match was over. It was a very good all round team effort to tie with the top of the table team and was particularly satisfying to see all players making valuable contributions. We have demonstrated that by concentrating on doing the little things well and by supporting each other that we are a formidable team. This pleasing result will give many of the players the confidence to go on with it next week against St Pats.

Wet Weather

This summer has been a shocker for washed out Saturdays. All known cancellations will be announced on 1503 2BS from 7.00am.

Cricket Website and BDJCA Washout number

Follow our cricket teams at the mycricket websites; bdjca.nsw.cricket.com.au/ and isa.nsw.cricket.com.au/
Students and parents can check whether Bathurst junior cricket matches have been cancelled by calling 0488462726.

Winter Sport Choices

Last week students were given a preliminary sport choices form for the winter season. About 50% of students have returned them. Please get them in by Tuesday to help with the planning of teams. Parents will then be sent home a thorough outline of the requirements for each sport in coming weeks which will need to be signed by the parent and include medical history and a risk warning.

Upcoming sport events

25/2 TSS Girls Touch Gala Day and 2nd WAS trial
28/02 WAS Boys and Girls Hockey Trials and WAS Boys Touch Trials (KWS)

Mr. Justin Adams (Sportsmaster)

jadams@scots.nsw.edu.au

The Scots School Summer Sport Weekly Schedule 2012

Term 1 Week 4

Sport	Team	Coach	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue
Basketball	Lions (1)	Mr. Hayward	24/02	Animals	6.15pm	Court 1
	Cobras (3)	Mr. Hayward		Scorpions	7.00pm	Court 1
	Razors (2)	Will Hudson		Sofala Skullpunters	7.45pm	Court 4
	Turnips (4)	Mr. Christie		Gladiators	6.15pm	Court 3
	Gumption (5)	Mr. Christie		Blue Tongue Lizards	4.45pm	Court 4
	Lionesses (1/2)	TBC		ASC Gold	7.00pm	Court 3
	Jaguars (1/2)	TBC		Gazelles	7.45pm	Court 3
	Gazelles(4)	T. McPhee		Jaguars	7.45pm	Court 3
	Pumas (3)	T. McPhee		ASC Silver	6.15pm	Court 4
	Meercats (5)	Layla Leard		ASC Crunchy Munchies	6.15pm	Court 2
Cricket	1st XI	Mr. Maher, Mr. Adams	25/02	St Pats	10.00am	TSS, Main Oval
	14s	Mr. Mair	25/02	Blayney	8.15am	TSS, McKibbin Oval
	12s	Miss. Hughes	25/02	St Pats White 12s	8.15am	TSS, Lee St Oval
Tennis	WAS Squad	Mr. Matus	25/02	WAS Singles Champs	8.30am	TSS Courts (Jnr/Int) Stannies Courts (Snr)
Touch	Jnr/Snr	Mr. Coyte	25/02	TSS Gala Day	8.30am	TSS, Old Boys Oval

BASKETBALL . . .

Jaguars vs. Dribblers

Last Friday night, the Scots Jaguars took to the court to face off against the Dribblers, one of the only teams in their division to best them this season. The match was high on intensity from the outset with both teams clearly intent on a victory. Points in the first half were supplied for the Jaguars by Ashleigh Fenton (6), Melanie Hudson (4), Arianna Lazarou (2) and Megan White (4) and impressive in support play were Charlotte Inwood and Jamarra Newman. As a result, the Jaguars went into half time with a 2 point lead of 16-14.

The hard fought play continued after the break with baskets to Arianna Lazarou (1), Ashleigh Fenton (2) and Kerrie Kwok (1) and the score remained tied for the majority of the second half. Both teams maintained the pressure and the Jaguars held the Dribblers to a draw until 30 seconds before the final whistle when the opposition snuck a basket past the Scots' defence to snatch a narrow victory 26-24.

Lionesses vs. ASC Firsts

Next on court were the Lionesses tackling their long running rivals, ASC Firsts. Slow to start, the Lionesses allowed ASC Firsts to post first points and set the tone of the match. Playing catch up, the Lionesses managed baskets through Jessica McGrath (1), Ruby Hackfath (1), Ellie Craft (2) and Lucy Blackmore (1) while Alyssa Weekes and Maddison Hohnberg stayed staunch in defensive play.

Resuming play in the second half, the Lionesses were much more determined in both attack and defence with baskets to Ruby Hackfath (4), Jessica McGrath (3) and Caitlin McDermid (2) while Brooke Andrew and Mollie Harley proved relentless in defence. The ASC Firsts ultimately secured the win but the Lionesses contested every play with enthusiasm and their play in the second half showed promising signs for the remainder of the season.

As I head off on maternity leave, I would like to thank all the Lionesses and Jaguars for their commitment and exemplary behaviour each week and wish them all the best for the remainder of the 2011/12 season. I will be watching their progress keenly!

Mrs Angela Davis (Coach)

TSS Turnips vs. Custard Crew (Div. 5)

Turnips in turnaround form trounce through to season's first victory

With the addition of the very skilled Bryson to the team, Turnips quickly mobilised in the first quarter and moved to an 11-point lead. There was an excited atmosphere amongst the team and on-court communication was excellent. However, there were some undefended goals towards the end of the first half and Custard Crew looked to be on the rebound, reducing the lead to one point. In response, Turnips paid attention to their defensive game in the second half, at the same time scoring many points from rebounds. Top scorers Bryson and Erik also played well in defence, with numerous rejects and useful passing out of the key. Bradley made more attempts at goal this week and also scored well. Ben Druitt put a great deal of effort into his game at both ends of the court, resulting in some solid blocks as well as a sweet field goal. Ben Nunan's defence was strong as usual and he also snatched at every opportunity to gain possession from the opposition. Luke played a very fast game and was a key player in taking the ball through the aggressive defence to the pointscoring end. Sam worked hard in defence, topping his improvement from last week and was also useful in ball-transportation. Hikari's alertness to quick turn-overs meant that runaway goals were limited and he also scored some vital points.

Result: TSS Turnips defeated Custard Crew 38-26

B. Christie (Coach)

TSS Gumption vs. Fugen (Div. 5)

All-star effort rewarded by a sweet, caramel-coated victory with a cherry on top.

This was a close game, with many tense moments. Gumption first took the lead, then Fugen clawed back the points with fast breaks. Just before half time, Isaac threw in a glorious three-point shot to take TSS to the lead 14-11. The second half mimicked the first, with point for point being scored. Each team were elated at each goal and kicked themselves for letting a basket in. Then, Fugen got a wriggle on and took a three-basket lead, mostly through long passes down the court to an unmarked player. Gradually, Gumption made back the points. However, it was only in the last 40 seconds that Erik and Ben, scoring consecutively, overtook their opponents and brought the game to its stunning end. Sam played a very strong game, including drawing a charge foul from the opposition. Jack Baxter again improved his skill in both attack and defence, including some great steals mid-court. Jack Morrison demonstrated more confidence with the ball and manoeuvred around defensive players on several occasions. Sean scored some vital field goals and communicated well on and off the court (identifying unmarked players). Although Erik scored many points,

he played the more important part of moving the ball around to provide opportunities for the rest of the team. His skill in defence was also outstanding. Ben made many rebounds and also managed to draw a technical foul for an overzealous “fakie”. Although Jason did not make as many scoring attempts this game, he made some excellent plays: driving well and passing with more awareness. Isaac was the ‘safe hands’ of this game, with some excellent defence and dribbling as well as some great points. However, the most improved player of the game was Jesse, who seemed to be in the right place at the right time all game and also scored a magic goal against a wall of defence.

Result: TSS Gumption defeated Fugen 33-30

B.Christie (Coach)

Scots Cobras vs. Mini Steelers

A comfortable win but the team had to work hard throughout the game to ensure the Mini Steelers did not catch up on the score board. It was good to see the amount of passing and player movement to make sure they were in position to receive the ball.

Defensively the team played very well with a high number of turnovers resulting. A convincing win 38-29.

Mr Geoff Hayward (Coach)

Scots Lions vs. ASC First V

A nail biter of a win!

Games against All Saints College are always close and over the last season we have generally just been beaten at the post. Friday night’s game was played with high intensity with every score being valuable. The difference in this game was we did not let them get a lead but played a tight defensive game which limited their scoring opportunities and led to a number of turnovers.

A great game played in good spirits by both teams.

Final score: 34-33 win!

Mr Geoff Hayward (Coach)

TOUCH RUGBY...

Scots Junior and Senior vs. Kinross and All Saints

Both Junior and Senior teams played very well. They played as a team in both attack and defence. The Juniors made good use of the cooler conditions to secure promising wins. The Seniors were unlucky in going down to Kinross with a try occurring after the whistle had blown. We were outplayed by All Saints in the humid conditions.

Scores made by: Rachel Hibbins, Molly Harley, Natalie Bowled, and Giamia Radice.

Results:

Juniors: Scots 4 to Kinross 0

Juniors: Scots 2 to All Saints 0

Seniors: Scots 0 to Kinross 1

Seniors: Scots 1 to All Saints 4

Mr Martin Coyte (Coach)

TENNIS . . .

Scots vs Stannies

18th of February 2012

This week was a tough challenge for the Scots tennis team, as we came up against Stannies 1st team. Always having a competitive team, it was a struggle to overcome their dominance.

The Opens had a narrow loss to Stannies, losing 23 games to 25. Maddy Miller and Kaylan both had convincing single wins, winning 6:2 and 7:1 respectively. Tim Burrey played well but was unlucky to not have a closer result, losing 1:7.

The Intermediates did it rough this week, with another key player out. It was up to Hayden Callan and Ben Allan to step up as the 1st team. Both played exceptionally close games but ended up losing 5:3 in their games. The 2nd combination of Megan White and Shaynaya Fitzpatrick both went down in their matches in what were tight games. With three of the four regular junior players unable to play this weekend, it was up to some new recruits to help out. J Woods and J Morrissey both had their first encounter as Scots tennis players and will learn greatly from the experience. Jess Morrisison returned to help out fill in the numbers, playing well but unfortunately coming up with a loss.

A big thank you to all the players that filled in this week!!

Lachlan Conyers

CRICKET . . .

Scots First XI vs. Oxley First XI

A fantastic game from the First XI on the back of a good win last week. Batting first, Scots made 99 on a bowling pitch. Some good batting by Cameron Chew, Jack Ogilvy and Oscar Sobalirov anchored the innings by sticking around. After being bowled out for 99 the boys came out on fire and ready to field. With some tight and energetic fielding and bowling, Scots had them 5-32. A small partnership put a thorn in our side but eventually we had Oxley 9-99, with us needing 1 run to win and 1 wicket for us to tie. Fortunately Cam Chew managed to get the last 2 wickets to secure a tie. A fantastic result for a great day's play against the competition's top team.

Scoring: Cam Chew (3-24-6); Jock Sinclair (3-22-19); Isaac Watt (3-16-10); Cam Chew 28; Jack Ogilvy 21; Oscar Sobalirov 17.

Best performance this match: Cameron Chew

Final result: a tie

Ben Spence

13's v. St Pat's White

After two weeks of rain the boys were pleased to be able to play in their first game of cricket for the year. We lost the toss and were sent in to bat. The loss of early wickets had us in trouble. Andrew Owens and Ned Dawson occupied the crease for a significant amount of time, but scoring runs was difficult. We finished our 20 overs at 6 for 39. St Pat's started their innings strongly. Our only wicket coming off the bowling of Sean Grabham and a catch to John Oh. St Pat's will resume next week at 1 for 103.

Scoring:

Ned Dawson - highest scorer

Sean Grabham - 1 wicket

John Oh - catch

Result: Game in progress

Ms R. Hughes (Coach)