To Ponder . . .

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ... Apostle Paul writing in Romans 8:18-22

Four nights with little sleep with children who don’t sleep well in this heat; a 2-year-old with a plus 40° temperature; friends, family and communities battered by nature’s violence... My prayer:
That joy - hard won - remains, even in tears.

... Chaplain

Flood Relief Fundraiser
THANK YOU

All students enjoyed having a break from uniforms on a very hot day last Friday. The total amount is still rising, as donations continue to come in. We will let you know next week in the Highlander how much was raised. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Bathurst Highland Society
Debutante Ball

Join the glitz, glamour and excitement of the Bathurst Highland Society Ball to be held on Saturday, 14th May 2011 at Bathurst Panthers. Girls wishing to make their debut are invited to contact Toni Daymond on 6337-3490 for full information. All proceeds of the ball go to local charities.

Stage 2 -- Week 1
Happy, smiling and ready for a great year!
From the Headmaster . . .

The first week of school has come and gone and despite the heat, routines have been set and the year is well on its way. I have really enjoyed getting around the school to meet students in classes and on the sporting field. I have been incredibly impressed with their enthusiasm for what they do, their commitment to each other and their very warm welcome to me.

Kindergarten were very excited to tell me all about their pets and activities and one young man was keen to let me know he had homework on the very first day of school. I had Year 11 English straight after my Kindergarten visit so I was pleased to set work for them on his recommendation! Later in the week I was able to visit the Year 1-2 class and the Year 5-6 class. Both of these classes were willing to share a little about themselves and were very attentive and well-mannered. I will visit the Year 3-4 class and their new teacher later this week.

I really enjoyed my time with the boy boarders in Bulkeley House on Thursday evening as I met with them in House meetings and then wandered around prep to meet them and hear their stories. I’m looking forward to my visit to the girls in Galloway this week to do the same thing. Our boarding numbers are very strong at present and this is due in no small part to the wonderful sense of community amongst our boarders and the commitment of Mr Bailey, Mrs Travers and our resident staff to make the students’ time in boarding enjoyable. The recreational activities on offer to the students over the weekend also help greatly.

A number of sporting teams were able to get underway on the first weekend. I was impressed by the basketballers in oppressive heat at the Basketball Stadium on Friday night. The two girls teams had strong wins and the boys teams were very competitive. The school cricket teams put in a good effort with the 13s game going right down to the last over in a very tight loss. It was good to see quite a few new students in these teams and some of them were impressive in their first match for Scots.

Year 11 and 12 Drama have the opportunity to attend On Stage later this week which showcases the best of last year’s HSC Drama. This year is particularly special for one student from last year’s Year 12. Chris Wedlock’s Drama project has been selected for display at the On Stage Exhibition and he will be acknowledged at the presentation ceremony.

This weekend is a huge one for the Scots community beginning with the Year 7-12 Swimming Carnival on Friday afternoon. This weekend will also be our first Parent Weekend for the Year. I look forward to meeting many of you at one or more of the functions and sporting activities to be held. I particularly encourage parents to become involved where they can to assist in making this community even stronger. I know that the Highland Gathering Committee are particularly looking for helpers and will be asking parents to commit to assisting with this event.

Please say hello, meet new parents and enjoy being part of the Scots community this weekend whether it be at the Year 7 BBQ, the Prep School Family Fun Day, The Boarders P & F and Dinner, or the Chapel Service and School P & F Meeting or on the sporting field over the weekend.

. . . David Gates
From the Deputy Head . . .

I wish to congratulate the school students for the mature and organised manner in which they have commenced the school year. Last week was a week of extreme heat and yet, the students of our school went about their business calmly and with good will. It was wonderful for me to see so many new students welcomed and supported in their start to schooling at Scots.

The school diaries have been issued to students today and I urge all students to take care of their diaries. The school diary is central to academic practice at our school. Students should always use the diary to record their prep and assessment tasks. Families and boarding house staff should regularly consult the diary for information regarding variations to school routine. It is the aim of the school administration to record variations to routine in the diary, the small cardboard calendar, the boarding coloured calendar, and The Highlander. I thank Mrs Shillabeer and Mrs Donnelly for their work in December and January in ensuring that the cardboard calendar and the diary are comprehensive, high quality publications.

This weekend is Parent Weekend for Term 1. Mr Adams has worked very hard to coordinate a twilight swimming carnival for Years 7-12, commencing at 3:00 p.m. at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre. This year the swimming carnival is in an altered format to accommodate the absence of our own pool. On Friday night we welcome Year 7 students and their parents to the Year 7 Function which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the school Dining Hall. Parents may make their way to the dinner at the conclusion of the swimming carnival, anticipated at 6:00 p.m.

On Saturday evening the Boarders’ Dinner will commence at 6:00 p.m. in the school Dining Hall. I urge all boarding families to support this dinner. The contribution of students from our boarding houses to our school is highly valued.

On Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Aikman Hall, our Chapel Service for Term 1 will take place. This is a compulsory activity for all students Years 7-12, rolls will be marked by the Housemasters. In exceptional circumstances leave may be granted. The appropriate procedure is to request leave from the Headmaster in writing in advance.

I remind families that students new to the school, all Year 7 students and all students in Years 11 and 12 will receive Interim Reports on their progress at the conclusion of Week 6 of Term 1. These reports will be descriptive in nature providing information about learning behaviours, application in class and completion of homework.

Stage meetings will commence this week and I look forward to providing Year 12 with a detailed timeline regarding the application for GAP placement, Early Entry, Special Provision and University Entry.

Mrs Lynne Fleming  
Deputy Head
**Highlander by email...**

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*The Highlander* will also be available each week on the school website: scots.nsw.edu.au

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**MUSIC NOTES**

**PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS**

- Private Music Lessons will commence this week. Students continuing with lessons need to check for their lesson time.
- Lessons can be arranged for students during the school day. Please see Mrs Garland if you would like to begin lessons on any instrument.
- Some instruments are available for hire from the school.

**MUSIC ENSEMBLES** – start this week. All students having private lessons are encouraged to be part of an ensemble. They are as follows:

- Monday 3.30-5pm – ORCHESTRA
- Wednesday-(week A) -8am – CHOIR
- Wednesday -3.30-5pm – Pipes and Drums
- Thursday -8am – STAGE BAND
- Friday 8am- STRING ENSEMBLE

*Mrs D Garland- Director of Music*

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**BOARDER P&F**

The Boarder Parent P&F meets each Saturday of Parent Weekend at 4:00 p.m. in Room 9, and all parents of boarders are encouraged to attend and are very welcome. Boarder parents who have any concerns they would like raised at the meeting may contact President Karly Kelly by email at karly@carruthersmachinery.com.au or mobile phone 0428 264 990. The other officers for 2011 are: Secretary Mrs Jenny Shephard dungarvan@westserv.net.au Galloway contact Mrs Janine Pollard ja9p@bigpond.com Bulkeley contact Mrs Louise Fisher louise_fisher@bigpond.com

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**Sydney Morning Herald Subscriptions**

Subscriptions to the Sydney Morning Herald, Monday-Friday only and only during school term are available now.

Please complete a permission note and return to Mr Doney as soon as possible. The commitment is for the full year, approximately $20 (or less) per term. Payment by account.

Papers are to be collected each morning at the school office.

Please have replies in by Thursday, 10th February. [BE QUICK -- numbers limited to a group of five.]

Ms D Garland

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**Sydney Morning Herald Subscription Permission**

Date: __________________

Student: First Name__________ Surname__________

Parents: ______________________

I would like to subscribe to the Sydney Morning Herald Mon-Fri, Term Dates only for the school year 2011. Collected by the student at the school office each morning.

Parent Signature: ______________________

Please return form to Mr Doney by Thursday, 10th February
The Bathurst Kindergarten class had a very happy first day!

**Dedicated to Fitness (D2F)—Learn to Swim Program**

Swim Program begins in Bathurst on Monday Feb 7. We are grateful to Mrs R Simons from D2F for facilitating Learn to Swim this season. Students will be taken by school bus to D2F for swim lessons each afternoon after lunch between Mon Feb 7 and Thu Feb 17.

Because Mrs Simons is organising the program students who already know how to swim but want to improve for carnivals also have a great opportunity this term. Students should get changed into swim gear at lunch time and change back at the gym for the return to school. (For more on Swimming see Sports Notes on Page)

Our Headmaster, Mr David Gates, stopped by to speak to Stage 1
Welcome
The Preparatory School is off and running to a great start this week. Thanks to all students, parents and staff who have worked together to make it a positive beginning particularly as the weather has been so hot.

Of special note are the Kindergarten classes who have made a fantastic start to their schooling.

The Preparatory School welcomes all our new students in Bathurst and Lithgow campuses to our school. We hope you have a great year.

We also welcome Mr Gates, our new Headmaster, and Mrs Milligan who is teaching Stage 2 in Bathurst.

Connect 2011
Connect 2011, our ‘meet the teacher at the beginning of the year’ sessions, are underway. For Lithgow families this was on Thu Feb 3. In Bathurst they are on this afternoon (Mon Feb 7) 5pm for Stages 1 and 3 and 6pm for Stage 2.

If you are unable to attend these sessions please contact your child’s teacher at any time to discuss the year’s program.

Some Important School Procedures
Pick Up and After School Care– Bathurst
Students who are being picked up or who are in after school care will proceed to the shade cloth (beside the old pool) after school.

The teacher on after school care duty will take students who have not been picked up into the Pre-Prep area by 3.50 where they will have afternoon tea and do homework. Students must catch their bus or be picked by 5.00pm – thank you.

Arriving Late / Leaving Early – Prep
If your child is arriving late or leaving school early it is vital that you sign the Absentee Register in the Preparatory School foyer. Please then take the tear off page to your class teacher.

In Lithgow please speak directly to a member of Staff. This will allow us a triple check system of knowing that everyone is accounted for throughout the day – thankyou.

Pick Up - Lithgow
If your child is to be picked up by someone else please let Mrs Pringle know through the diary (preferred) or by phone. Child protection restrictions prevent the release of students to persons who are unknown without written permission.

Teachers may ask a person that they do not know who is picking up a child from school for identification.
Up-Coming Events –

TSS = Whole School  Pr = Prep  Bx = Bathurst  Lx = Lithgow

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See flyer in this Highlander.

We’d love everyone to be able to come. On the back oval; Free sausage sizzleBackyard cricket, tennis, Frisbee – Bouncy castle, face painting. Bring some sports gear, Picnic blanket, hat sunscreen & drinks. If you can help out on the BBQ please let Mrs S Telfser know this week - thanks

Sun 13 Feb  TSS   Parent Weekend Chapel – Aikman Hall
Mon 14 Feb  Lx    Book club due to Mrs Pringle
Wed 16 Feb  Bx    School Photos
Tue 15 Feb  Lx    Highland dancing begins after school 3-4pm
Fri 18 Feb  Pr    Prep School Swimming Carnival; Bathurst Aquatic Centre
Tue 24 Feb  Pr    WAS Swimming Carnival – Kinross Wolaroi School, Orange

What’s the go Lithgow!

In Lithgow Prep this week we have welcomed three new students to our classroom, Grady Roach in Year 4 and Tasmyn Davies and Wei Qi Yin in Kinder. We hope they have a wonderful year in our classroom.

This week we have been busy learning routines and getting our book covers ready. Most excitingly however, we picked the first rewards from our Landcare vegetable garden. The students loved our beans so much that they asked for seconds!! The tomatoes are also looking very good and we hope to taste those this week. Our local Lithgow Acacia (wattle) plants, which we have grown from seed are continuing to flourish in the garden and we have had cucumber and capsicum plants donated last week which we also plan to plant very soon so we can taste even more fantastically fresh vegies from the garden!!

The Landcare Garden at Lithgow Campus is producing these amazing beans! Stephani has a handfull!
Sport Notices

Netball

The 2011 netball season in Bathurst has been brought forward. It begins on Mar 19. Mrs Micalos and Mrs Milligan are keen to get going for the early start so training begins this week at the netball courts on Wednesday (3.40-4.45)

Details on when to register will come together soon as we have the information. We will again aim to have a team in both U10 and U12 divisions.

Tastes of Summer

Tastes of Summer kickoff again this Wed on the Main Oval. New students are welcome to attend – get changed after school then wait under the shade cloth. Program will finish at 4.45.

Don’t forget water bottle & hat.

Swimming

The Prep School Swimming Carnival takes place at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre on Fri Feb 18. Students who turn 8 in 2011 and are able to swim 25m unassisted will participate.

House Cry Competition, judged by the Headmaster, will run at school first then students will be bussed into the Aquatic Centre. An alternate program will occur for those students not involved in the carnival (K-2)

Parents are welcome to attend and help out – there will be a small entry charge at the gate. Please let Mr Travers know if you are able to assist with marshalling or time keeping during the day – thank you.

This carnival will lead to the selection of our representative teams for WAS (Feb 24; KWS) and HICES (Mar 8; SOPAC) carnivals.
Lithgow students were happy to participate in mufti day on Friday for the flood appeal

**Lithgow Pre-Prep Class News**

Week 2 Term 1

**Welcome!**

I would like to offer a great big Hello and welcome to Scots school for 2011. What a terrific start we have all made, particularly with this very hot weather. The children have begun to settle and are already familiarising themselves with our routine. Well done to all the children (and the Mums and Dads and Nans and Pops for your efforts too) Here’s to an awesome year.

**Sounds Programme**

This will start in Week 4 with the letter A. In the mean time we are busy getting to know each other, making new friends, learning about our school rules, Colours and shapes. Expect our room to start filling with lots of colourful art works soon.

**Permissions Notes**

Could all families endeavour to have these returned to Mrs. Lang no later than then end of this week please?

**Library Visits**

These are due to start on Monday 14th February which is Week 3. All children need to have returned their completed permission notes to be able to attend. Please make sure they also have a suitable library bag to take with them each Monday from then on.

**Highland Dancing**

This will also begin with Kim Drury on Tuesday in week 3. If you are interested then please see me.

**Drinks**

As you can imagine the bubblers are very popular with everyone, so if your child’s drink bottle is coming home only half drunk then don’t panic as they are certainly drinking their fair share.

**Term Planner & Information Pack**

I hope every family has taken the time to read through these and put them somewhere safe and easy to see. They are a good guide especially for those new to our school. If you have any questions then please see me. Until then…

*Take Care*

*Mrs. Lang*
We would like to welcome all our new families and our returning families into Pre-Prep 2011. This year there will be 2 classes. Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Travis will teaching 1 class and Mrs. Inglis will teach the other. Mrs Gilbert will be assisting.

- Last week was a very busy week as we learnt about colours and created some wonderful artworks.
- All children are very quickly settling into new routines and making lots of new friends.
- We will send notes home next week regarding permission forms for Town Library visits.
- Just a reminder for students who travel to school on a bus that they have a daily diary with them so that teachers can monitor travel arrangements.
- Library days at school will be on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Children will need a Library bag to borrow one book each time.
- Scripture will be on Wednesday mornings with rev Tim Abbey.
- We would like to remind everybody to please use our automatic hand cleaners when arriving at school as this will assist greatly in the management of our Anaphylaxis children. Please also remember that The Scots School is a nut free school when packing morning tea and lunch.

Learning Program

This week the children will be looking at the topic of “All About Me!” We will explore our families, how we are the same and different, eye and hair colour and lots more.

Over the next two weeks the classes will be working on a special booklet including some of these things, as well as favourite food, pets and our house.

Family Fun Day

On Saturday 12th, February all Pre-Prep Students, family and friends are invited to attend our “Family Fun day”. It will be held between 11-2pm on the tennis courts and McKibbon Oval at the School. Some of the wonderful activities will include; face painting, jumping castle, games, sprinkler fun+ slip’n’slide, Frisbee and lots more! There will be a free sausage sizzle, just bring sports gear, picnic blankets and some cool drinks. If you have any questions please come and see your child’s teacher.

Sprinkler Day

On Friday, 18th February Pre-Prep to Year 2 will take part in a Sprinkler fun day here at School. This is to coincide with the Prep School Swimming Carnival. Children will need to bring Sun Safe swimming costumes, a hat appropriate for getting wet, some old shoes or thongs to run under the sprinklers and sun cream. A note will come home later this week outlining further details.

Kind regards
Pre-Prep teachers
Making new friends at Pre Prep.
Sport at Scots...

Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 2 Term 1

Swimming Assessment
All secondary students will be assessed for swimming competency this week (Years 9 and 7 on Monday, Years 11 and 12 on Tuesday and Years 8 and 10 on Wednesday). Students will be transported to and from the pool during the school day. Swim wear and towels will be required. No money is needed as students will not be allowed to use the kiosk and the entry fee will be paid by the school.

Secondary School Swimming Carnival changes
This year we have had to change to format of our school swimming carnival due to the upgrade of the schools swimming facilities. The carnival will be a twilight carnival held at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre (BAC) on the 11th Feb (3.00pm start. It is expected to be finished by 6.00pm).

The carnival will be a championship style carnival where only the best four swimmers in each age group will contest. Students will have a chance to qualify for the 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke races when their year group attends the BAC for the swimming assessment (a note has issued). All other events will be by nomination and will be completed on Thursday (prerequisite - students must have qualified in a 50m event).

Students who have qualified for the championships will be transported to the BAC from 2.30pm (end of period 5). Competing students will not be charged an entry fee.

It is not compulsory for non competing students to attend as spectators. Normal classes will continue for period 6. Any students wishing to come and watch will need to make their own transport arrangements. All spectators will be charged an entry fee of $2.30 per person.

Tea Towel Fundraiser
Many of the girls going on the netball tour have begun selling tea towels. Lorraine Lea Linen is a sponsorship partner of Netball Australia and assist with groups doing fundraising. For $8 you will receive two excellent quality linen tea towels. Orders will be taken throughout the first eight weeks of Term 1 and will be ordered ready for an Easter holiday delivery.

Rugby and Netball Tour Sponsorship
Opportunities exist for individuals or businesses to sponsor the 2011 netball and rugby tour. The rugby playing jersey, tour polo shirt, training t-shirt, travel bag and backpack all offer spaces for the advertisement of company or business logos. Please contact Mr. Adams by email (jadams@scots.nsw.edu.au) if you are interested.

Mr. Justin Adams (Sportsmaster)

The Scots School Summer Sport Weekly Schedule 2011 Term 1 Week 2

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The TSS Secondary School Swimming Championships – Bathurst Aquatic Centre 3.00pm to 6.00pm Friday, 11.2.11

Mr. Adams, Miss. Hughes Wednesday afternoon 3.40 – 4.40pm Tennis
Under 14 Cricket
It was a hot and windy day when we played Blayney at their home ground on Saturday. Even though we were beaten, all players showed great spirit and enthusiasm.

We batted first and witnessed excellent batting from Kieran Ball, Peter Deacon (who top scored) and Zac Gates. Bowling conditions were difficult, especially for those players bowling into almost gale force winds. Our wicket takers were Jonty Boshier and Zac Hely. There was a very encouraging first up performance from Henry Quant, who bowled two tight overs.

We would also especially like to thank Connor Behrendt who acted as our 12th man and fielded superbly.

Cameron Chew (Captain)
Geoff Chew (Assistant Coach)

Under 13 Cricket Report
The Under 13’s produced a wonderful performance against the unbeaten competition leaders, Rugby Union on Saturday. In fact, Rugby Union has not lost a match for the last 3 seasons and only managed to secure victory with 1 over and 2 wickets to spare.

Batting first, we recovered from a disastrous start to reach 88 in our final over. A great partnership between Sam Pateman (19) and Ned Dawson (17) led the recovery. Luke Newman played some great shots, scoring 18 -- all three players demonstrated what could be achieved with determination and concentration.

In reply, Rugby Union were soon in trouble, losing 2 wickets in Zac Telfser’s opening over. This was Zac’s best bowling performance of the season to date -- he kept the ball full and finished with 3 for 8, off 4 overs. Jono Gates took the new ball with Zac and finished with 1 for 10, his wicket coming from a magnificent caught and bowled.

Sadly, after only 9 overs our fielding complement was reduced to only 8 with 3 players having to leave due to other commitments. This swung the match back to our opponents as there were too many “gaps” to plug with some easy runs possible. Our frustration was exacerbated as several balls were lofted to where fielders would have been. In the searing heat, fielders had to cover extra ground.

Despite the above, John Mair and Lachlan Marshall kept our opponents in check, both taking valuable wickets. John’s wicket came from a stunning diving catch off his own bowling whilst Lachie’s nagging length frustrated the batsman into a reckless shot. New boy, Ned Dawson also bowled very tightly, with Luke Newman, Hugh Lennon, Will Brancourt and Hikari Hashida giving their best.

Indeed it was a “gutsy” effort to come so close. The fielding was terrific with all players lifting their effort to cover gaps. Sadly, this was a match we should have won. Nonetheless, the team can be very proud of their effort and should look forward to next Saturday’s fixture with great confidence.

Many thanks to all the parents who supported the team, to Bill Marshall for his ever-efficient scoring, and to Vicki Mair for the delicious COLD watermelon, which provided much needed hydration.

Mr B.J. Mair (Coach)

Cricket Ist XI vs. St Pat’s
The day got off to a good start, as we won the toss and elected to field first on what looked like a great bowling pitch. The determination from all the boys was evident right from an early stage with some great bowling from Isaac Watt and Jock Sinclair, backed up by some excellent fielding, that restricted the St Pats openers to a run rate of just over 2 after the first 12 overs.

The middle sessions were very tough for us, as it reached 41 degrees and the bowlers began to feel the pinch. A strong partnership between remaining Pats opener and their number three had put us back behind the eight ball, and things just weren’t going our way. The bounce of the ball just wasn’t with us! We fought back strongly in the final session, restricting Pats to a total of 253 when it looked like they could have got a score close to 300. It was a very even performance in the field, with everyone doing their part and really giving 100%. Oscar Sobilarov took two great catches and Elliott Chew and Isaac Watt were the standout bowlers, with Iori Hashida also doing a great job both with the ball and in the field.

The less said about the second innings the better. It was a freak collapse in our batting that lead to none of the top 5 batsmen getting into double figures. While the ball had always been inches away from our hands in the field, everything seemed to go Pats’ way in the field. Jack Saunders deserves a mention for his 13 runs, and his shot making could have taught the top order batsmen something.

All in all, a very up and down day. The work in the field was excellent, with even the St Pats parents commenting on our high standards in the field. We went down to St

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Basketball . . .

Date: Friday 4th Feb.
Venue: Bathurst Basketball Arena

**Scots Fireflies vs. Scots Puma’s**  
Score: 33-9 to the Pumas

Unfortunately the girls lost their first match back after the long break, losing to their opponents, and school mates, who with age and experience to their advantage took the lead. The girls showed great enthusiasm at the start with Jasmine Kanavas and Samantha Cowan quickly securing two baskets. And their determination did not end here, as despite the sweltering heat and one of the girls having a nasty fall they still continued relentlessly. The Puma’s however, fought back hard and went on to secure a firm win. The girls were not discouraged by this and baskets were scored in the second half by, Maddison Hohnberg, Kanja Le Roux and Ellie Craft. All in all the girls team spirit and determination which was apparent in this game show a positive attitude towards the sport and I look forward to watching their skills develop throughout the rest of the season.

This week’s girl of the game is: Sarah Traycevsk-Twaits as even though she took a nasty fall she was still willing and eager to go back on and give her all to the game.

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Coach Miss Olivia Worthington

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Date: Friday 4th Feb.
Venue: Bathurst Basketball Arena

**Scots Pumas vs. Scots Fireflies**  
Score: 33-9 to the Pumas

The Pumas flew back into the Basketball season with enthusiasm and had clearly not forgotten any of the hard work they had practised in the previous term. A great win was gained by the girls with some fantastic baskets scored by almost every member of the team. Mel Hudson defended superbly, keeping the ball firmly in her team mates hands and Georgie Simcock and Elyse Owens worked well as a team passing the ball up and down the court. Anne Christie scored some great baskets and Angie Kelly caught the rebound whenever necessary ensuring we did shoot and score. In the first half of the match the score rose at such rapid speed due to Millie Carney’s basket after basket antics. Holly Duggan used height to her advantage intercepting the ball and dribbling speedily up the court towards our hoop. Jamarra Newman showed great team spirit both on and off the court and made sure she took a shot at the basket whenever possible. Ash Fenton suffered a nasty injury to her finger in the last few minutes of the match but this did not deter her fantastic basketball skills from being shown off; she didn’t complain once about the pain and continued to play to the best of her ability, well done Ash!

Puma of the Pack goes to Laura Pollard for her two expertly executed Lay-ups. She scored well and showed wonderful team spirit, always keen to get back on the court.

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Coach Miss Floss Edward

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Date: Friday 4th Feb.
Venue: Bathurst Basketball Arena

**Scots Vipers vs. Silver Miners**  
**Score: 15-39 loss**

The team played well, if not a little rusty after a big break. The flow of the team was good but we will need to work on the basics such as passing and catching under pressure to stop turn overs during the game.

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Mr Geoff Hayward (Coach)

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Date: Friday 4th Feb.
Venue: Bathurst Basketball Arena

**Scots Lions vs. Learn 2 Play**  
**Score: 38-52 loss**

A good start to the second half of the season. While team play was mostly accurate, our basic skills need some sharpening up.

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Mr Geoff Hayward (Coach)

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Date: Friday 4th Feb.
Venue: Bathurst Basketball Arena

**Scots Players vs. The Animals**  
**Score: 38-8 loss**

A challenging game in really hot conditions. All players put in a top effort against a very skilled opposition. Best performances for this match: Jae Lee, Tommy Shin, Zac Fitzsimmons.

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Mr Byron Christie (Coach)

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Date: Friday 4th Feb.
Venue: Bathurst Basketball Arena

**Scots All Start vs. All Saints College**  
**Score: 32-25 loss**

After a slow start, all players made a substantial effort to recover the game. Every All Star scored points and demonstrated skill in defence.

Notable performances this week from Cameron Chew and Oliver Brancourt who both demonstrated understanding of their role as ‘centre’.

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Mr Byron Christie (Coach)
**Basketball continues . . .**

*Angels Return with a Win!*

Last Friday night the Angels returned after their summer hiatus to play a close match against the Coyotes. Combating both the balmy conditions of the basketball stadium and the relentless attack and defence of their opposition, the Angels proved themselves up to the task as the lead see-sawed from one team to the other. Lucy Woods led the way, pocketing five baskets while Chelsea McKay added another two. Brooke Andrew and Mollie Harley each added another basket to the total while Felicity Walker proved her worth, forcing a wealth of turnovers. Sophia Iwasaki and Natalie Bowles were fierce in defence while Rachel Hibbins and Philippa Shepherd remained relentless in attack. The Angels maintained the pressure and their enthusiasm and earned a well-deserved win to restart their season.

*Lionesses Return with a Roar*

Next on court were the Lionesses, eager to stretch their basketballing muscles after a long break. Taking the lead early in the match, the Lionesses made their mark on the court with a series of well executed plays and confident baskets. Jessica McGrath led the charge with ten baskets for the match while Caitlin McDermid supplied another four. Hannah Schulz lined up for a double and Nikki Butler added her name to the scoresheet. Alayne White and Alyssa Weekes put their bodies on the line in an enthusiastic display of their defensive commitment while Stefanie Schulz, Eloise Weekes and Georgina Porter played a vital role in the attack. The final score line of 14-31 in favour of the Lionesses reflects the energy which they continue to bring to their games each week.

*Mrs Angela Davis (Coach)*

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**Cricket, 1st XI continued . . .**

Pat’s with the focus to give 100%, and I couldn’t have been more proud of the guys to see them really do this.

Thank you to Mr Rodney Watt for scoring all day! I know the team is really appreciative of any support we can get, especially at away matches, and it was great to have some familiar faces around. Thanks once again to Mr Maher and Mr Lovell for driving the bus on such an early morning. We look forward to our final home game against Oxley next weekend, and it would be great if we could get as much support there as possible! If you can, come down and help Scots push for a finals berth in the last home match for all the year 12’s.

*Millaine Longmore*

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**Tennis . . .**

On a hot and windy Saturday morning the Scots tennis team headed over to Stannies for round 7 of the tennis competition. Even though Scots ultimately were defeated, they didn’t give up without a fight. Alex Bird won her singles match and Steven Choi also had a very close match in the opens. Elne La Roux won her watch in the 16’s and Hayden defeated his opponent in the 15’s. Jack Bird came out with a 7-1 win and Ellie Fricker was also victorious. Stannies also proved strong in their doubles matches although they met their match against Jess Morrison and Ellie Fricker, winning 6-2 and a close game with Lachlan Conyers and Tim Burrey, drawing 4-4.

Thankyou everyone for being patient with the limited courts and to Mr Matus for another successful week of tennis.

*Alexandra Bird (Captain)*

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**Equestrian . . .**

Brooke Andrew went to Pony Club for the first time on Sunday in Bathurst and had a ball. She did her jumping so she could get her jump card signed for E grade. I have attached a photo of her jumping today. This week’s plans are for training every afternoon hopefully it will be cooler which will make it easier.

*Mrs Tracey Andrew*
FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday February 12, 11.30am

Tennis Courts / McKibbon Oval \ The Scots School

BBQ, Face Painting, Jumping Castle, Games & Fun