To Ponder . . .

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God loves you and has chosen you as his own special people. So be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient. Put up with each other, and forgive anyone who does you wrong, just as Christ has forgiven you. Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together.

Each one of you is part of the body of Christ, and you were chosen to live together in peace. So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful. Let the message about Christ completely fill your lives, while you use all your wisdom to teach and instruct each other. With thankful hearts, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. Whatever you say or do should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks to God the Father because of him. ... Paul speaking to early followers of Jesus in Colossians 3:12-17

... Chaplain

CWA PUBLIC SPEAKING

On the 31st May the School was again represented at the CWA Public Speaking Competition. Seven students, Charlotte Inwood, Millann Henderson, Zachary Gates, Jonty Boshier, Robbie Hayward, Rachel Hibbins and Stephanie Ferguson competed in what was again an excellent competition with quality speakers from across the Central West.

Once again our students delivered well prepared speeches and I am pleased to report that Charlotte Inwood and Jonty Boshier both received second place in their respective age divisions and Robbie Hayward received fourth place. I would like to thank all the students who participated in the competition even though it fell during our examination period. Well done.

Mr R Mottram

CHESS COMPETITION

Just before our exeat weekend the School Chess Team went you Kinross to play another round of the New South Wales Junior Chess League knockout competition. The team again comprised of Elliott Chew, Millaine Longmore, Ben Spence, and Hayden Callan.

Being the third round, the games are getting harder for the players as there are fewer teams left in the first division of the competition.

Of the four competition games played, our team won boards 1, 3, and 4 which sees us up against Red Bend College in the next round. We also had the opportunity to take Zachary Gates, Putri Moran and Jessica Morrison along with us to play social games and I am pleased to say that we also had success in this area. Thanks to all the players for giving up their time and representing the School.

Mr R Mottram

RED NOSE DAY!!!

Friday, 24th June is Red Nose Day. Items to support this worthy charity are for sale at reception. So stop by and see what items we have and WEAR YOUR RED NOSE on Friday!

School Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday, 24th June for stocktaking.
Last day for purchasing will be Thursday, 23rd June at lunchtime.
The shop will reopen on Monday, 16th July.
From the Headmaster . . .

It is hard to believe Term Two is almost over but this week provides an excellent opportunity for some of our students to really challenge themselves. Years 3-6 from Bathurst and Lithgow go on a three day challenge camp to Galston and Years 9 & 10 head to the snow for the week for their Adventure Camp. Year 9 & 10 are not just skiing, although they will do this for two days. They will also go Mountain Biking, abseiling, do navigation work, camp in the snow and go on a snow shoe hike.

Outdoor Education takes students out of their usual environment to challenge them in many ways. The new experiences and activities test them with which leads to personal growth, develops confidence in facing new challenges, provides skills in new areas and encourages team work and cooperation. Of course, the students also have a great time in developing relationships with each other and seeing their teachers in a different light. At Scots, outdoor education is an essential part of our character mission in developing the whole person. The impact on individuals and the whole group brings benefits to their personal development, relationships and learning which extends well beyond the immediate experience of the camp.

I was able to get around to quite a lot of sport this weekend and there were some real highlights. The 1sts Hockey played an outstanding match in a top of the table clash which went right to the wire going down 4-3 in the closing minutes. The 15s Rugby team played with a lot of passion against Redfield College to win a great match 28-15. This was an outstanding result against a strong team with quite a few of our team also playing in the preceding 14s match. The Prep School Senior Netball team, the Lionesses, had a great win to remain undefeated for the season and they will play in the Grand final next Saturday; I wish them all the best. And…the two Girls Soccer teams had a great weekend too. The 16s fought out a 1-1 draw, against a side who dominated possession, with a sensational goal from Lucy Blackmore in the second half. The Open Girls team had another win to continue their recent good form taking out their match 2 nil.

I wish all school families and students the very best for the upcoming holidays. Have a good rest, enjoy some family time and keep safe. Of course, Year 12 need to do quite a deal of study too because they only have one term of Secondary schooling to go before their HSC Exams. They will be busy completing their major works, doing final assessments and preparing for the Trial HSC. It is important that they find the right balance between work, rest and leisure over the school break so they returned refreshed but also feeling on top of their work.

Finally, I would like to wish out touring Rugby and Netball Teams all the best for their tour to the Gold Coast in the last week of the holidays. I hope they enjoy the week together and play some good rugby and netball. Thank you to Mr Adams for organizing the trip and to the coaches who are giving up a week of their holidays. Have a good week and a refreshing holiday break.

David Gates
From the Deputy . . .

This week I wish to particularly address my remarks to Year 12 students. The upcoming school holidays represent a prime opportunity to complete major works for relevant subject disciplines. The due dates for major works are as follows:

* **Languages**: Oral examinations commencement Thursday, 4th August  
* **Dance**: marking commence Monday, 8th August  
* **Drama**: projects and performances completion and commencement of marking Monday, 22nd August  
* **Design and Technology**: Completion and commencement of marking Monday, 29th August  
* **Visual Arts**: Completion Monday, 29th August  
* **Music**: Completion and commencement of marking Monday, 8th September

Remember, resolution and process of the creative vision are key parts of the marking criteria for each of these major works. A resolved major work is the product of close liaison with subject teachers and efficient time management.

The school holidays also represent a great opportunity to re-read and re-engage with key texts in English. Careful note taking and the selection of text references for each English text should be undertaken in the school holidays in preparation for the trial examinations.

I take this opportunity of wishing students well for the upcoming Rugby and Netball tours to take place in the last week of the school holidays. I thank students for their enthusiasm for their sport. I also commend to them our sports staff and ask for commitment to the tour organisers who are giving up their holiday time to provide opportunities for students.

**Year 7 Parent/Teacher Interviews**  
On Monday, 18th July Year 7 Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in the Library 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Year 7 students will be issued with their parent/teacher booking sheets this week, to be collected and finalised on Thursday.

**Year 10 Information Evening Monday 18th July**  
At 5:30 p.m. a Year 10 Information Evening will be held in Room 25.

I wish all parents/carers, staff and students a happy holiday and thank you all for your hard work in Term 2.

Mrs Lynne Fleming  
Deputy Head

Coona Horse Sports .... See Page 16 for full report.

This is one of Alice with the embroidered horse rug that she won for coming first in the D grade One Day Event. She was also placed 2nd in the Heavyweight Hack and 3rd in the Junior Equestrian giving her a total of 17 points.
PLUNGE is a Cert IV in Ministry and an intensive discipleship year for Christian young adults aged 18-23. It has a great focus on Personal Development and serving through overseas missions and community involvement throughout Sydney. It’s an opportunity for young people to dive deeper into life and discover more about themselves, their world, and their God.

Our website (www.morlingcollege.com/plunge) has much more information including our promo video and a current student blogging her experiences.

We will be sending out some prospectus’ and brochures within the next few weeks. If you require a promo pack with promo DVD, please don’t hesitate to contact me on the details below to ask for more, or if you or any of your students have any questions about the Plunge Gap Year program.

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CYBERSAFETY ...... CYBERSAFETY ...... CYBERSAFETY

A Note from the Australian Communications & Media Authority . . .
We’ve just produced this presentation for parents to explain online risks for children and more importantly, the best ways to keep their children safe online. Could you please send this on to parents? The more parents know about cybersafety, the more empowered they are to protect their kids.

A short video, “How Cybersmart are you?” has been released by Cybersmart. The video is designed to help parents navigate through the online world of their teenagers and provides strategies on how to protect their children from potential online risks.

We hope you like it and find it valuable: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/outdoor.aspx . The video sits at the base of this internet page, these web pages and posters were designed to reach teens. We’re going to release these posters for schools to display. Or watch this on YouTube at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHj0gKGYzfY. Please let us know what you think, we’ll read all comments.

Catherine Maguire
Senior Communications Advisor
Cybersmart Programs Section
Year 10 Geography Excursion to Sydney
Prep School

Preparatory School

Mon 20 Jun  Lx  Chapel @ Bowenfels
Pr  Competitions ñ Spelling & Writing
Bx  Performance Newington Junior Ensemble
Tue 21-Thru 23 Jun  Pr  3-6 Adventure camp @ Galston
Fri 24 Jun  Pr  Special Performance Assembly 9.15am
Bx  Yr 6 Sausage Sizzle & Movie Afternoon
Sat 25 Jun  Bx  Lionesses Grand Final 9am @ John Matthews Netball Complex
Mon 19 Jul  TSS  Staff Development
Tue 20 Jul  TSS  Term 3 Classes Commence

Have a Great Break
The Scots Preparatory School wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday. We also wish Mrs Robinson all the best on Long service leave. Ms Cross will teach Stage 3 while Mrs R is on her well earned rest.

Performance
There will be a special performance in the Performing Arts Centre this afternoon from Newington Prep Wyvern Winds Ensemble who are touring the Central West. We welcome them to our school and look forward to their performance. They will later have a workshop with the school ensemble. Thanks to Mrs Garland for her organisation.

WOW. What a F.A.B. disco dancing night was had by all at the disco on June 9. Thanks to all the Mums & Dads who helped make the night a success from the decorations, dress-ups, face paints, cupcakes and bar-b-que.
Thanks to Disco DJ SlamminõSam and his off-sider Ben the Dru-it
And to our Prep Prefect Kaitlin who organised a monster crew to help with the face painting and activities.
Especially to everyone who got into the spirit dressing up in so many groovy outfits and having a dance. We hope you enjoyed it.
Some FAB fotos included for you to relive the highlights . . .

Prep P&F
Bathurst Campus Friends of Prep group meet on the first Monday of the month (during term) in the Library at 7pm.

At Lithgow the P&F meets on the second Tuesday straight after school.

All parents are welcome to be involved in these meetings.

The Bathurst Friends of Prep met on Monday June 6. Items
on the agenda included the disco, discussion of ways to motivate our kids to learn and do their best, the Scholastic bookclub and fair as well as some great events coming up in the remainder of the year. Stay tuned for more information.

Bunnings BBQ Thanks to all those who helped out at the Bunnings Barbies over the long weekend. We were able to raise a significant amount of money to go towards resources for the Prep School. THANKS!! The next sausage sizzle will be the Year 6 fundraiser on Friday June 24.

BOOK CLUB
Thanks to Everyone who submitted orders for the Scholastic Book Club.
Remember our goal for Book Club is "ONE BOOK PER FAMILY PER TERM". There are some fantastic low cost ($5-$10) resources available through Book Club.

Your support enables us to purchase fabulous resources for Prep & Pre-Prep. Some of the resources we've been able to purchase are already being used by the students! On top of all that it helps develop a passion for literacy in our children.

In Term 3 stay tuned for information about our fantastic book fair and father's day bbq. Dad's mark it down in your Diary

September 2

Thank you - Lynda Scott
Book Club Coordinator

Sport and Cocurricular Notices

Adventure Camp Tomorrow
The annual 3-6 Adventure Camp starts tomorrow. We wish all the students well and know they'll have a great time at Galston.

3rd in CIS Cross Country
CIS Cross Country was held last Thursday at Eastern Creek. Scots Prep had two competitors representing HICES in the event Riley Mitchell and Angus Crozier.

Both boys ran well but special congratulations to Angus who placed 3rd in his age division and will now move on to the PSSA Carnival in July. A fantastic result Angus we're very proud of you!
DISCO THANK YOU ....

A huge thank you to all those parents, prep staff and senior students who helped to make last Thursday night’s Prep School Disco such a massive success. This was the first major activity of the ‘Parents of Prep’ committee for 2011 and we (and our children) had a ball! Thank you to all those parents who helped us with set up, bbq or baking, serving, crowd control and clean up. (see photos next page)

Particular thanks must go to the students who helped us with music and dance (Sam Ireland, Kaitlin Wright, Stacey Callan, Ben Druitt, Hugo Newell, and Jonty Boshier), and the face painting production line (Anne Christie, Angelique Kelly, Rachel Fenton, Laura Pollard, Jamarra Newman and Ashleigh Fenton). The success of the night was due in no small part to these students and we really appreciated their enthusiasm and input.

Parents of Prep 2011

Lionesses In Grand Final!

Netball — See Report in Sports Section
The Lionesses having attained the minor premiership in their division last Saturday won their final to move through to the GRAND FINAL this Saturday 25 June at 9am.

Fantastic result from lots of hard work girls! Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join us at the courts at 9am on Saturday 25 June.

The Cubs finished up their season last Saturday with their final game. The girls have had a wonderful season in Netta learning the game of netball. The improvement in all the girls over the year has been fantastic. Congratulations to all the girls and to Coaches Mrs Micalos and Mrs Milligan.

Thanks to Mrs Micalos and Mrs Milligan and others who organised the end of season bash on Saturday night. Details of the Netball presentation dinner will come out later in Term 3.

And check out the sports reports in the Sports Section of the Highlander
DISCO --- “What a Night!”
Prep Assembly Excitement . . .

First picture Stage 1 performing their assembly item Hoe Down Show Down.
2nd Picture Reilly Mitchell and Angus Crozier Represented HICES at the CIS cross country last week Angus Crozier received Third place and will now represent CIS at the PSSA State cross country. Well done to both boys.
3rd Picture Erutan O’shanessy received the Mathlete of the week award for receiving over 2000 point in a week.
Sounds Program.
This week Pre-Prep will be learning all about the letter ‘u’. In Letterland we will meet Uppy Umbrella and our ‘Ants in the Apple’ Program we will learn the song ‘umbrellas Up uuu’. For craft expect to see some unusual things from our universe, some unicorns and maybe some warm ugg boots.

Cold weather.
We are experiencing extra cold weather. Please remember to send in a warm coat for your child to wear outside in our playground.

School Disco
Last Thursday we all enjoyed a wonderful night of dancing, games and yummy food at the ‘Parents of Prep’ Disco. Everyone had a fabulous night and we thank the ‘Parents of Prep’ for organizing and running the night.

Parent/Teacher Interviews.
A note has been sent home regarding Parent/Teacher interviews for the last week of term. Please send these back if you have not already done so. Suitable times can then be organized and we can then send back the allocated times.

Last week of term staffing.
Mrs. Lisa Travers will be accompanying some senior school students on their annual snow fields excursion during the last week of term. We will welcome back Miss Kate O’Connell for the week who has worked in Pre-Prep previously and also Vacation Care. Miss O’Connell is currently studying her Bachelor of Education at CSU.

Vacation Care.
Vacation Care will again be running throughout the holidays. The program and contact details will be available soon.

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Have a wonderful holiday break.
See everyone back at school on Tuesday, 19th July
**Sport at Scots . . .**

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**Netball and Rugby - Gold Coast Tour**

Less than 3 weeks to departure now. The students have been issued their itinerary’s, uniforms and bags. We ask that behaviour contracts and medical forms be returned by the end of the week or sent to the school in the first week of the holidays. **ALL** tour students must have a **Scots tracksuit** (jacket and pants) and a **Scots blue sports polo** and all issued tour apparel for the tour.

Netball Girls - A training session is planned for Friday the 8th of July in the Hunter Sports Centre from 5.30pm, dinner will be provided. Galloway House is available for the girls to stay in on Friday 8th and Saturday 16th (before departure and on return to Bathurst). Please also remember to find room when packing for your Scots netball playing uniform and netball shoes!

Rugby Boys - A training session is planned for Friday 8th of July from 4.00pm on the Main Oval, dinner will be provided. Bulkeley House is available to stay in on Friday night. Boys remember to pack all your rugby protective equipment (mouth guards, head gear etc) rugby boots and toiletries!

**Athletics Coaching (Sprinting)**

Any students interested in specialist sprints training next term in preparation for the athletics season please contact Mr. Adams as soon as possible. Please note that there will be a charge to cover the cost of the coach (how much? – to be advised and dependent on numbers).

**Upcoming Sport Events**

Key sport dates for this term...

- 9th – 16th July Rugby and Netball Tour (Gold Coast)
- Next term.....
- 10th August TSS Secondary Athletics Carnival

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**Indoor Soccer . . .**

**Little Scots (played 14th June)**

Despite the long weekend holiday, two of our teams took to the field to play their scheduled matches. Scots Lions had a bye. The Little Scots played a fabulous match against Red Dragons, with Charlie Bennett scoring 3 great goals to seal a win. Thomas Cox was awarded the Most Valuable Player award. The Scots Strikers had a win also with Declan Shannon receiving the Most Valuable Player award.

Matches on Tuesday 21st June are as follows:

- Little Scots 3:45 for 4pm kick off.
- Scots Lions 5:30 for 5:45pm kick off.
- Scots Strikers have a bye.

There will be no matches on Tuesday 28th June. The next matches will be on Tuesday 19th July after the holidays. I will be returning on Tuesday 9th August. Please check the website for draws or contact Mr Travers or Mr Lee for further information.

**Scots vs Lightning Bolts played 24.5.11**

Scots played a good game on Tuesday night. As Aly, Sophie, Jorja, Austen and Belinda did well in keeper stopping many balls from going in. Belinda almost scored their first goal but only just missed. Belinda did an excellent clearing kick and was fearless taking on the biggest player on the opposition, falling, then getting up and fighting for the ball.

Jorja and Sophie tackled well to get the ball from the opposition.

Although the opposition had more players Scots still fought well for the ball. It was a tough physical match but Scots did really well.

Player of the week went to Belinda Kidd.

Final score 5 to 0 (loss)

*By Madison Smith*

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*Mrs Kerry Robinson*
Scots Strikers

Our very enthusiastic and committed team lined up against a nearly complete opposition team for the first time this season. This was our first night of subs to balance the game and our team members displayed great sportsmanship and fairness to each other as this new approach to short numbers was implemented. The first penalty goal went to the Smurfs. Gabby Boshier was first to score for the Strikers from a great pass from Andrew Knox. At half time it was 1-1. The game was keenly contested in the second half when finally a penalty was awarded to the Strikers. Andrew Knox lined up and scored another try, however two more tries for us managed to secure the game with a final score of TSS 28 to Redfield 15.

Well done to the whole team in a game that saw many of our player putting in their individual best.

Mr Richard Mottram
**Hockey . . .**

**Scots 1st XI v St Pat’s (played 6.6.11)**
Andrew McPhee scored for us here. Post paint ball and pre-finals -- a physical and mentally keen game here. These match ups are an intriguing challenge for our team to play at our best, for 100% of a game with strong confident character at all times. Several players away with injury so we can go a step further.
Final Score TSS 1 to St Pat’s 3

*Mr I. Doney*

**U15’s v. Kelso/Tahs (played 6.6.11)**
Angus Inwood scored in this match. Absences saw us restructured, however, I was very pleased at how our team jelled. Riley continues to develop in goal, Jess Morrison and Meghan Booth played skillfully and with maturity. Kieran Ball, Alyssa Weekes and Kanja Le Roux also tried their best. A good team spirit for this match.
Final Score TSS 1 to Kelso/Tahs 3

*Mr I. Doney*

**1st XI v. St Pat’s (Played 17.6.11)**
An excellent game against the benchmark. Goals to L. Perry, C. Chew and H. Fisher. Excellent skills and Millaine Longmore in goals had a strong game. The shots were fearsome! We are pleased with our performance and are making incremental improvements with this opposition.
Final Score TSS 3 to St Pat’s 4

*Mr I. Doney*

**U15’s v. Orange Rebels**
One of the side’s best games this season with star roles by Cam Chew on the field and Kalyan Manning in goal. Scorers: Nick Thomson, Cam Chew, Kieran Ball. Good teamwork across the park. All players need to commit to flexibility of position and develop skills to assist this.
Final score: A Win! 3-1

*Coaches Doney/Trycon*

**Hockey U13’s  Date: 6th June, 2011**
Why do I play? For the joy of it!
Run hard, chase down the ball, challenge every possession, trap the ball better every time, pass straighter every hit...
When I make a mistake... it only gives me a chance to improve next time!

I will try again and again until my hands and feet do what I tell them to... one day they will know before I tell them!! When I do these things the score doesn’t matter... Why? Because I play for the game, for the challenge, for the chance to be in a real hero team, to learn resilience, to be pushed to do my best. I will delight in being the best hockey team-player I can be... this I can do; this is what I train for. This is why I play!

The Under 13’s make me proud! Under strength the U13’s didn’t give up; Ben Nunan kept many attempts at bay as Goalkeeper and Kobe Wilson began to know the joy of running Right Wing. The longer the game went, the harder the whole team played... Well done!

*Mr Gittins*

**Under 13s vs. Kelso/Souths/Waratahs (17/6)**
Result: Loss 1:5
Each week we play a better brand of hockey. Our team was a little cold in the first half, but played a scorching second half with a significant improvement in passing and support from our forward and midfield players who began to show more determination to pursue the tackle. Aiden Telfser ran hard the entire game and I’m sure will be looking for some shoe sponsors if anyone is interested! Hyun Seung (John) Oh outran the opposition to continue his scoring run and Hannah Crozier made a brilliant call to collect the ball and take a shot on goal.
Keep up the spirit!

*Mr Gittins*

**Under 11’s Hockey Report Term 2 Week 8.**
The Under 11’s had 2 great games of Hockey on Friday Evening. First up we played St Pats Swifts with the final score being 1 nil to St Pats. All players are improving each week and this is reflected in this week’s score. We are learning to pass the ball more accurately to our own team and to play a more attacking game. Thank you to Tim Downs for a great effort in his first game of hockey. Angus Druitt and Aiden Telfser both had strong games. Jack had another blinder in goal and stopped many goals from the opposition.

Player of the week was Gabrielle Morrison who played hard throughout both games.

*Mrs Jennie White.*
**Netball . . .**

**Scots Cubs**

On Saturday the Scots Cubs braved the cold to play their final game for the season. The cubs played the Collegians Diamonds in what was possibly the team’s best game this year. The girls all moved the ball around the court beautifully, finding the best positioned player to throw the ball to and making great passes. Our defence was strong and we had three amazing goals from Amber, Bethany and Jess. All of the girls have played fantastically this season and have improved enormously because of all of the hardwork and dedication they have put into their training. Congratulations Cubs on a fantastic season.

**Scots Lionesses**

On Saturday the Scots Lionesses played the Out of Touch Maggies in the finals. It was a tense first quarter with both teams scoring three goals. The Lionesses started to get ahead in the second quarter which ended with a score of 5:3. The girls had an excellent defence from Georgia and Madi H. Emily, Molly, Ally, Milly and Tilly positioned themselves on the court well and worked together to move the ball down the court. The goal shooting from Jorjanna and Madi S was spectacular. The final score was 17:4 (win), securing the girls a place in the Grand Final next Saturday against the Collegians Little Stars. Well done girls and all the best for the Grand Final.

*Mrs Sarah Milligan*

**Scots Second VII v. Firecrackers (A WIN!!!)**

Despite the freezing cold weather conditions and the disorganised opposition, we played well and kept the efforts of our play to a high success, coming away with a 47-13 win over the Firecrackers. For our last game of the season before we set off for tour, we were eager to play and get out of the cold. We started out upholding the score, and as of the second quarter, the opposition switched players and we had to step it up a bit. We had an excellent last game and it couldn’t have gone better. All players put in 1105 and it was a great game to finish the season on.

On behalf of the team, we thank Justin Adams and Sharon Inwood for helping us all season and giving us the utmost support they could possibly give.

by Stacey Callan

**Scots 14s 12 V Collegian Vipers 12**

This week Scots 14s played their final and best game of the season.

In defence, Mack, Pip, Sheri, Emma and Daisy did a brilliant job of ensuring Collegians had as few shots at goal as possible.

The centre third was dominated by Bronte, Putri, Nastasia, Michelle, India and Daisy, with most centre passes going our way.

In the goal circle Ashley, India, Michelle and Nastasia had lots of attempts at goal, with much success. We seemed to have possession of the ball for the vast majority of the game, but at the end of the 3rd quarter we were 3 goals down. In the 4th quarter the girls rallied round to score 2 goals in quick succession and finally a third goal to tie the score. I am sure if we had an extra couple of minutes we would have won our game, but alas the siren beat us! Well done to all the girls, you passed, attacked and defended brilliantly with a great end result.

Thankyou goes to Caitlin, Ellie, Elyse, Jess and Mem for umpiring our games this season. Without your assistance, we could not play!

*Michelle Simcock*

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and Ellie Craft have greatly improved. Laura Pollard is guaranteed to get the ball right down the court; Ashleigh Fenton and Eloise Weekes are playing well in the centre court with Ash often having to step up to play goal defence. Charlotte Inwood and Holly Duggan worked well together to gain lots of rebounds and intercepts. Well done to all the girls.

*By Holly Duggan (VC)*

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**Scots 2nd VII v. Firecrackers**

A nice end to the well played season of netball. The whole team has shown great improvement over the season. The shooting percentages of Stacey Callan, Tink Townsend
The Scots School Equestrian team ventured to Coonabarabran to attend the 19th North West Equestrian Expo. With 530 riders and 660 horses from all over the state it was going to be a busy week.

Our first event was Eventing or Combined Training. This took place on Friday and Saturday. Lachie Dawes commenced competition first tackling the B grade ODE. He did a lovely dressage test, a clear cross country course and only took a couple of rails in showjumping to be placed 11th overall. Alice Godwin won her D grade ODE and Annabel Shepard and Charlie was placed 4th. Annabelle Townsend and the very versatile Jayde were placed 3rd in their combined training. India Toole also succeeded with a 6th in her combined training. Jack Rowlandson and Bronte Doyle both completed their first ever ODE which was a great effort. Our next competition was the 6 bar competition. Only Lachie Dawes qualified to compete in this and his team came a very commendable 3rd out of 120 teams.

Sunday also saw our Polocrosse players – Jack Rowlandson, Emma Boland and Annabel Shepard play in the Division 2 section and made the finals. They then went onto the finals, won the first 2 games but then were knocked out in the third game. This was amazing considering Annabel had never played the game before and the whole team did not have a chance to train together.

Monday saw our riders either compete in dressage or Showjumping. India Toole rode 2 lovely tests being placed 4th overall in her division and Annabelle Townsend rode Jayde to take out 4th in her division. Alice Godwin did not have such a good day with her lovely hack tripping in the warm up arena and fell over on top of Alice. Both came out with mild bruises but it was incredibly disappointing for Alice. Emma Boland had a great day to take out 1st place in the Restricted height Showjumping on her inexperienced jumping horse April.

Tuesday was the last day and we all polished ourselves up to do the hacking. Annabelle Townsend took out Champion Pony, Alice Godwin took out 2nd in a huge heavyweight hack class, and Lachie Dawes was awarded Reserve Champion 13 year old boy rider.

It was a tremendous 5 days of competition which could not have been done without the support of the school, the parents and our tremendous and inspirational riders. It was a pleasure to be their team manager and I was extremely proud of them all.