



Weekly News

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To Ponder . . .

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ... Jesus in Luke 9:23-25

We work hard 'getting there.'

Now 'there' differs for all of us but it's suffice to say that striving is a big part of our lives. We work hard to achieve and to obtain many good things. The problem is that we can find ourselves constantly living for tomorrow or to get out of whatever mess/challenge we face today.

We can miss the delight of now.

When we hand over our life to God He will not only hold us into eternity, He begins to transform our lives so we begin to relax our grasp of things that are only passing.

... *Chaplain*

MEETING NOTICE: **HIGHLAND GATHERING** **COMMITTEE**

Please note that here will be a FOPD meeting on **WEDNESDAY, 2nd March** at 5.15 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Help make this the greatest Highland Gathering ever!

MEETING NOTICE: **FRIENDS OF PIPES AND DRUMS**

Please note that here will be a FOPD meeting on **TUESDAY 1st March** at 5.15pm in the library. This is to discuss the latest about the Scotland tour. All parents are encouraged to attend.



Sophia Iwasaki (Y8) and Therese Pui Ching Li (Y10) help support their camera shy friend at the Cadet Swim Day



From the Headmaster . . .

The Scots School is a very busy place with a tremendous range of academic, co-curricular and leadership opportunities available to all of our students. We believe in a holistic education – one that will enrich and challenge the lives of our students, whilst also building a strong sense of commitment to a team and developing life-long friendships through the pursuit of similar activities and goals.

Such an educational environment aims to develop well rounded students who are well prepared for the academic challenges of the senior years of school, tertiary study, further work place training and, of course, young adults who are responsible citizens of their local communities.

I wish to highlight just some of the activities and experiences Scots students are enjoying at present and challenge all students to look to be involved in the life of the school and committed to all aspects of their education.

In the last week students have been involved in the concluding rounds of summer sport with cricket, basketball, tennis, touch football, water polo and equestrian. The Junior Water Polo Team were involved in a closely fought contest against St Stanislaus to edge them out 4 -2 in a great match on Friday afternoon. Our First X1 Cricket played their last competition match with four Year 12 students playing their last game next weekend in the annual Old Boys fixture at Scots on Sunday 6th March. Our Equestrian program under the expert guidance of Mrs Libby Dawes is really challenging and enriching the lives of the students involved and two students, Lachlan Dawes and Annabelle Townsend are off to the NSW Inter Schools Championships later this week.

Trials for the Western Associated Schools Netball and Hockey teams will occur this week too along with the AICES Basketball on Wednesday.

Our Year 9 Agriculture students attended Rylstone Show with Mr Matus and Mr Bailey took 19 students to the NSW Waratahs versus Queensland Reds Rugby match at Homebush Stadium on Saturday night. Two drummers and a piper competed in the Moss Vale Highland Gathering Contest with some success.

Our Year 11 Biology students went on a field trip to the Wetlands at Homebush Bay last Thursday with their teacher Mrs Libby Dawes who reported that they had a lot of fun whilst also being focused on their learning. The field trip organizers were very impressed with our students' effort and commitment to their work.

Our Prep School swimmers traveled to Kinross Wolaroi School in Orange on Thursday to compete in the Western Associated Schools Swimming and had a great deal of success with a number of students going on to compete at the next level.

This week a selection of Year 6 and Year 8 students will be involved in the HICES Leadership Development Day to be hosted by Blue Mountains Grammar School. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to be challenged about leadership and to interact with students from other schools.

Our prep School students will be actively involved in World Mathematics Day on Tuesday – this is a really challenging and enriching experience as students interact at appropriate challenge levels with other students around the world.

WOW! What a week. Busy students often develop better organizational skills as they work to meet usual expectations and juggle competing demands. The question is: are you involved in the rich variety of opportunity on offer at The Scots School?

Have a great week...



The Prep Junior Boys Relay team

David Gates

From the Deputy Head . . .

This week staff are busy preparing interim reports for students in Years 7, 11, 12 and all other students new to the school. These interim reports are descriptive in nature providing information about application in class, completion of homework, and collaborative learning. It is anticipated that the interim reports will be posted early in Week 6 [commencing 7th March].

Families need to factor in their forward planning the activities in Week 10 commencing Monday, 4th April. In this week the following camps or activities will occur:

* **Year 7 Camp.** Camp coordinator Mr Hayward.

* **Cadet Camp.** Students in Years 8, 9, and 10 and Year 11 Cadet Leaders. Camp coordinators Major Juri Linins and Mr Simon Dundon.

* **Band Camp** [with cadet camp participation]. Camp coordinator Mr Gill MacKenzie.

* **Cadet Dining In Night**, Thursday 7th April. Cadet Rank and Pipe Band Leaders. Coordinators Major Juri Linins and Mr Simon Dundon.

* **Year 11 lessons** will continue in Week 10 as usual for all except Cadet and Band Leadership.

Year 12 Half Yearly Examinations will commence Tuesday, 29th March and continue until Friday, 8th April.

Interested Year 12 students have been issued with GAP application forms from Tutors Worldwide. This organisation has placed Angus Lennon and Thomas Curran from the 2010 Year 12 Cohort, Nicholas Matus and Daniel McKay from the 2009 Year 12 Cohort, and Lachlan Turner from the 2008 Cohort. Applications for this organisation close April 14th with no extensions possible. I urge Year 12 students to complete their applications early and submit them to myself for processing.

On Friday, March 4th the secondary school will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day. This serves as a reminder to our school students about the importance of maintenance and upkeep of our wonderful campus.

My final remarks concern the vital nature of the school diary. There is a 100% correlation between sound academic results and improvement and good habits of organisation. Some of our younger students should discipline themselves to maintain their school diary in good order and condition as the first step to success at secondary school.

*Mrs Lynne Fleming
Deputy Head*

Secondary School Calendar

MARCH

Sat 5	ISA Cricket Semi-Finals Mudgee Show
Tue 8	NSW All Schools Triathlon
Sat 12	ISA Cricket Grand Final
Mon 14	Evans Crown Horse Show
Tue 15	TSS 7-12 Cross Country
Fri 18-Sat 19	Lithgow Show
Fri 18	ISA Swimming @ SOPAC
Mon 21	AICES Hockey – Bathurst
Fri 25	PT Interviews Years 7&12 Year 7 Info. Talk 5:30 pm Year 12 Info. Talk 6:00 pm
Sat 26	Blayney Show Band Ceilidh – Main Oval 5:30pm
Sun 27	*HIGHLAND GATHERING
Mar 29-Apr 8	Year 12 Examinations
APRIL	
Sat 2	Rugby Trials v ASC @ TSS Netball Trials v ASC @ TSS
Mon 4-Wed 6	Cadet Camp – Marrangaroo Year 7 Camp – Wyangala
Thu 7	Cadet Dining In Night
Fri 8	Classes Cease 3:20 pm– End Term 1

Careers . . .

University Road Show. All Year 12 students will attend this event on Friday, March 11th.

CSU My Day: Communications. Tuesday, 15th March.

Year 12 have received notes.

Please return permission slips ASAP.

GAP Year:

Antipodeans Abroad GapBreak provides opportunities for a **3-month volunteer adventure** in Africa, South America, Asia and Europe.

A representative will visit Scots on Wednesday, 9th March during Stage 6 meeting to speak to Year 12.

Latitude GAP

Latitude will visit Scots on 25th March to speak to Year 12 at 1:00 p.m. during lunch hour. Former student Ben Riley is scheduled to speak about his GAP experience with Latitude.

Tutors Worldwide

Year 12 students have been given application forms for Tutors Worldwide for GAP year 2012 in the UK. Closing date early April. Don't miss out!

Year 12 students interested in a **GAP during 2012** should let Mrs Fleming know so their name is on the list when information arrives.

Australian International Hotel School -- brochures received for tertiary courses.

Highland Gathering . . .

HIGHLAND GATHERING NEWS

Sunday 27th March 2011

- Over 4,000 people through the gate last year
- P&F's major fundraiser for 2011
- Great way to meet fellow parents, students and teachers

For this day to be a success
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

How can I HELP?

- Volunteer to be a year coordinator
- Volunteer to help out on the day
- Help with the set of tents and stalls
- Pot some plants
- Clean out your bookshelf
- Donate prizes for the chocolate wheel or side show alley games
- Start collecting and filling bottles for the Toombola (bottle lottery).
Fill bottles with lollies, hankies, pencils, elastic bands, hair bands, toys, anything!

If you would like to volunteer to be either a year coordinator or help on the day contact Gillian Shannon on 63312340 after 7pm or e-mail skdags@hotmail.com

Watch this space for updates each week.

Year 7 Parents

The Highland Gathering is approaching and Year 7 parents along with the Prep School parents will be responsible for manning the BBQ which is one of the busiest stalls on the day.

If you can spare an hour or two please contact **Scott and Ursula Crozier** on **6334 3531**.

This provides an excellent opportunity for new parents to meet and socialise on what is a busy but fun stall.

Year 8 Parents

The Highland Gathering is just around the corner and we are asking Year 8 parents to help out on Side Show Alley.

Mark and Jenny Morrison have agreed to coordinate these games and will require parent helpers on the day. If you can spare an hour or two please contact them on e-mail mjjjg_5@hotmail.com

We plan to continue growing this attraction and will need parental assistance to enable this to happen so please join in the fun of the day.

Year 12 Parents

We are asking you to help out on the Front Gate and Kebab Stall. Some of you helped on the Kebab Stall last year and it was very successful, we would like you to lend a hand once again. For some of you this will be your last Highland Gathering (yes I can hear you cheer from here).

Karin Le Roux will be the parent coordinator this year and you can contact her on 0428859898 or e-mail Sanbonani@bigpond.com. Come and join in the fun of the day.

Second Hand Clothing Pool

The second hand clothing pool will be open on Friday mornings from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Jane Bullen is coordinating the second hand pool this year. She can be contacted on 0400 949 877.

Scots Prep School – Bathurst & Lithgow

Clean Up Australia Day

Schools Clean Up Day is this Friday, March 4.

Our School will be participating in this fantastic event on Friday afternoon after lunch.

A note has been sent home with suggestions for protective clothing etc.

The link below is the School's site on the Clean Up website. It is about a five minute job to register and it will help heaps if you can pre-register your child <http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/Scots>

Any Mums and Dads who would like to help, please register as above and come along on the day.

Tuesday March 1

Tuesday March 1 will be a big day for us with the HICES Leadership Day as well as World Maths Day. The Year 6 Leadership Team as well as students from Year 8 will have an opportunity to be involved in the Rising Generations Program at Blue Mountains Grammar on Tuesday.

HICES Leadership is always a fun, challenging and engaging day of activities designed to motivate and invigorate young people to maximise their leadership potential.

Students across the Preparatory School will be taking part in the World Maths Day. This is a global computerised occasion to encourage students to achieve goals in Maths. Students are given the task of completing 100 questions that they challenge themselves to achieve in consultation with their teacher.

Check out the full reports for HICES Leadership Day and World Maths Day in next week's *Highlander*.

Helping Out

Now that the year is settling into patterns and routines some parents have expressed interest in being involved in helping out in various ways in classes. The School welcomes parents to be involved in any way you are able. The best way is to contact your child's class teacher directly with some times you may be available. The teacher will then be able to suggest some ways to be involved at that time. This can involve anything from reading groups to cutting and pasting.

After School Care

A reminder for After School Care; please ensure that all students are picked by 5pm – thank you.

Sport and Cocurricular Notices

As you will see from the range of activities listed below there are so many opportunities for our students to be involved here at Scots. We commend all students to have a go at the range of sport and cocurricular activities to get the utmost from their schooling experience.

Highlander by email . . .

Would you like to enjoy seeing the school news and photos in colour each week? Sign up to receive *The Highlander* by email. Send your email address to reception@scots.nsw.edu.au

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



Highland Dancing

Highland Dancing lessons have begun again for 2011. Mrs Mary Webber (nee Johnson) started lessons with students in the Hall last Monday. Any other interested students should collect a note from Mrs Inglis to be involved in this fantastic activity, unique to our school.

Chess & Debating Clubs

Chess Club has also begun again this week. It will meet on Wednesday lunch times in Mrs Robinson's room.

We will have a much bigger debating season this year with a new challenge in the HICES Debating Competition. Mr Lee will gather together interested Stage 3 students this week for a planning session. The first round is at All Saints on March 15.

Tastes of Summer & Winter Sports

Last Wednesday was the last of our "Tastes of Summer" program sessions. It has been a fun opportunity for the students to try out some new sports including Milo In2 Cricket and touch football. As Winter Sports commitments are beginning however we will encourage students to be involved in those sports.

Mr Travers will soon be seeking expressions of interest in Winter sports competitions. Netball is already under way and it will not be long before the conclusion of summer sports such as cricket and training will need to start for winter.

Please begin to think about the sports you can be involved in this year. We'd love to see everyone in a team if at all possible.

Tennis

Mrs Robinson has again organised for tennis lessons run by the Bathurst Tennis Centre on Wednesday afternoon for any student who is interested. Please contact Mrs Robinson for information if you would like to be involved.

Swimming- Mr Andrew Travers

On Thursday the children from the Prep school headed to Kinross for the WAS Swimming Carnival. We had many stand out swimmers with Bethany Mitchell placing 1st in 9yr Freestyle, Andrew Knox, Jake Cranston and Reilly Mitchell in the 10 and under age group receiving a 1st and 8 x 2nd places! They showed Scots was the dominating force in the age group. Aiden Telfser received 5x3rd place ribbons in a very competitive 12 and over age group.



I would also like to commend our first timers at WAS; Ann Abraham, Grady Roach, Alyssa Cranston, Evan Smith, Genevieve Gates and Morgan Bennett for getting out and showing their school spirit.

Congratulations to the Prep School WAS swimming team!

*(Photos: Above Reilly after a brilliant breastroke swim.
Left: Junior Girls relay team at W.A.S.)*

Up-Coming Events –

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Tue 1 Mar Pr HICES Leadership Day – BMGS
Tue 1 Mar Pr World Maths Day
Tue 8 Mar Pr HICES Swimming Carnival (Homebush)
Tue 8 Mar Lx Lithgow P&F
Fri 18-Sat 19 Mar Lithgow Show
Sun 27 Mar TSS Highland Gathering
Fri 8 Apr TSS Cross Country & Easter Hats

HICES SWIMMING



A note will be coming home today for the HICES swimming carnival. At the moment we have enough children to fill a 25 seat bus with staff and a driver. If there are enough interested parents we will order a bigger bus as long as it is cost effective. Please let Mr Travers know as soon as possible if you are interested in a bus place.

We have also organised some swim training at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre to practice swimming in a 50m pool and diving from blocks. These practices will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Please be back by Tuesday 1st so we can organize transport – Thank you.



Scots K-12 Students will participate in Clean Up Australia Day on Friday, 4th March

Bathurst Pre-Prep . . .

Term 1 Week 5

Sounds Program

This week Pre-Prep will be continuing with their exciting sounds program. Our next sound is “m”. Our rhyme is Many mice munching m,m,m... and in Letterland we will meet Munching Mike. For craft expect to see some mice, mermaids, mushrooms, miffy, mum, monkey and even Mickey Mouse and much more.

Thank You

A big” thank you” to all the parents who have already sent in boxes of tissues for the year. We hope to eliminate the spread of germs as much as possible by encouraging the children to wipe their noses frequently.

Library Bags

Children need to bring their Library bags on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. They do not require a Library bag on the days we attend the Bathurst City Library as we do not borrow books on this occasion.

New Student Reports

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

Bathurst City Library Visit

This Thursday will be our first visit to the Bathurst City Library for Story Time. This is a lovely program for the children with stories, music and craft.

We will travel via the Scots School bus so please ensure you have returned your child’s permission slip.

Mrs Chapman and Mrs Inglis

Sport at Scots . . .

Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 5 Term 1

Summer Sport Photos

This Thursday afternoon (3rd March) the summer sports photos will be taken at the Sports Centre. Please make sure that you have your correct playing uniform for tennis, touch and basketball players, whites for cricketers, sports uniform (blue polo, plain black shorts) for water polo players.

Winter Sport Selections

There are a small number of students (predominantly from Yr 11 and 12) who have not returned their signed Winter Sport selection form. Please get them in quickly.

Winter Sports Training

Due to the early start of the netball season and two pre season rugby trials we have had to bring forward the start of the winter sports training. All netball, girls' soccer and rugby players are to commence training and team trials on Tuesday the 8th of March. Hockey training will not commence until Thursday 17th March. Please ensure that you are ready with the correct clothing, footwear and protective equipment.

Introduction to Rugby

Mr Dawes and Mr Lee will continue to conduct the Year 7 introduction to Rugby sessions on Monday afternoons from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on the Old Boys Oval. Students involved in Music of Band practice must honour their commitment.

WAS Netball Trials and Hockey Trials

This Tuesday (1st March) students will travel up to Orange for WAS Hockey (15s girls, Open Boys and Girls) and WAS Netball Trials (15s and Opens). The netballer will leave school at 1.00pm and the Hockey players at 2.30pm.

Upcoming Sport Events

March is a very busy month for sport at Scots. Below are some of the key dates.

- 1st March WAS Netball and Hockey Trials
- 2nd March AICES Boys Basketball Champs (Hills Stadium)
- 3rd March Summer sports photos
- 4th March AICES Girls Basketball Champs (Hills Stadium)
- 6th March Old Boys Cricket (TSS Main Oval)
- 8th March Commencement of Winter sports training (Netball, Girls' soccer, Rugby)
- 9th March NSW All schools Triathlon
- 15th March TSS Secondary Cross Country (2.30pm)
- 18th March ISA Swimming (Homebush)
- 19th March Commencement of Bathurst Junior netball
- 21st March AICES 15s Hockey (Bathurst)
- 26th March Rugby and Netball Trials vs. St Pauls (TSS Old Boys and TSS Netball Courts)
- 2nd April Rugby Trials vs. All Saints (TSS)
Mr. Justin Adams (Sportsmaster)

The Scots School Summer Sport Weekly Schedule 2011 Term 1 Week 5

Sport	Team	Coach	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue
Basketball	Lions (1)	Mr. Hayward	04/03	N.I.T.C	5.05pm	Court 1
	Vipers (2)	Mr. Hayward		Silver Miners	7.35pm	Court 3
	Players(1/2)	Mr. Christie	Animals	7.35pm	Court 4	
	All Stars (3)	Mr. Christie	All Stars	8.25pm	Court 2	
	Lionesses (1/2)	Mrs. Davis	Fruit Loops	7.35pm	Court 2	
	Angels (4)	Mrs. Davis	ASC White	6.45pm	Court 2	
	Fireflies (3)	Miss. Worthington	Coyotes	5.55pm	Court 1	
	Pumas (2)	Miss. Edward	BYE			
Cricket	1st XI	Mr. Maher, Mr. Lovell	06/03	Old Boys	10.00am	TSS Main Oval
	14s	Mr. Adams, Dr. Chew	05/03	Stannies 13 A	8.15am	TSS Lee St Oval
	13s	Mr. Mair	05/03	Rugby Union	8.15am	TSS McKibbin Oval
Tennis	WAS Squad	Mr. Matus	26/02	Doubles Champs	8.30am	Wade Park Orange
Touch	Jnr/Snr	Mr. Coyte	WAS Season finished			
Waterpolo	Jnr/Snr	Mr. Adams	05/03	Tri Series vs ASC & SSC	4.00pm	Stannies
Year 7 Sport	Mr. Adams, Miss. Hughes		<u>Wednesday afternoon 3.40 – 4.40pm</u> Fitness			

Cricket . . .

1st XI v. St Pius

The final game of the ISA regular season was an away trip to St Pius. A disappointing last couple of weeks with rain had put us out of the running for a finals berth, so we were going into this game with nothing to play for but pride. Losing the toss on a good pitch, we were put in to bat on the beautiful St. Pius oval. Their opening bowlers took advantage of the fast, bouncy track, but our top order held on fairly well, losing only two wickets in the first session.

Elliott Chew and Ben Spence were starting to frustrate the Pius bowlers, showing some great determination and mental toughness in the heat of the middle of the day.

Something had to give, and unfortunately the loss of Elliott's wicket signalled a collapse in our middle and lower order. Ben Spence played a lone hand, compiling a very well made 33.

Defending a small total, it was all or nothing for us in our last innings of the year. Unfortunately, luck was simply not with us. The Pius batsmen were gifted with a number of chances, with the ball going just wide of fielders on an all too regular basis. There wasn't much we could have done better in that first session. The cricket gods just weren't on our side.

Pius passed our score with a number of overs remaining, giving us the opportunity to give anyone who wanted a bowl a go, which was a great thing to do in the last match of the season.

Oscar Sobilarov and Iori Hashida were highlights in the field, Oscar throwing his body around to save runs and Iori running around like a madman, as per usual! He even chased one ball to the boundary, after bowling the ball himself!

Thanks from all the boys to Mr Maher who has driven the bus every away match this season, and whose contribution to the First XI is really appreciated. Also to our coach, Mr Les Lovell, who has been a great guiding hand through the season. A special thanks to Dr. Chew who kept score whilst Mr. Maher took his driver reviver break, and to the many members of the Chew clan and Ms. Bullen who came along to support us.

Finally I'd like to say a personal thanks to all the players who have represented the First XI this year, especially all the year 12's who have now played their last competition match. It has been fantastic to be a part of the team, and an honour to captain it. We now look forward to the Old Boys game next week, and hopefully we can get one last win for the First XI!

Millaine Longmore

14s Cricket versus Rugby Union (19th February)

On Saturday 19th February we concluded our match against Rugby Union with a much improved performance with the bat. Unfortunately the damage had been done the previous week when we were dismissed for 53 and they scored 200 with wickets in hand. The Rugby Union team sent us back into bat at the start of the day. Our overall goal was to bat the entire morning to avoid outright defeat; however, the immediate goal was to improve the defence of our wickets. Jonty Boshier (28) and Sam

Cricket reports continue . . . on page 11

Andrew (37) combined for a great partnership after the loss of the first wicket and were able to see off the better pace bowlers. Unfortunately Sam's run out sparked the all too familiar middle order crumble. Stumping's and soft caught out dismissals seemed to be the choice of how our players got out as they struggled to negotiate the leg spin bowling presented by the opposition. After 27 over's we finally succumbed to the talent loaded Rugby Union team with the score on 113. This was a major improvement on the previous week but not enough to save the match. We concluded the day with a super 8's style match which included splitting the two opposing teams up and creating two mixed teams. It was a great fun way to conclude the match and the winner in the end was cricket as newly founded mateship's amongst rival teams were established.

Mr. Adams

14s Cricket versus Stannies 13 A

On the weekend we took on the much fancied Stannies 13As. A solid opening partnership between Cameron Chew (18) and Jonty Boshier (3) lasted 11 overs and the opening and first change bowlers. Kieran Ball (17) looked solid at the crease but lost patience defending tight bowling and was dismissed by a straight delivery. Sam Andrew found the middle of the bat immediately scoring 8 runs of three balls and then was caught out off the fourth ball. Angus Dunn (5) put up an Alcatraz like defence as he saw the need to bat out the overs. Unfortunately just as he was gaining confidence and placing the ball into gaps in the field he took a wild swing at the first delivery of a new change bowler and missed, the ball cleaned up the stumps. Zachary Gates and Calhan Behrendt lasted out the remaining allocated overs for the day and will be the launching platform for us when we resume our innings next Saturday. (Score 5 for 68)

Stannies in reply are 1 for 120 after 25 overs. We looked great for the first 15 overs. Our fielding was sharp, the encouragement of all players was excellent and the bowling was accurate. Unfortunately after the drinks break our concentration waned, catches were dropped, the bowling accuracy fell and the players began to throw in the towel as they struggled to break through the determined and disciplined batting of the opposition. As a result the opposing batsmen cashed in scoring 57 runs off ten overs.

Frustratingly for the team and the coach the balance of the match could be so much closer, particularly considering that we are playing against 13 year olds who

demonstrated better maturity, patience and attitude than we did. I encourage all players to come next week with a positive and supportive attitude as you are all so close to putting together a united and sustained team performance that will result in success.

Mr. Adams

Under 13 Cricket Report

The Under 13's completed 2 matches during the week, our two day fixture –v- All Saints and a “catch up “ match –v- Stannies played during the week. Sadly, and for the umpteenth time this season, we suffered frustratingly close defeats, one by 8 runs and one by 9 runs! As our results show we are very competitive and with an ounce of luck could be leading the comp.

On day two of our match against All Saints we took our score from 53 to 71 before being dismissed, giving us an overall lead of 11 with ASC resuming at 7 for 60. They immediately lost a wicket but after several close appeals for LBW were turned down they eventually managed to scrape past our score ending up being dismissed for 80. All the bowlers bowled well with Ned Dawson (4 /11 off 8 overs) returning the best figures. Connor Behrendt claimed the final wicket with his usual guile !!!

With no prospect of an outright victory for either side we used the 2nd innings to give an opportunity to those players who often don't get many chances. The team put up a very spirited display in the field with Hikari taking a stunning catch at mid off.

Our mid week match –v- Stannies was also a close encounter. Batting first, Stannies reached 105 off their 20 overs. In reply, we were 5 for 97. Sam Pateman (27 n.o.) and John Mair (21) shared a partnership of 46 which nearly steered us to victory, but we probably missed a few too many scoring opportunities “early on” to ensure victory. Again, the team displayed great spirit with Sam Pateman leading by example in the field.

With the season rapidly drawing to a close we look forward to our next fixture where we hope we can reverse some of our narrow losses.

Mr B.J. Mair (Coach)

Basketball . . .

Scots Vipers v. ASC 2nd

A tough game where we finished losing 18-27, after the game got away from us due to the physical size of the opposition. The boys were put off their normal game and were not able to settle into a pattern of play and spent the whole match playing catch up.

Mr G. Hayward

Scots Lions v. ASC 1st V

Another hard fought game against ASC which followed a similar pattern to the previous match in which the opposition got way to an early lead. The remainder of the game was a tight affair in which neither team could gain dominance, the telling factor being the number of 3-point shots scored by All Saints. Final score a 39-47 loss.

Mr G. Hayward

Scots All Stars V the Hill Billies

On Friday night the Scots All Stars took to the court to face off against the Hill Billies. In a fast paced contest, the Hill Billies were quick off the mark, posting first points. Their precision at the basket continued throughout the match and the All Stars' Travis Gibson, Benjamin Druitt and Erik Kristensen Tulip found themselves working hard in defence. Oliver Brancourt added three baskets to the score and scooped up a number of rebounds while Alistair Fisher pocketed four baskets and Sam Andrew and Nick Thomson slotted one a piece. Angus Inwood made his presence felt in the second half with some relentless defending. The All Stars maintained their intensity throughout the match but unfortunately this week the high shot rate of the Hill Billies presented an insurmountable target.

Scots Angels Shine in Local Derby

The Scots Angels were next on the court, taking on school rivals the Fireflies. The Angels began the match well, gelling quickly to both defend with spirit and attack with finesse. Chelsea McKay lead the way with her outstanding on court commitment, reflected in her seven additions to the scoreboard. Rachel Hibbins and Sophia Iwasaki maintained the intensity in defence and Phillipa Shepherd's growing confidence enabled her to sink a handy penalty shot. Felicity Walker made her own impression on the score board while Lucy Woods tidied away another three baskets. At sound of the final whistle the Angels walked away having kept the difference down to ten points. This was a fantastic match played in great spirit which served to highlight how much the team have grown this season.

Scots Lionesses Triumph in Tight Match

Finally, the Scots Lionesses stepped up to the plate to take on the Cougars. Previous match experience with the Cougars saw the Lionesses enter into this match with a heightened degree of confidence but as the first whistle blew, it quickly became apparent that they had a fight on their hands. While the Lionesses repeatedly worried at the basket, the number of shots converted dwindled and they took a lead of only a single point into half time. The pressure resumed in the second half with the Cougars piling on the points to pull away from the Lionesses. Determined to regain control and snatch back a win, the Lionesses ploughed on in defence. Eloise Weekes, Stefanie Schultz, Alayne White and Nikki Butler proved their defensive mettle while Alyssa Weekes (3), Jessica McGrath(6), Hannah Schulz(2) and Caitlin McDermid(6) supplied the points to close the gap. At the end of this tight tussle the score board favoured the Lionesses 33-28 but they will have to step up the intensity as they prepare to face tough opponents the Fruit Loops next week.

Mrs Angela Davis (Coach)

Scots Players vs. Animals (Friday Night 18th February)

Result: 22-10 Loss

This was a difficult game for the Players, although they started well. As the opposition began to pile on points, the Players began to panic and lost their nerve in the last quarter. Kenny, Tommy, Evan and Jae all played a very strong game, coordinating passes and making some excellent attacking moves. Zac, Jacky and Linus also had some strong moments, particularly in defence, gaining many steals and some rebounds. Kenneth played some quality basketball and it was pleasing to see his participation in this game. The man-on-man defence in this game was at a high level, restricting the Animals to just 11 baskets. However, they had a zone defence and the Player's attacking moves could not penetrate it. With some concentration on cutting through the key and a few other areas, the Players could pull off a victory this season.

Mr Byron Christie (Coach)

Scots All Stars vs. All Saints Number Twos

Result 24-20 Loss

Twas an excellent game with lots of blood, sweat, tears and players being fouled off. With a strong start, The Scots All Stars perhaps became a little overconfident and somewhat lazy in defence. The opposition had an amazing shooter who could hit a sparrow from a mile off and the All Stars watched in vain as he sank basket after basket; the team drawing even and eventually overtaking our

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heroes. Oliver had a strong game, making plenty of charges and Cameron was quick, effective and made intelligent choices in defence. Sam and Alistair both scored well although tended to get swamped in the key. Ben showed a great deal of improvement in playing under pressure, keeping passes controlled and maintaining an awareness of the changing court dynamics. Eric had a blinder, scoring lots of points and working hard in defence. Nick's return to the game was noticeable, reinforcing the All Stars' defensive game, although he was perhaps too overenthusiastic and momentarily fell into too many fouls.

Mr Byron Christie (Coach)

Pumas Vs ASC Bronze (25-2-11)

44-11 Win

What a wonderful score Pumas! The girls played as a strong and effective team and the ASC girls didn't even get a chance to score in the first half. A basket was scored every couple of minutes and the score kept rising as almost every girl on the team contributed to the score. The Pumas have clearly listened all the tips passed down to them and showed this on Friday by playing together and well thought out match. Although many fouls were collected on both sides, the Pumas gave as good as they got and refused to be beaten.

Puma of the Pack deservedly goes to Elyse Owens who's shooting was back on top form and she never tired, always all over the whole court ready to attack, defend and score.

Miss Floss Edward (Coach)

Scots Fireflies Vs Scots Angels (25th Feb (24:34- WIN)

The team's victory was well deserved this week. The girls worked well as a team in order to defeat their peers in this week's game. The girls were not put off by the fact that they were playing their school mates and remained focused on the game. The girls all played well and contributed to the win in their own way baskets were scored by: Laura Wright, Maddison Hohnberg, Sarah Traycevska-Twaits, Ellie Craft, Jasmine Kanavas and Annabel Shephard. Within the game the girls demonstrated their skills and showed off how much they have improved as they have become more confident in the game. All in all it was a pleasant match to watch. This week's girl of the game goes to Vicki Ng for her consistent team spirit. Well done girls you should be very proud of your win this week- keep it up.

Miss Libby Worthington (Coach)

Equestrian . . .

This weekend was extremely busy with a dressage and showjumping clinic on Saturday with all students participating. The students rode exceptionally well and should be congratulated on the way they conducted themselves. Their improvement each week is astonishing. They are all working towards being at their peak for both our Highland Gathering Showjumping Comp and for Coona in June. It takes many months for our riders to get their horses fit for such comps and all riders are on their way with a great training program.

On Sunday we had Jack and Emma at the Oberon Campdraft (see report) and we had India competing at the CWDG Combined Training Day. She placed very well in her dressage.

I would like to thank the P&F who have purchased us a portable dressage arena. We will pick it up in the next few weeks. It will be great to have our own.

This week is a big week for 2 of our students. Annabelle Townsend and Lachie Dawes will trek down to Sydney on Wednesday to represent the school at the State Interschool Championships. Just to compete at this prestigious event is an occasion as riders must qualify for it. Annabelle will compete in the Showman and dressage comps whilst Lachie will compete in the eventing. With riders from all over NSW competing it should be a great experience for both Annabelle and Lachie. We wish them all the very best of luck and more importantly that they have a great time.

by Emma Boland (Year 11)

Can all riders please make sure they have their Evans Crowns notes back to me and that they have picked up their Coona notes.

Mrs Dawes

Touch Rugby . . .

Scots vs. All Saints and Kinross

The senior team played well against All Saints and they managed to keep the score low. The junior team was flat in defence and allowed too many tries through. Lucy Woods and Maddie Hohnberg were strong in attack. The Senior team attacked and defended well against All Saints, but could not keep up the same effort against a much improved Kinross team. We were beaten by better teams on the day.

Thanks to both teams for a good year. Thanks to Hugo Newell and Mr Weekes for all their help throughout the year.

Mr Martin Coyte (Coach)

Water Polo . . .

Water polo Matches versus Stannies

On Friday evening the Junior and Senior water polo teams played against Stannies in the Stannies pool. Our junior team played first and were outstanding considering that we have not trained nor done any skill work in PDHPE lessons this season. Our only chance for coaching occurred with a run through of the rules in the bus on route to Stannies and during the warm up. Some players drew from their playing experience last season and combined well with the new comers and demonstrated great individual and team play. Maddie Hohnberg, Felicity Walker and Sarah Trasveska - Thwaites all demonstrated cool heads when pressured by the Stannies boys and were able to outswim and often out muscle their opponents.



Maddie Hohnberg ready to shoot for goal!

Hugh McKay, Charlotte Inwood and Riley Newell were secure in defence. Nicholas Thomson was a great goal keeper who was able to make great saves then return the ball to the advantage of his team mates with well directed



passes. Henry Quant showed that he had very good skills and kept our teams structure by directing his team mates as to where to play and strengthened our defence by marking the stronger opposition players. Jonathan Gates, had an outstanding debut scoring multiple goals and demonstrating that swimming stamina and speed are aspects of play that are un-coachable. He was like the energizer bunny playing in both attack and defence, covering large areas of the pool. The final score was a victory 4 - 2. Well done!

Jono Gates had a great debut game on the Junior team.

The senior team started off very well against the much stronger and more skilled Stannies boys. Our key players all demonstrated great skills and set up numerous opportunities to score in the first quarter only to be let down with weak shots on goal. Consequently the Stannies boys were able to counter attack quickly which required a large expenditure of energy by our players as they scurried back in defence. Saranne Weekes again demonstrated her great ball control and shooting accuracy by scoring late in the first quarter. The quarter time score was 2 -1 to Stannies. Fatigue took its toll in the second and third quarters and Stannies capitalized by scoring multiple quality goals. In the final quarter our players lifted in defence and prevented the opposition from scoring as often and we also managed to score again. Our best players were Madeleine Conyers, Kaitlin Wright, Saranne Weekes, Anne Christie, Jock Sinclair and debutants Jack Baker and Lachlan Conyers (in goals).

We look forward to playing next week as we have a team mostly made up of females who will fare better against the All Saints team.

Mr. Adams



Maddie Conyers goes for the ball

Cadet Swim Training Day



Gosh -- I hope those packs float!



The cadets were happy to jump into the warm pool at Lithgow



Even the officers had a swim in full uniform. Way to go Major Linins!

Cadet happenings . . .

After a number of parade weeks the Cadet Unit for 2011 is beginning to take shape.

2011 Unit Structure

The unit structure for 2011 consists of three platoons. Platoon One under the leadership of CUO Shaynaya Fitzpatrick, SGT Lachlan Conyers and CPL's Zac Hely, Aaron Druitt and Andrew Coles. Platoon Two will be lead by SSGT Nathan Warton, SGT Oliver Brancourt and CPL's Elyse Owens, Georgina Simcock and Edith Lennon. Platoon Three consists of cadet members of the Pipes and Drums. Overall leadership of the Unit will be in the hands of SNCUO Caitlin McDermid assisted by CSM Angus Dunn, QM SSG Kieran Ball, QSGT Hayden Callan and SGT Ben Spence. A number of Lance Corporal positions are still available and will be finalized after the term one camp.

Cadet Tutor Group

The above cadets all attend the same Tutor Group. A cadet tutor group was initiated last year to assist the leadership team in running the unit and improve communication avenues. Lt. Dundon coordinates this group with Major Linins attending when available. Lt. Dundon has been involved with The Scots Cadet Unit for 23 years. Initially, assisting as a non-cadet officer and for the past 14 years as a cadet officer. Lt. Dundon has substantial experience in orienteering.

National Recognition of Rank

During the January break three cadets attending nationally accredited training courses at Singleton Military Base. Congratulations to SGT Caitlin McDermid who gained qualifications as Cadet Under Officer (CUO). Shaynaya Fitzpatrick gained Sergeant (SGT) and Nathan Warton who gained Corporal (CPL). These 7 day promotions courses occur twice yearly (July and January). All cadets are encouraged to attend these courses. They are significant to the individual cadet, recognizing their efforts and achievements. In addition they are important to the ongoing development of The Scots School Cadet Unit.

Swim Training Day

It was great to see the positive and enthusiastic involvement of the cadet unit in the recent swim training day held at Lithgow pool complex. Although an overcast and cool day the cadets did complete all aspects of the programme. This included a safety jump and swim wearing CAMS. Skills in creating a floatation device using cadet equipment normally carried in webbing and then swimming 50m using this device to stay afloat. Land activities included a game of touch football – enjoyed by a number of cadets and assisting in team building within the platoons and sections.

Wattle Flat Camp

Preparations are well under way for the end of term camp – planned for the Wattle Flat area. An advanced party will set off on the Sunday to prepare the site with the bulk of the unit arriving on the Monday for the three day two night camp experience. Activities will include orienteering, bush craft and RATEL. These camps are a compulsory school activity. A letter in writing to the Headmaster is required at least two weeks prior to the camp if an exemption is requested. Major Linins will be the officer in charge of this camp. Information letters and permission slips will be issued to cadets in the next few weeks.

CAMS/Boots/Pullovers/Floppy hats

A number of new cadets have been successfully issued with their kit. In addition a number of cadets have been issued with part kit. Unfortunately we have exhausted our supplies of the smaller CAMS and all sizes of boots and pullovers. Orders will be placed with the army for re-supply. However this may take up to 6 weeks. Cadets should wear their black school shoes if they do not have boots. Cadets without CAMS should wear their school uniform until 'kitted out'. Generally cadets will be issued with two sets of CAMS.

Year 11

Large numbers of CAMS and other cadet equipment have been returned by year 11 students no longer in the unit. Thank-you. It is important that all equipment be returned, so in the next few weeks students will be approached and reminded to return their gear or at least explain if it is being used by a sibling etc. Non return of gear must be paid for and will appear on the end of term one student account.

Cadet Staff for 2011

Major Juri Linins will again be the Commanding Officer of The Scots School Cadet Unit. He will be ably assisted by Lt Simon Dundon, Lt Gil McKenzie and Mr. Dan Lundberg. The 1/19 Battalion represented by SGT David Flude will provide backup support and logistical equipment for the unit. Mr. John Garretty will assist in a number of areas and be responsible for the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. Ms. Susan Cameron in a part-time capacity will assist with administration and Q stores. To ensure a prompt response/reply to e-mails and correspondence concerning cadets please e-mail Lt Simon Dundon at the school sdundon@scots.nsw.edu.au. Major Linins can be contacted on a Wednesday at jlinins@scots.nsw.edu.au.

This is my third year of involvement in the Cadet Unit and over this time I have seen substantial progress in the development, structure, leadership and organization of the Unit. The attendance and enthusiasm of the cadets on the Swim Training Day is a testament to this statement. In addition the generally polite, well mannered and understanding behavior of 'how the army works' and 'army paperwork' by the cadets greatly assists the staff and our enjoyment of working with the Unit.

-- Ms S Cameron