To Ponder . . .
Need saving? Patterns of behaviour... personal history... broken relationships that enslave and deny a hope for tomorrow?

And as Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem ... Luke writing of Jesus’ transformation in front of Peter, James and John in chapter 9 verses 29-31

Jesus’ life on Earth is a long time ago and so it’s easy for us to forget that before Jesus there is already a great history of God’s saving work among humanity. In the Exodus (~1447BCE) God saves His people out from slavery in Egypt and this is still celebrated by Jews and many Christians in the Passover today.

However, God’s saving work of the Exodus came with a terrible judgment which could only be averted (passed over) by the offering of a spotless lamb as a substitute for every firstborn son.

Need saving?
In God’s Son, Jesus, we are offered the perfect Passover Lamb.

Spelling on Wednesday
8am to 8.30am
We are going to run two spelling classes at the same time on Wednesday mornings. These classes are for remedial spelling where we look at the rules and exceptions and then apply these rules to words needed by High School students. The needs of Australian & International students are a little bit different to each other as the International students are still learning the vocabulary. Therefore, the International students will be working in Room 6 and the Australian students will be working in Room 7. Please let me know if you would like to attend. You can leave a message with Mrs. Shillabeer or see me directly in Room 6.

Mrs Anne Denmead

Elliott Chew top scored for the First XI.

Friends of Band Meeting
There will be a FOPD meeting next Monday, 14th March in the Library at 5pm. We will be discussing the Highland Gathering band competition and Ceilidh. This will be the last meeting before the Highland Gathering so it would be great to see everyone there. Please also make sure that you check your emails for rosters. Thank you

Lynda Ireland 0408 675 642

Highland Gathering Meeting
Wednesday, 9th March at 5:00 p.m. in the Library. This is the final meeting before the Highland Gathering. Everyone welcome! Please attend.
From the Headmaster . . .

From the Headmaster…

Scots continues to be a busy place with lots of wonderful things happening.

The annual 1st XI versus Old Boys Cricket match was a fabulous day on Sunday with the Old Boys taking out the match after being put under some pressure early in their innings. It took some excellent batting in the latter overs to enable them to post a good total of 179 off their 40 overs. This proved too much in the end for the First XI who only lost five wickets but fell short of the run target. It was good to meet the Old Boys who are so proud of their school and enjoy coming back for this fixture. Four of them were over sixty but still batted and bowled with great guile and precision to make up for being a little slower on their feet. The highlights for the First XI were a half century to Elliott Chew (photo right) and 41 not out to Captain Millaine Longmore.

Millaine Longmore, spent the day in Orange before returning late in the day to the Cricket. He performed very strongly indeed to finish second at this level. Well done Millaine.

Stage 3 students and their teacher, Mrs Robinson, are very busy creating a rainforest in their class room. This is part of an Integrated Learning Unit where HSIE, English, Art, Music, Drama and Information Technology units are combined and research skills are developed. The students are very excited about the work they are doing and the transformation to their class room. Part of the unit requires them to present a speech to the class on one of two topics relevant to rainforests.

Mr Matus took his Year 9 Agriculture students to the Mudgee Show on the weekend for a very successful show exhibiting sheep. A junior handlers’ competition was held with each junior (about 20) receiving an arm band number and the judge observing their efforts during the day’s judging of the sheep. Robbie Hayward in his first show was placed second behind a very experienced girl working with her family stud. The students were also successful with stock. The school’s Poll Dorset ewe was awarded first in the Spring Ewe Lamb Class. The sheep that the students exhibited were awarded a champion, reserve champion, two firsts, two seconds and three thirds. Competition was very tough as all the other competitors’ sheep were older and therefore bigger. Excellent support from a number of parents also made for a tremendous day for the students.

Lachie Dawes (Yr 8) and Annabelle Townsend (Yr 11) attended the NSW Inter Schools Equestrian Championships held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre last week. They were both tremendous ambassadors for our school and we are very proud of the way they both conducted themselves, treated their horses and supported one another. It was a wonderful experience for both of them at this high level of competition.

Lachie Dawes finished in the middle of the field with a 19th placing in Eventing. (Dressage, Showjumping and Cross Country). Annabelle Townsend finished 1st in dressage for showman; 8th in showman overall; 5th in 1d dressage and 6th in 2d dressage. Well done to both students.
This week, we wish our Preparatory School Swimming Team all the best at the AICES Swimming Carnival at Homebush along with our senior triathlon competitors at the NSW Inters-Schools event at Penrith. Year 12 will attend the University Roadshow to think about possible careers and Interim Reports will be posted for all students in Years 7, 11 and 12 and all new students in Years 8-10.

My School 2 Website
On Friday 4 March 2011, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) launched the My School 2.0 website (www.myschool.edu.au)

The website provides profiles on each school, including ours, and includes information about the school such as numbers of students and staff, attendance rates and results from the national literacy and numeracy tests. For the first time, the website now also includes information about school finances and student gain in NAPLAN. The website shows comparisons between our school’s NAPLAN results and those from schools serving students from statistically similar backgrounds across Australia – we can see how our school is performing against other schools with statistically similar students. From this, we can see in what areas our school is doing well and where we need to look to make improvements. The website also now shows student gain information, so that we can acknowledge how our students have progressed over time. Financial information for our school is also shown, with 2009 recurrent income and capital expenditure displayed broken down by source of funding.

I encourage parents to look beyond the first page on the website and to also interpret what is presented in the full context of what we offer at Scots. If you have any questions you can go directly to the ACARA information desk (at 1300 895 563), or please contact the school.

The NAPLAN results are consistent with our expectations. They provide useful information to help teachers plan their teaching programs for continuous improvement but are only one measure we use and should not be overstated. It is also important to note that variations in results from year to year can be due to the small group size especially in the Preparatory School and that comparison of performance from 2009 only apply to students who were at the school two years ago. This is particularly important in considering the results from Year 5 to Year 7 due to the greater intake of students in Year 7.

It is also important to remember that The Scots School believes in a holistic education which cannot be simply measured by literacy and numeracy testing important as these are. The value added emphasis of our school is vital to who we are, something I have emphasized in recent newsletters this term.

Vitally important to me is the parent/school partnership. Regular communication between parents and teachers through the school diary, the reports written by our teachers and sent to parents twice a year and parent teacher interviews are the best way to measure progress and work together for consistent academic improvement. If you have any concerns or questions, please talk to your child's teachers.

Have a great week…

David Gates

Our keen Lithgow students did a fine job of searching for rubbish for Clean Up Australia Day last week.
From the Deputy Head . . .

This week is changeover week to the majority of Winter sports. It seems a timely occasion to examine the importance of our sporting programme at Scots. I believe that regular participation in a team based sporting activity builds:

* resilience
* reliability
* consideration of others
* good humour
* time management and planning skills
* loyalty to school

It is my conviction that students at Scots demonstrate exemplary qualities on the sporting field and I would urge all families to support the Winter sports programme as a key component of our shared character mission with students.

Planning is well in place for the festivities associated with the Highland Gathering weekend. I would urge attendance of all Scots families at the Ceilidh, to be held on Saturday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. This is a truly magnificent spectacle and a showcase for the work of Mr Mackenzie and the students of the Pipes & Drums. The Highland Gathering will be held on Sunday, 27th March. This is marked as a compulsory activity for all students on the cardboard calendar. Students will be rostered to assist with their designated House activity on this very important day.

Finally, could I commend to all families the Highlander as an excellent publication, showcasing the achievements of our students and informing all families of school programmes and activities. Each family should have weekly access to the Highlander on Mondays through the various distribution arms:

- Distribution on the front drive to all secondary day students at pick up time.
- Distribution at boarding house level at Monday evening house meeting.
- Posting on the website by 3:00 p.m. on the day of publication. http://www.scots.nsw.edu.au
- Emailing to all families who have supplied Mrs Shillabeer with an email address. Should you wish to be added to the email distribution list, please email a request to reception@scots.nsw.edu.au
- Pick up from the distribution box outside the staffroom from 5:00 p.m. Monday

Should you have any difficulty accessing the Highlander, please do not hesitate to contact me. lfleming@scots.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Lynne Fleming
Deputy Head

Secondary School Calendar

MARCH
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
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. Notes are due back now!

CSU My Day: Communications Tuesday, 15th March. Please return permission slips ASAP.

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
THE HIGHLAND GATHERING IS FAST APPROACHING
SUNDAY 27TH MARCH 2011

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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.

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Belinda Boshier has agreed to coordinate these stalls and you can contact her on 63324645 or by email belindalee.bb@gmail.com.

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Year 10 & 11 Parents
We haven’t forgotten you. Details are being finalised regarding your year parents and details will be in next weeks Highlander. If you would like to volunteer prior to then please e-mail Gillian Shannon at skdags@hotmail.com.

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Clean Up Australia Day
Schools Clean Up Day last Friday March 4 was a fantastic event. Thanks to all the children from Pre-Prep to Year 12 Bathurst and Lithgow who participated. Pleasingly we did not find too much rubbish – that’s great but it was also great to clean up those bits we found!

Please see photos in this week’s Highlander – Thanks again and Well Done!

HICES Leadership Day
Tuesday March 1 was a huge day for the Year 6 leaders. Run by Rising Generations the HICES Leadership Day is a fun but challenging day involving lots of games, activities and getting out of the comfort zone. Rising Generations encourage the Leaders to fulfil their potential and the day is inspiring and thought-provoking.

The Leaders ended the day with a presentation ‘TV Ad’ to the 280 or so students there about how they would make an impact on our school this year. The theme the Prep Leaders chose was participation with the ‘slogan’ Believe and Achieve.

We look forward to seeing how this group will put their commitment into action over the coming months.

World Maths Day
On Tuesday March 1 the Prep School participated in World Maths Day. Classes took it in turn throughout the day to log on to Mathletics. Students played against other students around the world in live games of mental arithmetic. Each game lasted for 60 seconds and students could play up to 100 games, earning points for their personal tally.

In 2011 there were:
191 Nations represented
32,513 Schools participated
1,180,272 Students participated
428,598,214 Questions correctly answered

The children had great fun. The average number of games played was 39 but some children reached into the 70s; a great effort with many children improving their accuracy throughout the games. Mr A Travers
Prep P& F + AGM
The Prep P& F each year puts together an email list of parents to help keep them informed of events. Shevahn Telfser is working on this now. If you would like to be included please phone Shevahn or email telfser@iprimus.com.au. Thanks.

Bathurst Campus Prep P&F Annual General Meeting will be held Friday 4 April, 7pm in the Performing Arts Centre. Please mark the date in your diary; we’d love you to attend and to have a say in the contribution the P&F make to the life of the Preparatory School.

Helping Out
Now that the year is settling down 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. 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.

Winter Sports
Mr Travers is seeking expressions of interest in Winter sports competitions. Netball is already under way and summer sports are drawing to a close. Please complete your Winter Sport Nomination Form and return it as soon as possible. Our aim this year is to have every student in a team!

Tennis
Please contact Mrs Robinson for information if you would like to be involved in tennis lessons run by the Bathurst Tennis Centre on Wednesday afternoon.

HICES Swimming
Mr Andrew Travers
The HICES swimming carnival is on tomorrow. We wish the team all the best. The bus leaves at 5am! Parents are carpooling so we look forward to lots of support at SOPAC.
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Mar 8    PR    HICES swimming @ Homebush
Mar 9    HICES Meeting @ TIGS
Mar 18-19 Lx    Lithgow Show
Mar 21    PR    Public Speaking in classes
Sun 27 Mar    TSS Highland Gathering
Mon 4 Apr Bx    Prep P&F 7pm
Fri 8 Apr    PR    Cross Country& Easter Hats

Hook into Hockey at Scots Lithgow

Here are the Lithgow students participating in the “Hook into Hockey” training with Mr Writer. All students had a wonderful time learning about the game of hockey.
Bathurst Pre-Prep . . .

Term 1 Week 6.

Sounds Program
This week Pre-Prep will continue with their exciting sounds program. Our next sound is “s”. Our rhyme is Soft snake sliding s,s,s… and in Letterland we will meet Sammy Snake. For craft expect to see spiders, snails, seals snakes, sunflowers, squares, stars, Spot, Scarecrows and Snowmen.

Found After Sprinkler Day
We have a few items in the classroom left from sprinkler day. If you are missing any towels or other items please look on the front sign in table.

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.

Highland Gathering
The Highland Gathering is the Scots Schools’ Annual Fete. Please keep Sunday 27th March free to come and support our school. It is always a wonderful day with lots for all the family including the children.

Town Library Visit
Pre-Prep thoroughly enjoyed their first visit to the Bathurst city Library for Story Time. The theme was dragons and fairies with some lovely books, songs and masks for our craft. All of the children displayed beautiful manners which was wonderful to see. The bus trip was also another huge highlight!

Clean Up Australia Day
Pre-Prep did a wonderful job helping to clean up the rubbish around the School last Friday. We all wore gloves and cleaned the playground and around the boarding house. We collected half a bag of rubbish which will help keep our school beautiful.

Coming Events
Wk 7 – Teddy Bear’s Picnic
Sponsor Child Fundraiser

Mrs Inglis and Mrs Chapman

Lithgow Pre-Prep . . .

Week 6 Term 1

Sounds Programme
This week we will be learning all about the Letter S and our song is soft snake sliding sss. Expect to see slippery snakes, scary spiders and smiling suns. Next week the letter will be T and our song will be Teapots Tipping ttt. Many families are encouraging their children to sing these songs at home to, so well done and keep it up. Every time your child repeats something their learning is reinforced.

Teddy Bears Picnic
Next week on Wednesday, we will be having a Teddy Bears Picnic. Please ask your child to bring in their favourite teddy to share our day with us. Mrs Lang will be supplying some little treats for everyone to share. (these will be NUT free to comply with our policy)

Afternoon Tea
Thanks to those families who attended our brief afternoon tea. It was good to have an informal chat and catch up and the children and some fun running around and playing. We will try to have another one soon.

Computer Disks Sale
Catalogues for these are available on the sign in desk. If you’re interested please grab on and return with your payment prior to 18th March.

Book Club
Book club orders are due to teachers on Friday 18th March.

Signing In and Out
Please ensure that you have, or the people who are bringing and collecting your child signed them in and out each day. It only takes a few seconds and it is extremely important we have accurate records in case of emergencies.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures
Over the next couple of weeks we will be practising our emergency evacuation procedures. So if they come home and tell you about a “fire” at school, it will hopefully only be a pretend one. Ask them what they need to do under these circumstances.

Till Next time
Take Care,
Mrs Lang
**Sport at Scots . . .**

Secondary School Sports Bulletin Week 6 Term 1

**Winter Sports Training**

Due to the early start of the netball season and two pre-season rugby trials this term 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.

Sportspower Discount

All students at Scots are entitled to a 10% discount from all shoes, boots, sports/safety equipment and casual clothes at Sportspower in Howick St. Simply let the friendly staff know that you attend Scots when paying for your purchases.

**Thank you**

Thank you to Mr Lee and Mr Dawes for giving up their time to introduce the Year 7 boys to Rugby over the past four Monday afternoons.

**WAS Netball Trials and Hockey Trials**

Last Tuesday the Open girls and 15s girls WAS Netball trials were held at Kinross. It was evident that all students from all schools were not quite ready for the start of the netball season; however, the standard of play was very high. Each of our teams played a shortened game versus All Saints and Kinross. From these matches a players were selected into a possible’s and probable’s match. In the 15s, Ellie Fricker, Jasmine Kanavas and Ellie Craft played in this match with Ellie Craft making final selection into the WAS team in the centre court/wing attack position.

In the Opens we had Madeleine Conyers and Caitlin McDermid play in the possible’s probable’s match but neither of the girls gained final team selection.

**Old Boys Cricket**

On Sunday we had the annual Old Boys and 1st XI cricket match on the Main Oval. The Old Boys batted first scoring in excess of 170 runs. Significant run scorers included Greg Radford, Bruce Webb, Oliver Whys and Kevin Nott. The 1st XI were confident that they could chase this down but unfortunately ran out of over’s falling about 40 runs short. Elliott Chew scored a half century and Millaine Longmore scored 41.

It was a very enjoyable day and we thank the Old Boys for their commitment to playing in the match and to the many spectators that came along and supported both teams.

**Upcoming Sport Events**

Key sport dates for this term.

- **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)*
Tennis . . .

Saturday, March 5th 2011 was the annual W.A.S. Doubles Competition held at the Wade Park Courts in Orange. This competition operates as a Cup and Plate fixture. All the Scots students represented their school creditably.

In the Junior competition, the school was represented by Megan Booth, Nicholas Thomson, Jack Bird and Jasmin Kanavas. Megan and Nick faced challenging opposition throughout the morning, but demonstrated determined play. Jack and Jasmin won through to the final of the Junior Plate event, going down in an engrossing match (1-6). They are a promising combination who will develop consistency in 2012.

In the Intermediate competition, our representatives were Hayden Callan, Kalyan Manning, Timothy Burrey and Lachlan Conyers. Hayden and Kalyan always exhibit ambition and reliability in their play. They were challenged throughout the morning by assured opponents. Tim and Lachlan also won through to the finals of the Plate event, going down in an engrossing match (1-6). They are a promising combination who will develop consistency in 2012.

In the Seniors competition our representatives were Steven Choi, Ruby Hackfath, Alexandra Bird and Christopher Squire. Steven and Ruby were tested, but acquitted themselves consistently. Alexandra and Chris were unlucky to go down (3-6) in round two of the Plate as they are an effective and capable combination.

I wish to particularly thank the Senior students for whom this was their last official tennis fixture for Scots. In particular, I wish to express my appreciation to Alexandra Bird who has been the unassuming lynchpin in her age division for the past two and a half years, and a consistent representative in the division since Year 7-2006. Thank you Alexandra.

Mrs Lynne Fleming

right: Old Boy Chris Porter batting on Saturday.

Water Polo . . .

Water polo Matches Tri Series versus Stannies and All Saints

Last Friday evening the Junior and Senior water polo teams played against Stannies and All Saints in a tri series round of matches in the Stannies pool. Each team played each other for 10 minutes, resulting in a 20 minute game for each team.

Our junior team continued their good form from last week beating Stannies 6 - 1. They then remained in the pool for another match versus All Saints. Unfortunately a lack of positional structure and too much individual rather than team play allowed the well drilled All Saints team too much time and space with the ball. The result a 6 – 1 loss. Goal scorers for the night included Zach Telfser (2), Jono Gates (3), Maddie Hohnberg.

Our senior team was down a few of our stars from the previous week leaving us a little vulnerable in defence. We went down to All Saints 6-1 in the first game and down to Stannies 5 -0 in the second game. We need to work hard to flood back in defence and put our hands high in the air to block shots on goal. Best players were Saranne Weekes, Kaitlin Wright and Jock Sinclair.

Mr. Adams
Old Boys Cricket 6/3/11

The annual Old Boys game is always a great occasion on the cricket calendar, and this year was no different. We had a great crowd turn up to support all the boys and we were really keen to get off to a great start.

Before long, we had the Old Boys in trouble! At 9 for 136, it looked like we would be chasing a total under 150. But it was not to be! An unbroken last wicket partnership took their total up to 9 for 179 at the close of their innings, and we knew it would be tough to chase down that total against a bowling attack that was always quality.

Our run chase got off to the worst possible start, losing three early wickets. We were right behind the eight ball before Elliott Chew and Lachlan Perry (below) began to steady the ship, taking our score up to the 50 mark before Lachlan was undone by the unpredictable pitch, chipping one that bounced a bit more than he expected back to the bowler. We were struggling again. Kieran Ball played admirably in his first game for the First XI this year, and Elliott was powering along, but when Kieran also lost his wicket we needed one good partnership to give us any chance.

I was stoked to share one last good partnership with Elliott, and we started to push our score up past the 100 mark. But when Elliott (photo on page 2) edged one through to the keeper for a very well made 59, the Old Boys (Bruce Webb and Joshua Bayliss pictured above) were back on top. I tried to lift our score as high as possible towards the end, but it was all in vain. It was good to finish my career at Scots with some personal success and a great partnership with Elliott, but we fell 40 runs short of the Old Boys total. This was the closest we’ve been in the time I’ve been at Scots and hopefully next year the Firsts can be even closer!

Thankyous must go to Mr Adams and Mr Lovell for umpiring all day, Mr Maher and Mr Marshall for scoring, and all the people who turned up to watch our final game of the season.

Finally to the First XI, thankyou for a great year. It has had its ups and its downs, but it was always enjoyable and was great to be a part of. As the Year 12’s leave, it is now up to the next generation of Scots cricketers to build on the platform that is there and make Scots a force in the ISA competition again. It is sad for me to play my last game for the school, but also I’m excited about the junior cricketers that can turn our first XI into an elite team. So to all Scots cricketers, thanks for all the memories over the years, and good luck in the future!

Millaine Longmore (Captain)

Under 13 Cricket

The Under 13’s produced another “gutsy” and determined effort on day one of their fixture –v- Rugby Union. Batting first, Rugby Union reached 2/117 at the end of their 25 overs, a score which could have been far greater had it not been for some enthusiastic fielding. Zach Telsfer led the way and a “hobbling” Hikari pulled off some great saves. Apart from a couple of missed chances the overall effort of the team was outstanding. The bowlers also bowled very tightly with Lachie Marshall, Aiden Telsfer, Zach Telsfer, Jono Gates, Luke Newman and Ned Dawson
all proving economical. In his only over Hikari claimed a valuable wicket.

In reply we had reached 2/57 at stumps. Our intent was to ensure we had a solid start which was provided by Ned Dawson and Lachie Marshall with a wonderfully controlled opening partnership of 39. Sadly Lachie fell to the penultimate ball of the day for a well compiled 22. Coming in toward the end of the day Jono Gates made his intentions clear with a quickfire 14 and we will be looking for more runs from Jono next week to set our opponents a total to chase. We have plenty of batting still to come and hopefully can add another 125 – 150 in our remaining overs next week.

I end my report this week with a sincere thankyou to Conner Behrendt. Conner (and Jesse Wells) turn up every week and are two of the most dedicated at training. Being younger than most of the other players they have received limited opportunities this year but are uncomplaining and maintain their enthusiasm and spirit. Last Saturday, knowing we had more than the required number of players, Conner volunteered to “pull out” and assist another team which was short of players. A most unselfish gesture but the kind of attitude shown by all the players in the team when they have had to be “subbed” to allow everyone a “run”.

Mr Brian Mair (Coach)

Welcome back Old Boys!

Combined team photo . . .

U14 Cricket vs Stannies

We completed our last competition game on Saturday. Even though we didn’t win, there were many excellent performances from our players. Stannies batted first and at the end of their overs reached 260 runs. Our team showed great improvement in their ground fielding and catching. Leading wicket takers were Cameron Chew 2/33, Cal Behrendt 2/51 and Kieran Ball 1/28.

We batted next and even though our completed first innings fell short, there were excellent batting performances from Zac Gates (21) and Cal Behrendt (15). We commenced our second innings with only 20 minutes remaining. Sparkling cameos from Iori Hashida (11 runs) and Kieran Ball (15 runs) left us 0/33 at the end of play.

Our player of the day was Cal Behrendt who took 2 wickets, achieved his highest ever batting score and took an excellent catch. We would like to thank Connor Behrendt for his excellent fielding as our 12th man.

Our team has improved its skills in all areas of the game through the season. We are looking forward to further improvement and more fun next season. We will be finishing our cricket commitments with a keenly anticipated parents versus players game next Saturday, commencing at 9:00 a.m. A barbecue will be supplied. The parents will have to be at the top of their form to beat this team of rising Scots Stars.

Cameron Chew (Captain)
Geoff Chew (Assistant Coach)
Basketball . . .

**Fireflies vs Coyotes**
Score: 23:17- lose

Unfortunately the girls faced a tough team in the form of the Coyotes on Friday. Despite the girls taking the lead at the start of the game, the Coyotes fought back with force, resulting in their win. Baskets were scored by, Annabel Shephard, Ellie Craft, Maddison Hohnberg and Laura Wright. This week's girl of the game is awarded to Annabel Shephard for her invaluable contribution to the score board.

**Coach: Olivia Worthington**

**Angels Triumph in Tense Match**

Last Friday night the Scots Angels took to the court to tackle ASC White in a tightly contested match. The Angels were determined from the outset with Philippa Shephard, Rachel Hibbins and Sophia Iwasaki forming a formidable defensive combination. Felicity Walker, Lucy Woods and Natalie Bowles each added a point to the score in the first half while Brooke Andrew pocketed two to send the Angels into half time just a point behind ASC White. The match well within reach, the Angels entered the second half in the chase for victory. ASC White upped the ante and the tussle for points continued as the lead began to see sawing between the teams. Natalie Bowles added two more baskets to the tally, Chelsea McKay another two while Lucy Woods and Brooke Andrew led the charge with four and five baskets respectively. The Angels played out the second half like a well-oiled machine to come away with a much deserved win 35-24.

**Mrs Angela Davis (Coach)**

**Lionesses Leap past Fruit Loops**

Next up on court were the Scots Lionesses, eager to prove their mettle against one of the competition leaders, the Fruit Loops. The game began slowly with both teams wary in defence. Hannah Schulz kicked off the scoring for the Lionesses in the first half and her lead was followed by Jessica McGrath who added another five baskets and Alayne White with a single. The Lionesses went into the second half in the hunt for the game. Tactically, the girls shone in the second twenty minutes, blocking and defending their opposition out of the game. Alyssa Weekes, Georgina Porter, Eloise Weekes and Nikki Butler worked a smart combination while Jessica McGrath(1), Stefanie Schultz(1) and Caitlin McDermaid(2) added the extras required to pip their opposition at the post and consign them to scoring a single point in the second half. The final score 22-18 in favour of the Lionesses marked a well-deserved victory.

**Mr Geoff Hayward (Coach)**

**All Stars vs. All Stars (34-33 Loss)**

This game, which shall henceforth be known as “the attack of the clones” was very close, with neither opponent willing to give an inch. The layups of the All Stars were impressive and seemed to be able to cut through the Scots’ defensive lines. However, field goals and 3-point shots from our heroes kept the scores even throughout the match. The end result: Scots falling one point short. Travis amassed many points, including a huge 3-point shot. Sam and Alistair also made some excellent field goals. Ben and Angus showed dexterity and made some useful steals. Nick and Eric played a level-headed game in the face of very strong defence. Both Oliver and Cameron made some great rebounds, despite a very imposing, opposing centre. All in all an All Star game.

**Byron Christie (Coach)**

**Scots Players versus Animals (30-10 Loss)**

This was a challenging game for the Players, who struggled to complete their attempts at the basket. Anson played a fine game, with some dazzling lay-ups and ball skill. Tommy also made some crowd-pleasing points, although both players were fouled off in the last quarter. Evan, Zac and Jae played with strength and confidence. Linus and Vic found great court position and were able to feed the ball in to the key. Jacky played with high energy and was accidentally fouled off early. Dylan played his first game and he made some useful passes at critical moments. This was a strong and bustling game and the Players are to be commended on restricting the Animals to this score.

**Byron Christie (Coach)**

**Scots Lions v. NITC**

A relatively close game on the scoreboard, however the opposition did have the game under control and they were successful in the end handing us a 35-45 loss. The boys need to maintain their confidence and play the full forty minutes as they will let the team down.

**Mr Geoff Hayward (Coach)**

**Scots Vipers v. Silver Miners**

A hard fought game made more difficult by the size and skill of the opposing centre player who made scoring in close to the basket very difficult. However, the boys showed great spirit and continued to persevere with great passing and excellent pressure defence. Final Score a loss 46-20.

**Mr Geoff Hayward (Coach)**
Equestrian . . .

Scots Equestrians Excel!!!!
The Scots School Equestrian team continues to grow with outstanding results not only at the State Interschool Equestrian Championships but also in the Equiskills Program.

The Equiskills program is an educational program coordinated by Equestrian Australia. The Scots School delivers this course to our secondary students as part of the equestrian program. The students undergo instruction in both riding and horse management. Once all of the course requirements are achieved the riders are granted their Introductory Horse Riding and Horse Management certificates. These are nationally recognised certificates.

The Scots School is the only school in the Central West of NSW that provides this training as part of their equestrian program.

Four of our students have already passed this course and are now working towards their Level 1 certificates. Alice Godwin, Annabelle Townsend, India Toole and Lachie Dawes have exceeded expectations by achieving their certificates in 6 months.

Two of our equestrian students have just returned from the State Interschool Equestrian Championships held at SIEC at Horsely Park. Annabelle Townsend road Calwalla Black Opal and took out the Showman Dressage and as well as 8th in showman overall, 5th in 1d dressage and 6th in 2d dressage. This was an outstanding result as she is now in the Senior Division and the competition is extremely high. Lachie Dawes rode his warmblood Hanigan in the eventing division of the competition. The Sydney crowds did upset his young horse at the beginning meaning he did not score well in the dressage but he completed the challenging cross country course clear and closest to the optimum time. He also rode a tremendous clear round of showjumping meaning he climbed the ladder and was placed mid field in his age group in the State.

The Scots School Equestrian Program is getting bigger and better with regular Dressage and Showjumping clinics with outstanding instructors (Megan Joerg Level 2 and Coach educator and Bardi Mannix). The school is hosting a Showjumping event on Sunday 27th of March including a Speed Derby which involves riders jumping both Showjumps and Cross Country jumps in the one course. (Entry forms are available of the Schools website www.scots.nsw.edu.au)

Mrs Libby Dawes

Rugby . . .

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