



Weekly News

4 May 2009

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**Meeting Tonight -- 4th May
at 4:00 pm in Room 9
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and PARENTS**

Information will be provided regarding the Coona Horse Show coming up. Mrs Dawes hopes to see all parents and students at the meeting.

To Ponder . . .

Before we look at the next question in our series I ask that the Scots community would keep Aaron Druitt and his family in our thoughts and prayers. Aaron is a much loved student in Year Eight who has been ill for a significant amount of time. This has meant he has spent much time apart from friends and it is important that we give Aaron and his family our support.

May our God watch over Aaron and his family, may God give them strength to endure this time of difficulty and may God restore Aaron to full health. Amen.

Q'n 4. What is God?

A God is Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

All of you angels in heaven, honour the glory and power of the Lord! Honour the wonderful name of the Lord, and worship the Lord most holy and glorious. The voice of the Lord echoes over the oceans. The glorious Lord God thunders above the roar of the raging sea, and his voice is mighty and marvellous...

The Lord rules on his throne, king of the flood forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace! Psalms 29:1-4, 10-11

We will spend some time over the next few weeks looking at this question... I hope we will grow in our understanding of just how much *more* God is than we could ever expect.

...Chaplain

Front Drive -- Morning and Evening Plea!! Safety Concerns!!

Parents in private vehicles delivering and collecting children morning and evening on the front drive are asked to please park as close to kerb as possible and only on the right side of the drive.. The town buses are having difficulty getting through. Ensure children enter and exit your vehicle on the kerb side please.

From the Headmaster . . .

I have been very pleased with the manner in which the School has settled into the new term. Students have been engaged in the classroom and a number of activities are already under way which indicates that we have a busy term ahead of us. Another indicator is that the School Social for the term was held last Friday as this was the only Friday when there was not another activity on. Thank you all the staff and SRC members who organised and supervised a very enjoyable evening.



Mr Richards congratulating Lachlie Dawes and Dylan Brown at the Sydney Royal Show

The main event this week is the School Play which is on Thursday and Friday and is the first production in our school for the new Drama teacher, Byron Christie. I know the cast and crew are looking forward to presenting 'Lockie Leonard' and I am sure that all students will enjoy the play and I urge them to support our budding thespians in their endeavours. I hope they all 'break a leg'.

We again have an equestrian activity on the weekend, where the team will be hoping to learn the finer points of show jumping from a specialist instructor in preparation for the Coonabarabran Equestrian Event later in the term.

On Thursday evening at 6 pm in Room 9 in the Main Quad there will be an information evening for parents and carers of Year 6 students interested in entering the School in Year 7 in 2010. All parents, carers and students in this year are invited to attend. The Year 7, 2010 Experience Day will be on Friday and the scholarship examination is on Saturday morning.

Congratulations to all the Swimmers and Divers who competed in the CIS Carnival at Homebush on Thursday. I know the standard is extremely high, and all our students competed with distinction. Kyle Skinner and Hamish Fisher will move onto the State Diving Championships and we wish them well at that competition. Thank you to Mr Doney and Mr Adams who accompanied the students and enabled them to gain experience at this level of competition.

-- *Tim Richards*

Helpers Needed!!

The Parents and Friends group and the Friends of the Pipes & Drums have offered to cater for the State Dog Show that is being held at the school on the weekend of May 9 and 10. This will involve cooking and selling breakfast and lunch near Thompson House with all proceeds going to the P&F on Saturday and the FOPD on Sunday. We are looking for helpers from 6:30am-9:30am and from 12:30pm-2:30pm on both days. Parents new to the school and the pipe band are invited to come along -- it's a great way to get to know school families.

If you are able to volunteer for an hour or so, please contact:

Ross Andrew (P&F) on 0427 294 869

Lynda Ireland (FOPD) on 0408 675 642 or 63375642ah

From the Deputy . . .

This week is a very important one in the school calendar. In our Open Days and Scholarship Program, we look forward to welcoming potential new students and their families. The specifics of the program are as follows:

*Thursday, 7th May - Information talks for parents of Year 7-2010 at 6:00 pm in Room 9. Parents are cordially invited to enjoy a cup of tea at 5:30 pm in the library before the talk. The purposes of this talk are to explain our philosophies and procedures at Scots and to introduce families to one another.

*Friday, 8th May - Year 7 Experience Day. Parents and students are to meet Miss Greig (Enrolments Officer) outside Karralee at 8:30 am and to collect their students from the same place at 3:30 pm. Mr Lee has put together an exciting program of activities for the day, culminating with a matinee performance of "*Lockie Leonard-Human Torpedo*" at 2 pm. Students should wear neat casual clothing with shoes suitable for sporting activities. It is very important that the school is notified of any medical issues prior to students attending on the day.

*Saturday, 9th May - Scholarship Day. Students should assemble outside Aikman Hall at 8:30 am. They will be dismissed from Aikman Hall at 12 noon. Information sessions for parents and family will begin in the Dining Hall at 9:00 am. Students should wear neat casual clothing. It is very important that the school is notified of any medical issues prior to students attending on the day.

Lockie Leonard

This week our support and gratitude goes to Mr Christie and the students of Years 9 and 10 Drama classes. I have been very impressed with the calm, disciplined and responsible way that students have supported Mr Christie in their rehearsal for this production. The whole school is really excited and I urge you to attend one of the performances.

Performances are on Thursday, 7th & Friday, 8th May at 6:30 p.m. Ticket prices for this event are just \$8 adult and \$5 student/pensioner, and will be available at the door.

I believe strongly in our co-curricular program at Scots. Our students are resilient and responsible individuals with the confidence to contribute to the best of their ability across a wide range of fields. The skills that they attain here will sustain them across their lives

Mrs Lynne Fleming

Lockie Leonard - Human Torpedo

The Scots School – Bathurst is staging 'Lockie Leonard – Human Torpedo', written by Tim Winton and Paige Gibbs. Ticket prices for this event are just \$8 adult and \$5 student/pensioner, and will be available at the door.

Performances are on Thursday, 7th & Friday, 8th May at 6:30 p.m. with a Matinee at 2:00 pm on Friday, 8th May.

Open Day and Scholarship Exam Day Saturday, 9th May

The Scots School invites prospective students and parents to Open Day on Saturday, 9th May 2009. The school will be open for tours of all facilities and ACER scholarship examinations will be held for students seeking scholarships for entry to Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2010. Further information can be obtained by phoning Megan Greig (Enrolments Officer) on 6331-2766.

Parents of Year 7 students (2010) are invited to an Information Session on Thursday, 7th May beginning at 6:00 pm in Room 9.

Year 7 (2010) Experience Day will be held on Friday, 8th May. Students are asked to arrive at the front drive at 8:30 am, and can be collected at 3:30 pm.

Careers

Faculty handbooks for all faculties received from:
Deacon University
Bond University

Careers FAC's book received. Mrs Murphy and Mr Maher have arranged a special location for these very useful careers information books. There is a book for each of many career areas. These can be borrowed for 2 days only from the Library. This week we highlight: **Hospitality; Tourism; Accounting; Building Trades.** If you are interested in information on a career in any of these areas, have a look at the FAC's book.

Thanks for Your Support! Social Success!

The Social on Friday night raised \$395.81 which will go toward the goal of raising \$3,000 for OXFAM to build a school in a developing nation. To date (term 1) we have raised \$1,020.21 toward this goal. Well done everyone. Congratulations to all the hard work from the SRC students to make the social a success.

REMINDER: School Shop

Parents and students are reminded that stationery purchases of less than \$5 must be paid in cash at the school shop. Purchases less than \$5 cannot be placed on the school account.

The Scots Cadet Unit

Over the next few weeks the focus of Cadet News will be on the various staff and volunteer personnel that assist the Scots Cadet Unit. This week we begin with Officer of Cadets and the Officer in Charge OIC Robby Potter. Ms Cameron caught up with Robby over the break.

Robby began his involvement with the Scots Cadets in February 2008. With a background in the Australian Regular Army he joined the Royal Australian Infantry and was posted as a 3RAR (Para trooper). From the outset it is obvious that Robby has much to offer our cadet students.

Robby is a genuine people person. During the day he is a Supervisor or Senior Correctional Officer within the NSW Corrective Services. He is responsible for the well being and safety of the inmates in his wing as well as the junior officers that work in this area. When asked about his job Robby will tell you that it can be challenging “especially dealing with the different personalities and sometimes dangerous inmates that come through the centre”. At the same time, he is quick to tell you that “it is the people that he gets to work with and alongside” that he enjoys most.

Robby is currently looking to return to the Army full time. He is keen to upgrade his skills and qualifications and is willing to move around the country and be posted overseas to fulfill this commitment. Robby loves a challenge and a return to the Army would certainly provide this.

Robby believes “he has a great bunch of kids to work with at Scots”. He has two teenage children himself and says “working with the Scots Cadet Unit helps me with my own relationship with my kids”. “You have to work on different levels as I cannot use the same teaching tools on teenagers that I use on the inmates or other diggers”. It is a challenge that Robby enjoys and the Scots students respond accordingly.

Although in charge, Robby draws on personnel from the 1st/19th Battalion to assist at Scots. He sees this as having a number of advantages. “Firstly they bring their Administration and logistic support to the Unit. For example the 1/19 has brought some basic weapons to Scots for the cadets to look at. Secondly when the Unit goes on camp or completes courses all the study material and lesson plans, and all basic needs are supplied by the 1/19 Battalion.” Robby is keen to mention men such as Sergeants Beer and Flude who have regularly shared their knowledge and skills with the Scots Unit NCO's. CSM at the 1/19 is Sean Ranson and again Robby can mention numerous helpful and supportive actions that Sean has provided to make the Scots Cadet Unit run smoothly.

Robby is very keen to instill in the Cadets a love of learning and daily challenge. He sees the 1/19 men as great role models for Scots. “As part of their further education the Scots Cadet Unit students could join the reserves and have money for tuition for University or join the Army and apply for Duntroon or ADFA and have the Army pay for all expenses and have guaranteed work after completing their study”.

Basically Robby or ‘Potsy’ to the Cadets has three Golden Rules.....

1. Don't steal
2. Honesty – don't lie to me or others. Just ‘cop’ the punishment and that's the end of it. I don't hold grudges.
3. Teamwork and family - it is integral to life.

Finally Robby completes a quick series of very important questions....

Favourite food – baked dinner

Favourite TV program – M.A.S.H

Favourite holiday destination – Canada

League/Union or Soccer – League

Team – Raiders

Best Movie ever seen – Heartbreak Ridge

Holden or Ford – Ford

Robby is a very impressive role model for the Scots Cadet Unit. His enthusiasm for life and willingness to share his talents and gifts with the Scots Cadet Unit is great to see. We appreciate his work and are grateful for the opportunity to work with and alongside him and the cadets themselves. We thank him for sharing his personal journey and thoughts with us.

*SM Cameron
Lt S Dundon*

The Scots Preparatory School

Congratulations

To Lachie Dawes for his success in the Junior Paraders competition at the Royal Easter Show.

Mothers' Day

We are looking forward to hosting all our Mums, friends and relatives for a morning of entertainment and fun. Pre Prep and Prep children will be performing for our guests following some 'hands on' activities and some other surprises. A scrumptious morning tea will then be served to conclude our celebration. The morning will commence at 9am in the dining room. Please return your RSVP for catering to be finalised.

Mothers' Day Chapel

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are expected to attend our special Mothers' Day chapel service on Sunday 17th May commencing at 9:30 am in the Aikman Hall. Mr Gittens has organised for the Covenant Players to perform at the service. Children are to wear full school uniform and be seated with parents. Everyone is invited to join us for morning tea at the conclusion of the service. A P and F meeting will follow and all parents are invited to attend and become involved.

WAS Cross Country

We wish our team well at the WAS Cross Country at Blue Mountains Grammar School on Friday.

Year 7 Experience Day

Our current Year 6 students will join with other students enrolled at the school in 2010 for an experience day on Friday 8th May. Details of the day have been sent by letter. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet prospective classmates and get a taste of life in the senior school. I am sure they will enjoy the day and be welcoming hosts to other prospective students.

Drama Production

Primary students who are not involved with cross country or the experience day will attend a matinee performance of 'Lochie Leonard' the drama production created by Mr Christie and his students.

Music Program

Notes were sent home on Friday regarding our Stage 2 and 3 instrumental experience programs. Stage 2 will participate in a 10 week strings program and Year 5 will learn a brass instrument over the same period. The only cost involved is the instrument hire. Year 6 students

wishing to learn Pipes or drums will receive their information shortly.

Lessons for strings and brass will commence on Friday this week.

NAPLAN Tests

Year 3 and Year 5 students have been doing some practice papers this week in preparation for the tests on May 12 to 14. The timetable for the tests is as follows:

Tuesday Language Conventions and Writing.

Wednesday Reading

Thursday Numeracy

Parents are asked to support their children by ensuring that they are well rested and well nourished during this period. It is also important to ensure that fluids are kept up for hydration and an alert mind.

Highland Jazz Matinee

A matinee performance of the Highland Jazz night will be held on Friday May 15th commencing at 1:30pm. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will attend and parents are most welcome to join us. It is always a spectacular program of entertainment and if you are unable to attend the Saturday evening show then this is a fantastic opportunity to experience the talents of our musicians and dancers.

Soccer Training

Soccer training will be held on the soccer field at school on Tuesday afternoons for the remainder of the season.

Tennis

Tennis lessons will resume on Wednesday this week.

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*Mrs Kerry Robinson
Head of Preparatory School*

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Performances for this great family event are on Thursday, 7th & Friday, 8th May at 6:30 p.m. with a Matinee at 2:00 pm on Friday, 8th May.

Lithgow School

Welcome back to Term 2! -- Welcome back to all students for term 2. This is a ten week term with a *long weekend break for students in the middle*. Students will attend school on Thursday 4th June and then holiday from Friday 5th June until Tuesday 9th June, returning to school on Wednesday 10th June. This will be a nice break for them in the middle.

Welcome Mrs. Lang.-- We would like to welcome Mrs. Lang to the Lithgow Campus in the Pre-Prep room she and the students have been enjoying getting to know each other over the past week.

Next P&F Meeting -- It was wonderful to see new faces at the last meeting and we would like to extend an invitation to parents of both Pre-Prep and Prep students to join us for our next meeting in Term 2 on Tuesday May 12th after school.

P&F Donations--The shed has now been finished and the children are enjoying using this facility to house our outdoor and sporting equipment. We would like to thank the P&F for the donation of this facility and the time and effort they have put into erecting it. We would also like to thank the P&F "painting fairies" who came over the holidays and gave our small outdoor tables a coat of paint. They look wonderful and your efforts have not gone unnoticed- THANK YOU!!

End of Term Family BBQ and Easter Hat Parade 7th April 2009 --This was very well attended by parents and friends who enjoyed the "Bunny Hop" display and other dances by the students in their Easter Hats as well as a wonderfully cooked BBQ lunch with beautiful sausages and steak supplied by the Blackheath Butchery. It was a fabulous way to finish off the term. The P&F would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents who donated their time on the day and everyone who cooked something for the day also. Your time and efforts were greatly appreciated. Some of the money raised will now be spent on resources for the school. This will be discussed at the next P&F meeting.

Mystery Numbers- Winners were--All numbers had been chosen by the BBQ and the prizes were drawn. Second Prize of a meat tray from the Blackheath Butchery went to Mrs. Heather Baxter, and first prize of a \$100 gift voucher at the Bowen Inn Surveyor's Restaurant went to Pre-Prep student Maxwell Cox and his mum Rebekah Rich. Thank You to everyone who supported this event.

Church Service Monday 6th April 2009--This was a very enjoyable morning where children were treated to a service by Reverend Ian Macdonald and met many of the Bowenfels Presbyterian Church congregation after the service at a surprise morning tea hosted by the church. We look forward to the church service at the end of this term on Monday 29th June where families are again welcome to join us.

Book Club

Issue 3 orders and money are due back to the school no later than Friday 15th May.

The Lithgow Show-- Preparatory students entered a variety of school art, writing and craftworks in the Lithgow show with wonderful success. Winners included:-

Breana Jenkins:- Highly Commended (Colouring-in Competition); Junior Fine Art Champion (Platypus artwork)

Stephanie Arpasi:- 1st Primary Painting (Pro Hart inspired Miner); 3rd Craft any other under 11 (3D Chinese fan)

Lars Baxter:- 3rd work on paper primary (Andy Warhol inspired coca cola block print); 1st Double page book work "The Seed"; 1st Chinese Dragon Mask

Elly Baxter:- 1st single pg book work "The Seed"; 1st painting on a stencil (still life fruit bowl); 1st Primary colouring on a stencil (Mandala)

Danika Tanning:- 2nd Work on Paper primary (Russell Drysdale inspired "Cricketers" artwork)

Shalyn Davies:- 3rd Work on paper 11ys and under (bicycles)

Jack Baxter:- 3rd Painting 11yrs and under (Pro Hart inspired miner).

Congratulations on your successes.

ANZAC Day March--This was again well supported by the school community and Mrs. Pringle would like to thank Mrs Lang for her help and all of the students Jack Baxter, Rachael Besley, Stephanie Arpasi, Lars Baxter, Breana Jenkins, Shalyn Davies and Elly Baxter, and their families who attended the march and supported the school during their holiday time. For the first time we proudly marched behind our own school banner and we would like to thank Miss Megan Greig for organising this for us. All students were extremely well behaved on the day and were a credit to our school.

Life Education Van Visit--Notes have been sent home for the Life education Van visit on Wednesday 27th May. Both Prep and Pre-Prep students who attend this day will have the opportunity to visit the van. Costs are \$6 for Pre-Prep students and \$7 for Prep students. Notes and money are due back to the school by Monday 25th May. Please see your teacher if you have not yet received a note.

Library Visits--Have begun again each Monday. Students are required to bring a library bag, and books need to be returned each Monday ready to borrow a new book. School Banking through the Westpac bank is also available during this time. See your teacher if you would like to know more about school banking.

Prep School News--We have built a tall ship around our desks and have begun sailing the seas in search of new discoveries while looking at the British Colonisation of Australia this term. So far we have begun learning about the Eora and Wiradjuri Aboriginal language groups and the Macassar visitors from Indonesia and their importance in our history. We also look forward to exploring other areas of our past including how

Lithgow continued . . .

toys have changed over time. We are lucky enough to have a small toy museum in the middle room where we can explore electronic and other toys from the past. If any family has empty milo tins (or equivalent with the round lids) we would love to have you bring them in for us to make stilts from or if you have any old fashioned toys you are willing to let us borrow and use for the term this would also be appreciated.

Pre Prep News

The Pre Prep students have settled quickly for the beginning of term two and are adjusting to having a new teacher. If I haven't met you yet or you have any queries don't hesitate to come and say 'hello.'

We are currently studying the letters Dd and Rr over the next couple of weeks and will be doing lots of art and craft revolving around this.

Wednesday children are excited about the upcoming Life education van visit, and Library visits are resuming Mondays.

Take Care

Erika Pringle and Elizabeth Lang

Preparatory School Indoor Soccer

Last Tuesday Indoor Soccer kicked off with two teams playing in the competition this season.

Scots Team 2 were up first for the evening and played with such enthusiasm. All players managed to stay on the attack throughout the game with some great kicks down the court and towards their goal. Well done to Jake Cranston for scoring a goal and to the whole team for focusing on spreading themselves out on the court this week.



Congratulations to our player of the week Gabrielle Boshier for scoring the first goal and for her speed in getting around the court. Players: Jake Cranston, Gabrielle Boshier, Reilly Mitchell, Emma Bond and Faith Shean.

Scots Team 1 enjoyed playing their first game together last Tuesday. The team had lots of fun attacking the ball and taking turns in the goal keeper position. Well done to 'Player of the week' Angus Crozier for his fantastic ball skills and team spirit. It was excellent to see so many parents last week supporting both teams and it looks like we are in for a fun and enjoyable season.



Mrs White and Mrs Hallahan

The Scots Pre-Prep

Welcome Back . . . Welcome back to all Pre-Prep students after a nice holiday break. The children all seemed well rested and excited to be back. We look forward to another busy and fun term.

New Teacher . . . Welcome to Mrs Lyn Woodside who will be Mrs Chapman's replacement for the rest of the year. She will be working Tuesday to Friday and at this stage Mrs White will have both classes on a Monday.

New Students . . . We welcome two new students to Mrs White's class this term. Kirilee Scott and Oliver Dwyer. Both have settled in very quickly and had a great day last Thursday.

Dinosaur Museum . . . On Wednesday this week we will be attending the Warren Somerville Collection at the local Bathurst Museum. This is to link with dinosaurs and the letter 'd'. Please return your permission note and \$3 by Wednesday.

Mother's Day Celebrations . . . On Thursday this week we have planned a special Mother's Day Celebration with the Prep School and Pre-Prep students. Pre-Prep students have learnt a few poems and a song to share with you. The morning starts at 9:00 am in the School Dining Hall. All are welcome!

Gross Motor Program . . . Commencing this Friday for 4 weeks, we have two CSU students coming for a 1/2 hour gross motor program to implement with the children. They have prepared lessons especially for 4 and 5 year olds. I am sure the children will benefit from these sessions.

Portfolios . . . Only half of the children's portfolios have been returned to their class teacher. Please ensure you read, respond and return your child's portfolio as soon as possible so that we can continue to add work samples.

Tissues . . . With Winter fast approaching and runny nose on the increase, it would be greatly appreciated if each family could donate a box of tissues. This will assist in helping to stop colds and germs spreading. Thank you!

Names on Jumpers . . . Please ensure your child's jumper has their name clearly marked on it. We have some left behind in the afternoons and it is very hard with no name to find their owner! In this weather the jumpers are on and off many times in a day!

Wanted -- Ice Cream Containers . . . Pre-Prep would love some 2 litre square ice-cream containers. If your family consumes ice-cream or frozen yoghurt from 2 litre containers, we would very much value you saving them and bringing them in. Thank you.

*Mrs Jennie White
Mrs Lyn Woodside*

Sport at Scots

Sports Bulletin Week 2 Term 2

A fantastic start to Term 2

Last weekend was a sensation start to the term and for our winter sports teams. The brilliant sunshine on Saturday allowed the students to get some competition under ideal weather conditions. Our netball teams all looked splendid in their uniforms and tracksuits and played some good netball. Despite all teams going down the general consensus was that with a little bit more fitness training and some development of and adaptation to the new team combinations we will see a major improvement. The 14Bs were up against a very experienced Oberon team but showed promise. The 16Bs played well in patches and with improved concentration for the entire game they will form a formidable force in their grade. The C grade girls went down by one goal in a nail biter and look the goods and the A Res2 team played very well and will improve with a little refinement and consistent quality passing.

How wonderful it was to see such a healthy and enthusiastic crowd of supporters at the rugby. The main oval looked a treat and was a quality surface under foot. We must thank the ground staff for their efforts in preparing it. What was even better were the results. We had wins in three of the four grades and we very close in the other. Read the team reports that follow for all the star performances.

The soccer girls

The 15s hockey team

NSW CIS Swimming and Diving

Last Thursday Kaitlin Wright and Felicity Walker represented ISA at the NSW CIS swimming championships. Felicity's race was the second of the program and in a race that was even across every lane in the pool she finished 8th with a very respectable time. Kaitlin managed to gain a 6th place in the 50m breaststroke and a 5th in her more favoured 100m breaststroke. Despite disappointing starts of the blocks she again proved herself to be a top quality performer coming back to the competitors over the closing stages of each race. Well done girls.

We also had three divers compete at the NSW CIS diving Championships. The number of competitors was down again this year but still proved to attract some top divers who entertained the crowd with the near effortless somersaults and almost zero splash entries. Our 16s boys competitors Hamish Fisher and Kyle Skinner performed very well considering it was the first time that they had to complete 8 dives in an Olympic quality diving pool. With only three competitors entered they were guaranteed a medal. Hamish managed to outscore Kyle to take the spoils.

In the 17 year girls Jessica Spence dove with elegance and a touch of nervousness. She again proved to be a great competitor and used the experience she gained last year to put in a strong performance. Be sure to read Mr. Doney's report that follows for more details.

... Mr Adams' report continues on page 11

The Scots School Winter Sport Weekly Schedule 2009

Term 2 Week 2

Sport	Team	Coach	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue
Hockey	13s	Mr. Dawes	08/05/09	TBA		
	15s	Mr. Doney		TBA		
	17s	Mrs. Taylor		TBA		
Rugby	13s	Mr. Lee	09/05/09	St Stannislaus		
	14s	Mr. Mottram		All game times to be announced		
	16s	Mr. Richards				
	1st XV	Mr. Bailey				
Netball	Aberdeen	Miss. McInnes	09/05/09	Eglington Panthers	10.45am	Court 12
	Inverness	Mr. Cameron		ASC 16 Blue	10.45am	Court 14
	Glasgow	Mr. Adams		Calare Huffelpuffs	3.00pm	Court 11
	Edinburgh	Mr. Adams		CSU Pink	1.30pm	Court 6
Soccer	16s	Mr Newton	09/05/09	TBA	TBA	TBA

Equestrian . . .

Congratulations to **Georgie Townsend** on her equestrian success at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in the Equestrian Events. Georgie was judged Reserve Champion for RAS/APSD in the state judging final. (RAS stands for Royal Agricultural Society and APSB stands for Australian Pony Stud Book). This is a great achievement and worthy of mention.

Meeting Tonight -- 4th May at 4:00 pm in Room 9 for equestrian team and parents.

Information will be provided regarding the Coona Horse Show coming up. Mrs Dawes hopes to see all parents and students at the meeting.

CIS Diving . . .

On Wednesday, 30th April Jessica Spence, Hamish Fisher and Kyle Skinner competed in the CIS Diving Carnival at Homebush Olympic Complex. The students had been receiving magnificent support from their families to provide some training over the Autumn break.



Hamish and Kyle competed in the 16's boys against an exceptional diver from Sydney. Their situation, therefore, allowed the boys to tussle it for 2nd and 3rd. Hamish was successful by 2 points!

The boys are realistic at this level but enjoy the training, achieving the complexity of dives and observing top quality performers. This result entitles them to compete at the NSW All Schools competition on Friday, May 22nd. The CIS convenors have encouraged the boys to participate. Well done.

Jessica, one of our talented divers, hit a contrasting scenario. The 17s girls was the toughest age group competition of the carnival. This cohort has moved through the age brackets. The quality tested Jess's mettle, however she rose to the occasion and performance with increasing confidence. Jess finished 7th in the group; a strong performance.

My thanks also must go to the students and their families who have been so willing to support each other throughout this season.

-- Mr Ian Doney
Co-ordinator of Diving

Netball . . .

Scots Inverness v. OOT Kiwis

In this game our passing let us down. We gave away too much turnover ball. On the positive side, our defence was very good all over the court, and for the majority of the match we used the entire court. A much better start to the season than last year. Well done girls!

Final Score: a 14-6 loss. Scoring for Scots: Jessica McGrath, Annabelle Townsend, Brooke Andrew.

-- Mr P. Cameron

Scots C Grade

What a great game played by all. Strong attack, excellent defence and quick centre court. It was extremely fast throughout the whole game with Scots staying ahead most of the way. Meg and Georgie played tremendously for the ball to stay down our end for Elyse, Georgie and myself to shoot. Heather and Elyse did an amazing job by always being in the right spot at the right time. They were spread out, not bunched up like everyone else, so it made it easier for the team to pass them the ball, especially when the defence was in the road of the shooters. Another two very important players who played brilliantly were Shernae and Danielle. They worked mostly in the centre third retrieving the centre passes with ease, along with Heather. I personally think all the girls played exceptionally well. But with a bit too much confidence, we unfortunately got a bit too ahead of ourselves and the opposition took over and won on the scoreboard. But overall, we know we're a much stronger and smarter team who needs to slow down just a little bit for next game. A very close score of 30-29, with the loss to Scots. Looking forward to next game.

Stacey Callan (Captain for the week)

Under 13's Scots Aberdeens v. Oberon

On Saturday the 3rd of May the Under 13's netball team, the Aberdeens, played a very competitive game against the Oberon Snow Devils. In the second quarter Mollie Harley scored a great goal and in the last quarter, so did Lucy Woods. We all played a great game and tried our very best. In the end the score was 37-2, but it was a great day and we all had fun.

-- Lucy Woods

Hockey. . .

U15's v. Kelso Waratahs

A tough ask playing a hockey game on social night was rewarded with a very enjoyable and competitive game. Either side could have won. Kelso Tahs scored in the last 3 minutes! We played some over aged but unexperienced players, which the association does allow us to do. Chris Squire got stronger and stronger and Jeremy Houghton made a good contribution. Hugo Newell continued a strong start to the season along with Ben Vance in defence. We must continue to build our skills and confidence. Well done.

Best Players for this match: Isaac Watts, Hugo Newell, Chris Squire. Final result: Scots 0 to Kelso/Tahs 1.

-- Mr I. Doney

U11's v's St Pats Wreckers 8-0 Win

Wow! From the first few minutes of the game everyone played as a team. Patrick Bower was Goal Keeper and loved wearing the gear, but didn't like the fact he didn't see any action due to the wonderful defence by backs Will Brancourt and Connor Behrendt. Mid fielders Jye Bower and Jack Morrison really swung well between attack and defence with some fantastic marking of the opposing team attacking players. Goals were scored by Harry Broad, Hannah Crozier, Luke Newman and Matthew Vance with some excellent support by Francesca Casti. Those 'sneaky' drills we practised at training really paid off team - well done! Player of the match went to Harry Broad for the number of goals and the consistent play in position!

Vickie Vance (Manager/Coach)

Soccer. . .

Scots Strikers v. Oberon

Luckily it was a 12:30 game so it wasn't too cold. The team played a great game all round. Our backs defended well, our goalies Jye and Pat did a good job keeping and our attack combo of Luke and Jack worked hard. Unfortunately our numerous attempts didn't quite make it into the nets.

Well done Team. The player of the week Jack Brien-Rowlandson

Darron Thomson-Coach

Scots Gold v. Orange Waratahs

The 'Scot's Gold' powered back into the sporting term last week with an impressive game on Saturday. The girls put up a solid performance throughout the game, with a number of individual sparks of brilliance! Last week also saw Soo Shin and Sarah Traycevska-Twaits

make their debut, proving themselves valuable team members, with an obvious enthusiasm for the game.

The girls remained valiant in holding off the opposition from the start, seeing some impressive defence work from Maddison Hohnberg and Alice Godwin. The first half also proved our time to shine, with an amazing goal from Georgina Simcock and several other decent shots at goal.

The opposition gained momentum in the second half scoring themselves a number of goals. Chryshani Kroone dropped back to a defence position where she did a great job at holding off the other team. Ellen McKenzie remained strong in goal, denying the opposition of many attempted goals. The second half also saw a strong performance from our forwards, with some crafty footwork from Jess Mackenzie and Megan Bennett. Best player for this match: Georgina Simcock

The game finished with a score of 8:1, Orange Waratah's way. All in all, it was a strong performance, and a solid game from the girls. Well done!

Holly Kristensen (Captain)

Rugby. . .and Canteen

RUGBY CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED!

Firstly, thank you so much to those who came to assist on Saturday with very short notice! Your help was wonderful.

Our next home game is May 16th and we are hoping to have the roster for the rugby canteen drawn up before then. We have fewer home games this year, and with our number of teams and players, each family may only be required for approx. one half game during the season. As always, your help is essential to making the canteen run smoothly. We also require donations of cake or slice and these can be put on the roster as well.

Helpers are needed inside the canteen and some cooks for the BBQ (usually 2 cooks and 3 helpers inside).

Please contact Robyn Wyatt on mobile 0401 218 396 or email at iankieran@hotmail.com

Looking forward to having an enjoyable (and well-fed) Rugby season!

14's v. St Pauls

Very much a game played with our boys dominating the first half and playing with plenty of confidence and some excellent passing play. The second half looked like it would be a repeat of the first -- with us scoring within minutes of the kick off, however we let our guard down and St Pauls ran in several unanswered tries and threatened to take the game from us. Fortunately we scored again in the dying minutes to ensure a good win.

Rugby . . . continued

A special thanks to all the 13's players that backed up and filled in the gaps for us.

Final Score TSS 39 to St Pauls 17.

Scoring for Scots: Nathan Gervasoni (1 try); Oscar Sobalirov (1 try); Lachlan McDevitt (1 try); Kieran Ball (1 try); Jock Sinclair (4 conversions).

--Mr R. Mottram

1st XV v. St Pauls

Our second trial match was very successful with a convincing victory over St Pauls. The team played a 12 aside match as St Pauls was limited for players. This allowed our back line to dominate with plenty of space to run and Lewis McLeod had a stellar game organising the backline from the five-eighth position. Brenton Gibson was dominant in both defence and attack. The forwards were strong with excellent phases, short ball runs and outstanding defence. We had very few handling errors and we limited ourselves to only a few penalties. Brenton Gibson was strong with the boot, gaining 6 out of 8 conversions. A great match to work on set plays, build confidence and improve our skills. Well done boys!

Result: Scots 71 to St Pauls 5

Scoring for Scots: Jake White (2 tries); Brenton Gibson (4 tries and 8 conversions); Lewis McLeod (2 tries); Andrew McPhee (1 try); Brad Johnston (2 tries).

Best performances: Brenton Gibson, Lewis McLeod, Brad Johnston, Josh Bayliss, Will Hannan, Jake White and Gene Coyte.

-- Mr D. Bailey

13's v. St Pauls

This was a fantastic hit out for our boys even though St Paul's arrived with only 10 players. We lent them two for each half and played 12 a side. Thanks to Tom Colling, Robbie Hayward, Michael Hubbard and Sam Pateman for filling in for them and playing so well. The coaches instructions were to play narrow this game and the boys did. The forwards moved the ball up the field well putting the opposition on the back foot and giving our talented backline all the space they needed to run in some fantastic tries.

Peter Deacon played another great game scoring two tries and Jack Bird's running to the line was a feature. Iori Hashida had a standout match running hard and tackling strong while his goal kicking was sublime hitting them from all over the park. Mo Casti scored a classic wingers try bursting two two defenders out wide. There were also some good lessons for us; we need to work on body height to secure the ball and switching off in the 2nd half is not a good plan – it allowed St Paul's to come back with two tries. The pleasing thing was that the boys then came back and scored again to put the game beyond doubt.

A good trial we are learning the game and enjoying our rugby. Well done lads. We look forward next week to the trial against Stannies and the debut of Izaak Harb.

-- Mr Adrian Lee

16's XV v. ASC (Played Saturday, 4th April)

This was the first game for the 16's and there were many players who were playing Rugby for the first time. It was a very encouraging performance considering this and the forwards held their own particularly well, where Ryan Johnson and Ricky Scott were stand-out players. The backs were outflanked on a few occasions due to the inexperience of a number of the players being drawn too close to the ruck area.

It was pleasing that the team scored a good try following an interception by Jason Newman and finished off by Tommy Shin.

-- Tim Richards

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WAS Cross Country Team

The WAS cross country will be held on Scots on Monday the 11th of May (week 3). The WAS team is listed on the noticeboard outside the library. All Scots team members are required to run and are asked to wear the Scots school tracksuit and to run in black shorts and the gold athletics singlet. Any students wishing to help as course marshals on the day need to speak to Mr. Adams this week.

Junior Sport Report

Last Saturday, just after 8.00 am Tom Sharp reported all the Scots sport details on the Junior sport report on 2BS. You wouldn't have been able to tell that it was his first time on air as he sounded like an old pro behind the microphone. Listen out for Tom's report on 2BS 1503 am.

Rugby and Netball Tours

In about 9 weeks we will be departing for the rugby and netball tours. The final instalment is due soon and deposit and information sheets were issued last week. Over the coming weeks the uniforms will be ordered and the final preparations will be refined. An information evening is scheduled for the parent weekend. Stay tuned for further details.

Netball Umpiring Course

Next Friday (8th of May) a netball umpire course is being conducted. Any interested students are asked need to let Mr. Adams know before Wednesday.

Sport Events in the next few weeks

AICES Open Hockey Championships, Newcastle, 5th May
WAS Cross Country, TSS, Monday 11th May
ISA Rugby trials, Oxford Falls, 12th May
AICES Soccer Championships, Glenwood, 14th of May

--Mr. Justin Adams (Sports Master)

SYDNEY SHOW CATTLE REPORT 2009

The 2009 Year 10 Agriculture class along with Brooke Cowan and Lachie Dawes set off for our most exciting show of our program – to the Sydney Royal Show on Easter Sunday. The whole team had been working extremely hard to get their cattle to a standard that would be appropriate for the prestigious Royal Easter Show.

We took 9 steers and 14 students – and we set off in convoy, cars, truck and ute.

Our first day saw much work in setting up our display and making sure the steers were settled into their new environment.

Day 2 arrived quickly and the steers were all scanned (for rib and rump fat), weighed and organized into classes. We were really happy with our scans. The scans are so important. If the cattle's scans do not fit within the set market specifications then you know you really have no chance of doing well in the hoof classes. After scanning each individual breed set out to select their "Stanhill Teams" (The Stan Hill Team is made up of 3 animals which have been selected as the best representatives of their breeds from all entries). The Limousins were selected on a viewers choice and out of about 40 Limousin steers we had 2 in the final 10 and then one of our steers (Jumper) was selected in the team. Amazing!!! We also had our Murray Grey, Bernie selected in the Murray Grey team.

On Tuesday we had a day to make sure our steers were squeaky clean. We spent the day washing, blow drying and clipping. Halters were cleaned and our area kept perfect for the never ending public who came past.



Wednesday morning saw 3 Scots students participate in the Junior Paraders Competition. **Lachie Dawes** had reached the age in which he could finally compete and he represented the Preparatory school in style. He was the youngest in the class by 3 years and did himself proud – 3rd! This continued Lachie's

success in parading and to achieve such a result at such a young age was amazing. **Dylan Brown** represented our senior school and again performed extremely well considering this is his first year doing this. His steer 'Chief' did not want to fully co operate but Dylan kept calm and the judge decided to award him a Highly Commended.

The afternoon brought about the school steer judging and the Trade Steer Judging. Our steer Harvey, a Limo/Santa/Shorthorn cross steer prepared by **Alex Bird and Josh Sghabi** was in a very big and difficult class – he was placed 4th. **Lachie Dawes** led our Limousin steer, "Baby" in the lightweight schools class. He came 1st in this class. He then went out with the Middleweight and Heavyweight class winners for Champion and we were ecstatic as he was awarded **Reserve Champion School Steer**.

Thursday was another busy day with our final 7 steers to be exhibited. The results was as follows:

- ❖ Limousin steer, Jumper (paraded by **Georgie Porter**) 2nd in class 6 (and narrowly missing out on Reserve Champion)
- ❖ Limousin steer, Buddy (Paraded by **Brooke Cowan**) 3rd in class 8, with the judge stating that he found it very hard to separate the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters!

Most of our steers were auctioned and the excitement when Jumper was sold was amazing. He sold for 475c/kg (second top price of the sale) and on completion of the bidding the crowd erupted in applause!

Thursday afternoon came so quick, our last day and time to say goodbye to our steers. The students had been working with these for around 4 months and developed quite a bond with their animals. There were some very sad young ladies and men and some emotional goodbyes.

We now had to wait for the carcass results. The presentation was on Tuesday evening and off we went. We were nervous and believed our steers should "hang up" very well.

Our results were amazing and were beyond our wildest expectations. They were as follows:

- **Reserve Champion Trade Steer** with Harvey (Limo*Santa) prepared by Alex Bird and Josh Sghabi
- **1st Lightweight School Steer** with Baby (Limo) prepared by Lachie Dawes
- **Bronze medal** awarded Baby
- **1st Open Light weight steer** with Jumper (Limo) prepared by Georgie Porter and Shernae Woolly
- **Champion Lightweight steer** with Jumper (Limo) prepared by Georgie Porter and Shernae Woolly
- **Bronze Medal** also awarded to Jumper
- **1st Middleweight Steer** awarded to Buddy (Limo) prepared by Brooke Cowan
- **Silver Medal** also awarded to Buddy
- **Stan Hill Trophy** for the Limousin Team
- **Champion School for the best group of 3 carcasses.**
- **2nd in the Breeders group for a group of 3 carcasses.**

Finally, the team that represented Scots were exceptional ambassadors for the school. The team members were Lachie Dawes, Brooke Cowan, Georgie Porter, Shernae Woolley, Alex Bird, Stacey Callan, Andrew MacPhee, Brenton Gibson, Dylan Brown, Ricky Scott, Ryan Johnson, Johnno Edgell, Blake McCarthy.

All of this would not have been possible without the support of Terry Dennis of Jordansprings Limousins, Graham Edgell of Somerton Murray Greys and Hugh Brown of Rutherford Angus for supplying us with such quality cattle. They give our students the opportunity to compete successfully at such an elite level.

I would also like to thank the support of the team members' parents. Being a member of the cattle show team is a great commitment and it does take a tremendous amount of time out of parents weekends and holidays. I thank the parents of the day students who have assisted in feeding during holidays. I also thank the parents that ventured to Sydney to give their sons and daughters support. It was fantastic to see you all there. A very special thank you must go to a very special lady, Mrs Sue Macphee. The work she has done behind the scenes is truly amazing and it is hard to express how much the students and myself appreciate her hard work and smiling face!

--Libby Dawes

The Scots School Cattle Show Team -- Sydney Royal



Our success stories!

l-r: Lachlan Dawes, Shernae Woolley, Brooke Cowan

More photos later this week on <http://www.scots.nsw.edu.au>





Time to take a load off and to “show off”!



Jumper, Georgie Porter and Shernae Woolley

Below: Our Sheep Team, Mr Matus and supporters viewing judging



Best Friends!



Alex Bird, Josh Sghabi and Harvey

School sheep display at Sydney Royal Show



Sydney Royal Sheep Show

The Year 9 Ag class **Alice Godwin, Ben McCormack, Caitlin McDermid, Jess McGrath, Laura Pollard and Annabell Townsend** had a very successful and busy time at the Sydney Royal. They exhibited the Schools Border Leicester Sheep as well as sheep for other exhibitors, participated in the junior handlers competition and held the sheep for the state finals of the meat sheep junior judging competition.

Our first success came with the School's Border Leicester ram "Sid" paraded by **Jess** was awarded 4th in a tough lineup of 14 sheep from 9 different studs. Sid was not as big as some of the other sheep but according to the judge displayed great structural correctness and carcase quality.

All our students competed in the junior handlers' competition but it was **Laura** who caught the judge's eye. Laura was chosen from the first heat of the seniors division and was placed 6th in the final. This was only Laura's second show and competing against more experienced competitors, some of whom have their own studs.

The involvement of our students in the State Finals of the Meat Sheep Junior Judging competition will enhance their judging skills.

Brooke Cowan was also involved in the sheep show. Brooke is an aspiring meat sheep judge and has qualified for the zone judging in 2010 and is keen to pursue a career in Vet or Animal Science. Fresh back from the steer show she came to assist the Year 9's and to further her judging skills.

We are all excitedly looking forward to our final show of the season the Landmark NSW Sheep Show - in association with the Dubbo Show (the second biggest sheep show in Australia) to be held on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th May.

As a teacher I am very appreciative of the commitment of the students and the support of their parents in this wonderful educational event.

The photograph shows the judge Mr. Graham Moore with the school exhibits and the awards that the sheep the students exhibited were awarded.



Peter Matus

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