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Q'n 4. What is God?
A God is Spirit, ...

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." - Jesus
John 4:24

The second thing that Jesus teaches us about God's nature in this text is that there is no property of matter which may be ascribed to God. God has no extension in space, no weight, no mass, no bulk, no parts, no form, no taste, no smell.

Stuff has limit. God is *spirit* and we should be careful not to represent him as anything less.

Only God lives forever! And he lives in light that no one can come near. No human has ever seen God or ever can see him. God will be honoured, and his power will last forever. Amen.

1 Tim 6:16

...Chaplain

ALL VISITORS - Please Sign In!

All visitors -- you are welcome at Scots! However, recently a few visitors have forgotten to stop in at the front office to sign in and get a visitor pass. The front office will notify the person you are visiting that you are on the campus and you will be asked to wait in the Blue Room.

So, who needs to obtain a visitor pass?

***Current Parents & Carers**

***Prospective Parents**

***Old Boys and Old Girls**

***Past Parents**

***Past Staff Members**

***Volunteers/P&F/Sport/Special Events**

***Tradespeople**

(Pre-Prep parents/carers dropping off or collecting children sign the book in Pre-Prep.)

Your assistance in helping us meet this basic requirement of duty of care for our students is most appreciated!

School Shop: New Arrivals

Keep warm this winter:
Fleecy vests - every size - to accompany sports uniform
Blue Jumpers -- ALL SIZES now available.

Our Clever Year 7 Future Historians

Year 7 History projects are on display in the Library this week and once again our Year 7's have excelled! Peter Deacon, Erik Tufts and Jonty Boshier are pictured here with their projects. Stop by the Library and have a look. There are some amazing creations!



From the Headmaster . . .

To all those members of The Scots School community involved in activities over the past weekend, I would like to thank everyone who contributed in some way. I hope the Parent/Teacher interviews on Friday provided parents with useful feedback.

To the Friends of the Pipes and Drums, thank you, for your organisation and hard work in providing the opportunity for our students to display their considerable musical talent on Saturday evening at the Highland Jazz Night, which gave everyone who attended a very enjoyable and rewarding evening.

Thank you Mrs Garland and Mr MacKenzie for your guidance and work in developing the talents of our students to the level they reached on Saturday which was remarkable. Each year the standard seems to reach a level that is going to be difficult to exceed but once again Saturday's performance even exceeded the exceptionally high standards of last year. The Pipes and Drums certainly showed the benefits of the tour to Scotland last year and performed with confidence and panache.

As I mentioned on Saturday night the Concert was put together with minimal disruption to the School routine, which reflects favourably on the efforts of the staff and students in their rehearsal times outside of class time.

Thank you to all who joined in the Chapel Service on Sunday to make this a significant occasion. The musicians once again added much to the Service and I appreciate their efforts as they all had a late night before the Service at the Highland Jazz Night.

This week is a quiet week which is important in the week before the Year 7 to 11 examinations. I am sure that students will be using their time wisely to prepare for these.

-- Tim Richards

GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK – COASTAL ENVIRONMENTS

This semester Year 11 Geography has been studying the Biophysical Environment. They have completed detailed case studies on the hydrosphere and atmosphere as well as developing an understanding of the biosphere and lithosphere. A significant focus of their time has been on the human impacts on the spheres and the various management strategies that can/have been implemented to overcome problems or issues as they arise. An important and compulsory part of the course is fieldwork.

Last Friday the class travelled to Sydney to complete their first fieldwork centered on the Narrabeen/Collary beach area. Working with the staff from the Coastal Environment Centre at Pittwater and students from De La Salle College, Ashfield, they studied the coastal environments of Narrabeen Lagoon, Birdwood Park dune formation and the management of the coastal sediments, especially along the foreshore of Collaroy Beach where apartments and other developments are positioned in the active beach zone.

The students participated in a very positive and cooperative manner. Working as a team, they completed a number of tasks using various types of equipment supplied by the Centre including compass, barometer, cloud charts, anemometer, moisture probes, plant charts and measuring tapes. All data was recorded along with field sketches and oral questioning based on observations on the day. This material will be collated back in class and used by the students to complete an Assessment task and answer questions on field work methodologies in their half year examination.

The weather was fine with a light wind, the trip to Sydney – event free, a good balance of walking, standing and working and the company of the student group excellent making the day a very purposeful and enjoyable one for all.

Ms Cameron



P&F MEETING HELD SUNDAY 17TH MAY.

Our Term 2 School P&F meeting was held in the Aikman Hall on Sunday just after the Chapel Service. Most committees had a member in attendance to report to the meeting.

Tim Richards also spoke at length about various aspects of the school operations, including an update on the performing arts centre.

For a full report on the P&F meeting, don't miss your copy of next week's *Highlander*.

Ross Andrew, P&F President
0427 294869

LOST AND FOUND

The ideal situation: Names on every article of school uniform or casual clothing brought to school!!!

LOST: Red flip phone. Megan Bennett (Yr. 8) last saw her phone at the drama performance last week in the Hall.

LOST: A pager lost in Hall after Chapel/P&F.

LOST: Earphones in a black bag.

LOST: Jessica McKenzie lost an RM Williams jumper at soccer. It is navy with a pink collar.

FOUND: Set of keys - 6 keys on a silver hook at Main Oval.

--Mrs Shillabeer



*MaryAnn Porter, Tom Hughes,
Jack Kelly and Jamie Jun at Narrabeen Headlands*

Careers . . .

Just a reminder to check out the Careers FACs books in the Library. Our senior students are already making a good use of these resources.

Letz Live ... GAP year placement has been strongly recommended by Georgie Dutton (Y12/2008), who is currently undertaking her GAP in England. Georgie has been most impressed with the coordination and planning provided by Letz Live. Applications have closed for 2010, however students in our current Year 11 or parents wishing to check out this GAP provider, please go to the website: <http://www.letzlive.org/australia/index.html>

From the Deputy . . .

This past weekend was another fine example of the dedication of our students, staff and parents at The Scots School. Thank you to everyone who put in such a major effort to make this Parent Weekend such a success. Our musicians and performers put on a most entertaining show on Friday afternoon for an appreciative audience of senior citizens and Prep students. On Friday evening staff conducted Parent/Teacher interviews for parents of students in Years 9 and 11. On Saturday, while not in the best weather conditions, our sporting teams participated in their various competitions with skill and perseverance. The Rugby Canteen was open and run by the group of dedicated parents. In the evening, we were treated to one of the highlights of our Scots year, the Highland Jazz Night. Our Pipes and Drums, musical ensembles and choir performed admirably. Thanks, once again, to the parents of Friends of the Pipes and Drums for organising the evening and ensuring that everyone had a wonderful dinner to enjoy. It was good to see so many parents and students at Chapel on Sunday morning. Well done to everyone involved!

EXEAT WEEKEND:

The June Exeat weekend schedule is as follows:

Classes cease at 3:20 pm on Thursday, 4th June. Boarders will depart after 3:20 pm.

All students are expected to be in class for the full day. No early leave will be granted.

Monday, 8th June - Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday, 9th June - Boarders Return - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, 10th June - Classes resume

Important Dates:

I would like to call your attention to a number of important items coming up on the Scots calendar:

Years 7-11 Exams

Examinations commence Wednesday, 27th May and continue on through Monday, 1st June.

Students were issued with their examination timetables last week and should now be involved in a thorough review of the topics their teachers have indicated will be covered.

Comptuer Skills Competition: Wednesday, 27th May

Central West Careers FACTS Day: Year 12 students will attend the FACTS day at CSU on Thursday, 28th May.

CSIRO Science Show for Years 7-12 - Thursday, 4th June

DaVinci Decathlon - Years 9 & 10 - Tuesday, 2nd June

DaVinci Decathlon - Years 7 & 8 - Thursday, 4th June

Science Competition - Wednesday, 10th June

Lithgow Festival of Speech

Last Tuesday 5th May, sixteen intrepid debaters travelled down to Lithgow for the 43rd Annual Festival of Speech. It was a day of fierce and fast paced competition with schools travelling from as far afield as Mudgee and Katoomba to partake in the day's verbal jousting. Scots fielded four debating teams including both experienced and first time debaters.

Upon arriving, the orators found themselves thrust into the action with the first round of prepared debates. The Year 7/8 team of Jonty Boshier, Khaitlyn Nott, Angus Dunn and Meredith Spence, engaged with the controversial issue of whether or not Australia should mine and sell its uranium. All spoke confidently and eloquently and were unlucky to record a narrow loss. Unfortunately a win escaped the newly formed team on the day but they should be extremely proud of the poised and united front they presented throughout all their debates.

The Year 9 team of Caitlin McDermid, Jessica McGrath, Hugo Newell and Lachlan McDevitt returned after a successful debut last year and after a slow start arguing the uranium question, they executed two impressive wins from three challenging and high quality debates discussing the merits of mobile phones in schools and the significance of sport in Australian culture.

Two Year 11 teams took up the challenges of the day. The team of Thomas Sharp, Brooke Cowan, Meg Eisenhauer and Danielle Peers-Catt performed admirably in three very close and well contested debates with their most convincing performance earning them a well deserved victory in the second round. The team of Aiden Reiri, Jessica Spence, Monique Kellond and Thomas Curran called upon the experience gained from their foray at the Lithgow Festival of Speech last year and blazed a trail of success in their opening rounds. Cutting a swathe through their opponents with their sharp wit and well informed logic, the team successfully argued the case against carbon trading as the best solution to global warming, and the power of education over advertising. Victory was theirs in all three rounds and they were unlucky not to make the final, just falling short on points.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those students who attended the Festival of Speech and represented the school with such enthusiasm. I would also like to thank Andrew Maher for accompanying me and lending his services as both bus driver and adjudicator on the day. The day was a fantastic success for all involved and we look forward with great interest to the next outing of our talented young verbal gymnasts.

Mrs Lynne Fleming

Mrs Angela Davis

THANK YOU!

A very sincere thank you to the parents and students who helped organise and prepare the halls for the Jazz Matinee on Friday and the Jazz Night on Saturday. Your support and help were greatly appreciated and contributed to making these functions a tremendous success.

Thank you also to Jane Bullen who organised the silent auction at the Jazz Night as this proved to be an outstanding fundraiser.

Once again, thank you to all those who helped organise and also to those who patronised the performances to support our students and school.

*Mr Geoff Porter
Chairman (Friends of Pipes & Drums)*

The Scots Cadet Unit

Cadet news..... What has been happening?

Fitness training and assessment has been the priority for the Cadet Unit over the last few weeks. In addition, we have had a visit from Major Linins who is the Cadet Liaison Officer for the central west region and is responsible for the correct implementation of the Army's School Cadet programme. His assistance, positive feedback and acknowledgement of the work being done at Scots was all good news.

Preparation is well under way to ensure meaningful and appropriate activities for the Cadets during those inclement, wet and often miserable days that we can encounter during the winter months. These activities will be indoors based ensuring our very good attendance is maintained throughout terms 2 and 3.

In the coming weeks the Cadets will be doing "A capture the flag" exercise. In addition to this time will be allocated to the preparation of Cadets for the Cadet Promotion Course outlined below.

Cadet Promotions Courses 11-18 July 2009

Who should be interested?

These courses are in 3 separate modules to cater for junior NCO's, Senior NCO's and CUO/Warrant Officer.

Where and when is the course?

The course will take place over the middle week of the July vacation at Centre Ridge Singleton Military Area.

How do I express my interest?

Nominations must be received at school by Friday 22 May ready for approval to be sent to HQ. A selection criteria is in place.

How much will it cost?

There is NO charge for the course. However, travel to and from the course will be at the cadet students own expense. The Army will be organizing pick up points at Maitland and Singleton Train stations for arrival and drop off of students attending the course at Singleton Barracks.

Should I attend?

Yes. The success of the Scots Cadet Unit is dependent upon our students gaining the appropriate level of training in order to be able to lead the school Unit. In addition you will meet other students from other school cadet units - learning and socializing together.

Lt Simon Dundon can be contacted at the school for further information.

The Scots Preparatory School

Congratulations

To all our Cross Country representatives who competed at the HICES Carnival on Friday. Mrs Hallahan reports that the behaviour, appearance and support demonstrated by our students was exemplary.

To Year 3 and Year 5 students who completed the NAPLAN tests during the week. Without exception, they were positive and gave their best effort to the task at hand. They were rewarded for their efforts with a celebration cake, as were Years 4 and 6 who had supported their classmates in the lead up to the tests.

To Sophie Cox and Jessica Thomson who were awarded a Highly Commended certificate in the Kindy Kits Colouring Competition. The Kindy Kits program aims to promote important messages relating to road safety and caring for the environment. Sophie and Jessica received a \$20 gift voucher from Books Plus, receiving recognition from more than 490 entries.

To the Scots Strikers for a brilliant 5 to nil win at soccer on Saturday. Teamwork was the highlight!

Mothers' Day Chapel

It was wonderful to see so many families at the Chapel Service on Sunday, to celebrate the gift of mothers and worship together as a school community. The drama group was appreciated by the Prep students and we thank Mr Gittins for organising this special treat. Harry McIntosh read the Bible reading beautifully.

Cycling Success

Hollee Simons in Year 6 recently competed in a 2 day cycle tour in Wagga, where she achieved four first places and was first in the general classification in the Under 13 Division. We are enormously proud of Hollee's continuing success in cycling and congratulate her for her achievements and the dedication and commitment she displays towards her chosen sport.

Art Gallery Visit

Primary students will visit the Bathurst Regional Art Gallery on Thursday this week. They will attend 'The 9 Shades of Whiteley Exhibition as part of their Visual Arts program.

Brett Whiteley has significance in the contemporary Australian and international art world, and special significance to Scots students, as he was an 'Old Boy' from the late 1940's.

Highland Jazz Matinee

Our students enjoyed the matinee performance of Highland Jazz on Friday. They are always inspired and awe struck by the Pipes and Drums and the talented musicians on show. Congratulations to Mrs Garland, Mr Mackenzie and the students involved.

Year 6 Morning Tea

All students are asked to bring some money to purchase morning tea from the Year 6 fundraising stall on Wednesday this week. There will be a scrumptious range

of cakes and slices for purchase and all funds raised will go towards their end of year gift to the school.

Assembly

Our assembly this week will be held in Room 9 not in the Aikman Hall.

CWA Public Speaking

A reminder to our school representatives that the competition will be held next week on Tuesday 26th May. Please keep up the practice and polish!

*Mrs Kerry Robinson
Head of Preparatory School*

Mother's Day Prize Winners -- 2009

Shevahn Telfser	- Ward Air
Donna Wardle	- Gym Pass – D2F
Narelle Druitt	- Gym Pass – D2F
Rochell Watkins	- Gym Pass – D2F
Sandy Poole	- Bathurst Goldfields – gold tour
Tracy Berry	- Bathurst Goldfields – gold tour
Jane Bennett	- Serenity Plus voucher
Jaye Shean	- Abercrombie House Family voucher
Gillian Shannon	- Australian Fossil & Mineral Museum – 3 x child's vouchers
Viv Bateman	- Chifley Home – family visit
Lynne Broad	- Abercrombie House Family voucher

Thank you to all those who donated prizes.

**BOOK CLUB
REMINDER**
Students received the
selection brochure last
week and have until
27.5.09 to return orders
and payment.

Pre-Prep

Sounds Programme

This week Pre-Prep will be learnign all about the letter 'o'. In Letterland we will meet Oscar Orange and in the Ants in the Apple programme we will sing "Orange Octopus, he say O". We will learn about octagons and ovals in Maths, and octopus, orangutans, ox, ostriches, owls, otters and more in craft.

Town Library-- Pre-Prep will attend Town Library this Thursday. It will be our first visit for this term and the children all enjoy this special outing.

Spoons -- If your child brings a custard or yoghurt to school, can you please ensure they have their own spoon. We only have a few spares and with colds and germs, we would rather each child have their own spoon.

Gross Motor Programme -- Mara and Jo provided another fun session of Creative Dance on Friday. We thank them for their preparation and providing a variety of gross motor activities for Pre-Prep.

Go Fish -- Next Wednesday, 27th May, Pre-Prep will join K, 1 and 2 to attend "Go Fish" at All Saints' College. We will travel by bus, leaving the school at 9:30 am. Scripture will be held later on this day. Please return the note to your class teacher with bus money (\$2) before next Wednesday.

Book Club -- Our Scholastic Book Club catalogues were sent home at the end of last week. Please look through the quality books with your child, and if you would like to make an order, they need to be given to your class teacher in an envelope by Wednesday, 27th May.

*Mrs Jennie White
Mrs Lyn Woodside*

Indoor Soccer Report

In Round 2 on Tuesday 5th May both teams decided on team names for the season. Scots Team 1 are now called 'Little Scots' and Scots Team 2 are 'Scots Lions'.

Little Scots played the Comets and all players participated well and are quickly learning the rules of Indoor Soccer. Congratulations to Jessica Thompson for achieving Player of the week.

Scots Lions played the Awesome Transformers and all players showed great concentration this week which will help their game play for the season. Well done to Faith Shean for earning Player of the week.

In Round 3 on Tuesday 12th May Little Scots played the Blue Bombers. Everyone moved around the court and was keen to gain ball possession and some great kicks were made by many players. Player of the week went to Declan Shannon for his consistently chasing the ball all game. Scots Lions played Panthers with the most goals scored this season. Andrew Knox and Jake Cranston scored the goals while some great saves were made by Amber Rosin and Emma Bond. All players are improving in their kicking and passing skills.

Player of the week went to Andrew Knox.

Mrs White and Mrs Hallahan

Andrew Knox



Jake Cranston



Faith Shean



Jessica Thomson



The Scots School - Lithgow Campus

Week 4 -- Term 2

Welcome to Week 4

Parent Parking

A reminder to parents that the grass area parking beside the school is for staff only. The church requests that all parents use the front street parking to the school as too many cars cause damage to the land, especially in wetter winter months. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

NAPLAN

Students in Year 5 sat the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy last week. All students tried their best and we wish them the best of luck.

End of Semester Performance

We are giving advanced warning that this will be held on Thursday 25th June 2009 in the church beside the school. We are trying something new with a soup and damper lunch with dessert, and are looking for parents to help by cooking and donating either a pot of soup or an old fashioned dessert. If you are able to help please, see your teacher.

Life Education Van

A quick reminder for Wednesday children that the Life Education Van will be visiting us on 27th May. The cost is \$6 for Pre-Prep students and needs to be paid to Mrs Lang before the day.

P&F Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th June. All welcome.

Cookie Orders

These orders need to be returned to school by Monday 18th May.

Preparatory Room News

This week we have created some fabulous Rainbow Serpent artworks, looked at and played with our grandparents' toys, and drew and described own favourite toy. Year 5 has been busy with NAPLAN and they have looked at the work of Joseph Banks and attempted to do their own botanical drawings of a waratah in anticipation of the Mt Tomah competition.

Pre Preparatory Room News

The children have been very busy this week continuing with our language program and learning about the letter Oo. We have painted some fantastic works of art on ovals and oblongs and created interesting creatures such as orange legged octopus' and old wise owls. Each week we will be concentrating on a specific letter and sound. This includes such things as letter hunts, letter walks and finding letters in our names. The children have also been counting how many boys and girls make up our class each day. This has been a terrific way of introducing number concepts to the children who are very keen and enthusiastic.

Cold Weather

Now that the cold weather has arrived, could you please pack a jacket in your child's bag each day as we do continue to go outside unless it is wet. Even if the morning is bright, the weather can change quickly and by lunch time we need our jackets. Could you also include a spare pair (or two) of underpants and pants. Accidents are rare but can happen and we have a very limited supply of spares.

Term Planners

Last week we handed out some Term Planners that Mrs Pringle made up. These have proved to be very handy. If you missed out, then see Mrs Lang.

*Take Care
Mrs Lang & Mrs Pringle*

Sport at Scots

Sports Bulletin Week 4 Term 2

WAS Cross Country

Last Monday, over 200 runners from MAGS, KWS, ASC, Stannies, and Kelso High ran in the WAS Cross Country held at Scots. It was a perfect day for running and our students all performed credibly. Jock Sinclair achieved our best result with a victory in the 14 Year Boys. Other place getters included Robbie Hayward (2nd), Jessica Mackenzie (2nd). Other students who recorded a top five place and a spot in the WAS team and will run at the NSWCIS carnival at Easter Creek on the 28th of May include Kiera Pollard, Thomas Sharp, Matthew Gervasoni, Jonathon Edgell, Annie Broad, Molly Harley, Maddison Hohnberg, Georgina Simcock and Lachlan McDevitt.

A huge thank you must go to the student helpers, to the parents who supported and assisted on the day, the staff who assisted, the ground staff for preparing the track, and the team of Mrs Shillabeer and Mrs Epleston for doing the data entries.

AICES Football Championships

Last Thursday eight Scots students travelled to Sydney for the AICES football (Soccer) Championships. Alex Bird, Alayne White, Chryshani Kroone, Christie Shin, Holly Kristensen and Georgina Simcock, as part of the WAS team, finished second on the day. Alexandra Bird was selected as a shadow player in the AICES team. Seung Hyun Kim and Kyle Lee were members of the WAS boys team who struggled all day against some very tough opposing teams.

Nike Challenge 2009

Next week I will be able to give more details about the challenge and take names of students wanting to be part of the team. An iPod Nano is essential.

Rugby and Netball Tours

Could all rugby and netball tour students please finalize their payments for the July tour before this Friday, 22nd May.

John Landy

Last week at the Summer Sports Assembly I spoke about a famous moment in Australian sporting history. The sportsmanship demonstrated by John Landy during the 1955 Australian track championships was inspirational and the theme to my talk about students developing sportsman like personality characteristics. Beside is a photo of the famous moment with Ron Clarke on the ground and Landy on the outside.



Sport Events in the next few weeks

NSWCIS Cross Country, Eastern Creek, 28th May

Mr Justin Adams, Sportsmaster

The Scots School Winter Sport Weekly Schedule 2009 Term 2 Week 4

Sport	Team	Coach	Date	Opposition	Time	Venue
Hockey	13s	Mr. Dawes	22/05/09	St Pats Warriors	5.25pm	Turf 2
	15s	Mrs. Taylor		Bye		
	17s	Mr. Doney		St Pats	6.35pm	
Rugby	13s	Mr. Lee	23/05/09	Chevalier	11.00am	Scots Main
	14s	Mr. Mottram		College	12.00am	
	16s	Mr. Richards			1.00pm	
	1st XV	Mr. Bailey			2.15pm	
Netball	Aberdeen	Mr. Adams	23/05/09	Sea Monkeys	9.30am	Court 11
	Inverness	Mr. Cameron		Collegian Bears	10.45am	Court 9
	Glasgow	Mr. Adams		Oberon Storm	3.00pm	Court 11
	Edinburgh	Mr. Adams		Prestige Embroidery	1.30pm	Court 6
Soccer	16s	Mr Newton	23/05/09	Ex-Services	TBA	TBA

Hockey. . .

HOCKEY UMPIRING CLASSES

Interested students/parents can take advantage of umpiring classes being offered at Learmonth Park on Saturday mornings at 7:45 am.

For those who have not completed their umpire's qualification and others interested, this is a very good opportunity. See Mr Ian Doney or check out the noticeboard at Learmonth Park.

U17's v. Kelso/Tahs

A strong team and individual game. Rebecca Lee, Elliott Chew, Stefanie Schultz, Thomas Curran and Andrew McPhee provided a strong grid and worked to make this a whole team effort. Shooting could go up a few notches. We were a bit rusty despite the score. A good competitive game. Well done to all players.

Final Score: 5-0

Scores made by: Andrew McPhee (2); Elliott Chew (1); Rebecca Lee (1); Lachlan Perry (1).

-- Mr I Doney (Coach)

U15's v. St Pat's

Scores are yet to reflect the effort and developing ability this team possesses. Quite an entertaining game with a couple of promising opportunities for us and a few soft goals for the opposition. Strong games from Hugo Newell, Ben Vance and Cameron Chew (playing up). Also Jeremy Houghton and Chris Squire are assisting in this age group. Solid efforts at training will help these players develop further.

Final score: 0-8

H. Taylor/I. Doney (Coaches)

Netball. . .

Scots Glasgow Vs OOT Swallows

Final Score: 12-20

Right from the beginning we knew this would be a tough game, with a number of our key players missing, unfavourable weather conditions and a very tall opposition. The team got off to a slow start but, as the game progressed we fired up and managed to nearly catch the Swallows. Our shooters Stacey Callan and Georgie Porter did a brilliant job at fighting the wind and were able to get a number of goals. Heather, Danielle and Shernae worked their hardest in the centre court, despite all being sick with colds. Anne Christie did a fantastic job playing up in our team as goal keeper, against much older and bigger players than she is used to. The final quarter was by far our best, the benefits of our fitness training showed as we kept motoring on whilst the opposition tired out, letting us catch up to finish just 8 points behind them.

Meg Eisenhauer

Scots Ists Netball

On a bitter Saturday afternoon all the girls turned up enthused and ready to roll, but as the game unravelled it would prove this was more in theory than in practice. As first quarter went on like a Sunday stroll, an injured soldier came off the battlefield. This gave us the jolt of revenge that was needed to pick us up. This was also due to the motivating and insanely stern words from the blonde cripple (Thanks Hill!).

As the game went on, through spite or embarrassment, we were at a draw at half time, with our attack pulling in the ball time and time again. Fourth quarter finally came about and we regained the blonde, despite the swelling ankle, and played a much better game. However, it seems a bit late as CSU were after the gold with a ferocious mind set to win and that's exactly what they did, with a tight score of 26-28. Good work, girls. We gave it to them through sheer generosity.

Georgie Townsend

Rugby. . .

Rugby Canteen

Friends of Rugby Meeting Notice

Thank you to those who came to help out at the canteen on Saturday and to the wonderful parents who supplied cakes and slices. It was great to welcome our new volunteers.

I will need helpers this week for the games against Chevalier College, as many of the regular helpers are unable to be there. The games on Saturday are starting an hour later than usual, so helpers will be needed from 10:30 am onwards. We need helpers both inside the canteen and on the barbecue.

Just a reminder that the Friends of Rugby will have a meeting in the Dining Hall immediately after the 1st XV game. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Once again, thank you for your help!

Robin Wyatt

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mobile: 0401 218 396

Scots 1st XV v. Redlands

Our first competition match was a disappointment as we came up against a fast, fit and able Redlands squad. We played extremely well for the first 20 minutes, showing excellent structure in the forwards. Our lineout and scrum worked well all day, but unfortunately our tackling and

lack of attack proved to be the difference. The boys worked hard all game and never gave up, even as the score got out of reach. A tough game, but once again I am proud of the boys' sportsmanship and commitment and the way they conduct themselves in representing the school.

A great effort boys.

Best performances this match: Luke Ryan, Will Hannan, Cameron Hodges, Alex Christie.

-- Mr D. Bailey (Coach)

16's XV v. Redlands

The 16's played a team from Redlands that was a level above our previous opponents in size and experience. Consequently, although the boys tried very hard, in the end they were over powered. It is good to see some of the new players such as Tom Hughes and Kyle Skinner learning so quickly. The team will need to train hard this week to improve the defence and structure of their game.

Best players: Ryan Johnston, Ricky Scott, Andrew McPhee, Will Gilbert, Jono Edgell, Ty Baskerville, Dylan Brown and Tom Hughes

Final score: Redlands 45 to Scots 0.

-- Tim Richards (Coach)

14's v. Redlands

A close game in the first half with us only trailing by 8 points. However, the second half was a different story with Redlands running in a number of tries. Fortunately for us, they were unable to convert them all, which kept the score down. Our biggest problem was a lack of consistent defence and a general unwillingness to tackle around the legs. Our points came from an excellent try scored by Kieran Ball, which was converted by Jock Sinclair. Our 14's team has plenty of potential, however we need to be more committed at training and be prepared to practise the basics. We also need to be prepared to use the size that some of our forwards have to our advantage. This Saturday will be another hard game, so maintaining a positive, supportive approach will be essential.

Scoring for 14's: Kieran Ball (1 try); Jock Sinclair (Conversion)

Final Score: TSS 7 to Redlands 44

Richard Mottram (Coach)

TSS 13's v. Redlands

A strange game this one -- we didn't start to play until the second half. Iori Hashida, despite the flu, played wonderfully again. Part way through the first half Izaak Harb went on with one job -- "to tackle". Izaak played out of his skin, knocking down player after player and

in the second half, setting up two tries. When we started to play, we won the second half. A good lesson for us in assuring that we switch on and go from the kick off and not giving opponents a start.

Best players this match: Iori Hashida, Izaak Harb
Scoring for 13's: Peter Deacon (3 tries), Iori Hashida (1 try, 4 conversions)

Final Score: TSS 28 to Redlands 46

Mr Adrian Lee

Soccer...

Scots Gold vs Blayney U16's

Saturday's game was played in an unrelenting weather system of sleet, wind and pelting rain. However, undeterred by this, wet and numb skinned, we put up a strong fight against the opposition. The game saw a strong emphasis on defence, with some great work from Laura Wright and Georgina Simcock. Alex Bird and Chryshanni Kroone were invaluable as sweepers in the first and second half respectively, bringing Blayney's hopes of scoring back to zilch a number of times. Unfortunately, due to a field as bumpy as bubble wrap, and strong winds at the wrong time, a lucky shot found its way in, bringing the score to 1-0 Blayney's way. The score was brought to a final 2-0 when they made a successful penalty kick.

A great effort from all the girls! Hopefully no one has pneumonia this week.

Player of the match: Ellen Mackenzie. For outstanding glovework, and even stopping a penalty shot!

-- Holley Kristensen

Scots Strikers

Wow. What a game. The players played as a TEAM and that showed with a convincing win 5-0. They displayed great ball control and passing. It was good not only to see the players happy with each goal they scored, but the parents who attended and celebrated with them. Josh, Pat, Connor and Aiden, our younger players did a great job in the positions they were given and invaluable support was given by Putri, Nick and David. Scorers: Lachie 2 goals, Zach, Harry B and Luke, 1 each. A special thanks also to Frank T and Karl B whose ideas, help and support were appreciated.

Well done TEAM.

Player of the week: Aiden Telfser.

Darron Thomson (Coach)

Equestrian. . .

Jumping Clinic



Alice Godwin takes her horse “Witchey” through the jumping course on the Old Boys’ Oval on May 11th.

Karina McLoughlan, riding” Gus”, gets some practice for the upcoming Coonabarabran Horse Show.

