Message from the Principal

I remember reading an article written over 20 years ago by leading business thinker, writer and radio presenter Professor Charles Handy with the title ‘Education for Capability’. Handy was the then Chairman of a campaign founded by a small group of educationalists and businessmen who were concerned about what they perceived to be a serious imbalance in British education at the time. They argued that the idea of the educated person, both then and now, was that of the scholarly individual, taught to understand but not to act. “A well-balanced education”, he wrote, “should of course embrace analysis and the acquisition of knowledge. But it must also include the exercise of creative skills, the competence to undertake and complete tasks and the ability to cope with everyday life, and to do all these things in co-operation with others.”

As we begin a new year, it is important to remember that this type of well-rounded educational experience that Handy believes will best equip individuals for the challenges of life is not dissimilar to our own educational philosophy. Each boy will bring a diverse set of strengths and interests to the ‘learning’ table, and our challenge is to unfold, stretch and challenge in a way that honours the diversity and unites our collective purpose. Even within our own families we are acutely aware of the different personalities, interests and strengths that our children demonstrate. This week as we invite back to the College the 2010 Year 12 students who distinguished themselves in one or more of their subjects, we note how varied their talents are. As I look down the list, I note that many of these students also achieved great success in their sporting, cultural and leadership roles. I believe Scots boys are educated for capability – they reflect great balance, generosity of spirit, enthusiasm for life and determination.

The notion of ‘persistence’ is important in our quest for excellence. Endurance, persistence, tenacity, struggle, and ‘stickability’ are qualities that we all need regardless of IQ or background. The learning of leadership often begins early when one learns to attempt new things, take calculated risks, and try alternatives when at first success is not achieved. Our Prefect team at the College is selected through a multi-layered process involving staff, peers, and team House leaders. Sometimes boys develop and flourish at different times and in different ways. That is why, in more recent years, we have created an opportunity for senior boys to be nominated in a second or even third round. This week we inducted four new Prefects - Jack Walters, Nick Payne, Luke Sewell and Zach Issa. These young men have demonstrated great consistency, strength of character and humility in their leadership journey. They did not throw in the towel when Prefects were announced at the end of last year. They continued to serve through their House and demonstrate great maturity. It will be an honour to present them with their Prefect ties and badges and to allocate special areas of responsibility to these fine young men.

Mr Pitman, Assistant Head of Prep, has organised a leadership camp for our Year 6 boys on Thursday this week and it will be an honour to work with these boys and to sow leadership seeds in relation to their journey.

Scots to the Fore!

Dr Ian Lambert
Principal
Message from the Head of Preparatory School

Charlie Lawand – Health Alert

Some parents will be aware that one of our students, Charlie Lawand (3SG), is in remission from cancer and having preventative treatment.

Years 2 to 6 parents are reminded that Charlie has a compromised immune system (which makes him more vulnerable to disease). It is, therefore, very important that you do not send your child to school if he is unwell. For example, if your child has an infectious disease (such as measles, chickenpox or flu), he should stay at home until he is no longer contagious. Charlie’s brother, Oscar, is in Year 5 and should also not be exposed to infectious diseases. For more information about how long an illness is contagious, contact your GP or visit the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au.

I would also appreciate it if you would notify me if your child has an infectious disease. This will allow the College to assess if Charlie was exposed, and to notify his parents, if necessary.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Preparatory School Cocktail Evening

Invitations have recently been distributed for the annual T-6 Preparatory School Cocktail Evening to be held at the Royal Motor Yacht Club next Friday 25 February at 7.00pm. The Cocktail Evening has, for many years, been a highlight of the Preparatory School social calendar. Parents, new and old, are encouraged to attend this popular social occasion. Thank you to Mrs Andrea Verlander and the Women’s Association for their organisation of the night.

Year 6 Leadership Camp

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, our Year 6 Leadership Camp was held at the Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp and at the College. This camp was designed by Mr Pitman, Assistant Head – Pastoral Care, and the Year 6 teachers. All boys have been involved in several team and other activities aimed at developing their leadership and peer support skills and understandings. This is also in preparation for the boys as they lead our Peer Support Program which commences in Term 2. The boys gained much from the experiences, where Year 10 mentors assisted the boys as they explored the characteristics of a leader. One of the highlights of the camp was Dr Lambert speaking to the boys on the qualities of a leader. I am sure that the boys will gain much from the experiences which complement the College’s aim...

In keeping with the challenge of our Christian foundation, our Scots boys will be fine young men of integrity and principle who lead and encourage each other in their quest for excellence.

“Not the number of one’s servants, but the number whom one serves, is the heavenly criterion for leadership.” Oswald Chambers

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.” Phil 2:3
Transition Cub Program Commences

Next Tuesday 22 February will be an exciting day in the history of The Scots College. On this occasion our inaugural Transition Cub Program (3 year olds) commences. Following much planning and the redevelopment of the eastern side of Foreland House, our youngest ever Scots boys will begin their journey at the College. Capably led by Mrs Maria Deftereos, class teacher, and Mrs Rosemary James, Teacher's Assistant, we look forward to welcoming the boys and beginning the new program in the College. We thank and acknowledge the work of Mrs Karen Turnbull – Director of the ELC, Mr Steven Adams – Property and Assets Manager and our builders, Bemarcon Construction, for their hard work in preparing for the program.

Welcome to our Cub boys and their families. We now have two sections to the Transition program being Transition Cubs (3 year olds) and Transition Lions (4 year olds).

The House Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday our annual Preparatory School House Swimming Carnival was held at the Des Renford Swimming Centre in Maroubra. Well done to all the boys who competed in the races. Special congratulations to Palling House who were the eventual House Swimming Champions and House Spirit winners. The age champions on the day included: U8, Charlie Burns; U9, Noah Finnimore; U10, Mackenzie Gavin; U11, Matthew Wright and U13, Jacob Stevens. Congratulations to our champions and to all competitors.

Thank you to all staff and parents who assisted in the management of the Carnival. Special thanks to Mr Wilsmore, our Coordinator of Sport and MIC of Swimming, for his thorough preparation and coordination.

Parent/Teacher Information Evenings

This week our Information Evenings for the ELC, Years 2-4 and Years 5-6 were well attended by parents. These were important times to not only meet your son’s teacher but to gain a greater understanding of the vision and workings of the Preparatory School, T-6. May I thank all staff for their thorough preparation for the evenings and to those who attended not just one, but all of the Information Evenings.

Absentees

Parents are reminded that if their son is sick on any particular day they need to phone or email the Preparatory Administration Assistants by 9:00am. As you would be aware this is an issue relating to our duty of care. While some parents request that their sons have work sent home to complete during their absence, it needs to be noted that the College’s main concern is that your son has sufficient rest to recover from his illness. Work missed can quite easily be covered when he returns to school.
Anaphylaxis
As most parents are aware, a number of boys in the Preparatory School are at risk of anaphylaxis. This means that they suffer from a severe allergy to particular foods. Whilst the College will do all it can to ensure safe practice, these boys are also at risk of having an allergic response if another child eats particular foods and then touches them with traces of the food on their hands or mouth. Parents, please give due consideration to the safety of all students when preparing foods for your son(s). Some of the allergies include nut based products, for example, egg and kiwi fruit.

Parents of sons with allergies or other significant health alerts are advised to regularly update their son’s Action Plans with the College Administrative Assistants.

Leave
Parents are reminded that Saturday Sport is compulsory for boys in Years 3-6. Leave from any College obligation (including school days, sport, co-curricular activities and the beginning and conclusion of term) must be requested in advance. Please note that an application for leave will not necessarily be approved. Holidays are advertised well in advance and parents are requested to make plans accordingly. An application for leave should be made to the Head of the Preparatory School or Director of the Early Learning Centre at least one week ahead of the requested leave. An email will suffice.

Mr John Crerar
Head of Preparatory School

Message from the Director of ELC
Transition Lions have settled into their full day routine. Many parents are enjoying the pleasant walk along Kambala Road to bring boys into the ELC which also helps with our traffic flow. Transition Cubs are attending an Orientation Day this week in preparation for their first day on Tuesday 22 February. Kindergarten boys have taken to ‘big school’ with bravery and enthusiasm. Many boys are familiar with our ELC routines and they have helped our new boys to settle in very quickly.

Formal lessons in Kindergarten phonics and reading are already underway. Year 1 are enjoying the additional space in the Year 1 playground across the road and of course the super large sandpit. Parents attended classrooms this week for the Information Night hosted by classroom teachers and specialist teachers from the ELC. It was an opportunity for parents to view their son’s classroom environment and to hear teachers outline routines and events planned. The next parent/teacher event will be the Term 1 Interviews on Monday 28 March and Tuesday 29 March 2011.

Cub Program 2012
Interviews for the Cub Program 2012 will begin later this term with Old Boy son’s and siblings interviewed first. Parents are urged to make sure that they have lodged an application for younger siblings. You can check this with Helen Johnson at the ELC Reception. All existing applications for Transition Lions in 2013 will be sent a letter to ask if they wish to be interviewed for a place in Cubs 2012. Applications for Cubs 2012 are also open to the public and application forms can be downloaded from the College website.
After School
The afternoon procedure for dismissing boys is for boys to shake hands and doff their cap before the teacher passes them to your care. If you chat with other parents for a while, please keep boys near you. The play equipment that is used at break times is not to be taken out and used after school. It takes considerable effort to pack away the equipment at the end of each lunch play and the equipment needs to remain packed.

Car Theft
Unfortunately each year we have theft of handbags and various items left on the seats of parked cars. Please conceal any items left in your car and bring your bag with you to pick up your son. Police have not been successful in identifying the thieves so if you see anything suspicious, please don’t hesitate to notify either the police or myself.

Clothing Pool
The College Clothing Pool is located next to the College Uniform Shop on the Senior School Campus. They have a large number of ELC uniform items in good condition and at good prices. Parents are invited to visit the volunteers who run the Clothing Pool to purchase uniform items.

Mrs Karen Turnbull
Director, The Early Learning Centre

Message from the Assistant Head, Teaching and Learning

Mathematics at The Scots College Preparatory School
Our Mathematics Program and teaching strategies at the College utilise effective teaching practices based on the research of both Mathematics and boy’s education.

A significant issue with linear extension (a form of differentiation often and previously used) is the gaps in knowledge and skills that form, often not obvious until later years when higher-level concepts are studied. As Mathematics is essentially sequential, this has serious consequences in Secondary School. We are aware, that in any class, boys are at varying levels of understanding and skill and should be taught at the point of their need in learning.

The fundamental aims with our Mathematics Program are to:

- encourage students to explore several solutions and challenge deeper thinking about real problems;
- form connections to previous and developing knowledge;
- use assessment to continually monitor student prior knowledge and learning progress and revise their instructional plans as needed;
- balance independent, creative thinking and collaborative learning skills;
- give students feedback and the opportunity and responsibility for making choices about their learning; and
- work in small groups as this consistently emerges as the learning environment or structure most suited to boys.
The Program follows the structure detailed below:

- All students are pre tested at the beginning of a term on the outcomes being covered that term.
- Five (six in Years 5 and 6) groups per year level (including Honours) are formed based on current skill and knowledge as demonstrated in the pre test.
- Groups could be in any combinations based on the results of the students.
  - Eg. HE C C M     HE E C C     HE C C C     HC C C M     HE C M M
    - H – Honours
    - E – Enrichment/Extension
    - C – Core
    - M – Modified
- All students utilise multiple Mathematics texts, internet sites and programs to enrich/extend and modify their learning in class and also for homework.
- Extra staff members are assigned to particular Mathematics classes to assist with group work, learning enrichment/extension and support in class.
- Areas for development will be shared and discussed as a class and individually (when possible) with students. Each term students will be encouraged to set their own goals and areas of focus in Mathematics and to monitor their understanding and progress.
- If students are being enriched and extended core work will not be covered prior to the commencement of the enrichment/extension work. However, if required, core work may be briefly revised to consolidate understanding.
- In each of the five year level groups students will be differentiated further. The extra roving staff will assist in this regard.
- Students will be post tested at the end of the term. Progress will be monitored and recorded. This will be shared and discussed with students.
- This cycle will be repeated each term and groups reorganised.

The program, as outlined above, allows us to teach the boys with greater accuracy and monitor their learning, altering our practice to suit their learning needs. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your son’s Mathematics teacher, their Stage Coordinator or myself. Thank you for your ongoing support of your son’s learning.

Mrs Nadezna Wilkins
Assistant Head – Teaching and Learning
Message from the Assistant Head, Pastoral Care

Central to ‘A Fine Scots Boy – The Positive Behaviour Plan’ are the Responsibilities, Values and Attitudes that we believe should be upheld in the Preparatory School and beyond.

The following Responsibilities, Values and Attitudes have been formulated and are foundational to the Positive Behaviour Plan. These draw upon the traditions and beliefs of the College and are displayed in poster form throughout the Preparatory School.

**Early Learning Centre: A Fine Scots Boy**

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” 1 John 4:11

*Everywhere I go:*
- I make good choices.
- I am kind and respectful.

*In my learning:*
- I always try my best.
- I try new things.

*In my heart:*
- I care for all in God’s family.
- I accept others.

**Years 2 to 4: A Fine Scots Boy**

“As the Father has loved me, I also have loved you. Abide in my love.” John 15:9

*Everywhere I go:*
- I am socially responsible.
- I have respect for myself, others and our environment.

*In my learning:*
- I strive to achieve my personal best.
- I tackle new challenges with confidence.

*In my heart:*
- I care for all in God’s family.
- I respect the beliefs of others.
Years 5 to 6: A Fine Scots Boy

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”
Matthew 5:16

**Social**
I am socially responsible.
I have respect for myself, others and our environment.

**Academic**
I strive to achieve my personal best.
I tackle new challenges with confidence.

**Spiritual**
I care for all in God’s family.
I respect the beliefs of others.

It is our hope that these **Responsibilities, Values and Attitudes** will provide the foundations upon which the boys will make a positive difference in the College and ultimately the wider world.

**Mr Mike Pitman**
Assistant Head – Pastoral Care

**Message from the Chaplain**

The *Sydney Morning Herald* recently reported on quite a remarkable car park in Fisher Street, Cabramatta. It is very impressive indeed. It is described as ‘clad entirely in native hardwood inlaid with images of porpoises, set in landscaped gardens and topped with a 200 panel solar system feeding into the grid’. It is certainly a ‘5-star’ car park: it has 172 pristine and polished concrete bays. There is only one thing missing: cars! Since the car park first opened, it has remained virtually empty, with one local resident stating that the car park is, without a doubt, the most car free part of Cabramatta. It seems that there are two main problems. One is that the car park is in a bad location and the other is that it is too expensive. Whatever the reason, it is clear that the car park is failing to fulfil its purpose.

Questions of purpose are of great importance. Whatever role or responsibility we might have, whatever task we have been assigned, whatever journey we undertake, we need to have a clear sense of purpose: of where we are heading, what we are seeking to achieve, and why. The lack of a clear sense of purpose can lead to simply drifting (perhaps badly off course) and failure to achieve what we are meant to achieve; perhaps failure to achieve anything worthwhile at all.

As someone once said, “he who aims at nothing will achieve his aim!” Jesus warned of the danger in making our chief purpose the accumulation of things: “a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15). On another occasion, an expert in the law asked Jesus a question about ultimate purpose (Matthew 22:34-40). He responded by declaring that the two most important things in life are love for God and love for others. Relationships are what life is all about. The fifth century writer Augustine expressed it like this: “Lord, our hearts are restless, until they find their rest in thee”. We are created to know God and to enjoy a relationship with him. There is no higher purpose and no greater prize than that.

**Reverend Conrad Nixon**
Chaplain
From the Sport Department

Please note that sports fixtures can be found on the Pipeline Newsroom (news.tsc.nsw.edu.au) under the Sport tab.

Simply use the following username and password to access this information:

**Username:** thescotscollege  
**Password:** bravehearts2011

Round 2 Saturday Sport

Students listed in the Clansman with a # indicates they have a **bye** for that round. Where teams have excess numbers the bye will be rotated on a weekly basis.

Wet Weather

The wet weather phone number is 02 9008 0401. This number should rung after 6:45am on Saturday to ascertain wet weather information.

Absence from Saturday Sport

Absences pertaining to illness/injury prior to Friday 12:30pm should be sent to Ms Shipman: e.shipman@tsc.nsw.edu.au.  
Absences pertaining to illness/injury after 12:30pm Friday should be sent to Mr Wilsmore: b.wilsmore@tsc.nsw.edu.au.  
Please clearly state the: boy’s name, class, team and nature of the absence.

Unexplained absences adversely affect the team and these will be followed up by the Masters in Charge of Sport.

Leave from Saturday Sport is only granted in exceptional circumstances and must be sought from The Head of Preparatory School, j.crerar@tsc.nsw.edu.au, at least one week in advance (where possible).
Swimming
House Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 15 February
It was great to see so many boys enjoying themselves, participating, striving for personal bests, working as a team and cheering for their Houses.

Thank you to all parties for making this day one of the highlights on the sporting calendar for 2011; special mention to all the parents who acted as timekeepers. Well done to Henry for his excellent speech as Captain of Swimming.

House Swimming Carnival Results 2011

House Points
1st Palling 1,015
2nd Spier 974.5
3rd Palmer 759
4th Edyvean 756
5th Deane 710.5
6th Bell 685

Age Champions
8 Years – Moss Trophy
1st Charlie Burns 44 points
2nd Matthew Wacher 27 points
3rd Nicholas Wolf 25 points

9 Years – Preparatory School Trophy
1st Noah Finnimore
2nd Douglas Andrews 68 points
2nd Matthew Dawson 68 points

10 Years – DB McLean Trophy
1st Mackenzie Gavin 150 points
2nd Sean Arthur 111 points
3rd Hugh O’Neil 83 points

11 Years – R Martin – Webber Trophy
1st Matthew Wright 108 points
2nd Jesse Williams 98 points
3rd Nathan Zylstra 94 points
12 Years – Robert Dewley Trophy
1st  Jacob Stevens  122 points
2nd  Max Cattana  105 points
3rd  James Kolenda  100 points

Relays

Years 3 and 4 Class Relay
1st  4AC
2nd  3AH
3rd  4IM

Years 5 and 6 Class Relay
1st  6DW
2nd  6NM
3rd  6PK

Junior House Relay
1st  Palmer
2nd  Deane
3rd  Bell

Senior House Relay
1st  Spier
2nd  Edyvean
3rd  Palmer

The House Spirit Shield:  Palling

Congratulations to the following boys on your selection in The Scots College Preparatory School Swim Team for 2011:

Sean ARTHUR,
Brandon BELL,
Nelson BOURS,
Charlie BURNS,
Max CATTANA,
Noah FINNIMORE,
Mackenzie GAVIN,
Nathan HARAPIN,
Zack HERSOV,
Benjamin JONES,
James KOLENA,
Henry LENNOX,
Hugh O’NEILL,
Hugo PODGORNK,
Max RIES,
Ilan RONEN,
Billy SMITH,
Jacob STEVENS,
Fred TRICKS,
Jackson WATSON,
Jesse WILLIAMS,
Nicholas WOLFF,
Matthew WRIGHT,
Nathan ZYLSTRA
Carnivals for the Swim Team in Term 1

- Scots Invitational Carnival: Friday 18 February, 1.00pm at The Scots College Pool.
- The South Harbour: Friday 25 February, 1.00pm at The Scots College Pool.
- The IPSHA Carnival: Tuesday 1 March at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre (SOPAC).
- NSWCIS Carnival: Tuesday 22 March at SOPAC (IPSHA Representative Team).

Mr Brent Wilsmore
Coordinator of Sport and PDHPE

Basketball

Congratulations on round one performance. There were some very competitive matches across the age groups and all games were played in the right spirit of sportsmanship. It is very pleasing to see the skill development of players and the enthusiasm displayed in games and training. Players are reminded that teams will remain fluid throughout the season and there will be opportunities to improve selection based on commitment and performance at training and during the competition.

All players should have a basketball uniform and number. Uniforms and numbers can be purchased from the College Shop and are required for Saturday competition. Numbers will be allocated by the College Shop.

All players are encouraged to take advantage of the high calibre coaching on offer at the College during practice on a Wednesday, extra skills sessions and Academy sessions. The extra skills sessions are available to all, free of charge, on a Tuesday (7.15am–8.15am, Centenary Court for Years 3 and 4) and Thursday (7.15am-8.15am, Centenary Court for Years 5 and 6). The Year 5 and 6 Academy session is by invitation only and commences Week 3. It will be held in the Lion’s Den on Mondays, 5.00pm-6.00pm.

Good luck for round two and I hope to see the attendance numbers increase at the extra skills sessions.

Mr Daniel Markham
Master-In-Charge Prep Basketball
Snowsports - Jumps and Bumps

2011 World Championship Success for Aussies
Australia is celebrating the addition of another World Championship to a brilliant series of recent successes after slopestyle skier Anna Segal won gold at the FIS Freestyle World Ski Championships in Park City in the United States last week. This result, combined with Australia’s three gold medals at the recent Snowboard World Championships, highlights the growing breadth of talent Australia is developing in Winter Sports.

2011 Snowsports Team Information Evening
Wednesday 23 March 2011, 6.30pm
Venue: Anderson Hall

Please join us for an extremely informative evening to cover all aspects of Snowsports at the College for 2011. We particularly welcome new families to Snowsports at Scots.

2011 Inter-schools Snowsports Championships Dates
Sydney Division: Monday 11 July – Friday 15 July
NSW Division: Tuesday 23 August – Sunday 28 August
Australian Division: Wednesday 7 September – Sunday 11 September

2011 The Scots College Snowsports Championships
The 2011 The Scots College Snowsports Championships is the official warm up event of the Sydney Division Inter-schools Championships: Monday 11 July 2011 at Perisher Blue.

2011 July School Holidays Scots Prep Ski Development Program
Please give some thought to sending your son(s) to the very successful Scots Prep Ski Development Week program that held at Perisher during the July School Holidays. The five day program is open to all boys in Years 3 to 6:

       Monday 4 July – Friday 8 July 2011

Should you have any queries about Snowsports at Scots, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

Mr Clive Tanner
Master-In-Charge Snowsports
Cricket
Congratulations to all boys for their efforts on Saturday. There were many pleasing results and coaches were impressed by the ‘spirit of cricket’ demonstrated by students. Parents are reminded that boys need to be at the match at least 20 minutes before start time for warm up.

Change to Students having a ‘Bye’
At some stage in the season most students are given a ‘bye’ for the weekend. This is due to the number of boys in each team exceeding the number required for a match.
I am pleased to announce that starting this weekend the College has been able to secure a suitable arrangement for a skills/coaching session to take place each Saturday morning. This has been arranged for those who are given a bye to attend. Any student from Years 3–6 that is allocated a bye (unless leave has been granted) should attend this session.
It will be coordinated by the Director of Cricket, Ben Sawyer, along with Senior First XI cricketers at the College. It is a great opportunity for young students to be involved with fantastic role models from the First XI.
Time: 8.00am – 9.15am.
Venue: Fairfax Nets, Ginahgulla Road
Pick-up: Fairfax Nets, Ginahgulla Road at 9.15am. Any student not collected by 9.20am will be walked down to the Main Oval. Parents can pick up their son from out the front of the Black Watch Café from 9.20am onwards.

Additional Skill Sessions
A reminder to all boys that additional skills sessions are a great way to improve your skills. Sessions start at 7.15am and you must bring your sport shoes to wear for the session. These sessions are now in full swing. Please see the sessions below:
Monday Year 3 and 4 at Fairfax.
Tuesday Year 5 and 6 at Fairfax.

Parent Match Day Support
Parental assistance is essential for the smooth running of match days. All parents are encouraged to help out with scoring, assist coaches with warm ups, ensuring students are staying on task and listening to external coaches etc, where possible. I really appreciate the support from parents so far and would be very grateful for this to continue throughout the term.

Good luck to all boys for Round 2 and please make the most of the additional coaching sessions available.

Mr Greg Clarence
Master-In-Charge Prep Cricket
From the Music Department

Instrumental Music Lessons
Instrumental music lessons have begun. Please consult the rosters on the music notice board or contact the Music Administrator, Mrs Denton, on 9391 7694 if you have any concerns.

Orchestra
Orchestra is on this Friday at 2.30pm. Please note the new finishing time is 4:00 pm.

Jazz Concert
A jazz concert featuring staff and students will be held in the Anderson Hall on Wednesday 9 March at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be available.

‘Oliver’ Performance Dates
Performance dates for the 2011 Scots/Kambala musical ‘Oliver’ are Thursday 26 May, Saturday 28 May, Thursday 2 June and Saturday 4 June 2011.

Charity Concert
The Charity Concert date is 22 June 2011. Please stay tuned for more details.

Mr William Clark
Director of Music Excellence

From Indigenous Education

Making good use of the hot weather last week, the remaining Indigenous boys who had not yet taken part in a twilight sailing race went out to test their mettle against a flotilla of other craft on Sydney harbour onboard ‘Pleiades’, a Sydney 38. Dylan Holmes, Shaq Mitchell, Christian Hazzard and Isiah Enriques got fired up and put in a blistering performance. For a crew of novice sailors they appeared to be naturals and within minutes were trimming, pointing, yelling, tacking and doing all they could to out sail the competition.

We crossed the line to cheers of congratulations from friends and onlookers for a job well done. To any observers we must have looked like seasoned professionals, rather than a group of teens on their first sailing adventure. Not only did we look the part, the crew of ‘Pleiades’ managed to come second!

Under the constant enthusiasm of Nick Spencer, we are now considering a regular team on Friday evenings. I wonder how many years it will be before an Indigenous crew of fine Scots boys win the Sydney to Hobart!

Mr Jonathan Samengo
Indigenous Education
From the Business Office
A reminder to all parents that fees are due by Week 4, 21 February 2011. This applies to all accounts except the Cubs who do not commence until 22 February 2011.

If fees are not paid and there is no suitable arrangement with the Business Office a late fee of $135 will be charged.

Any queries regarding your account please do not hesitate to contact Kate Brenac on 02 93917628 or email k.brenac@tsc.nsw.edu.au.

Notices
Scots Sustainability Committee
The Scots Sustainability Committee would like to remind all Scots families that Earth Hour 2011 is fast approaching. This is a great example of how many small actions of a large group of people can make a big difference. Have some candles ready and do your bit on 26 March. Turn off your lights from 8.30pm–9.30pm. Together we can make a difference.

For more information please visit www.earthhour.com.au.

Prayer Breakfast
Once each term, the College hosts a Prayer Breakfast, to which all members of the College community are invited. This is an opportunity to meet and to pray for the boys of the College, as well as our wider community. The first of these breakfasts for 2011 will be held on Thursday 24 February, from 7:15am-8:15am, in Room 215 (in the main corridor off the quadrangle). A light breakfast will be provided. All are welcome to attend. If you require further details, please contact the Senior Chaplain, Reverend Conrad Nixon.

2011 Business Directory (link to
The Business Directory was established by the Women's Association for the first time in 2010 and is administered by a volunteering parent. We anticipate that this publication will grow each year and become an invaluable resource for those associated with the College. All profits after the production of the Directory go directly to the College to fund educational resources for the boys.

A copy of the 2010 Directory may be viewed on The Scots College's website. Simply click on the 'Community Tab' and select 'Business Directory'.

If you would like your business featured in the 2011/2012 Directory or would like to subscribe for your own copy, please contact Jen Adamson on 0439 952 648 for an application form.
The College Shop and Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool is operated by The Scots College Women’s Association for the purpose of providing good quality, second hand uniforms at reasonable prices. Opening hours are:

- Tuesday 1 March: 11.00am-1.00pm
- Thursday 17 March: 1.00pm-3.00pm
- Tuesday 5 April: 9.00am-1.00pm

Please note that account sales are not available at the College Shop. Credit cards, cash, cheque and EFTPOS only are accepted.

The College Shop is currently located on Fairfax Oval adjacent to the Clothing Pool. This is a temporary location due to the refurbishment of the Preparatory School. The College is aware that these will be cramped conditions and ask for your consideration during this time.

For any uniform enquiries, please contact the College Shop on 02 9391 7679.

Upcoming Events

- Prayer Breakfast – Thursday 24 February.
- Prep School Annual Cocktail Party – Friday 25 February.