Term 2, Week 1 – Thursday 2 May

Message from the Principal

Principal’s welcome address at the opening of Aspinall House:

The Member for Wentworth, New South Wales, Honorable Malcolm Turnbull MP, Chairman of College Council, Mr Simon Fraser, members of Council, Aspinall House Old Boys, Aspinall family members present with us today, parents and friends and boys – welcome to this official ceremony celebrating the Aspinall House and the Annex restoration.

As you will learn today through the various speeches and tours, Aspinall House has a unique historical place in Bellevue Hill and in the life and story of The Scots College. As we celebrate 120 years since our foundation in 1893, it is fitting that our historic College home on this site since 1895, is restored as the ‘front door’ of The Scots College and as a centerpiece of this world renowned College.

Originally a home and administrative centre for the College’s first three Principals – Rev Arthur Aspinall and Principals James Bee and Alexander Knox Anderson, it also served as the College’s dining room, boarding residence, chapel and classroom; this building was School House and must contain some fascinating stories told by boys and masters over the early decades of the College.

In accordance with our Masterplan, Aspinall House will now be utilized as the College’s administrative centre on the ground floor and continue as a boarding house with dormitories and single rooms on the upper floors and recreation and living facilities on the lower ground floor. It is our wish that many boys, parents and College support groups will host meetings and functions in the Ballroom and that special events such as the Ashburner Society annual address – established to honour past Rhodes scholars and future Rhodes scholars – will bring life and vibrancy to our community. As a Rhodes Scholar yourself, Mr Turnbull, be assured that you will receive regular invitations.

There are a number of Old Boys here today whose history goes back 70 or 80 years. Indeed, back to the beginning of Aspinall in 1895.

Aspinall boys in 1946 joined in the celebration of the Jubilee (ie the 50th year of the College – postponed several years because of the war) and participated in the Parade and Salute taken by the Duke of Gloucester, and joined the fair and the garden party and the Jubilee Ball. It is wonderful to welcome some those boys back today to this celebration 70 years on. May I mention some of the history of some of these Aspinall Old Boys?
John Maddrell down from Braidwood today 1944 to 1948 was followed by his son John 1989 to 1994. John was preceded by his brother Garry 1940 to 1941 who left to join the Air Force. Before him was his uncle Harry around the turn of the century, and before that, John’s father Garnett 1896 to 1904. A history from the first days of Aspinall to this very day.

Ken Williams, a dear family friend, attended from the Prep in 1935 to 1948. Ken and his wife Wynn were the first to learn of my appointment as Principal following my final interview in 2006. John Brigstock 1947 to 1948 attended whilst his father was flying Sunderland flying boats on Coastal Patrol in the UK. Colin Orr 1943-48, whilst a day boy, was Deputy Head Prefect and as well as his presence is representing David Watts Head Prefect 1942-48. My Father, Alan, is here too 1944 to 1948 and there are others from around the 1940’s and earlier.

These are just a few of our Old Boys amongst us today who maintain an enduring love for their home away from home and we especially welcome all of you.

For me personally, art and architecture reflect one's beliefs and values. The poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins, the architecture of Christopher Wren and the landscape design of Capability Brown reflect the beauty, strength and Granduer of God and the creative pulse in humankind reflecting the image of God. Boys need to see and value beauty in all its facets and dimensions. Beauty speaks to us about aspiration, hope, human excellence, love and worship. It points us towards the perfection reflected in and promised by Jesus Christ who provides both the cornerstone and vision for this great College. We are all capable of constructing a shed for a functional purpose, but it takes an inspired collective of men and women, motivated by a grand vision, to build and restore a building of this quality.

As you will see, there are still a few elements that will need to be finished in the next few weeks, but largely the project is almost complete. I have personally been inspired by the builders and craftsmen who have worked so efficiently and passionately on this project over the last two and a half years. It is important that I acknowledge these men and women and ask that they pass on our appreciation to their extended team members:

**Contractors**

Warwick Pilcher and staff (Heath, Chris, Darren, Craig, Phil, Ben, Raphael, Steve) –D&P

Colin Heighes – Plumber

Syd Bkassini (Bekassini) – Electrician

David Harvey – Plasterer

Mark Gilligan – Plasterer

Tom Varol – Painters
Our College staff, Mr Steven Adams and Mr Aaron Malouf, provided outstanding leadership, vision, persistence and patience – thank you gentlemen. To the CLT and College Council, thank you for your support.

Ladies and gentlemen, there is so much more I could say. Thank you for supporting us today and I trust you will enjoy viewing the House. To Mr Chambers and the Aspinall House staff and boys, thank you for your patience, trust and generosity over a two and a half year period. I hope you will be back in 70 years boys and remember the role you played with great fondness.

‘Noble life demands a noble architecture for noble uses of noble men. Lack of culture means what it has always meant: ignoble civilization and therefore imminent downfall’—Frank Lloyd Wright.
Chairman's comments at opening of Aspinall House

Thursday 2 May 2013

Welcome

On behalf of the Principal and the College Council, I am delighted to welcome you all here this afternoon to participate in this important day in the life of the College. I particularly welcome our local Federal Member, Mr Malcolm Turnbull, as our guest of honour for these proceedings. I wish to recognise the presence today of some benefactors and members of The Scots College Foundation. Fundraising must be a major component of future capital projects if our College is to be a school of excellence which is working at the cutting edge of education in New South Wales and, dare I say it, Australia and even beyond.

We stand here in front of historic Aspinall House, which was acquired in 1895 as the new site of the College after relocation from Brighton-Le-Sands. Behind us is the War Memorial Chapel which was opened in 1953 by the then Prime Minister, Mr Robert Menzies. The Chapel was built largely from a major fundraising effort, particularly by the Old Boys of the College. The area where we are now congregating is the JC Turner Chapel Courtyard. Distinguished Old Boy, Mr John Turner, who, I am pleased to say, is present with us this afternoon, generously donated the funds to upgrade the Chapel forecourt and entrance.

It is timely to be reminded that all our efforts at improving the fabric of the College are built upon the efforts of those who have gone before us - as the College motto reminds us, May we be worthy of our forefathers.

I now invite the Senior Chaplain of the College, Rev Conrad Nixon, to lead the prayer of rededication.

Introduction of guest of honour

It is a pleasure to introduce the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP. Mr Turnbull is the Federal Shadow Minister for Communication and Broadband and has been the Federal Member for our local seat of Wentworth since 2004. He was educated at another GPS school, Sydney Grammar and then at the University of Sydney. As a Rhodes Scholar for NSW in 1978 he
attended Oxford University. He has had a long and varied career. Who would recall for example that he was the General Counsel and Secretary of Consolidated Press Holdings for several years from 1983? He later acquired considerable fame as a barrister in the Spycatcher trial in 1988. Subsequently he established and operated a merchant bank.

Mr Turnbull's extensive Who's Who entry indicates that he is a member of the Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club and North Bondi Surfing Club. Clearly, Mr Turnbull is, as the Scots would say, a man of parts - one might say that he is an exemplar of the Scottish tradition of a strong education as the means to a productive and successful life. Mr Turnbull's ancestors in NSW date from the first Presbyterian settlers at Ebenezer in the very early years of this colony.

Sir, we are delighted that you accepted our invitation to be with us this afternoon. I now invite you to address our gathering and thereafter to draw the curtain on our plaque to symbolise the re-opening of Aspinall House. I should say that the plaque is set up here rather than on the building because we are waiting on full completion of the building and thereafter advice from our heritage architect regarding where in or on the building this commemorative plaque should be located.

Mr Simon Fraser
Chairman of Council

Message from the Head of Preparatory School

Welcome back to all boys and families of the Preparatory School. We look forward to the many learning opportunities afforded in Term 2 including the commencement of Winter Sport, Year 6 Musical, NAPLAN tests, T-6 Open Day, ICAS Competitions and Family Concerts along with the normal challenges of our classroom activities.


Next Thursday 9 May, a Parent Information Evening will be held Night

A focus of the Preparatory School this year has been to further strengthen the teaching and learning of mathematics. This has involved addressing the emphasis on building recall of maths facts, and how to use these facts to solve real mathematical problems. Staff and students have been working with Kristen Tripet, an education consultant in mathematics from the AIS, to build a problem solving approach to classroom learning. At this parent evening, Kristen will be looking at how maths works in today's classroom, some of the strategies students are learning and how parents can help with maths at home. There will be an opportunity to hear about and experience the real maths students are exploring in Kindergarten through to Year 6.
We look forward to welcoming a large number of parents on the evening. Come along with your mathematical brains working and any questions you would like answered on maths in today’s classroom.

The evening will be held next Thursday 9 May in Deane Hall on the Junior Prep Campus commencing at 6:00pm and concluding by 7:30pm.

**T-6 Parents Open Morning – Friday 24 May**

Our Parents Open Morning for the ELC, Junior Prep (Years 2-4) and Senior Prep (Years 5-6) sections of the Preparatory School will be held on Friday 24 May.

Parents and friends of The Scots College are encouraged to attend the Open Morning where they will be able to see the boys at work in class and in performance. We look forward to welcoming parents, friends and visitors to the Preparatory School on this special day.

**Parking and Drop Off**

The parents of boys in Transition Cubs and Lions are invited to use Mansion Road for drop-off and pick up. All other parents are requested to use Kambala, Drumalbyn or Victoria Roads. Please note that the Victoria Rd Bus Stop near Mansion Road is not a designated Drop Off Zone and we ask parents to drop off in the nearby legal areas. Parents of boys in Year 5 and 6 are asked to pick up their sons roughly midway between Mansion and Ginahgulla Roads.

Could I ask parents to be very mindful of our neighbours. We have had complaints from neighbours regarding cars blocking their driveways making it impossible for them to leave their houses. May I also appeal to parents to not park at the driveway immediately below the Transition play area on Mansion Road. This parking space has been dedicated for parents and friends who may have disabilities. Some parents do need to use this space.

**ANZAC Day**

In was my pleasure this week to watch our Pipes and Drums as they led the annual ANZAC Day March in Sydney. Following the march, the Pipes and Drums also led the Service of Remembrance in Hyde Park in the presence of the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir. Congratulations to Mr Ray Lee and the Scots College Pipes and Drums for their outstanding leadership on this solemn occasion.

**Mother’s Day Stall**

Thank you to our Women’s Association for their help in coordinating Mother’s Day treats for mums of the Preparatory School. For Years 2 to 6 boys, a special Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 9 May. Dads and boys, please see the notice in this newsletter.
The Scots College – No Dog Zone

Parents are advised that dogs are not permitted on the grounds of The Scots College. This is to ensure the safety of the boys, staff and parents. Dogs' excrement is also very hazardous for young children causing eye and other infections. Could I ask all parents and boys to please observe this regulation. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Winter Uniforms

The boys in Years 2 to 6 have been reminded this week that there are certain winter uniform combinations that need to be observed:

All boys must wear their school coats when travelling to and from school. Caps are expected to be worn for Years 2 to 4.

Boys are not permitted to wear a jumper without a coat when travelling to and from school. If a boy is wearing a school jumper this must be worn under the coat if travelling to and from school.

While at school boys are permitted to wear their jumpers without their coats.

Glengarry

This weekend the College is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of our Glengarry Campus. After the completion of Saturday sport commitments, Prep families are most welcome to attend the activities planned for the weekend.

The organisers of the Arts in the Valley Festival are holding some activities at the Scots Glengarry campus. This is will be a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to experience the festival as well as view the Glengarry campus.

Please click here for the schedule of events for the Glengarry Open Day.

If you are interested in attending the Glengarry Open Day, please RSVP by Friday 3 May for catering purposes to Nicole Gorman – Event Specialist at marcomevents@tsc.nsw.edu.au.

For those wanting to spend the weekend in Kangaroo Valley, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales, will formally open the Arts in the Valley Festival at the Glengarry campus on the night of Friday 3 May.

The festival presents some of Australia's best musicians including the Sydney and Canberra Youth Orchestras, Cheryl Barker, Peter Coleman-Wright, Piers Lane and David Pereira. There will also be more intimate performances held in private homes, Aboriginal performers including a Corroboree and sculpture at one of the Valley's finest gardens.

For more information about the Arts in the Valley Festival, please click here.
Travelling Art Exhibition

Each year the Preparatory School enters the IPSHA Travelling Art Exhibition. This is a Visual Arts Exhibition that exhibits children’s works from the associated schools in IPSHA, of which Scots is a member.

The Exhibition has arrived at Scots and can be viewed on the display walls outside the Junior Prep Visual Arts Room. This Exhibition will be on display from Monday 6 May until Thursday 16 May. Parents, families and friends are most welcome to view this superb Exhibition.

Gluten Free Meals

Please note that the Prep Tuck Shop and Blackwatch Café have gluten-free meals available for boys. Parents, whose sons are gluten intolerant, may like to consider these tasty options for their boys.

Winter Sport

The boys appear excited and enthusiastic at the prospect of pulling on the blue and gold at the start of the Winter Sports season. May I wish all boys an enjoyable and successful Rugby and Football season.

Rugby and Football Captains

Congratulations to our Rugby and Football Captains for 2013. Campbell Pert has been selected as Football Captain and Hugh O’Neill as Rugby Captain. Well done, Campbell and Hugh. I am sure you will do the College proud!

Code of Conduct – Sport

As we enter the Winter Sports Season it is worthwhile to review why we play games as part of IPSHA (Independent Primary Schools Heads Association) and what conduct is expected. Could I ask that parents please review Code of Conduct as we enter the Winter Sports Season.

IPSHA Spectators’ Code of Behaviour

- Children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.

- Applaud good performances and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game’s outcome.

- Respect the officials’ decision.

- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a competition.

- Positive comments are motivational and encourage continued effort.

- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
• Show respect for your team’s opponents. Without them there would be no game.
• Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials’ decisions.
• Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.
• Comments should not interfere with the running of the game.
• Focus on the efforts and performance of the children rather than the result.

Praise:

• Praise is encouraged at all levels.

Complaints:

• Complaints concerning the conduct of games;
• should not be made during or after the game.
• should be referred to one’s Head of Junior School and any action should be left to his/her discretion.
• UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should parents contact schools directly.

Wet Weather

Unless you have official information to the contrary, please always assume that games are going ahead. You can obtain official wet weather notifications by phoning our Wet Weather line on 90080401.

Mr John Crerar
Head of the Preparatory School

From the Director of the Early Learning Centre

An active body, soul and mind builds strong and healthy boys. At the beginning of the term the Early Learning Centre team are developing new ways to encourage active bodies to be better prepared for the learning experiences of the day.

This term we are putting a regular fitness session into our ‘pre class times’ for the day. Starting at 8:40am the boys will be led by a variety of teachers on exercises to grow their focus, by working on a physical ‘wake up for learning’ time.

After an energetic and relaxing holiday we know that returning to school can be challenging. When we are better prepared for listening and engaging in learning because our bodies are wide awake, we think we are preparing the boys for success.
From the Assistant Head of Preparatory 2–4

It was great to hear from most of you that you were able to have a refreshing break and to enjoy time with family, reflecting on the importance that positive relationships have in our life. The start of Term 2 has certainly begun well with the boys and the Scots community ready for an exciting, yet short, final term of Semester 1. This weekend is the commencement of Winter Sport for Years 3 and 4. Many of the boys are attempting sports they have never played before, especially in Year 3, where most boys will be introduced to weekend sport for the first time.

During the week the boys have Wednesday team training, where they will practise and fine-tune their skills, mostly in game-based activities. Could I please ask for the correct Winter Sport uniform to be worn for training, and not their PE clothing which can be damaged during these game-based activities.

It is important for boys to recognise and be aware of the uniform that they wear and represent. Boys in uniform have greater sense of teamwork, a sense of pride (in themselves, in their team and in school in general), and overall commitment.

Please also be aware that your son should only wear his PEDH uniform for PEDH once a week, as one lesson each week is theory-based and does not require a sports uniform. Please check his timetable for PDHPE. This may help in reducing the overall household washing which I'm sure will be good news for some.

Best of luck and may the boys enjoy the special bond that team sports certainly provide for growing young men.

Mr Duncan Kendall
Assistant Head of Preparatory 2-4

Message from the Chaplain

During the recent break, I had the privilege, along with Mr Roger Sattler and twelve Senior school students, of travelling on a Christian Mission Trip to Vanuatu. The boys took on many new challenges and each day learned new things about the people of Vanuatu and about themselves. They taught Christian Studies classes at Seaside Paama School in Port Vila. They met with Church leaders and Village elders from various communities. They undertook project work painting churches and other buildings. They stayed for several days at the Tata school (Espiritu Santo), where they taught classes,
spoke at Church services and Assemblies, and spent extended periods of time with their ‘buddies’, sharing aspects of culture, and playing, working and learning together. They visited the nearby Island of Tangoa to meet the people, visit the church, and learn about the birth of Independence, the work of the early Christian missionaries, and the establishment of the former Bible college.

It was a remarkable experience for these boys. They were able to witness first hand the enormous impact the Christian Gospel has had in shaping lives, communities, and indeed the nation of Vanuatu. They were able to learn so much from living amongst people, who, at one level, are very poor, and yet in so many significant ways, are rich beyond measure. They were able to grow in so many ways, as they took up opportunities – often with very little notice – to speak about their own school, share something of their personal faith in Christ, present lessons on a range of topics, or lead others in prayer or singing. Opportunities such as these challenge us to move outside of our comfort zone, enable us to appreciate the beauty and the richness of another culture, and provide further scope to be of service and blessing to others. Students from Scots and students from Tata have begun to build a relationship that we trust will be mutually beneficial for years to come: helping students from both schools to grow in their capacity to lead, learn and serve within God’s world, and to make a profound and positive difference to the lives of many others.

Reverend Conrad Nixon
Senior Chaplain

From Indigenous Education

Many Indigenous Programs approach Term 2 with anxiety and uncertainty, as this is the time that the new boys who have gone home for the first time often don’t return. They see family, reconnect with what they were missing and often have a great deal of peer pressure to stay home and not return to school.

With Jay, Shane, Winston, Delwyn and Leon, I had no such concerns and I am happy to report that they are all back, happy and bristling with enthusiasm for the term ahead and all the new things it brings (rugby being high on the list). Without exception, all these boys had a great first term and settled in very quickly. They also have such strong support for their educational journey at home, which ensures that there is always an enduring commitment to their time at Scots. I would like to thank all the boys parents and carers for this.

Such is their commitment to education, that Delwyn and Leon spent the entire holidays attending their old school in Gapuwiyak, turning up to school every day, going to lessons and assembly, even though they knew their other Scots mates were kicking back and relaxing.
They were not the only ones that had a busy holiday. Jackson Dowling went on the Vanuatu trip. The Indigenous Program contributed $2,000 to the trip as a reward for being a fine Scots boy. He said he had the best experience of his life. Aidan Bestwick also demonstrated his great commitment to Scots in his prominent role in the Anzac Day Parade. Aidan only picked up his first set of bag pipes less than a year ago, so it was with great pride that I saw him in his full Highland uniform playing the pipes with such pride and dignity. A great achievement.

We have worked hard to ensure that we take on boys and families with a strong attitude and commitment to Scots. It is great to see the fruits of this work.

Mr Jonathan Samengo
Executive Officer – Indigenous Education

Kambala Road Drop-offs

Managing traffic and safety is an ongoing concern for The Scots College and something that we take very seriously. We ask for everyone to please be considerate of our neighbours and at drop-off and pick-up times in Term 2. Parking tickets have been issued recently so please ensure you obey parking regulations at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

From the Visual Arts Department

The following students have had artworks selected to be included in the IPSHA Visual Arts Travelling Exhibition for 2013. Alexander Xie Kindergarten, Baxter Torrance Kindergarten, Matthew George Year 1, Damien Hanna Year 1, Bronson Cutajar Year 2, Joe Lewis-Thorp Year 2, Sebastien Morell-Fantozzi Year 3, Oscar Pain Year 3, Ethan Chandler Year 4, Peter Zhao Year 4, Darcy De Mestre Year 5, Adrian Hidayat Year 5, Campbell Pert Year 6 and Charlie Verco Year 6. Their work will be on tour at various IPSHA schools during the year with the first exhibition being here at Scots. They will be on display, together with other schools works, in the corridor outside the Mansion Road Visual Arts room from Monday 6 May until Thursday 16 May. Congratulations boys.

Mr Anthony Whyte
Prep Visual Arts Teacher
From the Preparatory School Library

**Reading Logs for the Reading Challenge**

A reminder as Term 2 commences that boys should hand their completed Reading Logs in to the Library in order to receive their certificate. Congratulations to Lewis Porter (LLL), Ewan O’Sullivan (KJM), Lachlan Cheung (KKG), Lee Nam Tran (KJM), Frederick Darnell (KJM), Oscar Wang (1AM), Archit Kaul (1KM), Lucas Robinson (1KM), Harry Steigrad (1KM), Cooper Kennedy (1ND), Pericles Malamas (2AP), Joshua Taylor (2AS), Thomas Bullock (2AS), Dominic Stathis (2DI), Jack Kyle (3LC), Sebastian Kritikides (3MW) and Daniel Granger (4PH). These boys have completed a Lion’s Pride Reading Challenge. They each become Cyclists on the ‘Tour de Reading’ display in the Library. Special mention this week goes to Christian Conway (1KM), Lachlan Cunningham (1ND), Will Chamberlain (2AP) and Harry Cunningham (3AC). These boys have completed a second Reading Log and earn a ‘King of the Mountain Jersey’ on the ‘Tour de Reading’ display in the Library. Talon Howitt has now completed five Reading Logs and gets a second ‘Cyclist’ in the tour. Terrific reading!

When boys complete a Reading Challenge they will receive a certificate, have their name put up on the ‘Tour de Reading’ display in the Library and have their achievement mentioned in *The Clansman*. I look forward to receiving many more reading logs as the boys finish them.

**Mr James Tracey**
Teacher-Librarian/Coordinator of Information Services

From the Music Department

**Tedeschi and Omega Saturday 1 June**

As a supporter of the Sydney Omega Ensemble, The Scots College is thrilled to be able to offer a $10 discount to their upcoming performance with renowned pianist Simon Tedeschi on Saturday 1 June 7:30pm @ City Recital Hall Angel Place. David Rowden, Artistic Director of SOE, is a Scots Old Boy. Please contact Mrs van den Bol, a.vandenbol@tsc.nsw.edu.au for more information, or alternatively see their website; www.sydneymegaensemble.com – quote the promotional code ABC to receive the $10 discount when booking online.

“I was humbled to work with Sydney Omega Ensemble on some of the finest music in the entire chamber music literature. Sydney Omega Ensemble possesses both the pluckiness and energy of youth but also the gravitas and depth to tackle works of this calibre. In my mind, they are a unique ensemble on the Australian music scene and I hope my association with them continues for years to come.”
Selby and Friends Chamber Music Concert Thursday 11 April

On Thursday 11 April, Felix Riedel Year 6MS and his family attended the Selby and Friends Chamber Music Concert at the City Recital Hall, Angel Place. This concert titled *First, Last and Only*, included the Piano Trios of Shostakovich, Ravel and Schubert. Each of the performers gave an interesting story behind each piece.

Below is a comment from Felix Riedel Year 6MS.

“I really enjoyed going to this concert with my Mum and Grandparents. The pieces were really interesting and the musicians played with a lot of energy. I hope my friends can come to listen to these concerts. We thank Ms Cheng for taking us to the concert.”

Year 5 and 6 Percussion Ensemble

All students currently having peripatetic percussion or piano lessons are invited to join the percussion ensemble. This new initiative will take place on Wednesday mornings before school in the Centenary Building (Senior Campus) under the direction of Mr James Waples, Ms Rebecca Cheng and Ms Coleman. Boys are invited to come along to the rehearsals on Wednesday morning next week in order to ensure their position in this much sought after ensemble.

Upcoming events for your diary

Rose Bay Opening Thursday 16 May, from 4:00pm

Students from the Preparatory Choir and Preparatory String Ensemble will be involved in performances for this upcoming and important event. More information regarding the performances will be given to your son at their next ensemble rehearsal.

ELC Family concert – Tuesday 28 May, 5:00pm-6:30pm in Deane Hall

This concert will be for students in the ELC currently having peripatetic music lessons. The boys will have the opportunity to perform a piece of solo music for the audience. Notes have been emailed to parents and a copy has also been sent home with your son. Please note that late return of reply slips will not be accepted.

Prep Family Concert (Year 2–4) Wednesday 29 May, 5:00pm-6:30pm in Deane Hall
This concert will be for students in Years 2 to 4 currently having peripatetic music lessons. The boys will have the opportunity to perform a piece of solo music for the audience. Notes have been emailed to parents and a copy has also been sent home with your son. Please note that late return of reply slips will not be accepted.

Prep Family Concert (Year 5 and 6) Wednesday 29 May, 7:00pm-8:30pm in Deane Hall
This concert will be for students in Years 5 and 6 currently having peripatetic music lessons. The boys will have the opportunity to perform a piece of solo music for the audience. Notes have been emailed to parents and a copy has also been sent home with your son. Please note that late return of reply slips will not be accepted.

The Scots College Concert: Tuesday 4 June 2013 at the NSW Art Gallery
Boys in the Preparatory Choir, Concert Band and String Ensemble will be performing in combined ensembles for this wonderful event. More information about the event will be given to your son in the coming weeks.

Year 6 Musical – Tuesday 18 June, 6:00pm in the Auditorium
Take a magic carpet ride with Aladdin, Jasmine, the hilarious genie and many others as Year 6 present Aladdin Jr. The boys are working hard at learning their lines, singing songs and practising their dances as they prepare for this wonderful annual event.

For further information on Music in the Preparatory School, please feel free to contact:

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Ms Fiona Coleman
Coordinator of Music – Preparatory School

From the ICT Department

Meet the new ICT Team
There are some new faces in the ICT Team and we have renewed our focus on customer support.

Come to the ICT department and relax and listen to some nice music and notice the new plants/flowers at the ICT Service Desk.

Be greeted with a smile and treat yourself to a lolly while your computer problem is being resolved.

Over the next few weeks, we will be including pictures and a little information about the new ICT staff members.

iPad Trials
The ICT Department is currently working with Teachers in Prep 2-4, Prep 5-6 and the Science and Maths Departments in the senior school to evaluate the potential benefits of students using iPads. Each group will start with having a pilot set of 10 iPads for two terms in which to discover the benefits of using iPads. Teachers and ICT staff members will be visiting 3-4 schools in the Sydney area during Terms 2 and 3 in order to learn from the successes and challenges of iPad programs in other schools.

We expect to hear that the overall successes with iPads in schools have varied greatly up to this point. We expect to see benefits with reduced weight with the use of electronic textbooks, a greater choice of applications for staff to choose from, and greater reliability of the technology. Of course there will be challenges to be overcome and that is what this trial is about. We want to know that before we commit to using iPads that it will not negatively impact the learning of the Scots Boys.

ICT Service Desk Hours
If you need assistance, please come to the ICT Service Desk or contact us at 9391 7799 or itsc@tsc.nsw.edu.au. The ICT Service Desk located at the bottom of the Coote Theatre steps. Our opening hours are from Monday to Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm.

ICT at The Prep School
With the NAPLAN Tests just around the corner, teachers and students have been busy revising, extending and refining their Numeracy and Literacy skills. Parents are also keen to support and assist their sons during this preparation period. Boys in the Preparatory School have online access to Mathletics, Spelladrome and Literacy Planet, which help focus on and improve specific concepts and skills. Ziptales provides the boys with a great number of stories to read as well as comprehension activities. A number of APPS are also available from EXCEL and the APP store. These APPS are mainly sample NAPLAN type tests to help familiarise the boys with the different styles of questions and formats found within the NAPLAN test paper.


From the Sport Department

Prep Sport

Welcome back for the start of Term 2 and Round 1 of the Winter Sport season.

To assist with your planning and organisation a number of documents were emailed direct to parents at the end of last term. Please note the Overview of Sports Fixtures for the season is subject to change with weekly fixtures confirmed each Thursday in on Scots Sports Online. The Venue Directory – lists all sport venues and addresses including full names of abbreviations listed on Overview of Sports Fixtures. The Additional Coaching Sessions – outline all additional coaching sessions offered during Term 2 and these have now commenced.

*The Clansman* is an important source of information for you throughout the season. Please ensure you check *The Clansman* each week for sports information and fixture details.

*Scots Sport Online* is an essential source of information as this confirms sports fixtures each week and includes team lists that are not accessible from *The Clansman*.

Winter Sport Teams

Students have been placed into teams for Round 1 games. Teams will remain fluid throughout the season.

Sporting Aim – it is timely to reinforce the first listed aim of Junior School Sport (IPSHA): *Enjoyment for children and sportsmanship to be emphasised at all times*. I encourage parents to proactively reinforce this message.
Spectators are a welcome support at games; however please note the IPSHA rules (as stated below) do not permit spectators onto the playing field at any time (including at half time and after the game. Coaches and referees have also been reminded to reinforce this rule.

10. Spectators

10.1 Spectators are not allowed onto the field.

10.2 Where practical spectators should remain 5m away from side and goal lines.

10.3 Games should be stopped until spectators are the required distance back.

Team commitment

Please ensure that boys arrive at games in the correct College attire at least 20 minutes prior to the starting time. Saturday sport is compulsory and leave from sport must be sought well in advance. Leave must be sought from The Head of the Prep and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. In the event of sudden illness that prevents attendance on the eve of competition, an email should be sent to Mr Wilsmore: b.wilsmore@tsc.nsw.edu.au including students name, sport and team at the earliest convenience.

Absences

If a boy is selected to play in a team he must attend. Please work hard to instill the virtues of commitment required as a member of a team.

- Absences pertaining to illness/injury prior to Friday 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: boys 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 Prep: j.crerar@tsc.nsw.edu.au at least one week in advance (where possible).

Saturday Sport Reminders to Boys and Parents

1. Check the Weekly Fixtures published in *The Clansman* and on Scots Sport Online.

2. Ring the wet weather number for cancellations (9008 0401 to be called after 6:45am).

3. Email Mr Wilsmore b.wilsmore@tsc.nsw.edu.au if last minute illness prevents your attendance.

4. Arrive 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.
5. Present yourself professionally in the College Uniform.

6. Participate in a warm up and team talk before the game.

7. Listen to the coaches instructions and demonstrate good sportsmanship.

8. Aim to do your best (not necessarily to be the best) and focus on the process not the outcome.

9. Shake hands with the opposition after the game, including with our coach before departure.

10. Return all equipment to the kit and leave the area clean and tidy.

I wish all boys the best of luck for the forthcoming season.

Mr Brent Wilsmore
Coordinator Sport and PDHPE – Prep

Prep Rugby

The Prep Rugby season kicks off this week with the first game of the season on Saturday, good luck to all boys for their first game. Please see below for some details that will help you throughout the season:

Additional Skill Sessions

These programs are a great opportunity for boys to further develop their skills outside of normal training. Boys are to come along to these session in rugby appropriate clothing and then change back into their school uniform at the end of the session, see below for times and locations.

Year 3 and 4 – Thursday 7:15am-8:15am – Mansion Road Courts

Year 5 and 6 – Tuesday 7:15am-8:15am – Fairfax Oval Courts

SEA Rugby

Years 2-6 – Monday 3:15pm-4:30pm – Main Oval

This program starts next Monday and for those people who enrolled their boys into this session your place is confirmed unless you have been told otherwise. Boys are to bring their training gear to school and change at the conclusion of the school day, see below for time and location.

Match Day Responsibilities
Just a quick reminder that it is imperative that all boys are at the venue ready to warm up a minimum of 20 minutes prior to their match. Please ensure that your boys seek out their coach upon arrival ready to warm up. By turning up late, you not only let down the other team members, it is not a good reflection on the College. Thank you in advance for your diligence with this.

During the first weekend of the holidays, Mr Kendall, Mrs Collett and I accompanied 20 Year 6 boys to the annual TAS Rugby Tournament in Armidale. The tournament was an intense time with the boys playing five games across two days. We walked away as joint champions of B-Division which was a credit to the boys and the style of Rugby they played. Well done boys!!

Mr James Bruce  
MIC Prep Rugby

**Prep Football**

Finally, the Football season has arrived! I would like to firstly congratulate all of the boys who attended the clinics during the holidays. I am looking forward to seeing the boys play their first game this weekend. Well done, boys!

A big thank you must go to Tony Canning (Director of Football) and all the external coaches who helped with the camps during the holidays. Without your dedication and passion for Football these camps would not have been possible. I know the boys are very grateful and are eager to apply their new skills throughout the coming season.

With Round 1 commencing this Saturday, I would like to remind parents that all boys need to be ready to commence warm-up at least 20 minutes prior the start of the match. This ensures they are physically prepared as well as providing the coach the opportunity to discuss team goals for the match and make any last minute adjustments. I would also like to reinforce the need for all boys to be wearing the Scots Football Uniform and it is compulsory for all boys to wear shin pads at training and games.

**Additional Skills**

All the additional sessions have now started for Football. We are very fortunate to have some highly qualified coaches involved with these sessions. I encourage all students to attend the sessions if possible. Please see below for the weekly schedule.

**Tuesday:** Year 3 and 4 – Mansion Road

**Thursday:** Year 5 and 6 – Fairfax (sessions will be held from 7:15am- 8:15am)
Term 2 and 3 – Scots Extra Activity Football

Monday: Year 2 to 6 – Mansion Road – 3:15pm-4:30pm (Year 5 and 6 boys will be walked up to Mansion Road from the Ginahgulla campus)

Thursday: Kindy and Year 1 – Mansion Road – 3:05pm-4:15pm

Finally, I would like to wish all footballers the best of luck this weekend, and I look forward to meeting all parents throughout the season.

Mr Andrew Goldrick
MIC Prep Football

Prep Snowsports Jumps and Bumps

2013 TSC Snowsports Teams Online Entry and Training Information available online
All 2013 TSC Snowsports Teams Entry and Training information is now available online on the TSC Snowsports Association website: http://snowsports.tsc.nsw.edu.au/

2013 Dry-Land Training Program – Wednesday Mornings 7:00am-7:50am (commencing 8 May)
The TSC Strength and Conditioning Department has designed a ‘Prep specific’ Snowsports Dry-Land Training program for TSC Snowsports participants. TSC Strength and Conditioning staff will be supervising the sessions each Wednesday morning (Commencing 8 May) from 7:00am-7:50am in the TSC Strength and Conditioning Facility – The John Solomon Sports Club (Bottom Level of the Science block – opposite TSC basketball court). The sessions will be available for interested TSC Preparatory School Snowsports team members and TSC Development Program participants. There are no additional costs associated with the Dry-Land Training program. However, parents must make arrangements to deliver their boy(s) to each session and to collect them at the completion of each session in order to take them back to the TSC Preparatory School campuses. Additionally, a 2013 TSC Snowsports Dry-Land Training Program Permission Form must be signed and returned to Mr Tanner at the Ginahgulla campus office prior to your son commencing the program. Please email Mr Tanner for a permission form.

2013 SSA Cross Country ‘Futures Camp’ – This Weekend (May 4-5)
Your son may be interested in participating in the SSA Cross Country ‘Futures Camp’ to be held this weekend. The SSA Program has been designed to introduce developing athletes to National team training techniques and to outline the
Australian Cross Country Skiing Athlete Pathway. Athletes will benefit from expert coaching from national level coaches and athletes. Following the ‘futures Camp’ interested athletes can consider joining the NSW Training Squads, which offer dry-land training leading into the winter and on-snow training in the NSW July school holidays. Please email Mr Tanner for details.

**2013 July School Holidays TSC Prep Ski Development Program: Monday 1 July – Friday 5 July**

The 2013 TSC Prep Ski Development Program will be held at Perisher during the July School Holidays (Monday 1 July – Friday 5 July). The five day program is open to Years 3 to 6 boys with a minimum basic skiing proficiency (Not Entry-Level Skiers). The TSC Pipeline online portal is now open for payment for the 2013 TSC Prep Snowsports Development Program. Please email me prior to making payment so as I can confirm your son’s place in the 2013 TSC Prep Snowsports Development Program.

TSC Payment Forms > Camps & Tours > Event > TSC 2013 Prep Snowsports Development Program

**2013 The Scots College Snowsports Championships**

The 2013 The Scots College Snowsports Championships is the official warm up event of the Sydney Division Interschools Championships: Monday 8 July – Perisher

2013 Sydney Division Interschools Snowsports Championships Dates

Monday 8 July: TSC Snowsports Championships (Perisher)

Tuesday 9 July: Redlands Cup (Thredbo)

Wednesday 10 July: Interschools: Snowboard GS and Snowboardcross – Divs 4 and 5 (Thredbo)


Friday 12 July: Interschools: Alpine GS – Div 4, Skiercross – Div 5 (Thredbo)

Saturday 13 July: Interschools: Alpine GS – Senior (Thredbo)

Should you have any queries about Snowsports @ Scots, please do not hesitate to contact me on campus or at c.tanner@tsc.nsw.edu.au.

Mr Clive Tanner
MIC Snowsports
Notices

Scots Parents’ Prayer Group

The LORD is near to all who call upon Him: Psalm 145:18

Please join us in Christian fellowship and prayer next Tuesday 7 May. Meet from 8:35am (for an 8:55am start) at the home of Mrs Jocelyn Pitman, 71 Cranbrook Rd, (next to TSC tennis courts). Light refreshments will be provided.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer for all staff, families and our fine Scots boys. Any queries please contact Verity on 0412 514 991 (Parent).

We look forward to welcoming friends old and new!

Comedy Debate Spectacular

All Scots families are warmly invited to enjoy a special evening at an illustrious venue.

The Event: Debating and Public Speaking Cocktail Party and ‘Great Debate’

Date: 30 May 2013
Time: 6.30 – 9.00pm
Venue: The Jubilee Room and the Theatrette, NSW Parliament House
Attire: Scots boys should wear full winter uniform with blazer

Details: This is a wonderful opportunity for members of the Scots community to see our Scots Word Warriors take on their Coaches in feats of daring linguistic skill. Please come along and find out what debating and public speaking at Scots has to offer. All families welcome. Tickets are $70 for adults and $30 for students and young supporters.

For further information contact Karen Hamilton:karen@thehamiltons.com.au or 0407 076 787

Before/After School Care

Parents please note I will be on leave during the first two weeks of Term 2.

All enquiries regarding bookings for Before and After School Care should be directed to the ELC or Prep offices.

With thanks.

Ms Penny Breadman
Before/After School Care Coordinator

Mother's Day Stall 2013

Dear Parents and Carers of Prep Boys in Years 2 to 6

As you are aware Mother's Day is on Sunday 12 May. With this in mind, the Women’s Association is planning a Mother’s Day Stall to give the boys the opportunity to choose a wonderful gift to purchase for their mother.

If you would like your son to take part, please make sure that he brings $25 cash or cheque (made out to The Scots College Women's Association) in an envelope with his name and class written on the front to school on Thursday 9 May.

Boys will be brought to the stall by their class teacher and they will be able to select a gift to take home that day.

Not only are there some great value gifts available but this is also a fundraising event for The Women’s Association and we encourage you all to participate.

If you have any queries please contact Diana D’Amore at ddamore@bigpond.com.

Year 2 Mother's Day Lunch

The Year 2 class parents would like to invite Year 2 mothers to celebrate Mother’s Day with lunch on Friday 10 May from 12:00pm at One Moncur, 1 Moncur St, Woollahra. Lunch is $40.

Please RSVP by Friday 3 May.

For more information, please contact Kylie Maxwell at krmaxwell2603@hotmail.com or Ramona Johnston at ramona@wjpartners.com.au.

Year 3 Mother's Day Lunch

You are invited to attend a Mother's Day lunch held at The Bellevue Hotel. The details are as follows:

Date: Friday 10 May
Time: 12:00pm
Venue: The Bellevue Hotel, 159 Hargrave Street, Paddington
Cost: $60 per head (A two course lunch and a glass of wine or soft drink is included)
RSVP: Friday 3 May

Please use the following details to transfer your payment:
Account: 195584033
BSB: 083832
Reference: Your name and class

RSVPs and enquiries can be directed to Maddie Cunningham at madinnyo4@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Ms Maddie Cunningham
Year 3 Parent

Cubs Mother’s Lunch
The Scots Parents Association would like to invite all Cubs Mothers to a casual lunch at the Bellevue Hotel. Details as follows:

Date: Friday 17 May
Time: 12:00pm
Venue: The Bellevue Hotel, 159 Hargrave Street, Paddington

There is no set menu, but please allow approximately $60/head for food (to be paid on the day). Drinks can be bought separately at the bar.

To confirm table seating please RSVP by 10 May to either:

Amelia Teasdale – 0410 458 038
Skye Mackay – 0407 493 205
Penelope Holt – 0438 555 110

Woollahra Council PROP Sessions
Woollahra Council offers a series of PROP (Primary Resources on Parenting) sessions aimed to provide parents with locally based resources and information on contemporary parenting issues.

The next sessions are as follows:

Emergency First Aid for Parent and Carers (EPC)
Date: Sunday 19 May
Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Location: Woollahra Council
Cost: $43 (normally $80)

Rugby Support Group – Lions Luncheon
On Friday 14 June, The Scots College Rugby Support Group Lions Luncheon will take place from 11:45am-3:30pm at The Westin Hotel, No. 1 Martin Place. To book your ticket, please go to: http://www.trybooking.com/44308. Further information will be provided in the upcoming newsletters.

Upcoming Events

- Scots Parents’ Prayer Group – Tuesday 7 May
- Prep Parent Information Night – Thursday 9 May
- Year 2 Mother’s Day Lunch – Friday 10 May
- Year 3 Mother’s Day Lunch – Friday 10 May
- Mother’s Day Stall – Sunday 12 May
- Rose Bay Opening – Thursday 16 May
- Cubs Mother’s Lunch – Friday 17 May
- Woollahra Council PROP Sessions – Sunday 19 May
- T-6 Parents Open Morning – Friday 24 May
- ELC Family concert – Tuesday 28 May
- Prep Family Concert (Years 2 to 4) – Wednesday 29 May
- Prep Family Concert (Years 5 and 6) – Wednesday 29 May
- Comedy Debate Spectacular – Thursday 30 May
- The Scots College Concert – Tuesday 4 June
- The Scots College Rugby Support Group Lions Luncheon – Friday 14 June
- Year 6 Musical – Tuesday 18 June
- Cubs Father and Son’s Sports Day – Saturday 31 August
- Cubs Parents Cocktail Party – Friday 18 October
- Indigenous Education Program Dinner – Saturday 19 October
- Year 3 Parents Cocktail Party – Friday 25 October