Week 1, Term 3 – 21 July 2011

Message from the Principal

I extend a warm welcome to our new boys, families and staff joining The Scots College this term. Welcome back to our continuing boys, staff and families.

It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of Colonel Donald Ramsay. A well respected member of the Scots community for over 30 years, Donald will be sadly missed by old boys, staff, parents and friends of the College. A Memorial Service will be held for Colonel Ramsay at the War Memorial Chapel at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 26 July.

Colonel Donald Ramsay was born and educated in Scotland. He was commissioned in The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) in 1943 and saw active service during World War II in Italy (including the Cassino battles) and Greece. He transferred to the Australian Regular Army in 1952 and served with the Victorian Scottish Regiment and the Royal Australian Regiment, including with the 2nd Battalion in operations against the communist terrorists in Malaya (1955–57), initially as adjutant and then as a company commander. He served with the Pacific Islands Regiment twice. From 1960 to 1962, he was a company commander and then second-in-command of the Regiment, then a single battalion. From 1965 to 1967, he raised the 2nd Battalion and became its foundation commanding officer.

Colonel Ramsay retired from the Army to lead Papua New Guinea's largest community-owned export-import company until independence in 1975. He joined the staff of The Scots College in 1979 as the Special Duties Officer (Non-Academic Assistant to the Principal). During his time at the College, Colonel Ramsay volunteered to help the school Sergeant, taking on the responsibility for Year 12. He was often heard telling boys to “get a haircut and clean your shoes”. Colonel Ramsay converted a formless diary into what became known as the ‘Blue Yearbook’. He supported the cadets through his contacts, so that College Kokoda Track expeditions were better supported by PNGDF and Australian agencies. Through Donald’s connections the College always secured Reviewing Officers of senior rank - Brigadier and more often than not NSW Governors – for the Annual Parade of Remembrance.

Colonel Ramsay organised and ran a “School Tattoo” in 1984, based on the Battle of Waterloo and was the chief organiser of the Centenary Celebrations in 1993. Upon his retirement from this position, Donald took up the role of Secretary of the Old Boys Union. He retired in 1993. Colonel Ramsay will always be remembered for his spirited poetic performance of the “Haggis Ceremony” and his support of the Pipes and Drums.

Donald Ramsay was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2001 for services to international relations, recognising his contributions to both Papua New Guinea and “gap year” exchange programs between British and Australian youth.

Dr Ian Lambert
Principal
Welcome Back To School
Welcome back to all families to what looks to be a very busy and exciting term. A very special welcome to the new boys, Campbell Skeffington – Transition, Aidan Arthur – Kindergarten, Jack Javed – Kindergarten, Jack Armitage – 3RK, Thomas Dobbin and Thomas Bailey – 4PH, Max Schultz – 4SC, William Harris – 5CT, Kiran Richards – 5RS, Riley Sullivan – 5CT, Joseph Carrigan – 6DW, Elijah Chester – 6MS and James Klinger – 6PK.

We hope that this is the beginning of a very positive journey and wish all boys and their families, new and old, a prosperous Term 3.

Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion – travel date June 2011
Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined elsewhere in the newsletter.

We hope that the excursion is a rewarding experience for all students.

Staff News
Ms Elizabeth Climie
Ms Elizabeth Climie replaces Mrs Judith Taylor as Library Technician following her retirement at the conclusion of Term 3. Ms Climie comes to us from Kincoppal - Rose Bay School. Prior to that, she was the Library Teacher at Rose Bay Public School. Mrs Climie has a Certificate in Reading Recovery, Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary), Graduate Diploma in Information Management/Librarianship and a Bachelor of Arts (English Literature). We welcome Ms Climie to the Preparatory School.

Ms Stephanie Stelter
Ms Stelter returns from Maternity Leave to take up the ELC Teacher's Assistant role.

Mrs Roxanne Kent
Mrs Kent returns from Maternity Leave to teach 3MC which will become 3RK from Term 3 onwards. Mrs Kent replaces Miss Joannides who covered for Mr Chrostowski following his resignation from the College in Term 2.
Mr Duncan Kendall

Mr Duncan Kendall has been appointed Assistant Head of the Preparatory School, Years 2 to 4. Mr Kendall replaces Mrs Nadezna Wilkins. Mrs Wilkins intends to complete her PhD as a full-time student and will be leaving the College in Week 5 this term.

Mr Kendall has a Diploma in Financial Markets, Bachelor of Education (Primary) and a Masters of Education (Educational Leadership/Information Technology). Duncan is currently teaching Year 6 and is Stage 3 Coordinator. At Scots, he has also held the positions of 1st XV Coach and Master in Charge of Athletics. He has been credited by the International Baccalaureate as a classroom teacher for the Primary Years Program (PYP). Duncan has been Master in Charge of Junior Rugby at Trinity and as a member has represented The Charles Sturt University 1st XV, Eastern Suburbs Rugby Union Club and Lancashire Under 19s Squad in England. He is Assistant Coach of the NSW Under 16s Rugby Union side. Duncan has also been a member of the New South Wales Amateur Boxing Association and has competed in triathlons. He has also held the position of Assistant Boarding Housemaster at Rossall Preparatory School in Lancashire, England. Before embarking on a teaching career, Duncan completed a Diploma in Financial Markets and has worked in the business and banking fields.

Snowsports Success

Congratulations to the Preparatory School Snowsports Team for their outstanding results in the Sydney Division of the Interschools Snowsports Championships and The Scots College Snowsports Championships. Unlike last year, the snowfields were covered in snow, paving the way for some excellent skiing and competition. Congratulations to the Preparatory School who again won the team section part of each competition they entered. A fantastic effort, boys – well done! Several boys will now progress to represent the College at the New South Wales Division. Special thanks to Mr Tanner who does a superb job in coordinating the Preparatory School team. Thank you, also, to Mr Walsh for his invaluable assistance with the team.

Yamaha Music Festival

At the end of last term our Senior Concert Band competed in the annual Yamaha Music Festival. The Concert Band has been competing in this festival for three years. The boys performed superbly, achieving gold for the second consecutive time. Congratulations, boys, and thank you to Miss Lowe and the Senior Concert Band leader, Mr Phil Molloy.

The Scots College Chess Invitational

On the Friday of the last week of Term 2, the annual TSC Prep School Chess Challenge was held at Mansion Road with over 80 students from the Sydney metropolitan attending. The Prep School won on this occasion, beating traditional rivals, Sydney Grammar. Congratulations, boys, and thank you to Mrs Lind and Mr Feldman for the coordination of the competition. Special thanks to Try Sports who have sponsored the competition for several years.

Queensland Rugby and Football Trip

Best wishes to all boys and staff who will be travelling to Queensland next Friday for the annual Queensland tour. In previous tours the boys enjoyed the games and learnt much from the billeting experience, while also enjoying the tourist attractions of Queensland. We trust the boys will have a similar experience this year. Special thanks to Mr Wilsmore for his thorough organisation of the tour.
Scots Way Award
Well done to KG, 3AH and 5HH who were the deserved winners of the overall Scots Way awards for Term 2. You are wonderful examples of fine Scots’ boys. Keep it up!

House Competition
Congratulations to Edyvean House who were the winning House in Term 2. We wish all boys much success in the Term 3 competition.

Mr John Crerar
Head of Preparatory School

Message from the Director of ELC

Tapping into boy’s energy
We have a busy Term 3 planned for the boys to tap into their energy for challenge. For Year 1, the big event is the Year 1 Musical. It is a time for boys to plan and work as a year group and use their energy for performance. In Kindergarten, it is the time when boys rise to the academic challenge and consolidate their early literacy and mathematics. For the Cubs and Lions, the teachers work with the boys’ energy to satisfy curiosity in their class investigations.

Year 1 Musical
The Year 1 Musical “Kids in Space” will be performed for parents on Wednesday 7 September at 5:00pm. It will be held in the Senior School Auditorium as the seating is generous and additional stage risers allow for every boy to be seen. The Senior School boys will again be making a DVD of the performance for parents to purchase. The funds from the DVD will pay for the stage risers. In addition this year, parents can choose to purchase a photograph memento of their son. Ms Barwick and Miss Stoddard (teachers of Music and Drama in the ELC) are co-ordinating the musical preparations along with the Year 1 teaching team. There is an atmosphere of anticipation that will build throughout the term as the boys move toward their performance.

SEA
SEA activities began on Tuesday 19 July. The classrooms are often changed each term, so please see the information stands to guide you to your son’s activity classroom at pick-up time.

Enrolments
The first round of enrolment interviews for Cubs 2012, Cubs 2013 and Kindergarten 2013 are now complete. Over the next four weeks, the 2013 Lion interviews will be held. Families with siblings are urged to make certain that their application is in order. Please talk with Mrs Johnson if you have any questions.

Mrs Karen Turnbull
Director, The Early Learning Centre
Message from the Chaplain

During the recent break I had the privilege of spending several days in Hong Kong. I had been there before, but not for more than a few hours at a time, while on route to destinations further afield. This time I was able to explore. It’s a great city, though somewhat overwhelming initially, given the high density accommodation, crowded streets and potential for congestion in most parts of the central business district. Thankfully, I had a friend to show me around and provide me with great tips about where to eat and where to shop. Even so, I would have struggled to really get my bearings had it not been for a visit to Sky 100. This is an amazing place. It provides 360 degree views from an observation deck on the 100th floor of the International Commerce Centre in West Kowloon. Visitors are taken by high speed elevators from the second floor to the 100th floor (393 metres above sea level) in just 60 seconds! There are stunning views of Hong Kong Island, the Kowloon peninsula, Tsing Ma Bridge and the airport. From up there, you see things from such a different perspective, and what may have seemed bewildering and chaotic at ground level, suddenly seems calm and straightforward.

There are plenty of times in life when our circumstances can seem bewildering and chaotic, and when we can feel completely confused and disoriented. And it’s as though we need to be able to somehow rise above the chaos and see things from a clearer perspective; to know that there is One who understands how it all fits together and has things under control; to experience the power and the presence of a guide who knows the way and will lead us along the right path. Faith in Christ enables us to experience a calm assurance, even when circumstances threaten to overwhelm us. In the Old Testament, David faced, on many occasions, great danger. In spite of his fear and uncertainty, he learnt to depend on God. He expressed such dependence when he wrote this Psalm: “O Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! Many are saying of me, ‘God will not deliver him’. But you are a shield around me, O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. To the Lord I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me” (Psalm 3: 1-5).

Reverend Conrad Nixon
Senior Chaplain

From Indigenous Education

One of the fundamentals of a successful Indigenous Education Program is ensuring that the boys have the right level of academic support to help them through school. Whilst the rules for the Indigenous boys are exactly the same as for everyone else, the help and support they receive is different in many ways. Much thought and planning has gone into how we best do this. This has led us to the launch of ‘Skills Success Training’, which is headed up by Shaye Flanagan.

We identified that what the boys needed was specialist advice and guidance in their academic work. Many of the boys have not had experience with the levels or quantity of work that Scots require and needed direction in regard to planning work, sourcing information, getting started, prioritising tasks and asking for help when needed. This is all about providing the boys the skills to succeed and make best use of what Scots has to offer. It is a little like being given a new set of tools in a tool box. The tools are only useful if the user knows how to properly operate them. Shaye’s training gives the boys the skills they need to use the tools in the best way.
The program started at the end of last term and is proving to be a great success.

Mr Jonathan Samengo
Indigenous Education

From the Sport Department

Welcome back to the start of Term 3 and the resumption of the Winter Sport Season.

Key Sport Dates in Term 3

**Week 1**
- Tuesday 19 July – Additional Skills resumes
- Friday 21 July – NSWPPSSA Cross Country Championships
- Saturday 23 August – Winter Sport Rd8

**Week 2**
- Friday 29 July to 2 August - Winter Sport Tour to QLD

**Week 4**
- Wednesday 10 August – House Athletics Carnival

*The Clansman* confirms all sport details and is a critical source of reference for you throughout the season.

Sports Injury Management

Chris Conway from Medics Australia is on duty at Christison Park each Saturday morning. Please seek his assistance for all first aid needs.

Additional Skills Sessions (Rugby and Football)

These sessions will continue during weeks 1 to 4 of Term 3.

House Athletics Carnival – Wednesday 10 August

Information notes and entry details will be emailed directly to parents. Please ensure you check these details and reply within the due date for changes to entry details and transport arrangements.

NSWPSSA Cross Country Championships

Good Luck to Max and Jack Freer who will compete at the NSWPSSA Cross Country Championships on Friday 22 July at Eastern Creek.

TSC Snowsports Team

Congratulations on your recent success at the Sydney Inter Schools Championships. This is a credit to exceptional efforts from students, parents, staff and support groups. Well done all!

Mr Brent Wilsmore
Coordinator of Sport
Football News

I hope all students and families had a safe and enjoyable break over the holidays. The Prep Football Holiday Clinic was well attended (45+ students) and all students made the most of the opportunity to continue working hard on their skills during the break. There was also plenty happening for the Senior Footballers with the Under 13 and Under 14 teams travelling to Canberra to compete in the National Kanga Cup Tournament. 32 boys toured from 10 July to 15 July and this proved to be a fantastic experience for all of them. The Prep students can look forward to opportunities such as this in the Senior School Football program in the years ahead. Congratulations to Paul Haras (Senior MIC) and Tony Canning (Director) for their efforts in ensuring trips like Canberra are possible and for continually looking at ways to challenge and develop the Senior Footballers. Well done, boys!

Prep Football has commenced again this week, with four rounds still remaining in this year’s winter sport season. I have been very pleased with all the boys' efforts at practice and skills sessions last term and encourage all Footballers to maintain their enthusiasm over the last few weeks of Football. Below are some general reminders as well as information on the additional sessions available.

Uniform
All students are reminded that they must have the correct uniform for Wednesday practice and Saturday matches. Regardless of the weather, boys need to be appropriately attired with Scots Football shorts, Scots Football socks, Scots Football jerseys and shin guards. Coaches have been asked to notify me if this is not the case and it will be followed up with the student on Monday. No beanies, tracksuit pants or jackets are allowed to be worn on the field. Thank you in advance for ensuring this College expectation is maintained.

Absence from Saturday Sport
Sport is compulsory at Scots. If any student is unable to play on the weekend then 'leave' needs to be granted in advance from the Head of the Prep. If a student is sick on the day, then an email needs to be sent to Mr Wilsmore indicating the absence and the team the student is in. If a student is absent from sport without prior explanation a letter will be sent home to the parents from the relevant MIC. This letter will advise parents that if this happens again, they will be called in for a meeting with the Head of the Prep, which may lead to a Friday after school detention issued to the student.

Internal Session at Fairfax
Please note that Football boots are not permitted on Fairfax Oval. Boys scheduled for the internal session need to wear sport shoes. The session commences at 8:00am and boys are expected to be there 20 minutes before the start time to warm-up. There are plenty of extra sessions held before school that are available to all students. We are very fortunate to have some highly qualified coaches involved with these sessions and all students are encouraged to attend. Please see the schedule below.

Additional Skills
Monday: Years 3 and 4 at Mansion Road
Tuesday: Years 5 and 6 at Fairfax Oval (this session also includes specific goalkeeping practice)
Sessions will be held from 7:15am to 8:15am
Small Sided Games
Wednesday: Years 3 and 4 at Mansion Road
Years 5 and 6 at Fairfax Oval
Both sessions will be held from 7:15am to 8:15am.

This is a new session available this season. It has been implemented to increase one on one skills and match awareness from students. Essentially, it will be constant games with rule modifications added throughout the session to address specific target areas. Good luck to all teams this weekend.

Mr Greg Clarence
MIC Football

Prep Snowsports – Jumps and Bumps

2011 Sydney Division Interschools Snowsports Championships
Congratulations to all of the boys who represented the College at last week’s 2011 Sydney Division Interschools Snowsports Championships at Thredbo. The Preparatory School competitors achieved outstanding results across all disciplines to again win the Sydney Champion Primary School Shield. The boys’ individual and team performances were outstanding, and their behaviour and sportsmanship were excellent. Congratulations also to the TSC Senior School Snowsports Team for their excellent achievements in winning the Sydney Champion Secondary School Shield. A list of results will be published in next week’s The Clansman. Many thanks to Mr Daniel Walsh for his assistance with the boys at the Championships.

2011 NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships TSC Teams
As is published in the TSC Snowsports Teams Selection Criteria, teams are selected by the MIC Snowsports and are based on times/points from the Sydney Division. (Please note that the MIC reserves the right to select ‘seeded’ team members based on previous results.) Invitations to the 2011 NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships will be sent out to selected boys shortly.

2011 TSC Snowsports Championships
The Interschools Snowsports race week commenced on Monday 11 July with the very successful 2011 TSC Snowsports Championships at Perisher. Over 300 competitors from schools across NSW and Australia competed. Moreover, this year’s event took on an international flavour, with several competitors from Britain, the United States and France taking part. It was a delight to welcome Mr Tim Browning, TSC Director of Senior Years, as special guest at this year’s TSC Snowsports Championships, conducted in beautiful snow conditions. Thank you to the TSC Snowsports Association for their outstanding efforts in continuing to make the TSC Snowsports Championships one of the pre-eminent events of the Interschools Snowsports calendar. Congratulations to TSC Snowsports Association (TSCSA) President, Mr Peter Weinert, and committee members for the 364 days of tireless work and commitment that led to just the right balance of serious competition and fun. The TSCSA is already a week into the planning phase of the 2012 TSC Snowsports Championships. Full results are online at http://snowsports.tsc.nsw.edu.au.
**2011 TSC Prep Snowsports Development Program**

During the week prior to the Interschools Snowsports race week, nearly 20 students participated in the TSC Prep Snowsports Development Program conducted at Perisher. It was tremendously satisfying to observe the enthusiasm and rapid progress of all skiers in the development program. More importantly, it was great fun.

**2011 NSWIS Moguls Development Camp**

Congratulations to Robert Fenton-Lee and Hugh McAdam who were selected to attend the 2011 NSWIS (NSW Institute of Sport) elite athlete Moguls Development Camp and NSW Junior Freestyle Competition in early August. This is an outstanding achievement.

**Ski Helmets, Skis and TSC Contact Cards**

All TSC helmets and ski equipment not yet returned need to be brought back to me by next week. Please also return TSC contact cards to me.

Mr Clive Tanner  
MIC Snowsports

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**From the Library**

**Lion’s Pride Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to James Freeman (2HS), Henry Cox-Wilson (3KW) and Kai Saalmann (3AH) on completing the Lion’s Pride Reading Challenge. These boys have now handed in their reading logs and join the Reading Challenge World Cup Squad. Once the boys complete a reading log, they may choose to start a second one in an effort to make the World Cup starting team. Special mention this week goes to Charles Hoffmann (2HS). Charles has completed two Lion’s Pride Reading Challenges and goes straight into the starting team as a result. Well done Charles!

It has been wonderful this week to hear about what many of the boys have been reading during the holidays. The enthusiasm of many of the boys is the sign of a reading culture that continues to develop at the College.

**Book Week Reminder**

A reminder that Book Week takes place during Term 3. Book Week runs from Monday 22 August to Friday 26 August. Some exciting presenters and authors are scheduled to visit during Book Week this term. We will also hold a Book Fair during Book Week. At the Book Fair the boys will be able to buy books for themselves and may also buy books to donate to the library.

Events such as Book Week and the Book Fair are intended to encourage a love of reading within the College community. We hope that you will enjoy this upcoming event.

Mr James Tracey  
HOD Prep Library
Notices

The Scots College Year 2 Parents Get Together
Parents of Year 2 students are invited to attend a casual evening with other Year 2 parents to welcome in the new term.

Date:  Friday 29 July
Time:  7:00pm
Venue: The Centennial Park Hotel, 88 Oxford Street, Paddington

Come along to relax and enjoy socialising with other Year 2 parents.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms Karyn Hoffmann, Year 2 Coordinator, on k.hoffmann@tsc.nsw.edu.au.

Tennis at Scots

If your son is interested in Tennis and you are looking for ways to develop his skill, the following opportunities are available.

- Year 2 and Year 3 Hot Shots Tennis - Wednesdays 3:15pm – 4:15pm
- Tennis Talent Development Squad - Thursdays 3:15pm – 5:00pm

For more information please contact Arie Shatar, Director of Tennis on 0413393903 or at ariestennis@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events

- Year 2 Parents get together – Friday 29 July
- Book Week – Commences Monday 22 August
- NSW Division Interschools Snowsports Competition, Perisher – Tuesday 23 August to Sunday 28 August.
- Year 1 Musical, Kids in Space – Wednesday 7 September
- Australian Division Interschools Snowsports Competition, Falls Creek – Wednesday 7 September to Sunday 11 September.