Week 2, Term 1

Upcoming Events

- Friday 11 Feb Tennis Support Group Cocktail Party
- Friday 11 Feb WA Welcome Morning Tea
- Thursday 24 Feb Prayer Breakfast
- Friday 25 Feb Prep School Annual Cocktail Party

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The College Shop and Clothing Pool

The College Shop will be open on Saturday 12 February, 8:00am-12:00pm.

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.
- Tuesday 1 March: 11:00am-1:00pm
- Thursday 17 March: 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Tuesday 5 April: 9:00am-1:00pm

Message from the Principal

In his book *The Wonder of Boys* Michael Gurian says, “Boys need to compete and do combat, they need to feel tested in the physical and interpersonal world. Our job is to help them navigate – not squash – this need”.

One of the great challenges we enjoy as teachers and parents concerns the discovery of each boy’s true potential. It is, of course, a life challenge, a journey of discovery and recognition of a creative tension between an inward and outward search. As Intake 1 boarded the buses for their two terms at Glengarry, as new boys entered their new school and classrooms, as boys shaped up as new teams and crews, and as senior boys prepared for the final leg of their academic program, they all had one thing in common – ne plus ultra. They wondered if they had yet discovered the furthest limit or discovered the point of highest attainment. The Latin ne plus ultra refers to the notion of ‘not further beyond’ and it is the supposed inscription on the Pillars of Hercules (Strait of Gibraltar) prohibiting passage by ships. It describes the limits, the end, the acme or highest point of a quality. At The Scots College our hope is that our boys will ask that question of themselves and their peers every day, in a range of contexts and through a range of challenges.

The Quest for Excellence describes our collective and deliberate act of seeking or pursuing something of value; something that is exceptionally good or superior. Without a notional standard of human excellence and human flourishing, the definition of appropriate goals remains fuzzy for boys and young men. The motto, ‘I am, I can, I ought, I will’ makes a circle, a perimeter, inside of which our boys’ lives may be lived with joy and fullness. True fullness of life and a meaningful quest cannot come without a sense of worldview and purpose defined by values and godly perimeters. John Eldredge, in his book *Wild at Heart* captures this thought when he says “The way a man’s life unfolds nowadays tends to drive his heart into remote regions of the soul”.

Conversations with parents are an important process in the Journey we undertake at The Scots College. Allowing boys to venture ‘through the garden gate’ all by themselves to explore the world beyond is not always easy but we attempt to support each other because we believe the movement through the stages of nurture, challenge and release is the best thing for the families and the boys concerned. We are sometimes afraid to allow our young boys and men to make mistakes and, as a result, we risk stifling their personal growth. Our schools are often comfortable places where we allow young men to pursue what they are naturally good at. What we tend to forget is that in life we all make mistakes and it is our reaction to those mistakes that actually counts in the end.
The Quest for Excellence that defines the Scots journey for our boys is all about caring for the souls of young men and about raising a generation that will begin to see the immense potential in themselves and the community around them. God willing this Journey leaves the majority of them with genuine friends, with memories that will touch the heart and with experiences that will give their lives meaning and ultimately guide them into the future.

Dr Ian PM Lambert
Principal

Message from the Head of Preparatory School

Our first full week of term has included many activities; Chapel services, assemblies, classroom and specialist lessons, playground fun and games, the notebook program in Years 5 and 6, and the excitement of the coming summer sports season. Throughout this time our boys, Transition to Year 6, have been enthusiastically engaged in their learning. Thank you to all staff who are providing this solid start to the year and to our parents for your obvious support of the programs in the Preparatory School.

In these first weeks it is essential that the boys establish good habits and attitudes at the College and at home. It is important that boys arrive at school on time each day with their correct uniform and materials/equipment. For Years 2 to 6, the Year Book is an important source of communication between the College and home and should be brought to school each day and taken home each night. For ELC boys, their 'pouches' are an important means whereby parents can source and communicate given information. Boys from Kindergarten to Year 6 are encouraged to carry their own bags into school and usually respond well to this responsibility. May I encourage all parents to consciously support their boys as they develop healthy attitudes both academically and at play.

During the last week I have challenged our boys at the Years 2-4 and 5-6 assemblies to destroy the 'but'. Boys were reminded of the times when we use the word 'but' ...

- but I can't swim as fast as him.
- but I can't do Maths.
- but I've never liked reading.
- but I won't make the 1st XI.
- but it will take ages to learn this instrument.
- but it was too hot last night.
- but I failed in that last year.

I am reminded of the time when Sir Winston Churchill visited his old school, Harrow, following victory in World War Two. As the students sat silently in the assembly looking towards their old boy and war leader, Sir Winston slowly made his way to the pulpit and began his speech with the following words, "Never, never, never give up!" Legend has it that this was the extent of Sir Winston's speech as he sat down again.

As we move into the first few weeks of term, all boys are encouraged to never ever give up, to give of their best, to know that we have a loving God who is leading us and to trust in Him as we destroy the
'buts' and move confidently into the year.

**Women's Association Welcome Morning Tea**

Tomorrow, Friday 11 February, our annual Women's Association Welcome Morning Tea will be held in the Anderson Hall in the Senior School. This is a time to welcome parents, new and old, to the new school year. All parents, Transition to Year 6, are warmly invited and we thank our Women's Association Vice President, Andrea Verlander, and her team for their coordination of the morning tea.

**Parent/Teacher Information Evenings**

Parent/Teacher Information Evenings will be held in the coming week for all sections of the Preparatory School. All parents are asked to be present at the starting times listed below.

**Early Learning Centre**

Tuesday 15 February at 6:00pm, meeting in your son's classroom.

**Years 2 to 4**

Tuesday 15 February at 7:30pm, beginning in the Senior School Auditorium and then moving to the Years 2 to 4 classrooms in the Senior School Library Building.

**Years 5 and 6**

Thursday 17 February at 6:00pm, beginning in the Senior School Auditorium and then moving to the Years 5 and 6 classrooms.

During the evenings parents will be introduced to the staff, learn something about the day to day procedures and routines of the College, hear specialist teachers share their roles in the College and learn about the expectations of the College and how best to support your son in his lifelong journey of learning.

Parents are reminded that Parent/Teacher Evenings are not the occasion to ask teachers about their son's individual progress. The boys have only been back to School for two weeks and formal parent/teacher interview times are planned for later in the term.

**The House Swimming Carnival**

Next Tuesday 15 February, our Years 3-6 House Swimming Carnival will be held at the Des Renford Swimming Pool in Maroubra. All boys are asked to wear their House shirts on this occasion. Parents may bring their sons directly to the Des Renford pool and may only leave when the final race has been swum, the results have been announced and the Carnival has concluded. Boys are asked to bring their own morning tea and lunch as no canteen facilities will be available for use by the boys on the day.

**Uniform and Hair**

It has been encouraging to see so many boys proudly wearing their school uniform. Thank you to all parents who have ensured that 'holiday hair' has been recently cut. For those boys who haven't yet visited the barber, they are reminded that hair is to be neatly cut, above the ears and collar, and tapered at the back in what is traditionally known as a 'schoolboy' cut. Parents are requested to monitor this throughout the year.

**Saturday Sport**

May I wish all boys and coaches all the best for the first round of Summer Sport this Saturday. This year we introduce sailing to our Sports calendar. In some squads there will be an opportunity for boys to have a bye during the season. Thank you to Mr Wilsmore and all our coaches for their preparation of the boys. Parents are reminded that the squads are fluid and boys do move up and down in the squads. All the best for a successful season, boys!

**Parking Safety**

As part of the College's safety plan, only Transition parents are permitted to use Mansion Road as a drop-off or pick-up area for boys. K-1 parents are requested to use Kambala or Victoria Road. Year 2-6 parents are advised that the drop-off and pick-up point is the location roughly mid-way between Mansion Road and the Senior School.

**Mr John Crerar**
Head of the Preparatory School
Message from the Director of ELC

This year, Transition has expanded to become a two year program for pre-school aged children: the Cubs and the Lions. Lions have enjoyed their teachers visiting them in their homes over the past week and they will begin their first full day on Thursday. Cub parents will attend a parent evening this Thursday to view the Cub room for the first time. Cubs will attend Orientation on Thursday 17 February and attend their first day on 22 February. It is an exciting time for the College as we prepare the quality learning environment for our first day of Cubs.

ELC Greet the Teacher Evening

Parents will meet teachers in classrooms at 6:00pm next Tuesday. Specialist teachers from the ELC will greet parents and guide you directly to your son’s classroom. Each teacher will give a short presentation and answer questions in their classroom. At 6:45pm, parents can meet and chat over coffee in the Foreland Foyer before leaving. We value parents connecting with class teachers and we hope you enjoy visiting the boys’ learning spaces.

New 5 minute zone for Mansion Road

Mansion Road has a 5 minutes parking zone for Transition parents only, who need a short time to take boys into the ELC. The Mansion Road Zone is for Transition parents to park and leave your car and is not supervised by staff. This is often carefully inspected by traffic wardens so please only park there if you are sure to be 5 minutes or less. Otherwise, please park in Kambala Road and take your time walking in. Parents of Kindergarten and Year 1 boys are welcome to use the drop off zone in Kambala Road from 8:20am. This is a drop off zone in the morning and is supervised by staff from 8:20am. Staff help the boys to alight so drivers do not have to leave their cars.

House Shirts

House shirts may be worn by Kindergarten and Year 1 boys on Monday every week. Your login on the College website will give your son’s House and the College Shop will make sure you have the correct shirt. Please see Mrs Johnson if you need assistance identifying your son’s House.

Mrs Karen Turnbull
Director, The Early Learning Centre

Message from the Assistant Head, Teaching and Learning
We have had a ‘sizzling’ start to the year, with both the temperature and the boys’ enthusiasm for their learning. From Transition to Year 6, the boys have eagerly embraced their class and school routines and expectations.

In Week 3, we will be holding Information Evenings to detail these routines and to introduce your son’s class and specialist teachers. Towards the end of term, in Week 9, we have scheduled Parent/Teacher interviews which will provide the opportunity for a one-to-one meeting with your son’s teachers.

The last few years have seen the implementation of our new Mathematics program which includes Pre and Post testing, flexible topic/term classes and the use of multiple resources instead of a particular textbook. We will continue to consolidate the program this year as we have seen an overall improvement in the mathematical progress of boys and are more able to determine their prior knowledge and plan their learning based on this.

Literacy is a curriculum focus for the Preparatory School this year and we aim to improve the reading, writing and conventions of written and spoken language of each boy. Each student from Kindergarten to Year 6 will receive their Reading Log this week, in which they will record and track their own reading for the year. We will also be holding Scots Reading, Writing and Spelling challenges throughout the year, hopefully motivating each boy to succeed at his level. Staff will be undergoing professional development and increasing resources, both of which will serve to enhance our literacy planning and classroom practice.

Please feel free to contact your son’s class teacher or myself if you have any queries or concerns. May I ask you to please remember, however, that teachers are in class all day and will not be able to respond to emails and phone calls during school hours. If there is an urgent matter, please contact the School Office on 9391 7711 (ELC), 9391 7800 (Years 2-4) and 9391 7775 (Years 5 and 6) and a message will be passed on.

As a College we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. The Three Year Old Cubs Program commences in Week 4 and the Years 2-4 Campus relocate back to Mansion Road later this term. Our everyday teaching and learning and the excursions planned to support the school curriculum, as well as the co-curricular lessons and activities will combine together to make 2011 an eventful and vibrant year.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Nadezna Wilkins
Assistant Head - Teaching and Learning

Message from the Assistant Head, Pastoral Care
**A Fine Scots Boys! Positive Behaviour Plan**

In 2009 the Preparatory School introduced "A Fine Scots Boy, The Positive Behaviour Plan" into the life and workings of the Preparatory School. Many parents will be acquainted with the "Fine Scots Boy" posters that are being displayed around the School. In our introduction to the plan we read...

"Central to The Scots College Preparatory School's welfare and pastoral care policies is "A Fine Scots Boy! The Positive Behaviour Plan" This plan reflects the day to day practice at the School and provides clarification for students and parents and guidance for staff. The Plan is designed to complement the School's aims and encourage students to be caring, responsible, cooperative and motivated individuals.

The College is committed to the objectives of fostering independence in learning and sensible, responsible and respectful behaviour in its students. It aims to provide meaningful opportunities and worthwhile challenges for their development as persons.

"A Fine Scots Boy - The Positive Behaviour Plan" is designed to promote growth of student self responsibility in an environment that is safe, efficient in organisation and operation, encouraging and enjoyable.

The Plan focuses primarily on the affirmation of positive behaviours, attitudes and efforts but also encompasses a clearly structured and procedurally fair system of consequences that is used when students do not meet the requirements of the Positive Behaviour Plan. Students know that if they do their best and make good choices, it will be to their own and the School's benefit. Similarly, if students decide to break school rules, or be uncooperative, then they will be dealt with firmly.

The Positive Behaviour Plan is framed within a House pastoral care system designed to support and nurture individual student development towards the exercise of wisdom, compassion and tolerance.

The Plan has a number of components including A Fine Scots Boy! Responsibilities, Attitudes and Values, House Point System, Rewards and Sanctions, Monitoring Behaviour and use of Pipeline, Training and Promotion of Positive Behaviour, and Bullying Policy."

In the coming weeks, an outline of the plan will be shared in the Clansman. It is our hope that the sharing of this information will assist parents in their understanding of our positive behaviour plan.

"We discipline with the aim not of letting out our frustrations at our children, but to guide and direct them. The long term goal of discipline is that our children might be self disciplined."

(D Goodwin)

"Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Proverbs 22:6

**Mr Mike Pitman**

Assistant Head - Pastoral Care
Australian cricket captain Ricky Ponting is battling to get fit for the World Cup, to be hosted by India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. He hasn't played for more than a month, having broken a finger in December. He has been spending plenty of time in gymnasiums and training alongside elite athletes like Socceroo Mark Milligan and ironman Mark Simpson. Though not yet ready to face an onslaught of fast bowling, he is doing all he can to ensure he maintains his fitness and is set for the tough conditions he will face if he does make it to the Cup. Part of that involves getting used to hot weather. Last Thursday, while Sydney was sweltering in temperatures in the high thirties, Ponting was experiencing something even hotter. He was in a gymnasium in Cronulla, working with conditioner Jock Campbell, who shut the windows, cranked up the room temperature to 42 degrees, and pushed the batsman hard for thirty minutes. To make things even tougher, Ponting endured the session while wearing a beanie, hoodie and track pants. He hopes to get a taste of what he might face when he arrives in India.

I have had the privilege of travelling through India on more than one occasion. It is a remarkable country; its delights, as well as its challenges, are difficult to imagine for anyone who hasn't been there. But to walk the streets, gaze on the mountain peaks, and experience the array of sights, smells and sounds is an extravaganza for the senses.

Recently I chatted with an elderly man about whether or not God really has a sense of what life in this world is like: of what it means to be human, with all the delights and anguish that can bring; and what it means to endure pain and suffering. When we look at the life of Jesus Christ, we see that the answer is a resounding 'Yes!' At his birth, he experienced the sounds and the smells of a stable. He walked the dusty streets of Palestine. He shared in people's joy and pain; and was ultimately subjected to ridicule and a violent death. Because He fully shared in human experience, He can understand human struggles. Because He rose victorious over death, He can bring help and hope to us today!

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Hebrews 4: 15, 16).

Reverend Conrad Nixon

Pipeline Newsroom Instructions

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Our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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* Double-click the Internet Options icon.
* Click the Privacy tab.
* Click the Advanced button.
* Select the option 'Override automatic cookie handling' under the Cookies section in the Advanced Privacy Settings window.
* Select the 'Accept' or 'Prompt' option under 'First-party Cookies.'
* Select the 'Accept' or 'Prompt' option under 'Third-party Cookies.'
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* Select the 'Accept' or 'Prompt' option under 'Third-party Cookies.'
(Note: if you select the 'Prompt' option, you'll be prompted to click OK every time a website attempts to send you a cookie.)
* In the Internet Options window, click OK to exit.

Mozilla Firefox
To enable cookies in Mozilla Firefox 3.x (PC):
* Click Tools > Options.
* Click Privacy in the top panel.
* Set 'Firefox will': to Use custom settings for history.
* Check the box next to Accept cookies from sites to enable cookies, or uncheck it to disable them.
* Click OK.
* To enable cookies in Mozilla Firefox 2.x (PC):
* Click Tools > Options.
* Click Privacy in the top panel.
* Select the checkbox labeled 'Accept cookies from sites.'
* Click OK.

To enable cookies in Mozilla Firefox (Mac):
* Go to the Firefox drop-down menu.
* Select Preferences.
* Click Privacy.
* Set 'Firefox will': to Use custom settings for history.
* Check the box next to Accept cookies from sites to enable cookies, or uncheck it to disable them.
* Click OK.

Chrome
To enable cookies in Chrome (PC):
* Click the Tools menu.
* Select Options.
* Click the Under the Hood tab.
* Click Content settings in the 'Privacy' section.
* Make sure Allow local data to be set is selected to allow both first-party and third-party cookies. For any given webpage, first-party cookies are cookies that are set by the site domain listed in the address bar. Third-party cookies come from other domain sources that have items, such as ads or images, embedded on the page. If you only want to accept first-party cookies, check the box next to Block all third-party cookies without exception.
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* Click Security in the top panel.
* Under 'Accept Cookies' select the option 'Only from sites you navigate to.'

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**Message from the ICT Department**

**Class lists**
To obtain your son's class list, email classlists@tsc.nsw.edu.au and state your son's name and class or year group.

**Pipeline: Student Medical Details**
Parents can now update their son's medical details on Pipeline as follows: under Quick Links (top right-hand side), click on Show My Details then edit the General Medical section. After this you can edit the other medical sections by clicking on the blue link, Show/Hide Items and filling in the appropriate details. When you have finished, click on Send Changes at the bottom. (Note, you can also update your personal details at the top of the page.)

**The Roaring Lions**
The Roaring Lions student news articles cover events and student news around the whole College. We now have full authentication to the Roaring Lions website from Pipeline so it's fully protected and secure. To access this website from Pipeline, click on the College Website's menu, select Roaring Lions and log in: this will open the new webpage, with Welcome and your name on the top left of the home page. If you have difficulties accessing the site, please email me at p.lister@tsc.nsw.edu.au for assistance.

**Scots Mobile**
College information and news articles, which cover events, sports, key contact information and student news around the whole College, are now available on Scots Mobile. Use your iPhone, iTouch, Blackberry or smart phone and go to http://mobile.tsc.nsw.edu.au to access the information. You can also access term dates, College calendar, sports fixtures and maps and a feedback section. Please email me at p.lister@tsc.nsw.edu.au if you have any suggestions for information to appear on Scots Mobile.

**ICT Helpdesk**
The Helpdesk is open 8:00am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday. For assistance, email your requests to helpdesk@tsc.nsw.edu.au or telephone 02 9391 7799.

**Mr Paul Lister**
Director of ICT

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**From the Sport Department**

Pipeline Newsroom confirms all sport details and is a critical source of reference for you throughout the season. Ensure you check the Pipeline Newsroom - Username: *thescotscollege* Password: *bravehearts2011* on a regular basis for confirmation of important dates, team lists and fixture details.

Congratulations to the Captains of the Summer Sports who will lead the various sports for 2011. Captains are listed in the various sport articles.

**IPSHA Sport**
With the first round of sport this Saturday it is appropriate to reiterate the fundamental aim of IPSHA Junior School Sport: 'enjoyment for children and sportsmanship is to be emphasised at all times'. I encourage all to remember this aim as they approach the forthcoming season. I commend all boys on their efforts to date and wish them well for the season ahead.

Some useful reminders for the first round of sport:
The Wet Weather phone number is 9008 0401. This number should be rung after 6:45am to ascertain if sport is going ahead.

Boys should have the correct uniform (College Handbook page 50), although some leniency is appropriate for first round matches. Note: all cricket players wear whites.

Boys need to arrive at the venue 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.

Boys should be reminded of the 'codes of behavior for sport' (College Handbook page 42).

Teams are not fixed throughout the year and some movement particularly early in the season is to be expected.

Always check The Clansman each week for confirmation of team list, venues and times.

Saturday sport is a compulsory College activity and all absences require a written explanation. Requests for leave of absence must be sought from the Head of the Prep School and is only granted in exceptional circumstances (College Handbook page 40).

Last minute illness. If it becomes apparent prior to Friday 3:00pm please advise e.shipman@tsc.nsw.edu of impeding absence from sport. If illness only becomes apparent after this time please email b.wilsmore@tsc.nsw.edu.au with the boy’s name and team so that the relevant coach can be notified.

If you have any questions regarding sport the information pathway is generally Coach, MIC, and then Coordinator of Sport.

Term 1 Sports Fixtures and Venue Directory

There have been some minor changes and updated copies are attached. Note these are a guide only with weekly fixtures confirmed each week in The Clansman.

Swimming

Congratulations to Henry Lennox who has been selected as the Captain of Swimming for 2011.

The House Swimming Carnival is on Tuesday 15 February in the 50m Olympic Pool at the Des Renford Aquatic Centre, Maroubra.

Assistance required for timekeepers. We will again be using electronic timing and require some assistance with timekeeping. If you are interested in volunteering please come forward on the day when you hear the call for timekeepers. We require about 12 volunteers for both the morning and afternoon sessions. It is a very easy job and they are the best seats at the venue so please come forward on the day.

A program will be provided to each boy on Friday 11 February. Boys have only been entered in events for which they swam during the trials. In order to complete all the events in one day qualifying standards are used and some boys who trialled for an event may not have gained a place in that event for the House Carnival. Boys have had the opportunity to review their details and make any amendments.

Programs have now been sent to the printer. There will be no changes to the program on the day of the carnival.

The Swim Team will be selected from times swum at the House Carnival and all boys who are selected will be required to attend training in preparation for the various carnivals this term. Boys finishing second in an off-stroke in their age group are not guarantee a spot in the team. Final selections will be determined by the MIC and Swim Coach.

Swim Training (Swim Team) commences on Wednesday 16 February.

Water Polo

Congratulations to Jack Freer who has been appointed as the Captain of Water Polo for 2011. It has been an excellent start to the Water Polo season and boys are already participating at an advanced level. Boys will be placed in teams for the season (as listed in the Fixture Sheet published in The Clansman) and these will remain fairly consistent for the remainder of the term. Please arrive 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for a structured warm-up. Good luck to all teams, including the two teams in the UNSW Schools Water Polo competition who compete each Friday night.

Dates to note:

Week 2

- Saturday 12 February: Rd1 Summer Sport

Week 3

- Monday 14 February: Extra activities and additional skills commence
for all sports.
- Tuesday 15 February: House Swimming Carnival (No additional skills on this day).
- Wednesday 16 February: Swim Team training commences; Summer Sports practice continues.
- Saturday 19 February: Rd2 Summer Sport.

Mr Brent Wilsmore
Coordinator of Sport

Snowsports – Jumps and Bumps

2011 International Children’s Winter Games, Kelowna, Canada
International success for TSC Snowsports Team

Last week 12 of The College’s Snowsports athletes had the great privilege of representing the College and Australia at the 2011 International Children’s Winter Games (ICWG) in Kelowna, Canada. The Olympic Committee sanctioned games are recognised internationally as the ‘Olympic Games for school children’. Our Canadian hosts deserve the highest accolade for the organisation of the Games, with over 800 volunteers ensuring the success of the competition.

During the course of the ICWG our fine Scots boys competed with 489 snowsports athletes from 39 teams representing a variety of countries. Scots represented Australia in cross-country, alpine and snowboard disciplines. The ICWG was preceded by an intensive training program at Big White mountain under the guidance of Mr Kovari and Mr Tanner. A highlight of the program was the opportunity for the College Snowboardcross team to participate in the BC Riders provincial warm up event, with Andrew Richardson and Joshua Stevens winning gold in their respective age divisions. Jake Stevens also participated in this event, performing extremely well to gain a silver medal.

ICWG competition commenced at Telemark with the Freestyle, Classical and Relay Cross-Country events. The Scots Cross-Country representatives, Matthew Hinds, Sam Horwitz, Ben Cobcroft and Louis Towning won the Australian team’s first ever Cross-Country medal at the international level achieving a remarkable third place in the Team Relay event.

The Alpine Giant Slalom and Skicross events took place at Big White. The Scots Alpine team of Nick Berry, Edward Casey, Henry Lavender and Adam Malouf represented with distinction, competing against powerhouse Giant Slalom teams from Europe and North America. The team finished in eighth place in the Giant Slalom and Skiercross events. The Alpine boys gained valuable experience at the international level for their future racing careers.

The Scots Snowboard team of Andrew Richardson, Simon Johnston, Joshua Stevens and Henry Rowe commenced competition with the exciting Slopestyle event. Like their Alpine counterparts, the Snowboarders performed way above all expectations finishing in fourth place in Slopestyle against athletes from around the world. On the final day of competition the team attacked the Snowboardcross event with eagerness, technique and control to achieve the incredible results of second (Simon Johnston) and third place (Andrew Richardson) on the podium and equal sixth (Joshua Stevens) and eighth (Henry Rowe) to give the Scots team the number one mantle on the world stage! This incredible result was truly a magical and memorable moment for The Clansman.
Scots College and Australian school sport.

Whilst the highlight of the 2011 International Children's Games was undoubtedly the astonishing results achieved by our fine Scots athletes representing their country, equally important was the fantastic interaction between our boys and their fellow school athletes from all of the participating countries. Indeed, the cultural, educational and social lessons from the ICWG experience will live with these boys forever.

It is with great pleasure that I can report that this fine team of Scots Snowsports athletes represented their College and their country with distinction and outstanding sportsmanship. In fact, as a result of the manner in which the team performed both on and off the competition arena, we have again received an invitation to the next International Children's Winter Games to be held in two years time.

Mr Clive Tanner
Master-In-Charge Snowsports

Cricket

I am pleased to announce that Cooper Rice-Brading has been appointed the Captain of the Prep First XI and Jack McCathie has been appointed the Captain of Cricket for the Preparatory College. I hope both boys have a fantastic season and enjoy leading cricket at Scots for 2011. Congratulations, boys!

Well done to all boys for their efforts at cricket trials on Saturday. All coaches were very impressed with the attitude demonstrated from all boys under extreme circumstances. The trials have continued this week and players have been broken up into various squads at training. Please refer to the team lists within The Clansman for venues and times. I understand that some boys will be disappointed with team selections, however, please understand that teams are selected based on performances at this year's trials. Additionally, teams are fluid throughout the year and will be reassessed each week by performances at both Saturday matches and Wednesday training. The focus for Prep Cricket is on fun and skill development. All coaches act with this in mind and it is important that boys are placed in the team that gives them the best chance of succeeding whilst being challenged at the same time for skill progression. I would encourage any boy that is disappointed with their selection to speak with their coach about what they need to work on in order to move up to the team above. The coach is the best person to speak to with regards to selections and also the first point of contact for parents on these issues.

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. There have been slight changes made to the structure of these sessions. These sessions have now commenced. Please see below:

Monday: Years 3 and 4 at Fairfax.
Tuesday: Years 5 and 6 at Fairfax (Cancelled for Week 3 due to the swimming carnival).

Prep Academy

The Academy has been restructured this year. All Traditional A sides from Years 4-6 will be invited to join the Academy and the practice sessions are as follows:

Tuesday: 3:15pm-5:00pm (Matches and fielding at Kirkland Oval).
Thursday: 7:15am-8:15am (Batting Session at Fairfax).
Friday: 7:15am-8:15am (Bowling Session at Fairfax).

All players that will be involved in this program will be given information by Monday of Week 3.

Cricket Support Group

The Cricket Support Group provides valuable contributions to the Prep Program. Their continued support is essential to provide opportunities for all boys to have access to expert coaches. However, there is a noticeable shortage of parents involved from the Prep. Could any enthusiastic and interested parents please contact me by email at g.clarence@tsc.nsw.edu.au to gain information about how you can be involved in much needed fundraising events and be part of the direction...
of the entire cricket structure. It would be great to see some fresh faces on board in the Support Group. For any further information please contact me on the above email address.

**Parent Match Day Support**

Parental assistance is essential for the smooth running of match days. As I am sure you can appreciate there are several roles that need to be completed for cricket as opposed to other sports. Things such as umpiring, scoring, technical points, warm ups, batting and bowling orders etc. It would be sincerely appreciated if parents could assist with scoring to alleviate a small part of the coaches role. Ideally there would be a few parents that are able to help out with scoring, but for those who may have a bit of experience with cricket perhaps even helping out with parts of warm ups or getting the batters ready etc. I really appreciate the support from parents so far and would be very grateful for this to continue.

A final reminder that all boys need to be at the ground 20 minutes before the start time for the warm up and the additional skills session Tuesday Week 3 (Years 5 and 6) has been cancelled due to the House Swimming Carnival.

Good luck to all boys for Round 1 and please make the most of the additional coaching sessions available.

**Mr Greg Clarence**

MIC Prep Cricket

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**Basketball**

I would like to thank all players, coaches and parents for their efforts during the trials over the last week. The trials were extremely competitive and all players should be commended on the display of enthusiasm, commitment and sportsmanship. 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 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 Round 1 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 Wednesdays, 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 Years 3 and 4) and Thursday (7:15am-8:15am, Centenary Court Years 5 and 6). The Year 5 and 6 Academy session is invitation only and commences Week 3. It will be held in the Lion’s Den on Mondays, 5:00pm-6:00pm.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Billy Smith on his selection as Captain of Basketball. Well done. Good luck for round one. Please note that the 1sts and 2nds are now playing round one at SAC Dalton Hall, Jeffery Street, Kirribilli.

**Mr Daniel Markham**

MIC Prep Basketball

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**From the Music Department**

Music ensembles will officially commence in Week 3 of term; week beginning 14 February. Rehearsal times and locations will be as follows:

- Junior Choir (Years 2-4): Mondays 8:00am-8:50am in C311 (Centenary Building).
- Vocal Ensemble (Years 5 and 6): Thursdays 8:00am-8:50am in C311.
- Chapel Choir (Years 5 and 6): Wednesday lunchtimes in C301 (further rehearsal times to be advised).
- Prep Orchestra: Wednesdays 7:30am-8:15am in C411.
- Senior Concert Band: Wednesdays 3:15pm-4:30pm in C411.
- Training Band will be held on Tuesdays at 3:15pm-4:30pm in C411, however, instruments are still to be allocated so rehearsals will not commence in Week 3. More specific information for relevant boys and parents will be sent home in a letter.

Any boys who are interested in being part of these ensembles should come along at these times or talk to Miss Lowe, or their other music...
teachers. New members are welcome.

Boys who have not enrolled in learning an instrument but are interested in starting, should talk to Miss Lowe. Alternatively, parents can contact the Music Secretary, Rhonda Denton: 9391 7694 or r.denton@tsc.nsw.edu.au.

Any further questions or enquiries from parents, particularly those that are new to the College, can be emailed to r.lowe@tsc.nsw.edu.au.

Miss Rebecca Lowe  
Music Coordinator

From Indigenous Education

Tuesday of last week saw our largest meeting yet of the Indigenous boys and their mentors, now a group of 24. For many of the boys, this was a chance to catch up with the mentors they have known since the start of last year, swap stories of summer holidays and make arrangements to meet up later this term. For others, it was a chance to meet their mentors for the first time.

Being their first full day at Scots, it was great for these students to see a friendly face from outside the College and for them to know that this person will be there for them throughout their time at Scots and beyond. Someone who can cheer them on the rugby field and be around to encourage, support and listen to them whenever needed.

Plans are already afoot for next term’s meeting, a weekend at Glengarry. Rather than a get-together in a classroom at the College, this will be entirely more adventurous and will no doubt be a great occasion for bonding, stories, laughs and a challenge of competitive spirits. With all mentors being either College parents or Scots old boys, their competitive spirit is never far behind the boys they mentor.

Scots Extra Activities

There are places still available for some of the extra activities offered at Scots.

Except for tennis, places are still available in all subjects in the ELC.

In the Prep 2-6 the following are available:

- Art Extension: Thursday (limited)
- Art of Speech - Years 5 and 6: Tuesday 4:30pm–5:30pm
- Art of Speech - Year 2: Thursday 3:15pm–4:30pm
- Art of Speech - Years 2–4: Thursday 4:30pm–5:30pm
- Cartooning - Years 5 and 6: Wednesday
- Chess: Monday
- Cricket: Monday
- Martial Arts - Years 4-6: Tuesday (limited)
- Pipe Band: Tuesday
- Spanish: Tuesday
- Swimming: Thursday
- Tap Dancing: Thursday
- Tennis: Friday (limited)
Please let Mrs Johnson or Ms Shipman know if you are still interested. Forms are still available at all three campuses.

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.

Scots Parents’ Prayer Group

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them." Matthew 18:19-20

Please join us in Christian fellowship & friendship next Tuesday 15 February. Meet from 8:30am (for an 8:45am start) in room 222 on the left hand side of the main corridor of the Senior School. Light refreshments will be provided.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer for all staff, families and our fine Scots boys.

Forthcoming dates for your diary are: 1 March, 15 March and 29 March

Any queries please contact Verity on 0412 514 991 (Prep and Senior School mum).

We look forward to welcoming friends old and new!

Tuckshop Menus and Roster

Please ensure you take the time to view the relevant tuckshop menu for your son(s). Menus can be accessed via the Pipeline Newsroom (news.tsc.nsw.edu.au)

Black Watch Café

Years 5-6 students may use the Black Watch Café. Please take the time to view the menu on Pipeline Newsroom (news.tsc.nsw.edu.au) and ensure your son(s) is sent to school with the correct money.

Please note the Black Watch Café roster for 2011 is yet to be compiled and will be distributed as soon as possible.

The College Shop and Clothing Pool

The College Shop will be open on Saturday 12 February, 8:00am-12:00pm.

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.

- 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.

Year 5/6 Laptop Reminder

A reminder for all parents and their sons in Years 5 and 6. Laptop bags need a name tag attached to the bag clearly identifying the boy’s name and class. There are still a great number of boys without any identification on their bags which at times makes it quite difficult to quickly locate the owner.