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. I trust you enjoyed a very happy and blessed Easter. I encourage you to read the stories about our boys activities and achievements over first term and the break. During the vacation, I enjoyed numerous opportunities to reflect upon, discuss and view our boys in action and to consider the privilege of a boy’s school education in Australia. Watching our Pipes and Drums lead the Anzac Parade through Sydney, our Cadets officiate at the Service at the Cenotaph in Hyde Park, and to catch up on our boys as they engaged in sport, community based service learning and the arts causes one to reflect upon the value of a first class boys’ school. Too often we can take these things for granted. A few years ago a three year research study was commissioned to examine ways of raising boys’ level of achievement in schools. The project was led by a team at Homerton College, University of Cambridge. As one would expect, a number of interesting insights emerged. For example, it was found that boys achieved higher grades if taught in single sex classes and teachers often felt that behaviour was better in single sex groups. Most teachers believed that boys and girls learn in different ways and should therefore be taught in different ways. It was identified that boys are keen to compete, and generally girls learn better by co-operating. Boys tend to be over optimistic about their academic potential, girls the reverse. Girls work harder, conform more readily and place a greater emphasis on neatness. Girls are much better at course work. Boys benefit from tight structures and precise goals. Girls have superior verbal abilities; boys have higher numerical abilities. Boys prefer different sorts of books in literature courses. The list of identifiable differences is as broad as it is deep. On the basis of this research, in the UK at least, increasing numbers of mixed government schools are now segregating the sexes for teaching purposes. It is an interesting finding, particularly when many single sex independent schools have become coeducational in recent years. Fundamental research into patterns of brain activity confirms what we all know: boys and girls learn in different ways. The College will begin three linked research projects with Sydney University, UNSW and Macquarie University this term in our professional quest to enhance boys’ learning and the quality of the learning experience. I look forward to sharing aspects of this research in the months and years ahead.

Scots to the Fore!

Dr Ian Lambert
Principal

Message from the Head of Preparatory School

Read, Read, Read!

Recently I re-read part of an article by education writer, Lindy Batchelor, entitled ‘Instil a Love of Reading in Kids’. In her article she provides some valuable insights and advice. Without meaning to preach to parents, some of these include:

- Create a special atmosphere to encourage a love of books and reading in your home.
• Have your own home library bookshelves.
• Create comfortable reading areas, a quiet spot to enjoy a book or magazine, with pillows, stuffed toys and a good reading light.
• Label some items in your home with reading ‘flash cards’ – door, chair, table, fridge, bed, television and so on (for younger readers).
• Try to find time everyday to read aloud together. Talk about the book, the pictures, the words and the story. Ask visitors to your home to share a book with your child – and do the same when you visit their home.
• Turn off the television, computer and electronic games for periods of time. These are not a substitute for the time that parents and children can spend together.
• Give quality, well selected books as gifts – they are fun to give and receive.
• Value book-related products, such as stuffed toy characters from well known books, have some ‘talking books’ available to children to enjoy.


I cannot emphasise enough the importance of reading in the education of a boy. In fact, I would go as far as to say that reading is the foundational platform for learning. Once a child develops a love for reading, watch them fly! While being acutely aware of the ‘time poor’ world in which we live, by trying some of these techniques at home you are laying a great foundation for your child.

“A child lost in a book will always find their way home.”

Paul Jennings – *The Reading Bug*

**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 at Wednesday’s Mother’s Day Stall in the 2-6 Preparatory School. We wish all our Mums a happy Mother’s Day for this Sunday.

**T to 6 Parents Open Morning - Friday 13 May**
Our Parents Open Morning for the ELC, Years 2 to 4 and Years 5 to 6 sections of the Preparatory School will be held on **Friday 6 May.** The times for the Open Day are as follows:

**Morning tea will be held from 10:30am until 11:00am.**
10:30am – 12:00pm: ELC parents and friends.
9:00am – 11:00am: Years 2 to 4 and Years 5 to 6 parents and friends
A morning tea will be held for parents from 10:30am until 11:00am. T to 4 parents will meet in the 2 to 4 playground for morning tea. Years 5 to 6 parents will meet in the Ginahgulla section of the School for morning tea.

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 with their class teachers and, in some cases, specialist teachers. Friends, work colleagues and neighbours who would like to see the Preparatory School in action are also welcome to attend. We look forward to welcoming parents, friends and visitors to the Preparatory School on Friday 13 May.

Prep 2 to 4 Opening
Parents are advised that the date for the official opening of the 2 to 4 refurbishment will be Wednesday 18 May. This will occur at 4:00pm on the 2 to 4 Basketball Court area. We are privileged that on this occasion, Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, the Governor of New South Wales, has accepted our invitation to open this facility. During the course of the day we look forward to welcoming to the Preparatory School the Governor and her husband, Sir Nicholas Shehadie, Old Boys, past staff and Headmasters of the Preparatory School.

Boys in Years 2 to 4 will remain at School for this important event. It is anticipated that we will conclude at 5:00pm.

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 Road Bus Stop near Mansion Road is not a designated drop off zone and we ask parents to drop off in the nearby legal areas. We apologise for any confusion regarding this arrangement. Parents of boys in Years 5 and 6 are asked to pick up their sons at the location roughly between Mansion Road and Ginahgulla Road.

Parents are requested to be very mindful of our neighbours. This week, several neighbours complained to the College about cars blocking their driveways and making it impossible for them to leave their houses. Parents are also asked 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.

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. All parents and boys are requested to please observe this regulation. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

ISDA Debating
Last week Mr Pitman and I had the pleasure of watching our ISDA A and B teams debate Loreto Kirribilli. Congratulations, boys! We were most impressed with the manner and content of the debates despite suffering narrow losses.

Football Reps
Congratulations to Cameron Wood who has been selected for the NSW CIS Football side. A wonderful achievement! Cameron will be competing in the New South Wales Schools competition later in the term.

NAPLAN Testing
Next week the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), for boys in Years 3 and 5, will be held in
the Preparatory School. This program, which has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers, will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the agreed national benchmarks of student achievement.

The timetable for the NAPLAN tests is as follows:

- **Tuesday 10 May** – Language convention test (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and a separate writing test.
- **Wednesday 11 May** – Reading test.
- **Thursday 12 May** – Numeracy test.

**Leaving Early**

There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of parents wanting to pick up their boys early in the afternoon. The College will only accede to requests for early leave on rare occasions. Some examples include doctor and dentist appointments. Parents are asked to not arrive early with the expectation that they may remove their son because of family or casual reasons. The College has a duty of care in regard to the education of all boys and leaving early does interrupt important learning time. I thank all parents in anticipation of your support in this regard.

**Tuckshop**

Online ordering for lunches has started through the website: www.flexischools.com.au. Please set up a login and place orders in advance. Cash or paper bag orders are now no longer accepted.

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**Mr John Crerar**

Head of Preparatory School

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**Message from the Director of ELC**

The families and friends of ELC boys are invited to attend our Preparatory School Open Morning on Friday 13 May. We have a ‘Grandparents and Godparents Day’ in August, but the Open Morning is a chance for parents and others to visit their son’s classroom in action. The ELC program begins with morning tea at 10:30am on the Years 2 to 4 campus followed by classroom visits and short performances from various grades in music, dance and PE from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

**ELC Chapel Collection**

ELC Chapel will have a money collection twice per term so that boys can bring a coin to support our sponsored children overseas. Our ELC Christian Studies Teacher, Mrs Dedrick, and our School Assistant Chaplain, Mr Morrison, organise for
the Preparatory School to sponsor children overseas through aid agencies. Our next service with a collection will be on Tuesday 7 June. If you miss this date, there will be a collection box at the ELC front desk.

**ELC Family Concert**

The ELC Family Concert has moved back a few weeks to allow time for the boys to learn and practice their new pieces. It will be held on Wednesday 8 June at 6:30pm. This concert is for boys who learn an instrument to perform a piece for their families. Miss Stoddard will be organising the evening, so please contact her through the front ELC office if you have questions.

**Phone Contact**

We have been experiencing some difficulty with our phones lately. The best way to contact the ELC is by calling Helen Johnson on 9391 7711. When Mrs Johnson is on her break or delivering daily mail to the Senior School, she always listens to the answering machine as soon as she returns. Leaving a message on this number is the best way of making sure your message is heard quickly. Leaving messages on the voicemail of teachers is not reliable as they are most often with the children and it may be some hours before your message is heard. You may also contact Mrs Johnson through the general ELC email: elc@tsc.nsw.edu.au.

**Haircuts, Shoes and Winter Pants**

Currently, head lice are about, so boys need to keep hair neat and short. There are fact sheets about using the ‘condition and comb’ method of managing head lice available in the information stand at the front desk.

Please make sure that only Velcro closing white shoes are worn in the ELC.

ELC winter pants are different from Years 2 to 4 sport pants. ELC winter pants are fleecy and have no gold piping on the side. Please make sure that only ELC winter pants are worn.

**Art Material Collection**

The Art Department is collecting specific recyclables for some exciting future art projects. We have limited storage, so specifically we need:

- Empty water bottles (approximately 600ml)
- Kitchen towel cardboard rolls
- Corks (remember those?)
- Old slides (remember those too?)
- Plastic bottle lids (like from a juice bottle)
- Styrofoam trays (cleaned, from fruit or meat)
- Beads
- Small metal objects such as nails, nuts and bolts
- Smooth stones (for painting on)

**SEA**

SEA activities have started. There are still places in Mandarin and French. Please see Mrs Johnson if you wish to attend this term. Activities will not be held on the last day of term Thursday 23 June.
Tuckshop
Online ordering has started through the website: www.flexischools.com.au. You can set up a login and place orders in advance. There are now no cash or paper bag orders.

Mrs Karen Turnbull
Director, The Early Learning Centre

Message from the Chaplain

Recently the Herald Sun reported on an Austrian man who made a remarkable discovery. The man, who did not want to be identified, was digging in his back yard in order to expand a small pond. Suddenly, he unearthed a number of objects that turned out to be medieval jewellery – worth perhaps as much as 100,000 Euros! The collection included more than 200 rings, broaches, belt buckles, silver plates and various other ornaments. Officials from Austria’s department of national antiquities said that the objects were about 650 years old and included pieces that were probably made for a royal court. Among them were brooches adorned with pearls and coral, and a ring inlaid with semi-precious stone. Officials suggest that the collection may have been plunder from a conflict or perhaps belonged to a trader on the busy route between Poland and Italy. Interestingly, after discovering the objects some four years ago, the man placed them in a box in his basement and over time forgot about them. Some two years later, he rediscovered the objects while packing up his house following its sale. This time, he appreciated that he had found something truly special!

Sometimes, it pays to look at things with fresh eyes. Our perceptions can change over time. What seemed to be of little purpose or value when last encountered may now be just what is needed. Some people find that it is worth thinking again about the person of Jesus. We may have come to a decision long ago that there is little purpose or value in Christian thinking. We may have felt that the teachings of Jesus have little to say to us and that His life is of little relevance to us now. But sometimes fresh eyes are needed. Currently the Year 12 students are considering a series of encounters – recorded in John’s Gospel – which Jesus had with a number of different people. For some of the Year 12s, the narratives are vaguely familiar and recall studies from their middle years. But to come with fresh (and more mature) eyes can mean new insights and a different perspective. All of us should be open to new perspectives on seemingly familiar things – especially when it comes to some of the bigger questions of meaning and purpose. A willingness to re-visit things ‘consigned to the basement’ might reveal some precious treasures indeed.

Reverend Conrad Nixon
Senior Chaplain

Happy Mother’s Day

Students from Years 2 to 6 had the opportunity to visit the Mother’s Day stall and select a gift to give to their Mum this Sunday.
Mothers play a truly selfless role in the life of their children and we hope this Mother's Day is an opportunity for our fine Scots boys to spoil their Mums and say thank you.

Mums are so often found quietly serving in the community, giving of time and resource. The College would like to thank all parents involved in organising these stalls and more widely would like to thank and honour all Scots Mums for their invaluable contribution to the College.

From the Women’s Association

It is with much pleasure I would like to announce the launch of the Women’s Association web site. You will find it on the Pipeline system under the heading of Associations. It is our intention that this site will be your first point of call for all things related to your son’s year level of a fellowship nature. It has information on the Blackwatch and Mansion Road tuckshops, the clothing pool and Scots goods. In addition, you will find details of your son’s class and year representatives who are a great source of information and who are busy organising social events for your year. This site will also enable us to reduce the number or emails you receive regarding events as invitations and dates will be displayed on a permanent basis, so you are encouraged to opt in and view the individual year pages on a regular basis for this information. I would like to thank Paul Lister and Deion Moller from the Roaring Lions who have helped us establish this site.

The new Executive of the Women’s Association (whose details are on the web site) met for the first time last week and we had the pleasure of Dr Ian Lambert and Andrew Watt speak to the group about how important the Women’s Association is for instilling a sense of community and fundraising within Scots. Our aim this year is to make you feel part of the Scots community by inviting you to attend a number of events either at a year, class or whole school level, by volunteering at the tuckshop or clothing pool or simply by keeping you in touch via the web page.

We are still looking to fill a couple of positions on the Executive including Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer (both of whom need bookkeeping experience as a minimum) and the Lion Editorial/Media and Communications role. I would be more than happy to speak to anyone who would like to undertake these important roles within the Women’s Association.

The Executive and I are looking forward to a great year of continuing to build Scots community through the parts we touch, and with the involvement of all parents and carers. If anyone would like to contact me my details are below, and the entire Executive’s details are on the new web site:
Email: verlander@ozemail.com.au
Mobile: 0419 691 891

Andrea Verlander
President – Women’s Association
From the Music Department

Welcome to Term 2 – a busy term for our musical ensembles!

The **Concert Band** are having a workshop on Friday 13 May from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. All members are expected to come and parents should have received a note. Please contact Miss Lowe if you need further information.

The **Prep Orchestra** need to remember instruments and music for extra rehearsals being held on Mondays during period 5. Wednesday morning rehearsals will continue as per normal.

The **Choirs, Orchestra** and **Band** will be performing at the official school opening on Wednesday 18 May at 4:00pm. Please ensure that your son can attend the opening and goes to all rehearsals leading up to the performance.

The performance dates for the 2011 Scots/Kambala Musical, *Oliver*, are Thursday 26 May, Saturday 28 May, Thursday 2 June and Saturday 4 June at 7:30pm. **The box office is now open.** You may email Rhonda Denton on r.denton@tsc.nsw.edu.au and she will reply with a booking form.

Instrumental lessons will continue in Term 2 for all boys enrolled, unless notice to discontinue was given prior to Wednesday 30 March. All lessons have now begun and rosters can be seen on the board in the Centenary Building. See Mrs Denton if the boys are not sure of their lesson time.

**Term 2 diary dates**

- Chapel Choir Services – Sunday 5 June, Family Choral Service and Thursday 16 June, Choral Evensong.
- Charity Concert – Wednesday 22 June 2011, College Auditorium.

**Miss Rebecca Lowe**
Music Coordinator

From Indigenous Education

It is not often that we have one of our Indigenous boys talked about on national television, but we did over the Easter break.

As Pipe Major, Kyol Blakeney played a prominent role in the Anzac Day march in Sydney. The Scots College Pipes and Drums band lead the procession, braving the driving rain as they did so. The ABC commentary singled out Kyol for discussion. Mention was made of the fact that he is the first (but most certainly not the last) Aboriginal to hold this prestigious post and that Kyol was also a master of the didgeridoo.
Kyol will be out again at the Parade of Remembrance, which will be his last appearance in the role. Kyol has been an excellent role model for the other Indigenous boys in so many ways and we hope to see many others follow in his footsteps by taking leadership roles at Scots.

Mr Jonathan Samengo
Indigenous Education

From the Sport Department

To assist with your planning and organisation, a number of documents have been attached to this newsletter and will be available in Pipeline during the winter season.

Sports Handbook – designed to provide parents with information pertaining to all aspects of sport at Scots.

Winter Sports Fixtures Overview – provides parents with an overview of sports fixtures for the entire winter season. Note these are a guide only and are subject to change. Weekly fixtures are confirmed in The Clansman each Thursday.

Venue Directory – lists all sport venues and addresses.

Additional Coaching Sessions – outlines all additional coaching sessions offered during the winter season.

IPSHA Rugby and Football Rules – lists all rules and laws that apply to all school Rugby and Football fixtures.

Saturday Sport Reminders for Boys and Parents

1. Check the weekly fixtures published in The Clansman.
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 in the instance last minute illness prevents your attendance.
4. Arrive 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time with the necessary equipment/kit.
5. Present yourself professionally in the College uniform.
6. Participate in a warm up and team talk before the game.
7. Listen to the coach’s 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.
The **Wet Weather Number** is 9008 0401 and should be rung after 6:45am on Saturday to ascertain wet weather information.

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

- **Absences pertaining to illness/injury** prior to Friday 12:30pm should be sent to Mrs Shipman: e.shipman@tsc.nsw.edu.au and after 12.30pm Friday should be sent to Mr Wilsmore: b.wilsmore@tsc.nsw.edu.au. Please clearly state the boy's name, class, team and nature of the absence.
- **Unexplained absences** adversely affect the team and these will be followed up by the Masters in Charge of Sport.
- **Leave from Saturday sport** is only granted in exceptional circumstances and must be sought from The Head of Prep: j.crerar@tsc.nsw.edu.au at least one week in advance (where possible).

**Mr Brent Wilsmore**
Coordinator of Sport and PDHPE

**Snowsports**

**2011 TSC Snowsports Annual Winter Fund Raiser – Friday 20 May**
The TSC Snowsports Association wishes to extend an invitation to all members and friends of Snowsports at Scots to join us at this season’s TSC Snowsports Association ‘Season Opener’ 2011 Winter Fund Raiser on Friday 20 May. Please see the linked flyer [insert fundraiser flyer saved on j drive] and RSVP form for full details:

- **Date:** Friday 20 May 2011, 7:00pm
- **Venue:** The Scots College Dining Room
- **RSVP:** 16 May 2011

If you have any items you wish to donate for the silent auction or raffles, please contact the Snowsports Association on tscsnowsports@gmail.com.

**2011 TSC Snowsports team information**
If you were unable to attend last term’s TSC Snowsports Information Evening and you require information about Snowsports at Scots, please contact me at c.tanner@tsc.nsw.edu.au.

**2011 TSC Snowsports teams online entry and training information**
All 2011 TSC Snowsports teams entry and training information will be available soon on the TSC Snowsports Association (TSCSA) website. If you have registered interest in the 2011 season with the TSCSA, or you have become 2011 members of the TSCSA, notification will be emailed to you when the website is online. If you wish to be notified, please email your contact details to the TSCSA at tscsnowsports@gmail.com. Notification will also be given in the Jumps and Bumps – Snowsports Notes section in The Clansman.

2011 Sydney Division Interschools Snowsports Championships dates

Saturday 9 July: TSC Cross-Country Training Program (Perisher)
Sunday 10 July: TSC Cross-Country Training Program (Perisher)
Monday 11 July: TSC Snowsports Championships (Perisher)
Tuesday 12 July: Redlands Cup (Thredbo)
Wednesday 13 July: I/S Snowboard GS and Boardercross (Thredbo)
Thursday 14 July: I/S Freestyle and Skiercross (Thredbo)
Friday 15 July: I/S Alpine GS – Divisions 5 and 4 (Thredbo)
Saturday 16 July: I/S Alpine GS – Divisions 1-3 (Thredbo)

2011 The Scots College Snowsports Championships

The 2011 The Scots College Snowsports Championships is the official warm up event of the Sydney Division Interschools Championships and will be held on Monday 11 July at Perisher Blue.

2011 July School Holidays TSC Prep Ski Development Program

Places are filling in the TSC Prep Ski Development Program to be held at Perisher during the July school holidays. The five day program is open to all boys in Years 3 to 6 and will be held Monday 4 July to Friday 8 July.

As program numbers will be limited, please contact me for further details if your son is interested in participating:
c.tanner@tsc.nsw.edu.au.

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

Mr Clive Tanner
MIC Snowsports
Sports Results Round 1

*Football*

1st XI v Knox  4:2 win
Men of the match: Xavier Roche, Cristian Suvak.

2nd XI v Knox  4:0 win
Man of the match: the team

6C v Knox  0:2 loss
Man of the match: Matthew Wright

6D v Knox  0:4 loss
Man of the match: the team

*Rugby*

11c v Knox  12:22 loss
Man of the match: Andy John

All other games were washed out.

*Prep Rugby*

With the majority of the first round washed out I will take this opportunity to fill the Prep community in on some Rugby that took place in the school holidays and the announcement of the 2011 Rugby Captain.

I would like to congratulate Nelson Bours on his appointment as the 2011 Rugby Captain. I wish him all the best in the upcoming season and am sure he is going to do a fantastic job.

On 10 April Scots Rugby embarked on the yearly tour to Armidale for The Armidale School Rugby Tournament. This competition has been set up to showcase some of the east coast’s best junior Rugby schools and clubs. Teams from all over New South Wales and Queensland are invited to join in the two days of competition Rugby. The Scots team comprising of Year 6 boys did a fantastic job on this tour, finishing third in our division of fifteen teams. The most pleasing thing was the way the team learnt from game to game and adapted to new environments and situations. However, most of all it showed why Scots is held in such high regard in the way we play Rugby and also in the calibre of boys we raise. The boys played five slightly modified games across the two days, winning four out of five games and
going down by one point in the other. Matt Zylstra was awarded the Scots College Player of the Tournament, an award given to an outstanding all rounder, who demonstrated skill on the field and displayed the tournament values, proudly reflecting what a fine Scots Boy should be. I would like to convey special thanks to Mr Cameron Wood and Mrs McCathie for all your efforts on this tour, taking time out of your holidays to go up north to educate our fine Scots boys in Rugby and life.

A Rugby clinic was also held at the end of the school holidays at Christison Park. This clinic attracted nearly 90 boys from across all ages of the Prep School and also featured some current Waratah players such as current stand in captain Dean Mumm, Kurtley Beal, Damien Fitzpatrick, Patrick McCutcheon and Paddy Ryan. The aim of this clinic was to increase the boys' skills through a game sense approach. I would like to thank Mr Andrew Cleverly, MIC Rugby Senior Rugby, and Mr Duncan Kendall for their support in the running of this camp. I would also like to thank all Scots Prep Rugby staff who assisted at this camp.

Finally, please note the change and updated information regarding Rugby extra skills sessions:

**Years 5 and 6** – Monday morning 7:15am-8:10am Fairfax Oval

Years 3 and 4 – remain on Tuesday morning 7:15am-8:15am at the Prep Courts

The reason for the change is to make better use of the facilities and to have Fairfax exclusively for Prep on this day. These sessions are not compulsory but are very well staffed in a hope to improve some of the fundamental skills in Rugby. Boys must get changed into their school uniform after this session.

Let's hope the rain stays away for this weekend's round of sport. Good luck to all teams on Saturday.

**Mr Rob Williams**

MIC Prep Rugby

**Prep Football**

It was an unfortunate start to the season with bad weather resulting in all matches besides Year 6 being cancelled. However, it was great to see some Football played out at Knox, and the boys made a very solid start to the season in some challenging conditions. Well done, boys!

I am pleased to announce that Cristian Suvak has been appointed the Captain of Football for the Preparatory College. I hope Cristian has a fantastic season and enjoys leading Football at Scots for 2011. Congratulations, Cristian!

Congratulations to Cristian Suvak and Cameron Ward for their performances representing IPSHA at the CIS Tournament held in early April at Kings. IPSHA won the CIS Tournament which is a fantastic result and a very enjoyable experience for
both boys to have been a part of. Congratulations, boys. Cameron Ward successfully made the NSW CIS Primary Boys’ Football Team for 2011 which is an outstanding achievement. Cameron will now compete in the PSSA Championship in Coffs Harbour later this month. Good luck, Cameron!

**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 from the Head of the Prep in advance. 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 warn parents that if this happens again, they will be called in for a meeting with the Head of Prep which may lead to a Friday after school detention issued to the student.

**Additional skills sessions**

All of the additional sessions have started for Football. We are very fortunate to have some highly qualified coaches involved with these sessions so I would encourage all students to attend the sessions available.

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 7:15 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.
**Terms 2 and 3 - Extra Activity Football**

Monday afternoon 3:15pm to 4:30pm.
Years 2-4 at Prep Courts, Mansion Road.
Years 5-6 at Fairfax Oval, Ginahgulla Road.
Extra Activity enrolment forms are available at Reception.

Hopefully the weather holds out for this weekend so our young footballers can get out there and apply their hard work at practice into a match environment.

**Mr Greg Clarence**
MIC Football

**SEA Sport in the ELC**
Welcome to another term of after school sport in the ELC. A special welcome to our Transition Lions who have jumped into after school sport with energy and enthusiasm this term.

So much energy is expended each afternoon that we ask you to ensure you pack an extra snack for our youngest sports stars on the afternoon of their activity. Each sport is played on the Preparatory courts and finishes at 4:15pm. In the case of inclement weather you are encouraged to call the wet weather line on 9008 0401 after 2:00pm. Sport may be cancelled in the case of wet weather.

Please direct any other enquiries to Ms Jeni Lee at j.lee@tsc.nsw.edu.au or Helen Johnson on 9391 7711.

**Auskick**

NSW AFL and the Sydney Swans are back at the ELC, with Kindergarten and Year 1 enjoying their first session of their five week program earlier this week. Auskick is a modified version of AFL with a focus on ball skills, modified games and teamwork. The program will culminate in five weeks time with all classes enjoying 'real' games of AFL on the senior oval.

**Ms Jeni Lee**
PDHPE Teacher

**Notices**
Tuckshop Roster

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The TSC Snowsports Association wishes to extend an invitation to all members and friends of Snowsports at Scots to join us at this season’s TSC Snowsports Association ‘Season Opener’ 2011 Winter Fund Raiser on Friday 20 May. Please see the linked flyer and RSVP form for full details

Year 5 Parents’ Night Out
The Year 5 class Mums are organising a special night for Year 5 parents and carers on Friday 20 May from 7:00pm to 10:00pm at The Elephant Bar, Glenmore Road, Paddington. This will be a great opportunity to relax and have fun with other Year 5 parents. The cost is $20 per person, which includes delicious finger food and a drink on arrival. Further drinks may be purchased from the bar.

Payment can be made by cheque and made payable to ‘The Royal Hotel’. Please include your name, contact number, your son’s name and class in an envelope and post to Kate Kelly, ‘TSC Year 5 event’, PO Box 392, Woollahra NSW 1395.

Any enquiries can be directed to Verity Thomson verityt@bigpond.com, 0412 514 991 (Rory Thomson, 5RSJ) or Kate Kelly kjk@ozemail.com.au, 0412 570 232 (Oliver Benjamin, 5RSJ).

Please RSVP by Monday 16 May. Limited numbers apply so an early response is recommended.

We look forward to sharing a fun night with you!

The Year 5 Class Mums
The Scots College Women’s Association
Year 6 Parents Lunch Invitation

The Year 6 class Mums are organising a social lunch for the Year 6 Parents and Carers on Friday 20 May from 12:00pm to 3:00pm at The Royal Sydney Golf Club. This will be a great opportunity to relax and have fun with other Year 6 parents. The cost is $55 per person, which includes two courses, a welcome drink and tea and coffee to finish. Dress code is a long sleeve shirt for gentlemen (no jacket required) and denim is not permitted.

RSVP is accepted with payment which can be made by cash or cheque to Xanthe Lenior at 6B Clairvaux Road, Vaucluse or please call on 0430 392 984 or 9371 9313 for internet banking. Please RSVP by Monday 9 May 2011.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Nancy Inglis
Years 5 and 6 Liaison Officer

Year 2 Parents Get Together

Year 2 parents are warmly invited to join other class parents for a casual evening get together for the start of a new term. Please join us on Friday 6 May at 7:00pm at The Centennial Park Hotel, 88 Oxford Street, Paddington. This will be a great opportunity to relax and have fun with other Year 2 parents.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Year 2 Class Mums
The Scots College Women’s Association

Prayer Breakfast

On Thursday 19 May, the College will host its Term 2 Prayer Breakfast. This is an opportunity for parents, staff, Old Boys and friends of the College to meet to pray for the College community and beyond. We meet from 7:15pm – 8:15am in Room 215 (in the main corridor off the quadrangle) and share in a light breakfast.