Term 2, Week 1 – Thursday 2 May 2013

Message from the Principal

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Contractors**

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

Colin Heighes – Plumber

Syd Bkassini (Bekassini) – Electrician

David Harvey – Plasterer

Mark Gilligan – Plasterer
Tom Varol– Painters

Jason Dunbar–Programmed Consultants

**Project Managers**

Greg Hastie–APK

Margaret Culloty –APK

**Architects**

Bill Morrison–CM+

Garry Macdonald–CM+

Judith Rintoul

John Cockings –JCA

**Heritage Architects**

Donald Ellsmore

John Oultram

Clive Lucas

Sean Johnson

**Conservator**

Julian Bickersteth– ICS

**Structural Engineer**

Paul Bekker

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

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

‘Noble life demands a noble architecture for noble uses of noble men. Lack of culture means what it has always meant: ignoble civilization and therefore imminent downfall’ Frank Lloyd Wright

Dr Ian PM Lambert
Principal

Chairman's comments at opening of Aspinall House
Thursday 2 May 2013

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr Simon Fraser
Chairman of Council

Message from the Head of Senior Years

This week Christian Yassmin and Nicholas Kellaway were inducted as College Prefects at the Principal's Assembly. These two appointments recognise the fine role modelling, positive influence and leadership both boys have displayed throughout Year 12. They are indeed leaders among their peers in every respect. The induction of Nicholas and Christian recognises the important fact that leadership is action, not position. Serving others is often unseen yet crucial to the success of communities such as Scots. Their appointment also embraces the fact that maturation and growth in personal responsibility is ongoing. I encourage all boys to exemplify their ongoing contribution and humility.
I congratulate all of the Cadets, Pipers and Drummers for their commitment and service at Anzac Day. Our boys were serving in many other locations on the same day. I was pleased to see a photo of Year 9 boarder Henry Hickson drumming for the Anzac march in the small town of Boomi in northern NSW.

Further to the letter from Mr Potter and myself at the commencement of term, I remind all parents about the compulsory events in the coming weeks. Next week all boys are required to attend GPS Athletics at SOPAC, Homebush on Saturday 11 May. Two weeks later all will be required to attend the Parade of Remembrance on Sunday 26 May at the College. Please review the numerous important dates for parent teacher interviews and other functions on the calendar for this term.

Mr Tim Browning
Head of Senior Years

Message from the Chaplain

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

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

Reverend Conrad Nixon
Senior Chaplain

From Indigenous Education

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

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

Such is their commitment to education, that Delwyn and Leon spent the entire holidays attending their old school in Gapuwiyak, turning up to school every day, going to lessons and assembly, even though they knew their other Scots mates were kicking back and relaxing.

They were not the only ones that had a busy holiday. Jackson Dowling went on the Vanuatu trip. The Indigenous Program contributed $2,000 to the trip as a reward for being a fine Scots boy. He said he had the best experience of his life. Aidan Bestwick also demonstrated his great commitment to Scots in his prominent role in the Anzac Day Parade. Aidan only picked up his first set of bag pipes less than a year ago, so it was with great pride that I saw him in his full Highland uniform playing the pipes with such pride and dignity. A great achievement.

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

Mr Jonathan Samengo
Executive Officer – Indigenous Education
Kambala Road Drop-offs

Victoria Road Drop-offs and Pick-ups
Managing traffic and safety is an ongoing concern for The Scots College and something that we take very seriously. We ask for everyone to please be considerate of our neighbours during the school term especially at drop-off and pick-up times in Term 2. All members of the Scots community have a part in ensuring our local environment and roads are safe and our impact on the residents of Bellevue Hill is minimised as much as possible. Scots has a traffic management plan for all campuses. It is essential that all parents take heed of the instructions provided by the Heads of Campus to ensure that not only is traffic reduced, but safety is also maintained. Students are discouraged from driving to school unless their commitments fall outside the regular hours of the academic program. Students who do drive are required to register their vehicle with the College, and park with appropriate consideration.

From Glengarry

Glengarry Celebrates 25 Years this weekend
We invite our Scots community to join us in celebrating 25 years of operation at Glengarry this weekend. We have a tremendous line up of first class entertainment in conjunction with the Kangaroo Valley Arts Festival being held over the weekend with some of the performances being held in our own Glengarry gym. Tickets are available at the door on Friday night for the 100 piece Youth Symphony Orchestra from both Sydney and Canberra. The patron for the festival is our own patron, Governor of NSW, Professor Marie Bashir, who will be officially opening the festival on Friday night.

Saturday is the official day of celebrations for Glengarry which commences at 10:00am with an opening ceremony. We have an itinerary of exciting activities during the morning, and at lunch time you will be entertained by our own Scots boys at an inaugural Biathalon event, the Glengarry Challenge. There is an open category for Old Boys and visitors, if you wish to compete during the afternoon in a run/ride event. It promises to be a glorious day and we would love your support on the day. Bring along a picnic lunch and enjoy the beautiful surroundings and scenery of Glengarry.

See you there!

Mr Grahame Allen
Director of Glengarry
Glengarry WA Parent Orientation Trip – Thursday 9 May

Parents of boys in Years T to 8 are invited to a Glengarry Parent Orientation Day to be held on Thursday 9 May. The WA have arranged a bus trip, or parents are welcome to drive themselves.

Bookings for BOTH the bus trip, and/or the self-drive lunch option must be made on-line ‘here’ (link is: http://www.trybooking.com/CQEY). The cost is:

$35 per person, lunch and bus transport

$25 per person, lunch only

For further information, please contact Nancy Inglis, WA Glengarry Liaisons Officer at nancyi@bigpond.net.au or on 0407 268 699.

Ms Nancy Inglis
WA Glengarry Liaison Officer

From the Library

George Bundock has won the 2013 Scots College Photography Competition with an image taken at night at Fairfax House.

“I wanted to tackle the theme ‘This Is How I See It’ from a boarding point of view,” says George, a Year 10 boarder in Fairfax House. “It’s about what boarders might do to cope with boarding. Sometimes a little reminder from home, like a teddy, is all it takes to make things better.”

The photograph was shot using a Canon 5D mkII borrowed from the library. The teddy lives in Fairfax and belongs to no one in particular. George wins a Canon 1100D twin lens kit.

A Backwards Glance by Luke Tisher and 60 Degrees by Evangel Lui came second and third respectively. All of the winners are on display in the Stevenson Library.

Jack Bours has taken out the People’s Choice prize in the Stevenson Library Photography Competition 2013 with an underwater picture shot on a camera borrowed from a TV lifeguard.
“Brad Malyon (Bondi Rescue, Frothers) lent me his 5D in a waterproof housing at Bronte Beach,” says Jack, Year 10 Gilchrist. “We were on camps week with co-curricular photography and I shot six images on the rocks that day trying to capture a moment that no one usually sees. This one is about the world under the water, an aggressive storm.”

A panel of five judges selected a short list of ten images from the photography competition entries for the online vote which was open to the whole school. 520 votes were counted. *Ours* by Henry Rowe came second and *Royle Flush* by Lachlan Wanford was third.

**From Community Service**

On Thursday 20 June the St Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting its annual flagship event, the CEO Sleepout. As you may know, this involves business leaders sleeping under the stars for a night to raise awareness and important funds in support of essential homeless services across the country. Last year the event raised more than $5 million for the 50,000 Australians who sleep rough every night, and was attended by more than 1,000 CEOs across Australia.

If you would like to participate in the sleep out, more information can be found at www.ceosleepout.org.au, or please contact me for further details.

Thanks.

Mr David Oswell
MIC Community Service

**From the ICT Department**

**Meet the new ICT Team**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr Paul Lister
Director of ICT

From the Studies Coordinator

Study Skills Tip for May: Improving Handwriting
To improve your handwriting, you need to first assess how healthy you are in the four elements of legible handwriting: letter formation, sizing, alignment on the line and spacing between words. Then use the steps below to start to improve your handwriting:

Find Your Best Pen: Experiment with different pens to see which is the easiest to write with and which one gives you the neatest handwriting. Use the same pen all the time.

Good Grip: Hold the pen/pencil gently and do not grip too tightly or push too hard on the paper.
Use Arm Muscles: Always write with your forearm and shoulder NOT with your fingers or wrist. This way your strokes will flow much better. It may take you some time to retrain your arm and hand but be aware of these movements when you practise. The muscles in your forearm and shoulder tire less easily than your fingers.

Begin with Large Strokes: practise initially on a whiteboard (or even tracing letters in the air) using large strokes until you feel comfortable with using your forearm and shoulder muscles. When you feel you have conquered this, it is time to begin practising on paper. Keep using large strokes, gradually reducing them in size as your control of the muscles increases. Once you have accomplished this it is time to begin practising in your exercise book forming normal sized letters.

Posture: Ensure you practise your handwriting skills at a desk or table. Sit up straight using a good chair.

Ruled Lined Book: Buy a ruled exercise book (like a primary cursive pad) for practise use. Always write on lined paper and take note of how you are writing and how your work looks on the page.

Copy Style: Look for an example of a handwriting style that you like and can use to copy from. Keep this in front of you at all times to inspire you towards improving your style.

Individual Letters: Begin with individual letters and practise writing at least one letter per day concentrating on the four elements of legible handwriting.

Whole Words: Once you have worked your way through individual letters in the alphabet practise writing whole words. Be aware of the flow from one letter to the next as well as spacing between each word.

Test Sentence: Choose a test sentence for yourself and write it at the top of your first practise page. Each week write this sentence at the top of a new page to check for improvement in your writing.

Special Sentence: Frequently practise writing the sentence ‘the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog’ in small and capital letters. This sentence contains all the letters in the alphabet and gives you good overall practise of each letter.

Write Slowly: Write slowly when practising.

Realistic Goals: Don’t set impractical goals for improvement. Improvement will take time and is a matter for persistence – it all comes down to practise, practise and then more practise!
Once your handwriting style has improved, you can then focus on improving the speed of your handwriting. Every day, practise writing at speed. Choose a particular passage and write it out neatly. Time yourself. The next day write it out neatly again but try and speed up a bit and time yourself again. The goal is to get to the point where you can write the passage out quickly but still maintain neat handwriting. Doing this for just 5 minutes every day will really help you to improve your handwriting. If your cursive (running) writing is really bad, you may find it easier to learn to print really fast in exams rather than focus on improving your cursive style.

You can also try writing with a pen that is weighted on the end to build up the muscles in your hand used for writing. When you get to the exams take the weight off the end and feel the benefits of a lighter pen! And for people with serious handwriting issues, check out this amazing pen: www.ringpen.com.

Learn more useful tips to help you achieve your personal best at school at the Study Skills Handbook website.

Our school's subscription details to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au are -

Username: forscotsonly

Password: 59results

Mrs Tania Lloyd
Studies Coordinator

From the Maths Department

Excursion Report
It was on Friday 5 April that the Year 7 boys of The Scots College travelled by bus to Kambala School to compete in a maths problem solving activity. As the bus rolled in, many of us knew that we were ready to do some maths. Or were we?

As we entered the hall, two Scots boys and two Kambala girls were placed in a group to work out problems in a time limit. It was great fun and many of us enjoyed it, even when it was a little awkward at the start for some groups.

It was a great experience for me and many others and something I gained was a better ability to solve problems under a time limit and to be able to do maths with girls.
It would be a great thing to do again next year.

Alexander St John
James Bee Year 7

From the Drama Department

Current Year 12 Drama students, Charlie Meller and Patrick Hughes, will join 2012 Old Boys – Tom Cardy, Angus Rees, Olgun Uluc and Ziggy Fatnowna – in Steen Raskopoulos' new Improvised show this month. *The Bear Pack vs. Cubs* will run as part of the Sydney Comedy Festival at the Factory Theatre. Tickets are available at sydneycomedyfestival.com.au.

From The Institute of Business and Economics

The Institute of Business and Economics is pleased to inform members of The Scots College community of the launch of a series of evening courses. The first course will commence on Thursday 9 May and run for seven weeks. This course ‘An Introduction to Political Economy and Business Communication Skills’ will explore the economic and political forces that are currently shaping our world. The course will also develop a range of communication skills that will assist students to maximise their post-school opportunities.

This course is designed for both students and parents, and will be of interest to the following groups; public speakers and debaters, those interested in applying for cadetships or scholarships and those with an interest in exploring the factors that are shaping society. The course will be presented by Mr Francis George, Dr Mark Hutchinson, Mr Stephen Thompson and Ms Claire Duffy.

Mr Francis George
Director of the Business Institute and Head of Economics
From the Music Department

**The Turning of the Sod Monday 8 April**

On Monday 8 April, Oliver Poiner, Year 10, performed the *Fourth Duet* by Maeduelus on the Saxophone, for the Turning of the Sod for the Business Studies Centre. Parents and staff commented afterwards on Oliver's melodious playing and warm tone. We thank Oliver for performing and Mr Alan Webb for organising the presentation.

**Chapel Service Tuesday 9 April**

On Tuesday 9 April, boys from the Camp Combo accompanied the hymns *Meekness and Majesty* and *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*. This group of boys who attended the Christian Union Camp the weekend before, built up a great friendship to want to share their musical talents together in worship.

We thank the boys from the Camp Combo; Nick Ward, Mason Kerr, Michael Witheridge, Luke Johnson, Jordan Ng and Gyan Ainkaran for playing and Mr Alan Webb for organising the music ensemble.

**Senior Assembly Wednesday 10 April**

On Wednesday 10 April, the Senior assembly celebrated the Indigenous Heritage and Culture within our school. The students were delighted to hear their classmates Winston Yunupingu, Year 9, and Leon Wunungmurra, Year 8, play the Didgeridoo called Sunrise. The boys were given an enthusiastic and long applause after their inspiring performance. We thank Mr Jonathan Samengo, Executive Officer of Indigenous Education for organising the Assembly items.

**Selby and Friends Chamber Music Concert Thursday 11 April**

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

Below is a comment from Felix Riedel Year 6MS.

“I really enjoyed going to this concert with my Mum and Grandparents. The pieces were really interesting and the musicians played with a lot of energy. I hope my friends come to listen to these concerts. We thank Ms Rebecca Cheng for taking us to the concert.”
Brisbane Piano Masterclass Friday 26 April and Saturday 27 April

During the school holidays on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 April, Edward Huang, Year 12, travelled to Brisbane to perform for a Piano Masterclass conducted by Senior Piano Lecturer of Queensland Conservatorium, Ms Leah Horwitz. Edward played *Allegro Appassionato* by Saint Seans. The masterclass included a performance by her student Alex Raineri, who is currently studying a Bachelor of Music Honours in Advanced Performance at Queensland Conservatorium and was a prize winner of the 2012 Sydney International Piano Competition.

The visit concluded by attending a Chamber Music Concert of Haydn and Beethoven Piano Trios, performed by Performance Fellows from the University of Queensland. We thank Ms Rebecca Cheng for organising the excursion.

Tedeschi and Omega Saturday 1 June

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

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

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From Counselling Services

Primary Resources on Parenting

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

The next session is as follows:

**Emergency First Aid for Parent and Carers (EPC)**

- **Date:** Sunday 19 May
- **Time:** 9:00am to 5:00pm
- **Location:** Woollahra Council
- **Cost:** $43 (normally $80)

Dr Tom Cerni

Head of Counselling Services
From Co-Curricular

Cadets

This ANZAC Day saw a contingent of 52 cadets take part in various activities in support of the NSW State RSL Commemoration Service and March.

The primary role was the conduct of the ceremonial component to the State Commemoration Service held at the war memorial in Hyde Park. In probably one of the best displays I have seen, the cadets performed the Drum Head Service and the State Flag Parade supported by the Pipes and Drums. The crowd numbered several thousand representing a solid increase in previous years. The service itself was attended by her Excellency Marie Bashir, the NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell and various military dignitaries. The cadets again made the College proud and were subject to many positive comments. It was fantastic to hear her Excellency pass the comment "superb as always" to the boys as she left. Though all the boys performed honourably, in particular I would like to commend Tim Robinson SNR CUO who commanded the entire parade and CUO Jack Chitty who took command of the flag party at short notice. The most rewarding part for the boys was the spontaneous applause of the crowd as they completed their duties.

The Cadet Unit also provided support to the ANZAC March in the provision of banner carriers for the RAR and Guards association. Escort by Sargent Gillespie, these boys were a credit to the College and were fine ambassadors for the Cadet Unit with very positive praise from the former Governor General, Brigadier Michael Jeffery.

With the growing popularity of ANZAC day, it is fantastic to see the increasing role and responsibilities the Cadet Unit is taking on this important day. From the 12 cadets participating some ten years ago, we now have an ongoing involvement of almost 60. This is something the College should be proud of. Full credit is to be extended to all cadets who participated and helped ensure the success of this occasion.

A reminder that Sunday 26 May will see the College host the 62nd Parade of Remembrance. This occasion is one that is not to be missed and a warm invitation is extended to all members of the Scots community. The parade will commence at 1:30pm and guests and visitors are asked to be seated by this time.

Captain (AAC) Philip Cooney

MIC Cadets
Pipes and Drums

The band had a very busy holiday with three parades. The first one was an Anzac Service on Coogee Beach. The next was the annual Rose Bay RSL Anzac Service. It was very pleasing to see so many boys give up their holiday time to take part in this parade. The main parade during the break was the Sydney Anzac March and the Service at the Pool of Remembrance in Hyde Park. I would like to thank the boys and parents who travelled long distances to take part.

There were boys doing Anzac Services in their home towns and four members of the Pipes and Drums attended the Anzac Service in the Highlands in New Guinea.

There are a number of jobs coming up during the next few weeks starting with the opening of Aspinall House on Thursday and finishing with Remembrance Day here at school on Sunday 26 May.

Music classes start again on Monday and so do lunchtime practises. Boys please make sure you attend these as your progress in the band depends on it.

Boys who went to Edinburgh can come and see me to pick up their DVD and photo stick.

Year 11 boys will also be taking part in rank interviews over the next few weeks.

Thank you.

Mr Ray Lee
Bandmaster

From the Sport Department

Sportsmaster Senior School

AAGPS Athletics Transport Details for Saturday 11 May 2013

On Saturday 11 May, the College will again come together to show support for our Athletes at the AAGPS Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, Homebush. Note, all boys are to wear full school winter uniform with their blazer. There have been a few amendments this year to the procedure so it is very important that boys and parents read the following points carefully.
We will arrive at Homebush at 10:00am, which is later than previous years. Thus departure times of transport buses will be adjusted.

The majority of the Scots private buses will go directly to Homebush: Cronulla, Sutherland, Mona Vale/Pittwater/Lower North Shore, Manly/Seaforth, Beauty Point, Mosman, Roseville, Willoughby.

The remaining Scots private buses will go to the College and then go to Homebush: Hunters Hill/Balmain/Inner West, Walsh Bay/Circular Quay/Paddington, Banksmeadow/Botany/Maroubra Junction/Waterloo/Moore Park, Little Bay/Malabar/Coogee/Randwick/Queens Park and Clovelly/Bronte/Bondi Beach/Dover Heights/Watson’s Bay.

Boys may go to Homebush with their parents; however parents must request this in writing to their Housemaster.

The remaining boys will travel to Homebush on House buses from the College.

Please find below the transport arrangements for the 2013 AAGPS Athletics Championships. Students who do not normally travel on the College Sponsored Telfords bus service are welcome to use this service travelling to the 2013 AAGPS Athletics Carnival.

7:15am One Athletes bus departs Scots for Homebush
8:00am Walsh Bay/Circular Quay/Paddington (Scots mini bus) to Scots
8:15am Banksmeadow/Botany/Maroubra Junction/Waterloo/Moore Park to Scots
8:15am Little Bay/Malabar/Coogee/Randwick/Queens Park to Scots
8:15am Hunters Hill/Balmain/Inner West to Scots
8:30am Clovelly/Bronte/Bondi Beach/Dover Heights/Watson’s Bay to Scots
8:30am Four Boarding House Buses depart to Homebush
8:45am Boys report to House bus on Victoria Road for roll check
8:45am Mona Vale/Pittwater/Lower North Shore bus to Homebush
9:00am Cronulla and Sutherland buses to Homebush
9:00am Beauty Point, Manly/Seafort, Mosman, Roseville and Willoughby to Homebush
9:00am Eight Day Boy House Buses depart for Homebush
9:15am One Bus depart for Homebush with overflow and latecomers

3:30pm Trophy presentation

3:45pm School departs grandstands for buses after three cheers to the team

4:00pm Buses departure from Homebush (Bus Park B)

5:15pm Approximate return to Scots

5:20pm Students who travel on the Hunters Hill/Balmain/Inner West bus and Walsh Bay/Circular Quay/Paddington bus will depart on the Scots mini bus. This will return via the Hunters Hill/Balmain/Inner West route, then the Walsh Bay/Circular Quay/Paddington route.

Banksmeadow/Botany/Marboura Junction/Waterloo/Moore Park, Little Bay/Malabar/Coogee/Randwick/Queens Park and Clovelly/Bronte/Bondi Beach/Dover Heights/Watson’s Bay buses will do the return trip from Scots. All other suburban buses will return directly to their respective suburbs.

Mr Andrew Cleverley
Sportsmaster – Senior School

Snowsports

2013 Snowsports Academy

The Snowsports Academy was developed to cater for the needs of Scots Snowsports athletes balancing a traditional education with Snowsports training. The athletes spend 10 weeks at the Academy during the snow season combining essential access to on-snow training with the School curriculum.


2013 July School Holiday Snowsports Tours and Development Programs

As per usual, the College will run the Snowsports Tours and Development Programs this year.

- Tour 1: Sunday 30 June to Friday 5 July – 5 days skiing and snowboarding at Perisher
• Tour 2: Sunday 7 July to Sunday 14 July – 7 days skiing and boarding at both Perisher and Thredbo

Please make payment online via the TSC Online Payment Portal: Payments Tab > Camps & Tours > Event > TSC Senior School Snowsports Development Program.

Available online are the 2013 TSC Snowsports Teams Online Entry and Training Information. Please visit the snowsports website: http://snowsports.tsc.nsw.edu.au. This website covers all aspects of Snowsports at Scots. The Online Forms tab includes all the forms and information needed to enter TSC Snowsports Championships, The Redlands Cup and the Interschools Snowsports Championships, as well as information about joining the TSC Snowsports Association. I would like to ask the Snowsports parents to make it their priority to register the boys for the various races as soon as possible.

I would like to express my gratitude to Mr Weinert for giving up his time to revamp the website.

**Dry-Land Training Program – Wednesday Mornings 7:00am to 8:00am (Commencing Wednesday 8 May)**

The TSC Strength and Conditioning Department has designed a specific Snowsports Dry-Land Training program for TSC Snowsports participants. TSC Strength and Conditioning staff will be supervising the sessions each Wednesday morning commencing Wednesday 8 May from 7:00am to 8:00am in the TSC Strength and Conditioning Facility – The John Solomon Sports Club (Bottom Level of the Science block - opposite TSC basketball court). The sessions will be available for interested TSC Snowsports Team members and TSC Development Program participants.

*Mr Andrew Kovari*

Director of Snowsports

**Athletics**

**Athletics Team Camp and Convenor’s Carnival**

65 members of the Athletics team spent four days at Narrabeen training for the upcoming AAGPS Athletics Championship.

The focus of the camp was to work together as a team of Athletes on preparing for the upcoming championship. The atmosphere and culture of the team was evident in each of the sessions with the boys encouraging each other and working together to perfect their skills.

During the camp the team developed a motto and a sense of core values. All of the boys recognised the importance of working together as a team to produce the best results possible. The team motto of ‘make the impossible reality’ was
agreed upon and we look forward to representing the College with our core values of the team above the individual, heart and determination in competition and training and pride in wearing the Scots singlet.

The team and coaches voted on the Athletics captain for 2013. I welcome Huw Thomas to this role. I am confident he will bring a strong sense of leadership and team to this position.

The final day of the training camp saw the boys competing at the Convenor’s Carnival at Homebush. After three days of training the boys were tired but performed exceptionally well. This is a great sign leading into the big meet.

In the Junior boys competition Cameron Fleming raced well placing second overall in the Under 13 1500m. Billy Ryan was exceptional in finishing second in the 400m and first in the 800m and Daniel Parras had a big personal best of 5.47m to win the long jump.

In the Intermediate boys, Justin Green placed second in the Under 16 400m. Alex Powy’s and Brennan Rymer dominated the Under 15 Long Jump finishing first and second. Kye Ibbotson ran a strong 800m finishing in third place overall in the Under 15 800m. Leonard King looked impressive in finishing second overall in the Under 16 100m and Jacob McCorry has continued with his fine form in finishing third in the Under 16 sprint hurdles.

The open boys competition was impressive, led by a breakthrough performance by Matthew Crafts in the 100m race. Matthew has been working hard on his speed endurance and accelerated through the final forty meters of the race to finish in a very fast 10.56 seconds. This is the fastest time posted by any GPS competitor this year. Matthew Scott continued with another impressive performance finishing just ahead of team mate Timothy Spehr in the Open 3000m. Both boys look fit and ready for the upcoming Championship. James Zhu-Wilson competed well with a personal best in the Under 17 High Jump finishing in third position.

The final GPS competition before the AAGPS Championship is this weekend at Homebush. The boys are peaking at the right time of the season and are looking forward to another good showing. I would like to thank all of our coaches for their tireless effort over the four day training camp and all of the parents who came to support their boys at the competition on Saturday. I look forward to another great performance this weekend.

Mr Graham Pattison

Director of Athletics
Scots Inaugural Surfing Contest

Scots Inaugural Surfing Contest was held on Monday 15 April in perfect 4-6 foot waves and sunshine at Maroubra Beach.

Boys from Years 7 to 12 battled it out over the course of two rounds throughout the morning, with building NE swell testing the skills and courage of the youngest competitors. The standard of surfing was high and many took advantage of the solid sets and massive shore break to showcase a wide range of manoeuvres, including powerful old school carves mixed with new school airs and slides. The highest scores of the morning went to Lewis Kennedy-Hunt and Simon Johnston.

Parents and staff took to the water next and with plenty of experience, it was local Maroubra dad Andy Pitt who eventually took out the parent's title, with Greg Johnston a close second. Mr Scardino comfortably took out the staff division. A broken board told the story for one unlucky dad whilst others were just happy to get out amongst it, with the next generation cheering loudly from the shore.

After a BBQ lunch boys took to surfing the shore on a huge blow-up Havaiana thong and were entertained by a full-scale rescue for some wayward canoes. The action in the water was just as intense as semi-finals got underway for the Under 16 division (boys turning 15 or under in 2013). The Under 19 and then Under 16 final was held shortly after, with plenty of waves pushing the placings back and forth for the final 20 minutes.

The final results, and boys who will now progress to the Sydney Schools Regional Titles are as follows:

**Under 16's**
First: Harrison Murdoch

Second: Charlie Smith

Third: Lewis Kennedy-Hunt

Fourth: Oscar Ayto

**Under 19's**
First: Thomas Hammond

Second: Hugo Deal

Third: Dylan Woods
Fourth: Simon Johnston

Parents
First: Andrew Pitt
Second: Greg Johnston

Staff
First: Dave Scardino

Special thanks to Southend Boardriders Maroubra who ran a professional competition with the latest in technology and good humour all day. Sponsors were also very generous to us and Harrison Murdoch was able to take home a surfboard from world junior title holder Jack Freestone thanks to inspired athlete management (i.am) and Ben Johnston. Winner of Under 19’s, Thomas Hammond, took home a Jordy Smith Vestal watch, framed Frothers print as well as a bag of goodies. Thanks to Frothers, Hurley, Havaianas, Carve, STM Bondi, Hard Rock Café, Vestal, Surfing NSW and Dripping Wet Bondi who all ensured no one went home empty handed. Next year’s contest is already in the pipeline so start planning and training now for another great family day of competition and fun, and a chance to add your name to the prestigious Scots Surfing Perpetual Trophy.

Ms Jeni Lee
Scots Surfing Coordinator

Notices

Blackwatch Café Roster Term 2 Week 2

Please find below the roster for the Blackwatch Café for Week 2 Term 2 from Monday 6 May to Friday 10 May, which is also available online via the Women's Association website.

Please take note of the Personal Protective Equipment and Food Safety Requirements. Please also note that for OH&S reasons all volunteers in the café must wear closed in shoes such as sneakers or runners, be appropriately dressed to work in a canteen environment at a boys’ school, and ensure that your hair is tied back for food safety reasons.
All volunteers are required in the café from approximately 9:30am to 2:00pm. If you are unable to work in the café on your rostered day please advise both Jeanette Feist the Café Manager at your earliest convenience on 9391 7692, ext 7692, or email cafe@tsc.nsw.edu.au - or Meri-Anne Mahoney at blackwatchcafe@yahoo.com.au.

The Women’s Association would like to sincerely thank you for offering your assistance to volunteer in the Blackwatch Café.

Monday 6 May
Nicola Swift, Anna Cobcroft, Lucinda Crow, Diane Ipkendanz

Tuesday 7 May
Tracey Wacher, Lucy Mitchell, Melissa Fisher

Wednesday 8 May
Samantha Shreeve, Jo Miller, Michelle Paterson

Thursday 9 May
Cathie Oppenheim, Brooke Taylor

Friday 10 May
Simmone Lindstrom, Magdalen Malone, Techa Polowski, Shanne Taylor

25th Anniversary of Glengarry Celebrations

Be part of Celebrating 25 Years of Outdoor Education at Glengarry in the sensational Kangaroo Valley!

If you have not visited Glengarry then what better time to do so than on the 25th Anniversary Celebrations on Saturday 4 May from 10:00am-4:00pm? You will be treated to a special day with great food, first class entertainment including opera performances from Cheryl Barker (soprano), Peter Coleman-Wright (baritone) and Piers Lane (piano) as well as fun outdoor activities and a trip down memory lane. This is just a small part of what is planned for the celebrations organised for the 25 years of operating the Outdoor Education Program of The Scots College – Glengarry.

Further details will follow in the coming weeks. Do not delay, add the date to your diaries, you will not be disappointed!
Scots Parents’ Prayer Group

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

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

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

We look forward to welcoming friends old and new!

Comedy Debate Spectacular

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

The Event: Debating and Public Speaking Cocktail Party and “Great Debate”

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

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

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

Rugby Support Group – Lions Luncheon

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

*The Lion’s Share* is a unique hard cover cookbook with 330 full colour pages that celebrates the proud traditions of The Scots College, its long history and its inspiring future. It brings together a collection of insightful stories, stunning images and 270 delicious recipes from Scots boys and their families, Old Boys and staff.

With so many happy readers already enjoying the many recipes, why not pick up a book for yourself, become a master chef, hold some dinner parties and see if your kitchen rules?!

This limited edition is available for purchase from the College Shop and online.

Upcoming Events

- Glengarry 25th Anniversary Celebrations – Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May at the Glengarry Campus
- T-12 Parent Forum: Interpreting the HSC results – Tuesday 7 May
- The Cancer Council Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea – Thursday 9 May
- The Institute of Business and Economics ‘An Introduction to Political Economy and Business Communication Skills’ course – commences Thursday 9 May
- Senior School Mother’s Day Breakfast – Friday 10 May, 7:00am to 8:20am
- AAGPS Athletics Carnival – Saturday 11 May at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, Homebush
- Primary Resources on Parenting session – Emergency First Aid for Parent and Carers (EPC) – Sunday 19 May 9:00am to 5:00pm at Woollahra Council
- 62nd Parade of Remembrance – Sunday 26 May
- The Debating and Public Speaking Cocktail Party – Thursday 30 May at NSW Parliament House
- Rugby Support Group – Lions Luncheon – Friday 14 June from 11:45am to 3:30pm
- Indigenous Education Dinner – Saturday 19 October