Message from the Principal

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr Ian Lambert
Principal
Message from the Head of Senior School

Welcome back. For many of you there has hardly been a break and a number of our boys are yet to return from the Summer Schools Programs at Oxford, Stanford, Harvard and the Oberlin Conservatorium of Music. I trust you have had time to discuss your son’s AHL (Academic Effort, Honesty and Learning Habits) grades and view any recent assessments on Pipeline. Please feed through any concerns you have about your son’s application to his Housemaster. I would also be pleased to hear from you if you experience difficulty accessing information regarding your son’s assessment. The commencement of Term 3 is also the correct time to evaluate your son’s goals and re-write them. "I will work harder in French" is not a tangible goal. Please help him break this down into discrete measurable work habits such as: undertake 15 minutes of vocabulary practice four nights per week, submit my draft extended response for review seven days prior to final submission; spend 40 minutes of review of French each Sunday evening. Your son will need your assistance to break down his other subject goals in the same manner. Now is the time to "sow a thought and reap an action".

From Monday 18 – 20 July the GPS Shooting competition took place at the Hornsby Rifle Range. As the oldest GPS sport, Scots took to the mounds shooting at distances of 300m, 500m and 600m sending a very competitive message to the others schools. The competition this year was close and the results were not decided upon until the completion of the final match of shooting. The final day proved very difficult with heavy rain and gusty conditions. Despite these conditions the Scots shooters put into practice the skills they have been learning and refining over the last 12 months, displaying true determination, mental strength and precision to be positioned well on the final points table, comfortably defeating King’s and only a couple of points behind Sydney High. This was under the captaincy of Angus Fuller, who displayed fine leadership skills, excellent coaching of the shooters in very challenging conditions and was the highest scoring Scots shooter in the competition. The students of the Scots Rifle Shooting team are to be congratulated on a solid performance. Scots to the Fore!

There has been an enormous amount of activity during the break, yet like the ocean tide, the routine of our academic day returns. Ensuring that your son is attached to the routine of the day in a positive fashion means he will get all his commitments completed and rest well. Year 12 students have the pressure of HSC Trials just four weeks away. There is a lot that can be achieved in this time and a healthy routine is very important. Sleep patterns of Year 12 boys march westward at this time of the year. Do any examinations occur after 10pm? Clearly they do not, so we must avoid the study creep that occurs into the night and ensure our daylight hours are used well. On Wednesday morning I spoke to all Year 12 boys about the importance of planning each day of the week in the lead up to the Trials. This is vital, as it is easy to lose track of your available study and relaxation time when last minute plans cause interruptions. Our teachers remain at hand to assist all boys with their concerns. Now is the time to chase up the necessary advice in order to prepare adequately for these assessments.

Most of our boys have returned to College looking well groomed. I am very pleased by this. Presentation is a measure of pride and respect both for self and the College community.

May I remind you of the online ordering system that exists at the Blackwatch Café. Please go to www.flexischools.com.au, click "Register Now". If you have any further questions, FlexiSchools provide a helpline on 1300 361 769, or you can contact them via their website. You may also contact Jeanette Feist, Blackwatch Cafe Manager, at (02) 93917692 for more information.

Mr Tim Browning
Head of Senior Years
Message from the Chaplain

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

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

Reverend Conrad Nixon
Senior Chaplain
From the Music Department

The Vocal Ensemble and Chapel Choir will have a combined rehearsal on Tuesday 26 July in Room C301. Any students who are interested in joining these groups are welcome to attend. Orchestra rehearsals will commence on Friday 22 July in Room C401. The Intermediate Jazz Band for Years 7, 8 and 9 will meet each Tuesday at lunchtime in Room C401. All music lessons are commenced this week. If you are unsure of your son's lesson time, please contact the Administrative - Music, Rhonda Denton, on r.denton@tsc.nsw.edu.au.

Dr Nelson Wu
Director of Performing Arts and Head of Music

Pipes and Drums

Welcome back to the start of another busy term for the band. Parade will commence this Friday afternoon and all band boys are expected to attend. On Saturday a number of boys (‘A’ and ‘B’ Bands mostly) will be playing for the opening and naming of the refurbished (David Brockhoff) change rooms. In addition to this, boys with Full Highland will be attending the annual Pozieres Memorial Parade in Ocean Street, Woollahra. Boys will need to be at the College for an 8:15am departure and will return to the College at midday.

Thank you to Alexander Mann for taking part in the 95th Commemoration Service for the Battle of Fromelles last Tuesday.

During the holidays, sadly Colonel Donald Ramsay passed away. Donald was a great supporter of the Pipes and Drums. Over the years he helped us travel to places and be part of parades and Tattoos that we may never have had the chance to do without him. This coming Tuesday 26 July a Memorial Service will be held in the College Chapel to remember Donald’s life. The service starts at 10:30am. The ‘A’ and ‘B’ Bands will play at the service.

Some of the other activities we will be involved with in Term 3 are the SCEGGS fete and the Combined Scottish Solo Competition and Camps Week. Classes start next week (unless you have been told otherwise). Lunchtime groups will start as soon as possible and Friday will be a normal afternoon finishing at 4:00pm.

I would like to wish the band boys going to Glengarry all the best and would ask them to do lots of practice while they are there.

Mr Ray Lee OAM
Band Master
From Indigenous Education

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

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

The program started at the end of last term and is proving to be a great success.

Mr Jonathan Samengo
Indigenous Education

Message from Glengarry

Intake 1 did it well!

Intake 1 ended up on a very positive note, with a night of celebration and reminiscing around a bonfire on the final night. This group of boys are to be commended on the outstanding way they embraced the program at Glengarry and remained positive during their stay. Their example of co-operation and the level of engagement are exactly in the vein of the spirit of Glengarry we wish of every intake of Scots boys. So much so that there were 16 boys nominated for The Graeme Renney – Spirit of Glengarry Award, where one boy from each intake is awarded this honour and presented with a special trophy at the Final Assembly in November. I would like to say a big "Thank You!" on behalf of all the staff at Glengarry to the boys of Intake 1 for making our time with you so enjoyable and rewarding. I’d also like to thank all the parents of these boys for the positive way in which you engaged to support the boys and staff throughout their time at Glengarry.

We have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of Intake 2 and I am glad to hear that this is an equally fine group of young Scots boys who are about to embark on their own journey at Glengarry. We look forward to our involvement with these young men and their wonderful families.

Mr Grahame Allen
Director of Glengarry
From the Sport Department

Welcome back to Term 3 and what promises to be an exciting five weeks of winter sport. While many of us enjoyed a well earned break, others were hard at work with the many sporting activities that ran during the holidays. Under 14s and Under 16s Rugby participated in a Rugby tournament on the Gold Coast, with both teams going through to win their divisions. Congratulations to all those who participated and thank you to the staff who travelled with them.

The A team 1st and 2nd XV played in the Battle of the Hill on 16 July with all teams winning their games and the 1st XV winning the Oasis cup 40 to 7. Congratulations to Sarah Roxburgh and all the volunteers who raised over $9,000 for the Oasis charity.

Congratulations to our representative players who participated in GPS and NSW Schoolboy teams over the holidays. Please see the Rugby article for more details.

Football also had a busy holiday with the Under 13s and Under 14s teams competing in the National Kanga Cup in Canberra. The 1st and 2nd XI trained at the College for three days before their annual clash with Cranbrook. Both teams performed very well with the 2nd XI scoring a convincing 3-0 win. Thank you to all staff who worked with the boys during the break.

This Saturday promises to be a big day for the College with a full round of fixtures against Riverview. Please refer to the sports fixtures in the left hand column of The Flying Scotsman email for all sports fixtures. All players are asked to ensure they arrive 40 minutes before kickoff and check that they have all the necessary equipment.

Mr Andrew Cleverley
Acting Sportswmaster

Snowsports

The Sydney Interschool Snowsports Championships were held at Thredbo during the holiday break. The boys performed when it counted and produced outstanding results. Another extraordinary team effort resulted in winning the Schools’ Championship trophy for the twelfth time. A truly magnificent effort considering the ever increasing standard of the competition. Scots teams won 11 of the 15 events at the Championships. The final score for the top three schools was Scots – 172, Redlands – 129, and St Ignatius College – 96.

The contribution of every team member is vital for the overall team effort. Congratulations to all the boys on the team for their outstanding performance. The following teams achieved first place:

Alpine
Division 1 A team
Division 2 A team
Division 3 A team

Skier Cross
Division 1 A team
Division 2 A team
Division 3 A team

**Moguls**
Division 1 A team
Division 3 A team

**Snowboard**
Division 1 C team

**Snowboard Cross**
Division 1 A team
Division 3 A team

**NSW Sydney Division Individual Champions**

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**The Scots College Ski and Snowboard Championships**

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**Redlands Cup**

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More analysis of the results will follow next week.

The details of the results are posted on the relevant websites:

www.interschools.org.au
www.snowsports.tsc.nsw.edu.au
www.redlandscup.org.au

**Mr Andrew Kovari**
Director of Snowsports
Cross Country
This Saturday 23 July, Barker College will be hosting at North Ryde Common, in the grounds of Macquarie Hospital, North Ryde (corner Wicks Road and Twin Road). Boys have been issued with maps. The first event (Under 14s) is at 10:00am, however, boys should check in with their coaches by 9:30am. The College bus will leave at 8:30am and return to the College at approximately 12:45pm. Please ensure numbers are sewn onto the front and back of your son’s singlet – this is now essential.

Mr Dennis Morgan
MIC Cross Country

Rugby

Representative Selection Success
There was plenty to celebrate about Scots Rugby in the July holidays. After a sensational end to Term 2, namely the clean sweep of wins at 1st to 4th XV level at St Joseph’s College, Scots Rugby extended its winning profile further afield. After 13 of the Scots 1st XV were selected for GPS representative teams, nine were then chosen to represent New South Wales and Combined States at the annual State Championship in Brisbane. After an arduous series of games, David Horwitz and Jim Stewart were announced as Australian Schoolboys, and Will Miller and Jack Walters were named for the Australian Schools ‘A’ side. A great achievement for these individuals, and for all Scots 1st XV players who played a significant part in helping their team mates perform at their best.

Gold Coast Tour
The Scots Under 14s and Under 16s squads had impressive performances on their tour to the annual Gold Coast Tournament. The Under 14s won the tournament in their age group with an unbeaten run of nine games, and the Under 16s were also outright winners in their age group with five wins out of six games, the most impressive being a bruising encounter against host school, The Southport School, on day two. All boys are commended on their performance, commitment and behaviour while on tour. The full results are below:

Under 16s

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Battle of The Hill

It was a fine day for Scots Rugby on Saturday, as all Scots teams recorded a clean sweep of wins over Cranbrook School, from Under 13 As to the 1st XV. The 1st XV retained the Oasis Cup which was presented by Wallaby Drew Mitchell. Thanks go to Sarah Roxburgh, Katie Seymour, Jeanette Feist and all the parents who gave of their time on the day to help raise over $9,000 for the Salvation Army's Oasis program. The full results are below:

| Under 13s   | Win 52-0 |
| Under 14s   | Win 34-5 |
| Under 15s   | Win 14-5 |
| Under 16s   | Win 26-3 |
| 2nds        | Win 60-3 |
| 1sts        | Win 40-7 |

Check out the Rugby website at https://rugby.tsc.nsw.edu.au/ for a full round up of results, upcoming fixtures and events.

Mr Marcus Blackburn
Director of Rugby

Football

Welcome back to Football for Term 3. Scots Football continued at full pace during the mid-year break with the Under 13s and Under 14s teams travelling to Canberra to compete in the annual Kanga Cup Tournament and the Senior squad players completing their training camps at Scots, as well as playing fixtures with Cranbrook. Please see below for full reports on these two events.

This Saturday, 24 July, sees Scots host St Ignatius' College for Round 3 of the GPS season. This is traditionally a highly competitive fixture and one which brings out the very best of the Scots teams. With expectations being even higher for the boys this year, it is essential our teams receive as much support as possible from parents and fellow students. The 1st XI have started the GPS season remarkably well, having won their opening two rounds, and the boys have real hopes of continuing this high level of performance when they take on Riverview at St George Stadium on Saturday.

Note for Diaries

The Scots Football Presentation Evening is to be held on Friday 19 August in the Scots Auditorium.

Please keep this date free so that you can attend this important occasion.

Cranbrook Match Reports

1sts: An under strength 1sts team were involved in a seven goal thriller but narrowly lost 4-3. Finding themselves 4-1 down shortly after the break, due to three excellent strikes from the Cranbrook number 11, the boys rallied well but couldn't quite force the draw. Scots’ goals were scored by Ian Rubasha, Jack Clarke and a wonderful 25 yard strike from Lachlan Millist broke the net, literally. Overall, a sound performance from the Scots team, which served as an ideal test and preparation for next week’s clash with Riverview. Again, thanks to all the boys who doubled up and stayed on to support the 1sts.

2nds: The 2nds put in a solid performance against Cranbrook and notched up a much needed win. Matthew Vandenberg opened the scoring with a well taken strike before Stephen Peterson showed his skills either side of half time to make the final score 3-0. James Sypriakis put in another outstanding display – chasing everything down in defence, snapping into tackles to break up Cranbrook attacks and showing sound distribution and dribbling ability moving forward. Thanks to all the boys from 3rds, 4ths and beyond, who stepped in to boost up the squad numbers.
Kanga Cup Report
All of the boys thoroughly enjoyed their tour experience. Intense training sessions were included in the tour program along with high caliber matches, ensuring the boys had every opportunity to improve their skills and game play from the week away in Canberra with four highly competent Football coaches. Tony Canning and the rest of his coaching staff were delighted with the efforts of the boys and regarded the tour as extremely beneficial for the development of the boys. Thanks must go to the parents for being so supportive of this tour and to the staff who enabled the tour to go ahead: Tony Canning, Renato Jelen, Seamus Rodden and Nigel Cowell.

Mr Paul Haras
MIC Football

Kanga Cup
The Scots College entered the Kanga Cup this year for the first time. It is the largest Football tournament in the Southern Hemisphere. There were 264 teams from all over Australia, as well as the inclusion of teams from New Zealand, Thailand, Korea and the Philippines. A total of 32 players from Years 7 and 8 participated with coaches Renato Jelen, Nigel Cowell, Seamus Rodden and I going down to freezing Canberra for five days. A fun time was had by all and the tour’s social highlight was taking over a cinema to watch Harry Potter as a team.

The Year 8 boys finished third in the group stage, winning two and losing two games, playing some excellent Football. Jerry Yu was awarded player of the tournament with Harry Plumptre, Nick Spillane, Rocky Lagudi and top scorer Matt Cooper all starring. The boys lost in the knock out stage and finished sixth place out of 30 teams. Opposition coaches were astounded that we only played seven competition games a season plus we were the only school to enter this year.

The Year 7 boys had a very hard initiation playing against the star team in their group, the Poyang Steelers from Korea, a senior professional academy team who won the Asian Champions League in 2009. They beat most teams by 14 and 8 goals, however the Scots boys only lost by 6. It was a fantastic experience to play against future professional players. The boys drew against past winners Coast United from New Zealand. Tass Murdoukoutas had an outstanding tournament with Tom Cattana, Conor Harlowe-Harrison and Will Lawrance also playing well. They can use the experiences gained this year to spur them on for next time. Thanks to all the parents, coaches and the boys for all their efforts in making it such a successful tour.

Mr Tony Canning
Director of Football

Notices
The Tennis Junior Development Squad are being held on Tuesdays 3:15-5:00pm. For any enquiries please contact The Director of Tennis, Arie Shatar, on 0413393903 or ariestennis@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events
- Pipes and Drums Association Meeting – 6.30pm Monday 25 July, the band room.
- Water Polo Support Group meeting – 7:00pm Tuesday 2 August, Room 222.
- Tennis Junior Development Squad – Tuesdays 3:15pm – 5:00pm.