Week 5, Term 1

Message from the Principal

Schools have always been viewed as places for student learning, but more recently, they have begun to be thought of as places of learning for all participants including teachers, parents, school support officers and members of the wider community. This has led them to be referred to by some as 'learning communities' - places where people continually expand their capacity to create the results they truly desire, where new and expansive patterns of thinking are nurtured, where collective aspiration is set free, and where people are continually learning how to learn together.

It is our firm conviction at Scots that parents will continue not only to seek after academically successful schools; they will look for, plan for, and pay for functional, caring communities that will offer their children safety, security and wide-ranging satisfaction. In other words, we must provide boys with a context for motivation. This is the role of pastoral care in a learning community.

Since ‘to care’ is a verb, it is clear that pastoral care is something we do, and not merely an institutional vision. Caring is an ordinary human activity; a fundamental educational aim that concerns the nurture of human beings who care for one another and for the world in which they live. Caring means protecting or being a custodian of another, not by enclosing them or locking them away, but by making a larger space for them. Christian theologian and writer Henri Nouwen in his book, *Reaching Out*, speaks of care in terms of reaching out to others. To reach out to others and to care for them in some way we must, he says, be hospitable and welcoming.

We believe that:

- Learning is the fundamental task.
- Every boy is capable of success and should strive to achieve the best he can in all aspects of his learning.
- Boys learn best in a caring and disciplined environment which encourages challenge, adventure, creativity and curiosity, which promotes leadership and positive relationships, and which reflects structured, consistent and coordinated educational practice.
- Every staff member should contribute to a common philosophy of learning, aspire to common educational goals, and collaborate in a shared practice based on evidence in all learning environments.
- Time on task, contemporary literacies, quality feedback, respect for self and others, positive leadership and effective relationships are fundamental to the success of every learning environment.

We should focus on respect for God, respect for self, respect for others and respect for our environment. We also attend to details such as manner, dress, bearing, language, courtesy and hospitality. We see the development of compassion and empathy as the basis for a caring approach to others within our strong tradition in pastoral care.

Creating and maintaining a hospitable and welcoming culture in our boys’ schools must remain at the forefront of our focus moving forward. Care is not necessarily a matter of logic or justice, but more a matter of caring within a circle or web...
of responsibility. An ethic of care is not unconcerned with an individual’s rights, the common good or community traditions, but it de-emphasises these concepts and recasts them in terms of relation.

Dr Ian Lambert
Principal

Message from the Chaplain

It’s a sad reality of life that hurts and misunderstandings that begin as something small can, if not properly addressed, lead to something bigger. The Herald Sun recently reported on an unusual example of such a thing. The strange incident involved a number of Melbournians who ended up in a brawl after an argument that was started by a snake. Police reported that the problem began when a man carrying a snake passed by a table outside a street café and startled one of the diners. A woman at the table swore and an argument broke out between the owner of the snake and a couple seated at a nearby table. Just when it looked as though things might calm down, another customer at the restaurant suggested that the snake’s owner looked like a character out of the television show ‘Hey Hey It’s Saturday’. This comment led to another argument involving the original protagonists as well as several bystanders. Victoria Police said that “several punches were thrown and one man allegedly had his ear bitten by the man carrying the snake!”

In our interactions at school, at home, or in the workplace, we often see small disagreements lead to something bigger. The Bible provides wise instructions to help us in our relationships. Here are three that I have found helpful. Firstly, the Bible tells us to avoid harbouring anger such that it grows into bitterness: “Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry” (Ephesians 4:26). In other words, talk it out before the day is out. Secondly, don’t inflame things by reacting suddenly or aggressively. The idea of counting to ten has some merit. Better still, as the Old Testament puts it: remember that “A gentle answer turns aside wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” (Proverbs 15:1). Thirdly, when hard truths need to be told, be mindful of the words of the apostle Paul about “speaking the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15). It helps, when we need to correct someone, to be mindful of our own need of correction, and to correct in a way that does not tear down, but rather “is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen” (Ephesians 4:29).

Reverend Conrad Nixon
Senior Chaplain

Glengarry News

The intake is now in full swing, with the regular program up and running and the boys settling comfortably into the routine. Every morning, Tuesday to Friday, begins with morning exercise, a new addition to the program designed to get the boy’s minds and bodies kick-started for the day ahead. It is then off to the dorms for showers and tidying up of bed areas, before the start of jobs. The boys are allocated jobs which are rotated each week, with half of the dorm doing ‘top jobs’ around the campus, such as cleaning the classrooms, sweeping paths and kitchen duty. The other half of the dorm has a ‘bottom job’, so they are responsible for getting the dorm up to scratch prior to dorm inspection. Once jobs are completed it is off to breakfast, followed by a short assembly, and then the start of classes for the day.
Now that we are a few weeks into the academic program the boys are beginning to realise that it won’t be the semester of relaxed academics that they may have anticipated. Many of the boys are becoming effective time managers, establishing a prep routine for themselves, which will allow them to complete all of their work during the allocated time. It is encouraging to see that several boys have also started to spend some of their ‘free time’ on a Monday afternoon getting ahead with their classwork.

As well as the regular weekday program, the weekend outdoor activities are unfolding. Sunday’s Parent Visiting Day meant the boys completed their outdoor activities on Friday and Saturday. This week was the round robin of orienteering, low ropes, canoeing and climbing. One of the ‘big rocks’ of the Glengarry program is the 24hour Rogaine at the end of the semester. To ensure the boys have the required skills for this gruelling activity, they spend many sessions throughout the semester learning and developing their orienteering ability. The low ropes session builds on the boy’s ability to work as a team and to co-operate with their dorm mates. The canoeing session introduces the boys to the skills they will need for their upcoming Canoe Hike and the canoe leg of the Trendally Parent Hike. The boys also have a climbing hike in the near future, so the skills learnt on the climbing wall in the gym will be vital when they reach the rock face.

Ms Fiona Semmens
Outdoor Ed and Geography Teacher

Glengarry Parent Day
Colin and Helen Richardson were pleased to see their son, Andrew, for the first time since he departed for Glengarry, on Sunday last weekend at the Glengarry Parent Visiting Day.

“He seemed taller,” Mrs Richardson said. “Or maybe he’s just fitter.”

The youngest of four children, Andrew is naturally independent and thriving on the Glengarry experience. Glengarry boasts a state of the art mountain bike BMX track, which Andrew has taken to.

“He’s really enjoying it. He’s embraced the Co-curricular mountain bike program.”

Like the Richardsons, many parents enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with their sons, meet the Glengarry teachers and see where the boys have been living for the last month.

The boys were excited to receive visits from their families and seem to be enjoying the benefits of exercise, which is key to the Glengarry experience with morning hikes part of the boys’ daily schedules.

Later this month, the fist Parent Hike will take place at Glengarry. This will be one of two hikes, Glengarry families participate in and is often a key highlight of the outdoor education program.

We look forward to hearing more families’ stories about Intake 1 2011 later in the term. For more information about Glengarry, please visit here.
From the Institute of Business and Economics

The Institute is pleased to announce two exciting events that will be presented in Term 2. It would be wise for parents, Students and Old Boys with an interest in the world of Business to make a diary note of these events.

On Thursday 5 May, an Investment Seminar will be presented, 'My Best and Worst Investment'. A number of leading professionals will evaluate investment strategies that succeed or don't succeed. They will also provide advice for those considering entering the industry post school.

On Thursday 12 May, the Institute will host a Federal Budget Breakfast, with Scott Haslem, Chief Economist UBS Bank, delivering the keynote address. This function is open to Year 12 Economists, their parents and other interested members of the Scots Community.

If there are Year 12 students interested in applying for a Business Cadetship with the Bank of America, Merrill Lynch or UBS please contact Mr George.

Further details of all of the above will be posted on the Institute webpage.

Mr Francis George
Director of The Scots College Institute of Business and Economics

Co-Curricular News

Public Speaking

The Lions Club Youth of the Year Competition
Each year the Lions Club of Australia invites schools to select a student to enter their nationwide ‘Youth of the Year’ competition. The Club looks for young men and women of integrity and character, who display strong leadership potential. Competitors are privately interviewed by a panel in the afternoon and in the evening present a prepared speech as well as responses to two impromptu questions asked before a room of dining guests.

This year, Senior Day Boy Prefect Jackson Bursill was selected to enter the competition. Jackson has outstanding academic and sporting achievements to his name. He participated in the College Service Learning Program last year, undertaking community projects on the Solomon Island trip, and he is the Captain of Debating and Public Speaking. Jackson won the Public Speaking section of the competition and was praised by the judges for representing his school so impressively.
The prestigious GPS/CAS Lawrence Campbell Oratory Award date for this year has been officially confirmed. It will be hosted by Barker College on the evening of Friday 13 May. The competition will commence at 7:30pm. Jackson Bursill has been selected to represent Scots this year.

The Rostrum 'Voice of Youth' Public Speaking Competition trials have been completed. Congratulations are extended to all the students who prepared and delivered speeches for the trials. The students who will represent Scots in the national competition this year are Max Boddington, Ed Wong, Chris Power and Robert Rutledge in the Junior Division, and James Hill, Joe Ballesteros, Sam Stone and Saxon Brown in the Senior Division. The local finals of the competition will be held over the next four weeks.

Miss Dominique Heazlett
MIC Public Speaking

From the Music Department

Everyone is welcome at the Jazz Evening next Wednesday 9 March at 7:30pm in Anderson Hall. Admission is free – only 80 places. Guest artists: Dr Lambert and Mrs Hellmers. Refreshments will be on sale. Plan to be present for an evening of light entertainment.

There are some vacancies in the Chapel Choir for Year 7 students. The Choir rehearses on Wednesday at lunchtime in C406. Enquiries can be made with Mr Clark C309.

If you are a musician and play a band or orchestral instrument we would like to know about you. Please see Mr Clark C309 or Mr Small C411.

Congratulations to the Stevens brothers on their AMEB results last November.

Josh Stevens Year 7 Trumpet Grade 6 Pass
Jake Stevens Year 6 Violin Grade 3 Honours

Congratulations on the following boys on their Trinity Guildhall Examinations held last November:
Edward Wong Year 8 Communication Skills Grade 5 Distinction
Edward Wong Year 8 Speech and Drama Grade 6 Distinction
Angus Robertson Year 6 Speech and Drama Grade 3 Merit
Freddy Johnston Year 7 Speech and Drama Grade 4 Merit
Jackson Lister Year 7 Musical Theatre (Pairs) Grade 4 Distinction
Oliver Lister Year 7 Musical Theatre (Pairs) Grade 4 Distinction

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.
We need a number of parents of cast members to assist with costumes and props etc. If you can assist please contact Mrs Denton on 9391 7694.

The Charity Concert date is 22 June 2011. Please stay tuned for more details.

Mr William Clark
Director of Music Excellence

From Pipes and Drums

Last Sunday our two competition bands took part in the Southern Highlands Pipe Band Competition. The number 1 band won the Grade 3 competition and the number 2 band came fourth in Grade 4. A number of the boys did extremely well in the Solo competitions that were held earlier in the day.

We now have 45 Year 7 boys who have started to learn the bagpipes, snare drum or the tenor drum. There are still some places left for Year 7 boys to join so if you are interested please come and see me in the band room.

We have a number of parades during the next two months starting with the ‘A’ Band performing at Commonwealth Day on Monday 14 March. On Sunday 27 March the two competition bands will be going to Scots Bathurst for their annual competition. Then on Sunday 17 April the band will be playing at the Rose Bay Anzac Service. This parade is during the holidays and it would be appreciated if boys who are in town attend this. The Pipes and Drums have participated in this parade for over 50 years. Following this we have one of our two most important parades of the year (Anzac Day). This year it falls on Easter Monday and like all other years all boys with Full Highland are expected to take part. This year will be bigger than any other before. After our regular work for the RSL we will be taking part in the official opening of the Royal Easter Show.

Our last parade for April will be the opening of the Australian Little Athletics Championships at Homebush. This parade will take place on Saturday 30 April. Boys who will be going on this parade will be informed next week. As you can see this is one of the busiest times of the year and I have only put down the ‘band’ functions. There are also a number of functions that we have one or two pipers taking part.

Mr Ray Lee
Bandmaster
From the Sport Department

Winter Sports Transfers Deadline Finished
Thank you to all those boys who have promptly handed in their winter Sport Transfers forms. The deadline for changing winter sport choices has now passed. Final numbers are now being collated and the allocation of coaches will be finalised very soon.

Mouthguards
Arrangements have been made for those interested in purchasing a custom made mouthguard by ‘Signature’. Impressions will be taken for those boys requiring a new mouthguard in the Medical Room under the Quadrangle during lunchtime on Monday 14 March. All boys wishing to order a mouthguard must complete a form. These are available from the Sports Secretaries, Mrs Robinson or Miss Berry, and must be handed back by this Friday 11 March.

Rebel Sport Discount Weekend – Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 March
As people are aware, I advised at the end of last year, Rebel have now discontinued the MVP program. This program provided a great way to raise money to buy a number of sporting items that supplemented our sports programs from the boys in the ELC and Prep through to all in the Senior School. After much discussion, Rebel have generously agreed to allow us a number of discount weekends for the Scots community and still gain the benefits of providing a percentage of the sale back to the Scots Sports Program.

In order to claim your discount and more importantly for the College to gain their kickback to continue buying more sporting equipment, all users will need to print off and present the 'The Scots College Flyer' on either Saturday 12 or Sunday 13 March. This flyer will be emailed to all parents and will also be available for students to print off on Pipeline under the section of ‘Sport’ then go to ‘Sports and Fixtures’ then go to ‘Rebel Sport Discount Form’. Flyers are also available from the Sports Secretaries Office under the quadrangle. Please note that on these days you will also need to sign up for the new Rebel program called ‘Season Pass’ so that future discounts can be claimed.

Fine Young Scots Men
Over the past few weeks I have had the pleasure of watching a number of teams and individuals playing their sport. The 1st XI Cricket team has continued its great form outplaying the competition leaders, Shore School, two weeks ago and then following up with an impressive outright win against Newington College last weekend. Adding to these great performances, special congratulations must go to Matthew Powys, Lewis McMahon and JJ Coutts on their selection in the GPS 1st XI Cricket Team. I would also like to congratulate the 1st Tennis Team on their persistence and character in defeating the Riverview team last weekend. The standard of Tennis these boys are playing is excellent and I encourage people to come along and support these boys as they slog it out each week.

I can also report Scots had two boys competing last weekend at a national level and from all reports they performed exceptionally well. Pat Emery played Basketball for the NSW u20 team at the National Championships. Last weekend Jack Walters attended a camp at the AIS in Canberra and has been selected in the Australian Sevens Junior World Cup Rugby Team Squad.
This weekend is a very important weekend for many sports as they hope to gain supremacy in their competitions. Our 1sts Basketball Team play top of the ladder Sydney High in what will be the game of the season at 11.30am in the Scots Gym. 1sts Cricket are playing on Scots Main this week and are looking to go three in a row after winning against competition leaders Shore three weeks ago and defeating Newington outright last week. The 1sts Tennis will start at 12.30pm on Macintyre Courts against a strong High team.

Mr Graeme Dedrick
Senior School Sportsmaster

Cricket
This week the 1st X1 moved into outright third position on the GPS table with an outright victory against Newington College. Scots total of 260 proved too much for their opponents with Newington being dismissed for 129 and 103. In the first innings the pick of the bowlers was Captain of Cricket Jonathan Duff who took five wickets. He was well backed up by George Scott who took three wickets. In the 2nd innings, Lewis McMahon continued his outstanding GPS season (26 wickets) with the figures of 6/21.

In other exciting news for the Scots Cricket program, three boys made the GPS representative side over the weekend. Lewis McMahon, JJ Coutts and Matt Powys will all play in the Lord Taverners in the week beginning 14 March.

For weekend summaries from the other sides in the program please visit the cricket website.

Mr Ben Sawyer
Director of Cricket

Water Polo
The 1sts came into Round 8 on the back of a disappointing loss against Trinity. Scots were motivated to show an improved performance against one of the best teams in the competition. Scots began strongly in the first quarter, frustrating the opposition and limiting their scoring opportunities, but relentless pressure took its toll and Scots found themselves down 4-0 at half-time. However after some stirring words at half-time, Scots began to lift their efforts. With strong defence, Scots reduced the margin by two at the end of the third quarter. St Aloysius were able to capitalise on their chances in the final quarter to win by a five goal margin. Despite the best efforts from Lewis Taie (1) and Matt Willows (1), we just missed too many opportunities against quality opposition.

The undefeated 2nds completed another tidy and controlled performance on the weekend securing a 7-4 victory against a disciplined and organised St Aloysius side. Our field defence while effective needs a little more discipline to avoid unnecessary penalties. Fortunately Damen Kloeckner was able to make the saves and keep the opposition to their four goals.

The 16As displayed a superior level of fitness and aggressive control of the ball to completely dominate their opposition. Although they outgunned the St Aloysius team, the most pleasing aspect of the 16s performance was their commitment to
team play and clean passing. Reece Shannon-Purcell, Alex Duncan and Tom Allsopp all displayed outstanding performances in their games this week.

A dominant display from the 16Bs saw a clean sweep for the 16s on the weekend. It was great to see new players like Jack Schulz and Will McKinley form an integral part of the team and the return of Ben Starkey was a welcome boost. The 16Bs were far too strong for St Aloysius and need to maintain focus in games like this. Training time will need to be devoted to passing drills and offensive tactics. There were strong games from Adam Podgorski, Tom Barrow and Max Champion.

The 14As were slow to start against a much weaker St Aloysius side, but finished off the game very convincingly. Scots go into the final round hoping to complete an undefeated season, the first for the under 14S in well over ten years. Hopefully the boys remain focused right from the start in their final game against Waverley.

The 14Bs built on their excellent performance from the previous week and played another solid game. Their swimming during the match was exceptional and demonstrated how far the team has come throughout the season.

Mr Val Zele
MIC Water Polo

Rowing
Another extraordinarily busy week at the shed saw us competing at the Sydney Rowing Club Regatta at SIRC and at the Shore Regatta in Hen and Chicken Bay. Luckily, this time, the weather was kind and both regattas went to conclusion with some solid results at both senior and junior levels. At this stage of the competition, Scots leads all GPS schools in the cumulative senior point score, which is probably the first time this has happened for over 20 years!

Next weekend sees us competing in Iron Cove for the St Joseph's College Regatta, the only 2,000 metre racing course on the Parramatta River, and it is always a challenge to row safely there and back – but it should be an interesting Regatta. What follows is a great week of training and racing, with our own Scots Regatta in Hen and Chicken Bay, while our 1st VIII and Year 10 1st VIII head to Adelaide to compete at the 2011 Australian Rowing Championships, 9-13 March.

Mr Mark Dwyer
Director of Rowing
Sailing

Congratulations to Colin Suvak for fighting back so strongly to jump two places to first place in the Laser Radials. It will now boil down to next weekend’s races to see who will gain the top spot. The race committee has decided to drop one race, this may change the placing after the final race, we will have to wait and see. In the Pacer division we need to do more work on our boat handling. Sebastian Beckert and Simon Boardman continue to be up the front, but the others must work on the basics to have any chance against our rivals. Sydney High are the huge improvers - look out in the Teams Racing!

Mr Gary Faulkner
MIC Sailing

Swimming

*Results of GPS Carnival 2 at St Ignatius College*

Well done to all swimmers who competed last Friday night at the second and final trial GPS Swimming Carnival. The night began with the GPS Medley Relay where Will Bartlett, James Ritchie, Harrison Love and Matt Willows swam well to come in third place.

First places were achieved by Charlie Crawford in the 13 years 50m Backstroke and 50m divisional Freestyle and Butterfly, Christian McDonogh and Matt Willow in their respective age 50m Freestyle Championships, Will Carver in 15 years divisional Backstroke and Jun Jung in the 18 years Butterfly division. This week, at SOPAC, is the first of the point scoring carnivals. Good luck to all the swimmers.

Miss Michelle Ferguson
MIC Swimming

Notices

*Sydney Independent Schools Expo – 2011*

The Scots College will again have a stand at the Sydney Independent Schools Expo this weekend, 5-6 March. The Expo is an annual event conducted at the University of Sydney, MacLaurin Hall (located at the south west corner of the Quadrangle). The Expo is open 10:00am-4:00pm both days. Full details are available at http://www.schoolexpo.com.au

In past years this Expo has attracted a large number of parents of preschool children who are just starting to explore their options for Independent Schools. Our objectives are to provide prospective parents with information about Scots so they include Scots on their short list and to invite them to attend an Information Day at the College over the coming weeks.

We have received some questions about why Scots was not included in the newspaper features over the last few weekends that are designed to drive people to the Expo. We chose not to advertise Scots’ presence at the Expo in these features for two reasons. Firstly, we are happy for the Expo organisers (and other schools) to bear the cost of advertising the Expo and driving traffic to the Expo for us. Secondly, advertising in the weekend newspapers is very expensive
because they have such a wide circulation (the majority of whom are not our target audience), so we choose to spend our advertising dollars in more targeted ways.

Our strategy is to focus our advertising on inviting people to register for our Information Days (rather than visiting the Expo). We strategically schedule our Information Days just after the Expo and we advertise our Information Days in local publications such as the *Wentworth Courier* and *HarbourView Magazine*. We have also commenced advertising on the back panel of 20 STA buses out of the Burwood depot for one month. This bus advertising is less expensive and more targeted than if we had advertised in the weekend newspapers.

If you have friends or relatives who are looking for a boys' school and are going to the Expo, encourage them to visit our stand. Even better, bring them along to a College function or an Information Day.

**2011 Business Directory**

The Business Directory was established by the Women's Association for the first time in 2010 and is administered by a volunteering parent. We anticipate that this publication will grow each year and become an invaluable resource for those associated with the College. All profits after the production of the Directory go directly to the College to fund educational resources for the boys.

A copy of the 2010 Directory may be viewed on The Scots College's website. Simply click on the 'Community Tab' and select 'Business Directory'.

If you would like your business featured in the 2011/2012 Directory, please contact Jen Adamson on 0439 952 648 for an application form.

**Jen Adamson**
The Scots College Women's Association

**Clean Up Australia Day**

The Scots Students Sustainability Committee would like to remind the Scots Community that this **Sunday 6 March** is Clean Up Australia Day. It will be wonderful if the Scots Community participate in their local community this Sunday by helping millions of Australians clean up their local environment. For more information on clean up sites in your local neighbourhood visit the Clean Up Australia [website](#). Contact Mr Robert Heritage from Design and Technology Department for further information.

**Max Agapitos, Year 11**
Chairman of the Student Committee
Study Skills Tip for March: Term Planners

Just a reminder that this year our College is a subscriber to the study skills website. This is a website with units of work on different study skills topics, as well as facilities to ask study skills questions, download podcasts about how students can improve their results as well as other resources and planning templates.

A great idea at the start of every term is to print off the term planner. This can be found by clicking on the ‘For Students’ tab, then on the ‘Things to Print’ button. You will find term planners as well as weekly planners at the bottom of this page in both Word and PDF format. Simply fill in the dates for the term and place the term planner somewhere visible at home, for example, above your desk on a noticeboard.

As you are told about a test or assignment, write these onto the appropriate date on the term planner. Highlight tests in one colour and assignments in another colour so they stand out clearly. Cross off each day as you go so you have a clear picture of how the work is spread out over the term and how long it is until things are due.

Writing these due dates in your diary as well is essential, of course, but it does not give you the overall picture like a term planner does. This is a good thing to do at the start of every term right from the start of secondary school through to the end (and beyond to university as well).

Our College's subscription details to the website are: User name: forscotsonly and password: 59results

Ms Tania Lloyd
Academic Administrator

GAP Student Placements
There are a number of different ways in which Year 12 students can apply for a Gap Year:

1. The Navy and Army take Gaps for a one year placement. Apply directly.
2. The Gap Organisation finds places for applicants on payment of a fee.
3. Students may apply directly to an overseas school via the school website.
4. Apply through the College for a place at one of our reciprocal schools in the UK or South Africa. If you are interested in being considered, please see Mr Clark in C309. The process is subject to application and an interview.

Mr William Clark
Gap Student Coordinator

Upcoming Events

• Sunday 6 March – Clean Up Australia Day
• Tuesday 29 March – Scots Parents' Prayer Group