Week 6, Term 1

Message from the Principal

There is an interesting and very serious debate taking place in Australia in relation to independent schooling at present. As you will be aware from my letter to parents last week, on Friday 4 March 2011 the Minister for School Education, Peter Garrett, launched My School 2.0. What continues to astonish me is the misuse of information about independent schools, their programs, funding and assets. It is not really difficult comparing 'apples with apples' if common descriptors in all schools are established. There just does not seem to be a desire to publish an accurate account. For example, it is very difficult to look at a school such as ours which operates seven days a week (Boarding and Glengarry), has before and after school care programs, a range of sporting and co-curricular programs and compare it to a school which has few if any of these variables. In addition, all HR, financial, legal, insurance and related business costs are managed through our recurrent funding and not through a heavily resourced Department of Education. In addition, it is difficult to look at physical assets that have been developed over 100 years and compare them with a more recently established school. If you look at a picture of Aspinall House (School House) in 1895, it was surrounded by bush with a few fishermen's cottages in Rose Bay. The fact that an expensive suburb develops around a school over decades is hardly the fault of the school! And yet, our FBT costs (our boarding staff are not exempt), building and improvement costs and transport costs reflect our local area costs. It is important that we keep abreast of the debate and that we remain informed and active.

Of the 20 schools that are considered similar to our Year 9 cohort, there are;

- 3 that are selective schools: James Ruse Agricultural High, North Sydney Boys and Normanhurst Boys High School,
- 1 that is an Independent Boys school (Churchie, the Anglican Church Grammar School in Brisbane) and
- 8 Independent Girls Schools (Queenwood School for Girls and Roseville College being the only NSW Girls schools in the group)

The schools vary in size from 2131 students (Carey Baptist in Melbourne) to 190 at Sophia Mundi Rudolf Steiner School.

A letter sent to Principals this week from The Association of Independent Schools NSW outlines our ongoing concern:

“You may have seen recently a number of articles in The Sydney Morning Herald, focusing on the data contained on the My School website, in which the AIS purportedly compares the government funding of some independent schools with the funding for government schools that cater for disadvantaged and special needs students. The implication in the articles is that we are critical of the levels of funding received by these schools.

As you will be aware, this Association has for many years strongly advocated for improved funding for all students but particularly for any students with additional needs. The Sydney Morning Herald reporting has seriously misrepresented the Association's position on this matter and I have written to the journalist concerned to express my dissatisfaction.
It is up to all independent schools, and their communities, to make their views known on school funding matters and particularly to enlighten and inform the debate about school funding with actual examples of the excellent work that independent schools do and their importance in the community. This is particularly the case in relation to educating students with special needs, including disabilities. The importance of balanced representation in the media in relation to school funding is becoming even more critical with the Review of School Funding currently under way."

On 15 April 2010, the then Minister for Education, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, announced a review of funding and regulation across the government and non-government schooling sectors, the first such review in Australia since 1973.

The review will focus on the funding needs of students from all schools (government, Catholic and independent) and will consider funding provided by the Australian Government and state and territory governments, as well as other sources of school income.

The aim of the review is to identify arrangements that will achieve a funding system, which is transparent, fair, financially sustainable and effective in promoting excellent educational outcomes for all Australian students. Integral to this is ensuring the funding that is available is equitably distributed among schools; that is, directed to where it is needed most so that students are supported to overcome barriers to achievement, regardless of their background or where they go to school.

Ultimately, the review is intended to provide the strongest possible platform for long-term investment and improvement in educational outcomes in schooling beyond 2013.

A Public Relations firm advising the Independent School sector has urged schools and individual parents to express their concerns to local parliamentary members, media editors and also participate in reviews. The AISNSW website has some fact sheets available on a range of these issues.

Education groups and members of the community are invited to make submissions on this paper to the funding review.

Those with access to email are encouraged to provide comments through the submission template available from the review’s website at www.deewr.gov.au/fundingreview and, if possible, to return their submission to the review secretariat before 31 March 2011.

Hard copy submissions and attachments should be sent to:

Secretariat Review of Funding for Schooling
Location C16MT4
GPO Box 9880
CANBERRA ACT 2601
I will seek to keep the community informed of any emerging issues in the coming weeks and months.

Scots to the Fore!

Dr Ian PM Lambert
Principal

Message from the Head of Senior Years

Boys can be experts in many things; turning five minutes of work into half an hour is certainly one of them. (This area of expertise ranks just below the ability to see the funnyside of all situations). The constant delay of the inevitable may be an attempt to demonstrate autonomy, but it is really just a demonstration of laziness and procrastination. If you have a cranky 16 year old around the home who gets even crankier when you check on his work he needs a healthy shot in the arm. Working harder does not always mean working longer. I am continually reminding my students in class that we (they) are here for a good time, not a long time. Helping your son organise his breaks from study and giving him some activities to look forward to really helps. A mountain looks impossible to tackle from long distance, but it is the small steps and milestones that get you there through daily persistence. Please discuss any concerns you have about your son and the ‘mid-term hump’ with your Housemaster if your boy appears aimless and lacking in motivation.

Our Year 12 boys sit their Pre-Trial Examinations from next Wednesday. This is a mini-Olympics that requires our boys to make an adjustment to their usual routines. Helping them understand that they will get their life back after the examinations usually assists in dealing with any issues in the lead up. As a guide an average of ten hours of study should take place this weekend outside normal College activities. This will be challenging for some of our busiest boys. Mapping out the weekend prior to Friday night is essential in order to plan for both study and relaxation.

Loyalty is another area where boys display expertise. I felt very proud on the weekend at the Independent Schools’ Expo where eight of our young men spoke honestly about their experiences at Scots to hundreds of interested families. I was reassured to see our boys so proud of their heritage and humble at the same time. I was very impressed with their ability to engage with adults at every level.

Mr Tim Browning
Head of Senior Years

Message from the Chaplain

A few days ago I spoke with a friend who can barely wait for this Friday evening. The weeks of planning and anticipation will be at an end. It will be time for action. It is of course the opening of the NRL season and he will be absorbed in Friday night’s game. No doubt the season will produce many outstanding performances and new champions will emerge. This week’s Sunday Telegraph featured an article on a well known champion of the game, Darren Lockyer, who, if he manages
to play most games this season will set a new record for the number of first grade games. But in a recent interview, he spoke frankly about how there was a time in his career when all the fame went to his head. He was handed the captaincy of the Australian team in 2003 and immediately captained the nation to a 3-0 Test series whitewash against Great Britain. He concedes that after that tour he lost his focus as he became ‘seduced by fame and celebrity’. He says it wasn’t until 2006, after an injury and then criticism of his form, that he began to realise that he could not take what he had for granted.

There is always the possibility that success will lead to either complacency, or arrogance, or both. Whether that success comes in a small or large measure, it is important to celebrate it with humility; to realise that, invariably, any success we enjoy can be attributed in considerable part to the efforts of others who have nurtured, encouraged or worked with us along the way; team mates, teachers, friends and parents, along with a host of other people and circumstances, help to shape us in ways that we don’t always realise. Ultimately, the life that we have and the talents we possess are gifts from God Himself. When the ancient Hebrews prepared to settle in to a new land of abundance and opportunity, their leader Moses gave them a warning that is as pertinent to us today as it was to those who first heard it: “When you have all you want to eat and have built good houses to live in, and when your cattle and sheep, your silver and gold, and all your other possessions have increased, make sure that you do not become proud and forget the Lord your God, who rescued you from Egypt, where you were slaves ... you must never think that you have made yourselves wealthy by your own power and strength” (Deuteronomy 8:12-14,17).

Reverend Conrad Nixon
Senior Chaplain

From the Business Office

A reminder to all parents, we are now in Week 6 and late payment fees will apply commencing Friday 11 March if fees remain unpaid. Reminders and amended accounts have been sent this week.

If you have any queries please contact Kate Brenac on 02 9391 7628 or email k.brenac@tsc.nsw.edu.au

Ms Catherine Gray
Director of Finance

Glengarry News

As the light fog lifts from the valley, the boys from Glengarry are getting ready for a round robin of hikes. ‘A Dorm’ is going on the very relaxing canoe hike up Lake Yarrunga. ‘B Dorm’ is going on the climbing hike to Nowra with some of the best climbing in NSW. ‘C and D Dorms’ are doing a two day swap of the Carrington Falls day walk and the Aboriginal Cultural Day with some members from the Jerrinja Tribe. Over the next four weeks all boys will get the opportunity to go on each hike with parent hikes also thrown into the mix.
With the clouds rolling in and the threat of rain, ‘A Dorm’ set out in canoes heading up Lake Yarrunga towards Tallowa Dam. At first many canoes were weaving and snaking their way up the lake, but as time went on the boys become better paddlers and were able to keep their canoes going in a straight line. With maps out the boys were keeping track of their progress, picking out land features and prominent landmarks. As we moved further up the lake, some wildlife was spotted on the banks, a red-belly black snake, a couple of frill-necked lizards and water dragons, some small wallabies and the occasional bass jumping out of the water. After stopping for lunch in a very pleasant spot by the lake the boys pushed on to the campsite and set up camp.

Robert Gazal was the first to hook a big carp, with Matt Klumper and Matt McKinley also adding three more to the total. Robert also caught a bass, but unfortunately it was too small to keep and eat, so it went back in to fight another day. Nick Powys and Max Liden were the first to capsize their canoe, closely followed by Jonah Potgieter-Denton. Many more boys also ended up in the water, with boys practising their T-rescues from boat to boat.

After dinner, while sitting around the fire, boys were treated to a couple of damper cakes with cinnamon and crystallised brown sugar, straight out of the camp oven. The next day started out much like the end of the last, with toast over the fire, time to fish and play in canoes before packing up and heading back to campus. With one more small surprise from Miss O’Rourke, who showed up at lunch in her sea kayak with freshly made sticky date pudding, freshly whipped cream and hot caramel sauce. All the ‘A Dorm’ boys were definitely spoiled this weekend.

Mr Greg Baker
Glengarry Teacher

From Indigenous Education

An important part of the education of the Indigenous boys at Scots is for them to maintain a strong and meaningful connection with their own culture as well as absorbing the rich culture that is The Scots College. As such, we have had the involvement of Craig Ashby in the role of Indigenous Mentor. This was made possible by the generous donation by a Scots family with a number of boys at the College.

However, with Craig being much in demand, he has decided to concentrate on other areas and not return to Scots in 2011. He will be much missed by the boys and the staff. We wish him well and thank him warmly for his great contribution to our program.

Craig’s story is an amazing one. A Walgett boy, he was illiterate at the age of 15. He has come a long, long way since then. In 2009 he was NSW finalist for Young Australian of the Year and has spoken at many public events, with audiences up to 1,500 people. He has a great future ahead of him.

In his place, we are delighted to have Kaleb Taylor start with us this week. Kaleb is from Quirindi and completed Year 12 St Joseph’s College (as did Craig) in 2008. He is a traditional dancer, Didgeridoo player and serves up a mean Crocodile Baguette at the Purple Goanna Café in Redfern.
I am sure that his energy, enthusiasm and understanding of the Indigenous boys will make a real impact on their lives at Scots.

Mr Jonathan Samengo
Indigenous Education

From the Sport Department

Winter Sports Choices
All boys should now have completed their winter sport choices. Could parents please ensure that boys have all the appropriate equipment and clothing needed to participate in this winter’s sport program. Parents may wish to take advantage of the Rebel Discount weekend this coming Saturday and Sunday.

Rebel Sport Discount Weekend Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 March
At the end of last year, parents were advised that Rebel has now discontinued the MVP program. This program provided a great avenue to raise money to buy a number of sporting items that supplemented our sports programs for the boys in the ELC and Prep through to 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 equally 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.

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.

Sports Leave Protocol
Over the past few weeks a number of parents have been requesting leave for their sons from sport at the last minute to attend family functions or special events. If your son needs to be exempted for a weekend sports fixture please submit a written request well in advance of the weekend that he will be away so that coaches can adjust their teams and find a suitable replacement. Unfortunately, in the past week or so, we have been in the position where a team had insufficient players for the game, which was very unfair on the coach and team.
Special congratulations this week to the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds Basketball teams who performed exceptionally well to win their respective games against Sydney High. This is the first defeat for High’s 1sts team this season.

Both the 1sts and 2nds Tennis teams also performed with great tenacity to overcome a strong High team. Special mention must go to Gerald Riordan who spent every ounce of energy to outlast his opponent to win the day for the Scots team.

Mr Graeme Dedrick
Senior School Sportsmaster

Rowing
A blustery day faced all crews as we rowed over to Iron Cove to compete in the St Joseph's College Regatta. The course had to be shortened to 1,500 metres due to the expansion works on Iron Cove Bridge but, nonetheless, all crews worked effectively to handle the conditions and we managed to score a number of first and second places in senior and junior divisions.

At the end of the day the boys loaded the trailer with the 1st VIII and 1st Year 10 VIII in readiness for the journey to the Australian Rowing Championships in Adelaide, which begins this Wednesday for School Competitors. All results for the Sydney Regattas, including The Scots Regatta on 12 March, can be found on the Rowing NSW website. Live results for the Nationals can be found on the Rowing Australia website. I wish all crews good rowing at both our Regatta and the Nationals and expect further development of skills as we head closer to the final Regatta on 2 April.

After SJC Regatta, we are still leading the Senior Point score for the GPS Competition.

Mr Mark Dwyer
Director of Rowing

Swimming

Results for Swimming GPS Carnival 3
The first of the competition Swimming meets was held at Homebush last Friday night. It was an exciting night with all swimmers eager to do fast times and get points for their schools. Thank you to the Senior Scots boys who gave up their Friday night to do timekeeping for the event.

Congratulations, on first places, go to Charlie Crawford in 13 years 50m Freestyle Division and Backstroke, Henry Kamp in the 13 years 50m Backstroke and James Ritchie in the Senior 200m Breastroke.

A number of second and third places were also achieved on a very competitive night. Second places were achieved by Will Bartlett in 18 years 50m Freestyle Championship, Dugald O’Neill in 14 years 50m Freestyle Division, Alex Duncan 15 years 50m Freestyle Division, Will Ridley 16 years 50m Freestyle division, Charlie Smith 13 years 50m Breastroke, Matt Small 12 years 50m Backstroke, Mitchell Keating-Follas in 17 years 50m Backstroke, Harry Foxtom 18 years 50m Backstroke, Oliver
Kamp in 16 years 50m Butterfly and the 16 years Relay team of Billy Arkins, Oliver Kamp, Christian McDonogh and Will Ridley.

The Senior Medley Relay team comprising of Will Bartlett, James Ritchie, Jun Jung and Matt Willows swam very well and came second behind a very strong Newington team. This takes the team through to the CIS Championships.

**Miss Michelle Ferguson**  
MIC Swimming

**Tennis**

At this point in the season, Director of Tennis ArieShatar is thinking about keeping his teams focused and in the zone. "Important matches lie in our immediate pathway and as it gets later in the season the players are being pushed to their limits both on the tennis courts and in the classroom. Demands and pressures are high."

1sts player James Bishop says, "I just think about now and not what the score is or what it could be or what it could have been. I focus on that very point in time and get in the zone". He acknowledges that this philosophy can be applied to tennis training, matches and studies.

2nds player Hamish Simpson says that even when he is tired physically and mentally fatigued he tries to "never let his guard drop down, no matter where [he is] in the match or who [he is] playing." This is a good approach as we take on Sydney Grammar, St Joseph’s and Kings in the final weeks of our competition season.

According to Sean Lee who also plays in the 2nds, a strategy for achieving success at this stage in the season is for "every player to maintain focus and practice the way they want to play on Saturdays."

This past Saturday, Gerald Riordan played a season-defining match. "Everyone on the sidelines cheering spurred me on and kept me going. It was a tight match and winning the day was important because it would secure the team’s win against a strong team. When the pressure is high and the match becomes a big occasion it is important to keep it together, so I just focused on winning one point at a time," said Gerald.

For younger players, Scots coach Ryan Brims reminds us that, "hard work and determination is what it takes to get to a top level and stay there". The 1sts and 2nds show this every day and acknowledge how hard it is to stay there.

Hard weeks of work are ahead as we strive to raise our level of performance to take on the two-time defending championship team on 26 March and secure the goals we established as a team.

**Ms Kim Brancheau**  
MIC Tennis
Basketball
The College 1sts Basketball team dismantled the National Champions, Sydney Boys High School, last Saturday in the Lion’s Den. This was a must win for the 1sts to keep the GPS Premiership alive. Luke Anderson and Brock Dries demonstrated class and strength on Saturday, which laid the platform for the Emery brothers, Pat and Darcy to create havoc offensively. Obi Mbakwe shut down the current Australian U17 point guard. This was a great team performance all round. The College 1sts have now defeated all GPS teams during the season and their Premiership fate is in Newington’s hands. Newington must defeat Sydney High in the last GPS round to create a three way GPS Premiership. Assuming Scots does not drop a game over the next three rounds, the College will feature in the NSWCIS Champion School Cup later this term. It’s going to be a very exciting end to the season!

The 2nds Basketball defeated Sydney Boys High 47-45 in a basket for basket game that finished with Sebastian Delgorge making the winning lay-up in the last few seconds of overtime. Luke Vanderzeil (12 points) and Sebastian Delgorge (11 points) led all scorers in a game of Basketball that had the crowd on the edge of their seats. With guards Jordan Long, Stephen Jung and George Mallat all out injured, it was Sebastian, Saxon Brown and Harry Starr who stepped up and guided the team to victory. Forwards Luka Rohde, Lewis Blomfield and Jake Ferguson played strongly and were backed well by Angus Rees, Marcus Westoby and Aiden Woodford-Smith. Luke Vanderzeil led all rebounders and played an outstanding game of Basketball showing great fitness on the fast break and strength under the basket. Sebastian made several crucial shots, including a clutch three-pointer and the defensive pressure applied by Saxon and Harry led to many turnovers in the mid court. Throughout the game our defence changed from full court press to matchup zone to man on man-quality basketball. This was a season defining victory with all ten players contributing at both ends of the court. Well done boys.

The College enjoyed great success over Sydney High in all grades. A special mention to the 13Fs who won their first game of the season. Well done!

Good luck to all teams against Sydney Grammar.

Mr David Todd
Director of Basketball

Water Polo
The 1sts came into their match against Waverley College eager to record a win to end the AAGPS/CAS competition on a positive note. Despite loses over the past three games, the boys were ready to put in a good performance. In the first quarter, the boys put in a steady defensive performance limiting Waverley’s opportunities and counter-attacking efficiently. By halftime Scots continued to perform and we found ourselves in front 3-1. However, after halftime, complacency began to creep into Scots’ game and they began to let Waverley back into the game. Thanks to crucial goals in the fourth quarter by Lewis Taie, Scots hung on for victory 6-5. Goals were scored by Lewis Taie (3), Matt Willows (1), Sam Fleeting (1) and Sam Baraket (1).

2nd grade came away with a huge 14-0 victory. The whole team is to be commended on a terrific effort with Chase Gelston, Jun Jung and Ben Mauthner scoring one goal each, Elliot Foote scoring three goals and Nick Spork scoring six goals, to
develop a massive lead throughout the game. A combination of hard work and dedication from the coaching staff and the boys have seen them finish the season undefeated premiers, and the first second grade team to win the AAGPS/CAS competition in ten years. Congratulations boys, Scots to the Fore!

Scots and Waverley 16As came into their match in equal second position. Expecting a close game, Scots played strongly and with urgency from the first swim-off. Waverley was not able to match this intensity, with Scots prevailing by a margin of nine goals. The whole team played well, with particular mention to Alex Duncan, Will Craven, Tom Allsopp, Matt Borozan and David Szamek. Scots 16As finished out right second in the competition; a rewarding result and finishing undefeated for Term 1.

The U16Bs were also able to post another impressive win to complete a very successful term of Water Polo. With improved passing and the ability to find open space, Scots were able to maintain a comfortable lead for the entire match. This was a great team effort. Goals were scored by Adam Podgorski(4), Max Champion (3), Tom Park (2), Tom Wickenden (2), Tom Burrow (2), Will Woodgate (1) and Will McKinlay(1).

The Under 14s finished off a great season with emphatic wins in both grades against Waverley at home. The 14As defended hard, only conceding one goal in the match to finish this season undefeated — the first time for an Under 14A team in well over ten years. Coupled with three NSW Under 14 selections, this has truly been a memorable season for the 14As.

The 14Bs played an outstanding game, controlling the match throughout with excellent swimming and good decisions made in defence. James Chandler was outstanding in goals, making some excellent one-on-one saves under pressure. The future of Scots Water Polo is in good stead and the Under 14s should be proud of their achievements this season. Congratulations to Michael Burrell, Linda Emms and the boys.

Under 13s Blue faced tough opposition last weekend. Despite the big loss there was still plenty of improvement shown playing against Waverley’s number one side. Under 13s Gold played an intense game against Newington who defeated us 19-3 two weeks ago. Last week’s game showed a huge turn around in performance, losing 6-5 in the final seconds of the match. Overall it was a very good weekend from the Under 13s squad.

Mr Val Zele
MIC Water Polo

Rugby

2011 Investec Bank Schoolboy Rugby Sevens

The Scots College, in partnership with Investec Bank, are pleased to announce the 2011 Investec Bank Schoolboy Rugby Sevens tournament to be held on Saturday 9 April 2010. This action-packed, entertaining schoolboy event is unique in Australia and will be hosted for the second year running on The Scots College main oval. Click on this link to download a copy of the event poster.
The tournament involves twelve Under 18 teams from the most ambitious and forward-thinking Rugby schools in Australia, with the first game kicking off at 9:00am. Entrance for spectators is free and over 2,000 people are expected to attend on the day to watch the tournament. The intensity of the day will peak with the finals being played from 3:45pm and presentations to the winning teams at 4:30pm.

Spectators will have the rare opportunity to rub shoulders with some of Rugby’s Wallaby legends, participate in competitions with prize giveaways for all the family, including 100 tournament Rugby balls, and see themselves and some of Australia’s young emerging talent on the giant screen.

We hope you will join us for the second year of this fantastic event.

Mr Marcus Blackburn
Director of Rugby

Cricket
A century by Will Eaton in the 2nd X1 was the highlight of this week’s round against Sydney Boys High. Will's patient knock was supported by some aggressive batting from Andrew Kellaway (27) and Seamus Frost (41).

The 1st X1 game is delicately poised with Scots being bowled out for 168 and Sydney Boys High on 5/130. With early wickets, the Scots 1st X1 are still confident that they can take first innings points from this match.

In other Cricket information, the Annual Awards night is fast approaching. A dinner will be held after the final GPS match on Saturday 26 March in the College Dining Hall. All players and parents are encouraged to attend. All cricketing families should be receiving a flyer outlining the details of the dinner in the coming days.

For all match reports, please go to the following page on the Cricket website.

Mr Ben Sawyer
Director of Cricket

Notices

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.

Ms Jen Adamson
The Scots College Women’s Association

Year 9 ANSTO Excursion
Last week, Year 9 Intake 2 students embarked on a journey of discovery to ANSTO, Australia’s only nuclear facility. The students are learning about nuclear chemistry and applications in research, industry and medicine. A nuclear scientist gave a presentation to the group before the students moved on to see the reactor pool via CCTV and viewed the neutron beam lines from the observation room. Although ANSTO’s OPEL reactor does not generate power, the issues related to security, waste management and proximity to housing can be considered when preparing their assignment evaluating the implementation of nuclear power to the electricity generation arsenal available to Australians.

Mr Chris Metcalfe
Head of Science

World Maths Day
On 1 March 2011 the Year 7 boys travelled to the Powerhouse Museum to attend the ‘Licence to Spy’ exhibition. This was to celebrate World Maths Day. ‘Top Secret’ focused on the maths and technology of spying and espionage. It was a highly interactive and engaging exhibition. There were 23 exhibits that were designed to be used in a co-operative fashion to increase group participation to gather the intelligence needed to solve the mystery.

Year 8 Class 1 and Year 9 Class 2 were also involved in a video conference with Abbottsleigh School, co-ordinated by Questacon in Canberra. This activity focused on the magic of mathematics. Activities included mind reading algebra, Puzzlemania and Tessellation tricks to highlight maths in unexpected places.

The activities in the workshop addressed concepts in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. Overall it was a very busy and enjoyable day for all involved.

Ms Susan Panagopoulos
Assistant Head of Mathematics

The Scots College Drama Studio
The Scots College Drama Studio presents the senior play – ‘The Small Poppies’ by David Holman.

Ms Ravenna Gregory
MIC Co-Curricular Drama
Scots Parent’s Prayer Group
“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:19-20

Please join us in Christian fellowship and friendship next Tuesday 15 March. Meet from 8:30am (for an 8:45am start) in Room 222 on the left hand side of the main corridor of the Senior School. Light refreshments will be provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer for all staff, families and our fine Scots boys.

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

We look forward to welcoming friends old and new.

Black Watch Café Roster for the week commencing 14 March
Monday 14 March, 9:15am-1:30pm
Deb Chadwick
Anna Williams

Tuesday 15 March, 9:15am-1:30pm
Dorthe David
Joanne Negrine
Janine Zylstra

Wednesday 16 March, 9:15am-1:30pm
Carol Kuo

Thursday 17 March, 9:15am-1:30pm
Tina Chalabian
Fiona Hers
Katrina Matthews

Friday 18 March, 9:15am-1:30pm
Lynn Currie
Joanne Herbert
Mags Mead
Belinda Robson

For any enquiries, please contact Laurel Tyrrell at ltbones88@yahoo.com

Macky House Talk Series
Macky House have organised a series of talks titled ‘Lessons learnt from life's journey…..so far….’. There are two speakers per term that will be talking and sharing their personal journey to the House. The speakers are chosen from various professional fields including academic, sports, business and religion. All guests are invited to talk about their background,
lessons that each one of them have learnt from their life’s experiences so far and things that have inspired and motivated them to achieve their goals in life. The talks are aimed at inspiring and motivating the students as they progress through life. This week the first of the guests spoke to the Macky House students while Gilchrist House were also invited to attend. The guest speaker was Professor Phil Crowe, an old boy of Scots who spoke about his experiences in life from attending school at Scots, playing Australian Schoolboys Rugby, playing for the Wallabies, being a Rhodes Scholar and his days at Oxford University and working in Africa. In his talk he also spoke about being positive, being competitive with but still supportive of others and never losing sight of one’s goals in whatever circumstances a student is in. It was a very encouraging morning talk and we hope that each student will take something out of Professor Crowe’s talk and apply them in their own journey of life. Plans are in operation for Macky’s second talk towards the end of this term. We expect it will be an interactive question and answer session with three sporting stars from Rugby Union, Rugby League and AFL.

Mr Robert Heritage

From the Music Department
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.

Choral Evensong will be held on Thursday 17 March at 6:30pm in the College War Memorial Chapel. All are welcome.

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

The performance dates for the 2011 Scots/Kambala musical ‘Oliver’ are Thursday 26 May, Saturday 28 May, Thursday 2 June and Saturday 4 June at 7:30pm.

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

Mr William Clark
Director of Music Excellence

From Pipes and Drums
Next Monday the ‘A’ Band will be taking part in the annual Commonwealth Day activities in at Parliament House. The boys will need their Full Highland kit. We will leave here at 10:00am and be back by lunchtime. On Sunday 27 March both ‘A&B’ Bands will be taking part in the Scots School Bathurst Pipe Band Competition. This will be another early start for the boys. We are working towards having our new Pipes and Drums web site up and running by the end of this term.

Mr Ray Lee
Bandmaster

Upcoming Events
• Scots Parents’ Prayer Group – Tuesday 29 March.
• The Scots College Drama Studio presents ‘The Small Poppies’ - 23, 24, 29 and 30 March.
• Choral Evensong – Thursday 17 March.
• HSC Pre-Trial Examinations – 16-25 March.