Week 7, Term 2 – 9 June 2011

Message from the Principal

Involvement in College life is an important part of building a strong culture and educating our boys on the value of community. In the coming weeks there are two special events taking place and I encourage families to consider coming along to experience the richness of our community and all it has to offer.

It is not uncommon for prospective parents to ask questions about balancing the many privileges our boys have, with service opportunities in the community. This is, of course a very important issue. I am always pleased to address this question, detailing the many opportunities available for boys to connect with local, national and international communities through service learning programs.

The Gift of Education Fund film night and annual Charity Concert are two very important projects that serve to connect our fine Scots boys with community needs.

The Scots College Gift of Education Fund – OASIS Film Night Wednesday 15 June

The Gift of Education Fund will make it possible for youth from OASIS to fulfill their dreams of education, of returning to school, of entering TAFE, of starting an apprenticeship, a diploma or even a university degree. It seems fitting that an institution of learning such as Scots and a community who value education so highly should share in these dreams.

Dreams were shattered for these youth at very young ages. Some found themselves homeless as young as 10 or 12 for reasons that range from neglect and abuse to abandonment and poverty. As Major Paul Moulds explained to us on Speech Day in 2010, each and every night there are 32,000 homeless youth across Australia.

Shark Island Productions and the Caledonia Foundation thought this was a story that needed to be told. For two years the documentary filmmakers Ian Darling and Sascha Ettinger Epstein followed Paul and his team of dedicated workers in their mission to improve the chaotic lives of homeless youth. The result was an AFI award winning documentary, The OASIS.

I like to take this opportunity to invite you to this outstanding event. For more information please refer to the OASIS Film Night article in this week’s newsletters.

Charity Concert 2011 Wednesday 22 June

In aid of the Royal Hospital for Women’s New Born Care Unit and Farewell and Tribute to Mr William Clark.

The Royal Hospital for Women, Newborn Care Centre

In 1926, the Royal Hospital for Women opened its premature-baby nursery. Today, the RHW’s Newborn Care Centre is the largest tertiary newborn-care unit in NSW and cares for more than 1,000 patients each year, including many premature and critically ill babies. These very fragile babies often depend on specialised medical equipment designed specifically for their tiny bodies. The Scots College, in partnership with The Royal Hospital for Women Foundation is raising funds that will help purchase the vital equipment that these precious babies need. Proceeds of ticket sales go to The Royal Hospital for Women’s New Born Care Unit.
Mr William Clark

Mr William Clark has contributed significantly to the richness of the cultural life of The Scots College. When he was first appointed in 1977, the Music department consisted of a handful of students who played a mixture of instruments. His energy, drive and determination has produced the incredible growth of both curricular and co-curricular Music at the College.

Mr Clark came to Scots committed to ensuring that Music became an important part of College life. This drove him to demand, and receive the best that his students could offer, and the best that the College could give. New instruments were purchased and the wonderful Performing Arts Support Group was formed – a group of dedicated parents who continue to provide incredible proactive support to our boys.

The Charity Concert will be an opportunity for The Scots community to say thank you to Mr Clark for all that he has contributed over the years.

To ensure that planning and catering can be carefully coordinated, I encourage families to consider these two programs and use them to support our boys’ interests and also their commitment to serving others who are less fortunate. Event details and ticketing information for the Charity Concert can be found in this week’s notice section of the newsletter.

Scots to the Fore!

Dr Ian PM Lambert
Principal

Message from the Head of Senior Years

Is it fair that a photo or opinion you post online when you are 17 years old affects your career or study prospects in your early 20s? Nowadays it does. Many adolescent boys see online postings, chat, Facebook etc as places in cyberspace where anonymity exists. We know this to be far from the truth. Mrs Sandra McLean, former police officer and cybersafety expert made two excellent presentations to the Year 8 and Year 11 boys on Tuesday this week. Her presentation was a real reality check. Hearing about current cases of young aspiring sportsmen failing recruitment interviews due to the content of their online postings was a shock to many boys. Blue tooth your son’s phone now and check the name he has placed in the memory. What about his Hotmail, Yahoo or Gmail email address? Is it jo.bloggs@hotmail.com, or partyanimal51@hotmail.com? All of these issues contribute to each boy’s ‘digital identity' and give third parties the opportunity to make an opinion about him that you do not have control over.

During the presentation Mrs McLean stressed that your digital image is not about blocking or banning, it is about being realistic about technology and making a deliberate attempt to understand the role it can and should play in our lives.

Have you looked at the pages of ‘friends’ attached to your son’s social networking site? Does he make himself guilty by association? No online post should ever describe a situation or provide an opinion you would not be willing to make in
public. The reason being is that online posts are public and very difficult to remove long term. Google your son today and if necessary help him clean up his image. There are ways to make social pages private and viewable to few, rather than all, but, it takes a concerted effort to ensure this integrity is maintained.

On Wednesday this week I spent time meeting with Year 11 to discuss risk taking behaviours and what it means to be a good mate. Does a good mate allow his friend to do something stupid? They were advised that when they are out with their friends and suddenly a risky idea is promoted among the peer group to slow down and make a 30 second decision as opposed to a one second decision. I was very impressed with the open discussion that took place. I also spoke to the Year 11 boys about drugs and alcohol. Alcohol in particular receives widespread endorsement across the Australian community, particularly through sporting sponsorship. As a parent I hold genuine concerns regarding the availability of drugs and alcohol in the Australian community. The purpose of my meeting was to provide further education about drugs and alcohol and also outline the clear stance of the College regarding prohibition.

In the last 12 months State Government advertising has taken a harsher line to reinforce the dangers of alcohol consumption all the way through the teenage years. The reason for this firmer approach has been the emerging research linking alcohol consumption with inhibited brain development. The boys were shown a graph describing the development of the frontal lobe. This part of the brain manages impulse control and rational thought. At age 16, the frontal lobe is only at 70-75% development. The male brain does not fully mature until the mid 20s in this area. Now imagine what the combination of alcohol consumption has with a less than mature frontal lobe. The following link provides great resources and facts on this topic:


Most boys are currently engaged in assessment and the culmination of several Drama, Music, Co-Curricular and Sport activities, which make for a very stressful time. Please do not hesitate to contact your son’s Teacher or Housemaster to discuss any concerns.

Mr Tim Browning
Head of Senior Years

Message from the Chaplain

Recently The Salt Lake City Tribune reported on a remarkable discovery made by Utah man Josh Ferrin. Having just purchased a new home, he spent the weekend going through several boxes that had been left by the previous owner in a small, dark attic. He came across eight boxes containing cash – which totalled more than $40,000! After getting over the initial shock, he locked the money in his truck and called his wife. Various thoughts went through his mind ... the car
troubles he had been having, the cost of repairs and renovations to the house, the desire of himself and his wife to adopt a child. However, after a short while, he returned the money to its rightful owner. “I couldn’t let myself consider the money mine,” he said. “The previous owner didn’t put it there for me. He put it there for a rainy day.” The previous owner was Arnold Bangerter, who died in November. After quite a search, Mr Ferrin tracked down two of Arnold’s children - Dennis and Kay – who said they would split the money between the siblings.

We read in the book of Proverbs: “Better a little with righteousness, than much gain with injustice” (Proverbs 16:8) and “The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity” (Proverbs 11:3). The person of integrity seeks to do what is right – whether or not anyone else is watching, and whether or not there is any reward to be gained. In a forest, you’ll find some trees that tower above others and appear to be a picture of strength, but are of no use, because they are rotten on the inside. They are easily blown over when the strong winds come, for their hollowness makes them weak. It was George Washington who said: “I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough, to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles: the character of an honest man”. Again from the book of Proverbs: “Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favour and a good name, in the sight of God and man” (Proverbs 3:3-4).

Reverend Conrad Nixon
Senior Chaplain

Rugby - Scots v The King’s School

The Rugby highlight of the weekend was the 1stXV victory over King’s. The clinical first half performance was more of a reason to celebrate than the final 39-17 scoreline. It was a complete and committed team performance, with all players showing discipline in attack and support in defence. There are certainly areas for improvement before the sterner challenge of Joey’s on 18 June, namely sustaining the precision in our play until the final whistle.

It was an outstanding achievement for Scots Rugby to win 1stXV, 2ndXV and 3rdXV against The King’s School. This reveals some very pleasing strength and depth in our Senior Rugby program. All of these players have been working hard through preseason camps and trial games and their collective victory is certainly well deserved. Indeed, the 6thXV also won a nail-biter by 15 points to 12.

OASIS Film Night – Wednesday 15 June

Major Paul Moulds AM is returning to the Scots community. This time Paul is joined by documentary filmmaker, Ian Darling, and Chair of the Salvation Army’s Sydney East Doorknock Appeal, Sally Loane.
Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to hear Paul speak about his work with The OASIS Youth Support Network, to view an extraordinary film, share in an inspirational conversation and support the official launch of The Scots College Gift of Education Fund to OASIS.

Date: Wednesday 15 June 2011
Venue: Cinema 1 Hoyts, Entertainment Quarter, Moore Park
Time: 6:00pm – Drinks and Canapés
6:45pm – Private Screening
8:15pm - 9:15pm – Panel Discussion
Cost: Tickets $50

Enquiries: Please call Katie Brown on 02 9391 7600.

To book your ticket: Fax your completed RSVP slip to 02 9327 7584, Attention: Katie Brown, The Scots College.

**History and Cultural Tour of Europe - April 2012**

The College’s History and Cultural tour of Europe is on again next April. The tour promises to be an unforgettable experience. Starting in Berlin, Germany, students will spend a few days visiting many of the places that have made this a city of such historic significance. The group will then fly to London, England, and see the main sights, including the London Eye and Buckingham Palace. The tour then moves to Paris, spending three days visiting many sights, including the Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum and Palace of Versailles. The group will then visit the World War I battlefields of France and Belgium concluding with the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Australian Memorial in France.

Please note that there are a limited number of places available to students, and the tour is offered only to those students who will be in Years 9 to 12 next year. Please contact Mr Bragg ath.bragg@tsc.nsw.edu.au or Mr Jolly atn.jolly@tsc.nsw.edu.au for more information.

**Mr Hamish Bragg**
Senior Teacher History/English

**Brandt House Boys Host Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**

Brandt House Year 11 Tutor Group hosted Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Friday 27 May. The event was extremely well supported and raised $374.20 for the Cancer Council of NSW. Brandt House has a long association with the Cancer Council and supports Daffodil Day, Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea and Pink Ribbon Day. Boys from Year 10 will be visiting the Cancer Council office later in the year to help package and organise merchandise after major fundraising events.

**Mr James Bowles**
Brandt House Master
From the Co-Curricular Department

Pipes and Drums

Each year on Anzac Day all Scots bands take part in a band competition. This year the boys won the Junior Pipe Bands Section. It was a very big day and it is pleasing to receive this recognition. Well done boys.

The Annual Parade of Remembrance was one that I am sure the boys will always remember. A DVD and a disc with photos will be issued to all boys in the College. If anyone has photos from the night I would appreciate a copy to go into the band’s archives. The emails, phone calls and messages I have received since the Parade have all been glowing reports about the boys – how fantastic they looked and how well they performed.

There are a couple of jobs coming up in the next few weeks. On Wednesday 22 June the ‘A’ Band will take part in the Charity Concert that is being held at the Conservatorium of Music. The boys will play before the Concert and towards the end of the Concert. A couple of mini bands are taking part in the St Mary’s Mini Band Competition on Sunday 26 June. Now that the Year 12 boys have finished, interviews are being conducted for the Year 11 boys who are interested in taking on the senior positions in Pipes and Drums. Late next week Dr Lambert should be able to announce the new leaders in the band.

Mr Ray Lee
Band Master

Debating

*The Scots College Debating and Public Speaking Support Group Annual Cocktail Party and ‘The Great Debate’*

Date: Thursday 23 June 2011
Time: 6:30pm
Venue: Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney
Cost: $60 per adult / $30 per student
Attire: Boys to wear full winter uniform

Enquiries to Audette Benson (President) on 0411 133 069 or via email to Audette.Benson@det.nsw.edu.au.

From Indigenous Education

For about a year now, we have been planning a weekend away with the indigenous boys and their mentors. This plan finally came to fruition with a trip to Glengarry last weekend.

A number of the indigenous boys have not been to Glengarry, as they started at Scots after Year 9, so it was a good opportunity to show them the campus and the activities the Year 9 boys participate in.

Kyol, Ziggy, Jesse, Christian, Jamaine, Jackson, Curtley and Jayden were joined by Mentors Andrew Purchas, Simon Cant,
Ed Ginzburg, Mike Hodgson and myself. To complete the group, we were also joined by three of our young sons and a Kelpie.

Buoyed by an excellent win by the 1st XI over King's, we set off straight after the match. Once at Glengarry, we set up a camp fire and some of us chatted until midnight, until the embers faded. Having promised the boys that this would be a relaxing time (something Glengarry is not well known for), the boys were allowed to sleep in.

The main activity of the day was canoeing on the river. The ‘power duo’ of Ziggy and Christian proved too much for the other canoeists, but we all had fun trying to outperform each other.

Following a leisurely game of touch footy, we drove back in convoy.

The boys and mentors now all know each other a little better. The better the relationship, the more help a mentor can be, so it was a successful weekend.

A big thank you to Jon Horrox for looking after us so well at the OPC in Glengarry.

Mr Jonathan Samengo
Indigenous Education

Peer Support

Year 11 Peer Support Leaders participated in Peer Support Training on Friday 3 June. Peer Support is an important element of the Pastoral Care and Student Leadership programs at Scots. Peer Support Leaders taking on a ‘big brother’ mentoring role providing encouragement, guidance and support to the new Year 7 boys as they settle into the Senior School.

The main role of the Peer Support Leaders is to assist the Year 7 students in their House to ‘feel welcome, secure and valued, to feel that they belong’ to the College. This is achieved by the students leading a structured program of activities during Tutor periods and getting to know the boys in their House over the year.

Peer Support Training provides an opportunity for students to build and enhance their leadership skills to be effective and positive role models for the younger boys in the Senior School.

Mr David Scardino
Peer Support Coordinator

From the Music Department

Choral Evensong in the College Chapel is on 16 June at 6:30pm.

The Charity Concert date is 22 June 2011. This event will be held in the Verbruggen Hall at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Macquarie Street, Sydney beginning at 6:30pm. A letter containing information about the transportation of
performers and other arrangements will be handed to your son at his ensemble rehearsal and will also be available from the Music Secretary, Mrs Denton: r.denton@tsc.nsw.edu.au.

Important: The Parent Consent Form for all boys performing at this Concert is attached to this edition of The Flying Scotsman and must be completed by parents and returned to their son’s ensemble leader.

Mr William Clark  
Director of Music Excellence

From the Sport Department

The competitive GPS winter season started last weekend against The King’s School. It was a memorable afternoon on the Scots main oval with the 1st XV, 2nd XV and 3rd XV all recording resounding wins. This is the first win for many years against King’s and an excellent start to the season. The large crowd was entertained by an exciting game with the team displaying great commitment and outstanding teamwork to overcome their opposition. The 1st XI also recorded an impressive win against King’s at our new home ground for this season, St George Stadium. There are no sports fixtures arranged for the long weekend for most teams. The Old Boys versus 1st XI Football Reunion Match will be held at Scots this Saturday with a curtain raiser match between the Prep 1st XI and the 2010 Prep XI.

Our second GPS round of winter sports fixtures will be on Saturday 18 June. This is an away fixture against St Joseph’s College. After such good support at our first home game, it is vital that all boys please make sure that once they have finished their game that they arrange to stay and support our Senior teams in the afternoon at St Joseph’s. All boys are expected to get changed after their match and come along and support them.

Gala Day Timetable of Events
The annual Interhouse Touch Rugby and Football Gala Day will be held on Thursday 23 June, the last day of term. All boys are involved for the whole day representing their House in three age divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. All parents are welcome to attend and watch this great day of competition. If the day is cancelled due to wet weather then normal classes will be held.

On the day, boys may travel to and from the College in the new Scots tracksuit and must wear appropriate Physical Education uniform during the day for competition. This is the ideal day for the House jerseys to be worn. No boots are to be worn on the day for any competition. Only joggers are to be worn during this competition.

Please note that all boys should now have the new tracksuit as it is now not acceptable to wear the old one to any sports activities. If boys do not have the full new tracksuit then they will be expected to wear full school uniform travelling to school and then change into their PE uniform on arrival.
Following is the timetable for the day:
8:30am – Roll call in tutor groups, then report to respective competition areas for registration of teams
8:45am – Teams to be warmed up and ready for the first round
9:00am – First round of games start
10:30am – 10.45am Morning tea
12:30pm – Lunch break
1:30pm – Afternoon games recommence
2:15pm – Finals
2:40pm – All Houses to assemble in the stands
2:45pm – House roll call in House areas and clean up of areas
2:50pm – Presentations
3:00pm – School dismissed

Mr Graeme Dedrick
Senior School Sportsmaster

Football

Congratulations to our 1st XI and 2nd XI players for a great start to the GPS season. Both teams showed what they are capable of during their matches with King’s last Saturday and can take a lot of positives into the second round against Joey’s. Full match reports are included below.

The Kanga Cup, hosted in Canberra, is a great opportunity for selected Under 13 and Under 14 Scots boys to play in a National Championship this year. The tour will take place during the July school holidays, from Sunday 10 July to Friday 15 July. Full details have been sent to the first round of selected players and their parents. We hope to field two very strong teams for this tournament.

The annual Old Boys’ Reunion Match and Carnival will be held on Saturday 11 June, on the Scots main oval. The day is always a great success with lots of great Football being played. This year, we will be arranging for the Prep 1st XI to play the current 13As and we also hope to play two Old Boys teams this year as well as a tournament style series of small-sided parent’s matches. Please do all you can to come along and support the Football program on this day.

The new Football website address is https://football.tsc.nsw.edu.au and will be updated each week with a full set of results and team selections. Please visit the site as it will also allow you to see which staff have been allocated to your son’s team for the season, as well as providing their contact details.
Firsts
A new GPS season begins with a new ground, new kits and the start of a new era in Scots Football. Playing our first game in St George Stadium near the shores of Botany Bay takes us back into the birthplace of The Scots College in Brighton le Sands and reminds us of our rich heritage.

History lesson over, now onto the game... It was a dream start when we scored after only 24 seconds, with Jack Clarke scoring a beauty. King's equalised after 25 minutes with a well struck shot from the edge of the box. A tight midfield battle ensued for the rest of the half. Scots made full use of a very strong bench, Harry Harden, Will Cooper, James Spyakis and Yianni Gourlas all contributed significantly to the team as we began to pass the ball better. A strong performance by Tunahan Guner was displayed, with his usual ball winning and passing skills on show. Evan also had a terrific game. The central defensive pairing of Joe Ballesteros and Captain Lewis McMahon held the team together when King's attacked repeatedly in the last ten minutes. The winning goal came 15 minutes from the end of the game, when we managed to keep possession from our throw in and cross the ball quickly into an area for Jack Clarke to finish well with his left foot. During the game, Scots did not press our advantage when on top. We sat back for the last ten minutes and lived dangerously at times, but still had a couple of breakaway chances for Clarke and Spyakis. Thank you to the St George Football Club for hosting us, The King's School for providing a good game, all the parents for a great after game function and Mr Haras and all the back room staff who made it a very enjoyable day.

Mr Tony Canning
Director of Football

Seconds
The 2nd XI played out a closely fought contest against King's with the final result being nil all. The boys showed plenty of courage in defence once again, solidly handling some quick and tricky King's attackers. There were opportunities late in the second half that could have seen Scots snatch a win but it wasn't to be. Overall, a sound start to the GPS competition but the boys should be prepared for some hard work on the training ground before travelling to Joey's in two weeks time.

Fifths
The 5ths had a great win. We were down at half time 2-0. By the time the final whistle blew the score was 4-3 in favour of Scots. William Pongrass scored two of the most spectacular goals you could ever see and the rest of the team combined well. The team had three fresh interchange players and that made a big difference as we were able to maintain our work rate for the entire match. Well done boys.

Mr Paul Haras
MIC Football
Cross Country

St Ignatius Meeting at Riverview – Saturday 4 June
The event was run within the grounds of St Ignatius’ College. This allows the spectators a great view of all the races—the leading runners can be seen as well as the individual tussles taking place back in the field. Scots’ runners performed well in this fourth points score meeting of the season. The Under 16 won again making up two points on King’s. In this race Nick Barrett was the second GPS runner and Matthew Scott third. Matt ran in a higher age group, showing how good he is.

Results:
Open (119 runners):  
Jackson Bursill – 26th
Cameron Alderman – 27th
Mitch Keating-Follas – 35th
David Mo – 55th  Team 7th

Under 16s (153 runners):  
Nick Barrett – 7th
Matthew Scott – 8th
Joe Mallet – 13th
Phoenix Love – 14th  Team 1st

Under 14s (165 runners):  
Hugo Breen – 18th
Christian Della Cioppa – 38th
Joe Skuse – 55th
Kelvin Mo – 63rd  Team 5th

Saturday 18 June
There is no meeting on the longweekend. On Saturday week we compete in the Trinity Relay at Ewan Park, Hurlstone Park. More details will be provided next week.

Mr Dennis Morgan
MIC Cross Country

Snowsports

Training
The training sessions are still open. Please visit the Scots Snowsports website: Online forms > Scots Community > Sydney Regional Race Training Programs. The schedule with the participants listed will be emailed to the boys and parents before we depart for the snow. These sessions are extremely valuable because the boys have the opportunity to ski the actual courses where the races are held. The sessions also provide an opportunity for team building. The sessions are held at Thredbo (XC at Perisher).
Information in the snow
The Interschool SMS service is available to gain current information about the races. In addition, we have our own information ‘hotline’ 1800 283546 with a recorded message that is designed to keep all Scots Snowsports parents and boys up to date with the latest information. The message will be updated daily as required. During race week, please check starting times and venues for the races on a daily basis because they are changed around according to snow conditions.

Interschool race volunteers
The team needs interschool race volunteers to fulfill its obligations. If you can spare a day to assist us in running some of the events your help will be appreciated. Don’t forget race volunteers receive a free day ticket when they act as officials. Please contact Mrs Kim Hough at kimhough@bigpond.net.au or phone on 0417 236978 if you can act as a volunteer.

Meetings
There will be a meeting for all participants on the Ski Trips/Snowsports Development Camps in Room S 304, on Tuesday 14 June, 12:45pm.

There will also be Interschool competition meetings for the different age groups on the following days:

- Years 7 and 8 (Division 3): Wednesday 15 June, 12:45pm
- Years 9-12 (Division 1 and 2) : Thursday 16 June, 12:45pm

Waivers
There are still many waivers outstanding. Please note that Interschools will not allow anybody to race without a signed waiver.

Please visit www.interschools.org.au NSW Sydney Championships Participant Waiver and complete the waiver form online.

The Redlands Cup waiver also needs to be printed out and returned to the College as soon as possible. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Mr Andrew Kovari
Director of Snowsports

Rugby
16s
The 16As side suffered their first loss of the season, going down 17-24, with injuries in key positions and some naivety in their decision making that will be worked on before the next game. The 16Bs won 24-10, the 16Cs won 17-0, and the 16E
team won by 27-10. Work in training will focus on defence across the year group, to show some resilience and stability in our defensive play and to provide a solid platform for attack.

**15s**
The 15As continued their good form, defeating King’s 19-12 in a spirited game of Rugby, which highlighted tough defence and line running by the loose forwards and mid-field players. The set piece play was equally a highlight. The 15Bs also recorded a win by 29-24, with players across the team playing with commitment and verve. In training, the focus for both teams will shift to continuity and contact work, aiming to keeping the ball for extended periods of time.

**14s**
The Under 14s age group had a strong showing against The King’s School last weekend. There were five teams that travelled to Parramatta having trained well during the week. The 14Es were the only side not to register a win with a very hard fought match going right down to the wire with King’s managing to secure the win with a try in added time. The final result was 12-10. The other teams registered good victories, with the 14As the pick of the bunch, winning 31-10. The aim now is to gain momentum from these wins, train well and build to what will be a tough battle against Joey’s next week.

**13s**
The Under 13s had a big challenge taking on such powerful teams from King’s. The 13Es were the team of the round with an outstanding win which will certainly see some players moved up for the next fixture. The 13Bs, 13Cs and 13Ds all had close fought losses in games where we needed better execution to ensure we scored more points. The 13Fs and 13Gs also played well in patches with both teams putting in a spirited effort. All teams will be focusing on their attacking skills over the next few weeks as we prepare for the big challenge against Joey’s on Saturday week.

Any parents interested in refereeing Saturday Rugby games please email Mr James Bowles at j.bowles@tsc.nsw.edu.au to receive further details.

**Mr Marcus Blackburn**
Director of Rugby

**Notices**

**Uniform Shop**
The Uniform Shop will close on Friday 24 June at 3:45pm for the school holidays. The shop will re-open for regular trading on Thursday 14 July, and resume normal hours, 8:00am to 3:45pm. As the shop is open the first Saturday of every term, for Term 3 the College Shop will be open Saturday 23 July from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

**Scots Parents’ 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 14 June. 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.

**Photos from Oliver Musical**

Parents that would like to purchase a photo CD from the Oliver musical, please email Alex Michael at alex.michael@student.tsc.nsw.edu.au

The photo CD cost $45.00 which includes all postage and handling. All proceeds go toward The Scots College Music Fund Program.

**The Scots Toastmasters Club**

Speechcraft is an eight-session beginners program to develop your communication and public speaking abilities. It is not conducted in a classroom, and you do not receive a grade.

Experienced Toastmasters present the fundamentals in the relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere of a Toastmasters Club, and you will receive positive feedback from these members and from your own peer group. Through participation you will become a more experienced and poised speaker.

In eight sessions, you may not get rid of the butterflies in your stomach, but you will have them ‘flying in formation’!

The Scots Toastmasters Club will be running a Speechcraft course in Term 3 of 2011, for eight weeks on Fridays, commencing on 22 July, with the last meeting on 9 September. The last four weeks will coincide with normal meetings. The sessions will commence at 10:00 am, and finish at around 12:30 pm, with a break for morning tea – always delicious! The cost is $100 per person, to cover the cost of manuals, printed materials and refreshments.

If you are interested in attending, or if you would like further information about the course, or about Toastmasters meetings in general, please call Pat Colquhoun on 9456 6000 or email pat@colquhouns.com for an application form.

**Senior School Photograph**

On Thursday 16 June, your son’s individual school photo and portrait photo will be taken. These photographs will be used to generate tutor group, house group and year group photos. There will also be opportunity for you to order portrait style photos. This process has already been completed for Year 12 in preparation for their year group photo.

Pixie Foto will be taking photographs of them on a pre-paid basis. Your son(s) have been given an ordering envelope which he must bring with him on the day to hand to the Pixie staff. Orders not received on the day will incur a late fee.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Berry m.berry@tsc.nsw.edu.au or Row Robinson r.robinson@tsc.nsw.edu.au.

Ms Melissa Berry
The Scots College Administration
Scots Charity Concert
The Scots Charity Concert 2011 will take place on 22 June. This will be held in the Verbruggen Hall at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Macquarie Street, Sydney beginning at 6:30pm. The Concert is in aid of The Royal Hospital for Women. Tickets are available for purchase at www.trybooking.com/11032. For more information click here to view the event poster. We look forward to a great evening of entertainment and fundraising.

Blackwatch Café Roster

**Monday 13 June**
Public Holiday – No school

**Tuesday 14 June, 9:45am - 1:30pm**
Catriona Small
Jane McIlroy

**Wednesday 15 June, 9:45am - 1:30pm**
Heidi Aldred
Sue Shaw

**Thursday 16 June, 9:45am - 1:30pm**
Cath Craven
Stephan Manns
Helen Topalov

**Friday 17 June, 10:00am - 2:00pm**
Bronwyn Tricks
Sarah Longworth
Janet Abernathy

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Blackwatch Café
Upcoming Events

- Football Support Group, Old Boys Reunion Match – Saturday 11 June.
- Scots Parents’ Prayer Group – Tuesday 14 June.
- The OASIS Film Night – Wednesday 15 June.
- Choral Evensong – Thursday 16 June at 6:30pm, College Chapel.
- Year 8 Parent Drinks – Friday 17 June.
- Scots Charity Concert – Wednesday 22 June.
- Prep Football Holiday Clinic – Monday 27 June to Wednesday 29 June.