FROM THE HEADMASTER

During the remainder of Term 1 and for the first couple of weeks into Term 2, Form Masters will be conducting interviews with parents to discuss their son's progress. It will also provide parents an opportunity to give some feedback and information about their son that will assist the Form Master in understanding his social, emotional and academic needs.

The interview will be approximately 15 minutes in length and I encourage parents to help keep to that time limit in order that the schedule is maintained. If you are unable to keep an appointment, could you please email the School as soon as possible. Form Masters will be sending out details of the interview schedule via email in the coming weeks.

Last Saturday’s Cocktail Party to welcome new parents was a wonderful evening in spite of the weather and I would like to thank Penny Burton and the Parents’ Association for making the event such a success.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Programme for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held in May for all pupils in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. This program will assess the literacy and numeracy proficiency of pupils in all Australian schools.

The results of the test will provide information to schools about what each child can do and will be used to support teaching programmes. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each pupil's level of achievement will be reported against the agreed national benchmarks.

Tests will be conducted across Australia on the same days for all pupils according to the following timetable:
- Tuesday 14 May: Language Conventions, Writing
- Wednesday 15 May: Reading
- Thursday 16 May: Numeracy

Parents are expected to receive their boy's results around the middle of September.  

Mr I R Stephens

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFANTS

A very special thank you to all the parents who volunteered to cover books for us. We really appreciate it!

Your son’s Message Book/Diary is a very important link between home and school. Please write to your son’s Form Master should you have any concerns about his academic progress or social development.

Thank you for farewelling your son at the car or gate, as this is allowing him to complete his morning routine independently. I would ask that boys arrive at School between 8:20am and 8:40am. After 8:20am the boys may enter their classroom and proceed to the playground. From 8:20am the playground becomes a supervised area for boys only. However, boys who arrive late often experience confusion and difficulties.

Finally, all boys are to be collected from the P-2 Driveway or Mawson Street, not from their classrooms.

By now many of our K-2 parents would have read the Parents and Children Reading Together booklet. As your son is taught to read at school, you can help to enhance his experiences by reading to him at home. It is most important that you continue to read many stories to and with him, and that you continue to do this even when he is able to read ‘chapter’ books for himself.

Remember, you are to become a good listener during reading time. The two golden rules are:

FROM THE SENIOR MASTER

Absences
We ask that parents advise the School Office by telephoning 8302 5200 by 9:00am on the morning of the first day of absence and on subsequent days if illness persists, if your son is unable to attend School. A message may be left with Reception. Absence from School must be explained by a letter, signed by a boy’s parent or guardian, which must be brought to the Form Master by the boy on the day he returns.

Please note that the Office Hours are 8:15am to 4:15pm.

A list of all the new telephone numbers is provided for you at the end of this Newsletter.

Summer Sport Photos
Boys in Years 3-6 will need to bring their Summer Sports Uniform to School on Tuesday for Team Photos. Boys will change into their Sports Uniform during the day.

Mr D W Fraser
1. Stay as silent as you can for as long as you can.
2. Leave as much of the problem solving as you can to your son. Wait! Give your son a chance to think and to solve the problem. Praise all efforts.

We are also looking forward to the Year 2 Swimming Carnival on Friday 15 March (11:15am - 12:45pm). We congratulate Mr Towney-Jones on his efforts in preparing both the boys and the programme. Please make sure your son remembers to bring his sunscreen. The boys will remain at school after the Carnival.

Next week, 2E will perform at Assembly (Friday 8 March). We look forward to seeing you at our Assemblies each week.

Ms L A Dorn

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Learning about our world
Our Debating Club of 100 boys has had two fabulous sessions led by two young gentleman who are both university debaters and who have posed some interesting topics. So far we have looked at banning smoking in public places, city life is better than country life and that TV is a bad influence as it encourages viewers to worship celebrities.

In order to build a strong case in debating, the boys need to know a lot about the world in which we live. What is the current status quo and is that acceptable or should we argue for a change? In order to persuade someone to change, you have to have a depth of knowledge about a whole host of general knowledge topics. Being part of Debating Club reminded me of how important it is to learn about the world. Here’s some tips that might assist you to develop this in your son:

- Watch the news (if he’s old enough) and talk about what’s happening in the world.
- Listen to the radio and discuss the big issues going on for that day.
- Talk about politics and how this country runs, compared to other countries. Most of the big issues will be being discussed this year, with an election on the horizon.
- And, finally, talk as a family. It’s interactive, free and reignites the ancient art of conversation!

It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it. Joseph Joubert

Mrs C J Merrick

FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

General
Our Basketball ‘G’ Team will play Barker tomorrow in Barker’s Senior School gym at 9:40am.

New Sports Office phone number is 8302 5246.

The week beginning Monday 11 March is the final week of Summer Sport. Summer Sport will resume at the beginning of Term 4.

CIS Sport
We congratulate Gus Cloney, Chris Choi and Richarde Li for trying out for representative honours. Both Chris and Richarde were successful in being selected for the IPSHA Basketball Team.

Last Friday night the CIS Awards Night was held, recognising the efforts of the best two students in each sport in both primary and secondary schools. About 120 talented young athletes were invited to attend. Justin Lee (Year 6) received the Red Level Award for Primary Sport for his excellent efforts and successes at the Nationals last year in swimming. Justin was also presented with The Most Outstanding Primary School’s Athlete Award. Congratulations Justin!

Winter Sport
All boys have made their sport choice for this coming winter. Boys playing football and rugby will require boots. Moulded soles are good, as are boots with aluminium studs. Screw-in studs are permitted if the studs are of one material. If you are in doubt about the boots, please show them to me.

Monday 18 March - Winter Sport training begins.

Please note:
All Rugby players require mouth guards for every training session and every game.
All Football players require shin guards for every training session and every game.

After School Winter Sport training days

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Mr R C Baker

FROM THE MUSIC MASTER

Ensembles
All ensembles are now underway and generally boys are arriving in time to help set up and tune ready for the 7:30am start. However, we still have a few boys on the attendance rolls who have not appeared! If you have a problem attending please see Mr Smith on Monday.
Instruments at School
During the school day ALL 3-6 instruments are to be left in the appropriate storage room and NOT in classrooms. Stringed instruments are to be placed in the racks in the Ensemble Room. Brass and woodwind instruments go into the music storeroom off Mrs Fane's Music Room.

College Street Concerts
14 March 6:30pm MA Music Scholars’ Concert WKR
Each year, the School's Music Scholars perform solo repertoire in this important concert. The standard of performance is always high and the audiences are always inspired by the level of music-making by these young musicians.

Mr M S Smith

FROM THE CHESS MASTER
Chess Club is under way for another year and it has been pleasing to see boys coming to their lessons enthusiastically and promptly. If you find your son's day is not convenient, please encourage them to enquire about a swap, there is room for movement on most days. This week a note will be coming home about the Primary Schools Chess Teams Competition held by the NSW Junior Chess League. If your son is interested, complete the form and send it back on your son’s chess day. Please keep in mind that unfortunately we are limited to the number of teams we can enter and not all boys wanting to join will be able to play on a team.

Mrs S J Ward

FROM THE LIBRARY
The Library has seen a steady stream of boys borrowing and returning books.

Last week in the Year 3-4 Assembly, the Premier's Reading Challenge was launched. All boys in Years 3-6 have been issued with their Read Across the Universe Passport, as part of the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). The boys have been informed during their Library lessons about the reading guidelines, where they can find books and how to fill in their passport. The PRC is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten-Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. Participation at Sydney Grammar is compulsory for students in Years 3-6. The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

For more information go to http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Students will enter the books they have read at School using their own username and passwords which will be issued to them during Library time. Students who successfully complete a validated online reading record qualify for a PRC certificate and will appear on the PRC Honour Roll.

This week in the Library we had a visit from Aaron Blabey, who is a noted children's author and illustrator. He entertained the boys in Year 3, reading from his much loved picture books and drawing some of the characters such as Charlie Parsley, Stanley Paste and Miss Annabel Spoon. Oliver Phommavanh, author of books Thai-riific! and Con-nerd spoke to the Year 5 boys about his ideas for writing stories that make you laugh. Last week performer and storyteller, Browyn Vaughn delighted the Year 1 boys in her production of Floating on a Sea of Stories. These stories were based on traditional children's stories from Japan.

I urge all boys in Preschool - Year 2 to bring with them to Library lessons their labeled library bag. If parents have not purchased a Library bag please do so from the Uniform shop. Parents are encouraged to come into the Library and browse our updated Parents' Reference Section. Included in this section are picture books containing stories about social issues.

Please note that the Library will be closed on Friday 15 March.

Mrs S J Hardwick

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NEW PHONE NUMBERS
Reception/Absences 8302 5200
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Facsimile: 9449 9875
After School Care Bookings 8302 5200
After School Care Direct Line: 8302 5226
Counsellor: 8302 5223
Headmaster's Secretary 8302 5217
Enrolments: 8302 5218
Music Secretary: 8302 5242
Sport Master: 8302 5246
Sport Wet Weather Line: 9990 8472
Tuckshop: 8302 5225
Uniform Shop: 8302 5224
## Calendar of Events - 4 March - 16 March

### Monday 4 March
- 7:45am - 8:20am: Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- 7:45am: Cross Country Training (Cowper)
- 8:45am - 12:30pm: Year 2 Excursion to the Sydney Observatory
- 10:00am: Assembly (3-4) (3M)

### Tuesday 5 March
- 10:30am - 12:00pm: Tour for Prospective Parents
- 12:30pm - 2:50pm: Lunchtime Concert (3-6)

### Wednesday 6 March
- 7:30am - 8:20am: ‘Bat and Ball’ Cricket Coaching (2-4)
- 8:30am - 3:00pm: IPSHA Swimming Carnival

### Thursday 7 March

### Friday 8 March
- 7:30am - 8:20am: Registration for Music Scholarships close
- 7:30am - 8:20am: ‘Bat and Ball’ Cricket Coaching (5-6)
- 7:45am - 8:20am: Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- 7:45am: Cross Country Training (Cowper)
- 9:00am: Year 3 Excursion to the Art Gallery
- 10:00am: Assembly (K-2) (2E SWEET)

### Saturday 9 March
- Summer Sport Round 5

### Monday 11 March
- Final Week of After School Summer Sport Practices
- 7:45am - 8:20am: Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- 7:45am: Cross Country Training (Cowper)
- 9:00am - 12:45pm: Year 1 Excursion to the Sydney Aquarium
- 10:00am: Assembly (5-6) (6G)

### Tuesday 12 March
- 12:30pm - 2:30pm: Melba Photos - Summer Sport
- 1:15pm - 1:30pm: Lunchtime Concert (3-6)

### Wednesday 13 March
- 7:30am - 8:20am: ‘Bat and Ball’ Cricket Coaching concludes (2-4)
- 9:00am - 10:30am: Author Visit - Year 4 - Steven Herrick
- 12:00pm - 12:30pm: Early Lunch for House Cross Country Carnival (3-6)
- 12:30pm - 2:50pm: House Cross Country Carnival (Years 3-6)

### Thursday 14 March
- Kindergarten Excursion to the Maritime Museum
- 1:00pm - 1:30pm: Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School

### Friday 15 March
- Auditions for Music Scholarships 2013
- 7:45am - 8:20am: Morning Fitness (Years 2-6) concludes
- 7:45am: Cross Country Training (Cowper)
- 10:00am: Assembly (K-2)
- 11:15am - 12:45pm: House Swimming Carnival (Year 2) (No PE lessons)
- 3:00pm: Newsletter
- 3:30pm: 3-6 Twilight Concert

### Saturday 16 March
- Summer Sport Round 6