FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents

The time away at camp has been a most positive experience for the boys involved. At both Point Wolstoncroft and Broken Bay, the activities presented were challenging and fun, conducted in groups with an emphasis on team building. Our boys responded enthusiastically to the programme and staff at each camp commented on the boys’ positive attitude and co-operation.

I am sure parents have enjoyed hearing of their son’s adventures and have recognised new independence and confidence as a result.

On Friday 13 May the School will hold its annual Open Day. Current and prospective parents and visitors are warmly invited to attend from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. This is an opportunity to see the School at work; to watch Form Masters with their classes, specialist teachers at work and the boys involved in a wide range of activities. As well as seeing boys in class, parents and visitors will be able to hear the School Orchestra and St Ives Singers, visit the new Drama, Art and Science rooms and watch sport, chess and debating.

At the conclusion of Open Day the School closes and boys may leave with their parents. Early next term a form will be sent home asking for details of your son’s travel arrangements. It is important to note that the After School Care Centre will not operate on Friday 13 May and only Forest Coachlines buses going to Chatswood and Gordon will leave from the School grounds.

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This is the final newsletter for this term, which concludes at 12:00 noon on Wednesday 6 April. I hope the holiday provides families with time to relax together free from routine; and the chance to share some good books.

During the holidays Mr Liddell and Mr Lupton will travel to Barcelona to take part in a coaching programme with the Barcelona Football Academy, known as La Masia. We wish them a most successful trip and I shall look forward to welcoming the School community back for the start of Term Two.

HEADMASTER’S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following boys who have earned Headmaster’s Awards this fortnight.

Name           Class               Name               Class
C Choy 3L      M Lin 5A
T Malhotra 3L  M Smith 6D
O Dyne 3M      J Tan 5S
J Lee 4B       W Song 5A
A Evans 5M     S Hastings 5S
A Abela 3H     E Pridgen 5S
H Sureshkumar 3H  N Abuja 5S
J Van der Merwe 3L  B Lau 5S
B Sergeant 3L  F Veeneklaas 5A
J Delbridge 3L  A Lees 5A
S Zhao 3M      S巴斯 5C
J Tallent 3H   L Tan 3H
A Chang 3H     B Ringrose 4B
K Ganeshalingam 3H  R Pala 3H
L Parker 3M    E Leung 4B
M Ogawa 3L     M Huang 4L
M Dalgleish 3L  M Wong 4L
J Lee 3M       J Alderson 4L
A Crafter 3M   M Croker 4H
M McDonald 4H  F Clarke 4H
T Johnston 4H  C Choi 4H

Mrs R J Lee
Over the last two weeks, the following boys have successfully implemented the Social Skill of the Week - 'Saying No Nicely' or 'Being Yourself':

- TrB  William Wong & Jai Nandan
- TrE  Alex Luk & Emanuel Gorgas
- 1M  Nicholas Christal & Ben Adamson
- 1W  Rohan Keshava & Charlie Quin
- 2C  Aaron Chua-Tran & Charles Makeham
- 2F  Brandon Yoo & Alex Hua

Please note there will be no Tr - 2 Assembly on Friday, 29 April 2011 (Term Two, Week One).

Ms L A Dorn

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2011

In May 2011 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be undertaken by pupils in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of pupils in all Australian government and non-government schools. The tests will be conducted across Australia from 10-12 May. Any preparation we consider useful will be done at School by the Form Masters.

Premier's Reading Challenge-The Grammar Challenge

Our Grammar Challenge for the holiday is to read, read and read some more. Read widely and read for pleasure! Read often and share what you read with others! Read whatever you want, whenever you want and lose yourself in a great book, for hours on end. There is nothing better to enrich the mind and the soul than reading.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Dr Seuss. Have a wonderful holiday!

Mrs C J Merrick

FROM THE MUSIC MASTER

Final Assembly

Sartory Strings will play next Wednesday at Final Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend to hear the boys perform.

Ensemble Rehearsals

A reminder that all ensembles rehearse as usual up until the end of this term and recommence from the first day of Term 2.
AMEB

Boys intending to sit for an AMEB examination in Term 3 should aim to have all their technical work up to speed by the end of the holidays. Parents please use the record book to check with tutors regarding AMEB entry.

Hired Instruments

Please check that your son’s name and current class is clearly written in the key tag. Also, a reminder that if anything goes wrong with a hired instrument, it should be brought in to the Music Office. Please do not try to fix it or take it to a repairer.

Mr M S Smith

FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

SGS Preparatory Football Camp

This camp will be held at Weigall on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 April from 9:00am – 12:00pm. It is open to boys under 8 to under 12. Please direct all enquiries to the Sports Department at College Street on 9332 5832. Forms may be obtained from the School Office. For interest in a Rugby camp, please see Mr Baker.

Northside Tennis Holiday Camp

Date: 13 – 17 April from 9:00am – 12:00pm daily.
Cost: $125.00 (maximum 6 per class)
Venue: School Court
Enquiries: Mr Armond d’Jani, 0418 242 626

Mr R C Baker

FROM THE DRAMA MASTER

Year 3 Performances

This week the Year 3 boys presented their readers theatre performance: ‘St George and the Dragon’ to the K-2 boys. A big thank you to Mrs Hardwick, Mr Lupton, Mr Maunder and the parents of Year 3 for supporting this creative venture and for helping the boys with their characters, costumes and lines.

Year 6 Performances in Term 2

Year 6 boys have been very busy rehearsing for next term’s performances. They will be presenting the play ‘Willy Waxman’ during Week 5 of next term. The boys have been busy developing their characters and learning more about stagecraft as we rehearse the play each week. The boys will be expected to learn their lines and organise their costumes during the holidays, and parental guidance would be appreciated. Already some notable performances are emerging!

Ms M F Wheatley

FROM THE ITALIAN FORM MASTER

Ciao a tutti! On Monday, James Adams, a historian and specialist in warfare of both the ancient world and the medieval period, accompanied by his assistant Kyla, came to present a most informative and entertaining talk to Year 6. He spoke about the weapons, armour, tactics and life of a soldier in the ancient Egyptian, Greek and Roman armies. Several of the boys were dressed up in full military gear and demonstrated tactics and weaponry - all reproductions and quite ‘safe’. We learned of the differences between these great armies and had some lively discussion and questions about all manner of ‘ancient’ facts including the Phoenicians, Alexander the Great, the Persians, Spartans, the Chinese and Hannibal. The boys were then able to try on armour, chain mail and helmets as well as hold some of the weapons and shields. It was incredible to realise how fit these soldiers must have been to wear and carry their gear and to travel the distances they did.

At the end of the presentation we watched James operate his latest weapon, an authentic miniature Roman ‘ballista’. Year 5 recently completed their first Italian speaking assessment. Each boy was required to learn a part in a role play, which we practised in class, to perform with a partner or group using the vocabulary and structures we have studied at school during the term. I was very pleased to hear the boys’ wonderful Italian accents and I am looking forward to hearing Year 6 next Monday. Year 5 enjoyed eating ‘crostoli’ and making a ‘Carnevale’ mask. Buon lavoro, ragazzi!

Mrs J M Matheson

FROM THE CHESS CO-ORDINATOR

Chess teams are being finalised for the Inter Schools Chess Competition which will commence next Term. Boys selected will be notified next week.

Chess Club will conclude this week. There will be no chess for the last week of the Term 1. Chess Club will recommence next Term in Week 2 (Monday 2 May).

Remember, ‘Good positions don’t win games, good moves do’

Mrs S J Hardwick
## Calendar of Events 4 – 30 April 2011

**MONDAY 4 APRIL**
- 10:00am: Assembly (5-6) (Term Awards)
- 11:00am – 3:00pm: Peer Support Training for Year 6 (1)

**TUESDAY 5 APRIL**
- 9:00am – 3:00pm: Peer Support Training for Year 6 (2)
- 10:00am: Assembly (3-4) (Term Awards)
- 1:15pm – 1:30pm: Lunchtime Concert (3-6)

**WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL**
- 10:35am: End of Term Icy Poles Given to Winning Houses – Fields
- 11:00am: Final Assembly (3-6)
- 12:00pm: Term 1 Ends

**WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL**
- 8:40am: Term 2 Commences
- 10:00am: Assembly (3-6) (Start of Term/ANZAC Service)
- 3:00pm: Winter Sport After School Practices Recommence

**THURSDAY 28 APRIL**
- 1:00pm – 1:30pm: Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School

**FRIDAY 29 APRIL**
- 7:30am – 8:30am: Ball and Boy commences – Football (5&6)/Rugby (3-6)

**SATURDAY 30 APRIL**
- Winter Sport Round 1

### 2011 Term Dates
- **Thursday 27 January** – Orientation Day (New boys)
- **Term I** Friday 28 January – Wednesday 6 April
- **Term II** Wednesday 27 April – Friday 24 June
- **Term III** Tuesday 19 July – Friday 16 September
- **Term IV** Monday 10 October – Tuesday 6 December (Presentation Day)