From the Headmaster

Dear Parents

Last Saturday’s Cocktail Party to welcome new parents was well attended and I congratulate Mrs Mamdy Kwan-Ng and the Parents Association on a most successful evening.

Boys in Years 3-6 have now taken part in their house swimming carnivals with that for Years 1 and 2 to be held in the near future. For those boys in the School swimming team, there have also been invitational carnivals and next Monday the team will compete in the IPSHA Carnival; and I wish all swimmers well.

The first Students’ Representative Council meeting for the year will take place on Friday. The SRC, made up of representatives from each class in Years 2-6, comes together to discuss matters relating to the running of the School and I congratulate the following boys who have been elected as class representatives for this year:

Year 2 2C Regan Benedetti and James Castle
2E Alexander Panikian and Spencer Selikowitz
Year 3 3B Yasith Tillekeratne and Benett Tsai
3D Justin Huynh and Benjamin Moy
3M Will Gerstl and Jeremy Ho
Year 4 4B Jonathan Brener and Ethan Hume
4L Michael Grenier and Aeden MacNamara,
4S Aaron Chang and Ethan Wong
Year 5 5A Cameron Chang and James Marchant
5F Reuben Gliksten and Matis Renard
5P Jaden Deheragoda and Piers Hobkirk
Year 6 6B Jack Lee and Edward Lowe
6L Charles Sengupta and Jason Tan
6T Hugh Severn and Daniel Yim

All parents are invited to attend the Reading Information Session to be held on Wednesday 7 March in the Library at 1:00 pm, where the focus will be supporting readers in all stages of their development.

The Library continues to be a popular place for boys to visit before and after school and at lunch times. Congratulations to the leaders of Cowper House who successfully introduced a new lunchtime activity this week, with one minute book talks and refreshments for boys in their house.

HEADMASTER’S AWARDS

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

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Mrs R J Lee

From the Senior Master

Cyber Safety Parent Session

A reminder that Chris Webster, an expert in the field of ‘Cyber Safety’ will talk to staff and parents in the Hall on Monday 26 March at 7:00pm. Chris will cover many relevant areas including:
• An introduction to the concept of ‘cyber bullying’
• An outline of the different social media used by teenagers
• The advantages and disadvantages of these media
• Discuss common traps for teenagers
• Discuss parent roles and messages parents need to send.

Chris has a website that you may wish to visit beforehand: www.cyberbullying.info. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at this important initiative.

**Years 1 and 2 Afternoon Pick Up**

Year 1 and 2 boys are picked up from the Upper Gate in Mawson Street at the end of each day. Boys are walked across and dismissed by their Form Masters. **On very wet days the gate will not be opened and boys are to be picked up from Ayres Road in the K-2 Driveway instead.** This decision is usually made by 2:30pm in most instances. On a ‘wet day’ please do not assume that the gate will definitely be closed and the pick up is in Ayres Rd. Obviously Ayres Road is busy each day as it is, so the aim would be to dismiss as many boys as possible from Mawson Street. I would appreciate your co-operation and patience with this situation.

**Lost Keys**

If you have lost a set of keys this week, please see the staff at the School Office.

**Farewell Afternoon Tea for Mrs Lee**

The Parents’ Association will be organising a Farewell Afternoon Tea for Mrs Lee on Friday 30 March, 3:20pm until 4pm. Please note this date in your diary, and more details will follow in the next Newsletter.

Mr D W Fraser

**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFANTS**

**Building a Positive School Environment**

At St Ives our aim to create an atmosphere of awareness, harmony and encouragement through the School code of Respect, Co-operation and Friendship. As we know, our theme for 2012 is Promoting Harmony. To help build a positive school environment we use a variety of arrangements including:

• Communication of information through regular newsletters, information evenings and our orientation programme for new students and staff
• Regular staff and grade meetings
• Buddy System in Years 3 -6
• Friendship Groups in Years K-2
• House System
• Open assemblies for K-2, 3-4 and 5-6 – we encourage parents to attend

• Parent class representatives
• Leadership opportunities for pupils (e.g. House, School, Sports and Music Captains, Monitors and Peer Support Leaders)

Last week, I was most impressed to hear from a fellow teacher about a young pupil in Year 6 being genuinely helpful when she was overloaded carrying books and rubbish across the playground. Typical of many boys in our school, he asked whether he could help her put the rubbish in the bin, (which was a good distance across the school). It is always refreshing to hear positive stories about boys demonstrating Respect, Co-operation and Friendship, not only with each other but also with their teachers.

Mr M J Tait

**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE**

By now many of you 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:

Stay as silent as you can for as long as you can.
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 and praise all efforts.
We are also looking forward to the Years 1 & Year 2 Swimming Carnival on Friday, 16 March (11:15 - 12:45pm). We congratulate Ms Alimpic on her 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.

Over the last two weeks, the following boys have successfully implemented the Social Skill of the Week - ‘Sharing With Others’ or ‘Playing Fairly’:

- TE Jaiman Dugal & Jonathan Choy
- TR Raymond Lee & Milon Kalia
- 1H Nicholas Johnstone & Zaccheus Garrett
- 1P Dean Cvetkovski & William Wong
- 2C Samuel Rich & Kalan Rossiter
- 2E Christopher Calthorpe & Zachary Liew

Next week, Ms Alimpic will create a PDHPE display (K-2 Entrance) and discuss Health and Safety issues at Assembly (Friday, 9 March). We look forward to seeing you at our Assemblies each week.

Ms I. A Dorn

### FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

**Children and Sleep – Part I**

Recently, a number of parents have asked me the question, ‘How much sleep does a child need?’ In our ‘Getting Ready for Senior Primary’ course, we asked all of Year 5 what time they went to sleep and how many hours sleep they had a night. It was pleasing to hear that they read in bed but the difference in the number of hours across the grade was vast and some of the figures were a little worrying. Dr Karl Kruszelnicki from Sydney University said, “Thirty percent of your life is spent sleeping, if you don’t get it right it can have a serious impact on how you function every day.” He was part of the Big Sleep Survey, conducted in Science Week in 2010.

Sleep is as important to the human body as food and water, but many of us don’t get enough sleep. A sleepy fatigued person is accident prone, judgement impaired and more likely to make mistakes and bad decisions. I will explore this idea more in the coming weeks.

**Interesting fact #1:** A new baby typically results in 400-750 hours lost sleep for parents in the first year.

**K-6 Parent Reading Information Session**

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 7 March from 1:00-2:30pm starting in the Hall

Mrs C J Merrick

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### FROM THE MUSIC MASTER

**Concerts at College Street**

The Music Association Music Scholars’ Concert will be held on Thursday 8 March 6:30pm Level 7 of the Wallace King Room. 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. No booking is required.

Mr M S Smith

### FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

**House Carnivals**

Congratulations to all boys for their excellent efforts throughout last week's House Swimming Carnival. Dent established an early lead, going on to record a memorable victory.

We congratulate Justin Lee (Year 5) for equalling (1) or breaking School records (5), including the 200m freestyle record set in 1991 by Phillip Brosgath; Justin lowered the time by 9 seconds!

We now look forward to our 3-6 House Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday, March 14.

**IPSHA Swim Carnival**

We wish our swimmers all the best as they compete at the Sydney Olympic Pool this Monday. Boys are asked to be at the front of our School ready for a 7:00 am departure. Boys should be wearing their Grammar track suit, have 2 towels, a water bottle and food enough for the day. Boys are welcome to go home from the carnival with their parents.

Mr R C Baker

### FROM THE ITALIAN MASTER

I congratulate Year 6 boys on the wonderfully creative and entertaining songs, raps (with fabulous music), chants and stories they composed and performed during our Italian lesson this week. We have been ‘visiting’ the caffè and gelateria learning the language necessary to order and pay for items. It has been an enjoyable experience sharing cultural knowledge and experiences. We have watched coffee, gelato and cannoli being made. I hope to film the boys next week so these fine performances can be shared with the Edgecliff boys. Year 5 are taking a quick ‘trip’ to Venezia enjoying the uniqueness of the city, its beautiful architecture and monuments. We are making a small gondola for our trip. Buon lavoro, ragazzi!

Mrs J A Matheson
## Calendar of Events 3 March 2012 - 17 March 2012

### MONDAY 5 MARCH
- **7:30am - 8:20am** IPSHA Swimming Carnival
- **9:00am - 12:45pm** Year 2 Excursion to the Sydney Observatory
- **10:00am** Assembly (5-6) (SF - Healey) (School Awards)

### TUESDAY 6 MARCH
- **10:00am** Assembly (3-4) (3D - Healey) (School Awards)
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm** Lunchtime Concert (3-6)

### WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH
- **7:30am - 8:20am** 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (2-4)
- **1:00pm - 2:30pm** K-6 Reading Information Session for Parents

### THURSDAY 8 MARCH
- **9:00am - 1:00pm** Year 1 Excursion to the Sydney Aquarium

### FRIDAY 9 MARCH
- **7:30am - 8:20am** Morning Fitness (2-6)
- **10:00am** Registration for Music Scholarships 2012 close
- **11:15am - 12:45pm** Assembly (T-2) (Health & Fitness)

### SATURDAY 10 MARCH
- **Summer Sport Round 5**

### MONDAY 12 MARCH
- **Final Week of After School Summer Sport Practices**
- **K-2 Parent/Teacher Interviews commence**
- **7:30am - 8:20am** Morning Fitness (2-6)
- **10:00am** Assembly (5-6) (6B - Cowper)

### TUESDAY 13 MARCH
- **10:00am** Assembly (3-4) (4S - Cowper)
- **1:00pm - 2:30pm** Melba Photos - Summer Sport
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm** Lunchtime Concert (3-6)

### WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH
- **7:30am - 8:20am** 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (2-4)
- **8:50am** House Meetings Session #2 (3-6)
- **1:30pm - 2:50pm** House Cross-Country Carnival (3-6)

### THURSDAY 15 MARCH
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm** Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School

### FRIDAY 16 MARCH
- **7:30am - 8:20am** Morning Fitness (2-6)
- **7:30am - 8:20am** 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (2-4)
- **10:00am** Assembly (T-2)
- **11:15am - 12:45pm** House Swimming Carnival (1-2)
- **3:00pm** Newsletter
- **3:30pm** 3-6 Twilight Concert

### SATURDAY 17 MARCH
- **Summer Sport Round 6**

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### FROM THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN

Having boys entering the Library at any opportunity is vitally important and this week there has been a continued and renewed interest in borrowing and visiting the Library. Last week, Lachlan Renshaw took a break from training for the 2012 London Olympics to speak with the Year 3 boys as an Old Sydneian and former Cowper House Vice Captain. There was much excitement in the Library this week as the first of our House ‘One-minute Talks’ was hosted by Cowper House. Thank you to our surprise guests from Cowper House Ms Duckmanton, Mr Cranna, Oliver Hervir and Charlie Abel who spoke about their favourite books. Cowper House Committee provided delicious cupcakes which concluded the event. Next term, Dent House will host their ‘One-minute Talks’.

On Wednesday we had a visit from author Chris Cheng who enthused the Year 4 boys with poetry writing. Come into the Library and look at the new display of “Staff Favourites”. These are books that the Staff have read to boys at the School.

Please note that the Library will be closed from 8:00am until 4pm on Wednesday 21 March.

Mrs S J Hardwick