From the Headmaster

There were a couple of moments at the K-2 Cross Country Carnival that I want to share with you. At the conclusion of the Year 2 event as the last few runners neared the end, the whole two classes stood on the finishing line, encouraging the boys to finish strongly and there was a joyous celebration as they all completed the race. At that moment, the focus was on participating and supporting, not just what order they finished in.

I was also impressed by the way 5A and many Year 6 boys encouraged all the younger ones, as they made their way around the course. Some needed to be steered in the right direction and others urged them to keep going. It was a wonderful sight watching many K-2 boys flanked by tall Year 6 boys cheering them to the finish. In my mind, that is a perfect example of leadership; serving the School community. I have seen it many times in my few short weeks at St Ives: in the Cross Country Carnival, at Sir Eric Woodward School or even raising money for the Humpty Dumpty Foundation at the Balmoral Burn. There is no fuss or a demand to be in the spotlight, but a willingness to put others first and be an example for others to follow.

Request for Holiday Leave

I would like to remind parents about the School’s policy for leave. Leave is granted for exceptional reasons only and the extension of a holiday does not count as a reason. A request by a parent for Leave of Absence for their son must be made in writing well in advance and such leave will only be granted for extraordinary or compassionate reasons. I would appreciate parents being mindful of the beginning and end of each term and plan their holidays accordingly.

Mr I R Stephens

From the Senior Master

This is our first electronic Newsletter. There may be a few teething problems with bouncing emails, but we hope to have these sorted out very quickly. Please remember that the Newsletter is always published on the School’s website, under Publications, and there will always be some hard copies in the Office Foyer. You will note that there will be additional notes which may be attached to your emailed School Newsletter, including the Parents’ Association Newsletter.

Boys who have borrowed spare clothing from the Office are asked to return these items (washed) as soon as possible. With recent rain and mud, the Office Staff have done their best to change the boys who have very muddy or wet clothes. If parents have any spare blue shirts or grey shorts of any size, which their sons may have grown out of, they will be very useful in the Office, as our supplies are very low. There is a large amount of Lost Property outside the 5F Classroom, including many tracksuit jackets and lunchboxes. Please remind your son to check this box regularly and name all your son’s belongings.

Dates for 2013 have been published at the end of this Newsletter, to help parents with planned holidays.

Mr D W Fraser

From the Director of Pastoral Care

Last week in Peer Support the boys participated in activities helping them to identify and accept differences in others. The boys also identified ways they can demonstrate being caring through their actions. Discuss with your sons the importance of accepting differences in other people. Perhaps take the time to highlight and discuss the various differences people may have (e.g. appearance, religion, culture, disabilities) to help further support our theme of Promoting Harmony. It would also be beneficial to share the qualities they appreciate in their own friends.

On another note, I would like to personally thank Mr Maffey (former Headmaster of St Ives), for giving up his valuable time last week to sit down and discuss the history of our four houses, namely Cowper, Dent, Francis and Healey. His insightful knowledge and stories of the history of the School was not only beneficial for our Year 6 House Leaders, but also helped provided further information for the archives.

Mr M J Tait
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFANTS

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the K-2 Cross Country Carnival last week. Congratulations to all the boys who took part in the Carnival and a special thank you to all the Staff for preparing the boys and for organising the event. The boys displayed great enjoyment and endurance on the day. Well done everyone!

This year, all parents of K-2 boys have met with their son's Form Master to discuss their progress. Academic and social issues have been discussed, as well as each boy's work habits - concentration and independence. At the end of this term, a School Report will be sent home detailing your son's progress during this half-year.

Over the last two weeks, the following boys have successfully implemented the Social Skill of the Week - 'Looking for Good in Others' or 'Giving and Receiving Compliments'.

- TE  Leo Colls & Joseph Hain
- TR  Zack Winslow & Raymond Lee
- 1H  Jayden Fung & Emanuel Gorgas
- 1P  Nathan Marjoram & Eric Yoo
- 2C  Stephen Lin & Evan Wang
- 2E  Thomas Heathcote & Nicholas Woods

On Friday, 22 June Miss Murray will introduce Bambini and Pennington Strings at Assembly. We would love to see you there.

Ms L A Dorn

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

How cybersmart are you?
Cybersmart Tip #4: Stay Legal

The internet is a great place for sharing but you need to remember that you are responsible for what you share online. And that means there can be a very serious side to all the fun.

- Respect other people's content. If you want to post content or images that aren't yours, ask first. Check with your mum or dad before you post on content that you find online.
- Read the terms and conditions of any photo-sharing sites or other sites on which you can post information. Ask your mum or dad to run through the details so you're clear about what's expected of you as a user.
- Check any age limits on a website. If you're not the right age, find another site to visit. Did you know you have to be 14 to register with Facebook?
- Think before you hit send or post. Once posted, it can be online forever. Don't post anything you don't want others to know—or that you wouldn't say to them face to face.

Please take 5 minutes to discuss this cybersmart tip with your son. You will have the biggest influence on what is and isn't appropriate behaviour by your son who is using your computer. Awareness and education are the best methods to combat inappropriate online behaviour.

Da Vinci Decathlon

Last week, our Year 6 da Vinci team came second overall at the da Vinci decathlon. Over 800 children competed in 10 events and the boys did so well as they flexed their mental muscles and wrestled with the challenges that emulated the amazing talents of the great Leonardo da Vinci. Our boys were placed 1st in Philosophy, 1st in Science, 2nd in English and 2nd in General Knowledge. At the conclusion of the day, the boys waited behind to personally thank Knox staff for their huge effort in hosting such a great day (and out of over 140 teams, we were apparently the only school to do so). It just goes to show that a good education is so much more than what can be measured with a NAPLAN score!

It's the things that can't be measured that may be worth the most; a love of beautiful things, a thirst for learning, an appreciation of others' differences, a kind word and a thoughtful deed.

Mrs C J Merrick

FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

Inter School Sport
We have been delighted with the boys progress through the Winter Sport programme. It is evident those who are attending the Ball & Boy sessions and who are practising at recess and lunch because their skills are progressing rapidly.

Parents and boys are asked to note the following reminders:
- Boys should arrive to their games wearing their warm Grammar track suit
- Be with their coach at least 15 minutes prior to kick off.

Dance Night
Dance Night is the culmination of our 4 week dance programme which all our Years 3-6 boys join in, as part of their PE lessons.

All families are invited to attend our Annual Dance Night, to be held in the hall from 7:00pm – 8:00pm, Wednesday 20 June. Boys may wear fancy dress or casual clothes.
**Holiday Camp Years Years 2-6**
Vacancies are available in all sports for the camp which will be held on Wednesday 27 June to Thursday 3 July. Forms are available through the Office, or phone the Sports Office on 9488 6320.

**Northside Tennis Holiday Camps at Killara, with Armond Djani (Tennis Coach)**
Camp 1 - 4-6 July 9-12 noon $90  
Camp 2 - 9-13 July 9-12 noon $135  
All enquiries to Armond 0418 242 626

**Rugby Promotion Afternoon Years 1-6**
All boys are welcome to attend our second Rugby Afternoon on Friday, June 22.  
K-2 boys will practice from 2:45pm, finishing off with a BBQ at 4:15pm, ready for a 4:30pm pick up.  
Year 3-6 boys will start at 3:00pm and will also finish at 4:30pm.  
Mr R C Baker

**FROM THE MUSIC MASTER**

**Band Tour**
Boys attending the Band Tour to the South Coast during the coming holidays are reminded that their rehearsal weekend at St Ives is Saturday 23 to Sunday 24 June.

**King’s School, Auckland, New Zealand**
In Term 3 we are pleased to be hosting boys from King’s School during their orchestra tour to Sydney. If your son toured New Zealand with our School Orchestra last year, this would be an excellent opportunity to reciprocate and to renew friendships. We are looking for 19 Grammar families to billet boys in pairs for 3 nights: Sunday 2, Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 September. Please contact the Music Office to register your interest. As the boys are aged 11-13 offers from families with a boy in Years 5 or 6 would be the most appropriate. **Please see the Billet Form attachment with this Newsletter.**

**FROM THE ITALIAN MASTER**

Year 6 is studying a unit of work on Italian food and, as part of this topic, each boy has been asked to undertake a project to prepare a simple (2 course) Italian meal for his family to enjoy. To inspire our budding chefs, the boys participated in a wonderful cooking and language class this week with Italian chef and teacher, Luca Roncari (from ‘Piatto Perfetto’). They assisted Luca in making pasta fresca (fresh pasta) and they took turns to prepare a delicious sauce (salsa delicata con pancetta e zucchine) which we all ate together. Luca conducted the lesson in Italian and the boys certainly looked the part in their aprons (grembiuli) and hats (cappelli). I hope they will make this delicious meal for you at home in the future. Buon appetito!

Mrs J A Matheson

**FROM THE LIBRARY**

The last couple of weeks have seen a steady flow of boys reading, borrowing and talking about books from ‘Hot Pics’, new releases, the Italian and magazine displays in the Library.

Two visitors to the library this term have been the author John Heffernan and illustrator Donna Rawlins. John inspired the Year 6 and Year 4 boys with a three day writing workshop. Last week Year 4 boys saw the work of illustrator Donna Rawlins and in particular, her drawings in the book My Place.

There was much excitement in the Library this week as Dent House hosted ‘One-minute Talks’. Thank you to our surprise guests from Dent House - Miss Ford, Mr Liddell, Henry Pierce and Nixon Du - who spoke about and read from their favourite books. Dent House Committee provided delicious cupcakes which concluded the event. A reminder for all Library books to be returned next week ready for holiday borrowing.

**Debating**
A reminder to the boys in the Debating team, please arrive promptly at 7:45am.

**FROM THE CHESS MASTER**

**Primary Chess Club: Years 3-6**
The Inter School Chess Competition is well under way with Round 6 to be played this Friday 8 June. Teams A, B, C and D will finish at the end of this term after playing Round 7 on 15 June. Teams E and F will play an extra two rounds in Term 3. The correct dates for these two rounds are 20 and 27 July which are in Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 3. Please adjust your draw to show the corrected dates.

Chess Club will conclude at the end of Week 9. Term 3 Chess Club will begin in Week 2. If your son needs to change his morning or if there are any other issues please put your request in writing to me and I will do my best to make the necessary adjustments.

Mrs S E Heffernan
### Calendar of Events 11 June – 27 June 2012

#### MONDAY 11 JUNE
- **Queens Birthday Public Holiday**

#### TUESDAY 12 JUNE
- **10:00am** Assembly (3-4) (3D Cowper)
- **11:00am** Tour of the School for Prospective Parents
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm** Lunchtime Concert

#### WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE
- **7:30am – 8:20am** Ball & Boy - Football (1-4)
- **8:50am – 9:25am** Peer Support Groups - Session #4
- **12:45pm** Cowper House BBQ

#### THURSDAY 14 JUNE
- **3:00pm – 4:30pm** ‘The Pirates or Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal
- **8:00am - 11:30am** Photos - Staff, Class, Individual & Brothers

#### FRIDAY 15 JUNE
- **7:30am – 8:20am** Ball & Boy - Football (5&6) / Rugby (3-6)
- **10:00am** Assembly (T-2)
- **1:00pm** Chess Round 7
- **3:30pm** 3-6 Twilight Concert (5)

#### SATURDAY 16 JUNE
- **1:00pm - 5:00pm** Winter Sport Round 7
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm** ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

#### MONDAY 18 JUNE
- **10:00am** Assembly (5-6) Term Awards
- **12:45pm** SRC Meeting
- **3:00pm - 4:30pm** ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

#### TUESDAY 19 JUNE
- **10:00am** Assembly (3-4) Term Awards
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm** Lunchtime Concert

#### WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE
- **Maths Olympiads II (Year 6)**
- **7:00am – 8:00am** Ball & Boy - Football (5&6) / Rugby (3-6)
- **8:50am – 9:25am** Peer Support Groups - Session 5
- **9:00am - 10:30am** Year 1 Medieval Banquet Rehearsal
- **7:00pm - 8:00pm** Dance Night (Whole Family)

#### THURSDAY 21 JUNE
- **11:00am- 1:00pm** Year 1 Medieval Banquet
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm** Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School
- **3:00pm - 4:30pm** ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

### FRIDAY 22 JUNE
- **7:30am - 8:20am** Ball & Boy - Football (5&6) / Rugby (1-6)
- **8:40am** Year 1-2 Chess Club & 3-6 Chess Coaching ends for Term 2Y
- **9:00am - 2:30pm** Year 3 Excursion to Tobruk Sheet Station
- **10:00am** Assembly (T-2) (Music Assembly)
- **10:35am** End of Term Icy Poles for winning Houses T-2 Reading Groups conclude
- **12:10pm** Chess Round 8
- **3:00pm** Newsletter

#### SATURDAY 23 JUNE
- **No Sport**
- **Band Tour Rehearsal**
- **1:00pm - 5:00pm** ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

#### MONDAY 25 JUNE
- **3:00pm - 4:30pm** ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

#### TUESDAY 26 JUNE
- **Term 2 Ends**
- **2:00pm** Reports Sent Home (K-6)
- **2:00pm** Final Assembly (3-6)

#### WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE
- **9:00am - 3:00pm** Holiday Sport Camp Years 2-6 (Until 3 July)

### 2012 Term Dates
- **Term 1** Tuesday 31 January – Thursday 5 April
- **Term 11** Thursday 26 April – Tuesday 26 June
- **Term III** Thursday 19 July – Friday 14 September
- **Term IV** Monday 8 October – Monday 3 December (last day of School) Tuesday 4 December (Presentation Day)

### 2013 Term Dates
- **New Boys Orientation : Tuesday 29 January**
- **Term 1** Wednesday 30 January – Friday 12 April
- **Term 11** Monday 29 April – Friday 21 June
- **Term III** Tuesday 16 July – Friday 13 September
- **Term IV** Tuesday 8 October – Tuesday 3 December