Dear Parents

Recently boys from St Ives joined around 40 other schools and some 500 pupils, to take part in the annual da Vinci Decathlon. The programme involved teams of children from Year 5 and Year 6, engaged in a variety of problem solving activities including code breaking, engineering, general knowledge and poetry. Both of our teams showed focus, determination and teamwork in facing the challenges of the day and were announced the overall winners, in their respective categories.

So for yet another year, the shiny silver cups will remain at the School. Congratulations to the boys involved in Year 6, Matthew Brener, Anthony Chan, Daniel Cheung, David Chong, Tiger Chou, Kevin Liman, Andreas Orsmond, Alexander Su and Year 5, William Chua, Hamish Dodd, Charles Jameson, William Lind, Marcus Loane, Owen MacNamara, Thomas Sinn, Nathan Tie and to Mrs Merrick and Miss Chadwick.

This week musicians from Edgecliff, St Ives and College Street performed at College Street in a Combined Bands’ Concert conducted by Dr Robert Busan. For members of the Stevens Concert Band it was an opportunity to play in the AMT and to appreciate the performances of senior ensembles. During the holiday at the end of Term 3, boys from both Prep Schools will take part in a combined band tour to tour the South Coast. Later during the same holiday break football players from Year 6 will also have the opportunity to tour, in this case to the Gold Coast, where they will train and play matches against local schools.

I share the boys’ disappointment in the cancellation of tomorrow’s matches and for the following week I wish everyone a relaxing long weekend.

HEADMASTER’S AWARDS

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

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Year 5 Team with their trophy
**Da Vinci Decathlon**

Congratulations to St Ives Preparatory School, who again made a clean sweep at the Knox da Vinci decathlon placing first in both the Years 5 and 6 divisions. This annual meeting of young minds saw over 40 schools compete for the prestigious shiny silver cups which are once again displayed in the School Office. With over 500 students attending from schools across NSW and the ACT our two teams of eight competed in ten challenging academic events. Congratulations to all the boys who attended our da Vinci Club and had fun developing their decathlon skills. Special thanks to Miss Chadwick who prepared the teams so well. Sydney Grammar’s academic prowess was again rewarded.

**Mrs C J Merrick**

**From The Director Of Infants**

By now 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. This written report is only one way to describe progress. Interviews, running records, work samples, assessments and observations are all important in monitoring each boy’s development. As reports go out, it is important to remember that in the early years of schooling, it is far more helpful to focus on individual progress rather than making comparisons between pupils.

Over the last two weeks, the following boys have successfully implemented the Social Skill of the Week - ‘Giving and Receiving Compliments’ or ‘Joining In’:

- **TrB** Zachary Liew & Connor Sinn
- **TrE** Oliver Lee & Kalan Rossiter
- **1Md** William Liu & Kevin Willathgamuwa
- **1Mw** Aaron Chua-Tran & Julian Hervir
- **2Cl** Jasper Delbridge & Sean Zhao

**Ms L A Dorn**

**From The Director Of Studies**

**Best Reading Tip #5: ‘Let your sons see you reading.’**

Mr Fraser shared his best reading tip at the Parent Reading Information Session. “Actions speak louder than words…” he quoted, as he urged all parents to let their sons see them reading. If we are too busy to read, then we send a message to our boys that reading is not important. Take the time this weekend to stop, find a cozy corner and read. Show your sons that reading for pleasure is enjoyable and worthwhile.

**Mr M S Smith**
FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

IMPORTANT: Sport tomorrow

Please note that our fields are too wet to play on. All games at School have been cancelled. Please check the wet weather number (9990 8472), tomorrow morning regarding ‘away’ games.

Rugby Afternoon

All boys in Years 1 to 6 are warmly invited to attend a fun rugby afternoon on Friday 18 June on our ovals; Grades 1 and 2 will practise from 2:45pm to 3:30pm, Grades 3 to 6 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Boys are welcome to stay on for a sausage sizzle at the completion of their session. Please note the flyer accompanying this Newsletter and return the acceptance slip asap.

Dance Night

All boys have completed their first week of dancing during their PE lessons. The excitement level is growing! Boys are already looking forward to ‘hitting the dance floor’ in a fortnights time. Please keep Wednesday June 25 from 7:00 to 8:00pm free.

Holiday Camp Years 2-6, June 28 – July 2.

Badminton has been fully subscribed; however, there are still vacancies in Rugby, Football, Basketball, Tennis and Golf. Please ring me on 9788 6320, if you have any questions.

Northside Tennis Holiday Camps

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Venue – School Courts. Wet weather programme provided. Drinks will be provided daily and there will be a tournament and prizes sponsored by Prince. Lunch will also be supplied on the last day. Numbers are limited so please contact Armond Djani on 0418 242 626 for bookings and further information.

Mr R C Baker

FROM THE ITALIAN MASTER

Leonardo da Vinci comes to Sydney

Italian National Day is celebrated each year in June and to coincide with this we are fortunate to have a wonderful exhibition of works by Leonardo da Vinci, the artist, anatomist and inventor, on show at the Sydney Town Hall (lower exhibition space) till 2 August. It is called ‘Da Vinci Secrets – Anatomy to Robots’. I highly recommend it. More information can be found at www.davincisydney.com.au/.

I am looking forward to receiving the Year Six Italian food projects at the end of the term. Buon appetito e buona festa!

Mrs J A Matheson
**Calendar of Events 6 – 19 June**

### MONDAY 7 JUNE
- 10:00am: Assembly (5-6) (6D – Healey)
- 3:00pm – 4:30pm: 'Bugsy Malone' – Rehearsal

### TUESDAY 8 JUNE
- 10:00am: Assembly (3-4) (4B – Healey)
- 11:00am: Tour of the School for Prospective Parents
- 1:15pm – 1:30pm: Lunchtime Concert

### WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE
- 9:00am – 10:00am: UNSW Science Competition 3-6 2010

### THURSDAY 10 JUNE
- 9:00am – 11:30am: Melba Photos – Music & Co-Curricular
- 1:45PM – 2:30PM: K-2 Cross Country Carnival
- 3:00pm – 4:30pm: 'Bugsy Malone' – Rehearsal

### FRIDAY 11 JUNE
- 10:00am: Assembly (Tr-2)
- 12:45pm – 1:40pm: Brothers' Lunch – K-2 Playground
- 3:00pm: Chess Round 5

### SATURDAY 12 JUNE
- Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend – No Sport

### MONDAY 14 JUNE
- Queens Birthday – Public Holiday

### TUESDAY 15 JUNE
- 9:00 – 3:00pm: Year 4 Excursion to The Rocks
- 10:00am: Assembly (3-4) (3M – Cowper)
- 12:45pm: SRC Meeting #2 (Dent) – Foyer
- 1:15pm – 1:30pm: Lunchtime Concert

### WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE
- Maths Olympiad II (Year 6)
- 9:15am – 2:00pm: Transition Excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park

### THURSDAY 17 JUNE
- 11:00am – 1:00pm: Year 1 Medieval Banquet – Hall
- 1:00pm – 1:30pm: Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School
- 3:00pm – 4:30pm: 'Bugsy Malone' – Rehearsal

### FRIDAY 18 JUNE
- 10:00am: Assembly (Tr-2)
- 1:30pm: IPSHA Debating v Masada – St Ives
- 3:00pm: Newsletter
- 3:00pm: Chess Round 8
- 3:30pm: Twilight Concert – Ensemble Room

### SATURDAY 19 JUNE
- Winter Sport Round 7
- 1:00pm – 5:00pm: 'Bugsy Malone' – Rehearsal

### 2010 Term Dates
- Wednesday 27 January – Orientation Day
- Term 1: Thursday 28 January – Thursday 1 April (half day)
- Term 11: Monday 19 April – Friday 25 June
- Term III: Tuesday 20 July – Friday 17 September
- Term IV: Monday 11 October – Tuesday 30 November (Presentation Day)

### 2011 Term Dates
- Thursday 27 January – Orientation Day New boys
- Term 1: Friday 28 January – Wednesday 6 April
- Term 11: Tuesday 26 April – Friday 24 June
- Term III: Tuesday 19 July – Friday 16 September
- Term IV: Monday 10 October – Tuesday 6 December (Presentation Day)