From the Headmaster

Languages
There will also be some changes regarding the teaching of languages at St Ives. From Term 1 2013, Italian will be taught from Transition (renamed Kindergarten next year). I am pleased to also announce that our current Year 5 and 6 Italian Teacher, Mrs Jenny Matheson, will be teaching all classes throughout the week. Italian is a beautifully romantic language that has its roots in Latin, as does English. It is wonderfully expressive and soaked in a rich culture with a fascinating history, all of which the boys will be immersed in. Developing a love and an ear for languages will prepare them well for all their language learning at College Street.

Asthma
As the weather warms up, it is worth noting that spring is one of the more difficult times of the year for the 1 in 10 Australians who suffer from asthma and the 1 in 5 who suffer from allergic rhinitis and allergies. There are certainly many boys and Masters who are particularly suffering at the moment especially as our School is so green and lush.

Asthma and allergies can be triggered by pollen released from many of our favourite flowering plants. Allergic reactions can make it difficult to breathe and increase the risk of an asthma attack. We are an Asthma Friendly School and the Asthma Foundation of NSW has an excellent website with relevant information about understanding and managing asthma. The link is www.asthma-foundation.org.au

Mr I R Stephens

From the Senior Master

Next week information will be emailed to parents about arrangements for Presentation Day on Tuesday 4 December at The New Hall in College Street.

Mr D W Fraser

From the Director of Infants

Next Wednesday, 14 November the K-2 boys will participate in a K-2 Mathematics Morning. The boys will rotate through a series of mathematics activities in their Friendship Groups. ‘The World of Maths’ will be visiting on the day and they will organise problem solving activities for the boys. These activities will develop their love of mathematics and stimulate their curiosity. A special thank you to Mrs Clark for preparing the programme.

On Friday 30 November we have a special Year 2 Assembly. The Year 2 boys have grown and matured a great deal since they started school, and we are all enormously proud of them. During the year, the Year 2 boys have been important role models, showing leadership and responsibility, both in the classroom and in the playground. During our final Friday Assembly for the year, we will recognise the contribution the Year 2 boys have made to the School. All parents are warmly invited to attend this special Year 2 Assembly starting at the earlier time of 9.50am.

Over the last two weeks, the following boys have successfully implemented the Social Skill of the Week - ‘Helping a Friend in Need’ or ‘Respecting the Ideas of Others’:

- TE Shray Kumar & Nirav Keshava
- TR Milon Kalia & Raymond Lee
- 1H Hamish Ierino & Mitchell Kruse
- 1P Paresh Gopal & Dean Cvetkovski
- 2C Callum Halstead & Joel Davidson
- 2E Spencer Selikowitz & Finlay Crafter

Next week, TR will display their classwork (K-2 Entrance) and perform at Assembly (Friday 16 November). The following week (Friday 23 November), there will be no Assembly.

Ms L A Dorn

From the Director of Studies

Guided Inquiry… an update on learning

Year 6 boys have been working feverishly on their Night of the Notables unit of Guided Inquiry. The last two weeks have seen the boys choose a notable person to study and write open ended questions in Library lessons, which they have begun to answer for their independent inquiry of their chosen notable person. It has been interesting to see the boys writing ‘digging deeper’ questions to guide their research. These have shown greater depth and quality, due to the structured inquiry the boys completed on Nelson Mandela. They have also written a bioriddle; a poem that is biographical and written as a puzzle to be solved, and begun a ‘day in the life’ of their chosen notable person. The boys set goals and managed their time last Friday morning, working independently across the Library spaces and the Activity Room.
This week I also challenged boys to look for the ‘forks in the road’ for their notable person. Were there decisions made at crossroads that could have ended very differently for their notable person? What were their thoughts on the ‘fickle finger of fate’? What experiences required resilience and determination in order to overcome hurdles? An interesting quote from Martin Luther King, Jnr is, ‘The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.’ Answering the big question: ‘What characteristics do notable people share and what can we learn from them?’ is where we are headed next.

Mrs C J Merrick

FROM THE LIBRARY

As the school year draws to a close, I am still ‘hunting’ for some overdue books from the holiday period at the start of this term. If your son thinks he has returned his overdue books, please ask him to come and see me or Mrs Lewis. All Library books are to be returned by Week 7.

Mrs S J Hardwick

FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

6 B Super 8 Cricket
Please note the following change to the Cricket fixture with Coogee this Saturday - the game will now be played at L’Estrange Park, corner King & Sutherland Roads, Mascot, starting at 8:00am.

Holiday Camp
Please note the flyer attached to this Newsletter about the End of Term Holiday Camp. The Camp is open to boys and girls who are currently in Years 2-6. Sports on offer include Cricket, Tennis, Badminton and Basketball. The camp will run from Monday 10 - 14 December, 9:00am to 3:00pm each day. Please ring the Sports Office on 9488 6320, if you have any questions.

Next week is the final week of all After School Sport practices including Cricket, Basketball, Tennis, Softball, T-Ball, Archery, Ball & Boy and Fitness.

The final day for Fencing is Tuesday 27 November.

The final day for Tae Kwon Do is Wednesday 28 November.

Swimming lessons with Larissa and Tennis lessons with Armond will conclude on the dates given to parents by the respective coaches.

Mr R C Baker

FROM THE MUSIC MASTER

Scholars’ Concert – TONIGHT - 9 November – 6.30pm in the Hall
All welcome to come along. No tickets required. Please be seated by 6:20pm.

Annual Concert I – Thursday 15 November – 7:00pm in the Hall
Bambini & Pennington Strings, Amati Strings, Sartory Strings, Kenyon Concert Band, Guitar Ensemble, Taiko 1, Taiko 3, Percussion Group 1, School Choir.

Annual Concert 2 – Thursday 22 November – 7.00pm in the Hall
Senior Strings, Maffey Strings, Flute Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Percussion Group 2, Blues Guitar Group, Taiko 2, Stevens Wind Ensemble, St Ives Singers, School Orchestra. Boys must have instruments at school during the day for concert rehearsals.

Ensemble Rehearsals
No further rehearsals for those who have already performed at an Annual Concert (with the exception of School Orchestra who will perform at Presentation Day). Final rehearsal Week 6 for Bambini and Pennington Strings, Amati and Sartory Strings, Kenyon Concert Band, Year 5 Taiko Groups, Flute Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble.

College Street Choral Concert – Tuesday 27 November – 6:30pm - The New Hall
Our St Ives Singers will be performing along with choral groups from Edgecliff and College Street. The concert will conclude by 7:45pm.

Extra Lessons
If your son’s 30th instrumental lesson occurs before the end of Term, his tutor will send home a form for you to elect whether or not you wish him to continue with weekly lessons until Week 8. Important: For his lesson to be scheduled and his name put on the timetable, these forms must be received at the Music Office the week before or the lesson cannot be given.

Music Lessons 2013
Boys who have been learning musical instruments this year will be presumed to be continuing next year unless a cancellation letter is received by Friday 30 November.

College Street Music Scholarships
Boys currently in Year 5 may wish to apply for a Music Scholarship to College Street in 2014. The closing date for
registration is 8 March 2013. Forms are now available from the Music Office.

Combined Orchestra Tour to New Zealand – September 2013
Auditions take place on Thursday 29 November from 3:00pm to 4:30 pm in the Ensemble Room and Hall. Have you returned your audition slip?

Mr M S Smith

FROM THE DRAMA MASTER

A Kidnapped Santa Claus!

After a term and a half of discussing characters, practising movements, learning lines and rehearsing scenes, the Year Four boys presented A Kidnapped Santa Claus! Congratulations boys on all your hard work and creativity! I was very proud of your performances and impressed with your enthusiasm, confidence and team work. Well done!

A big thank you to Mrs Strothers, Mr Brown, Mr Liddell and the parents of Year 4 for supporting this creative venture and for helping the boys with their characters, costumes and lines. Special mention also to Billy Sengupta, Alex Evans, Jonty Brener, Conor Field, Luke Tan and Joshua Lee for controlling the lighting and sound effects and to Billy Sengupta for designing the programmes.

Ms M F Wheatley

FROM THE CHESS MASTER

Chess Club Years 3-6

Last Wednesday 31 October, the NSW Chess League Upper North Shore Primary Schools One–Day Teams Tournament was held in our School Hall. Many teams from other schools were involved and the final scores were very close. The A Team, consisting of Henry Xu, Shadab Basit and Michael Ni, won the competition on the day and has been invited to compete in the NSW finals to be held later this month.

Last Friday the A team played the Region semi final against Matthew Pearce PS and lost by 1 point which means they do not go on to play in the final.

The Open School Championship matches have now been completed and I am pleased to announce that Henry Xu took out 1st place, with Ben Matthews in 2nd, and Kevin Tong in 3rd place. Congratulations boys.

A reminder to all parents and boys that Chess Club will finish for the year on Friday 23 November.

Mrs S E Heffernan
### Calendar of Events - 12 November - 24 November 2012

#### Monday 12 November
- **7:45am - 8:20am**: ABRSM Percussion Exams this week
- **8:30am - 9:00am**: Last week of After School Sport Practices
- **10:00am**: Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- **10:10am**: Assembly (5-6) Remembrance Day
- **1:40pm - 2:50pm**: House Debates (Final Round) (Years 5 & 6)

#### Tuesday 13 November
- **7:30am - 8:20am**: 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (Years 2-4)
- **8:00am**: Swim-a-thon for Charity
- **9:00am - 10:30am**: 'Moving into the Teens' - 6L
- **10:00am**: Assembly (3-4) (4L - Cowper)
- **11:00am**: Lunchtime Concert
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#### Wednesday 14 November
- **9:00am - 12:15pm**: K-2 Mathematics Morning
- **9:00am - 10:30am**: 'Moving into the Teens' - 6L
- **10:00am**: Assembly (3-4) (4L - Cowper)
- **11:00am**: 'Moving into the Teens' - 6T
- **1:20pm - 2:50pm**: 'Moving into the Teens' - 6B

#### Thursday 15 November
- **7:30am - 8:20am**: 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching concludes (Years 5-6)
- **9:00am - 10:30am**: Annual Concert Rehearsals (T-6)
- **11:00am - 3:00pm**: Year 2 Visit 3-6 Playground for Lunch
- **1:20pm - 2:50pm**: 'Moving into the Teens' - 6L

#### Friday 16 November
- **7:45am - 8:20am**: Morning Fitness (Years 2-6) Final Session
- **10:00am**: Assembly (K-2) TR item
- **11:00am - 12:45pm**: Year 6 'Moving into High School' - Session 2

#### Saturday 17 November
- **Summer Sport Round 12**

#### Monday 19 November
- **10:00am**: Assembly (5-6) (5A - Dent)
- **6:30pm**: Year 6 ‘Night of the Notables’

#### Tuesday 20 November
- **9:00am - 10:30am**: ‘Moving into the Teens’ 6L
- **10:00am**: Assembly (2-4) (3M - Dent)
- **11:00am - 12:30pm**: ‘Moving into the Teens’ - 6T
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm**: Lunchtime Concert
- **1:20pm - 2:50pm**: ‘Moving into the Teens’ - 6L
- **1:20pm - 2:50pm**: ‘Moving into the Teens’ - 6B

#### Wednesday 21 November
- **9:00am - 10:30am**: ‘Moving into the Teens’ - 6B
- **9:15am - 11:45am**: Year 1 - 6 Orientation (New Boys) for 2013
- **11:00am - 12:30pm**: ‘Moving into the Teens’ - 6L
- **1:20pm - 2:50pm**: Moving into the Teens’ - 6T

#### Thursday 22 November
- **11:00am - 3:00pm**: Annual Concert Rehearsals (T-6)
- **12:45pm**: Year 2 Visit 3-6 Playground for Lunch
- **7:00pm**: Annual Concert

#### Friday 23 November
- **11:00am - 3:00pm**: Chess Coaching concludes
- **11:00am - 12:45pm**: Year 6 'Moving into High School'
- **3:00pm**: Newsletter

#### Saturday 24 November
- **6:30pm**: Year 6 Dinner