FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents

Today a letter accompanies this Newsletter containing details relating to Presentation Day to be held on 6 December at 1:30pm. For the first time it will be conducted at College Street in The New Hall, with the whole School together. All boys will attend, with Kindergarten sitting in pre-allocated seats with their parents.

Parents will be able to book seats online through the Trybooking system; anyone without internet access should contact the School office for assistance. Initially families are able to book two seats only, with additional seats to be allocated if they become available. I do hope all families will be able to present on this special occasion.

Boys in Year 6 will this week take part in the first of their small group sessions in preparation for their move to secondary school. They will also engage in the 'Moving into the Teens' programme, focusing on the physical and emotional changes of adolescence.

Tonight the School community is invited to attend the Scholar's Concert featuring Instrumental and Vocal Scholars for 2011. The concert will commence at 6:30 pm in the Hall with pianist and Old Sydneian Zubin Kanga, a guest performer.

Musicians in Year 5 recently auditioned for the 2012 Scholarships and I congratulate the following boys:

Instrumental Scholars:
Christopher Lee, St Ives Scholarship
William Hobkirk, Music Master’s Scholarship
Finnegan Swift, Parents’ Association Scholarship
Jason Wong, Denise Prior Scholarship

Vocal Scholars:
Edward Lowe, William McCartney, William Rogut, Ethan Tsui

This week each Year 4 class presented ‘A Kidnapped Santa Claus’ to an appreciative audience in the Drama Studio, well done to Miss Wheatley and Year 4.

And finally, congratulations to the successful boys in the Dr Myles Havyatt Prize for Young Investigators Competition conducted last week for Years 5 and 6. Working in pairs, their challenge was to design and build an air powered rocket able to be launched across Cowper Field. Alexander Ng and George Mei’s winning rocket flew 27.4m, with Alexander Wang and Joshua Kim in second place and Michael Ni and Kevin Tong in third.

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

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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 - ‘Respecting the Ideas of Others’ or ‘Tolerating Differences’:

- TrB Jayden Fung & Jacob Tanbouz
- TrE Aurelien Renard & Emanuel Gorgas
- 1M Thomas Potter & Jashan Dugal
- 1W Charlie Quin & Stephen Lin
- 2C Justin Huynh & Charlie Veeneklaas
- 2F Jinu Lee & Hugo To

Next week, TrE will display their classwork (K-2 Entrance) and perform at Assembly (Friday, 18 November). The following week, Year Two will display their classwork (K-2 Entrance) and perform at Assembly at 9.50am (Friday, 25 November). We would love to see you there.

Ms L A Dorn

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Remembrance Day
This week our Year Six leaders conducted a very dignified and thoughtful Assembly for Remembrance Day. Years 5 and 6 gathered in the Hall, led by the Captain, William Lind and the Vice Captain, Robert Hao. The House Captains read poems, the Last Post and Reveille were played by Rhys Wagner and Luke Ringrose and a minute’s silence was observed. The staff and boys were joined by Mr Michael Askey, President of the Roseville RSL Club and Mr Rick Cranna, President of the Central Coast Legacy Association. Mr Cranna presented the School with a gift of a Lone Pine, descended from the original Lone Pine at Gallipoli. This will be planted in the School grounds and we look forward to our own Lone Pine at St Ives. The House Vice Captains, accompanied by our visitors, laid a wreath at the Flag Pole. The leaders of Year Six are to be congratulated on the fine job they have done this year in their role in every Assembly. Thank you to the parents who joined us for this special occasion. On Friday, we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war.

Mrs C J Merrick

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

Last week, we held House Meetings for the boys in Years 3 to 6. Some of the issues that were discussed included:

- An acknowledgement of the tremendous work done by our Year 6 Peer Support Leaders throughout the year – well done boys!
- A discussion on the House leadership positions for 2012 for our Year 5 cohort. The boys will need to organise speeches for the next House Meeting in Week 6.
- A brainstorm of ideas from each House also occurred on how to improve the litter situation on the playground. Some of the different ideas from Houses were boys taking more responsibility, House rubbish bins that accumulate points over the term, more bins designated around the School and a House roster system in cleaning up.

Thank you to Dent, Cowper, Francis and Healey for their different ideas and thoughts. Mr Fraser and Mrs Lee will discuss the variety of suggestions and then communicate possible ideas for implementation in 2012.

I wish all Year 5 boys the best of luck with their speeches for house leadership positions.

Mr M J Tait

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFANTS

Next Wednesday, 16 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, 25 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.
FROM THE MUSIC MASTER

Instrumental and Vocal Scholarships Year 6 2012

Music staff from St Ives and College Street would like to congratulate the recipients of 2012 music scholarships, however all the boys are to be commended for their outstanding efforts at the auditions.

Scholars’ Concert – 6.30pm tonight in the Hall

Come and hear our 2011 music scholars perform! Guest performer is pianist Zubin Kanga. No tickets required. Please be seated by 6.20pm.

Annual Concert – Wednesday 30 November – 7.00pm in the Hall

All school ensembles and choirs perform on this evening. All welcome! Details to follow for performers.

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. Please complete and return it to the Music Office, thank you.

Hiring School Instruments

Holiday Hire forms are available from the Music Office for those wishing to keep their instrument over the summer holidays. Please return forms by Friday 2 December with your payment of $30. If returning hired instruments, make sure they are marked off by Mrs Templeton or Mr Smith. Do not leave instruments in the storeroom.

College Street Music Scholarships 2013

Forms are now available from the Music Office for boys currently in Year 5 who wish to apply. The closing date for registration is 9 March 2012.

Mr M S Smith

FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

4 A Cricket

Please note; your game with Newington tomorrow will be played at Koola Park, Koola Road East Killara, from 8:00am. Please report to Mr Tait before 7:45am. Good luck.

NB: After School Sport concludes on Friday 18 November.

Holiday Camp Years 2 – 6

Please note the booking form accompanies this Newsletter.

Mr R C Baker

FROM THE ITALIAN MASTER

The National Gallery of Australia will host ’Renaissance - 15th and 16th Century Italian paintings’ from the Accademia Carrara, Bergamo from 9 December. This very special exhibition offers the public a unique opportunity to see Early and High Renaissance paintings by some of the greatest Italian artists. Raphael, Botticelli, Bellini and Titian are represented and it features over 70 works on canvas and panel made by artists from Northern and Central Italy between 1400 and 1600. More details are available on the gallery’s website – nga.gov.au.

Mrs J A Matheson

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 Mr Brown, Mrs Heffernan, Mr Liddell and the parents of Year Four for supporting this creative venture and for helping the boys with their characters, costumes and lines. Special mention also to Emma O’Hagan, Jay Ong, Gordon Loughlin and Matis Renard for controlling the lighting and sound and to Albert Chedid for designing the programme.

Ms M F Wheatley

FROM THE CHESS CO-ORDINATOR

Congratulations to our A Team who convincingly won against The Scots College last Friday with a score of 6.5 to 1.5.

The Grand Final, between the Metropolitan and Country champions, will be held at St Ives on Friday afternoon, 25 November, following the Country Final that morning.

On Wednesday the NSW Chess League Upper North Shore Primary Schools One - Day Teams Tournament was held in the School Hall. In first place, the A Team (Kevin Willathgamuwa, Rowan Willathgamuwa and Max Smith), in second place, the C Team (Marcus Loane, Adrian Chan and Desmond Choi) and in third place, the B Team (Henry Xu, Michael Ni and Kevin Tong). In this competition the A Team has been invited to compete in the NSW finals to be held later this month.

Mrs S J Hardwick
# Calendar of Events 14 – 26 November

## Monday 14 November
- **7:45am – 8:20am** Morning Fitness (2-6)
- **8:40am** Year 4 Excursion to ‘Sculpture by the Sea’
- **10:00am** Assembly (5-6) (5S – Cowper)

## Tuesday 15 November
- **7:30am – 8:20am** ‘Bat and Ball’ Cricket Coaching Concludes (Years 2-4)
- **8:00am** Swim-a-thon for Charity
- **9:00am – 10:30am** ‘Moving Into the Teens’ – 6M
- **10:00am** Assembly (3-4) (3L – Cowper)
- **11:00am – 12:30pm** ‘Moving Into the Teens’ – 6T
- **1:15pm – 1:30pm** Lunchtime Concert (Years 3 & 4)
- **1:20pm – 2:50pm** ‘Moving Into the Teens’ – 6D
- **11:00pm – 12:45pm** Julian Gold Oral Reading Finals (3-4)

## Wednesday 16 November
- **9:00am – 12:15pm** K-2 Mathematics Morning
- **9:00am – 10:30am** ‘Moving Into the Teens’ – 6T
- **11:00am – 12:30pm** ‘Moving Into the Teens’ – 6M
- **1:20pm – 2:50pm** ‘Moving Into the Teens’ – 6D

## Thursday 17 November
- **7:30am – 8:20am** ‘Bat and Ball’ Cricket Coaching Concludes (Years 5-6)
- **11:00am – 12:10pm** House Debates (Final Round) (Years 5 & 6)
- **12:45pm** Year 2 Visit 3-6 Playground for Lunch
- **1:00pm – 1:30pm** Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School

## Friday 18 November
- **7:45am – 8:20am** Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- **10:00am** Assembly (K-2) (TrE Item) (Term Awards)
- **10:00 – 10:30am** House Meeting (3-6) for House Elections 2012
- **11:00am – 14:45pm** Year 6 ‘Moving Into High School’ # 2

## Saturday 19 November
- Summer Sport Round 12

## Monday 21 November
- St Ives/Edgecliff Debating Evening – College Street
- **9:45am** Assembly (3-6) (Leadership) (6T/4L)

## Monday 22 November
- **10:15am** House Elections (3-6) (following Assembly)
- **1:30pm – 3:00pm** ‘Night of the Notables’ – 6D & 6T – Hall

## Tuesday 22 November
- **9:00am – 10:30am** ‘Moving Into the Teens’ – 6M
- **11:00am – 12:30pm** ‘Moving Into the Teens’ – 6T

## Wednesday 23 November
- **9:00am – 10:30am** ‘Moving Into the Teens’ – 6T
- **9:15am – 11:45am** Year 1-6 Orientation – New Boys & Parents 2012
- **11:00am – 12:30pm** ‘Moving Into the Teens’ – 6M
- **1:20pm – 2:50pm** ‘Moving Into the Teens’ – 6D

## Thursday 24 November
- **12:45pm** Year 2 Visit 3-6 Playground for Lunch

## Friday 25 November
- **9:50am** Assembly (K-2) (Year 2 Assembly)
- **11:00am – 12:45pm** Year 6 ‘Moving Into High School’ # 3
- **3:00pm** Newsletter

## Saturday 26 November
- **6:15pm** Year 6 Dinner

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### 2011 Term Dates
- **Term IV** Monday 10 October – Tuesday 6 December (Presentation Day)

### 2012 Term Dates
- **Monday 30 January** – Orientation Day (New boys)
- **Term I** Tuesday 31 January – Thursday 5 April
- **Term II** Thursday 26 April – Tuesday 26 June
- **Term III** Thursday 19 July – Friday 14 September
- **Term IV** Monday 8 October – Tuesday 4 December (Presentation Day)