From the Headmaster

Our Sports Master, Rick Baker, has served with distinction at St Ives Preparatory for over thirty-two years. He will be retiring at the end of Term 3 this year. Mr Baker has fostered a love of sport in generations of boys and will leave a wonderful legacy through his dedicated years of service. He is a thorough gentleman and his respectful and positive approach has been appreciated by boys, parents and masters. We look forward to celebrating and honouring his time at Grammar at the end of Term 3.

IPSHA Cross Country Carnival
I congratulate all the boys who ran so well at the IPSHA Cross Country Carnival last Saturday. The Under 9’s and 10’s ran a tough 2km race and the Under 11’s and Opens ran a demanding 3km course. In very competitive fields with approximately 220 boys in each race, the boys ran with distinction with many gaining credible places. The following boys advanced to the CIS Selection Carnival at Eastern Creek in June.

U9: Duncan Loane and Xavier Sengupta
U10: Finlay Ekins
U11: William Maffey and Marcus Shaw

Choir Tour
Forty-seven boys from St Ives and Edgecliff Preparatory Schools travelled to Port Macquarie last weekend to perform with local primary schools, culminating in a superb Choral Concert on Sunday afternoon. The Choir performed a piece called ‘A Hero’s Journey’, a work commissioned by Paul Jarman, a previous Musician-In-Residence. The boys also enjoyed being billeted by local families.

Gold Coast Football Tour
The First XI Football team will be travelling to the Gold Coast these holidays to play a series of games against local Schools. The boys will be accompanied by Mr Lupton, Mr Liddell, Mr Fraser and Mr Cranna. We wish them every success and I look forward to watching them play in the upcoming season.

I would like to wish everyone a restful holiday and I look forward to seeing the boys in winter uniform on Monday 29 April.

Mr I Stephens

From the Senior Master

Details about Open Day on Friday 10 May will be available in the first Newsletter of the new term.

Mr D Fraser

From the Director of Infants

The P-2 boys have had a terrific term. They have enjoyed and participated in a variety of exciting events - author visits, excursions, friendship groups, grandparents’ morning, picnics and even a swimming carnival!

The K-2 boys have continued to show great interest in the BOUNCE BACK Programme, and they have been extremely caring towards Kingi. Each week, they have made a special wish for him, and we have talked about the difference between needing things in life and wanting things in life.

May I take this opportunity to remind you to label all items of clothing and equipment during the holidays, particularly your son’s hat and lunch box. Please check your son’s clothes and belongings to ensure they are his.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday and I look forward to seeing you again at the beginning of Term 3.

Ms L Dorn

From the Director of Studies

Guided Inquiry: Year 2
This term Year 2 have been busily researching lots of different questions in their Guided Inquiry unit on Space. Imagination and creativity were also skills that were fostered through their guided inquiry unit. Here’s snapshot of just some of the amazing learning our young men have experienced: They have enjoyed the chance to research some fascinating ‘Did you know...’ facts, created an alien in Visual Arts, described him in Writing, used the library to hone the size of their questions, done lots of reading about Space in both fiction and nonfiction books, visited the Observatory to find out more about Space through the giant telescope and learnt about the phases of the Moon in Science. It has been an action packed term of inquiry as the boys learnt how to ask great questions and combine the skills of literacy with higher order thinking skills. Great work from Mrs Earl, Mr Derrin and the boys in the NASA engine rooms of Year 2!
Next term the Year 6 boys will have a visit from the notable author Anthony Hill, who will be talking about Soldier Boy. His visit will coincide with Anzac activities to be held in the Library during the first week back.

Happy reading!

Please note that the Library will be closed on Thursday 2 March from 8:00am – 8:30am.

FROM THE DEBATING CLUB

We have had an impressive start to our Years 5 and 6 Debating Club this term and congratulate members for their commitment and participation. Each Monday morning almost 100 boys have been arriving at school for our 7:30 am workshop to learn skills essential to good debating.

The boys have covered concepts relating to teamwork, the purpose and structure of a good debate, the role of each speaker and the adjudicator, the art of persuasion, the etiquette involved in debating, how to structure rebuttal and the importance of chocolate! We have covered some interesting and relevant topics such as mobile phones, homework, computer games but we are sure each boy can persuade anyone as to their preference for Kit Kats or solid milk chocolate bars!

Debating Club will continue for Years 5 and 6 in Term 2 when we will focus on practising the skills the boys have already learnt. All members will have the opportunity to speak in a debate, receive feedback and direction as well as being part of a debating audience.

We thank our University debating coaches, Daniel Dummer and Mark Slaven who have helped guide the boys through each session. We look forward to another productive and enjoyable term.

Mrs S Hardwick, Ms J Matheson & Mrs C Merrick

FROM THE MUSIC MASTER

Music Term 2
Music lessons and ensemble rehearsals resume in Week 1.

Music Record Books
A reminder to parents that your son’s music record book is the first port of call in contacting his music tutor. Please use the comment box on each page for any concerns, queries, or to check your son’s progress. If you wish, you can ask the tutor to contact you by telephone. The Practice Register is designed to be filled in and signed off by parents each week, preferably by indicating how many minutes of
practice is done, rather than simply ticking the boxes. The best progress is made when a boy is enjoying his music lessons. Please help us to help your son achieve his full potential by participating in this process via the record book. If at any stage you wish to speak with me regarding your son’s lessons, please ring the Music Office to make an appointment.

AMEB
Boys intending to sit for an AMEB examination in Term 3 should aim to have all their technical work known by the end of these holidays. Parents, please use the record book to check with tutors regarding AMEB entry.

Instrument storage during the day
Boys are still leaving instruments outside classrooms. Please ask your sons to place their instrument neatly in the Ensemble Room or the Music Room.

Flute Group Lessons
In Term 2 we will be offering 5 boys from Years 4, 5 or 6 the opportunity to start learning the flute in the context of a group lesson. These 5 boys might be already learning piano, or they might never have tried a musical instrument before. Please contact the Music Office if your son is interested.

College Street Concerts
Tuesday 7 May 6:30pm Combined Percussion Concert in The New Hall, featuring performances from St Ives, Edgecliff and College Street percussion ensembles.

New Zealand Tour Orchestra
The next combined rehearsal is our “Sleep Over” on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May at St Ives.

Mr M Smith

FROM THE DRAMA MASTER

YEAR 3 PERFORMANCES
Last week the Year 3 boys presented their readers theatre performance: Brock and the Dragon to the Infants boys. I was most impressed with the boys confidence, enthusiasm and team work. Well done boys!! A big thank you to Mrs Wood, Mrs Ward, Mr Maunder and the parents of Year 3 for supporting this creative venture and for helping the boys with their characters, costumes and lines.

YEAR 6 PERFORMANCES IN TERM 2
Year 6 boys have been very busy rehearsing for next term’s performances. They will be presenting the play The Tale of the Dragon and the Magical Monarch of Mo during Week 5 of Term 2. The boys have been busy developing their characters and learning more about stagecraft as we rehearse the play each week. The boys will be expected to learn their lines and organise their costumes during the holidays, and parental guidance would be appreciated. Already some notable performances are emerging!

Ms M Wheatley

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NEW PHONE NUMBERS

Reception/Absences: 8302 5200 [8:15am-4:15pm]
Facsimile: 9449 9875
After School Care Bookings: 8302 5200
After School Care Direct Line: 8302 5226
Counsellor: 8302 5223
Headmaster’s Secretary: 8302 5217
Enrolments: 8302 5218
Music Secretary: 8302 5242
Sport Master: 8302 5246
Sport Wet Weather Line: 9990 8472
Tuckshop: 8302 5225
Uniform Shop: 8302 5224
### Calendar of Events - 29 April - 11 May

#### Monday 29 April
- **10:00am**
  - Term 2 begins
  - Years 3-6 Chess Coaching commences for Term 2
- **3:00pm**
  - Assembly (3-6) (Start of Term Winter Sport After School Practices recommence

#### Tuesday 30 April
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm**
  - Lunchtime Concert

#### Wednesday 1 May
- **7:30am - 8:20am**
  - ‘Ball and Boy’ Football Coaching begins (Years 2-4)
- **8:50am - 3:00pm**
  - Rising Generations - Year 6

#### Thursday 2 May
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm**
  - Year 5 Art Visitor in lessons - Pat Grant
  - Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School

#### Friday 3 May
- **7:30am - 8:20am**
  - ‘Ball and Boy’ Football coaching begins (Years 2-6)
- **7:30am - 8:20am**
  - ‘Ball and Boy’ Football coaching begins (Years 5 & 6)
- **8:30am**
  - PA Committee Meeting
- **9:00am - 10:30am**
  - Author Visit - Anthony Hill (Year 6)
- **10:00am**
  - Assembly (K-2)
- **3:00pm**
  - Newsletter

#### Saturday 4 May
- Winter Sport Round 1

#### Monday 6 May
- **10:00am**
  - Peer Support Groups Planning this week (Year 6)
- **3:00pm**
  - Assembly (5-6) (6B)

#### Tuesday 7 May
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm**
  - Lunchtime Concert
- **6:30pm - 7:30pm**
  - Combined Percussion Concert

#### Wednesday 8 May
- **7:30am - 8:20am**
  - ‘Ball and Boy’ Football (2-4)
- **8:45am - 10:30am**
  - PA Mother’s Day Stall (P-2)
- **10:35am - 11:00am**
  - PA Mother’s Day Stall (3-6)
- **12:10pm - 12:45pm**
  - House Meeting (3-6)
- **12:40pm - 1:40pm**
  - PA Mother’s Day Stall (3-6)

#### Thursday 9 May
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm**
  - Year 5 Art Visitor in lessons - Pat Grant
  - Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School

#### Friday 10 May
- **9:00am - 12:00pm**
  - Open Day for Current and Prospective Parents (P-6)
  - School finishes at 12:00pm

#### Saturday 11 May
- Winter Sport Round 2