FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents

With the pastoral theme of resilience building, Peer Support Groups will begin next week for boys in Years 3-6. Following their leadership training and the added experience gained from attending the ‘Rising Generations’ seminar, Year 6 boys are looking forward to leading the groups.

Organized to introduce boys to others across the grades, the groups will continue the positive experiences of boys in K-2 through Friendship Groups. The Peer Support programme will run over the next eight weeks and following the formal meetings the groups will have opportunities to get together socially and continue to develop the friendships between boys of varying ages.

This week Mr Liddell and Mr Lupton shared their experiences from their recent trip to Barcelona, with boys from Years 2-6. Through photographs and video clips, they explained the particular approach and techniques adopted by the Barcelona Football Club that have resulted in their success in world competition. The message of ‘PASS MOVE OFFER’ is part of every coaching session at St Ives and boys are encouraged to join the ‘Ball and Boy’ programme on Wednesday and Friday mornings to improve their skills.

Scientist-in-Residence, Anthony Stimson, visited the School recently, working with Transition and Year 1. The focus was on native flora and fauna and boys enjoyed learning about bush habitats.

Friday is Open Day and we look forward to welcoming our own families and visitors to the School between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. At the conclusion of the programme the School closes and boys may go home with their parents.

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And finally, good luck to boys in Years 5 and 6 as they audition next Monday for this year’s drama production of ‘A Collection of Beasts and Beauties and Grimm Tales’.

HEADMASTER’S AWARDS

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

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Mrs R J Lee

FROM THE SENIOR MASTER

Parent Parking Around the School.

Residents of the Hillcrest Estate across from the school, off Ayres Road, have written to the school complaining that several of our parents are parking within the estate when dropping off, or picking up children. Please do not park within the Hillcrest Estate at
any time. Parents are to park within the available spaces in Ayres Road in accordance with the parking signs. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Mr D W Fraser

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE
The boys in Years 3 to 6 will participate in their first session of Peer Support next week. The boys are involved in the theme, 'Taking Opportunities' which focuses on resilience. The experiences presented under this theme help the boys develop skills to identify their strengths, celebrate their achievements and seek assistance when faced with challenges. In the first session, each group will establish their group agreements so that they are able to work well together. The boys will share some of their favourite things and learn about the other members of their group. You might like to discuss with your son what they can do this week to help them take an active role in Peer Support. I wish all house groups the best of luck throughout the term.

Mr M J Tait

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFANTS
We look forward to welcoming parents, grandparents and friends to the K-2 classrooms tomorrow. It will be a wonderful morning!

Please keep your son at home if he is unwell. Young children who are ill are highly infectious to their peers and their teachers. Attending school whilst unwell hinders progress and prolongs the illness. Please discuss the importance of washing your hands after visiting the bathroom and before eating. I urge you to discuss this very important daily ritual with your son and to encourage him to take care of his personal hygiene both at home and at school.

Over the last two weeks, the following boys have successfully implemented the Social Skill of the Week - 'Being Friendly' or 'Suggesting Instead of Bossing':

- TrB Nathan Marjoram & Remy Sloan
- TrE Oscar Zhou & Eric Yoo
- 1M Fraser Delbridge & Hugo Bartlett
- 1W Stephen Lin & Kalan Rossiter
- 2C Alexander Chin & Justin Huynh
- 2F Hugo Hui & Ari Hastings

Next week (Friday, 20 May), 2C will display their class work (K-2 Entrance) and perform at Assembly. The following week (Friday, 27 May), 2F will display their class work (K-2 Entrance) and perform at Assembly. We would love to see you there.

Ms L A Dorn

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES
Last week, our Scientist-in-Residence, Anthony Stimson, visited St Ives for two full days. He worked with Transition and Year One, as part of their Integrated Studies units on ‘Australian Animals’ and ‘Down in the Garden’. Anthony is a biologist who has a passion for native fauna. He runs wildlife shows and recently presented on Channel Nine and at the Easter Show, as well as judged a new event of best reptile exhibit. He did many wonderful things with the boys including potting plants to attract butterflies to their own gardens and examining leaves under microscopes. The boys helped him make a possum box and kookaburra nest, which are both installed in the trees in the K-2 Playground. Anthony will be back in Term Three for another visit and we look forward to his next ‘In-Residence programme’ in Science.

Last week, Year 1 welcomed 60 snails to their classrooms, to assist them in their investigations of living things. Later in the term, Year 2 will be learning more about recycling when the ‘Waste Watchers’ visit our School. We are lucky at St Ives to have such wonderful school grounds and resources that allow us to bring science alive.

Mrs C J Merrick

FROM THE MUSIC MASTER
Festival of New York City Music 23 May to 2 June
This year’s Music Festival will be focusing on music and composers from New York City. A wealth of styles and genres will be represented in three major concerts at the three campuses and in smaller concerts including buskers at College Street who will be raising money for charity. The three major concerts will each involve soloists and ensembles from the Preparatory Schools and College Street.

Tuesday 24 May at 6.30pm: New York @ Edgecliff
EPS boys in Grantham Strings, The Ascham/Grammar Orchestra and School Choir will be joined by boys from College Street in Schola Cantorum, Cambiata Choir, Symphonic Winds and a jazz combo, together with some soloists to perform songs from Broadway musicals, as well as works by Bernstein, Barber and Copland amongst others.

Friday 27 May at 7.00pm New York @ St Ives
St Ives Singers, Maffey Strings, School Choir, School Orchestra and Year 6 boys will be joined by groups from College Street to perform songs from Broadway and Tin Pan Alley, as well as works by Bernstein, Gershwin and Copland.

Wednesday 1 June: Visiting New York Jazz Combo Workshop (at 3.00pm) and Concert (at 5.30pm) in the Alastair Mackerras Theatre
Thursday 2 June at 6.30pm: New York @ College Street in the AMT
The Combined Prep Schools’ Tour Orchestra, College Street Choir and Orchestra, Big Band, Gramophone AMCO, Seymour Symphony Orchestra and Stringendo, together with soloists,
will perform music by Copland, Gershwin, Billy Joel, Bernstein, Thompson and Mingus amongst others.

Mr M S Smith

FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

Saturday Morning Sport

Parents are reminded to have their sons at sport at least 15 minutes prior to their game.

Under 11 Rugby

Our ‘B’ squad will have their first match on Saturday with St Ignatius here at School on Cowper Field starting at 10:15 am. Good luck.

Ball & Boy

The numbers continue to grow at each session as more and more boys are having fun, improving the skills and realizing that starting the day with a good workout sets you up for an energetic day!

- Wednesdays: 7:30-8:20am – Year 2, 3 & 4 Football
- Fridays: 7:30-8:20am – Year 2-6 Rugby & 5 & 6 Football

Holiday Camp; Years 2-6

We will be holding another Camp for boys and girls at School during the first week of the school holidays, 27 June to 2 July. Activities will include Rugby, Football, Tennis, Badminton, Basketball and Golf. A booking form will accompany our next Newsletter.

Mr R C Baker

FROM THE DRAMA MASTER

Year 6 Plays

During Week 5, the Year 6 boys will present the play ‘Willy Waxman’. All boys must attend these performances and I’m sure they would love you to be there to support them. The boys have been busy developing their characters and increasing their stagecraft knowledge as rehearsals have progressed each week. The boys are expected to have their lines down for the final rehearsals and parental guidance would be appreciated. It would also be greatly appreciated if you could discuss costumes with your sons, as some have been asked to bring in costume items for the final rehearsals this term. Please remind them to do this.

For the performances, the boys will meet me in the Drama Studio at 3:00pm to get into their costumes and prepare. The performances will be held in the Studio at the following times:
- 6T - Monday 23 May at 4:00pm
- 6D - Tuesday 24 May at 4:00pm
- 6M - Thursday 26 May at 4:00pm

I look forward to seeing you there!

‘A Collection of Beasts and Beauties and Grimm Tales’

Auditions will be held in the Drama Studio on Monday 16 May from 12.45pm - 4.30pm. Boys will be auditioning in groups of two or three and each audition should only last about 5 – 7 minutes. If your son is auditioning after 3:00pm please arrange to pick him up from Ayres Road at the completion of his audition.

Auditionees will need to be familiar with the three audition pieces. They will need to prepare both characters in the first audition piece, which consists of a dialogue between the two Weavers from ‘The Emperor’s New Clothes’. Please remember there is no need to learn the pieces by heart. The audition process will be relaxed and fun where each boy will be encouraged to present the prepared material to his best ability. Improvisation and the development of unseen dialogue may also be used to ascertain each boy’s potential for the characters. We will be looking for:
- Exaggerated character movement, posture and facial expressions
- A contrast between the two characters in the first audition piece
- Strong and clear speaking voices, and
- Confident presentation of the scene – really ‘sell’ it to us!

Mrs Grelis and I look forward to seeing you then. Good luck!

Ms M F Wheatley

FROM THE ITALIAN MASTER

Year 5 and 6 boys were recently entertained by an Italian theatrical group, F.I.P.S. (Fools in Progress), who specialise in the ‘commedia dell’arte’, an old form of improvised Italian ‘street’ theatre, dating from the 15th century. We met the masked characters of Pantalone, Colombina, Capitano and Pazzarello in a very skilful and hilarious production. This experience brought to life the work we had already done on the festival of ‘Carnevale’. The boys have also painted and decorated some beautiful masks of their own.

Year 6 has begun a unit of work on ‘Eating and Drinking’ and, as part of this topic, each boy has been asked to prepare a simple (2 course) Italian meal for their families to enjoy. It is meant to be an enjoyable exercise in learning some skills and independence in the kitchen as well as a cultural experience for all involved. They have been given a sheet with clear instructions and assessment criteria. The boys may need some guidance from ‘experts’ at home but the challenge is for them to be in charge. Most are very familiar with Italian cuisine and there appears to be a number of budding ‘Masterchefs’. There will be lots of discussion and assistance in class. The assignment is due in week 9 (Monday 20 June 20). Buon Appetito!

Mrs J A Matheson
### Calendar of Events 16 – 28 May

**Monday 16 May**
- 10:00 am: Assembly (5-6) (5A – Dent)
- 12:45 pm – 4:30 pm: ‘School Performance’ – Auditions

**Tuesday 17 May**
- 10:00 am: Assembly (3-4) (3M – Dent)
- 1:15 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunchtime Concert (3-6)

**Wednesday 18 May**
- 7:30 am – 8:20 am: Ball & Boy – (3-4)
- 8:45 am – 12:45 pm: Year 2 Excursion to Bicentennial Park
- 8:50 am – 9:25 am: Peer Support Groups – Session #1

**Thursday 19 May**
- 9:00 am – 2:00 pm: Transition Excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park
- 9:00 am – 10:35 am: PA General Meeting – Hall
- 12:45 pm: SRC Meeting #2 (Dent) – Ensemble Room

**Friday 20 May**
- 7:30 am – 8:20 am: Ball and Boy – Football (5 & 6)/Rugby (3-6)
- 8:50 am – 9:25 am: New York Concert Rehearsal – Hall
- 10:00 am: Assembly (Tr-2) (2C – SWEET)
- 1:15 pm: IPSHA Debating v Masada
- 3:00 pm: Chess Round 3

**Saturday 21 May**
- Winter Sport Round 4

**Monday 23 May**
- 10:00 am: Assembly (5-6) (6T– Francis)
- 4:00 pm: 6T Drama Performance – Drama Studio

**Tuesday 24 May**
- 10:00 am: Assembly (3-4) (4L – Francis)
- 1:15 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunchtime Concert – Ensemble Room
- 4:00 pm: 6T Drama Performance – Drama Studio

**Wednesday 25 May**
- 7:30 am – 8:20 am: Ball & Boy – Football (3 & 4)
- 8:50 am – 9:25 am: Peer Support Groups – Session #2
- 12:10 pm – 12:45 pm: Friendship Groups (K-2)
- 1:40 pm – 2:50 pm: House Football Competition – Years 3 & 4

**Thursday 26 May**
- 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm: Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School
- 4:00 pm: 6M Drama Performance – Drama Studio

**Friday 27 May**
- 7:30 am – 8:20 am: Ball & Boy – Football (5 & 6)/Rugby (3-6)
- 8:50 am – 9:25 am: New York Concert Rehearsal – Hall
- 9:00 am – 1:45 pm: Kindergarten Excursion to Taronga Zoo
- 10:00 am: Assembly (Tr-2) (2F SWEET)
- 1:40 pm – 2:50 pm: House Football Competition Years 5 & 6
- 3:00 pm: Chess Round 4
- 3:00 pm: Newsletter
- 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm: College St Music Festival – New York Music – Hall

**Saturday 28 May**
- Winter Sport Round 5

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

**2012 Term Dates - DRAFT**
- Monday 30 January – Orientation Day (New boys)
- Term 1: Tuesday 31 January – Thursday 5 April
- Term 11: Thursday 26 April – Tuesday 26 June
- Term III: Wednesday 19 July – Friday 14 September
- Term IV: Monday 8 October – Tuesday 4 December (Presentation Day)