FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome to Term Four!
Next week will be a quiet one at the School, with Year 6 away from Monday to Wednesday visiting Canberra and Year 3 leaving on Thursday to spend a night in the Blue Mountains and seeing Jenolan Caves. I wish both grades an enjoyable time away.

For Year 2 boys the term brings special activities to familiarize them with the routines and opportunities of Year 3. The boys will join with their Year 3 buddies for games and classroom activities as well as visiting the Art and Science Rooms for lessons. They are also invited to join morning fitness and ‘Bat and Ball’ coaching sessions both in the morning and at specially arranged lunchtimes.

The School community is warmly invited to attend two concerts this term. The Scholars’ Concert on Friday 11 November at 6:30 pm will feature Instrumental and Vocal Scholars and at the Annual Concert on Wednesday 30 November at 7:00 pm, all major groups, choirs and bands including the School Orchestra will perform.

The summer sports season resumes tomorrow and I wish all teams well in their matches. I remind boys from Years 2-6 that they are welcome to attend early morning fitness sessions on Mondays and Fridays and ‘Bat and Ball’ coaching on either Tuesday for Years 2, 3 & 4 or Thursdays for Years 5 & 6.

Transition boys are delighted with the newly constructed pirate ship in their classroom. I am grateful to the Parents Association for their generous support.

FROM THE SENIOR MASTER

K-2 parents are reminded that talking on mobile phones whilst depositing or collecting boys from the Driveway is unsafe and greatly increases the risk of an accident. Boys are also reminded to stay in their seat belts until parents reach the crossing in the driveway. In the interest of everyone’s safety, please be mindful of these issues.

Mr D W Fraser

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

I trust all families have had a relaxing and well deserved break. Term Four is a short, yet busy one for all boys across the school. Besides our Year Six boys continuing in their respective leadership roles across the school, Year Five will also have the opportunity to start thinking about their prospects in different positions for 2012. Some of the leadership positions on offer
We officially welcomed Kindergarten to our weekly Assembly this week. We look forward to their attendance this term.

Ms L A Dorn

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES
Writing success comes from planning
We have just started narrative writing with Year 4 and I thought this summary might be useful for all parents supporting their boys as they write great stories…. When writing, boys should plot their main ideas on the story graph. You can ask questions to make sure they really do have a strong plan AND an ending.

1. The Action Start
So what’s the start of the story? Start when something exciting/scary/embarrassing happens. You have to start with a bang - think of a great action scene you could use. Use dialogue so we get to know the characters as they speak.

2. The Backfill
We don’t need big slabs of information. Just who, what and why. Put in the backfill as the action unfolds.

3. The Main Problem
What is your main character’s problem? Find a big problem for them to face. (Not just saving a cat up a tree.) What would really make your person scared?

4. Even More Problems
We need even MORE problems. What will they be? Things must be very bad indeed for your character. What else can go wrong? Make your villain or problem even bigger than your hero.

5. The Big Tension Scene
Give lots of detail of this scene. Picture each step in your mind. Make it REALLY hard. Will your hero/heroine make it?

6. The Climax
Now for the big climax. How’s it going to end? Your hero/heroine must solve the problem. How?

Mrs C J Merrick

FROM THE MUSIC MASTER
Ensembles Week 2
Please note that the following rehearsals only will be cancelled next week due to Study Tours: Stevens Concert Band, Senior Strings and School Choir.

Diary Dates
Scholars’ Concert – Friday 11 November – 6.30pm in the Hall
Annual Concert – Wednesday 30 November – 7.00pm in the Hall

Instrumental Try Outs
When boys move from K-2 to 3-6, a range of exciting instruments is open to them to learn. We will offer short sessions for Year 2 boys during Week 4 in order for us to assess interest and suitability for flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, violin, cello, double bass, trumpet, French horn, trombone and guitar. This opportunity is extended

Mr M J Tait

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFANTS
Welcome to Term Four. It has been an exciting start to the term with the boys arriving happily on Monday in their summer uniforms. The boys have discussed their holiday outings and trips with great enthusiasm.

We now have four new safety DROP OFF ZONES marked on the K-2 Driveway. Please ensure your son leaves your vehicle in a marked drop off zone only - not before or after.

Once again, I would like to suggest a special daily habit for you and your family this term - READING TOGETHER. The benefits of sharing literature together are rich and life-long, and, as our logo reads, READING ALOUD IS AS GOOD AS A HUG.

We have a ‘NO HAT, NO PLAY’ policy at school and boys without a hat sit under the eating shelters at break times. Please check your son has his grey, wide brimmed hat (clearly named) with him each day.

This week, the following boys have successfully implemented the Social Skill of the Week – ‘Do Something Kind for Someone Else’:

• TrB Timothy Wong
• TrE Nicholas Chang
• 1M Oliver Lee
• 1W Thomas Evans
• 2C Charles Makeham
• 2F James Huon

We will be House Captaincy and Vice Captaincy, as well House Committee members. In the coming weeks, the boys in Year Five, if interested, will be able to introduce themselves in House Meetings and communicate why they would like to lead their Houses for 2012. Some of the traits and duties include:

• Being excellent role models for the younger boys in the School
• Being enthusiastic and passionate about leading their teams in sports like athletics and swimming
• Being a person who participates in a realm of different activities
• Help lead assemblies
• Help with School tours
• Support the School’s code of Respect Cooperation Friendship
• Help develop and support new ideas to benefit the boys in the School

If any Year Five boys would like to discuss House leadership positions, please don’t hesitate to come and speak to me.

Mr M J Tait

Sydney Grammar School St Ives Preparatory School
only to boys whose parents wish them to be taught at school. Boys already in Years 3-6 can try out in Week 3. Parents, please leave names with Mrs Templeton at the Music Office.

**Discontinuing Music Lessons**
Written confirmation of your son’s withdrawal from music lessons must be received by the Music Department by Friday Week 5 (11 November) or it will be assumed he is continuing in 2012 and fees for Term 1 will be payable.

**St Ives Vocal and Instrumental Music Scholarships for 2012**
Scholarships are open to all boys in Year 5 2011. Forms are available from the Music Office. First round instrumental auditions will be held in Week 4, Monday 31 October. Final round instrumental and vocal auditions will be on Monday 7 November.

**College Street Music Scholarships**
Boys currently in Year 5 may also wish to apply for a Music Scholarship to College Street in 2013. Forms will be available from the Music Office later in Term 4. The closing date for registration will be in March next year.

**Mr M S Smith**

**FROM THE SPORTS MASTER**

**IPSHA Athletics**
Congratulations to our Junior Relay Team, finishing 4th from all Independent Primary Schools in NSW; well done to Sachin Markus, Christopher Choi, Johan Van der Merwe and Joshua Tait. Well done to also Ben Zhang for finishing 4th in the 200m final and being well placed in the 100m event.

Special congratulations to; Elliot Metcalf on clearing 1.35m in the High Jump and on winning the 800m final, and to Johan Van der Merwe for finishing 2nd in the final of the 100 m. Both Johan and Elliot have qualified for the CIS Athletic Team and will compete next week in the State Athletic Carnival. Good luck boys!

Sport tomorrow
- 4 A Cricket; please note that your game is to be played at Bressington Park, Underwood Road, Homebush; starting at 8:00am. Please report to Mr Tait before 7:45am.

**Mr R C Baker**

**FROM THE ITALIAN MASTER**

The 2011 Norton Street Italian Festa will take place in Leichhardt on **Sunday 30 October between 10.00am and 5.00pm.** It is a wonderful celebration of Italian culture and highlights the contribution that the Italian community has made to our life here in Sydney. There is a feast of Italian food, music and entertainment, an Italian Grandmother’s cooking challenge, a live ‘Marostica’ chess tournament, an Italian ‘Romeo e Giulietta’ wedding ceremony, Italian car show, model car racing even a few gladiators and legionaries. Details can be found at www.nortonstreetfesta.com.au  Buona festa e viva l’Italia!

**Mrs J A Matheson**

**FROM THE DRAMA MASTER**

**‘A Kidnapped Santa Claus’ - Year Four Performance**
This term, during Week 5, the Year Four boys will present the play ‘A Kidnapped Santa Claus’. 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 moving about the stage, developing their characters and learning more about stagecraft as we rehearse 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.

**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 Drama Studio at the following times:
- 4B - Tuesday 8 November at 3.30pm
- 4H – Wednesday 9 November at 3.30pm
- 4L – Thursday 10 November at 3.30pm

I look forward to seeing you there!

**Ms M F Wheatley**

**FROM THE CHESS CO-ORDINATOR**
Welcome back to our final Term of Chess. The term started with the House Chess Competition being held on Wednesday of this week. A very exciting finish as Joshua Mok played Marcus Loane in the final game to draw. Congratulations to Cowper House who finished first. In second place Francis House, third place Dent House and fourth place Healey House. Well done to those boys that participated.

Next Friday 21 October our A Team will play Toongabbie Christian School in the next stage of the Inter School Competition, the Metropolitan Inter-region Semi-finals. We wish our boys Kevin and Rowan Willathgamuwa, Henry Xu and Max Smith good luck.

**Mrs S J Hardwick**
### Calendar of Events 17 – 29 October

#### Monday 17 October
- **7:30am**: Year 6 Study Tour to Canberra departs
- **7:40am**: Year 5-6 Chess Commences for the Term - Year 5 Activity Room
- **7:45am - 8:20am**: Morning Fitness (2-6)
- **10:00am**: Assembly (3, 4, & 5) (5C/3H - Cowper)

#### Tuesday 18 October
- **7:30am – 8:20am**: 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (Years 2-4)
- **9:00am – 10:30am**: 'Minding Me' – PDH Presenter - 5S
- **11:00am – 3:00pm**: Artist-in-Residence – T-2
- **11:00am – 12:30pm**: 'Minding Me' – PDH Presenter – 5A
- **1:15pm – 1:30pm**: Lunchtime Concert (Years 3 & 4)
- **1:20pm – 2:50pm**: 'Minding Me' – PDH Presenter – 5C

#### Wednesday 19 October
- **12:10pm – 12:45pm**: Friendship Groups (K-2)
- **4:30pm**: Year 6 Study Tour to Canberra returns

#### Thursday 20 October
- **7:15am**: Year 3 Study Tour to Jenolan Caves departs
- **7:30am – 8:20am**: 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (Years 5-6)
- **7:40am**: Chess Coaching begins for Term 4 (Years 1-2) - K-2 Music Room
- **9:00am – 2:00pm**: Kindergarten Excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens
- **9:00am – 3:00am**: Life Education (K-2)
- **1:00pm – 1:30pm**: Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School
- **2:15pm – 3:00pm**: Year 2 Afternoon Tea for Current Parents

#### Friday 21 October
- **7:45am – 8:20am**: Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- **10:00am**: Assembly (K-2) (Health and Safety)
- **3:00pm**: Newsletter
- **3:30pm**: 3-6 Twilight Concert – Ensemble Room

#### Saturday 22 October
- **Summer Sport Round 8**

#### Monday 24 October
- **7:45am – 8:20am**: Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- **10:00am**: Assembly (Yeara 4) (School Awards (6M – Dent)

#### Tuesday 25 October
- **7:30am – 8:20am**: 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (Years 2-4)
- **9:00am – 3:00pm**: Life Education (K-2)
- **10:00am**: Assembly (Years 4) (4B – Dent)
- **10:00am**: Year 3 Excursion to SSO – Ultimo
- **11:00am**: Tour of the School for Prospective Parents
- **1:15pm – 1:30pm**: Lunchtime Concert

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

### 2012 Term Dates
- **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**: Thursday 19 July - Friday 14 September
- **Term IV**: Monday 8 October – Tuesday 4 December (Presentation Day)