From the Headmaster

Dr Toni Noble, co-author of the internationally acclaimed programme, ‘Bounce Back’, will be coming to the School later this month to talk to the parent community and teaching staff about the importance of developing resilience.

Why is it so important? Resilience is the ability to cope and ‘bounce back’ when things go wrong in life and be able to respond to difficult situations and still thrive.

Developing the essential personal skills and positive attitudes are crucial in building resilience. Learning these skills at a younger age will help prepare them well for the turbulent times of adolescence where so often levels of resilience are tested.

The presentation for all parents will be held in the School Hall on 28 February at 7:00pm. Dr Noble will also be assisting Masters in the implementation of this important programme throughout the School this year. We look forward to seeing many of you at this important event.

New School Telephone Numbers

A new telephone system has been installed from today and all the phone numbers throughout the School have been changed.

The new numbers are:
Reception: 8302 5200 [8:30am-4:30pm]
Facsimile: 9449 9875
After School Care Bookings: 8302 5200
After School Care Direct Line: 8302 5226
Counsellor: 8302 5223
Enrolments: 8302 5218
Music Secretary: 8302 5242
Sport Master: 8302 5246
Sport Wet Weather Line: 9990 8472
Tuckshop: 8302 5225
Uniform Shop: 8302 5224

Until the end of this term, you can use the old numbers and be automatically redirected to the new numbers. From Term 2, only the new telephone numbers will be operational.

School Counsellor

The new Counsellor, Ashleigh Hough, has moved her office to a more central location in the Administration building. Appointments can be made with the Counsellor either through your son’s Form Master or by contacting her directly. Generally, if a concern is raised by a Form Master about a boy, they would always discuss the issue with the boy’s parents before completing a referral form.

If you have some concerns about your son’s social or emotional well-being, you may contact Ashleigh directly on 9302 5223 or go through your son’s Form Master. Please note that the Counsellor is available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr I R Stephens

From the Senior Master

After School Care

Our regulations stipulate that we have to limit the number of boys to 50 each day; and with the current number of boys enrolled (both full time and part time), we are at capacity on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have a regular booking and your son cannot attend for any reason (except illness when your son will automatically be taken off the attendance list), please ring Mrs Heaton to cancel your son’s place. This will allow a casual booking placement for another boy. If you do not ring you will be charged $10.00. There are places available on Wednesdays and Fridays but all bookings must be made through Mrs Heaton on 8302 5200. The direct number for the After School Care facility is 8302 5226.

As a direct result of this limit, all boys will be supervised either on the late bench (P-2) or at the Front Gate (3-6) until 3:30pm. After this time, all boys will be taken to the Office to call home. When after school sport is cancelled due to inclement weather, staff will supervise boys who do not have an alternative going home arrangement until 4:00pm. No boys can proceed to After School Care unless they are already booked in.

Applications for Boys’ Leave

We are revising the procedure for parents when applying for leave for their sons. Requests for leave should be made via the School email addressed to Mr Stephens. The email address is stives@sydgram.nsw.edu.au. Of course, some requests may still come in as letters or notes, and these are to be sent to the office, not the Form Master. An email response will be sent to parents accordingly. This is the only reply parents will receive. Diaries or message books are no longer involved in the process. We will ask parents not to assume that leave is granted, and if no reply has been received promptly, they should resend their request.

We also request that plenty of notice is given when applying for leave, apart from obvious urgent medical appointments.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mr D W Fraser
3 C & 3 D Super 8 Teams are asked to note the following confirmation of the game changes for tomorrow. Knox and Kings have pulled out of this competition. Therefore, our 3C Super 8 Team will unfortunately have a bye tomorrow.

We are now playing a game with Barker for the 3D Super 8 Team. This game will be played on the Main Oval at Barker, College Crescent, Waitara, starting at 8:00am.

**House Swimming Carnival**
All parents are invited to our House Swimming Carnivals.
- For boys in Years 3 & 4, this will be held on Wednesday 20 February from 12:30pm-2:50pm.
- For boys in Years 5 & 6, this will be held on Friday 22 February, 12:30pm-2:50pm.

Presentations will be held at 1:30 pm on the Basketball Court on Monday 25 February.

**IPSHA Tennis Trials**
We congratulate Evan Leung and Harry Oates (both Year 6), for their excellent efforts, skills and sportsmanship as they tried out for the IPSHA Tennis Team. From the 23 elite tennis players who attended the trials, Evan placed equal 6th, and Harry 5th. Harry qualified as a reserve for the Team. Well done Evan & Harry.

**Cross Country Training**
Mr Palethorpe will be running Cross Country Training sessions for interested boys on Monday and Friday mornings from Weeks 4-7. Sessions will start at 7:45am and will be held on Cowper. If boys are interested, our first session will be Monday 18 February, 7:45am.

**The Knox Invitational Swimming Carnival**
Mr Bulger accompanied our Swimming Team to their first meet for the year at Knox Grammar yesterday. The whole team did an amazing job with many of the boys placing in the top three for each of their races. There were many strong performances from our Team, with Justin Lee and Gabriel Gorgas completing in every event. Congratulations to Owen Marschner and Bradley Chan from Year 3 for accepting the challenge to swim up an age group in a few races to help out the Year 4 boys.

To finish the carnival we had four outstanding performances by our two junior and two senior freestyle relay teams. It was impressive to see the effort that each boy put in during their leg of the relay. This put us in a great position for our Junior and Senior Relay Teams to compete in the upcoming IPSHA Carnival on Wednesday 6 March at Homebush. Well done boys!

Ms L A Dorn

**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES**

**K-2 Literacy Hour begins…**
Yesterday afternoon, our teaching staff met once more to discuss the literacy hour at Sydney Grammar. The literacy hour will focus on our emergent, early, fluent and independent readers and developing our boys’ thinking, reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.

Last year, the staff selected nearly a thousand books that would engage, enrich and challenge all boys at every level of reading. We had a wonderful group of parents contacting up a storm in the Activity Room this week and they were so impressed with the beautiful resources that had been chosen. Our dedicated literacy hour begins on Tuesday and we look forward to the delight from the boys as they see what great things have been planned to develop their language, literature and literacy skills.

*Here’s some food for thought…*
*“Books are no more threatened by Kindle than stairs by elevators.” Stephen Fry*

Mrs C J Merrick

**FROM THE SPORTS MASTER**

Changes to the Sport Draw
Please note that we have amended our fixture list for the Term to include the ‘G’ Basketball Team and the 6 C Super 8 Cricket Team.
and Stevens Wind Ensemble with Dr Busan both commence next week. A reminder that for all morning ensembles, boys should be seated by 7:25am.

**Instruments at School**
During the school day ALL 3-6 instruments are to be left in the appropriate storage room and NOT in classrooms. Stringed instruments are to be placed in the racks in the Ensemble Room. Brass and woodwind instruments go into the music storeroom off Mrs Fane's Music Room.

**College Street Concerts**
14 March 6:30pm MA Music Scholars' Concert Wallace King Room. Each year, the School's Music Scholars perform solo repertoire in this important concert. The standard of performance is always high and the audiences are always inspired by the level of music-making by these young musicians.

21 March 6:30pm Term I String Concert The New Hall
All string players from Forms I-III perform at this concert. There will be a variety of items, ranging from solos to chamber music and the various Thursday String Orchestrations will also perform. All boys will play in a Combined Term I String Orchestra. The concert will last approximately one hour.

**College Street Music Scholarships 2013**
Forms are available from the Music Office for boys currently in Year 6. A reminder that the closing date is Friday, 8 March.

**Second Hand Instruments for Sale**
As a service to parents wishing to buy or sell a second hand musical instrument, a notice is on display outside the Music Office for another couple of weeks. This enables parents to communicate with each other directly. Please contact the Music Office with the make of instrument and the asking price if you have one to sell.

Mr M S Smith

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**FROM THE ITALIAN MASTER**

Buongiorno a tutti!

The boys have embraced their first Italian lessons with great ‘gusto’. I have really enjoyed meeting everyone from Kindergarten through to Year 5 and, of course, continuing classes with Year 6 this year. The younger a child is exposed to a new language, the more easily and naturally it is acquired and the better the accent.

Language learning has so many benefits. It strengthens one’s understanding of a first language, improves literacy, develops analytical, creative and critical thinking skills and fosters respect for cultural diversity. Italian is one of the most widespread and well established community languages in Australia. It offers learners the opportunity to be successful at an early stage due to its phonetic nature, familiar alphabet and grammatical system, and its Latin base shared with other European languages and, to a great extent, English.

In the primary years the focus is on developing listening and speaking skills through engaging, relevant and fun activities. We learn about Italian football clubs, customise a personal Ferrari design, ‘visit’ Maranello, the Sistine Chapel, Venezia and make fresh pasta. Italian culture is rich, well-known, accessible and so important to the development of our civilisation. It is an intrinsic part of every lesson, opening new horizons, encouraging curiosity and giving learners a sense of belonging to an incredible multicultural country and global community. Boys will further develop their language studies with a variety of modern and classical languages available at College Street.

Buon divertimento, ragazzi!

Mrs J A Matheson

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**FROM THE CHESS MASTER**

Thank you to all the boys who returned their registration forms. Chess days have been issued and there is a list of groups in the Chess Notice Board located between 6L and 6B.

Chess Club will begin on Monday 18 February in the Year 3 Activity Room at 7:30am. It is a difficult process placing many boys from different grades in an appropriate day to avoid clashes with other school commitments. If your son’s day clashes with another commitment please encourage your son to come and see me, alternatively, drop in with your son next week. Good luck to everyone and enjoy your matches.

Mrs S J Ward
### Calendar of Events - 18 February - 2 March

#### MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY
- **7:30am - 8:15am**: Chess Coaching begins for Term 1 (Years 3-6)
- **7:45am - 8:20am**: Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- **7:45am**: Cross Country Training (Cowper)
- **9:00am - 9:30am**: House Swimming Carnival Long Distance (3-6)
- **10:00am**: Assembly (3-4) (4L)

#### TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY
- **9:00am**: Year 1 Staff/Parent Morning Tea
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm**: Lunchtime Concert (3-6)

#### WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY
- **7:30am - 8:20am**: 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (2-4)
- **12:00pm**: Early lunch for House Swimming Carnival (3-4)
- **12:30pm - 2:50pm**: House Swimming Carnival (3-4)
- **1:30pm - 2:30pm**: Author Visit - Year 1 - Bronwyn Vaughan

#### THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY
- **9:00am**: Year 4 Staff/Parent Morning Tea
- **9:00am - 10:30am**: Year 4 Excursion to Kuring-gai Council

#### FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY
- **7:30am - 8:20am**: 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (5-6)
- **7:45am - 8:20am**: Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- **7:45am**: Cross Country Training (Cowper)
- **10:00am**: Assembly (K-2)
- **12:00pm**: Early Lunch for House Swimming Carnival (5-6)
- **12:30pm - 2:50pm**: House Swimming Carnival (5-6)

#### SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY
- **Summer Sport Round 3**
- **6:30pm - 9:00pm**: PA Cocktail Party

#### MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY
- **7:30am**: Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- **7:45am**: Cross Country Training (Cowper)
- **10:00am**: Assembly (5-6) (SS)
- **1:30pm - 1:35pm**: Presentation of House Swimming Awards

#### TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY
- **9:00am**: Year 2 Staff/Parent Morning Tea
- **10:30am**: Tour of the School for Prospective Parents
- **11:00am - 12:30pm**: Author Visit - Year 3 Aaron Babley
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm**: Lunchtime Concert

#### WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY
- **7:30am - 8:20am**: 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (2-4)
- **12:10pm - 12:45pm**: Friendship Groups (K-2)

#### THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY
- **9:00am**: Year 6 Staff/Parent Morning Tea
- **11:00am - 12:30pm**: Author Visit - Year 5 Oliver Phommavanh
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm**: Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School
- **7:00pm - 8:30pm**: 'BOUNCE BACK' Evening for Parents

#### FRIDAY 1 MARCH
- **7:30am - 8:20am**: 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (5-6)
- **7:45am - 8:45am**: Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- **7:45am**: Cross Country Training (Cowper)
- **10:00am**: Assembly (K-2)
- **3pm**: Newsletter

#### SATURDAY 2 MARCH
- **Summer Sport Round 4**