From the Headmaster

During Week 9, boys in Years 4, 5 & 6 will be heading off to enjoy their annual outdoor education camps. Years 4 & 6 will be going to Point Wolstoncroft on Lake Macquarie and Year 5 will be travelling to Broken Bay on the Hawkesbury River.

These camps are always one of the highlights of the year for the boys and they are designed to give them an opportunity to develop some new friendships and for the Masters to get to know them in a different setting. The boys certainly enjoy a variety of experiences and are sometimes taken out of their comfort zone, which of course helps them to develop those crucial skills of perseverance, resilience and independence. Parents should not expect a great amount of washing on their return as the boys usually return home in the same clothing they left in, only significantly dirtier!

Michael Morpurgo
It can be difficult as a parent to find the right book for your child to enjoy even if they are a voracious reader or a reluctant one. In my experience, Michael Morpurgo is one such author that ticks all the right boxes in engaging young readers time and again. He is an English Author, Poet and Children’s Laureate and is best known for his novel War Horse, recently adapted to stage and screen.

Morpurgo is a prolific writer and has created wonderfully diverse stories that children (and adults) can enjoy. He has written books for children from the very young to young adults. My personal favourite that I read with my son is An Elephant in the Garden. It is an extraordinary tale set in the Dresden Zoo during World War II of a family’s fight for their own survival while trying to protect an elephant.

The website, www.michaellmorpurgo.com highlights all his books and offers an extract from each audiobook to sample. Our library is also stocked with many of his books to enjoy.

Mr I R Stephens

From the Director of Infants

Our Teachers’ Aides for this year are Miss Lauren Barlow (Preschool) and Miss Erin Glanville (Kindergarten). We wish them both a very happy and productive year.

Each year we like to display a photograph of every boy. We would like a photograph of your son reading his favourite book. The photographs surround our ‘Reading Bear’ in the P-2 Activity Room, displayed with the slogan ‘Chill Out with a Book’. If you have not already sent in a photograph of your son reading his favourite book, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Should you have any concerns regarding School, please contact your son’s Form Master directly, so they can manage the situation for you.

Thank you for your patience and caution when using the P-2 Driveway. At drop off and collection time, please remain in your car, as this allows the traffic to flow freely.

Finally, please be reminded that birthday invitations are not given out at school.

Next week, Mr Townley-Jones will discuss Health and Safety issues at Assembly (Friday 22 March). There is no Assembly the following week (Friday 29 March) owing to Easter. We look forward to seeing you at our Assemblies each week.

Ms L A Dorn
All Football players require shin guards for every training session and every game.

Inter School Saturday sport resumes next term.

Representative Sport
We congratulate both Richard Li and Christopher Choi for their excellent efforts at the recent CIS Basketball trials. From the 60 boys who were aiming for one of the 10 positions, Richard finished 14th and Christopher was selected. Our first CIS Basketballer for 10 years. Well done to both boys.

We also congratulate our Swimming Team for their excellent efforts at the recent IPSHA Carnival at Homebush. Justin Lee (Year 6) and Gabriel Gorgas (Year 5) have both qualified to represent IPSHA at the CIS Selection Carnival on Wednesday. Good luck boys.

Mr R C Baker

FROM THE ITALIAN MASTER

Buongiorno a tutti. It has been a very interesting time in Italy recently with both the papal and political elections. The boys have been fascinated with the rituals of the conclave in the Sistine Chapel. I am impressed with the lovely accents I am hearing as we sing, dance and practise our Italian vocabulary. The K-2 boys have enjoyed reading ’Le avventure di Pinocchio’, looking at some of Leonardo da Vinci’s inventions and learning about Rome. Tom Baxter (4S) has made a superb trident and shield using recycled materials, inspired by the ancient ‘retiarius’ gladiators. Buon lavoro, ragazzi!

Ms J A Matheson

FROM THE MUSIC MASTER

New Zealand Tour Orchestra
A reminder that tomorrow’s rehearsal is to be held at Edgecliff Prep 2:00pm – 5:30pm. Following this afternoon of music making, there will be an information session for parents covering important details of the tour. This will run from 5:30pm – 6:00pm. Boys can wear casual clothes.

Music Lessons Week 9
Please be aware that music lessons for boys in K-2 and Year 3 may be affected during camp week. Check the music timetable carefully or phone the Music Office if unsure.

Ensemble Rehearsals Week 9
The only ensembles to rehearse during camp week will be Amati, Bambini and Pennington Strings.

College Street Concerts
Thursday 21 March 6:30pm – 7:30pm Term 1 String Concert in The New Hall. All string players from Forms I-III will
perform. Items will range from solos to chamber music.

Sunday 24 March 4:30pm Bach Birthday Organ Concert at Big School
To celebrate the 328th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach, Mr Robert Wagner will give a concert on the Maunder organ. Admission is free.

Mr M S Smith

FROM THE DRAMA MASTER

Year 3 boys are preparing for their Lunchtime Readers’ Theatre performance for the P-2 boys in Week 10. They will perform the play: *Brock and the Dragon*. The boys have been given their scripts and are asked to practise their lines at home and parental guidance would be much appreciated. The boys do not need to learn their lines, just be confident in reading them. Would you mind reminding your sons to have their scripts with them on Tuesday for their Drama lesson please, as they only have one copy?

It would also be greatly appreciated if you could discuss costumes with your sons, as the boys have been asked to wear something for their character. Thank you.

Year 6 boys have been very busy rehearsing for next term’s performance. They will be presenting the play: *The Tale of the Dragon and the Magical Monarch of Mo*. In the next few weeks the boys will be further developing their characters and learning more about stagecraft as we rehearse the play. The boys are asked to practise and learn their lines at home, and parental guidance would be appreciated. Already some notable performances are emerging! Thank you.

Ms M F Wheatley

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## Calendar of Events - 18 March - 30 March

### Monday 18 March
- **10:00am** Assembly (3-4) (4S)  
- **3:00pm - 4:00pm** After School Winter Sport Practices begin

### Tuesday 19 March
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm** Lunchtime Concert

### Wednesday 20 March
- **11:00am - 12:30pm** Poet Visit - Year 4 Stephen Herrick

### Thursday 21 March
- **10:00am - 11:00am** P-2 Grandparents' Morning  
- **1:00pm - 1:00pm** Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School

### Friday 22 March
- **10:00am** Assembly (K-2) (Health & Safety)

### Saturday 23 March
- **No Sport**

### Monday 25 February
- **Year 4 & 6 Camp to Point Wolstoncroft departs**  
- **Year 5 Camp to Broken Bay departs**  
- **10:00am** Assembly - Year 3 (3D)

### Tuesday 26 March
- **9:15am - 1:30pm** Year 3 Visit to College St & Edgecliff  
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm** Lunchtime Concert (3-6)  
- **1:30pm - 2:30pm** Author Visit (P & K) Ben Wood

### Wednesday 27 March
- **12:10pm - 12:45pm** Friendship Groups (K-2)  
- **3:00pm** Year 5 Camp to Broken Bay returns

### Thursday 28 March
- **3:00pm** Years 4 & 6 Camp to Point Wolstoncroft returns  
- **3:00pm** Newsletter

### Friday 29 March
- **Good Friday Public Holiday**

### Saturday 30 March
- **Easter Saturday - No Sport**