Dear Parents

Every year the School organises a number of public gatherings intended to be of interest to parents and extended families as well as boys. The first such event for this year will be held in the New Hall on 12th April at 6.30pm. In partnership with Cosmos magazine, we are hosting a public lecture and conversation to be given by the evolutionary biologist Professor Richard Dawkins FRS from the University of Oxford and theoretical physicist Professor Lawrence Krauss from the State University of Arizona. The title of the evening's proceedings is “Something from Nothing”: It promises to be a stimulating conversation. You can find information about how to book elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Although 12th April falls during the holidays, I am hoping for a very large audience at this special event:

Dr J T Vallance

In the next two weeks boys in Years 4-6 will spend time away on camp. Those in Years 4 and 6 will enjoy four days together at Point Wolstoncroft from next Monday 19 March, and boys in Year 5 will travel to the Broken Bay campsite for a three day camp from Wednesday 28 March. Being away from home provides the boys with an opportunity to develop independence and to challenge themselves in a relaxed, supportive environment. The activities are conducted in groups allowing boys to consolidate friendships and engage in team-building skills, under the guidance of camp leaders and their teachers. I am looking forward to spending a day at each camp. This week Miss Chadwick handed over her class to Mrs Pleasants and will now begin her maternity leave. Parents of 1P met Mrs Pleasants for afternoon tea on Wednesday and thanked Miss Chadwick for her work with the boys this year. We wish Miss Chadwick well and look forward to hearing her happy news.

Next term on Friday 4 March the School will hold its annual Open Day. Current and prospective parents are warmly invited to attend from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. This is an opportunity to see the School at work; to watch Form Masters with their classes, specialist teachers at work and boys involved in a wide range of activities. As well as seeing boys in class, parents and visitors will be able to hear the School Orchestra and St Ives Singers, visit the Drama, Art and Science Rooms and watch Sport, Chess and Debating.

Whilst the current building project will not be completely finished before Open Day, the fenced off area will be minimized, Cowper Field restored and the stairs linking the east-west walkway will be completed and in use. At the conclusion of Open Day the School will close and boys may leave with their parents. In the near future a form will be sent home asking for details of your sons’ travel arrangements. Please note that the After School Care centre will not operate on that day and bus services will be limited.

I wish all boys a most successful final round of summer sport tomorrow.

HEADMASTER’S AWARDS

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

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Mrs R J Lee
From the Senior Master
Change to ‘No Parking’ times in Ayres Road
The ‘No Parking’ signs for the drop off area outside the Main Entrance to the school have been changed this week. They now read ‘No Parking’ 7:00am-9:30am & 2:30-4:00pm on School days. This is an increase from the previous times in the morning session to allow for a smoother drop off for before school activities. Please note that ‘No Parking’ allows you to stop for 2 minutes, and stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Please note that Council Rangers patrol Ayres Road on a regular basis, and the fine in this area exceeds $147 and 2 demerit points.

Mr D W Fraser

From the Director of Pastoral Care
This week a number of Year 6 boys (ably led by Felix Carrick) hosted a Crazy Hair Day for the Leukaemia Foundation. It’s one of Australia’s biggest fundraising events with over 125,000 people participating to raise funds for people living with blood cancer. To date, the money raised is $8255! This will help fund important research into leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other blood disorders. Thank you to the many boys in Year 6 who took part in the day by colouring their hair and of course to the boys from Transition to Year 6 who generously contributed to the charity with a gold coin. We look forward to further fun events across the school once our local and international charities are finalised for the year.

Mr M J Tait

From the Director of Infants
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 K-2 Activity Room, displayed with the slogan ‘Read Anywhere, Any Time!’ . If you have not already sent in a photograph of your son reading his favourite book, mounted on our special page, 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. Please do not contact parents in an attempt to resolve the matter yourself.

Thank you for returning your son’s Transport Arrangements Form for Term One. These forms are very important, as we refer to them on a daily basis. Should your son’s going home arrangements change on a permanent basis, please request a new form via his Message Book/Diary.

If you wish your son to have leave from School during term time, application in writing needs to be made to Mrs Lee (Headmaster). Please ensure that the reason for leave is written in full and received in sufficient time (not on the day) for an answer to be given. Your son’s name and class should appear at the top of the letter and be signed by the parent or guardian. Leave will be granted for specialist medical appointments, medical emergencies and religious worship. Extended holiday leave is not encouraged or recognised by the School.

Over the last two weeks, the following boys have successfully implemented the Social Skill of the Week – ‘Being a Good Winner’ or ‘Being a Good Loser’:

- TE  Jackson Mather & Shray Kumar
- TR  Maxwell Crafter & Chris Jeong
- 1H  Mitchell Kruse & Darren Ip
- 1P  Reuben Bishop & Remy Sloan
- 2C  Aedyn Pratley & Jayden Lee
- 2E  Rahul Jayakanthan & Vincent Ng

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

Ms L A Dorn

From the Director of Studies
Children and Sleep – Part II
What are the symptoms of sleep deprived children?
Sleep deprivation affects children in different ways to adults. Sleepy children tend to ‘speed up’ rather than slow down. Symptoms include:

- Moodiness and irritability
- Temper tantrums
- The tendency to emotionally ‘explode’ at the slightest provocation
- Over-activity and hyperactive behaviour
- Daytime naps
- Grogginess when they wake up in the morning
- Reluctance to get out of bed in the morning.

Perhaps you recognise some of these? I will include Part III in the next newsletter.

Interesting fact #2: Staying awake for 24 hours leads to a reduced hand-to-eye coordination that is similar to having a blood alcohol content of 0.1.

Reading Information Session
Thank you to over 70 parents who attended the Reading afternoon and to our terrific staff who shared strategies, words of wisdom and the joy they have for reading. It was lovely to see parents borrowing some great new books for their sons to read and some of the terrific resources available to parents in the Parents’ Reference section of the library. We wish you many happy reading moments ahead.

Speak Out
If any boys in Year Five and Six are interested in a holiday workshop to improve their public speaking and debating skills, ‘Speak Out’ is running one at PLC on 10-12 April. To find out more go to www.speakouteducation.com.au

Mrs C J Merrick

From the Music Master
Music Lessons Week 8
NO LESSONS with Mr Smith or Mr Vickers Monday 19 to Thursday 22 March.

Ensemble Rehearsals Week 8
The following ensemble rehearsals are cancelled due to Year 4 and 6 Camps:

Amati, Sartory, Senior, Maffey, School Orchestra
Stevens Wind Ensemble, Kenyon Concert Band, St Ives Singers, Guitar Ensemble, Blues Group, Percussion Quartet (Thursday)

NB: School Choir with Mrs Fane will rehearse as usual on Friday 23 March for Years 3 and 5.
Also, Mr Farland’s Tuesday Percussion Ensemble will be ON.

Bambini & Pennington Strings Week 8
On Tuesday 20 March, violin players ONLY from Bambini Strings will rehearse in the K-2 Music Room. NO REHEARSALS for cello players or Pennington violins.

Ensemble Rehearsals Week 9
ALL ensembles will rehearse as usual this week.

Farewell Concert for Mrs Lee - Wednesday 4 April - 6.00pm - School Hall
The following groups will be performing at the Farewell Concert: a small Taiko Ensemble, Maffey Strings, Stevens Wind Ensemble, School Orchestra and a massed primary choir. Boys will need to be at School at 5.30pm on 4 April.

Band Tour 26-30 June 2012 - with rehearsals on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June
Boys selected to participate in the Combined Sydney Grammar Prep Schools’ Band Tour are reminded that payment of the first installment is due by Monday 2 April. This payment is $250 which should be a cheque made out to Sydney Grammar School. Any queries, please contact Mrs Carter in the Edgecliff Music Department.

Concerts at College Street
Thursday 22 March 6:30pm - Song Company Concert in The New Hall
The Song Company, one of Australia’s preeminent vocal ensembles, has a week-long residency at Grammar in mid-March. They will give an array of performances, talks and workshops, culminating in an exciting, eclectic this concert. This event is in collaboration with all choirs in the School, as well as Grammar instrumentalists and the Sydneian Bach Choir, and includes a new commission from Old Sydneian, Elliot Gyger.

Thursday 29 March 6:30pm - Term I Concert in The New Hall
The following ensembles will be performing in this Concert; School Orchestra, AMCO, the Wind Ensemble, Segovia Guitar Ensemble, Croonivores, Grammarphones. A highlight of this concert will be a performance of the winner from the 2011 Form V Instrumental Competition, Vincent Lo, an old boy of St Ives.

Mr M S Smith

House Cross Country
Congratulations to all boys! Your efforts on Wednesday were impressive!
U 9 Champion Hunter Nicholls (Dent)
U 10 Champion William Maffey (Dent)
U 11 Champion Harry Oates (Francis)
U 12 Champion Elliot Metcalf (Francis)
Champion House Dent
We look forward to the IPSHA Cross Country at Kings, end of March.

Summer Sport
Tomorrow, we play the final round of Summer Sport. What a Summer! Good luck boys! Please note the following venue changes:
• 5 A Cricket are now playing at Koola Park, East Killara,
• Year 4 Basketball will be played at Barker Junior School

Winter Sport
Training starts next week.
All Rugby players MUST wear a mouth guard for games and training.
All Footballers MUST wear shin guards for games and training.
Studs: moulded soles and screw-in metal studs are both acceptable, however plastic tipped multi composition studs are illegal. Boys should see me if they are unsure about their studs.
Track suits are compulsory.
Please note the following timetable for After School Sport practices;
Monday Year 3 & 4 Rugby, Year 3 & 4 Football
Tuesday Year 5 Football, Winter Tennis (G1)
Wednesday Year 5 & 6 Rugby, Year 6 Football, Winter Tennis (G2)
Thursday No training
Friday No training

Mr R C Baker

From the Library
This week in the Library we had a visit from Aaron Blabey, who is a noted children’s author and illustrator. He entertained the boys from Kindergarten - Year 3 reading his much loved picture books and drawing some of the characters.
I encourage parents to come into the Library and browse our updated Parents’ Reference section. Included in this section are picture books containing stories about social issues.
Please remind your sons about returning any overdue library books so that they will be ready for holiday borrowing.
The Library will be closed on the afternoon of Friday 30 March from 3pm until 4pm, please make alternate arrangements for you sons.
Please note that the Library will be closed all day from 8.00am until 4pm on Wednesday 21 March.

Mrs S J Hardwick

Mr M S Smith

FROM THE SPORTS MASTER
Inter School Swimming
We congratulate our swimmers for their excellent efforts at last week’s IPSHA Carnival at the Olympic Pool.
Gabriel Gorgas (Year 4) and Justin Lee (Year 5) have qualified for the IPSHA Team and will seek a place in the CIS team shortly. Good luck!
### Calendar of Events 16 March - 31 March 2012

**SATURDAY 17 MARCH**
- Summer Sport Round 6

**MONDAY 19 MARCH**
- After School Winter Sport Practices Begin
- Years 4 & 6 Camp to Point Wolstoncroft departs
- 7:30am - 8:20am Morning Fitness (2-6)
- 10:00am Assembly (3-5) (3B/5P - Dent)

**TUESDAY 20 MARCH**
- 1:15pm - 1:30pm Lunchtime Concert (3-6)

**WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH**
- 7:45am – 8:20am ‘Ball and Boy’ Football Coaching begins (Year 3 only)

**THURSDAY 22 MARCH**
- 9:00am - 3:00pm Scientist in Residence (Year 1)
- 3:00pm Years 4 & 6 Excursion to Surf Educate

**FRIDAY 23 MARCH**
- 7:30am - 8:20am ‘Ball and Boy’ Football Coaching begins
  (Year 5 only)
- ‘Ball and Boy’ Rugby Coaching begins (2-6)
- 7:30am - 8:20am Morning Fitness (2-6)
- 9:00am - 3:00pm Years 4 & 6 Excursion to Surf Educate
- 10:00am Assembly (T-2)

**SATURDAY 24 MARCH**
- No Sport this Saturday

**MONDAY 26 MARCH**
- 10:00am Assembly (K-6) (School Leaders)
- 1:30pm Italian Puppet Show (5-6)

**TUESDAY 27 MARCH**
- 9:15am - 1:30pm Year 3 Visit to College Street & Edgecliff
- 1:15pm - 1:30pm Lunchtime Concert (3-6)
- 2:45pm - 4:30pm Rugby Promotions Afternoon

**WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH**
- 7:30am - 8:20am ‘Ball and Boy’ Football Coaching (3-4)
- 12:10pm - 12:45pm Friendship Groups (K-2)

**SATURDAY 29 MARCH**
- 1:00pm - 1:30pm Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School

**FRIDAY 30 MARCH**
- 7:30am - 8:20am ‘Ball and Boy’ Football (Year 6)
  Rugby (2-6)
- 8:40am Chess Coaching concludes for Term 1 (1-2)
- 10:00am Chess Coaching concludes for Term 1 (3-6)
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm Transition Pirate Picnic
- 1:45pm - 2:50pm Year 4 Community Mapping Exhibition
- 3:00pm Newsletter
- 3:20pm - 4:00pm Mad Hatter’s Tea Party Farewell for Mrs Lee

**SATURDAY 31 MARCH**
- IPSHA Cross-Country Carnival

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**2012 Term Dates**

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**From the Drama Master**

Year 3 boys are preparing for their lunch-time readers theatre performance for the Infants’ boys in Week 9. They will perform the play: *The Legend of Lightning Larry*. The boys 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. It would also be greatly appreciated if you could discuss costumes with your sons, as some of 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: *Wily Waxmen*. 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!

*Ms M F Wheatley*