FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents

Mr John Maffey was our guest at the Founders’ Day Assembly held last week. Mr Maffey was Headmaster of St Ives from 1973-1991 and lived in the Residence with Mrs Maffey and their four sons, all of whom attended the School. He spoke to the boys about the history of St Ives and of memories from his association with each of the School’s Founders and Headmasters.

Despite the rain, the term has begun well. Year 6 boys have been introduced to their roles as Leaders and Monitors assisting staff in the Library, music, sport, drama, science and art. They have also helped younger boys settle into the playground and new boys find their way around the School. Later in the term Year 6 will take part in training to lead Peer Support groups, with this year’s theme being Promoting Harmony.

At next Monday’s Assembly School and House Leaders will be presented with their badges. Congratulations to Charles Lilley, School Captain and Joshua Mok, Vice Captain; and to the following House Leaders.

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I am looking forward to talking with parents at the annual Cocktail Party to be held on Saturday 25 February and wish all teams well for tomorrow’s matches.

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

Cyber Safety Parent Session

At the recent Parent Information Session for Years 3-6, I mentioned that the school has organised for an expert in the field of ‘Cyber Safety’ to talk to parents and staff.

On Monday 26 March in the School Hall, Chris Webster will conduct an information session starting at 7pm. Chris has a website that you may wish to visit beforehand: www.cyberbullying.info. The importance of parents being aware and active in understanding their son’s electronic communication habits cannot be over emphasised. It is hoped that all parents can attend this session and assist their sons make better choices.

Parking Signs

You should receive a small pamphlet with this Newsletter, explaining rules, fines and demerit points for common parking.
Mr Liddell (Dent) and Mr Audas (Healy) discussed the historical significance of each House, introduced our House Captains, Vice Captains and Committee members and also mentioned up and coming events for the term, namely the School Swimming and Cross Country Carnivals. We welcome new boys to their respective Houses and encourage everyone to participate in the myriad of opportunities on offer. It has been tremendous to observe all boys across the school demonstrating the Sydney Grammar’s core values of Respect, Co-operation and Friendship. I wish our House leaders every success in their leadership roles for 2012.

Mr M J Tait

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFANTS

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

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the K-2 Information Night. It is important to remember that children, as individuals, develop at different rates. We cannot force children to learn before they are ready, but we can encourage them by providing the right kinds of experiences. It is important to remember that in the early years of schooling, it is far more important to focus on individual progress rather than making comparisons between pupils. We do not rank our boys, we group them with boys who have similar needs and interests.

We have four 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. Thank you for your assistance.

Over the last two weeks, the following boys have successfully implemented the Social Skill of the Week - ‘Saying Please!’ or ‘Saying Thank You!’:

• TE  Ethan Chang & Nirav Keshava
• TR  Alexander Pinilla & James Ierino
• 1H  Henry Cattley & Emanuel Gorgas
• 1P  Kasra Roushan & Jasper Derwent
• 2C  Jai Kimatrai & Thomas Evans
• 2E  Rohan Keshava & Connor Sinn

Next week, 2C will display their work (K-2 Entrance) and perform at Assembly (Friday, 24 February). The following week, 2E will display their work (K-2 Entrance) and perform at Assembly (Friday, 2 March). We would love to see you there.

Ms L A Dorn
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

K-6 Parent Reading Information Session
We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 7 March from 1:00-2:30pm in the Library. We will be presenting answers to the following questions about reading:
• How important is reading in the lives of our boys?
• What role does the Library play in developing information skills and inquiry?
• How do we inspire the beginner reader?
• How do we motivate the reluctant reader?
• How do we stretch the avid reader?

“The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”
Dr Seuss

Book Covering
Are you happy to cover books for the class libraries? I would appreciate the assistance of some parents to be ‘Casual Contactors’. I would be very grateful if there are parents who can help us on a casual basis by covering our new books. I will send home a bag of books and a roll of contact for you to cover these in your spare time. Please let me know through the Office if you are able to assist with a bag of books. The sooner they are covered, the sooner our boys can enjoy the new titles our staff have purchased. Many thanks to the parents of 5A who have already assisted me this year.

Mrs C J Merrick

FROM THE MUSIC MASTER

Lessons and rehearsals are now well underway. Thank you for arriving promptly for morning rehearsals. It makes such a difference to what we can achieve when every boy is there on time and ready to play.

Stevens Wind Ensemble and Kenyon Concert Band
Lists are now on display and rehearsals will commence next week.

School Choir
NO choir on Friday 24 February.

FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

Primary House Swimming Carnivals (3-6)
We are looking forward to next week’s House Carnivals. Years 3 and 4 will have their Carnival on Wednesday from 12:30 and Years 5 and 6 on Friday from 12:30. The presentations will be held on the Basketball Court on Monday from 1:30 pm. All parents are welcome!

Winter Sport
On Monday, I will ask all 3-6 boys which sport they would like to play through winter. Their choices follow;

Years 3 and 4 may elect to play either Rugby or Football.
Years 5 and 6 may elect to play Rugby, Football or Winter Tennis.
Please note that all games are played on Saturday mornings.

Winter Sport training; 3:00-4:00 pm begins on Monday, March 19

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Please phone the Wet Weather number after 1:45pm to check for changes to sporting arrangements - 99908472

Mr R C Baker

FROM THE CHESS CO-ORDINATOR

Welcome to another year of Chess at Sydney Grammar School. Thank you to all the boys who have returned their registration forms. New boys to chess in Yrs 3-4 attended a grading morning with our chess coach Mr Kevin Harrison on 14 February. As a result of that session, groupings and days for the registered boys to attend Chess Club have been issued. Chess Club will begin on Monday 20 February in 1H classroom at 7:30 am. Good luck to everyone and enjoy your matches.

Mrs S E Heffernan

FROM THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN

Last week I had the most thrilling experience of seeing every boy (except those that had a music lesson or were absent) borrow a book from the School Library. Wouldn’t this be great if boys continue borrowing books from the Library weekly or fortnightly throughout the year! There are many new books and recent releases being processed, so come in and have a look at these books. Mrs Lewis and I are happy to help the boys and parents find books that encourage a love of reading.

On Tuesday, ‘The National Year of Reading 2012’ was launched. This campaign will see amazing and fun reading activities taking place around Australia. For more information you can go to http://www.love2read.org.au/

In Week 5 we will see the first of our House, ‘One-minute Talks’ in the Library. Cowper will be hosting this special event for the boys in Cowper House.

Mrs S J Hardwick
## Calendar of Events 20 February - 3 March 2012

### Monday 20 February
- **7:30am - 8:20am**: Morning Fitness (2-6)
- **9:00am - 9:30am**: House Swimming Carnival Long Distance Events (3-6)
- **10:00am**: Assembly (5-6) (5A - Dent)
- **1:10am**: Year 4 Excursion to Ku-ring-gai Council

### Tuesday 21 February
- **10:00am**: Assembly (3-4) (3M - Dent)
- **9:00am** - **1:15pm - 1:30pm**: Year 1 Staff/Parent Morning Tea
- **1:30pm - 1:40pm**: Lunchtime Concert (3-6)

### Wednesday 22 February
- **7:30am - 8:20am**: 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (2-4)
- **12:30pm - 2:50pm**: House Swimming Carnival (3-4)

### Thursday 23 February
- **9:00am**: Year 4 Staff/Parent Morning Tea

### Friday 24 February
- **7:30am - 8:20am**: 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (5-6)
- **7:30am - 8:20am**: Morning Fitness (2-6)
- **12:00pm**: Assembly (T2) (2C SWEET)
- **12:30pm - 2:50pm**: House Swimming Carnival (5-6)
- **5:00pm**: Kings Invitation Swimming Carnival

### Saturday 25 February
- **6:30pm - 9:00pm**: Summer Sport Round 3
- **6:30pm - 9:00pm**: PA Cocktail Party

### Monday 27 February
- **7:30am- 8:20am**: Morning Fitness (2-6)
- **10:00am**: Assembly (5-6) (6L - Frances)
- **1:30pm - 1:40pm**: Presentation of House Swimming Awards

### Tuesday 28 February
- **10:00am**: Assembly (3-4) (4B - Francis)
- **9:00am**: Year 2 Staff/Parent Morning Tea
- **11:00am**: Tour of the School for Prospective Parents
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm**: Lunchtime Concert (3-6)

### Wednesday 29 February
- **7:30am - 8:20am**: 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (2-4)
- **12:10 - 12:45am**: Friendship Groups (K-2)

### Thursday 1 March
- **9:00am**: Year 6 Staff/Parent Morning Tea
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm**: Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School

### Friday 2 March
- **7:30am - 8:20am**: Morning Fitness (2-6)
- **7:30am - 8:20am**: 'Bat and Ball' Cricket Coaching (2-4)
- **10:00am**: Assembly (T2) (2E SWEET)
- **3:00pm**: Newsletter

### Saturday 3 March
- **Summer Sport Round 4**

### 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)