Dear Parents

At Assembly last Monday School leaders were presented with their badges and congratulated on the positive start they have made in their new roles. Congratulations to School Captain William Lind, Vice Captain Robert Hao and the following House Leaders:

Cowper
- Perry Narborough
- Joe Ireland
- Fraser Brooks
- Daniel Kim

Dent
- Tom Chadwick
- Joe Barry
- William Perry
- Angus Yiu

House Captain                  Vice Captain                Committee
Cowper                         Joe Ireland                 Daniel Kim
Perry Narborough               Joe Barry                   William Perry
Cowper                         Joe Barry                   Angus Yiu

In the coming weeks all boys in Year 6 will be allocated Monitor roles to assist in the Library, Drama and Art Rooms, with Music, Sport and Chess, in the Tuckshop and on the buses.

On Thursday boys of the School joined children across the country in donating to the Queensland Flood Appeal. Classes met on the basketball court to form a coin trail, and in total $780.00 was raised to support families who lost so much in the recent floods.

All boys have been introduced to the Bounce Back programme and the familiar chart hangs in all teaching and music practice rooms. The aim of this award winning programme is to promote resilience and give boys strategies to cope with the inevitable disappointments and difficulties they encounter. Using the language at home as well as school will assist boys in becoming familiar with the messages and any family needing a copy of the chart may collect one from the School Office.

Mrs R J Lee

**HEADMASTER’S AWARDS**

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

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FROM THE SENIOR MASTER

Traffic
At the recent Parent Information Session for boys in Years 3-6, I requested the co-operation of parents in making the drop-off and pick-up time safe and efficient. This is potentially the most dangerous time in your son’s school day.

There are still a few parents who are causing delays and potential danger due to their driving habits during these times. Could I please emphasise the following?

In addition to following all road rules and parking signs:

- **DO NOT** do three-point turns or U-turns at any time in Ayres Road.
- **DO NOT** allow your sons to alight or enter your vehicle on the road side at any time.
- **DO NOT** tell your son to get out of a vehicle and let him cross a road to the school unattended.
- **DO NOT** let your son out of a vehicle in the 3-6 Bus Turning Circle.

If you are picking up your son in Ayres Road, could I suggest that you wait until 3:15pm to enter the street? By then the peak has passed and you may actually have a faster pick up. Please note: there is **no parking** for parents on the School grounds.

If your son is **absent** from School, please phone the Office before 10:00am so that all Form Masters can be informed. If he is arriving **late** after a morning appointment, or is **leaving early**, please sign the Partial Register in the School Office. All **requests for leave** are to be directed in writing to Mrs Lee before the date required.

Your co-operation in all matters is appreciated.

Mr D W Fraser

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

I would like to warmly welcome all families to the start of a new year. It gives me great pleasure to be taking on the new responsibility of Director of Pastoral Care for 2011.

Some of the key areas that will be of focus for 2011 will include:

- Helping further develop and support leadership opportunities for Year 6
  - ‘Promoting Sydney Grammar Schools core values of ‘Respect, Co-operation and Friendship’
  - Developing new opportunities across the House system in working closely with the House Masters
  - Co-ordinating the Peer Support program across Years 3 to 6. Just a reminder that resilience with an emphasis on Bounce Back for Years K to 2 and ‘Rebounding’ for Years 3 to 6 will be words that are echoed by teachers across the School
  - Promoting and supporting the Buddy and Friendship Groups programs

If you have any questions in relation to the above information, please don’t hesitate to be in contact with the School Office. I look forward to meeting with families throughout the course of the year.

Mr M J Tait

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFANTS

Our Teachers’ Aides for this year are Miss Isabelle Cassis (Kindergarten) and Miss Ellen Brown (Transition). We wish them both a very happy and productive year. Please be advised that we now have a beautiful First Aid Centre located in the new Office, all K-2 boys who have an accident, injury or illness will be attended to here.

Thank you for farewelling your son at the car or gate, as this is allowing him to complete his morning routine independently. I would ask that boys arrive at school between 8:20am and 8:40am. After 8:20am the boys may enter their classroom and proceed to the playground. From 8:20am the playground becomes a supervised area for boys only. However, boys who arrive late often experience confusion and difficulties. The morning bell rings at 8:40am and the first session of the morning sets the tone for the whole day. Routine is important for young children and it is a positive element of their day. Finally, all boys are to be collected from the K-2 Driveway or Mawson Street, NOT from their classrooms.

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

- **TrB** Geoffrey Nam & Rohan Timmaraju
- **TrE** Zac Garrett & Emanuel Gorgas
- **1M** Nathaniel Ward & Matthew Wahby
- **1W** Aedyn Pratley & Vincent Ng
- **2C** Jeremy Ho & Julian Hervir
- **2F** William Liu & James Huon

Next week, 2F will display their work (K-2 Entrance) and perform at Assembly (Friday, 25 February). The following week, Ms Alimpic will create a PDHPE display (K-2 Entrance) and discuss Health and Safety issues at Assembly (Friday, 4 March). We would love to see you there.

Ms L A Dorn
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Reading Information Session
We warmly invite all parents to our K-6 Reading Information Session, which will be held on Wednesday, 2 March from 1:00pm -2:30pm, beginning in the Hall. Many parents wonder how to help their son with his reading. We will break into the different learning stages and talk about what skills are required at each stage of reading. I am sure this will be a most informative afternoon and I look forward to seeing many of you in the Hall for this presentation.

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.

Australian Parenting Conference
Any parents interested in this conference, to be held in Sydney from 24-25 February, is welcome to log onto: australianparenting.com.au for more details.

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 ready to play.

College Street Concerts
Thursday 24 February 6.30pm – MA Music Scholars’ Concert in WKR College Street
Each year, the School’s Music Scholars perform solo repertoire in the 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. No booking is necessary.

Mr M S Smith

FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

I encourage all parents and boys to use the School’s website as it contains many pertinent facts about our School and including the Sport fixture list and venue locations linked via Google Maps.

We congratulate Izac Carracher and Yuta Ito for making the IPSHA Tennis Team. They will now trial for the CIS Tennis Team on the 28 February. Good luck boys.

3A and 3B Cricket
Please note the minor change of venue for tomorrow’s game. You are still playing here at School, but are now playing on Cowper 2 Field. Times remain the same.

3C and 3D Cricket
Please note that next week’s game, Round 3, February 26, will be played on Barker’s Main Oval. The D’s will start at 8:00am; the C’s will start at 9:30am. Mr Shamavonian will be taking both teams.

All parents and friends are invited to attend next week’s House Swimming Carnival. We start the week with five long distance events on Monday at 9:00am. The Carnival for Years 3 and 4 will be on Wednesday from 12:30pm and Years 5 and 6 on Friday from 12:30pm. The week will finish on Monday 28 February with presentations at 1:30pm on the Basketball Court.

Mr R C Baker
## Calendar of Events 21 February – 5 March

### Monday 21 February
- **7:30am** | Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- **9:00am – 9:30am** | House Swimming Carnival Long Distance Events (3-6)
- **10:00am** | Assembly (5-6) (6D – Francis)

### Tuesday 22 February
- **7:30 – 8:20am** | ‘Bat and Ball’ Cricket Coaching (2-4)
- **10:00am** | Year 2 Staff/Parent Morning Tea – Foyer
- **10:00am** | Assembly (3-4) (4H – Francis)
- **1:15pm – 1:30pm** | Lunchtime Concert (3-6)

### Wednesday 23 February
- **12:10pm – 12:45pm** | Friendship Groups (K-2)
- **12:30pm – 2:50pm** | House Swimming Carnival (3-4)

### Thursday 24 February
- **7:30am – 8:20am** | ‘Bat and Ball’ Cricket Coaching (5-6)
- **10:00am** | Year 6 Staff/Parent Morning Tea – Foyer
- **1:00pm – 1:30pm** | Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School

### Friday 25 February
- **7:30am** | Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- **10:00am** | Assembly (Tr-2) (Health & Safety)
- **12:00pm** | Hall Reserved for PA Cocktail Party Set Up
- **12:30pm – 2:50pm** | House Swimming Carnival (5-6)
- **3:00pm** | Newsletter
- **5:00pm** | Kings Invitation Swimming Carnival

### Saturday 26 February
- **6:30pm – 9:00pm** | PA Cocktail Party

### Monday 28 February
- **7:30am** | Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- **10:00am** | Assembly (5-6) (5S – Healey)
- **1:30pm** | Presentation of House Swimming Awards

### Tuesday 1 March
- **7:30am – 8:20am** | ‘Bat and Ball’ Cricket Coaching (2-4)
- **10:00am** | Assembly (3-4) (3L – Healey)
- **11:00am** | Tour of the School for Prospective Parents
- **1:15pm – 1:30pm** | Lunchtime Concert (3-6)

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### 2011 Term Dates
- **Term I** | Thursday 27 January – Orientation Day (New boys)
- **Term II** | Friday 28 January – Wednesday 6 April
- **Term III** | Wednesday 27 April – Friday 24 June
- **Term IV** | Tuesday 19 July – Friday 16 September
- **Presentation Day** | Monday 10 October – Tuesday 6 December