Dear Parents

This week the Students Representative Council, SRC, came together to discuss the house system in the School and make recommendations for its improvement. The SRC is made up of peer elected representatives from Years 2-6 who look into matters related to the running of the School and make suggestions from the boys’ perspective.

The School and Vice Captain welcomed the representatives and the meeting was ably chaired by the House Captains and Committee Members. Thank you to the following SRC Representatives for their contribution:

- Year 2 Lachlan Blair, Alex Ringrose, James Huon, Alex Hua
- Year 3 Mason Ginters, James Tallent, Billy Sengupta, Bo Sergeant, Joshua Tait, Shelby Narborough
- Year 4 Justin Lee, Sachin Markus, Rehan Gunawardhana, Ben Ainsworth, Henry Xu, Jayden Alderson
- Year 5 William Potter, Henry Pierce, Luke Poier, Joshua Mok, Christopher Lee, Shrey Pashricha
- Year 6 Alexander Ng, Harrison Khannah, Hamish Dodd, Nathan Tie, Ben Ringrose, Jason Huynh

Boys in Years 4 and 6 will spend time together on camp at Point Wolstoncroft next week and the following week boys from Year 5 will travel to the Broken Bay campsite. Being away from home gives the boys 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 practise team-building skills under the guidance of their teachers and trained camp leaders. I am looking forward to visiting both camps.

Rehearsals are already underway for the New Zealand Orchestra Tour for Edgecliff and St Ives boys, to be conducted during the June/July holidays. It will be a wonderful experience musically for those boys involved and an opportunity to make new friends with tour members and those from the host school. I wish all teams well for tomorrow’s final round of summer sport matches.

HEADMASTER’S AWARDS

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

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Mrs R J Lee
FROM THE SENIOR MASTER
College Street Open Day - Wednesday 23 March, 12:30pm
This is an excellent way to view our Senior School and see the outstanding facilities and exceptional opportunities that await your sons after they progress from St Ives. Please ring Mrs Cains on 9332 5800 for bookings.

Mr D W Fraser

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE
How you can raise a resilient and independent child
Resilient children share four basic skill sets: independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection. There are many ways parents can develop these skills but the key is for parents to allow their children to fully contribute to their family. By developing children’s self-help skills parents promote a real sense of independence as well as their children’s resourcefulness. Parents also need to resist, as best possible, sorting out children’s social problems and skill them with strategies to solve their own friendship challenges. This is no easy task, as we know it is difficult seeing your children in challenging situations first hand. However, sometimes parents can create more problems by interfering in their children’s disputes and issues. From a resilience perspective parents are usually better off coaching their children through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time.

Being a good role model for your child
Children learn optimism from home. Martin Seligman, the author of ‘The Optimistic Child’, found that most children pick up the explanatory style of the parent they spend most time around, usually mothers, by the age of eight. So a parent’s optimistic, can-do attitude definitely pays off. Regular positive parent-child interactions are perhaps the best way for children to pick up basic social skills that enable them to interact with their peers as well as more subtle resilience skills such as humour, goal-setting and persistence. Therefore, parents should look for as many opportunities to spend time with and talk to their children as humanly possible.

Children’s life experiences contribute to their resilience. The seemingly small disappointments that they experience such as not being invited to a party, missing being picked in the sports team of their first choice, or not achieving success in a school project the first time should help them learn to cope with hardships and frustrations. Coping with minor development issues, such as change, sibling conflict and even failure, builds up a psychological hardiness that helps them when they face some of life’s big challenges in the primary years, adolescence and beyond. A genuine show of faith in children’s abilities to cope rather than simply a ‘get over it’ attitude gives them great hope when they face difficulties. The hardest part of parenting, and there are many challenges as we know, is to encourage children to keep their chins up when life doesn’t go their way.

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 ‘Reading is Out of this World!’. 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. 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.

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

Over the last two weeks, the following boys have successfully implemented the Social Skill of the Week - ‘Being a Good Loser’ or ‘Lending a Helping Hand’:

• TrB Fletcher Platt & Geoffrey Nam
• TrE Nicholas Chang & Michael Liu
• 1M Toby Mok & Thomas Potter
• 1W Ethan Chan & Thomas Evans
• 2C Bennet Tsai & Justin Ma
• 2F Austen McDonald & Simon Tan

Ms L A Dorn
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Premier’s Reading Challenge-the Grammar Challenge

This week’s Grammar Challenge is to read a book from a series. Many books on the Premier’s Reading Challenge are part of a series. Each boy is allowed to count two books from a series as PRC books. Why not explore Harry Potter, Rangers Apprentice, Beast Quest, Deltora Quest, Eragon, Selby, Alex Rider, the Spiderwick Chronicles, Percy Jackson and many more. If the boys find a great new series, there’s your holiday reading planned for the April school holidays. The Library Monitors will be pleased to hear of the series that proves most popular in the next two weeks. Happy reading!

Mrs C J Merrick

FROM THE MUSIC MASTER

Changes due to Camps Weeks 9 & 10

No ensemble rehearsals Week 9, with the exception of Miss Murray’s Bambini Strings violin players from Transition and Year 1. There will be no lessons with Mr Smith or Mr Vickers from Monday to Thursday. Friday violin lessons are on as usual. In Week 10 Kenyon Concert Band will not rehearse due to the Year 5 Camp.

Schola

Our St Ives Vocal Scholars will be performing with College Street choirs at the Term I Concert. Refer to the information below if you would like to attend.

College Street Concerts

Term I Concert - Thursday 31 March 6.30pm in the Alastair Mackerras Theatre

The following ensembles will be performing: School Orchestra, AMCO, Symphonic Winds, Segovia Guitar Ensemble, Sheldon Strings, Senior Percussion Ensemble, Form I-III Choirs, Form IV-VI Choirs and the Grammarphones. A highlight at this concert will be a performance by the winner from the 2010 Concerto Competition, Philip Jameson, who will be performing the First Movement from the Piano Concerto No. 2 by Dmitri Shostakovich. The concert is approximately 2 hours long, including a short interval. The playground will open for parking by 6.00pm. To order tickets ($10/5 or family $25) please call the Music Department at College Street on 9332 5895 and tickets can be held for you at the door.

Bach Birthday Organ Concert –BS Tuesday 22 March 6.30pm-No tickets required

Mr M S Smith

FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

House Swimming Carnival Results

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Congratulations to Justin Lee, U10, for breaking 5 School records! and good luck for the CIS Swimming Selection Carnival next week.

House Cross Country Results

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Good luck to all cross country runners at the IPSHA Carnival at Kings on 26 March.

Tomorrow sees the conclusion of the first half of the Summer Sport season. Teams will resume practising in Term 4.

From next Monday we start training for and selecting our Winter Sport teams. Please note the following after school sport practice days;

**Monday**
- Year 3 & 4 Rugby
- Year 3 & 4 Football

**Tuesday**
- Year 5 Football
- Year 5/6 Tennis

**Wednesday**
- Year 5 & 6 Rugby
- Year 6 Football
- Year 5 & 6 Winter Tennis

**Thursday/Friday**
- No sport

Please also remember that it is compulsory for all rugby players to wear a mouth guard while training or playing a game, as it is for footballers to wear shin guards. We recommend footballers to wear a mouth guard as well.

Mr R C Baker
## Calendar of Events 21 March – 1 April

### Monday 21 March
- **After School Winter Sport Practices Begin**
- **Years 4 & 6 Camp to Point Wolstoncroft departs**
  - 7:30am: Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
  - 10:00am: Assembly (5) (5C)

### Tuesday 22 March
- **10:00am**: Assembly (3) (3H)
- **1:15pm – 1:30pm**: Lunchtime Concert (3-6)

### Thursday 24 March
- **9:00am – 12:45pm**: Year 1 Excursion to the Sydney Aquarium
- **9:15am – 1:30pm**: Year 3 Visit to College St & Edgecliff
- **1:00pm – 1:30pm**: Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School
- **3:00pm**: Years 4 & 6 Camp to Point Wolstoncroft returns

### Friday 25 March
- **7:30am**: Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- **9:00am – 3:00pm**: Year 4 & 6 Excursion to Surf Educate – Manly Beach
- **10:00am**: Assembly (Tr-2)
- **3:00pm**: Newsletter

### Saturday 26 March
- **IPSHA Cross-Country Carnival – Kings**

### Monday 28 March
- **10:00am**: Assembly (5-6) (6M – Francis)

### Tuesday 29 March
- **10:00am**: Assembly (3-4) (4B – Francis)
- **1:15pm – 1:30pm**: Lunchtime Concert (3-6)
- **2:45pm – 4:00pm**: Rugby Promotions Afternoon

### Wednesday 30 March
- **Year 5 Camp to Broken Bay Departs**
- **12:15pm**: Friendship Groups (K-2)

### Thursday 31 March
- **12:15pm**: Tr-2 Reading Groups End
- **1:00pm – 1:30pm**: Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School

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### FRIDAY 1 APRIL

- **8:40am**: Chess Coaching Concludes for Term 1 (1-6)
- **10:00am**: Assembly (Tr-2)
- **12:00pm – 1:00pm**: Transition Pirate Picnic – K-2 Activity Room
- **3:00pm**: Year 5 Camp to Broken Bay Returns
- **3:30pm**: 3-6 Twilight Concert (2) – Ensemble Room

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### FROM THE DRAMA MASTER

**Year 3 Performances – St George and the Dragon**

Year 3 boys are preparing for their lunch-time readers theatre performance for the K-2 boys in a couple of weeks. 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. Already some notable performances are emerging!

*Ms M F Wheatley*

### FROM THE TEACHER-LIBRARIAN

The boys have really enjoyed using our new library this term. They tell me that they like the light, spacious feeling and the many areas where they can sit to read or work. As the term draws to a close I have been asking boys to be sure they return all due and overdue books. Please help your sons to keep track of their library loans and to return them on time.

On Saturday 19 March, The Kids Book Review store in the St Ives Village shopping centre will be hosting an author/illustrator Lisa Stewart, who will be painting, playing her violin and reading from her wonderful book, *Can I Cuddle the Moon?* Lisa will be there from 11.00am onwards.

*Mrs J K Barnsley*

### 2011 Term Dates

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