FROM THE HEADMASTER

Reports
The Mid Year Reports will be posted to you on the last day of this term. Our reports focus on the academic and social development of each boy with an emphasis placed on the written comments by Masters. These comments, together with the achievement bands and effort descriptors provide a comprehensive picture of each boy’s progress in all aspects of School life and offer an opportunity for you and your son to reflect upon the last two terms.

The descriptors highlighting social skills and attitudes, and work habit and application at the end of the report, for the boys in Years 3-6 in particular, give valuable insight into their experience of School and an avenue to initiate discussion with them.

Primary School is all about development, and the reports acknowledge the strengths in each Key Learning Area and also highlight areas that may need more encouragement or support. We want to build confidence as they master skills and acquire knowledge and provide experiences where success breeds success, but also develop those important qualities of perseverance, resilience and the ability to self-reflect.

As a parent, I always focus on the ‘Effort’ descriptors in my children’s reports and the comments made by Masters as a way of opening dialogue with them about their progress. I want them to understand how important effort and attitude is in defining success.

Supporting Sir Eric Woodward School
Sir Eric Woodward School is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools promotion to earn valuable resources for their school. We can help them by collecting tickets and placing them in the box in the Office.

Farewells
At the conclusion of this Term, we farewell two members of staff - K-2 PE Master, Julie Alimpic and 6T Form Master, Martin Tait. Martin and his family are heading to Western Australia where he will take up the position as Head of Junior School at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School.

Mr I R Stephens

FROM THE SENIOR MASTER

End of Term Arrangements
Please note that the Final Assembly for Years 3-6 that was scheduled for Tuesday 26 June will not take place. There are no assemblies at all next week. Tuesday will end at the normal time for all classes.

Parking in Ayres Road
There have been several recent incidents of traffic congestion in Ayres Road caused by parents either illegally or incorrectly parking. Ayres Road is quite narrow and in peak times there are both buses and cars moving in either direction, with cars also parked on each side of the road. Could I please ask parents to ensure that they park as close to the kerb as possible, and follow the parking signs correctly. Outside the School there are two different ‘No Parking’ zones on the School side. The time frames are clearly noted on the signs, but they differ slightly for the morning drop-off period.

Please note that in a ‘No Parking’ Zone you are only permitted to stop for ‘a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers or goods. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times.’ The fine for failing to observe this rule is $143 and 2 demerit points. Please do not leave your car and enter the School grounds as the staff on duty may need to ask you to move on, depending on the traffic flow. Thank you for your co-operation in maintaining a safe and efficient traffic flow around the school.

Purchasing Stationery
From Term 3, boys may purchase stationery items from the Office instead of the Canteen. Boys will be able to purchase these items in the mornings up until 8.40am, Recess and during the Lunch period from the Office Staff.

Absences
We ask that parents advise the School Office by telephoning 9144 2837 by 9:00am on the morning of the first day of absence and on subsequent days if illness persists, if your son is unable to attend School. Absence from School must be explained by a letter, signed by a boy’s parent or guardian, which must be brought to the Form Master by the boy on the day he returns.

Mr D W Fraser
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Cyber Safety
With holidays approaching, can I take this opportunity to remind you to be aware of what your sons are doing online. It is so easy for boys to spend unsupervised time on the computer if parents are busy. Please take the time to remind your sons about cybersafety and the importance of self-monitoring their own ‘chat’ and ‘surfing’. A friend of mine recently told her son he should not type anything he didn’t want his grandmother to read. I thought that was a good test of what is appropriate and what is inappropriate. At St Ives we like to think that our Respect, Co-operation and Friendship Code should exist online too.

Time to think…Time to ponder…Time to ask questions…Time for a holiday
Recently I was reading a book entitled; ‘People who Changed the World’. Of course Leonardo da Vinci was in there, along with many others. He embodied the ideal of the Renaissance man; not only was he one of the world’s greatest artists, but he also possessed a penetrating intellect and an inquiring scientific mind. From what I could read, his only character flaw, it seems, was that his unflagging curiosity frequently led him to abandon one project to pursue another. Something we can all relate to! Holidays are the perfect time for boys to spend large tracts of time simply pursuing those ideas, questions or projects without the limitation of time. Days and weeks can be invested in whatever his curious mind desires. Enjoy the holidays!

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

In this week’s Peer Support session the boys looked at rights and how we as individuals have rights and so do other people around us. The activities reminded the groups that, although they may find themselves in difficult or awkward positions, they still need to remember to do the right thing.

Perhaps you could discuss with your son a situation you were in that was potentially difficult or awkward and explain the decision you made and why it was the right thing to do.

In speaking to a parent from Year 6 this week, it was most encouraging to hear that her son still keeps in contact with his Peer Support Leader (who is now in College Street). She mentioned they continue to have a great relationship and enjoy play dates and other social engagements. I think this example (among many when you observe boys from different grades interacting) typifies the social benefits of the Peer Support Program.

Finally, I would like to commend all the Peer Support Leaders from Year 6 this term — you have all done a superb job in leading your groups. I wish all families a safe and relaxing holiday.

Mr M J Tait

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFANTS

The Mid Year Report is only one way to describe progress. Interviews, running records, work samples, assessments and observations are all important in monitoring each boy’s development. As reports go out, it is important to remember that in the early years of schooling, it is far more helpful to focus on individual progress rather than making comparisons between pupils.

Over the last two weeks, the following boys have successfully implemented the Social Skill of the Week - ‘Joining In’ or ‘Including Others’.

• TE Daniel Littler & Max Kim
• TR Jordan Yip & Dylan Evans-Huinink
• 1H Lucas Huynh & Tim Wong
• 1P Mustafa Khan & Oliver Burton
• 2C Charlie Quin & Jashan Dugal
• 2E Matthew Wahby & Elijah Poier

Please note, there will be no T - 2 Assembly on Friday 20 July 2012 (Term 3, Week 1).

Ms L A Dorn

FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

CIS Cross Country
We extend our congratulations to our 3 runners who ran in the CIS Cross Country Selection Carnival last week at Eastern Creek. With 100 students competing in each race, our boys ran exceptionally well. Edward Lowe (Year 6) placed 42nd in the U12 race, William Maffey (Year 4) placed 4th in the U10s and Elliot Metcalf (Year 6) won the U12 3000m race. Both William and Elliot will now represent CIS in the State Cross Country Carnival early next Term.

Holiday Camp Years 2-6
Although we have been encouraging interest in boys and girls signing up for the upcoming Camp, vacancies exist in all activities; soccer, rugby, badminton, basketball and
tennis. If you would like to reserve a place, please contact the Sports Office on 9488 6320, or send in the Holiday Camp enrolment form.

**Cancellation**

U11s Rugby with Cranbrook on July 21 has unfortunately been cancelled. Cranbrook Prep has lost the use of Dangar field on that day.

**Term 3 Sport**

We look forward to our final 4 weeks of Winter Sport upon our return to school next term. We then move into the Athletic Season. Please see the School’s website and the Newsletter Calendar for more details.

**Northside Tennis Holiday Camps at Killara, with Armond Djani (Tennis Coach)**

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All enquiries to Armond 0418 242 626

Mr R C Baker

**FROM THE MUSIC MASTER**

**Band Tour**

A reminder that the rehearsal is being held this weekend Saturday 23 to Sunday 24 June at St Ives. The tour itself will depart from St Ives at 1.00pm on Tuesday 26 June with boys wearing their sports uniform.

**Music Term 3**

Instrumental Music Lessons and Ensemble Rehearsals recommence on the first day of term.

**FROM THE ITALIAN MASTER**

I am looking forward to receiving the Year 6 Italian cooking projects next Monday (25 June). The boys have been relating their experiences and it seems they have very much enjoyed and learned from the task of planning and preparing an Italian meal for their families and friends. I would like to thank parents and family members for assisting and supporting the boys in, what I hope, was a memorable and valuable experience for all. The creativity and effort that have gone into the sensational ‘feasts’ prepared by your sons is wonderful. The overall winner of the Year 5 European geography challenge was Francis House. Ottimo lavoro, ragazzi!

Mrs J A Matheson

**FROM THE LIBRARY**

The last week of term has seen all boys borrow for holiday reading. The boys have been encouraged to borrow from a variety of genre including books from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list. Next term, as part of the lead up to Book Week, a variety of authors and illustrators will be visiting the School. More information about Book Week and associated activities will be in next terms Newsletter. Enjoy your holiday reading.

Mrs S J Hardwick

**FROM THE CHESS MASTER**

**Chess Club Years 3-6**

The Interschool Chess Competition Rounds for the boys in teams A, B, C and D have now finished. I am awaiting notification as to which teams may be continuing through to semi-finals and hopefully onto finals. Thank you very much to the boys and parents involved in this chess competition which was held at various venues on Fridays after school.

The boys in teams E1, E2, F1 and F2 have two more rounds to be played in Weeks 1 and 2 of next term. A team sheet will be ready for those boys today. A reminder to all boys involved in Primary Chess Club that there will not be any coaching next week, Week 10, as we finish school on Tuesday. Chess Club will resume for boys in 3-6 in Week 2 of Term 3.

If there are any changes to be made to your son’s chess morning please do so in writing to me as soon as possible so that I can organise lists and rolls.

Good luck to Henry Xu, Shadab Basit, Michael Ni, and Kevin Tong as they represent the School in the 2012 Scots Chess Challenge today.

Next term will see the commencement of the School Champion Chess Competition. A letter regarding this competition will go home at the start of Term 3.

I hope everyone has a lovely holiday but remember to keep playing chess to practise your skills.

Mrs S E Heffernan

**FROM THE TUCKSHOP**

Please remember that the Tuckshop will be closed on Tuesday 26 June. An updated Menu for Term 3 has been attached to this Newsletter. Additional copies will be available in the Office Foyer. The Tuckshop Roster is also attached this week.

Mrs C Shields
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 22 JUNE - 28 JULY 2012

SATURDAY 23 JUNE
10:00am - 3:00pm 'The Pirates of Penzance Junior' - Rehearsal
MONDAY 25 JUNE
3:00pm - 4:30pm 'The Pirates of Penzance Junior' - Rehearsal
TUESDAY 26 JUNE
1:00pm Tuckshop Closed
WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE
9:00am - 3:00pm Holiday Sport Camp Years 2-6 (Until 3 July)

THURSDAY 19 JULY
8:40am Start of Term III
10:00am Assembly (3-6)
1:00pm - 1:30pm Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School
        Instrumental lessons recommence this week
        Ensembles recommence this week
FRIDAY 20 JULY
7:30am - 8:20am Ball & Boy continues - Football (5&6)
            Rugby (1-6)
            Chess Round 8
SATURDAY 21 JULY
            Winter Sport Round 8
MONDAY 23 JULY
7:40am Chess Coaching begins for Term 3
        (Years 3-6)
10:00am Assembly (5-6) (6L - Dent)
        School Chess Championship commences this week
3:00pm - 4:00pm Athletics Team Practices begin for Years 3&4 (Tuesdays)
3:00pm - 4:00pm Winter Sport After School Practices resume
3:00pm - 4:30pm 'The Pirates of Penzance Junior' Rehearsal

TUESDAY 24 JULY
10:00am Assembly (3-4) (4B Dent)
11:00am Tour of the School for Prospective Parents
8:50am - 9:25am Lunchtime Concert
3:00pm - 4:00pm Athletics Team Practices begin for Years 3&4

WEDNESDAY 25 JULY
7:30am- 8:20am Ball & Boy continues - Football (1-4)
8:50am - 9:25am Peer Support Groups - Session #6
        Maths Olympiad III Year 6

THURSDAY 26 JULY
7:40am Year 1-2 Chess Club begins for Term 3
12:45pm Dent House BBQ (K-6)
3:00pm - 4:30pm 'Pirates of Penzance Junior' - Rehearsal
FRIDAY 27 JULY
7:30am- 8:20am Ball & Boy - Football (5&6)/Rugby (1-6)
9:00am - 3:00pm Year 4 Excursion to Feathdale Wildlife Park
10:00am Assembly (T-2)
3:00pm Chess Round 9
            Newsletter

SATURDAY 28 JULY
Winter Sport Round 9

2012 Term Dates
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 – Monday 3 December (last day of School)
        Tuesday 4 December (Presentation Day)

2013 Term Dates
New Boys Orientation: Tuesday 29 January
Term 1 Wednesday 30 January – Friday 12 April
Term 11 Monday 29 April – Friday 21 June
Term III Tuesday 16 July – Friday 13 September
Term IV Tuesday 8 October – Tuesday 3 December