FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 3! The Orchestra Tour to New Zealand was most successful. The boys enjoyed the musical and social opportunities and new friendships were forged particularly between St Ives and Edgecliff boys, as well as with billeting families from our host school, Kings.

We visited and performed for several schools including Kings School, Saint Kentigern School, Dilworth and Corran, and all combined for the culminating concert at Holy Trinity Cathedral Auckland. One moving aspect of the visits was the Powhiri Welcoming Ceremony proudly performed at each school. Once the concerts concluded the boys enjoyed recreational time in Rotorua and are now looking forward to reliving the touring experience, when they come together for a Reunion Concert to be held on Wednesday 27 July at 6:30 pm in the Hall. The School community is warmly invited to attend.

This term will bring In-Residence visitors in Music, Writing and Science to work with boys across the School. It is also the term Years 5 and 6 take part in the Senior Spoken English Competition, firstly through class rounds, then semi-finals and eventually finals to be judged by Dr Windon from the English Department at College Street.

The current wet weather has led to the cancellation of the Rugby Development afternoon and sports practice and matches, let’s hope for the return of blue skies in the near future.

Mrs R J Lee

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HEADMASTER’S AWARDS

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

Name          Class  Name          Class
G Gorgas      3M     P Gill        6T
O Eichmann    3H     T Chapman     6D
M Ogawa       3L     Y Ito         6D
M Lau         3L     D Xin         5A
R Lum         3H     
B Ringrose    4B     
C Chang       4L     
H Xu          4L     
B Matthews    3H     
S Mahajan     4L     
G Cloney      4L     
A Abela       3H     

Mrs R J Lee

FROM THE SENIOR MASTER

Parents please carefully read the Parent Calendar that accompanies this Newsletter, as it contains pertinent changes. This is the final and correct version. Thank you.

Wet Weather Arrangements for Afternoons – Mawson Street (Years 3-6)

On very wet afternoons, the Lower Mawson Street gate will still be open for parents to collect their sons. However, the boys will be supervised on the Basketball Court until 3:15pm, not at the Mawson Street gate. Parents are to collect their sons from the Basketball Court.

At 3:15pm, any boys not collected will be taken to the Main Entrance in Ayres Road.

Mr D W Fraser
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE
I trust all families had a relaxing and well deserved break. This week in Peer Support the boys learnt the need to develop a range of coping strategies. In order to become more resilient, all people need to have a number of different ways of coping with difficulties. Through the various activities, the boys learnt to distinguish between helpful, resilient ways of coping and less helpful, non-resilient ways.

Discuss with your son the ways they have chosen to cope with difficulties that might arise in their life and encourage them to practise these regularly.

Mr M J Tait

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFANTS
Welcome to Term 3. Chess notes went home this week to all the boys in Years One and Two. Chess classes commence on Thursday, 28 July and conclude on Friday, 16 September.

This term the boys will continue to belong to K-2 Friendship Groups. K-2 classes will also continue to enjoy time with their older ‘buddies’.

We have a ‘NO HAT, NO PLAY’ policy at school and boys without a hat sit under the shaded eating areas at break times. Please check your son has his grey, wide brimmed hat (clearly named) with him each day.

To begin this term, the following boys have successfully implemented the Social Skill of the Week - Respecting Others:
TrB  Jacob Tanbouz 1M Arya Erozan
TrE  Mustafa Khan 1W Jai Kimatrai
2C  Ian Yip 2F Andrew Hardas

Next week (Monday, 25 July), Transition will display their class work at the K-2 Entrance. The following week (Friday, 5 August), 2C will display their class work (K-2 Entrance) and perform at Assembly. We would love to see you there. Finally, all boys are to be collected from the K-2 Driveway or Mawson Street, NOT from their classrooms.

Ms L A Dorn

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES
Parent Maths Information Session
We look forward to seeing you at the K-6 Maths Information Session. Each year we look at a different strand of Maths and this year we will look at Space and Geometry. We will address questions such as: What aspects of Space are in the Maths curriculum? How can we develop spatial skills? What early experiences can foster this strand of Maths? How can we develop boys in senior primary who need geometry skills for high school?

A wonderful assortment of just some of our talented staff will focus on the Maths syllabus requirements and how to encourage spatial skills and understanding at home with your son. I look forward to seeing you all in the Hall on Wednesday, 10 August from 1:00-2:30pm.

Reading
I was very pleased to hear how much reading the boys had done in the holidays. The wonderful thing about reading is that you can enter a new world every time you open a book. I compared this with my holiday to Movie World, Dream World and Wet and Wild World, where you need to travel to Queensland to experience the thrill of these worlds. Life experience helps you appreciate more of what you read. Imagine only reading about a roller coaster and never having ridden one! Reading is heightened by personal experience. I was interested to hear about all the wonderful places the boys had visited in the holidays that had thrilled, excited and enthused them, ready for Semester Two.

Mrs C J Merrick

FROM THE MUSIC MASTER
Diary Dates:
Attend-a-Lesson Week
During Week 3 (1-5 August) parents are warmly invited to come along and sit in on their son’s instrumental music lesson. Lesson times will be on display as usual from Friday of the week before. Please encourage your son to write his lesson time in his diary.

New Zealand Tour Reunion Concert – 6.30pm Wednesday 27 July – School Hall
If your son did not bring home a letter this week, please contact the Music Office.

Artist-in-Residence (Music) Friday 12 August in the Hall (see What’s On)
K-2: Special performance at K-2 Assembly – 10.00am
3-6: Choral Concert - 6.30-7.30pm

Great Scott – 7.00pm Wednesday 24 August (see What’s On)
All boys in Year 5, together with pupils from Edgecliff Prep, Shore, Abbotsleigh and Barker, have been invited to perform in this musical at Shore. A detailed letter will be sent home shortly to Year 5 boys.

Mr M S Smith
FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

Winter Sport
We are looking forward to our final 4 rounds of Rugby, Football and Winter Tennis. Weather permitting! Good luck to all teams and boys.

Athletics arrangements
Over the next 3 weeks, we will be starting Athletics. All boys are welcome to attend any or all sessions. If a child would like to earn a position in the field or sprint events for the House Athletic Carnival and/or the School Athletic Team, it is expected that he will attend as many sessions as called on. The training sessions will be on as follows:
• Years 3, 4 & 5 can attend sprinting practices after school on Wednesdays
• Year 6 can attend sprinting practices after school on Tuesdays
• Practices for field events at lunch time as per the schedule in classrooms.

Football (Soccer) Promotion afternoon
All boys in Years 1-6 are welcome to attend the Football Promotion Afternoon on Friday 5 August. K-2 boys will practise from 2:45pm - 3:30pm and then have a BBQ until 4:00pm. 3-6 boys will practise from 3:00pm – 4:00pm and then have a BBQ, finishing by 4:30pm. A change of clothes, boots and shin guards would be helpful, but not essential.

Mr R C Baker

FROM THE DRAMA MASTER

‘The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep’
Robert Frost

ALL CAST MEMBERS NEED TO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THEIR WORDS AND MOVES - you should know all of these! EVERYONE needs to come to rehearsals with focus and determination to quickly learn all moves, knowing when you come on and off stage and to work with other cast members to make sure everyone is where they need to be. We will be finalising the show, so all cast members need to bring a pencil and your imagination to rehearsals. It will be a lot of work to finish the show with the addition of props and other elements. It is shaping up to be a fantastic show, full of shadowy adventures in the deep dark wood. Tickets will go on sale in Week 3. So make sure to book early Why?? Because tales from the Brothers Grimm are spine tingling and creepy! This show has it all! Come and see who has to wear a pair of boiling hot iron shoes and who is left in the heart of the Black Forest. There are spells and magic and monsters. So get in quick! Come and spend a few hours in the dark forest - we promise you will be perfectly safe... well... we will do our best! The set is amazing and the music will also be splendid! And once again a big thank you to all our terrific parents working so hard to make our wonderful costumes.

Ms M F Wheatley

FROM THE CHESS CO-ORDINATOR

Chess Club resumes next week and will continue until the last week of the Term. Please notify the Office of any boys who wish to discontinue with Chess Club commitments this semester.

Last term Kevin Willathgumuwu, Rowan Willathgumuwu, Michael Ni, Max Smith, Kevin Tong and Marcus Loane represented the School in The 2011 Scots Chess Challenge. The results were 2nd place for the A team and 4th place for our B team who came equal third on a tie break. Well done boys!

This term will see the commencement of the School Chess Competition. All boys involved in this competition have been notified. The Senior Division will be played on Monday mornings at 7.30am and the Junior Division will be played on Friday mornings at 7.30am. The Competition will be played in 3H classroom. Boys are to arrive at 7.25am so the games can start promptly.

Mrs S J Hardwick

FROM THE TEACHER-LIBRARIAN

Each year, the Children’s Book Council of Australia conducts its Book of the Year Awards to support and promote books for children and young people. For the 2011 awards, more than 300 new Australian books were entered into five categories. These were read and discussed by a panel of judges who have nominated short lists in the five sections. Winners will be announced on 20 August. In Library lessons, many classes are reading and discussing several of these shortlisted books. It will be interesting to see whether we agree with the judges’ final decisions.

We are celebrating Book Week with a big BOOK FAIR to be held on Thursday 25 August from 3.30-7.00pm and Friday 26 August from 8.00am-3.30pm. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase books for the family and for gifts. Shearer’s Bookshop from Norton Street in Leichhardt will set up in the Hall for the fair. A wide selection of books will be available for sale. I look forward to seeing as many families as possible during these two days.

Mrs J K Barnsley
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 25 JULY – 6 AUGUST

MONDAY 25 JULY

7:40am  Chess Coaching begins for Term 3 (3-6)
10:00am Assembly (5-6) (5A - Francis)
3:00pm – 4:30pm ‘Beasts and Beauties’ - Rehearsal

TUESDAY 26 JULY

10:00am Assembly (3-4) (4H - Francis)
11:00am Tour of the School for Prospective Parents
1:00pm Lunchtime Athletics Practices begin
1:15pm – 1:30pm Lunchtime Concert (3-6)
3:00pm – 4:00pm Athletics Team Practices Begin for Year 6 (Wednesdays)

WEDNESDAY 27 JULY

Year 3 ‘Cowper Café’ Measurement Groups begin
7:30am – 8:20am Ball & Boy – Football (2-4)
8:50am – 9:25am Peer Support Groups - Session #8
3:00pm – 4:00pm Athletics Team Practices Begin for Years 3-5 (Wednesdays)
6:30pm NZ Music Tour Reunion Concert

THURSDAY 28 JULY

7:40am  Chess Coaching begins for Term 3 (1-2)
12:45pm School Leaders’ Lunch with Headmaster
3:00pm – 4:30pm ‘Beasts and Beauties’ - Rehearsal

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST

8:45am  Megan Darin – ‘Writer-in-Residence’ T-2
9:00am – 10:00am ICAS English Competition 3-6 2011
10:00am Assembly (3-4) (3M - Cowper)
1:15pm – 1:30pm Lunchtime Concert – Ensemble Room

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST

7:30am – 8:20am Ball & Boy – Football (2-4)
12:10pm – 12:45pm Friendship Groups (K-2)

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

1:00pm – 1:30pm Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School
3:00pm – 4:30pm ‘Beasts and Beauties’ - Rehearsal

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST

7:30am – 8:20am Ball & Boy – Football (5 & 6)/Rugby (2-6)
10:00am Assembly (Tr-2) (2C SWEET)
12:10 – 3:00pm IPSHA Debating v Googee Boys’ Prep - Coogee
2:45pm – 4:30pm Football Development Afternoon (1-6)
3:00pm Newsletter

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST

Winter Sport Round 10

2011 Term Dates
Term III Tuesday 19 July – Friday 16 September
Term IV Monday 10 October - Tuesday 6 December (Presentation Day)

2012 Term Dates - DRAFT
Monday 30 January - Orientation Day (New boys)
Term 1 Tuesday 31 January – Thursday 5 April
Term 11 Thursday 26 April – Tuesday 26 June
Term 111 Wednesday 19 July – Friday 14 September
Term IV Monday 8 October – Tuesday 4 December (Presentation Day)