From the Headmaster

The end of year activities provide a very busy time for boys (and parents!) The three music concerts over the last few weeks have reinforced the importance of music in the lives of the boys and this School.

It has been wonderful to watch the progression of skill and confidence in the music making from the Junior Concert through the Senior Concert to the Scholars’ Concert.

We teach music for a variety of reasons; it is intellectually stimulating and enhances all other learning, it encourages social inclusion and interaction and provides an avenue for boys to develop sensitivity and connect on an emotional level. Music is inspirational as well as aspirational and their involvement in music is a gift they can enjoy throughout their lives.

Our School Orchestra reflects the strength of the music programme. There are many talented musicians who play string, brass, woodwind and percussion instruments. The biggest regret of my schooling was that I did not have the opportunity to participate in a choir and I am very thankful that the boys at St Ives sing together many times during the week. You will be able to hear the Orchestra and a very large choir at our Presentation Day Ceremony on Tuesday 4 December in The New Hall at College Street.

As this is our last Newsletter for the year, I would like to wish everyone in the Grammar community a restful holiday and I wish all the leaving Year 6 boys every success for the future and I look forward to seeing all other boys back at School on Wednesday 30 January 2013.

Mr I R Stephens

From the Senior Master

Year 6 Fair
On Monday Year 6 will be running the Annual Year 6 Fair, raising money for Sir Eric Woodward School. All boys from Years 2-6 will participate from 1:30pm. Please read the Year 6 Fair flyer, emailed today, for specific details. We look forward to a fun afternoon together.

Presentation Day Rehearsal at College Street
On Thursday 29 November boys in Transition and Years 3-6 will travel to College Street by bus for Presentation Day rehearsals. Transition are leaving at 8:45am sharp, so it is important that they are at school on time. They will return to St Ives by 11:00am. Years 3-6 will be at College Street for longer and will need to take their lunch and recess with them. Please ensure will be no Tuckshop available at St Ives or College Street.

Sports Assembly 3-6
There will be a Sports Assembly on Monday 3 December from 10:00am. Boys will present end of year Sports Reports, and some Sport Awards will also be presented. Please note that the Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly originally advertised earlier in the year, will not take place. Aspects of the original assembly have been incorporated into other End of Year events.

Mr D W Fraser

From the Director of Infants

All new boys joining the School in 2013 have visited the School over the past few weeks. During the Orientation sessions for 2013, our existing Kindergarten boys visited the Transition classrooms and some of our existing Transition boys visited the Year One classrooms. The Kindergarten and Transition boys were divided into two groups alphabetically, as these are not their classrooms for next year.

Over the last two weeks, the following boys have successfully implemented the Social Skill of the Week - ‘Tolerating Differences’ or ‘Being Kind’:

- TE Jonathan Choy & Jaiman Dugal
- TR Milon Kalia & Braden Dubash
- 1H Jayden Fung & Henry Cattley
- 1P Elliot Chan & Oliver Burton
- 2C Ryder Pleass & Callum Halstead
- 2E Isaac Chew & Ravin Ratnayake

Our final Assembly will be on Friday 30 November. All K-2 parents are warmly invited to attend this special Year 2 Assembly starting at the earlier time of 9:50am.

Next year, all Year 1 (2:50pm) and Year 2 (2:55pm) boys are to be collected from Mawson Street, not the K-2 Driveway. (In wet weather boys in Years 1 and 2 are to be collected from the K-2 Driveway.)

We wish everyone a happy and relaxing summer holiday.

Ms Lesley Dorn

From the Director of Studies

Guided Inquiry…our final instalment
A wonderful assortment of extremely notable ladies and gentleman travelled through time last Monday night, dressed in their full regalia and sporting enormous smiles, accompanied by very proud parents, siblings and extended family. We welcomed such notables as Gandhi, Mother Teresa, Benjamin Franklin, Charles Darwin, William...
FROM THE SPORTS MASTER
Holiday Camp for boys & girls, Years 2-6
Forms are available from the School Office, Mr Baker’s office, and has also been attached with this Newsletter. Vacancies exist in all sports at the moment.

Northside Tennis Holiday Camps
17 December - 21 December (School Court), 9-12noon daily
7 January - 11 January (School Court), 9-12noon daily
14 January - 18 January (School Court),9-12noon daily
21 January - 25 January (School Court), 9-12noon daily
Cost of each week is $130. There is a BBQ on the last day of each week, prizes, and a wet weather program. All enquiries to Armond Djani 0418 242 626

Tennis Coaching in 2013
Bookings are being accepted now for classes (before and after school) starting Term 1 for boys in K-6. All enquiries to Armond Djani 0418 242 626

Inter School Sport in 2013
Please note the following training afternoons

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Congratulations to all boys! Their efforts, improvement, skills and most of all their enjoyment of sport throughout the year has been excellent. I have been delighted with the boys’ rapid development, how they love to play for their School and the high level of Sportsmanship they all display.

Have a good summer holiday with plenty of sport! See you in 2013!

Mr R C Baker

FROM THE LIBRARY
We are gathering all outstanding loans from the Library and putting the shelves in order. If your son still has a library book at home, please help him to find and return it.

We are lucky that our boys enjoy reading and so I can confidently suggest that books can play a part of their summer holiday. Books make great presents, can be easily taken on holiday, can be enjoyed independently or shared with family and friends. Have a happy reading summer holiday.

Mrs S J Hardwick

FROM THE CHESS MASTER
Good luck to Henry Xu, Shadab Basit and Michael Ni who are playing in the One Day Tournament final on Sunday 25 November.
Thank you to all members of the Chess Club for 2012. It has been a busy and productive year for the boys and I thank parents for their support during the year. I would like to wish the boys a safe and happy Christmas break and remember “The laws of Chess do not permit a free choice: you have to move whether you like it or not”

Mrs S E Heffernan
FROM THE MUSIC MASTER
CONGRATULATIONS to all performers in the Annual Concerts held last week and last night. Thank you for all your hard work during the year, which has produced such outstanding entertainment.

College Street Choral Concert – Tuesday 27 November, 6:30pm, TNH
Our St Ives Singers will be performing along with choral groups from Edgecliff and College Street. The concert will conclude by 7:45pm.

New Zealand Tour Auditions 2:30pm – 4:30pm, Thursday 29 November, Hall
Audition times will be on display on the Music Office window from Monday.

Ensembles
No further rehearsals - with the exception of School Orchestra and Year 5 Taiko Group 1 who will perform at Presentation Day.

Holiday Instrument Hire or Return
Your son’s hired instrument needs either to be hired for the holidays or returned by Friday 30 November with your payment of $30. Please pick up a hire form from the Music Office. If returning, do not leave instruments in the storeroom but bring them to the Music Office to be marked off. Boys in Year 6 and School Orchestra please return instruments to school before Thursday 6 December.

New music enrolments
As a follow up to the instrumental try-outs, if you wish to enrol your son for music lessons in 2013, it would be helpful for us to receive your form this term to avoid disappointment next year.

Extra Lessons
If your son’s 30th instrumental lesson occurs before the end of term, his tutor will send home a form for you to elect whether or not you wish him to continue with weekly lessons until Week 8. Important: For his lesson to be scheduled and his name put on the timetable, these forms must be received at the Music Office the week before or the lesson cannot be given.

Music Lessons 2013
Boys who have been learning musical instruments this year will be presumed to be continuing next year unless a cancellation letter is received by Friday 30 November. Lesson times will be available in Week 1. Instrumental lessons begin in Week 2. Ensembles begin in Week 3. Boys currently in Pennington Strings will be placed in Amati Strings. Year 4 string players will join Sartory Strings.

Second Hand Instruments
As a service to parents wishing to buy or sell a second hand musical instrument, a notice will be on display outside the Music Office for the first few weeks of Term I enabling parents to communicate with each other directly. Leave details, including asking price, at the Music Office if you have an instrument to include on this list.

College Street Music Scholarships
Boys currently in Year 5 may wish to apply for a Music Scholarship to College Street in 2014. The closing date for registration is 8 March 2013. Forms are now available from the Music Office.

Ensemble Rehearsals 2013

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Mr M S Smith
## Calendar of Events 23 November - 4 December 2012

### Monday 26 November
- 10:00am: Assembly (5-6) (School Leaders) Term Awards
- 1:00pm - 2:30pm: Year 6 Fair (2-6)

### Tuesday 27 November
- 10:00am: Assembly (3-4) (School Leaders) Term Awards
- 11:00am - 12:30am: Presentation Day Rehearsal at St Ives (T-6)
- 1:15pm - 1:30pm: Lunchtime Concert

### Wednesday 28 November
- 9:00am - 11:00am: PA Annual General Meeting/Helpers’ Morning Tea

### Thursday 29 November
- Tuckshop Closed
- Presentation Day Rehearsal at College Street (Transition & Year 3-6)

### Friday 30 November
- 8:40am: Year 1-2 Chess Club concludes for Term 4
- 9:50am: Assembly (K-2) (Year 2 Assembly)
- 11:00am - 12:30pm: Presentation Day Rehearsal at St Ives (T-6)

### Monday 3 December
- Tuckshop Closed
- Presentation Day Rehearsal at College Street (Transition & Year 3-6)

### Tuesday 4 December
- Reports Posted Home (K-6)
- 1:30pm: Presentation Day (K-6)

### Monday 10 December
- Holiday Camps Years 2-6 (until 14 Dec)

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### From the Drama Master

This year has been so exciting, challenging and inspiring for me. I look back with great fondness at the productions I have directed: The Pirates of Penzance Junior and a formidable host of class plays. From Year Three’s readers theatre performances in Term One and Year Six’s wonderful Term Two performances to Year Four’s recent triumphs, this year has been full of memorable moments. I would like to thank all of the staff of St Ives for their wonderful encouragement and support. Thank you also to all of the parents who have provided support and assistance, especially during productions.

A special message to the boys: Thank you for your energy and enthusiasm, for your creativity and for all of the hard work you have put into your performances this year. I have found your ideas inspiring and I’ve enjoyed your dramatic talents! I wish you all the very best for the festive season and a bright and happy 2013.

### Pyrmble Players Holiday Play Performance

Scruffy Ruffkin’s Christmas Tale, written by Richie Black and Jodine Muir, Directed by Jodine Muir, 7 Dec to 15 Dec; Fridays 7, 14 Dec at 7:30pm; Sat 8 Dec at 11am & 1:30pm Sat15 at 11am, 1:30 pm, 4:00pm MCA ticketing 1300 306 776, www.mca-tix.com.au

Ms M F Wheatley

### From the Italian Master

James Adams, a specialist in the warfare and weaponry of both the ancient world and the medieval period, recently came to speak to Year 5. He gave a most informative and entertaining talk about the weapons, armour, tactics and life of a soldier in the ancient Roman and Greek armies. Several boys were dressed up in full military gear. We learned about the differences between these great armies and had some interesting discussion and questions about all manner of ‘ancient’ facts including Alexander the Great, the Persians, Celts, Spartans and Chinese. The boys were able to try on armour and helmets as well as hold some of the weapons and shields, all reproductions and quite ‘safe’. The highlight was watching James fire an authentic miniature Roman ballista. Piers Hobkirk and Finlay Clarke have even begun to make their own chain mail.

Year 5 boys were also recently engaged in an Italian cooking and language class with chef Luca Roncarì (‘Piatto Perfetto’). Luca and his assistant, Lorenzo, guided the boys through a ‘hands on’ lesson to make ‘salame di cioccolato con frutta fresca e panna’. The lesson included basic kitchen skills, plating up, team work and, of course, eating together and enjoying the finished product. Bravissimi!

Mrs J A Matheson