FROM THE HEADMASTER

Over the past week, I have been asking the boys about what they like about school. It comes as no surprise that sport and PE top the list repeatedly.

I am still in awe of the physical surroundings that the boys clearly enjoy and they certainly take advantage of the wide open spaces. Through PE lessons, afternoon sport practices, Ball and Boy sessions on Wednesday and Friday mornings, competition games on Saturday mornings and opportunities at recess and lunch to organise their own games, sport has a strong presence in the life of the School.

We have many excellent coaches within our teaching staff at St Ives, other coaches who are appointed for practices and games and teachers from College Street to share their expertise.

One of my favourite times of the week is listening to the Sports Reports at the Years 5 and 6 Assembly and the Years 3 and 4 Assembly. The boys recount the matches with passion, wit and a small amount of bias. Here is one example: “The score was 5-2 or 4-3, depending on who you talk to and which side you are on.”

Involvement in sport is crucial to a child’s development as it encourages growth physically, socially and emotionally and childhood memories are always filled with happy moments playing with your mates, regardless of the outcome.

Mr I R Stephens

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

During Peer Support this week the boys looked at the notion that what they choose to spend their time on often reflects the values they have. The activities also assisted them in identifying ways they care for themselves and others, developing their understanding that you are caring when you notice the feelings and needs of yourself and others.

During the week, please encourage your son to demonstrate they are caring by doing something helpful or displaying kindness around the home.

Mr M J Tait

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFANTS

A special thank you to all the parents who volunteered to cover K-2 books for us. We really appreciate it!

We are all looking forward to the K-2 Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 31 May (1:45pm - 2:30pm). The carnival will take place on Cowper Field near the Hall. We will allocate a prime viewing area on the bank for parents and visitors. We look forward to seeing you there.

May I take this opportunity to remind you to label your son’s lunch box and drink bottle. At the end of each week, we have a large number of lunch boxes and drink bottles left in the playground!

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

- TE James Boyle & Jeremy Cheung
- TR Maxwell Crafter & Alexander Pinilla
- 1H Michael Harrison & Christopher Ho
- 1P Jasper Derwent & Jai Nandan
- 2C Xavier Sengupta & James Parasyn
- 2E Alexander Panikian & Jason Fan

Next week (Monday 28 May), TE will display their class work at the K-2 Entrance. The following week (Monday 4 June), TR will display their class work at the K-2 Entrance. We look forward to seeing you at our T-2 Assemblies each week.

Ms L A Dorn
Dance Night
All families are welcome to attend our popular annual Dance Night. Please keep Wednesday June 20, 7:00-8:00 pm free.

Mr R C Baker

FROM THE MUSIC MASTER

Ensembles
Please remember that if your son is unable to attend a rehearsal, or if he is absent from school, a note to the conductor is expected, thank you.

Instruments
Boys are reminded to leave their instruments in the allocated rooms during the day. Too many instruments are being left outside classrooms – or even outside the school gates.

Strings to the Ensemble Room; brass and woodwind to the Music Storeroom.

College Street Concerts
Combined Bands’ Concert – 6.30pm Tuesday 5 June in the New Hall. Stevens Wind Ensemble will perform with bands from Edgecliff and College Street. The playground will be open for parking from 6.00pm. Tickets $10/$5 OR $25 family and are available either at the door on the night or through TryBooking (www.trybooking.com/24848).

Term 2 Concert – 6:00pm Thursday 7 June in The New Hall.

Percussion Concert - 6:00pm Tuesday 12 June in The New Hall. An hour long combined concert featuring percussion groups from the three campuses. Mr Farland’s Percussion Ensembles will perform.

King’s School, Auckland, New Zealand
In Term Three we are pleased to be hosting boys from King’s School during their orchestra tour to Sydney. If your son toured New Zealand with our School Orchestra last year, this would be an excellent opportunity to reciprocate and to renew friendships. We are looking for 19 Grammar families to billet boys in pairs for 3 nights from Sunday 2 to Tuesday 4 September. Please contact the Music Office to register your interest. As the boys are aged 11-13 offers from families with a boy in Years 5 or 6 would be the most appropriate.

Mr M S Smith

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

How cybersmart are you?
Cybersmart Tip #3: Avoid Cyberbullying
The same rules apply online as in the ‘real world’ about how to treat other people. Unfortunately, people don’t always treat each other well online, and you, or a friend, may find that you are the target of cyberbullying. You might be teased or have rumours spread about you online, receive nasty messages or even threats. It can happen any hour of the day, from people you know, and sometimes people you don’t know. It can leave you feeling unsafe and alone.

No-one has the right to bully another person. At its most serious, cyberbullying is illegal and can be investigated by the police.

Tips for if you are being cyberbullied:
• Ignore it. Don’t respond to the bully. If they don’t get a response they may get bored and go away.
• Block the person. This will stop you seeing messages or texts from a particular person.
• Tell someone. Tell your mum or dad, or another adult you trust.
• Keep the evidence. This can be useful in tracking the bully down. Save texts, emails, online conversations or voicemails as proof.

Please take 5 minutes to discuss this cybersmart tip with your son. You will have the biggest influence on what is and isn’t appropriate behaviour by your son who is using your computer. Awareness and education are the best methods to combat inappropriate online behaviour.

Mrs C J Merrick

FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

10 C Football
Please note the following time change for tomorrow’s game with Redlands, now an 8:00am start, same venue - Macquarie University.

Ball & Boy
Our morning sessions continue to be very popular and well attended. All boys are welcome to attend the following sessions throughout the winter.
Wednesdays Years 1-4 Football
Fridays Years 5-6 Football
Years 1-6 Rugby (Please bring a change of socks!)

Holiday Camp Years 2-6
Please note the flyer accompanying this Newsletter. We will be holding the camp from the day after we finish school this Term, Wednesday June 27 through to Tuesday July 3.
Activities include Soccer, Rugby, Tennis and Basketball.
### Calendar of Events Monday 28 May to 9 June 2012

**Monday 28 May**
- 10:00am: Year 5-6 Assembly (6L - Francis)
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm: ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

**Tuesday 29 May**
- 10:00am: Assembly (3-4) (4B - Francis)
- 1:15pm - 1:30pm: Lunchtime Concert

**Wednesday 30 May**
- 7:30am - 8:20am: Donna Rawlins (Author) visiting Year 4
- 8:00am - 4:00pm: House Tip Rugby Competition (Years 3 & 4)
- 8:00am - 4:00pm: Da Vinci Decathlon (Year 6) at Knox

**Thursday 31 May**
- 1:45pm - 2:30pm: K-2 Cross Country Carnival
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm: ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

**Friday 1 June**
- 7:30am - 8:20am: Ball & Boy - Football (5&6) / Rugby (1-6)
- 10:00am: Assembly (T-2)
- 1:00pm: IPSHA Debating Round 3 v Oxford Falls Grammar
- 2:45pm - 4:30pm: Chess Round 5
- 3:30pm: 3-6 Twilight Concert (4)

**Saturday 2 June**
- 1:00pm - 5:00pm: ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

**Monday 4 June**
- 8:50am - 1:00pm: Year 4 Excursion to ‘Sadako’ (9.45am session)
- 10:00am: Assembly (5-6) (5A - Healey)
- 3:00pm: ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

**Tuesday 5 June**
- 10:00am: Assembly (3-4) (3M- Healey)
- 1:15pm - 1:30pm: Lunchtime Concert
- 6:30pm: Combined Bands Concert (College St)

**Wednesday 6 June**
- 7:30am - 8:20am: Ball & Boy - Football (1-4)
- 9:00am - 10:00am: ICAS Science Competition (Years 3-6)

**Thursday 7 June**
- 8:45am - 1:00pm: Year 2 - Koomurri Earth, Wind & Fire
- 1:00pm - 1:30pm: Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm: ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

**Friday 8 June**
- 7:30am - 8:20am: ‘Ball and Boy’ Football (5&6) / Rugby (1-6)
- 10:00am: Assembly (T-2)
- 10:30am - 12:45pm: Melba Studios - Music & Co-Curricular
- 3:00pm: Newsletter
- 3:00pm: Chess Round 6

**Saturday 9 June**
- Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend - No Sport

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### From the Drama Master

**Year Six Performances**

After a term and a half of discussing characters, practising movements, learning lines and rehearsing scenes, the Year 6 boys presented *Willy Waxman*. Congratulations boys on all your hard work and creativity! I was very proud of your performances and impressed with your enthusiasm, confidence and team work. Well done!

A big thank you to Mr Tait, Mr Lupton, Mr Bulger and the parents of Year 6 for supporting this creative venture and for helping the boys with their characters and lines. Special mention to Miss O’Hagan, Joshua Kim, Tobias Wong and Christopher Ford-Cooper for their amazing assistance with lighting and sound control and to William Rogut and Ethan Tsui for designing the programmes.

Ms M F Wheatley

### From the Tuckshop

Corn fritters have been deleted and will be replaced with toasted English muffins with vegemite or honey.

Mrs C Shields

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