FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that you have been able to rest and relax over the break and are ready for the term ahead.

Our Year 6 boys
This term, we will commence the “Moving Into High School” programme with our Year 6 boys. The aim of the programme is to assist boys in the important transition from primary to secondary school. It is designed to develop skills and confidence necessary to successfully embrace the challenges ahead and the boys are introduced to specific skills to support them concerning:

- organisation
- time management
- taking responsibility
- planning and managing homework tasks
- balancing their work and relaxation
- setting goals

As a preparatory school for College Street, we are always preparing the boys for their next step and even though there are always new experiences to navigate, our boys are well-prepared and usually hit the ground running once they enter those gates. They certainly grow wings and embrace all that College Street has to offer. The “Moving Into High School” Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 15 August from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Hall. (This date was not included in the Parent Calendar, which was distributed earlier this week).

After School Care
We are in the process of registering our After School Care facility with the Department of Communities and Services.

The Regulations stipulate that we have to limit the number of boys to 45 each day; and with the current number of boys enrolled (both full time and part time), we are at capacity on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you have a regular booking and your son cannot attend for any reason, please ring Mrs Heaton to cancel your son’s place. This will allow a casual booking placement for another boy. If you do not ring you will be charged $10.00. There are places available on Thursdays and Fridays but all bookings must be made through Mrs Heaton in the Office (9144 2837). There may also be places available on any day depending on cancellations.

All bookings must come through Mrs Heaton for casual placements or for boys not currently on the part time list. As a direct result of this limit, all boys will be supervised either on the late bench (K-2) or at the Front Gate (3-6) until 3.30pm. After this time, all boys will be taken to the Office to call home. When after school sport is cancelled, due to inclement weather, staff will supervise boys who do not have an alternative going home arrangements until 4.00pm. No boys can proceed to After School Care unless they are already booked in.

These changes to After School Care arrangements will take effect from Monday 30 July 2012.

Library
I encourage all boys and parents to visit the Library and enjoy this facility at the School. The Library is open every morning from 8.00am until 8.30am and each afternoon until 4.00pm. K-2 boys should be accompanied by a parent during these times.

I would also like to say farewell to one master and welcome 3 more to the School this term. Mikala Haberfield will be taking maternity leave from her Kindergarten class from today and will be replaced by Elise Girdlestone. Simon Germaine is the new Year 6 Form Master and Peter Derrin has come to St Ives as the new K-2 PE Master.

Mr I R Stephens

FROM THE SENIOR MASTER

Road Safety in Ayres Rd
Yesterday, before school, we had a very near miss in Ayres Road. A K-2 boy was almost hit by a passing car, after being told to cross the road alone to the School side by their parent. Fortunately, the driver was moving slowly, and missed hitting the boy, who walked straight in front of their car. Under no circumstances are boys of any age to cross Ayres Road without a parent.

Ideally all boys should be dropped on the School side of Ayres Road and get out on the kerb side only. Thank you for your co-operation in making the roads around our School a safe place for our boys.

Afternoon Collection of K-2 Boys
Parents are reminded to collect K-2 boys from the designated gate at the end of each day, and not from the classroom. Kindergarten and Transition should be collected from the Ayres Road gate/ K-2 driveway while Years 1 and 2 should be collected from Mawson Street. This will enable a smoother dismissal routine for staff and boys, and assist in growing your son’s independence.
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. A message may be left on the Office phone. 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.

Jeans For Genes Day
Next Friday is Jeans For Genes Day in support of the Children’s Medical Research Institute. Each year we have enthusiastically supported this worthy charity, and look forward to raising as much money as possible this year. Although there are no badges for sale in schools this year, we would like all boys to show their support by wearing jeans or casual clothes to school for the day, and making a gold coin donation. Thank you.

Mr D W Fraser

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Parent Maths Information Session K-6
We look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming K-6 Maths Information Session. Each year we look at a different strand of Maths and this year we will look at Number. We will address questions such as:
What aspects of Number are in the Maths curriculum? Why don’t we race through the Number processes and get onto Algebra earlier? What early experiences can foster this strand of Maths? How can we develop boys in senior primary who need numerical 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 skills and understanding at home with your son. I look forward to seeing you all in the Hall on Wednesday, 8 August from 1:00-2:30pm.

Reading
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 2. I was pleased to see in Assembly, when I asked them about their holiday reading, just how many boys had included reading on their itinerary! The wonderful thing about reading is that you can enter a new world every time you open a book. The Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes for 3-6 Grammar boys on Monday 20 August. Please encourage your son to finish reading his 20 books and enter them on the PRC website.

Mrs C J Merrick

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFANTS

Welcome to Term 3. It has been an exciting start to the term with the boys arriving happily. We all look forward to a wonderful new term.

Chess notes went home last week to all the boys in Years 1 & 2. Chess Club commenced on Thursday 26 July and concludes on Friday 14 September.

This term the boys will continue to belong to K-2 Friendship Groups. Through these groups the boys will become connected with other K-2 boys. During Friendship Groups, we share literature, special activities and games. 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’:

- TE Roman Nilar
- TR Mitchell Leung
- 1H Andrew Ha
- 1P Kasra Roushan
- 2C Toby Mok
- 2E Bradley Chan

Next week (Friday 3 August), 2C will display their class work (K-2 Entrance) and perform at Assembly. The following week (Friday 10 August), Miss Murray will create a Music display (K-2 Entrance) and highlight Music at Assembly. We would love to see you there.

Ms L A Dorn

FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

Winter Sport
Winter sport is played in all conditions. Generally speaking, games are on or off depending on the condition of the oval, not player or spectator comfort. We have a Wet Weather Line 9990 8472. Please follow the advice on the recorded message.

IPSHA Cross Country
We congratulate William Maffey (Year 4), for his wonderful effort in finishing 39th in the State Cross Country Carnival. We are also pleased to congratulate Elliot Metcalf (Year 6), for winning his event. Elliot is now the fastest Under 12 boy over 3000m in the State. Elliot will now represent NSW in the National Cross Country Championships in Adelaide next month.

NSW Swimming
We wish Justin Lee (Year 5), all the best of luck, speed and endurance as he sets off to represent NSW in the National Swimming Championships to be held in Sydney over the next few days.

11D Soccer
Unfortunately, the 11D game tomorrow with Waverley has been cancelled.
11 A Rugby
Please note tomorrow’s game with Shore has been moved to School Field, corner of Edward and Streets. The game time remains an 8:00am kick off. Please report to Mr Gooch before 7:45am.

Athletic Team training will be held each Monday and Tuesday after school for boys wishing to try out for the sprinting and 800m events of the School Athletic Team.

Mr R C Baker

FROM THE MUSIC MASTER

3-6 Assembly – Monday 30 July
Both School Choir and St Ives Singers will perform at this Years 3-6 Assembly and parents are very welcome to attend. If you have a son in School Choir but cannot come along on Monday, they will also be performing in Week 4 at the K-2 Assembly at 10.00am on Friday 10 August.

AMEB
Understandably, everyone is keen to know examination dates! When we hear from the AMEB, all details (including rehearsal dates) will be sent home to parents. Scale and aural classes for boys learning at School will commence in Week 5. Session times will be displayed on the Music Office window.

Discontinuing Music Lessons
A reminder that written confirmation of your son’s withdrawal from music lessons is required by Friday of Week 5 of any term to discontinue at the end of that term or a term’s fee remains payable.

Mr M S Smith

FROM THE LIBRARY

Exciting events will be happening in the Library this term. Children’s Book Week will be celebrated throughout Australia commencing on 20 August. We will be looking at books which are shortlisted for awards leading up to Book Week. Our annual Book Fair will be held on the evening of Thursday 23 August and all day on Friday 24 August. Francis House will host One-minute Talks in the Library and some interesting authors and illustrators will be visiting. Further details of these events will be published in Newsletters.

Next week we will launch the Morris Gleitzman Readers’ Cup for boys in Year 4 to Year 6. Boys will be asked to sign up in the Library if they are interested in participating.

Mrs S J Hardwick

FROM THE DRAMA MASTER

All cast members need to have been working on their Act 1 words, songs and moves - you should know all of these! EVERYONE needs to come to rehearsal with focus and determination to quickly learn all moves, when you come on and off stage for Act II and to work with other cast members to make sure everyone is where they need to be.

We will be finalising Act II, so all characters 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 show of heroic proportions; the smell of the sea and the midnight revelling of our fierce pirates taking no prisoners! Tickets will go on sale in Week 4, so make sure to book early. Why??? Because the pirates are coming, the police are running and there is going to be one almighty row off the Cornwall coast. But don’t just come for the fast paced pirate action, there is the astonishing Major General, the upstanding Police Sergeant and a bevy of beauties ready to jump in to defend their family! Come on, time to set sail and immerse yourselves in the salty intrigue that is unfolding in your school hall. Brilliant sets and an experience unlike any other! Don't miss the boat, book soon!

The costumes will be otherworldly and once again a big thank you to all our terrific mothers for working so hard to make them a reality. Thank you
Ms M F Wheatley
## Calendar of Events 28 July - 11 August 2012

### SATURDAY 28 JULY
- Winter Sport Round 9

### MONDAY 30 JULY
- **8:50am - 12:45am** Year 2 Excursion to Powerhouse Museum
- **10:00am** Assembly (3-6) (School Choir - 3B/SP Francis)
- **3:00pm - 4:30pm** ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

### TUESDAY 31 JULY
- **9:00am - 11:00am** ICAS English Competition (Years 3-6) 2012
- **1:00pm** Francis - One Minute Talks
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm** Lunchtime Concert

### WEDNESDAY 1 AUGUST
- **7:30am - 8:20am** Ball & Boy - Football (1-4)
- **8:45am** PA Committee Meeting
- **8:50am - 9:25am** Peer Support Groups - Session #7
- **9:30am - 12:00pm** Melba Photos - Winter Sport
- **12:10pm - 12:45pm** Friendship Groups (K-2)

### THURSDAY 2 AUGUST
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm** Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School
- **3:00pm - 4:30pm** ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

### FRIDAY 3 AUGUST
- **7:30am - 8:20am** Jeans for Genes Day
- **10:00am** Assembly (T-2) (2C SWEET)
- **1:00pm - 2:30pm** IPSHA Debating Round 4 v Ravenswood (Rescheduled)

### SATURDAY 4 AUGUST
- Winter Sport Round 10
- **1:00pm - 5:00pm** ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

### MONDAY 6 AUGUST
- **10:00am** Assembly (5-6) (6B - Healey)
- **3:00pm - 4:30pm** ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

### TUESDAY 7 AUGUST
- **10:00am** Assembly (3-4) (4S - Healey)
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm** Lunchtime Concert

### WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST
- **7:30am - 8:30am** Ball & Boy concludes - Football (1-4)
- **8:50am - 9:25am** Peer Support Groups - Session #8
- **1:00pm - 2:30pm** K-6 Maths Information Session

### THURSDAY 9 AUGUST
- **9:00am - 2:30pm** Year 1 Excursion to ‘Reptile Park’
- **3:00pm - 4:30pm** ‘The Pirates of Penzance Junior’ - Rehearsal

### FRIDAY 10 AUGUST
- **7:30am - 8:20am** Ball & Boy Concludes - Football (5-6) / Rugby (1-6)
- **10:00am** Assembly (T-2) (Music)
- **1:00pm** IPSHA Debating Round 4 v PLC
- **3:00pm** Newsletter

### SATURDAY 11 AUGUST
- Winter Sport Round 11

### 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