From the Headmaster

As the busy term draws to an end and the boys look forward to a few weeks of rest, I thought it might be a timely reminder for parents to contemplate how much your son will be spending looking at a screen during the holidays.

The use of technology certainly has its place in all our lives but can potentially create an imbalance if not carefully monitored. Opportunities for outside play, exercise and social interaction should still be a priority when organising holiday activities and time for technology should be limited.

Today’s children have access to information that previous generations could only dream about and as parents, we need to be mindful and vigilant as to what they are exposed to. Some material can have a long-term detrimental effect on impressionable minds. By knowing the sites your child is accessing and positioning the technology in a more public setting can help safeguard potential harm.

Cyber bullying is on the increase world-wide and continues to have significant consequences. I encourage all parents to talk to their children about their rights and responsibilities when using technology and the School will continue to educate the boys about what is appropriate and the dangers involved in hiding behind a computer screen. Using technology to bully used to be the domain of high school students but this is changing. Incidents of cyber bullying involving younger children is becoming more prevalent and it is at this time we need to set the right expectations.

I always look forward to spending some time reading in the holidays and sadly for many families, reading has been replaced by time spent in front of a screen. Reading should always be a priority and modelling it can only encourage our boys to enjoy it also. Reading fosters imagination and creativity and the brain has to work hard to bring the words on a page to life. Most screen activities encourage our brains to be passive where there is not much left to our own imaginations.

The Director of Infants, Lesley Dorn, will be taking Long Service Leave during Term 2 and Megan Darin will be replacing her. Mrs Darin is a very experienced teacher who has worked at Grammar throughout the years in various capacities. I wish Ms Dorn a wonderful holiday, especially as she climbs to Maccu Picchu!

Mr I R Stephens

From the Senior Master

Arrangements for the End of Term 1

Friday 12 April is the last day of term, a half-day for boys. School ends at 11:30am for Preschool, 11:45am for Kindergarten and at 12:00pm for Years 1 - 6. Boys are to be picked up in the usual manner at these times. Please be patient and considerate of other drivers and buses when using Ayres Road at this time as it will be busier than normal.

There is no After School Care operating on the last day. Forest Coachlines buses will operate as normal, leaving at 12:15pm. There is no Shorelink bus for the day. Boys will return to School on Monday 29 April in their Winter Uniform.

New Telephone System

There has been some concern that the phone system at School is not working when parents are ringing in. Please note that when parents call the School they will not hear a ring tone, but music, as incoming calls are queued. The phone is ringing at the School end, and will either be answered, or diverted to allow a message to be left. I hope this alleviates any concerns.

Mr D W Fraser

From the Director of Infants

Congratulations to all the Year 1 and Year 2 boys who took part in the Swimming Carnival last week, and a very special thank you to all the Staff who assisted on the day. The boys displayed great sportsmanship and an enormous amount of pride in their House. Well done everyone!

A number of P-2 boys are arriving too early for School. We ask that boys arrive at School between 8:20am and 8:40am, so they can be supervised in the playground.

Before School Care is offered to P-2 siblings of 3-6 boys who are attending before school activities (debating, chess, music rehearsals etc.).

Ms L A Dorn
From the Director of Studies

Enriching Boys’ Reading and Comprehension

In the last Newsletter I wrote about the importance of reading and this week I would like to share a little more about how to enrich comprehension. There are three levels of reading comprehension: Literal, (which we call Here), Inferential (which we call Hidden) and Evaluative (which we call Head). Within each level of comprehension, a lot of teaching and knowledge about the reading process occurs.

Our good readers are fortunate because they come from a rich background of literature and world knowledge. That is, they know the purpose of the different genres, what purpose the author is writing for and how the world works. It is this world knowledge that is crucial for inferential and evaluative comprehension.

Last week, I was explaining the role of the rooster in the ‘chicken and the egg’ idea to Year 4! In order to access the text they were reading, they needed some world knowledge. As one boy said, roosters aren’t allowed in the suburbs to which another boy asked why? It is the loud cock-a-doodle-doo that residents might object to in the suburbs. This is a perfect example of the world knowledge needed to make meaning from a text.

For those of you interested in enriching your son’s world knowledge, a trip to the Sydney Royal Easter Show is a great chance to learn! Instead of just rides and show bags, which the boys will naturally gravitate to, spend a few hours in the animal pavilions and the district exhibits. There are also some great time-lapse videos of the district exhibits on the Show website. There is so much to see and do at the Show; be sure to visit the roosters! Happy Easter to you all!

Mrs C J Merrick

From the Chess Master

Chess Club concludes this term on Monday 8 April. Boys who missed their Monday or Friday lesson due to the Easter break are welcome to attend the final Monday lesson.

Mr Harrison is currently in the process of selecting teams for the Inter School Chess Competition, boys will be informed as soon as they are finalised. Chess lessons will resume in the first week of Term 2, Monday 29 April.

Mrs S J Ward

From the Italian Master

Easter is one of the most important celebrations in Italy. It is a religious occasion that also coincides with the beginning of Spring. In ancient times this was a period of festivities in honour of new life. Easter marks the end of Lent, and Holy Week sees religious processions, rituals and church services in every Italian town and city. The new Pope, Francesco I, will perform a special ceremony in the Colosseum on Good Friday and will celebrate mass in Piazza San Pietro on Easter Sunday. Italian families will come together to enjoy a delicious lunch of lamb and a special cake ‘la colomba di Pasqua’ (baked in the shape of a dove). Italian children receive beautifully wrapped chocolate Easter eggs that are hollow with a surprise or gift inside. Buona Pasqua a tutti!

Ms J A Matheson

From the Sports Master

The Winter Sport Draw will be sent out next week.

We wish our Inter School Cross Country runners all the best as they compete at the annual IPSHA Carnival at The Kings School on 6 April. Boys must report to Mr Townley-Jones (P-2 Sports Master) at least 15 minutes prior to their race. Mr Townley-Jones will provide the boys with a singlet. Under 9 boys and Under 10 boys run a 2km course. The Under 11 boys and Open boys run a 3km course.

Congratulations to Harry Oates (Year 6) for making the IPSHA Football Team. Harry will now play in a selection tournament for the CIS Team. Richarde Li, Ben Ainsworth and Chris Choi (Year 6) also performed well in their trials. Unfortunately, they missed further selection. Well done boys.

Mr C J Baker

Holiday Rugby and Football Camps

Attached to this Newsletter are flyers for the upcoming Rugby and Football camps, to be held in the first week of the School Holidays.

Holiday Tennis Camps

Armond Djani (0418 242 626) will be running 2 Tennis Camps in the Holidays.
15-19 April, 9-12pm
22-26 April, 9-12pm
Cost is $130 per child, to be held here at the School Courts. There will prizes, tournaments and lots of fun.

New Zealand Tour Orchestra

A reminder to parents that all paperwork, including the permission form and a copy of your son’s passport, together with payments requested to date, should be handed in prior to the holidays – either to St Ives or direct to Mrs Carter, the tour manager. Thank you.

Ms J A Matheson
Music Term 2
Lessons and ensembles resume in Week 1.

AMEB
Boys intending to sit for an AMEB examination in Term 3 should aim to have all their technical work known by the end of these holidays. Parents, please use the record book to check with tutors regarding AMEB entry.

Flute Group Lessons
In Term 2 we will be offering 5 boys from Years 4, 5 or 6 the opportunity to start learning the flute in the context of a group lesson. These 5 boys might be already learning piano, or they might never have tried a musical instrument before. Interested boys should come and collect a letter from the Music Office before the end of term.

Hired Instruments
Please check that your son’s name and current class is clearly written in the key tag. Also, a reminder that if anything goes wrong with a hired instrument, it should be brought in to the Music Office. Please do not try to fix it yourself or take it to a repairer.

College Street Concerts
Wednesday 3 April 6:30pm Classical Guitar Concert (Big School)
College Street ensembles, together with some of the School’s most advanced soloists, are joined on stage by ensembles from Cranbrook and Ascham.

Tuesday 7 May 6:30pm Combined Percussion Concert (The New Hall)
Featuring performances from St Ives, Edgecliff and College Street percussion ensembles.

Mr M S Smith

FROM THE DRAMA MASTER
Year 3 boys have been busy preparing for their lunch-time Readers’ Theatre performance next week. They will perform the play Brock and the Dragon. The boys are asked to practise their lines at home and parental guidance would be much appreciated. The boys do not need to learn their lines, just be confident in reading them.

It would also be greatly appreciated if you could discuss costumes with your sons, as some of the boys have been asked to wear something for their character next week. Thank you

Ms M F Wheatley

TERM DATES 2013
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 30 January</td>
<td>Friday 12 April</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 29 April</td>
<td>Friday 21 June</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 16 July</td>
<td>Friday 13 September</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 8 October</td>
<td>Tuesday 3 December (Presentation Day)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

TERM DATES 2014
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 29 January</td>
<td>Thursday 10 April</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 28 April</td>
<td>Friday 20 June</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 15 July</td>
<td>Friday 12 September</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 7 October</td>
<td>Tuesday 2 December (Presentation Day)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

FROM THE OFFICE
Parents are asked to use the new phone numbers please.

Reception/Absences 8302 5200
[8:15am-4:15pm]
Facsimile: 9449 9875
After School Care Bookings 8302 5200
After School Care Direct Line: 8302 5226
Counsellor: 8302 5223
Headmaster’s Secretary 8302 5217
Enrolments: 8302 5218
Music Secretary: 8302 5242
Sport Master: 8302 5246
Sport Wet Weather Line: 9990 8472
Tuckshop: 8302 5225
Uniform Shop: 8302 5224

Spare Socks
Our emergency uniform cupboard is in need of some old (clean) socks of any size. If you can donate any which your son has outgrown, we would be grateful. Thank you.
### Calendar of Events - 1 April - 12 April

**MONDAY 1 APRIL**
- Easter Monday Public Holiday

**TUESDAY 2 APRIL**
- 1:15pm - 1:30pm Lunchtime Concert

**WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL**

**THURSDAY 4 APRIL**
- 8:40am
- 9:00am - 3:00pm
- 10:00am
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- Chess Coaching concludes for Term 1 (Years 3-6)
- Years 4 & 6 Excursion to Surf Educate
- Assembly (K-2)
- Kindergarten Pirate Picnic

**FRIDAY 5 APRIL**
- 8:40am Chess Coaching concludes for Term 1 (Years 3-6)
- 9:00am - 3:00pm Years 4 & 6 Excursion to Surf Educate
- 10:00am Assembly (K-2)
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm Kindergarten Pirate Picnic

**SATURDAY 6 APRIL**
- IPSHA Cross-Country Carnival

**MONDAY 8 APRIL**
- 10:00am Assembly (3-6) (Cowper House)

**TUESDAY 9 APRIL**
- 9:00am - 3:00pm Peer Support Training for Year 6
- 1:15pm - 1:30pm Lunchtime Concert (Years 3-6)

**WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL**
- 9:00am - 3:00pm Peer Support Training for Year 6

**THURSDAY 11 APRIL**
- 1:00pm - 1:30pm Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School

**FRIDAY 12 APRIL**
- 8:40am Year 1 & 2 Chess Club concludes for Term 1
- 10:00am Assembly (K-2)
- 10:35am End of Term Icy Poles given to Winning Houses
- 12:00pm Term 1 Ends
- 3:00pm Newsletter

**MONDAY 22 APRIL**
- Football Tour to the Gold Coast departs

**SATURDAY 27 APRIL**
- Football to the Gold Coast returns