FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents

Scientist-in-Residence, Anthony Stimson, has this term worked with Year 6 boys, staff and parents in the construction of a garden, for the whole school to enjoy. North facing and outside the Science Room, the garden is the gift of Year 6 to the School and contains raised beds which have been prepared and planted with vegetables, herbs and flowers. In the future all grades will have the opportunity to work in the garden and share in the produce grown there. The garden will be officially presented to the School on the evening of the Year 6 Dinner.

Details concerning arrival times and seating for Presentation Day will be sent to all parents in the near future. Seating in the New Hall at College St will be able to be reserved online and arrival times for boys and parents will be clearly outlined. The ceremony commences at 1:30pm and it is strongly recommended that boys and their parents use public transport to travel to and from the city, as no parking will be available at the School and is very limited in the surrounding busy streets.

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HEADMASTER’S AWARDS

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

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J Lee    | 5A
J Tan    | 5S
J Thong  | 5S
M Mehta  | 5T
C Abel   | 5A
T Hopwood | 5S
A Lau    | 5S
A Lai    | 6T
W Rogut  | 5S
E Lowe   | 5S
T Wong   | 5A
J Lee    | 5A
T Delbridge | 5S
D Yin    | 5A
N Derwent | 5A
K Alfred | 3M
M Renard | 4H
J Yip    | 3H
A Chedid | 4H
J Somanade | 4H
G Gorqas | 3M
J Ong    | 4B
B Xu     | 4H

Mrs R J Lee
**From the Director of Pastoral Care**

This week the Student Representative Council from Years 2 to 6 met to discuss a number of important issues.

**Issue 1**: An improved system to help remind boys about remembering their hats for recess and lunch.

**Issue 2**: A class system for lost property (due to the excess amount in lost property).

The SRC reps presented their different classes ideas in a clear and thoughtful manner.

**Issue 1 Ideas**:

- **Year 3** - More signage for hats/use of diary as a reminder, pick up rubbish for not having your hat, 3 strikes and out and then missing out on playtime/golden time, letter to parents, hat checks, checklist, teachers on duty checking hats, buddy hat check, loss of house points.

- **Year 4** - Hat rack, boys reminding each other, hat monitor, signages on doors, teacher reminders, class reward system.

- **Year 5** - Compulsory spare hat in locker, Master Effort Awards, compulsory to go to library, hat inspection, note to parents from teacher.

**Year 6 / Year 2** - Keep hat on your desk/locker, hat check by teacher, take responsibility yourself, label hats with year level, names on hats should be on the outside.

**Issue 2 Ideas**

- **Year 3** - A weekly check, notes in the bulletin, someone to inspect lost property each week, Year 6 monitor, checklist in classroom, class monitor, lost property stall with money going to charity, tub for each classroom, different items separated, clothes lines for each class.

- **Year 4** - Grade box, changing in classrooms.

- **Year 5** - Lost property noticeboard, if in poor condition to directly throw out, punishment for not having hat.

- **Year 6 / Year 2** - Specific tubs for clothing as it is untidy, name chart for lost items, Year 6 lost property boxes, unnamed items to the clothing pool, too much pressure on 5C (take responsibility). All the different ideas will be further discussed with Mrs Lee, Mr Fraser and teachers and will be communicated with possible solutions for 2012. Thank you to the SRC Reps and Year 6 Leaders for their work and efforts throughout the year.

**Mr M J Tait**

**From the Director of Infants**

Next week, the Year Two boys will attend a Year Three/Four Assembly for the first time and they will meet with the Year Three boys for a sausage sizzle. The boys will also be visiting the Primary Art Room, Science Lab, Playground and Canteen during this term. Last week, we met in Friendship Groups for the last time this year. In Friendship Groups, we discuss the language of BOUNCE:

**Bad** feelings always go away again.

**Other** people can help you to feel better if you talk to them.

**Unhelpful** thinking makes you feel worse.

**Nobody** is perfect. Mistakes help you learn.

**Concentrate** on the good things and have a laugh.

**Everybody** feels sad and worried sometimes, not just you.

This week, the following boys have successfully implemented the Social Skill of the Week - ‘Being Happy’ or ‘Helping a Friend in Need’:

- TrB: Paresh Gopal & Jai Nandan
- TrE: Troy Kechichian & Alex Luk
- 1M: Ravin Rattanayake & James Parasyn
- 1W: Xavier Sengupta & Joshua Nguyen
- 2C: Julian Hervir & Alexander Chin
- 2F: Simon Tan & Vishal Patel

Next week, 2F will display their classwork (K-2 Entrance) and perform at Assembly (Friday, 4 November). The following week, TrB will display their classwork (K-2 Entrance) and perform at Assembly (Friday, 11 November). We would love to see you there.

**Ms L A Dorn**

**From the Director of Studies**

**Remembrance Day**

Last week our Year 6 boys were fortunate enough to visit the War Memorial in Canberra. The War Memorial’s purpose is to commemorate the sacrifice of those Australians who have died in war. Its mission is to assist Australians to remember, interpret and understand the Australian experience of war and its enduring impact on Australian society. The boys were very moved by their visit and we will hold our special Remembrance Day Assembly at St Ives on Monday, 7 November at 10:00am. Our School leaders will explain the significance of Remembrance Day and honor the fallen through poems, recounts and other special assembly items. All parents are welcome to attend our Assembly.

**Mrs C J Merrick**

**From the Music Master**

**Diary Dates**

Scholars’ Concert – Friday 11 November – 6.30pm in the Hall

Our Year 6 Music Scholars will be joined this year by pianist and Old Sydneian Zubin Kanga to present what is always a very special evening in our school music calendar. Tickets are not required but we ask that you are seated by 6.20pm. All welcome.
**Annual Concert** – Wednesday 30 November – 7.00pm in the Hall
Come along to hear all our school ensembles and choirs in the biggest musical night of the year. All welcome! Details to follow for performers.

**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. Please complete and return it to the Music Office, thank you.

**Holiday Instrument Hire or Return**
Holiday Hire forms are available from the Music Office for those wishing to keep their instrument over the summer holidays. Please return forms by Friday 2 December with your payment of $30. If returning hired instruments, make sure they are marked off by Mrs Templeton or Mr Smith. Do not leave instruments in the storeroom.

**Discontinuing Music Lessons**
A reminder that written confirmation of your son’s withdrawal from music lessons is required by Friday Week 5 (11 November) or it will be assumed he is continuing in 2011 and fees for Term 1 will be payable.

**College Street Music Scholarships 2013**
Forms are now available from the Music Office for boys currently in Year 5 who wish to apply. The closing date for registration is 9 March 2012.

Mr M S Smith

**FROM THE SPORTS MASTER**

**State Athletics**
Fantastic news! We congratulate Elliot Metcalf (Year 5) for winning the State, U11 8000m, championship race! We know Elliot is an exceptional 3k runner; finishing 3rd nationally. He has now developed speed and a ‘kick’. Well done Elliot.

**3 C Super 8 Cricket**
Please note that tomorrow’s game with Scots will be played at Lough Park, Manning Road, Double Bay. The game starts at 8:00am. Please report to Mr. Maunder before 7:45am.

**Basketball F**
Please note that your game tomorrow with Newington will be played at their Senior School Court near the gym, 8:00am tip-off. Newington’s address is: Stanmore Road, Stanmore. Please report to Mr. Brown before 7:45am.

**Year 2-6 Holiday Camp**
Please keep the following dates free for our next Holiday Camp; Monday December 12 to Friday 16. Activities will include cricket, tennis, badminton and basketball. An enrolment form will accompany the next Newsletter.

Mr R C Baker

**FROM THE DRAMA MASTER**

**‘A Kidnapped Santa Claus’ - Year Four Performance**
This term, during Week 5, the Year Four boys will present the play ‘A Kidnapped Santa Claus’. All boys must attend these performances and I’m sure they would love you to be there to support them. The boys have been busy moving about the stage, developing their characters and learning more about stagecraft as we rehearse each week. The boys are expected to have their lines down for the final rehearsals and parental guidance would be appreciated. It would also be greatly appreciated if you could discuss costumes with your sons as some have been asked to bring in costume items for the final rehearsals this term. Please remind them to do this.

**PERFORMANCES**
The boys will meet me in the Drama Studio at 3.00pm to get into their costumes and prepare. The performances will be held in the Drama Studio at the following times:
- 4B - Tuesday 8 November at 3.30pm
- 4H - Wednesday 9 November at 3.30pm
- 4L - Thursday 10 November at 3.30pm

I look forward to seeing you there!

Ms M F Wheatley

**FROM THE SCIENCE MASTER**
In the past fortnight the boys in Year 6 have completed working in the new Grammar Garden, which will be the Year Six Gift to the School. With the Scientist-in-Residence, the boys participated in the construction process, both assembling the beds and filling them with soil and compost, and planting a variety of vegetables. Special thanks to Mrs Holdsworth and Miss Chadwick for their expertise and assistance.

This is the ideal time to start some gardening at home with your son. There are innumerable opportunities to apply scientific ideas and make meaningful connections to real world situations. Gardening with your children will help them understand where their food comes from, as well as seeing how plants provide habitat for insects and other creatures.

Mr M E Brown

**FROM THE CHESS CO-ORDINATOR**
Congratulations to our A Team (Kevin Willathgamuwa, Rowan Willathgamuwa, Max Smith and Henry Xu) who convincingly defeated Toongabbie Christian School last Friday with a score of 6.5 to 1.5. They are now in the next round of the Metropolitan Inter-Region Finals. Details to be announced.

Mrs S J Hardwick
**Calendar of Events 31 October – 12 November**

**MONDAY 31 OCTOBER**
- 7:45am – 8:20am | Morning Fitness (2-6)
- 10:00am | Assembly (5-6) (5A – Francis)
- 1:00pm | First Round – St Ives Music Scholarships

**TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER**
- 7:30am – 8:20am | ‘Bat and Ball’ Cricket Coaching (Years 2-4)
- 8:45am – 9:20am | 2C Visit Art
- 9:00am – 10:30am | ‘Minding Me’ – PDH Presenter – 5S
- 9:20am – 9:55am | 2F Visit Art
- 10:00am | Assembly (3-4) (3M – Francis) (Year 2 Visit/ School Awards)
- 11:00am – 12:30pm | ‘Minding Me’ – PDH Presenter – 5A
- 11:15am – 12:30pm | Kindergarten Orientation – New Boys & Parents 2012 – Activity Room
- 12:45pm | House BBQ (K-6) – Healey
- 1:15pm – 1:30pm | Lunchtime Concert (Years 3 & 4)
- 1:20pm – 2:50pm | ‘Minding Me’ – PDH Presenter – 5C

**WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER**
- 8:00am | House Debates (1st Round)
- 8:30am | House Meetings Session #1 (3-6)
- 11:00am – 12:15pm | Miles Havyatt Young Investigator’s Problem (5 & 6)
- 12:10pm – 12:45pm | Year 2 Cricket Coaching (Session 1)

**THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER**
- 7:30am – 8:20am | ‘Bat and Ball’ Cricket Coaching (Years 5-6)
- 11:00am – 3:00pm | Artist-in-Residence – T-2
- 11:30am – 1:30pm | Year 2 & 3 Sausage Sizzle, Games & Buddy Activities

**FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER**
- 7:45am – 8:20am | Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- 10:00am | Assembly (K-2) (TrB Item)
- 12:30pm | Knox Invitation Swimming Carnibal (Leave at 11:35am)
- 1:45pm | House Triathlon (5-6) (Voluntary)

**SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER**
- Summer Sport Round 10

**MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER**
- 7:45am – 8:20am | Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)

**TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER**
- 7:30am – 8:20am | ‘Bat and Ball’ Cricket Coaching (Years 2-4)
- 10:00am | Assembly (3-4) (4H – Healey)
- 11:15am – 12:30pm | Transition Orientation – New Boys & Parents 2012
- 1:15pm – 1:30pm | Lunchtime Concert
- 3:00pm | House Archery (in After School Training this week)
- 3:30pm | Year 4 Drama Performance – 4B

**WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER**
- 8:00am | House Debates (2nd Round)
- 9:00am – 2:15pm | Interschool Chess Tournament – Hall
- 12:10pm – 12:45pm | Year 2 Cricket Coaching (Session 2)
- 1:40pm – 2:15pm | 2F Visit Science
- 1:45pm | House Biathlon (3-4) (Voluntary)
- 2:15pm – 2:50pm | 2C Visit Science
- 3:00pm | House Archery (in After School Training this week)
- 3:30pm | Year 4 Drama Performance – 4H

**THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER**
- 7:30am – 8:20am | ‘Bat and Ball’ Cricket Coaching (Years 5-6)
- 9:00am – 12:45pm | Transition Excursion to the Australian Museum
- 12:45pm | Year 2 Visit 3-6 playground for Lunch (1)
- 3:30pm | Year 4 Drama Performance – 4L

**FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER**
- 7:45am – 8:20am | Morning Fitness (Years 2-6)
- 10:00am | Assembly (K-2) (TrB Item)
- 11:00am – 12:45pm | Year 6 ‘Moving Into High School’
- 11:00am – 3:00pm | Artist-in-Residence – T-2
- 1:00pm – 3:00pm | St Patrick’s Invitation Swimming Carnival
- 3:00pm | Newsletter
- 6:30pm | Scholar’s Concert

**SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER**
- Summer Sport Round 11

**2011 Term Dates**
- Term IV | Monday 10 October – Tuesday 6 December (Presentation Day)