FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 2!

It has been a damp start to the term, with boys returning looking smart in their winter uniform. For those in Years 3-6, jackets must be worn when travelling to and from School and for assemblies; otherwise they may be left on chairs during the day. It is important that jackets, jumpers and all items of clothing are clearly named.

This term we welcome Mr Brown back to 4B following Long Service Leave. We also welcome Miss Emma O’Hagan to the position of Junior Assistant working with boys in Years 3-6.

Throughout this winter sports season the popular ‘Ball and Boy’ programme is once again offered from 7:30-8:20 am on Wednesdays for Years 2 – 4 football players and on Friday for all rugby and Years 5 & 6 football players. I encourage all boys to take part and improve their skills for the forthcoming season, which will begin, weather permitting, tomorrow.

Chess and debating competitions commence this term and I wish all boys involved well in the coming rounds.

The refurbishment of the final two classroom blocks is almost complete. From next Monday boys will be able to occupy the new Music Rooms, Drama Studio and Art and Science Rooms. Open Day, on Friday 13 May, will provide the School community with an opportunity to visit the new facilities.

HEADMASTER’S AWARDS

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

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Mrs R J Lee

FROM THE SENIOR MASTER.

Open Day Friday 13 May

At the conclusion of Open Day the School will close at 12:00pm and all boys are to go home at this time. A form will be sent home next week asking for details of your son’s travel arrangements, which needs to be returned promptly. Please note that After School Care will not be available on Friday and only the Forest Coachlines Chatswood and Gordon buses will leave from the School grounds at 12:15pm. Shorelink buses will not be running.

As there will be many visitors to the School, and even though boys will be leaving at different times, there will naturally be traffic congestion and delays exiting Ayres Road. Kindergarten will leave at 11:30am, Transition at 11:45am and the rest of the School (1-6) at 12:00pm. Could I please ask that parking rules and traffic rules be observed closely and that drivers exercise patience and care around our boys? If possible, please park in Mawson Street, a short walk away from Ayres Road, or organise a car-pool between families to reduce traffic. There is no parking in the School grounds for parents or visitors.

A programme for Open Day will be sent home next week. We look forward to a wonderful Open Day when we proudly share the great work our boys do every day at Sydney Grammar School.

Mr D W Fraser
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

Next week the boys in Year Six will be fortunate enough to participate in an engaging leadership day with the company, Rising Generations. Rising Generations is a not-for-profit social enterprise established to equip young people with dynamic leadership capabilities. The activities for the day will be tailored to support our Peer Support program (under the umbrella of resilience) starting in Week 4 of this term. Rising Generations' primary objectives are in:

- Developing leaders who realise their own potential to serve others and make a difference in their school and community
- Building vibrant and positive school and work communities
- Encouraging and empowering Australia’s young people!

For further information on Rising Generations, please look at their website on http://www.risinggenerations.org.au/index.php

We hope the boys in Year Six have an enjoyable day next week.

Mr M J Tait

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFANTS

Welcome to Term Two. The K-2 classes have been ‘buzzing’ with activity and excitement again and the boys look stunning in their winter uniform.

I would like to suggest a special daily habit for you and your family this term - READING TOGETHER. The benefits of sharing literature together are rich and life-long, and, as our logo reads, READING ALoud IS AS GOOD AS A Hug.

This term the boys will continue to belong to Friendship Groups. Through these groups the boys will become connected with others from across the K-2 classes, meeting regularly to share literature, special activities and games. The boys will also continue to enjoy time with their older ‘buddies’.

It is important to advise the Office of any alterations to medical information and travelling home arrangements. It is imperative that we maintain correct information for all boys at all times.

Chess classes for Year One and Year Two boys will commence on Thursday 12 May and Friday 13 May (Week 3).

Each Friday at Assembly, the boys celebrate the week’s achievements. Recitalists perform, boys sing, class items are staged, birthdays are celebrated and awards are presented. Your attendance is highly valued and your co-operation is very much appreciated, however, the boys are easily distracted during their special Assembly time. For this reason, please ensure your mobile phone is switched off or silenced before entering the Hall, and, most importantly, please be mindful of young children and their requirements. A favourite book for your toddler to enjoy during this time is always helpful, as they need to remain still and quiet.

We look forward to seeing you at our Assembly next week (Friday, 6 May). The following week there is no Assembly owing to Open Day (Friday, 13 May).

Ms I A Dorn

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the creation of what became known as the ‘ANZAC legend’ became an important part of the national identity of both nations. This shaped the way Australia viewed both its past and future.

On Wednesday, our School leaders, House Captains and Vice-Captains conducted a dignified assembly as part of our ANZAC Day tradition. The boys shared the meaning of Anzac Day, recited the Ode, heard the Last Post and Reveille played by two of our terrific trumpeters and then laid a wreath at the base of the flagpole. The boys were very mature in the leadership of this important Assembly and I commend them on this. The musicians also did a fine job.

It is important for the boys to stop and reflect on the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. Today I heard some brilliant writing by Year Six in response to the topic: ‘Reflections of a Soldier’ which demonstrated their deep understanding and appreciation of the importance of these occasions.

Mrs C J Merrick

FROM THE MUSIC MASTER

AMEB

Technical work should be well known and the focus now is on refining examination pieces.

Ensembles

Please ensure boys arrive at school promptly for morning rehearsals. Everyone needs to be seated by 7:25am for the rehearsal to start on time. A reminder that if on occasions a boy is absent, a note of explanation to the conductor is appreciated.
Assembly Performances
We have a few vacancies this term for competent performers at our Monday and Tuesday 3-6 Assemblies. Please see Mrs Templeton in the Music Office.

K-2 Music Rooms
Our new K-2 Music and Rehearsal rooms (Previously Art Department) will be operational from next Monday, 2 May. Please note that the following activities will now be conducted there: Bambini and Pennington Strings, Amati Strings, Maffey Strings and all violin lessons with Mr Vickers.

Diary Dates
23 May – 2 June Festival of New York City Music.
This year’s College Street Music Festival will be focusing on music and composers from New York City. A wealth of styles and genres will be represented in three major concerts at the three campuses. The major concerts will involve boys from the Preparatory Schools and College Street. Details will be provided to boys performing closer to the date.
• 24 May – New York at Edgecliff 6:30pm
• 27 May – New York at St Ives 7:00pm (Year 6 and School Choir)
• 2 June – New York at College Street 6:30pm (NZ Tour Orchestra)

Mr M S Smith

FROM THE SPORTS MASTER

Winter Sport
We are all looking forward to our first round of Rugby, Football and Winter Tennis tomorrow. Good luck boys! Please have your sons to their coaches at least 15 minutes prior to the start times wearing their correct uniform and their Grammar track suit.

Ball and Boy – Years 2-6
All boys are welcome to attend throughout the winter.

Wednesdays
Year 2, 3 and 4 Football (Soccer) – 7:30am – 8:20am

Fridays
Year 5 and 6 Football & Year 2 – 6 Rugby – 7:30am – 8:20am.
Boys are asked wear their boots, shin & mouth guards and, if possible, their sport uniform.

School web site
Please note that the School web site contains the current fixture list with links to Google maps.

Mr R C Baker

FROM THE DRAMA MASTER

Year 6 Plays
During Week 5, the Year Six boys will present the play Willy Waxman. 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 developing their characters and increasing their stagecraft knowledge as rehearsals have progressed 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.

For the 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 Studio at the following times:
6T – Monday 23 May at 4:00pm
6D – Tuesday 24 May at 4:00pm
6M – Thursday 26 May at 4:00pm

I look forward to seeing you there!

Ms M F Wheatley

FROM THE CHESS CO-ORDINATOR

Chess coaching will resume this week for all Chess Club members. Our chess coaching groups are at capacity. If your son cannot attend chess coaching or does not wish to continue due to other commitments please see Mrs Heaton for a refund. If he wishes to resume coaching at a later date, this will depend on availability.

Those boys involved in the Interschool Competitions will begin their matches with a ‘home’ game next Friday 6th May (Week 2). I will be sending out a draw next week, detailing where and when your son’s team will be playing this term.

Both the number and standard of our chess players is very high and we understand there will be many disappointed boys who do not gain a place in the limited number of competition teams.

Remember; “Chess is art which expresses the science of logic”

Mrs S J Hardwick
### Calendar of Events 2 – 14 May

#### Monday 2 May
- Peer Support Groups Planning (Year 6)
- 7:40am: Years 3-6 Chess Commences for Term 2
- 8:30a – 12:45pm: ‘Scientist In-Residence’ – Transition
- 10:00am: Assembly (5-6) (5S – Healey)

#### Tuesday 3 May
- 8:30am – 3:00pm: ‘Scientist In-Residence’ – Year 1
- 8:50am – 3:00pm: Rising Generations – Year 6
- 10:00am: Assembly (3-4) (3L – Healey)
- 1:15pm – 1:30pm: Lunchtime Concert (3-6)

#### Wednesday 4 May
- 7:30am – 8:20am: Ball & Boy commences – Football (2-4)
- 8:45am – 10:30am: PA Mother’s Day Stall (K-2) – K-2 Entrance
- 1:00pm – 1:30pm: Italian Theatre Group (Years 5 & 6) – Hall

#### Thursday 5 May
- 8:45am – 10:00am: PA Committee Meeting – Hall Foyer
- 12:45pm: PA Mothers’ Day Stall (K-2) (Back Up Day)
- 1:00pm – 1:30pm: PA Mothers’ Day Stall (3-6)
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm: Italian Theatre Group (Years 5 & 6) – Hall

#### Friday 6 May
- 7:30am – 8:20am: Ball and Boy – Football (5 & 6)/Rugby (3-6)
- 8:40am: Year 4 Excursion to The Rocks
- 10:00am: Assembly (Tr-2)
- 3:00pm: Chess Round 1

#### Saturday 7 May
- Winter Sport Round 2

#### Monday 9 May
- Peer Support Groups Planning (Year 6)
- 10:00am: Assembly (5-6) (6D – Cowper)
- 1:00pm: Barcelona Football Trip Presentation – Hall

#### Tuesday 10 May
- 9:00am – 12:00pm: NAPLAN Testing – Years 3 & 5
- 10:00am: Assembly (3-4) (4H – Cowper)
- 1:15pm – 1:30pm: Lunchtime Concert – Ensemble Room

#### Wednesday 11 May
- 1:00pm – 1:30pm: Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School
- 9:00am – 10:30am: NAPLAN Testing – Years 3 & 5

### Thursday 12 May
- 7:40am: Years 1-2 Chess Commences for Term 2
- 9:00am – 10:30am: NAPLAN Testing – Years 3 & 6
- 1:00pm – 1:30pm: Visit to Sir Eric Woodward School

### Friday 13 May
- No Chess Round 2 today due to Open Day
- 7:30am – 8:20am: Ball & Boy – Football (5 & 6)/Rugby (3-6)
- 9:00am – 12:00pm: Open Day for Current and Prospective Parents
- 3:00pm: Newsletter

### Saturday 14 May
- Winter Sport Round 3
- 10:00am: NZ Music Tour – Rehearsal (2)
- 8:30am – 1:00pm: Scholarship Examination for College Street 2012 – College Street

### 2011 Term Dates
- **Thursday 27 January** – Orientation Day (New boys)
- **Term 1**: Friday 28 January – Wednesday 6 April
- **Term 11**: Wednesday 27 April – Friday 24 June
- **Term III**: Tuesday 19 July – Friday 16 September
- **Term IV**: Monday 10 October – Tuesday 6 December (Presentation Day)

### 2012 Term Dates - DRAFT
- **Monday 30 January** – Orientation Day (New boys)
- **Term 1**: Tuesday 31 January – Thursday 5 April
- **Term 11**: Thursday 26 April – Tuesday 26 June
- **Term III**: Wednesday 19 July – Friday 14 September
- **Term IV**: Monday 8 October – Tuesday 4 December (Presentation Day)