

Scots Preparatory School

Newsletter

Term 2, Week 7 2010



Dear Parents

The term is certainly flying by. We are already in Week 7 of a 10 week term! Last week's weather was a wake up call with unrelenting rain causing a number of sports events to be postponed or cancelled, namely the Eastern Zone Cross Country Championships and our first fixture matches for the winter season. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule these as the weather settles and the rain abates. It is probably a timely reminder to boys to ensure they have their jerseys and raincoats at school on a daily basis, as this will assist eliminating future illness.

Term 2 is a hectic term with senior exams, House competitions for cross country, swimming and music, fixtures and syndicate activities planned to complement the busy academic programmes on offer. It has been great to see so many parents coming to support the many activities.

Recent Events

The term started off with a very special ANZAC Service where boys were able to share their thoughts on what ANZAC Day means to them and their families.

What ANZAC Day means to me

Firstly ANZAC Day is special to me because my family and I go to the ANZAC Service every time it is on. We always wake up early at about five o'clock because it starts at six o'clock.

The reason my family and I go is because my Granddad went to war. My Granddad, Ray went to WWII and other wars.

When I go to ANZAC services I think of my Granddad and what he did for our country.

Cullum Whithers – 6GM

ANZAC day for me is to remember my Great Uncle and those who weren't as fortunate to return home. If it wasn't for them, the world would be so much different.

Every ANZAC day I am reminded of my Grandfather's life during WW2. When he was my age, he was living in a house in Eastern Poland with eleven siblings. In 1941 his family was woken up by the Russian secret police who ransacked the house and ordered them to take what they could carry.

They were put on a railway cattle-wagon and after two weeks arrived in Siberia, one of the most desolate areas in the world. The family was taken to a labour camp, where my Grandfather's mother had to work building railway lines for food for her children.

They fled Siberia with many thousands of other Poles heading south before the deadly winter hit. But many died on the way from starvation and disease. By the time they reached refugee camps in Persia, a country that's now called Iran, the survivors were walking skeletons. His mother died when they were in Persia.

My Grandfather will always be grateful to N.Z. for inviting him to take refuge here. He arrived in Wellington with 700 other Polish orphans on a New Zealand troop ship carrier in 1944, aged 14.

Jeremy Brow 7PN

My Great Uncle, Len, enlisted in the army when he was twenty in Osset, near Leeds in England on 27 March 1941. He was first put in the 53rd Division Signals; he was a wireless and line operator. He was then transferred to the 7th Armed Division under General Montgomery as a Corporal. In his career he received a number of medals: the 1939-1946 Star for service and the 1939-1946 defence medal. He also received these medals: the Star of Italy, Africa Star, the Star of France and the German Star, meaning he served in all these countries.

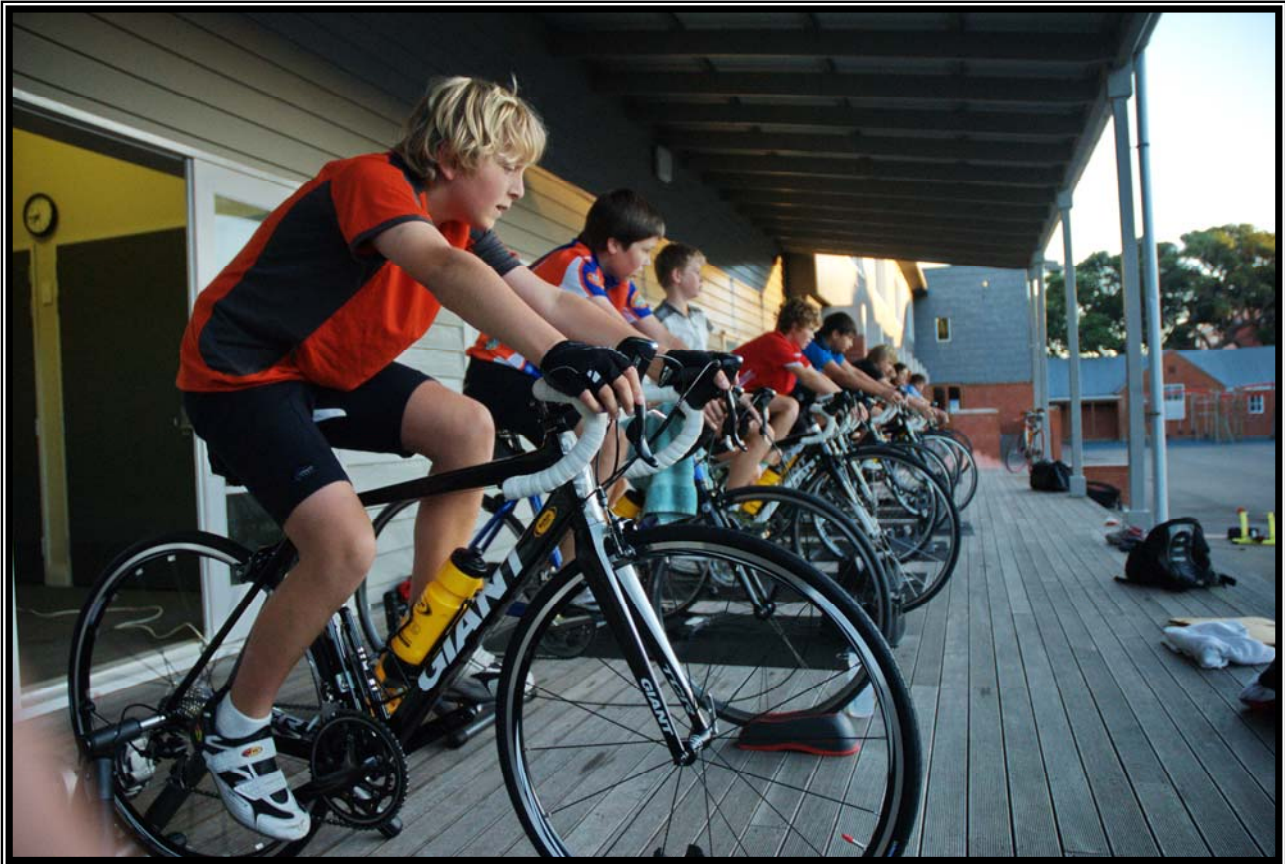
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The 7th division operated in Egypt. They eventually fought their way up to Italy. He was fighting in Sicily May 1943-September 1943. After that he left Naples for England. January-May 1944 he was in England, training for the D-Day invasions. June 1944, D-Day landings on the beaches of Normandy, France. He fought through France, Belgium, Holland and Germany until 21st February 1945. Then he took part in the battle of Germany; Operation Plunder named The Crossing of the Rhine. He also took part in the victory parade in Berlin, Germany 21st July.

His service ended on the 26th November 1946 and he returned home soon after.

Andrew Schofield 8MT

Prep School Cycle Club



This term has seen the start of the Prep School Cycle Club. At present we have 12 Boys arriving at school at 7.00am each Monday and Wednesday where they hook up to their wind trainers and begin preparations for Scot College to enter in some road racing competitions later in the year. Miss Belworthy and Mr Norman are coordinating the training sessions and we look forward to hearing of their progress.

Scots college 1st XV rugby camp report

On the 1 of May Scots rugby 1st XV had their annual rugby camp. The whole team gathered on Saturday, after playing their club rugby games. Once everyone had arrived we jumped into two vans and headed off to Kilbirnie Pool. At Kilbirnie Pool we split up into groups and did various water relays and a fun game of water rugby, which we all enjoyed. After all the excitement at the pool we headed back to Scots and got dressed into running gear for a run and a circuit of exercises in the gym. Then we finished off by playing a game of dodge ball.

After this Mr. Shaughnessy took a lesson on nutrition while Jamo made dinner on the barbeque. We all laughed when Jamo set the barbeque alight and burnt the meat patties. After a delicious but slightly burnt meal we dressed up warmly and headed off to the stadium to watch the Hurricanes play. Fortunately the Hurricanes defeated the Chiefs 33-27 with only a few minutes to spare. After the game we went back to Scots for a well earned sleep.

The next morning the team woke up early at 6am, and straight away headed off to Lyall Bay for a run along the beach, stair work, exercises and a chilly dip in the surf. When we returned to Scots we had nice long showers and then a delicious breakfast made in Chartres Hall. After this we headed off down to the front field for two hours of rugby skills, drills and exercises led by experienced and senior coaches:



- **Richard Watt** (Wellington B and Ponoke Premier Coach) -Taking the ball into contact, plus scrum technique
- **Dave Loveridge** (ex All Black and OBU Premier Coach) -Catch and Pass, plus backline alignment
- **Dave Meaclem** (Scots College 1st XV Coach) - Blowing over at ruck time
- **Mo Mackey** (Scots College 1st XV Coach) - Tackling

After the training session we had lunch which filled us up.

Finally, as per tradition, the 1st XV ran the “Tip Track”, climbing 400m over 3.5km, with everybody working as a tight team to get to the top as a unit.

Thanks to Mr. Shaughnessy and Jamo for giving up their weekend, also the catering team and Scots College for giving us all this opportunity to team build, train and develop skills, ahead of an exciting season of fixtures.

Jake Jamieson – Captain of Rugby 2010

Mother and Son Morning



On Friday 7 May, Years 1-3 welcomed their Mothers to school for a special morning celebrating Mothers’ Day.

When the mothers arrived to their son’s classroom at 9:30am, they worked together on an activity with the boys in the classroom.

Years 1 and 2 made frames for their poems about their mums, using reusable materials. In Year 3, the boys read stories and poems they had written based on the book, ‘My Mum’ by Anthony Browne.

We then had a special morning tea in Chartres Hall and the boys performed a little concert, singing three songs expressing how much they loved their mums.

It was a wonderful celebration and morning together. The boys thoroughly enjoyed hosting their mums at

school.

Miss Jennifer Partridge, Junior Syndicate Dean

Mother and Son Morning

On Friday 7 May, our Junior Syndicate Mothers came to school to spend Mothers’ Day with their sons.

At 9:30am the mums went to their son’s classroom for an activity. In Years 1 and 2, the boys made a frame, out of recycled materials, for their poems about their mums. In Year 3, the boys read special poems they had written, based on the story ‘My Mum’ by Anthony Browne. The boys showed their mums around the classroom to see the work they’ve been doing and also the new inquiry unit.

At 10:15am we went to Chartres Hall for a short concert and a yummy morning tea. We sang three songs about how much we love our mums.

I had a great time with my mum and I can’t wait for next year!

Jacob Hockley 3JP

Fifi Colston - NZ Writer and Illustrator

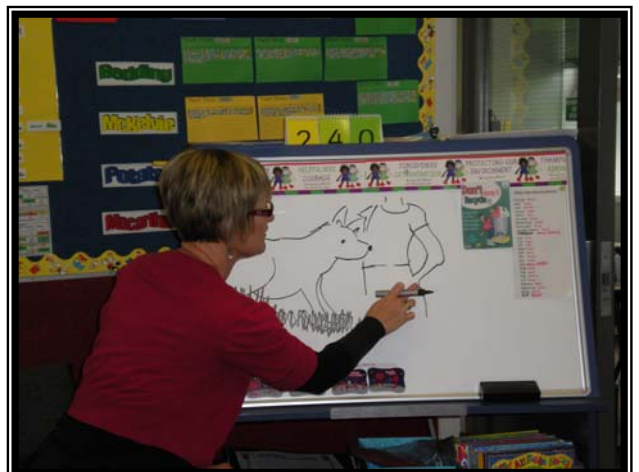
On Thursday 13 May, Fifi Colston came to visit the Junior Syndicate.

Fifi is very clever at making things and she showed us a dog, car and spider she had made.

Fifi read us books she had drawn illustrations in. She is a very good drawer and good at art.

We learnt some drawing tricks too!

Louie Gibson Scarlett, 3JP



Inter House Cross Country



The Prep School Inter-house Cross Country was held on Thursday 13 May. The School course is a challenging circuit that increases in distance as the boys advance through the Prep School. The Junior Syndicate boys run a single outer lap and one inner lap, the Middle Syndicate boys run two outer laps and an inner lap, while the Senior boys complete three outer laps and one inner lap. Rain had fallen consistently on Wednesday evening and although unusually warm on race day, rain was still threatening with sporadic showers in the morning. The course was set and the decision was made to go ahead with the racing. Because of the inclement weather, year groups were staggered from homerooms to the start line to avoid boys getting too wet and uncomfortable. This turned out to

be an excellent initiative as the boys were in peak condition for each race.

Prior to the Cross country day, PE classes were dedicated to increasing the boys' fitness by running the course and discussing tactics. During each lesson boys were individually timed. These times provided a benchmark that the boys tried to better from lesson to lesson. All round fitness increased as did stamina and endurance. It was especially pleasing to witness the boys improve their personal best time and in some instances by more than two minutes.

Racing was fiercely competitive. Boys scored valuable House points, making this a real team-building exercise. Parent support at the grandstand inspired the boys to dig deep and surpass personal best times.

Congratulations to the winners and runner ups and those boys who have qualified for the Eastern Zones. Congratulation must also go to all the boys for their impressive effort.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Winner	Stanley Solomon	Baker Christie	Louie Gibson Scarlett	Cameron Cunningham
Runner-up	Joshua Timmer	Oliver Alderson	Cooper Russell Hall	Nico Galanakis
	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Winner	Ricky Kiddle	Harry Hall	Oliver Wood	James Preston
Runner-up	Finn Sherlock	Lewis Clareburt	Freddie Strauss	Samuel Chandler

House Championship:

	Bedding	Place	Macarthur	Place	McKelvie	Place	Potatau	Place
Year 1	10	2 nd	12	4 th	5	1 st	11	3 rd
Year 2	5	1 st	12	4 th	9	2 nd	10	3 rd
Year 3	7	1 st =	15	4 th	7	1 st =	14	3 rd
Year 4	57	3 rd =	44	1 st	50	2 nd	57	3 rd =
Year 5	84	1 st	138	4 th	107	3 rd	98	2 nd
Year 6	232	4 th	131	1 st	154	2 nd	182	3 rd
Year 7	750	2 nd	1042	4 th	799	3 rd	489	1 st
Year 8	614	4 th	356	1 st	517	2 nd	609	3 rd
Overall House Champion	1759	4 th	1750	3 rd	1648	2 nd	1470	1 st

Mufti Day – Chilean Earthquake Appeal

Thank you to all families for your generosity and support of our recent mufti day for the Chilean Earthquake appeal. As a Prep School we have raised \$884.00 which we will present to the students and staff from The McKay School, Chile, who are currently in New Zealand spending time with families from Scots College. Upon their return to Chile they will decide where our donation will be best used.

Phoenix Visit Scots



On Friday 14 May, Paul Iffil and Chris Greenacre from the Wellington Phoenix soccer team, plus two management men from 'The Apprentice' came to Scots. When they arrived there was a long line of boys waiting for autographs. Years 2 and 3 asked the players a few questions. Then we learnt some soccer skills on the Astro. We also played a game of soccer – Bedding and McKelvie vs Potatau and Macarthur. No goals were scored, so no team won. We went back to the classroom and they gave us a gift and then they sadly left.

Oscar Masters, 3JP

Years 1 – 6 Father and Son Book Breakfast

The annual 'Father and Son Book Breakfast', as a part of Years 1 – 6 Book Week, has now established itself as a permanent fixture in the Prep School's calendar.

It was fantastic to once again see such a large and enthusiastic turnout for this year's event. The book breakfast provides a great opportunity for Fathers and Sons to spend some quality time in the morning sharing and engaging with books over a juice, coffee and croissant.

From classroom discussions the boy's of the Prep School also really appreciated not only being able to read with Dad, but also having the chance

to spend some one on one time talking about and showing what they have been learning and partaking in at school.

Even though the weather outside was somewhat on the chilly side, the atmosphere that was created by the boys and their Dad's was most definitely warm, calm and inviting. This truly marks what a success the morning was. We in Years 1 – 6 already have next years Book Breakfast penciled into the calendar and hope that many Fathers do as well, for we look forward to an even bigger turnout next year.

Year 8 Chapel Service

St Christopher's Church, Seatoun

On Sunday the 16th of May the year 8 students attended their annual chapel service at St Christophers in Seatoun. The weather was unkind but the spirit and family atmosphere was fantastic. We were welcomed by Reverend Palmer and the local Minister, Reverend Solomona, who gave us some thoughtful messages on everything that we and our families have to be grateful for.

The Year Eight boys shared prayers and readings and we were treated to an insightful and humorous story from Mr. Jackson. Dr Rowley lead the music and singing and we had a special musical piece from Sam Chandler and Mathew Flower.

After the service we enjoyed a wonderful supper, and conversation with friends and family

Henry Mexted.



Robert Swan OBE – Motivational Speaker

On 20 May 2010, Robert Swan, a famous Ice explorer came to Scots College to talk to our fixture teams in the Prepa School. Robert Swan is the first man to have reached both the North and the South Poles on foot. He is an environmentalist and is dedicated to the preservation of Antarctica.

Robert talked to us about his achievements and experiences on his expeditions. I was very interested in his story about his coldest day on the ice (-72 degrees!), and how a cup of water thrown into the air would freeze before it hit the ground. Robert told us that his dream as an 11 year old of walking to both Poles had inspired his whole life. I think that this shows how you can achieve your dreams if you believe enough in them. I mean look at where he is now!



Robert discussed global warming with us, and what we could do to save Antarctica from melting. He is committed to educating as many people as possible about what he has seen and experienced of ice meltdown at the Poles. I personally think this is an important idea, and that everyone should do their bit (by recycling and using less electricity), as it will make a huge difference to the world.

Overall, I think we all enjoyed the talk and learnt something from Robert's ideas, stories and enthusiasm.

Jake Jamieson

Student Achievement

Literacy Awards

The following students have been presented with their Literacy Awards at recent assemblies. It is fantastic to see our boys pushing themselves in reading which is a very important skill, for life.

Joshua Turnbull	2TB	Oscar Masters	3JP	Reuben Sara	2TB
Riley Campbell	5VK	Wayne Su	2TB	Logan Campbell	3JP
Riley Campbell	5VK				

Go Karting

Kurt James 8KX recently competed in the Kartsport Wellington Championships at Kaitoke. Kurt finished the day unbeaten to be named the Wellington Champion in his class for the 4th successive year. Kurt had a couple of difficult races. In his second race of day he had a bad grid draw and overdid things on the second corner while overtaking two karts to leave the track and go spinning across the grass. He rejoined the track in last position but drove aggressively to catch and overtake the entire field. In the grand prix race at the end of the day Kurt started in dry conditions on slick tyres. However, half way through the race it started raining heavily which resulted in most of the field leaving the track as slick tyres give almost no grip in the rain. Kurt again drove well to stay on the track and win comfortably although he was lucky as his engine stopped (drowned) shortly after he crossed the finish line.

Colours

Max Clifford 8WA was recently awarded his colours for tennis in recognition of his commitment, expertise and leadership.

Swimming:

Division III meet at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre: Thomas Miller 6GM – 1st: 100M Breaststroke
Lewis Clareburt 6GM was named top swimmer in New Zealand for the 10 and under age group for September/October 2009 and January/February 2010 by XLR8, Swimming New Zealand.

Tennis

Max Clifford was recently presented the trophy and medal for the Khandallah Tennis Club Under 12 Doubles Championships.

Week 8 – Life Education visiting Scots College

Monday 7 June Queen's Birthday
Tuesday 8 June College Closed – Staff Professional Development
Wednesday 9 June College Closed – Staff Professional Development
Thursday 10 June College reopens after Queen's Birthday break

Week 9

Tuesday 15 June Interzone Cross Country Championship
Wednesday 16 June 7.30pm Years 1 – 4 Parents Association Dinner
Thursday 17 June St Mark's Fixture
Friday 18 June Inter-House Swimming at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre

Week 10

Tuesday 22 June ICAS Spelling and Writing
Wednesday 23 June 2.00pm Inter-House Music in the College Hall – Parents welcome to attend
Friday 25 June 3.15pm End of Term 2

Kind regards



Peter A Cassie
Principal