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**Dear Parents, Bandsmen & Friends,**  
**Ceud mile fáilte,**



Probably of 2009 this will be my closing newsletter. It was a pity that our community service for Save the Children Fund did not go ahead but one cannot change the weather. Our intention was there and that is what counts. We turn our attention to the next events; Square Day, Capping Parade and our Wanganui/Turakina camp.



*The Happenings*

**The Junior Pipe band Learners Concert & Contest.**

This year we ran a special event just for learners. The senior bandsmen shouldered the responsibility of running and judging the event. We had a good turn out as twenty boys took up the challenge to compete in chanter, snare and tenor drumming. The standard of the performances was very good and each of the band judges prepared written notes for each competitor. After the competition the bandsmen performed an item for the learners and their parents. The learner drummers responded with a group performance on pads. The event ended with a shared supper in the staff common room.



Judges: Snare drumming – Matt Belesky,  
Tenor drumming – Henry Hillind & Andrew  
Somerfield, Piping – Alex Telfar

**Learner Chanter** - The “Jamieson Trophy”  
Open to Scots learners just beginning pipes &  
who can play a tune on the chanter.

1st Thomas D Harding  
2nd Matthew Latta  
3rd Charlie W Stapleton Stevens



**Learner Snare Drumming** - The “Weston  
Cup”

Open to Scots learner drummers: play  
drumming rudiments as prepared by the tutor.  
There are 4 set exercises, A, B, C and D. The  
boys were asked to play TWO out of the 4 lines  
- they did not get to choose which lines they  
play as these were drawn by the judge.

1st James S Maitland  
2nd Samuel G Ward-Pickering  
3rd Ben J Martin



**Learner Tenor Drumming** - The “Tenor  
Tankard”

Open to Scots learner tenor drummers: present  
drumming rudiments and flourishing as  
prepared by your tutor. This is the first year of  
presentation and was announced at the  
contest but was awarded at Prep School prize  
giving.

1st Tom L Barker  
2nd Ryan  
Broadley  
3rd Jack Morgan

**Learner Chanter Tune Learning** - The “Dewart Quaich”

Awarded to a non-bandsman who, learning the chanter, has  
committed to memory more than five tunes within one year. In the  
event that more than one learner achieves this bench mark, then the  
award will be presented to he who has the greater number of tunes.





Thomas D Harding

## Recent Parades

Earlier in Term Four the Preparatory School held it's Grandparents' Day. Thomas Powell piped in the Principal, Mr. Peter Cassie, and special guests. One of the items was a performance by the learner drummers on snare drums showing the development of Adams learners.

The round of College commitments are always a little fraught and seem to fall one upon another in the last week of school. the boys played at the College Carol Service at St.John in the City. Personally I think this was the best part of the whole evening – but then again I suppose I'm a little biased here! Hot on the heels of the Carol Service was the Secondary School Prize-giving. With all bandsmen again present the band presented itself well. Thanks to all the boys making the early practice time. This meant we could have the Wednesday off. The end of the week seemed to rapidly occur with the band playing for the Preparatory School Prize-giving. Thank you boys, for making all of these College commitments. Ian Telfar stepped in to chronicle these events due to the temporary demise of my own camera, thank you Ian.

## Silver Service

I am pleased to record that Connor Macrae and Campbell Orchard both receive their Silver service awards. These will be awarded by Marion at our band BBQ.

## *Next Events*



## **Square Day 12<sup>th</sup> December - Saturday**

Square Day Palmerston North is the first contest of the new season. All bandsmen competing in solos need to meet at our Band Tent around 8.00am. All bandsmen need to meet with Marion at 10.00am at the band tent.

The Minibus will travel up on Friday night so please make sure you have organised your own travel arrangements

There are a number of bandsmen who will not be in attendance due to other College commitments. It is essential then that everyone else is in attendance to make up our numbers.

## **Victoria Capping Parade 16<sup>th</sup> December - Wednesday**

Victoria University Graduation Parade

Times to be confirmed but we usually step off around 12.00pm which means we need to meet at the Law School no later than 11.15am. (11.30am if already changed) NOTE: This remains a MAJOR Fundraiser

## **Wanganui Camp & Turakina Highland Games**

This year we are travelling up on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January with the van departing Scots at around 10.00am. to travel to Wanganui River Top 10 Holiday Park, 460 Somme Parade. There will be a first training session at 2.00pm at the camp.

Marion does require that all pipers blow their pipes and have at the least run through the music regularly over the holidays so that we are not starting from scratch. Drummers to work through on their pads as well.

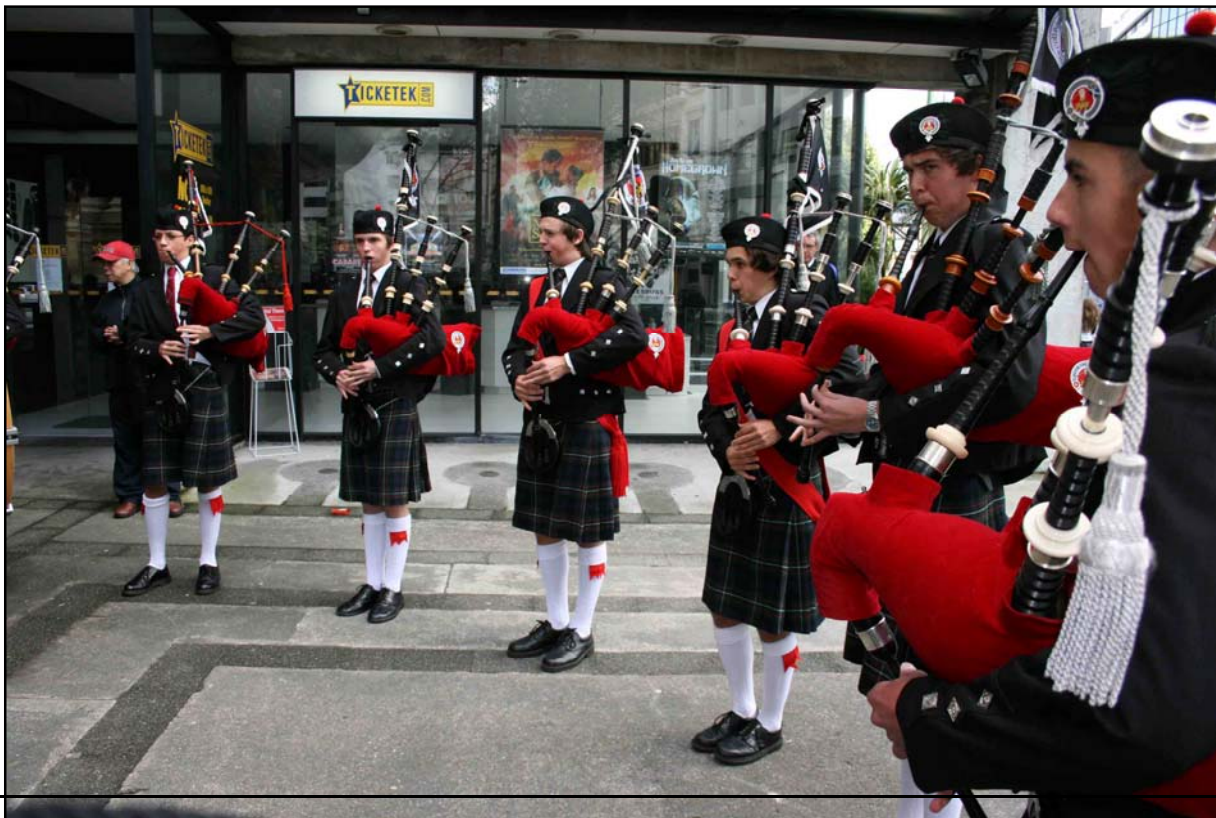
If parents would like to join us you may make reservations ph 0800272664, however I think we have totally booked out the camp.

Meals are organized but boys are asked to bring their own preferred cereal to last them three breakfasts. The charge for accommodation & food will be approximately \$350+gst.

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January solo pipers and drummers can compete in their respective competitions with the full band meeting at 10.00am. As with this kind of event we are never sure when our part of the competition will conclude, however, we will stay for the massed bands which will conclude around 5.00pm. as Pipe Major Alex Telfar will be presenting the haggis address this year.

For parents joining us at the competition just look for the trailer and the Scots Tent!

Those boys requiring transport should contact me on 021418651 or preferably by email at



[nicholsonj@scotscollege.school.nz](mailto:nicholsonj@scotscollege.school.nz) (NOT my xtra a/c as I can not access it). Seats will be limited. If you have spoken to me about transport please seek email confirmation that I have it sorted.

### **Consent, Medical Information & Student Contract Forms**

Bandsmen please find with this newsletter a series of forms required to enable attendance at Wanganui/Turakina. I am required to collect this information (which is confidential) prior to residential camps. Usually I do this at the beginning of each year and keep the medical & contracts for the season. Could the appended forms be completed and returned to me either before 20<sup>th</sup> January.

### **What to bring?**

#### **Camp**

- Everyone should bring sufficient mufti for three days.
- For camp please bring a sleeping bag, pillow & slip, mufti and toilet gear. Togs and towel are also very useful if the weather is hot and a sipper bottle is essential as is sun screen.
- Band uniform must be brought to camp as we will perform a repair and maintenance check as well as a refit of gear. Uniform at school will be brought up in the trailer.
- Boys to bring one white shirt washed and ironed. This should be checked in with uniforms.
- Please check your sons band socks (green) and send them to the competition clean. We would appreciate this as in the past a lot of extra work was created for the few parents at Turakina washing and ironing dirty shirts and pairs of socks.
- Please ensure your sons remember their band shoes (cleaned) and band or school ties.

#### **Food**

- In the past some parents have sent along some baking to share. This has been gratefully accepted particularly by the boys.
- Those Families who will be at the camp are invited to join us for a shared meal / B.B.Q on the Friday evening. There will be a small charge per head to cover the extras.



## Entry for 146<sup>th</sup> Turakina Solos

As we prepare for competition in camp Marion & I do expect all pipers and drummers to compete in the solo events. The entries have to be made **SOON** and can not be made on the day. Entry forms will be made available at practice but if you didn't get one you can download the competition entry forms from the website [www.turakinahighlandgames.co.nz](http://www.turakinahighlandgames.co.nz)

## RNZPBA Championships

The band will depart from Wellington on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and drive to Masterton. Our accommodation will be over Thursday and Friday nights at the Colonial Cottage Motel, 122 Chapel Street, Masterton.

### *In Addition*

## farewells

We have six members of our band finishing their time at Scots. This will certainly leave a huge hole in band ranks but we are confident that our learners will soon fill the spaces if not yet the shoes. The hardest part of being a College band is that it is always in a constant state of change. Personally I will greatly miss these young men as they move on. They have been the stalwarts of the band through a time when we had very few members recruited. They have achieved much in their time; the tour of Scotland, Champion Grade 4 Band in the Central Region for three successive years, countless solo successes, ceilidhs, parades, performances, the list goes on. Marion & I extend our gratitude. Although traditionally our leavers continue in their rolls for the competition season, sometime commitments to a new life outside of Scots does not always permit this. We wish Paddy and Andrew all the very best as they take up the challenges of their GAP year. To Alex, Matt, Nick and Richard our whole hearted thanks for your continued commitment to the coming season. Slàinte mhòr agad.

*Yours Aye -*

**Jonh Nicholson**

Manager, Scots College Pipe Band



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## *The Calendar*

### **Wednesday 09 December**

Band Practice followed by BBQ for Learners and Bandsmen to farewell our leavers. Prep School Quad. Meet for practice at 3.00pm, BBQ from 5.00pm in Prep Quad. We'll supply the gas!

### **Saturday 12 December**

Palmerston North Highland Square day  
8.00pm for Solos, 10.00 for band at band tent.

### **Wednesday 16 December**

Victoria Capping Parade  
12.00 noon step off – Meet at the Law Faculty building 11.15am  
(11.30 if already changed)

### **Wednesday 27 January**

Wanganui Camp until Saturday 30th

### **Saturday 30 January**

Turakina Highland Games  
Scots to address the Haggis

### **NOTE**

**From start of Term: Extra Band Practices every MONDAY**  
4.00pm music, 5.00-6.00pm drill no excuses and **Wednesday**  
3.45 music, 5.00-6.00pm Drill

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Pipe Band Long Lunch

### **Saturday 20 February**

Centre Contest

### **Thursday 11 (Travel), Friday 12, Saturday 13 March**

Pipe Band Championships  
Band staying in Masterton Thursday & Friday nights at Colonial Cottage Motel, 122 Chapel Street.