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Dear Parents

I trust you have all had a restful and relaxing break despite the absence of sun! Much has occurred at the College over the break as we ready the new Creative and Performing Arts facility for the start of term. This magnificent facility with its state of the art technology is the largest project ever undertaken by the College and its quality is a credit to all involved. An official opening is scheduled for 2 March. Associated with this are a number of minor projects which will also be completed during Term 1.

The start of term also sees the College commence as three schools. This new structure enables us to better meet the age and stage developmental needs of all our students. Inherent in this new structure are new pastoral, curriculum and co-curricular structures which have been formulated to further improve the College's offerings in all these areas. There are a number of meetings scheduled in the first few weeks of school which I would urge you to attend.

We once again start the year with another record roll, a boarding house expansion and a full quota of international students; testament to the quality of the programmes offered by the College. We look forward to working with you this year to obtain the best possible outcomes for your sons.

Academic

2011 IB Results

The results from our first cohort of IB Diploma students are very pleasing. The results are provisional at this stage, as several boys have asked for subjects to be re-marked:

- 95% gaining the diploma
- More than 70% gaining more than 30 points
- Almost half gaining more than 35 points
- 9 boys achieved 7's (top grade) in English, Geography, History, Chemistry, Biology and Physics
- 6 Extended Essay A's in Economics, History and Geography

2011 NCEA Results

These are very provisional at present and we expect that in most cases these percentages will improve as students have papers re-marked and further credits awarded

Level of award	Scots 2011
NCEA Level One	99%
NCEA Level One Merit endorsement	53%
NCEA Level One Excellence endorsement	20%
NCEA Level Two	97%
NCEA Level Two Merit endorsement	37%
NCEA Level Two Excellence endorsement	12%
NCEA Level Three	82%
NCEA Level Three Merit endorsement	20%
NCEA Level Three Excellence endorsement	7%
University Entrance	86

The results at Level 1 and Level 2 are records for the College and pleasingly, despite the absence of the majority of top candidates sitting the Diploma at Level 2, the pass rate and endorsement level is at a pre-IB level. The Level 3 pass rate, while falling from last year's record level, is also in line with the College's 10 year average despite the absence of IB students.

These are exceptional results and I would like to congratulate the students and staff on this success.

It is timely to remind senior students that the requirements to guarantee a place at University are increasing and that minimum passes will no longer guarantee the university or course you may wish to study. It is thus more important than ever, that students achieve the best results they can to ensure their future prospects.

Curriculum and Assessment 2012

NCEA results for 2011 and 2012 course confirmation Results for NCEA have now been posted to all students. Conversely they can be viewed on the NZQA website using your NSN number and password. The standard of results has been customarily high and the students are to be congratulated.

In some cases students' results may not meet entry requirements for 2012 courses. All parents of affected students will be contacted to this effect and I would ask that they discuss any concerns and, where necessary, changes to courses for 2012. For NCEA courses, please call Matthew Bertram (803 0597 DDI) or email bertramm@scotscollege.school.nz or for IB Diploma,

Mathew White (ext 602) or email whitem@scotscollege.school.nz

Staff News

Academic staff

A number of staff were married over the holidays. We congratulate **Andrew Tate, James Santure and, Jennifer Ioannou (nee Partridge)** on their nuptials.

At the end of 2011 **Ms Rachel Collins and Ms Anna Taylor** completed their relief contracts. I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Mr Gareth Kerr started in our Science Department near the end of Term 4, 2011 as our new Science Technician.

Over the break two Staff left the College. **Mr David Duthie** was successful in securing a Chaplain position in Kaikoura and **Mr James Santure** has taken a teaching post at Samuel Marsden College. I would like to thank them for their efforts while at the College and wish them well for their futures. **Mr David Jackson** has been appointed to a permanent position as Assistant Chaplain teaching religious education and **Mr Barrie Lucas** has been appointed as a maths assistant.

Mr Chris Campbell joins us as our Sports Co-ordinator. Chris has had recent experience running a Gym and in the RNZAF.

Mr Dan Santure joins the graphics and technology department.

Mr Alan Potts commences as Head of the Arts Learning Area. Alan joins us from Cambridge High School where he was previously HOD Music.

Mr Ravneet Pal – joins us as our new ICT technician

Ms Fiona Williamson starts in her new position as Prep School P.A.

Mr Andrew Hughes

The conclusion of 2011 was sadly affected by the passing of teacher, colleague and friend Andrew Hughes. I would also like to acknowledge the Staff who attended his funeral in Rotorua late last year. Although Andrew was not on the Staff long, he had proved himself a popular member of Staff and an excellent teacher. He will be missed. It is our hope to host a memorial service at the College early in the new year.

Student Achievements

Over the break two major highlights were the student successes in the New Zealand Secondary School Athletic Championships and the 1st XI Cricket's success in beating Wellington College 1st XI by 9 wickets to win the

Premier 1 cricket competition. Full details are available on the College website.

Leadership Appointments

Student leadership is an important part of life at Scots College. It is vital that we give our young men the opportunity to grow and develop. We are fortunate to have many fine role models to choose from and I am pleased to announce the following students have been selected for leadership positions in the Senior School in 2012:

Senior School

Head Prefect	Jack Pearson
Deputy Head Prefect/Chapel	Taru Naug
Head of Aitken	Matthew O'Meeghan
Head of Fergusson	Timothy Brown
Head of Glasgow	Jackson Garden-Bachop
Head of MacKenzie	Harry Miskimmin
Head of Mawson	Nicholas Lyford
Head of Plimmer	Kirk Matsis
Head of Smith	Samuel Dawson
Head of Uttley	Josh Horrell
Head of Gibb House	Jordon Kaye

College Prefects

Tim Rowe	Jonty Renner
Joshua Ramsay	Andrew Graham
Ben Guerin	William Miller
Alwyn McCallum	Benjamin Tait
Alexander Smaill	Timothy Bilbrough
Michael Moore Jones	

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Wednesday 1 February

College Opens for Years 1-9 & 13

New Year 10-13 Orientation

All **new** Year 10-13 students will be met by their House Dean on Wednesday 1 February commencing at 9.00 am, for approximately an hour. Boys will need to be in their No. 2 uniform for this meeting. Report to the main College Reception.

Year 13

On Wednesday 1 February, Year 13 students can expect to be at the College for the whole day, largely helping with the Year 9 orientation programme.

Year 11 Information Evening 6pm

The first of the Year level information evenings will be held on 1 February for Year 11 students and families.

Thursday 2 February

This is the first full College day, so all students will need to be in No 1s. This is also the dress for each Friday (the day of Chapel, including Friday 3 February, and at other times about which the boys are told in advance).

Buses & Shuttles

2012 Bus Timetables and information regarding new services for Churton Park and Crofton Downs is available on the College website.

Shuttles from Hutt Central and Seatoun (to meet Eastbourne/Days Bay ferry) will run from Wednesday 1 February. Any parents who have not yet been contacted or confirmed their son's use of these shuttles should contact Jennine Kane, College Receptionist on 388 0850.

ACTIVITIES INFORMATION 2012

Instrumental and Vocal Music Q & A Evening.

You are invited to a special Instrumental and Vocal Music Evening on Thursday 2 February at 7pm in the new CPAC Music Department. This evening is for information on our instrumental music lesson programme and will include a special performance by some of our musicians.

The evening is for current and new parents to the program and also for all NCEA music students (who need to be taking private tuition on their chosen instrument or voice).

You will also be introduced to the highly successful Concert Band Programme and how your son can learn a wind instrument for free!

We offer lessons on the following instruments: Voice, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums, Violin, Cello, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Bag Pipes and Pipe Band Drums. We will also be discussing the ensemble programme and what extra-curricular activities in music are available for your son.

You can sign up for lessons here: <http://www.scotscollege.school.nz/culture-centre/music-enrolment-form>

Sport & Activity costs

Most activities offered by the school have in-built costs associated with them. In order to defray some of those costs, fees are charged against most sports. The fees are charged through a boy's account but parents are free to query any such charge.

A fee will be charged when a student 'signs up' for an activity. He is liable for that fee even if he then chooses to withdraw from the activity.

Fees vary from activity to activity and are set each year according to the projected costs of the activity. These may include any of the following:

- subscriptions to national organisations
- cost of hired transport on a weekly basis (minibuses, shuttle vans etc)
- hiring of public facilities (eg National Hockey Stadium, Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre etc)

- purchasing and repair of gear
- subscriptions to College Sport Wellington

Costs incurred for inter-school fixtures (transport etc) or attendance at a tournament are fully cost recoverable and boys will be charged separately on those occasions.

Parents are welcome to ring Mr Chris Campbell with any queries on 04 388 0874.

Student Achievement

As a College we are interested in hearing of our students' achievements. Do keep us informed should your son be involved in an outside activity where success is achieved. We believe in recognising excellence and feel it is important that our College community is also made aware of our student successes.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent Information Evenings for the Senior School

Year 11 – 1 February

Year 12 – 16 February

Year 13 – 13 February

It is important that parents and boys attend these evenings if possible. More information will be sent to you prior to each event.

Scots College Parents' Association Family Picnic Day – Sunday 11 March

A fantastic day for the College community and one not to be missed!

Dragon Boating Festival – Sunday 18 March

Parent/Teacher interviews – Tuesday 27 March and Thursday 29 March (commencing 4.00pm)

College Easter Service – Sunday 1 April

At St John's in the City

GENERAL

School Nurse

A school nurse is on site each day from 8.30am-3.30 pm. If anything has changed from a medical perspective, please contact the school nurse (Janine or Sue) on their direct line 388 0852. Information is dealt with in a confidential manner. It is also important to let the school nurse (and the school) know if your contact details have changed. It is important we have all your contact details; home number, work number and mobile. It is school policy that if your child becomes unwell while at school they must first report to the medical centre. Arrangements will then be made, if necessary, to contact parents.

Email addresses

To ensure you do not miss communications it is important that we hold your current email address. The

College is using email increasingly to communicate information to families. Please provide an email address that will accept email from the College. Please advise changes to Ms Natarsha Hall by emailing her on halln@scotscollege.school.nz.

Personal Possessions

The College does not carry **Personal Effects Insurance** for boys' possessions. This is the responsibility of families. (In particular please do not bring expensive high technology items such as iPods to school. The school does not accept responsibility for any losses.)

Lost Property

If you have any queries regarding lost property, please contact Mrs Kane at Reception, 04 388 0850. Kindly check that all clothing and items are **clearly named/marked**. If unnamed, items cannot be returned.

Homestays

Each year we have a number of students from overseas who require weekend homestays. It is important that these boys have this opportunity as it is beneficial that they experience normal New Zealand life, in addition to school life. Should you be able to assist please contact Ms Jackman on 803 0591 or by email jackmanc@scotscollege.school.nz

In addition, any clothing that could be used by the International students (eg, College uniforms, or camping gear such as raincoats, gloves, hats and woollen jerseys etc) is always gratefully received. These items can be left at the Secondary Reception for Ms Jackman.

The Scot (the College Year Book)

The Scot has been published since 1920 and is a valued record for students and parents. To ensure that you have an annual record for your son(s), a copy of *The Scot* will be given to each student who was at the College in 2011. As has happened in previous years, your College account has been debited with the amount. Please note there will be only one *Scot* per family.

Motor Vehicles

Our school motor vehicle policy is quite clear. **Year 13** students only are permitted to bring a motor vehicle to school **after receiving a vehicle permit**. **No students should carry passengers unless written permission has been given by Mr Zachariassen.**

Cell Phones

Cell phones must not be used in class under any circumstances. Also, any student found using a cell phone inappropriately (eg taking photos, sending offensive messages etc) will lose the right to bring a cell phone to school.

Functions Committee

There are vacancies on this very worthwhile committee. This committee serves the College well and is a very good way for parents to become involved in the life of the school. It enables you to meet parents, not only in your son's year, but across the College. Please email Melanie Lintott (lintottm@scotscollege.school.nz) if you would like to register your interest.

Grounds Enhancement Group

The Grounds Enhancement Group is looking forward to being more active in 2012 with the completion of the two building projects. Plans will be drawn up to re-plant some areas, with the objective of enhancing our new facilities. The group is seeking interested parents to help with weeding, pruning and planting around the school throughout the year. The group is small and friendly with the common goal of keeping the grounds pleasant for our boys. If you are interested in joining please contact Mary Tesan (tesanm@scotscollege.school.nz) for more information. Casual volunteers welcome.

Final Comment

I am excited about the opportunities for 2012. I trust the students are ready and motivated to take full advantage of the range of experiences the College offers.

Students leave Scots with two important pieces of paper; one is their academic results and the other their Testimonial, which is a summary of the areas they have been involved in and the contributions they have made in the areas of academia, sport, culture, leadership and service. I trust students are actively seeking out these opportunities and making the most of the opportunities offered to them in these areas.

Standards of behaviour are important at the College. I expect the students to walk the talk, exhibiting the highest standards of dress, personal grooming and behaviour at all times. Our students are the window through which our community sees Scots. All students should wear their uniform with pride when travelling to and from school. Regulation black leather school shoes should be worn. Hair should meet school regulations and be neatly cut, a natural colour, and styled conservatively. Jewellery is forbidden. I thank you in advance for your support in these matters as we continue to maintain the highest standards at Scots College.

As the academic year starts, it is important that we quickly get settled into our daily routines. Students should be getting regular homework. I ask parents to check this and if there are any problems please contact the House Dean or Home room teacher.

I look forward to meeting with members of the school community over the next few months and to working with you to achieve the best outcomes for the young men of Scots.

Yours sincerely
GK Yule
Headmaster

MIDDLE SCHOOL (YEARS 7-10)

Welcome to the official start of Middle School and the 2012 academic year. I hope the holidays have provided plenty of opportunity for your family to rest and recharge the batteries for what promises to be an exciting year of change, challenge and opportunities. This initial information provides key details for you and your son(s) regarding the organisation required for the start of the school year.

START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL (YEARS 7 – 10)

Wednesday 1 February: Years 7 – 9 and **new** Year 10 students

Thursday 2 February: Years 7 - 10

Orientation Programme

During the first week of school an orientation programme will be organised to effectively transition all boys into the Middle School. During this week teachers will distribute all necessary stationery as per subject requirements. Boys will need to bring their pencil case, lunch and PE gear from the first day.

Wednesday 1 February 2012 – Years 7 – 9 (No. 2s to be worn – shorts and grey shirts)

Years 7 and 8 students will report to the Prep Quad no later than 8.30am. Upon arrival they will be welcomed by Staff and directed to their assigned classrooms by Senior Leaders.

Year 9 students will report to the College Hall upon arrival to be welcomed by House Deans and Heads of Houses and then directed to their House meeting area.

New Year 10 Students only will be required from 9.00 to 10.30am to meet with their House Dean and take part in a brief orientation.

Uniform requirements for the first week for Middle School students

Wednesday 1 February - No. 2's

Year 7 & 8 (Gray shorts, grey shirt, ties and blazers)

Year 9 & 10 (Gray shorts or longs, grey shirts, ties and blazer)

Thursday 2 February - No. 1's

Year 7 & 8 (Gray shorts, white shirt, ties and blazers)

Year 9 & 10 (Gray longs, white shirts, ties and blazer)

Friday 3 February - No. 1's

Year 7 & 8 (Gray shorts, white shirt, ties and blazers)

Year 9 & 10 (Gray longs, white shirts, ties and blazer)

Entering School

Year 7 and 8 Students can enter the College using the Boys' Entrance of the Prep School on Monorgan Road or via either of the main gates off Monorgan Road and then enter their Year 7 and 8 homerooms from the Quad.

Parents are able to use the slipway provided off Monorgan Road to drop their sons off. However, cars using the slipway may stop only to allow their sons to disembark. The slipway is not to be used as a carpark and no car is to be left unattended.

Year 9 and 10 students can use either of the main gates off Monorgan Road.

House Allocation

Year 9 students have been allocated to their House and have been informed of this last year. A large number have already had meetings with their House Deans regarding goal setting. Those who have not yet met will do so prior to the start of the school year.

Year 7 and 8 students have now had their Houses allocated. Those who already have a family association that I am aware of have been allocated accordingly while all other students have been placed in a House to ensure equity. Boys will be informed of their House at the start of the school year and during the orientation programme will be provided with their House polo top which will be charged to school accounts.

Leadership

Head Boy	Samuel Chandler
Deputy Head Boy	Henry Mexted
Aitken representative	Ronak Panchal
Fergusson representative	Henry Maurice
Glasgow representative	Charles Sladden
MacKenzie representative	John Vogel
Mawson representative	Hugo Schwarz
Plimmer representative	Hudson Leone
Smith representative	Alec Cannons
Uttley representative	Jordan Chin

Middle School Leaders

Jake Jamieson	Max Clifford
Andrew Kelly	Raveen Dias

2012 Class Placement

Students have now been placed in classes, after a considerable amount of thought and effort by staff. A number of factors come into consideration in this placement. As professional educators we have the interests of your son at heart and believe we have made the right decisions. There will always be a degree of angst with boys and parents; however, I can assure you that within a short space of time all boys will settle. If friends are placed in different classes this does not affect the opportunity to mix at appropriate times. Academic

class time requires the focus necessary to learn. Boys will be informed of their class for 2012 during the planned orientation programme of the first week.

Goal Setting

At the start of the year every student will be asked to think about his goals for 2012. This will require parental and teacher input, as goals need to be achievable for success and development to occur. Boys will be required to reflect, with honesty, on their achievements and work ethic last year as this will enable specific areas requiring guidance and effort to be identified and then written down. This document will form part of every student's individual learning plan. Each term, class teachers, students and parents will meet to discuss whether these goals are being met and then develop a further plan that will keep focusing on development, achievement and success. At all times students will be asked to give of their best in all that they undertake, maintaining a consistent and enthusiastic approach, while striving for the necessary quality expected.

Parent Meetings

House Receptions (Year 9 parents and students)

Tuesday 7 February – Aitken, Fergusson, Glasgow, Mackenzie Houses

Thursday 9 February – Mawson, Plimmer, Smith, Uttley Houses

These evenings will begin in the College Hall at 7.00pm with a brief welcome from the Principal of the Middle School prior to students and parents moving off to their House reception areas. The evening will provide key information regarding the importance of the House Structure and what it means to be in the Middle School.

Years 7 & 8 Parent Information Evening and Parents' Association Welcome (parents only)

Wednesday 8 February

This evening will begin in the College Hall at 7.00pm with a brief welcome from the Principal of the Middle School and the President of the Parents' Association. Following the welcome you will meet your son's Dean and homeroom teacher who will outline the academic programme and routines associated with the Middle School.

Year 10 Information Evening for Parents and Sons

Wednesday 15 February

This evening will begin in the College Hall at 7.00pm with a brief welcome from the Principal of the Middle School and the President of the Parents' Association. Mr Doig and Mr Finnimore will also discuss academic and leadership expectations and what it means to be in the Middle School. The evening will conclude with a function hosted by the Parents' Association.

Transportation

During the Orientation programme Mr Finnimore will meet with all boys who travel to school and/or home by bus, train or shuttle. The purpose of this meeting is to

ascertain the days, numbers and names of students who intend to use the buses/shuttles that we arrange as well as outline our expectations.

It is important that our boys set a good example at their respective bus/train/shuttle stops. Wearing the Scots College uniform allows members of the public to easily identify our school.

Bus/Train/Shuttle behaviour and the safety of our students will be rigorously monitored, with no leeway given to students who cannot conform to stated conditions of travel.

It is absolutely essential that parents support the policies that we have in place regarding bus travel as this service assists families with the safe transportation of their boys. Rules and guidelines we have in place are there to ensure that the safety and security of students is paramount.

Forthcoming Events:

Week 1

Thursday 2 February

7.00pm: Meet the Music Tutors' Evening – College Staffroom

Friday 3 February

Formal Timetable begins

Week 2

Tuesday 7 February

3.15 – 4.30 pm: Y7 & 8 Cricket Trials for boys new to the Prep School

3.30 – 4.30 pm: 1st & 2nd Tennis VIII Trials for boys from Years 6 - 8

Friday 10 February

10.45am: ID/Snapper Cards

Please feel free to contact me at any time concerning your son's entry into the Middle School. The Middle School telephone number is (04) 803 0592 and my email address is cassiep@scotscollege.school.nz. We look forward to your son's contribution and your family's involvement in the many activities planned and opportunities available.

Kind regards

Peter A Cassie

Middle School Principal (Y7-10)

Scots College

PREP SCHOOL (YEARS 1-6)

Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of the 2012 academic year. I hope the holiday time has provided an opportunity for you to be together as a family and recharge everyone's batteries. We are all looking forward to having the boys back at school and have an action packed term, and year, planned. This initial letter provides key information for you and your son(s) regarding the organisation required for the start of the school year.

Prep Start Date

The College opens for the Prep School on **Wednesday 1 February 2012 (No. 2's to be worn, grey shirt)**. All students are required to be at school **no later than 8:30 am**.

Mrs Palmer and myself will be on the veranda welcoming everyone. Families can proceed directly to the classroom or seek our assistance as required.

Uniform Requirements for the first week for Prep School students

Wednesday 1 February	No. 2's (Grey Shirt)
Thursday 2 February	No. 1's (White Shirt)
Friday 3 February	No. 1's (White Shirt)

From day one we would like to see our boys show pride when wearing their school uniform. Full and correct uniform is to be worn at all times. This includes to and from school. Shirts are to be tucked in, ties correctly in place, shorts and socks pulled up and shoes polished. To cope with the warmer weather expected during Term 1, boys will be encouraged to change into their PE gear once they arrive at school. They can remain in their PE gear during the course of the school day, changing back into their full uniform prior to departure.

Entering School

Students will enter the Prep School using the **Boys' Entrance** on Monorgan Road and move to their classrooms from the Quad. The Boys' Entrance is the set of doors at the Northern end of the veranda. The set of doors that lead into the Foyer are for Parents and visitors.

Traffic and Parking

Parents are able to use the slipway, off Monorgan Road, to drop off or to pick up their sons. However, cars using the slipway **must** keep their speed down and may stop only to allow their sons to disembark or get in the car. If your son is not ready and waiting then parents will need to vacate the slipway to eliminate the current congestion. I would recommend that parents exiting the slipway continue up Monorgan Road to Strathmore Avenue.

The Council requests that the grass bank opposite the Prep School Boys' entrance **is not used for parking**

when collecting your sons at the end of the day.

Class Lists

Class lists will be displayed on the Prep School section of our College website on Monday January 30. Copies will also be on classroom doors. This means you can know in advance who your son's teacher will be. A considerable amount of time and effort goes into placing your son into his classroom. As professionals, we have the best interests of your son at the centre of our decision making. Class lists can create uncertainty and concern about which class your son is in. In my experience, after a short period of time these concerns are resolved and generally found to be unwarranted. Your son does not need to be in the same class as their friends. They will have many opportunities each day to be with their friends. Classroom time must focus on making the most of every learning opportunity.

There is a Year 1-6 Parent Evening on **Wednesday 8 February** when classroom teachers will explain their programme, answer questions and we can discuss with you our priorities for 2012. More information on this evening will be provided in Week 1.

Stationery Requirements

During the first week classroom teachers will distribute necessary stationery as per subject requirements. Boys will need to bring their pencil case, regulation school sunhat, morning tea, lunch and PE gear from the first day.

Transportation

On Wednesday 1 February, Mrs Palmer and myself will meet with all boys who travel to school and/or home by bus, train or shuttle. The purpose of this meeting is to ascertain the days, numbers and names of students who intend to use the buses/shuttles that we arrange as well as outline our expectations. It is really important that we are aware of the general arrangements for your son's travel to and from School. To facilitate this I will be sending a form home to be completed by all families.

It is important that our boys set a good example at their respective bus/train/shuttle stops. Wearing the Scots College uniform allows members of the public to easily identify our school and it is the window in which the public first view and form an impression of our school.

Bus/Train/Shuttle behaviour and the safety of our students will be rigorously monitored, with no leeway given to students who cannot conform to stated conditions of travel.

It is absolutely essential that parents support the policies that we have in place regarding bus travel as this service assists families with the safe transportation of their boys. Our rules and guidelines ensure that the safety and security of students is paramount.

Dates for your Diary

February 1	First day for Prep boys
February 6	Waitangi Day – College closed
February 8	Year 1-6 Parent Information Evening, 7pm
February 20	EOTC Activities including camps

Camps for Year's 5 and 6

Last year you will have received information regarding camps. If you have misplaced the information, you can find it on our Prep School website under Outdoor Education.

Our Year 1, 2 and 3's have Outdoor Education week the same week as Camp for Year's 5 and 6. More information will be provided for you in the next couple of weeks. Our Year 4 camp occurs in Term 2.

Goal Setting

Goal setting is very important to us. Goals need to be achievable for success and development to occur. Boys will be required to reflect, with honesty, on their achievements and work ethic last year. This will enable specific areas requiring guidance and effort to be identified and then written down. This document will form part of every student's education plan. Each term class teachers, students and parents will meet to discuss whether these goals are being met and then develop a further plan that will keep focusing on development, achievement and success. At all times students will be asked to give of their best in all that they undertake, maintaining a consistent and enthusiastic approach, while striving for the necessary quality expected.

Prep School Website

We have updated the Prep School material and included a section on commonly asked questions. If you have any additional questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly so that they can be answered, or addressed, quickly.

Electronic Newsletters

For families who would like to receive future newsletters in PDF format electronically, please e-mail me directly westernj@scotscollege.school.nz and I will add you to the contact list.

Newsletters are also placed on our College website and can be viewed at www.scotscollege.school.nz. I recommend that families keep visiting our website, as it is updated regularly and has a wealth of information.

We are all looking forward to welcoming you to our new year at Scots. The staff have been busy planning and preparing for your arrival and we are all excited about the upcoming term and year. Please do not hesitate to contact one of our team or myself for assistance. Education is a partnership and together we can achieve outstanding results for your son.

Kind regards

John Western

westernj@scotscollege.school.nz

388 0863

029 7777 818

Communications

There are various forms of communication between school and home which operate at Scots, reinforcing our view that we are best able to serve a boy if parents and teachers have an understanding of what is happening and what is expected:

- **The Prep Book**, recording work expected to be done by a boy in his own time but also for the Prep School there will be the occasional 'message' between teacher and parent.
- **House Deans Brief Notes** in the Middle and Senior Schools will be written by your son's House Dean if he/she has any concern.
- **Newsletters** which are generally from either the Principals of the Prep School, Middle School, or myself, commenting on calendar events, outlining policy matters etc.

Our **telephone system has voicemail** for each teacher. Parents are welcome to leave a message or a request for teachers to get back to them, although in the **Middle and Senior Schools the House Dean is the first line of communication**. Telephone 04 388 0850 and follow the options:

- Option 1: Middle & Senior Schools
- Option 2: Prep School
- Option 3: Name Directory

or if you know the extension you require please enter it to be connected.

All Staff are also on **email** (surnamefirstinitial), eg smithj@scotscollege.school.nz

You will see from the Telephone Directory there is an **absence number** and a **sports line** for each school:

	PREP SCHOOL	MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOLS
Reception	388 0863	388 0850
Absence Line	380 7588	380 7588
Sports Line	380 7588	380 7588

If you wish to get a **message to your son** during the day, you are certainly welcome to ring Reception but do remember that **a class will not** be interrupted unless it is an absolute emergency (and his leaving his lunch at home does not constitute an emergency!)

Please note:

When the Receptionist receives a message in the Middle & Senior Schools, the **boy's name is written on a whiteboard**, asking that **he collects that message from Reception**. It is **up to boys to check the whiteboard during the day** and for boys to tell each other if they see a name there.

Of course there are also **Reports and Interims (PS)/Progress Cards (SS)** which outline a boy's progress in class, while commenting on his general development, plus **Parent/Teacher Meetings**.

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