

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Happy New Year to you all. The Parents' Association is looking forward to bringing you an interesting and dynamic programme this year. Firstly a brief report on the last meeting for 2011:

- John Western spoke about his impressions of Scots and thanked everyone for the warm welcome he received
- The SCPA Strategic Plan was tabled and passed. This emphasises that donations to projects at Scots College are to benefit all boys rather than small groups of boys
- Parents who had given special service to the Association over the past year/s were acknowledged
- Strengthening Family Values and ways to achieve this were discussed along with the possibility of forming a "Dads Club" in 2012. This could also encompass a 'buddy system' for boys who may not have a dad or significant role model living with them.

Moving into 2012, listed below are some of the events we hope all parents, guardians and friends will be involved in as the year progresses. Please remember that the Scots College Parents' Association is for the **whole school; Prep, Middle and Senior.**

- **House and Year Group Receptions** - these will take place within the first few weeks of Term One. Please check the school calendar for dates and times.
- **Sunday 11 March - The Inaugural Family Picnic**. 11am – 2pm on the College field. Fun, food, games and activities for everyone to enjoy. "The day will be sunny" (Peter Cassie) and everyone in the Scots College family is invited.
- **Tuesday 3 April - SCPA AGM**. This is your opportunity to come along and make a difference. While every parent/guardian is automatically a member of the Association, we will be looking for people to join the committee. It is not an onerous task, but is a real opportunity to be involved in important aspects of the Scots College community. Monthly meetings are attended by committee members as well as the three Headmasters who each present a report to the meeting. We have regular speakers from the teaching staff, the boys and from outside the school. Please consider joining – you would be most welcome.
- **Wednesday 30 May - Quiz Night** at The Realm, Hataitai. This event is a fundraiser and we will be looking not only for participation but also donations of goods, services or opportunities to use for prizes and auction items. If you can help in this regard please contact Judith Gray by email nada.bake@xtra.co.nz
- **Term 3 – Boogie Wonderland Dance**. More details to come.

Facebook – Please join our Facebook page where you will find details of our meetings and other events. Also helpful information will be posted to assist you in caring for your boys and family throughout the year. Go to Facebook and search Scots College Parents' Association. It's that easy. Don't forget to 'Like' us.

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