From the Assistant Head of College (Junior School)

Mr Chris Jackman

Children will need to bring a water bottle with their name clearly marked on it.

CIS Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Thomas Geyer and Camilla Paton who, through their fine performances at the HICES Swimming Carnival, have been selected to represent the HICES schools in Breaststroke at the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Swimming Carnival at Homebush.

After School Sport

There will be no after school sport on Monday 7 April and Wednesday 9 April due to parent/teacher interviews.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

All Junior School parents have been invited to have an interview with their children’s class teacher in the last week of Term 1 (ie. 7, 8 & 9 April). You should have been notified about the time and date of your interview by Thursday this week. I encourage all parents to take up this opportunity.

Cross Country Carnival

The Junior School Inter House Cross Country Carnival will take place next Wednesday 9th April at 11.20am. Please feel welcome to come and support your child/children.

Choir Performance

It was a pleasure to listen to all of the Junior School Choirs on Wednesday 1 April in the Performance Centre. It was great to see the enthusiasm displayed by the children and hear their terrific voices. Thankyou to all of the parents who came to support the performance.

The Jackman Challenge

Question: In a paddock there were some sheep and some chickens. If there were 12 heads and 34 legs, how many sheep were there?

Entries due to Mrs Keogh by 10.00am on Friday 11th April.

Answer to Week 8: There are 86,400 seconds in one day. Congratulations to Sophie Cant for getting the correct answer and being the winner.

Important Dates

9/4/08 Junior School Inter-House Cross Country Carnival
7-9/4/08 Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews
12/4/08 School Holidays begin
29/4/08 Term 2 commences

Transition News

What a busy and exciting week we have had in Transition. The highlight was our “Princess and Pirate” party held to celebrate the phoneme “p”.

The children were perfectly picturesque in their outfits and enjoyed a party of popcorn and princess bread.

Mrs Parsons made some excellent pirate hats and Mrs Porter and her class created some beautiful parrots and black playdough.

Thank you to Lizette Hoskins for teaching Mrs Rolfe class and helping make their parrots.

We look forward to seeing you next week at the P & T Interviews and hope you all have a wonderful holiday.

Happy 40th

Someone special turns 40 on April the 4th. Deb Porter is our 3-Day Transition teacher and does an amazing job with these little people. She manages her teaching along with a family, Dean, Samantha and Sophie - and a busy life full of activity - tennis, music, swimming, church and friends.

She is great to work with and a valuable friend. We wish you all the best Deb for your special birthday.

Liz Rolfe

2009 Scholarships

2009 Scholarships for entry into Year 5, 7, 9, 10, 11 close on April 11, 2008. See Registrar Helen Schwab for more information.

Thank you

Dear Staff and Students

Just wanted to thank you all for your patience, kindness and help with our daughter Darcie (Kinder Red), whilst she was in plaster with her broken leg. We greatly appreciate all that was done. Again, a big thank you. Regards, Peter, Melissa and Darcie Campbell.

Vacation Care

Vacation Care will not be provided during the April holidays.
It has been wonderful to see the students safe and sound after their camps. As a school faith community we aim for development in all four areas of life - social, physical, intellectual and spiritual. At our Chapels we have listened to some of the Resurrection accounts, and there are 10 separate recorded incidents. In particular we looked at the restoration of Peter, after he had denied Jesus three times. As I reflect on that story, it becomes our story too, for we make many brusque mistakes and given a second chance - as Peter was - our mistakes become woven into our education. School is a place for this, and a place to be dusted off after a fall and set on the right track - lovingly. Father Paul.

**From the Chaplain**
Father Paul Woodhart

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**Holiday Tennis Coaching**

Head Coach:
Rod Schumacher – Tennis Australia certified Club Professional

Where: Eglinton Tennis Courts, Park Street, Eglinton

**Holiday coaching clinic**
A School Holiday intensive coaching clinic will be run in the week commencing 14th April 2008. The clinic will run over 4 days for 2 hours each day. The cost will be $70.00. Please contact Rod for more information on 6337 1680 or 0431737585

**Pee wee Tennis**
Starting Term 2 2008

Exciting nation wide tennis program for 5-7 year olds. Each player receives a racquet and cap to keep.

8 week ½ hour lessons
$80.00 per term

Lessons During the week and weekends
Call Rod for more Information 6337 1680 or 0431737585

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**Jackaroo Ranch Horse Riding**

Autumn School Holiday Riding Camps
1st Week: Saturday 12th April – Saturday 19th April
2nd Week: Saturday 19th April – Sunday 27th April

Shorter stays are possible. These camps are for “Horse Mad” children aged from 6-16 years.

Five to six hours per day are devoted to horse activities including a one hour lesson and three hours trial riding in the beautiful Turon Valley. As well, campers are taught grooming, saddling, haltering, catching a horse, safety aspects and many other facets of horsemanship. Previous experience is not necessary as beginners to advanced riders are catered for.

We specialise in teaching nervous riders and developing their confidence. Other activities include gold panning, cattle feeding/checking, cattle mustering, camp fires and native wildlife spotting. This is “not just a camp” – it’s a wonderful farm experience your child will treasure forever.

For more enquiries phone Pattie Hudson on 63377173.

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**Creative Arts Camp**

Come join the fun: Dancing, speech and drama, music, visual arts. 14th-16th April 9am-4pm. Bring lunch, morning tea and drinks. Specialized teachers will be presenting a range of activities. For more information and bookings call Rosemary Fogarty on 6331 6268.

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**Enrichment Workshops**

Enrichment Workshops for Infants and Primary aged students who are talented or passionately interested in the following areas are available at Orange East Public School on the weekend on 3rd & 4th May.

- *Years 5 & 6* - Writing, Fantasy, French
- *Years 3,4,5,6* - Creative Movie Making,
- *Years 3, 4* - Drama, Visual Arts, Puppet making, Mechanical creations, Volcanoes & Earthquakes, Writing, Archaeology
- *Years 1&2* - Science, Art, Dinosaurs, Mathemagic, Drama.

The Workshops cost $120 and are run by Western NSW development Workshops. More information available from Mrs Keogh in the Junior School Office, Mrs Lavoipierre in the ILC, or phone the organisation directly on 0288146256

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**NIDA Drama School**

Expand your confidence and creativity this Autumn Holidays with Australia’s best drama school. NIDA comes to Blue Mountains Grammar School on 15-17 April offering Acting on Stage for 12-18 years. Create your own character as you imagine the heroic journey in real life and on stage. Explore characterisation and physical theatre to devise a performance. Work on Scenes from plays that depict both legendary and contemporary heroes. Courses are also available at NIDA in Kensington for 4-18 years.

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