Reminder of Visitor Procedure
All visitors to the school are to sign in at the Main Reception on arrival. This excludes parents dropping off or picking up their children.

Peer Support Program
On Monday this week we began our Peer Support Program. This involves Year 6 students leading a small group through a series of activities with a focus on personal development. The topic for this term is Resilience.

Part of the program will involve a Peer Support group visiting Macquarie Care Centre where they will run activities and games for the residents. I look forward to what should be a most worthwhile experience for the students.

Junior School Disco
On Friday 1st May we hosted the Junior School annual disco. There were a great number of cowboys and cowgirls who turned up for some boot scootin’ and dancing. The atmosphere was that of fun and excitement and I was most impressed by some of the student’s dance moves. Money raised at the disco will go towards sports equipment for the playground at lunch times.

A special thank you to Mr Jason Buckley for being the DJ, Mrs Paula Elbourne for her assistance and the Junior School SRC members for their help with the organisation of the event.

WAS Cross Country Carnival
This Friday 8 May the members of our Cross Country team will be traveling to Blue Mountains Grammar School to compete in the Western Associated Schools (WAS) Cross Country Carnival. We wish them the best of luck.

Uniform Shop & Bookshop hours
The opening hours for the Uniform Shop and Bookshop are as follows:

The Uniform Shop is open Mondays and Thursdays 11am until 4pm.
The Bookshop is open Monday to Friday, 8.30am-8.50am, and at recess and lunch.

All parents are welcome to attend Junior School assemblies. In the warmer months they are conducted on the Outdoor Assembly area and during the colder months we move into the Performing Arts Centre. Assemblies begin at 9.00am.

Important Dates for the Calendar
8 May WAS Cross Country Carnival (Blue Mountains Grammar School)
8 May Fine Food and Wine Evening
11 May Transition & Kindergarten Parent Supper (8.00pm)
12-14 May NAPLAN Testing – Years 3 & 5
15 May HICES Cross Country carnival (Blue Mountains Grammar School)
18-20 May Year 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion
26 May CWA Public Speaking Competition
27 & 29 May Infant’s Musical
3 June Inter House Athletics Carnival
15 June Year 1 & 2 Parent Supper
20 June Junior School Trivia Night
25 June WAS Chess Tournament

TRIVIA NIGHT 2009
Saturday, 20th June
Get your tables of 8 ready
(Please book at Junior School Office)
HOCKEY REPORTS

UNDER 6’S HOCKEY

On Saturday 2 May, six eager new hockey players had their first game against Saint Pats. After warming-up with a few ball skills we took to the field with the help of three Oberon players to help tackle Saint Pats. Ethan, Phoebe, Johanna, Georgie, Isabella and Charlotte all played with enthusiasm, spirit and great sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Cobicraft for coaching us all our supporters. By Phoebe Moller

UNDER 9’S HOCKEY

On a very warm Saturday, the Under 9’s lined up for their first game for this season. Players ranged from those who also play Under 11’s to those who were having their first game. After our warm up and various drills, we played a round robin with the two St Pats teams. We didn’t score any goals this week but over the next few weeks we will be working on our positional play and only having one player on the ball and we should soon start seeing results. I hope everyone had fun and enjoyed themselves playing this great sport of hockey. The captain for next week is Gabrielle. Stacey Tomlinson – Coach

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs Sally Allcorn and Mrs Francis McLeod who are both expecting!!

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FRIDGE NEEDED

The Senior School P&F urgently need a fridge for the Kitchen in the Bickerdike centre prior to the Art Show on the 12th June. If anybody has a fridge in good working order that they would be kind enough to donate to the school, please contact: Senior School Treasurer Tina Webber on 0439 564 639 or 63377227 (ah).

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub will be sent home this week. Could all orders be back by Friday 15th May. Some important points to remember when ordering Bookclub:

• Credit Card payments must follow the instructions on the order form.
• For cash payments, please ensure that you have the correct amount as change cannot be given.
• Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.
• If you are ordering books as a gift and do not want your child to know, please advise Mrs Keogh and she will hold the books in her office instead of giving to the child.

WANTED:

Old riding boots, work boots, school shoe style shoes or gum boots.

Yrs 3-6 children will be needing these for a craft activity. If you have any unwanted boots or shoes could you please drop them off to Mrs Keogh in the Junior School office before the end of May.

CLASS PARENTS REPRESENTATIVES

Your help would be greatly appreciated in helping your class teachers with preparing the canvasses for the art show. Could you please approach your class teacher to see what help is needed.

CWA PUBLIC SPEAKING

26TH MAY 2009

Get your mix masters ready for the CWA Public Speaking morning tea and lunch. We are asking parents to provide some of your lovely cakes, (some gluten free) slices, scones, sandwiches and whatever other lovely treats you can think of. Could these please be taken up to the Bickerdike Kitchen on the Monday 25th from 3.00pm or early Tuesday 26th morning.

For more information please contact Min McClelland on 0438 324 529.

Also parent help would be greatly appreciated on the day. If you can help, please contact Mrs Keogh in the office on 6332 7317.

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Netball Reports

The Netball season for 2009 got off to a fantastic start in glorious autumn weather on Saturday. There were some nerves, a great deal of enthusiasm and amazing skills from many quarters for the first games of the year. Thank you to all the wonderful coaches and to all the parents who came to support the teams. Well done girls and Good Luck for Saturday. Gabrielle Darlington

Netta Bunnies

As soon as the ASC Bunnies won the toss they took control of the game. With the defence of Genna, Sara, Xanthe shutting down the Eglinton Unicorns attack every time and sending the ball back up the court with rapid fire passing to the attacking players of Samantha, Kate, Ella, Nadia and Eliza. The entire game was played in the ASC Bunnies attacking half of the court with the goal constantly peppered with shooting opportunities. It was a fantastic game to be involved in with our bonding sessions proving to be valuable as our team combinations proved to be our strength. The passing between players was crisp and clean and we found we could rapidly move the ball up the court for another shot at goal.

We would like to thank the umpires, coaches and supportive parents for participating in our first Netta game. Our player of the match or Bunnies choice for this week goes to Ella Hobbs who had an outstanding game, showing great stamina and agility in the goal circle. We look forward to our next game starting at 12pm against the Eglinton Mermaids. The Porters

ASC Snowflakes

On Saturday the ASC Snowflakes played against the Collegian Beachgirls. Unfortunately, as my Dad commented, Saturday’s weather was better suited to beachgirls than it was to snowflakes. In the first quarter we kept pace with the Beachgirls with the scores locked at 3-3. The game was marked by great defence from Emily and Hannah as well as spectacular shooting from Mel and Sophie. In the second and third quarters the Beachgirls revelled in the sunshine as the Snowflakes played with determination to stay in touch. The game swept up and down the court like snow drifts and sand dunes blown by a storm wind strength. (Thanks Dad for that poetic observation!) There were some great moments of passing and shooting as Lily and Katie controlled the centre and the wings. The final quarter was a determined struggle but unfortunately the Snowflakes received the silver medal. We all enjoyed this first game of the season and we would like to thank our coaches, Mrs Crofts and Lauren Kelly for their guidance and enthusiastic support. Maddy King

ASC Superfrogs

The Superfrogs had a great start to the season with a game against the OOT Parrots. Everyone tried their hardest since we had no reserves and most of the other team were taller than us. Well done to Isabelle who is new to the team and settled in well. Catie and Libby scored some great goals, unfortunately the score was 9-29 to the other team. Thanks to Lily who came to watch and cheer us on even though her game wasn’t for another hour. Also well done to Hannah for playing even with her ankle playing up. Thank you Mrs Cant and Mrs Crampton for coaching us. Well done Superfrogs and start training for next week! By Katie

ASC Puppies

Saturday was our first game of the year. We were all very excited and Alana was captain. We played the Calare Sparkles. Our team consisted of Kirrily, Priscilla, Charlotte, Amber, Grace Hush, Phoebe, Maddy, Grace Brabham and Alana. We had a fantastic start to the season and we scored 12 goals. We were all very busy. Our passing was just fantastic. Priscilla never missed and Grace Brabham passed like a pro. She was player of the day and takes home our puppy mascot. Charlotte, Amber and Phoebe were busy scoring goals and they were just the best. Charlotte scored 8 goals, Amber added her 3 and Phoebe with her goal, cemented the game for the puppies. Kirrily passed and caught the ball like she had played with our team forever and she has just started with us in our team this year. Well done, Kirrily. Grace Hush played a really good game and lead the play like a star. Good one Grace. We all played our best. Our team is fantastic. We can’t wait until next week. GO PUPPIES! By Alana Issa

NANNY NEEDED

The Nelson family are looking for a nanny to care for their 14th month old twins, 3 days a week from July through to December (excluding school holidays). If you know of anyone who may be interested please contact Kay Nelson on ph. 6331 5886. M.0422 338487

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11 YEARS PUMAS

The Pumas played a hard fought match against Bathurst 75 Blue last Saturday. It was the first match where all of our 13 players were playing and it was wonderful to see the boys immediately click and form a real sense of camaraderie. Goalkeeper, Ben Sinclair, managed to keep a clean slate throughout the match and his positional play and encouraging talk was a real inspiration to the team. The backline of Victor Chua, Ben Griffin, Marcus Milton and Will Armstrong held firm and repelled numerous opposition raids. The midfield of Blake Sanders, Lachlan Wilkinson, David Cant and Matthew Evans were very creative and constructive in their attacking options and they provided the forward line of Matthew Jackman, Alexander Miller and Lachlan McAloney with plenty of quality ball. These 3 forwards chased the ball with great enthusiasm and constantly applied pressure to the 75’s backline. At the conclusion of the match ASC were deserved victors with a 3 – 0 scoreline. Captain Blake Sanders scored all 3 goals and led the team with great conviction. The Player of the Match award was presented to Matthew Evans who, playing his first ever game of soccer ever, defended and attacked with tremendous enthusiasm and intent. Well done Matthew. We look forward to a well earned rest this Saturday. Mr P. Cant

10 YEARS JAGUARS

The Jaguars continued their winning start to the season with a 3-1 victory over Churches United Seals. The team received their last minute instructions from Mr Geyer and took to the field with a sense of determination and urgency. This vigorous approach paid dividends with an early goal being scored by Tim Jackman. Strong midfield play from Sam Rosen, Victor Chua, Riley Stockman and Joshua Michael enabled our team to continue to dominate the game and this sustained pressure allowed Matthew Jackman to score a well executed goal. The backline of Henry Morgan, David Goodman, Jack Morrison and Lachlan Cox held firm and managed to turn defence into attack on a number of occasions. Meanwhile debutant, Lucy Anlezark, played a strong game on the left wing and delighted the crowd with her wholehearted approach. Christopher Lo finished the match well by scoring the team’s 3rd goal and celebrating in style. It was a terrific match for the team and Mr Geyer should be well pleased with his charges. Mr I. Redpath

8 YEARS LIONS

Well the Spurs certainly dug their heels into the startled Lions during last weekend’s very hard game. To our credit, the Lions continued to attack throughout the second half even though we were outplayed by a far superior team. Congratulations to our Player of the match, Tim Jackman who was tireless in both attack and defence . A very special thank you to Mr Pandolous who tried to inspire our players against overwhelming odds. Mr M. Hines

7 YEARS CHEETAHS

We had a thrilling match between the Cheetahs and the Tigers played at All Saints’ on Wednesday afternoon. Excitement was running high and all members of both teams had a sensational start. Excellent goals were awarded to the Tigers and they really were a magnificent team. The Cheetahs worked hard on their defence and made space along the wing for some fantastic passes. Thanks must go to Hugh Miller for being a fantastic sport. He played for the Cheetahs who were a player down. Sam Hope had some fantastic plays passing extremely well. Zachary Haynes was a superstar in attack. Lachlan Roach showed excellent ball skills and was able to do some great combinations with Ben Cant. Ben was ducking and weaving like a tiger throughout the match. Sean Gardiner was an all round team player. Alex Buckley received player of the match for the Cheetahs. His team play was excellent. Harley Goodman was certainly living up to his surname and showed some excellent plays. Angus McLean made space so players could pass to him. James Denovan had a blinder running up the field in attack. Fantastic work both teams. Kate Keene and Glen Hope

6 YEARS LEOPARDS

This eager little Leopards team took to the field with the sun shining beautifully, following an early morning frost. Andrew Jackman opened the scoring in great style displaying some fantastic soccer skills and taking home the team medal for his two goals. Max Bylsma managed to score one goal for the Leopards and barely missed scoring a second. Geordie Errington was amongst much of the action, putting in an amazing effort to turn the ball on many occasions. Tyler Sharwood was enthusiastic on-field with his shiny new boots and placed approach. Angus Parsons chased keenly the whole game and contributed a well-earned goal to the scoreboard. Alexander Fish put in big clearing kicks and was unlucky with his great attempt on goal in the second half. Ethann Errington offered good support throughout the game to help the Leopards towards their 4-2 win. Mrs S. Parsons

6 YEARS CUBS

ASC Cubs faced the might of ASC Cougars in a thrilling College derby at Proctor Park on Sunday. Cubs went into the match without goal scoring ace Megan Redpath but were still confident of giving the fancied Cougars outfit a run for their money. With Cougars spearhead Tyler Mason on the rampage there was more sweeping going on than a cleaning convention. Cubs put in a valiant effort before finally succumbing 4-2. Adam Baxter won the game medal for a tireless effort in defence and was ably supported by twin brother Jack. New recruit Jack Van Yzendoorn, signed from Manchester United in the off season, made an instant impact finding a novel way to get the ball round a Cougars player laying full stretch across the goal for Cubs’ first score! Patrick Saint and Joely Anderson had some great touches on the ball to when they weren’t too busy playing ‘megaphones’ with the training cones while James Edwards was easily the most improved player on the pitch. Mr S. Anderson

8 YEARS PANTHERS

The Panthers won their game against the All Saints Lions on Wednesday 6 May. All the team members made an effort to spread out and move forward together so that they could pass the ball to each other. The members agreed that they won game because they practiced good teamwork and passing. Wednesday’s medal was won by Kian other. The members agreed that they won game because they practiced good teamwork and making a good goal. David Pike

CIS SOCCER

Congratulations to Blake Sanders who represented HICES with distinction at the CIS soccer trials at The Kings School last Saturday. Blake play in 5 matches in a variety of positions and managed to score a goal in the match against the eventual winners of the carnival. Blake’s team, HICES, were placed 4th overall in a day of high quality soccer between 8 excellent teams. Well done Blake. Mr P. Cant

Team | Opponent | Venue | Time
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6 Years Leopards | ASC Cubs | Proctor Park 7 | 10:00 am
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6 Years Cougars | Bathurst 75 Bandits | Proctor Park 12 | 10:00 am
7 Years Tigers | Bathurst 75 Bulls | Proctor Park 8 | 12:00 pm
7 Years Cheetahs | Bathurst 75 Gladiators | Proctor Park 9 | 12:00 pm
8 Years Lions | Match played at school on Wednesday | | |
8 Years Panthers | Match played at school on Wednesday | | |
10 Years Jaguars | Macquarie United | Proctor Park | 9:00 am
11 Years Pumas | Bye | | |