Dear Parents

Thank you for all your support over the term. There have been a host of activities which have occurred and required parental assistance. It is most refreshing to witness the efforts parents make to benefit their child’s education.

This week we conclude our term with our Inter-House Cross Carnival at the picturesque PLC grounds. All parents are most welcome.

During the holidays fourteen of our Year 5’s and 6’s travel to Armidale for the annual Rugby carnival featuring forty two teams from NSW and Queensland. We with them every success.

On behalf of the Preparatory School staff I wish everyone a happy Easter.

Enjoy your week.

Regards

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

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House Awards:
**Brown:** Jemima McPhee x 2, Myriam Kwa, Hamish Cameron, Max Summers, Trent Russell, Myra Lim-Hurt, Alex Mirrington, Sophie Brunner, Ethan Buesnel, Kate Hall.

**Douglas:** Catie Crisp, Maddie Smith, Eloise Coleman, Emma Hazelton, Ruby Niven, Saskia Smith.

**Gordon:** Callie-Jane Jeffress x 2, Imogen Rosborough x 2, Toby Condon.

**McLachlan:** Emily McLachlan, Grace McBeath, Charlotte Anderson, Emma Pryse Jones, Emma Holman, Jock Pryse Jones, Monique Worsley.
Merit Awards: Elliot Hannelly, Remy Niven, Ruby Meehan, Johie McLachlan, Sterling Graham, Samuel Harris, Logan Usher, Alexandra Strutt, Kate Murray, Ben Chai, Grace Szrich, Maddie Cunial-Stone, Max Bylsma, Campbell Gilmore, Ziggy Jackson-Le Courtier, Molly Knight-Hannan, Joel Furness, Gidgette Pratten, Alana Seedman, Lizzie Kwa, Owen Bloomfield, Jack Pengilly, Harry May, Freya Hill, Hunter Rose, Fiona Hill, Niakh McPhee, Sophie Brunner, Lachlan Priest, Haidee Watson, Aneka Graham, William Smith x 2, Phillipa Mannix, Rhett Wheelhouse, Christopher McClare, Alan Dihel x 2, Emma Crossing, Ethan Rutherford, Tupou Faiva, Ethan Buesnel, Jack Saran, Hannah Solari, Kyle Furness, Myriam Kwa, Ailish Seedman, Olivia Mirrington, Mitchell Strike x 2, Emma Holman, Fletcher Rose, Brianna Priest x 2, Jock Pryse Jones, Monique Worsley x 2, Maggie Smith, Cameron Pasquali, Mitchell Harris, Ruby Niven, Louisa Gilmore, Jesse Swain x 2, Harrisen Bryant, Stephen Dalzell, Ollie Steele-Park, Saskia Smith, Alice Litchfield x 2, Eloise Coleman, Paddy Hain, Eva Bloomfield, Meghan Wheelhouse, Jemima McCalman x 2, Trent Russell x 5, Parham Raoof x 2, Angus Cumming x 3, Kelsa Bellamy, India Kermode, Sam Aylward, Zali Thomas x 2, Emma Pryse Jones, Megan Crossing x 2, Amelia Rawson, Juliet Sharpe x 2, Mary Munro, Jemima McCalman, Seb Samodol, Amanda Gee, Charlie Greer, Chelsea Shrimpton, Nick Pasquali, Isabelle Rees x 2, Babs King-Christopher, Millie Duffy-Watson, Emily Saran, Oscar Savage, Charlie Steel-Park, Tracey Kasjan, Will Sullivan, Chris Wood, Jordan Littlewood, Anna Lockwood, Gabrielle Eade, Maree-Lauren Vazouras x 4, Toby Condon, Matt Bromage, Harry Brunner, Rebecca Crisp, Teresa Downey, Isabella Foster, Kate Hall, Alex Mirrington, Zoe Pickford, Sebastian Smith.


Citizenship Awards: Elliot Hannelly, Ben Chai, Ryan Furness, Maddie Cunial-Stone, Oscar Savage, Taylah Caro, Rosario Catalan, Caitlyn Jones, Campbell Gilmore. Alana Seedman, Catriona Denholm, Molly Knight-Hannan, Sophie Brunner, Jack Saran, Aneka Graham, Haidee Watson, Phillipa Mannix, Ruby Greer, Jessica Amos, Bradman Gavin, Kate Hall, Milla Niven, Annabelle Tierney, Jack Harris, Dylan Swain, Charlie Steele-Park, Toby Condon, Harrison Rees, Sophie Fenton, Sosaia Faiva, Mitchell Harris, Ruby Niven, Lochie Hazelton, Isobel Rees, Angus Crossing, Emily Saran, Nick Pasquali, Amanda Gee, Jack Harris, Charlie Steele-Park, Hugh Britton, Gabrielle Eade, Kate Hall, Harry Wheelhouse.

Reminder – Medical History

A reminder to parents who have received a medical history and attached letter in the mail over the past couple of weeks to return them to the Health Clinic so our records are up to date.
End of term

Wow! The term has flown by so quickly and with so many sporting highlights. Well done to all our students on the way they have involved themselves and participated in everything ‘sporty’ in Term 1. An exciting winter season now awaits us.

Grand Final Report

How exciting it was to have both our U/12 and U/13 cricket teams in their Cricket Grand Finals last weekend. The U/13’s were almost unstoppable in their win whilst our U/12’s showed great determination to come back from a difficult position. It was a great end to a season that saw so many of our cricketers improve in so many aspects of their game. Thank you also to those students who came along on Saturday to support our Grand Final Teams. A special thank you also to Mr Brunner who coached the U/12 side throughout the Cricket Season. The players really enjoyed their time with you and were very grateful for your advice.

CIS Swimming Championships

Last Friday four of our champion swimmers travelled to Homebush for the CIS Swimming Championships. Mitchell Strike had two great swims in the 9 years boys 50m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly to be reserve for the finals. Stephen Dalzell came 5th in his heat and finished 16th in the overall standing for the 10 years boys 50m Freestyle. Logan Buckley came 6th in his heat in the 8years boys 50m Freestyle and 12th overall. Logan also completed a Personal Best time for this event. Hugh Britton was entered in the 12 years Breast Stroke and finished a solid 6th in his heat. Well done to all our swimmers!

Rugby TAS Rugby Carnival

On the last weekend of the holidays several of our Year 5 and 6 students will travel to Armidale for the Annual TAS Rugby Carnival. There they will take on schools from all over NSW and QLD in a tough weekend of competitive rugby. All the boys have been training hard and performed admirably in a trial game last Friday. I’m sure the boys are ready to give it their best shot when they hit the road in two weeks time. Good luck boys!

HICES Hockey

On Tuesday 27th April, five of our Year 6 girls will travel to the Kyeemagh Hockey Centre as
members of the HICES Hockey team; as they take part in the Annual CIPS Trials. Lizzie Silvester, Annabelle Tierney, Isabella Foster, Kate Hall and Kelsey Gray will be our representatives. We wish the girls all the best at this event.

**Sports News**

Samantha Syme and Chelsea Shrimpton competed in the Volcanic Mountain Challenge on Sunday (11km run from the Pinnacle picnic area up to the top of Mount Canobolas). Both girls did very well with Samantha winning the 13 years and under female age group. Chelsea came 1st in the 10 years division. Well done Samantha and Chelsea on such great running.

The King-Christopher’s went to Canberra on the weekend for the Brophy Swimming Championships. There were some great results from all the children at a very high level. Bab’s best result was 4th in the 50m Freestyle whilst Richie came 4th in the Backstroke and Jonty came 2nd in the 50m Butterfly. Mitchell Strike was also at this meet and picked up a Bronze in the 9 year 50m Butterfly and swam four personal best times for the day. Great swimming!

A few weeks ago we learnt that Charlie Steele-Park gained selection in the Central West Rugby Team. On the weekend Charlie played in this team and defeated Dubbo Rhinos 25-7 and the Dubbo Reds 20-0. Charlie played an important role in both games and he is to be commended for this achievement.

**Winter Sport:**

All students have now received registration forms for their respective sports. Thank you for your cooperation in filling these out promptly and accurately. A booklet containing details of the Winter Sport season were sent out this week. I invite you to read through the booklet carefully and read the Bulletin and Sport Noticeboard throughout the season to check for updates.

Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered to coach or assist coaching a side this year. We greatly appreciate you giving up time to assist us. A package will be sent to you early next term containing a Working with Children Check, Draws, Team Lists and resources to assist you with your coaching.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

All our students have been busy for five weeks now training for the Cross Country. They’ve been building themselves up nicely each week over an increasing distance and they’re all set for some great racing. Here’s a copy of the programme if you’re interested in popping down to support your child/children.

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1:15 p.m. Bus departs for PLC
1:45 p.m. Year 2 Race
2:00 p.m. Year 1 Race
2:15 p.m. Kindergarten Race
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Athletic Trials:
Unfortunately our trials were washed out on Monday but we’ll be looking to catch them up as quickly as possible. Students have been reminded that if they’ve missed an event for a particular day they will be able to catch it up on an alternate day.

CARNIVAL DATES FOR THE DIARY
Thursday 1st April: KWS Cross Country.
Friday 30th April: KWS Athletic Carnival
Thursday 6th May: WAS Prep Cross Country
(Held at ASC)

HAVE A NICE EASTER BREAK!!!!

SPORT REPORTS FOR LAST WEEK
Cricket

Grand Final 1
U12: The under 12’s were pumped up and ready to show SJS Apple City what we were made of. But we lost the toss and were sent to bat. A few unlucky ducks had happened at the start but that didn’t stop Louis and Jack from creating a great partnership. Nat, Drew and Alex were hungry for runs and would run at every opportunity they had. Nat was our top scorer with 14 runs and also won the game ball. By the end of our batting innings we were in a tough position to win with 72 runs. Great bowling and fielding by the whole team. We were really acting like a team with all of the enthusiasm. But unluckily we were not able to stay in front so we got runners up. Thank you Mr Brunner and Mr Roohan for being great coaches this season. Well done to Helpful Harry, Catching Charlie, Always helping Alex, Learning Lizzie, Joyful Jack, Heroic Hughie, Never give up Nick, Loud Louis, Direct Bowling Drew, Number of wicket Nat, Jumping big numbers of wickets Josh and Jumble up the other team James.

Grand Final 2
U13: 13 Gilchrist cricket won their Grand Final. Congratulations to the boys on an outstanding season culminating in a very dominant performance in the Grand Finals. After scoring 7/206 off the fifty overs the boys dismissed Molong for 94. All bowlers contributed with the victory being a real team effort. Harry Rees 2-3 off 4, Charles Litchfield 2-7 off 3 while Nigel Jayasuriya and Liam Taylorwood-Roe both picked up a wicket. Three run-outs illustrated the awareness and anticipation of the team. There have been many highlights over the season with each boy enjoying their 5 minutes of fame. An outstanding season for Charles Litchfield deserves special mention. Charles was not dismissed throughout the season, scoring 347 runs. In every match Charles had to retire (due to the rules of the competition) scoring 4 fifties, including 50 n o in the Semi and 51 in the Grand Final. Congratulations. A big thank you to every parent who supported the team by way of; scoring, umpiring, warm-ups or doing the coffee-run. Also thank you to Mr and Mrs Jayasuriya who hosted the after match function at their place.
Finally it has been a wonderful two years with this team. They have been very encouraging of each other which makes coaching the boys a pleaser. Thank you to all for another great season and I will treasure the scoring box- there are enough pens, clips, white-out, gum to last many years – Thank you.