

NEWS LETTER - CHRISTMAS 1975

Compared to last session, this has been an uninterrupted term during which much solid work in and out of the classroom has been achieved. At the time of writing, examinations for the whole school are just finishing and before the end of term Classes I, II and III will have received their report sheets; early in January the remainder of school will receive their reports.

Needless to say the coming term is of the utmost importance for pupils in the Upper School since it is at the end of this term that they write the Scottish Certificate of Education Examinations. Apart from the play "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, performed by the pupils in the South Street Building, there are no major extra-curricular activities during this period since for many pupils the results of the above examinations will determine possible career choices.

I take this opportunity of reminding parents of the following school events.

Parent - Teacher Meetings

SII - Tuesday, 13th January, 1976 in Kilrymont at 7.30 p.m.
SV & VI - Thursday, 22nd January, 1976 in South Street at 7.30 p.m.
SIV - Wednesday, 28th January, 1976 in South Street at 7.30 p.m.

Parent - Teacher Association

Wednesday, 18th February : Social Outing to Buchanan Theatre
Wednesday, 19th March : Technical Department Demonstrations

School Play

"Our Town" by Thornton Wilder - January 14th - 17th, 1976 - Byre Theatre 7.30 p.m.

All of us join in sending our congratulations to James Muirhead, an F.P. of the school, who shortly after leaving school lost his sight but has, nevertheless, done splendidly in his Radio Therapy Course and found time to gain 5 gold medals in swimming competitions.

We also congratulate Adam Waldie on graduating B.Sc (Honours) in Agriculture.

Under the promptings of Mr Broom, new clubs keep appearing in school. We now have a Yoga section looked after by Mrs McInally, a Table Tennis Club supervised by Mr Grove and Mr Edward. Mr Buchanan's room swarms with young artists during the lunch hours; along the same corridor Mr Weller's young photographers learn the art of photography. I am sure that all parents will join me in thanking all the Members of Staff who give up so much of their free time to interest the young in extra curricular activities.

On Saturday mornings the number of games is quite bewildering. There they all are - at Kilrymont, at Station Park, at Tom Morris Drive - all busy with football or hockey stick. So numerous are the games that referees are becoming increasingly difficult to find. Last Saturday we even noticed that the Ski Club, under Mr Pardoe, managed to squeeze in some practice at Glenshee. School thrives.

I have, been asked, by the Director, to draw the attention of parents whose children are eligible for free lunches i.e. parents who are in receipt of supplementary allowance, supplementary pension, a family income supplement or whose net income falls below a certain level, that the income scales have been changed. For further information, parents should contact:-

Miss Duncan,
Area Officer
13 Queens Gardens,
St Andrews.

Staff

Congratulations to Miss E. Kinnear on her appointment as Deputy Principal Teacher of music.

At the end of this term Miss Neal of the Maths Department leaves to take up an Exchange Post for 1 year in Mawson High School, Hove, Nr Adelaide, Australia. We wish her well and welcome in her place Mr Graham Hargreaves and hope that he will enjoy his stay with us.

The Easter Tern starts on Tuesday, 6th January, 1976 at 9 am.

I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Good New Year.

Dan D. Selwyn.

Rector