NOTICE TO PARENTS

Monday 27 April is not a Public Holiday. Students are required to attend school.

CITY HOCKEY CLUB

Field hockey registrations for the 2015 winter season are now open. City has teams in the Friday evening Junior Competition. Registration forms are available from the Colour Copy Centre East Mall. Phone: 0427 668 915

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The twelve student leaders who participated the leadership excursion to Sydney had a great time! They were wonderful ambassadors for the school and we were very pleased with the comments about their uniform from other schools at the Young Leaders Conference.

They listened to Bindi Irwin, the two young men who inspired the ‘Paper Planes’ movie and a beautiful rendition on La Vie en Rose from Racheal, the blind contestant on The Voice. Students were inspired by Mike Martin who started the conferences many years ago and is now retiring. They listened intently to Mike Baird talk about leadership and its challenges. Students have a new set of friends from our visit to Turramurra North Primary School but our presence was keenly noticed as the school was having a mufti day. We were a tad overdressed but nonetheless interested in the setup of the open plan Year 5/6 classes.

Thank you to Will Green who accompanied us on this excursion. His sense of humour was a great asset and his presence most appreciated.

Have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday April 21, as Monday April 20 is a Staff Development Day.

Judy Graham
RUGBY 7S GALA DAY

Last Wednesday 21 Ben Venue boys from Years 5 and 6 attended the local Rugby 7s Gala Day at Moran Oval. The boys made up three teams and participated in a skills and drills session run by the local Waratahs Development Officer Garry Walsh. The students then played round robin games against students from other local schools.

Each team played four games each and all teams managed to win at least one game. All players from Ben Venue played with fierce intensity and were great contestants in all aspects of the game. At the end of the day a St Mary’s team were overall winners with the Ben Venue Eagles close behind in second place. As a result of the competition, a team from Ben Venue and a team from St Marys will travel to Tamworth to compete in the Regional Final of the 7s tournament. James Waters

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