Dear Parents of Oarsmen,

We want to welcome you all to the Scotch rowing community. We would love to see as many parents as possible at every regatta and rowing event, so we have listed the 2010 dates below with a brief explanation of each rowing event. There is also a separate one page attachment listing the important 2010 rowing dates to print and place on your fridge.

**Rowing Camp**
- **Year 11 & 12 Residential Rowing Camp**: Thurs 21 - Th 28 Jan
- **Year 10 Non- Residential Rowing Camp**: Thurs 21 – Tues 26 Jan
- **Year 9 Non- Residential Rowing Camp**: Mon 25- Fri 29 January
- **Sundowner at Scotch Boat Shed (5 -7pm)**: Thursday 28 January

**Parents’ Rowing Meeting at the Gooch (9am)**
- **Aquinas Regatta**: Friday 5 February
- **Christ Church Regatta**: Saturday 6 February
- **Trinity Regatta**: Saturday 13 February
- **Ergo Competition (Wesley)**: Saturday 20 February
- **Wesley Regatta**: Wednesday, 24 February
- **Scotch Regatta**: Saturday 13 March
- **Hale Regatta**: Saturday 20 March
- **Boat Club Dinner**: Thursday 25 March
- **Head of the River and Luncheon**: Saturday 27 March

**Sundowner at the Boat Shed – Thursday 28 January 5.00 pm – 7.00pm**

This is a great opportunity for all rowing parents and their children to get together in a beautiful setting to kick off the 2010 Rowing Season. We hold this event toward the end of rowing camp to enable our country parents to attend. The year 11 and 12 boys have a training session in the afternoon from 3.00-5.00pm and their luggage will be packed and ready for collection from Keys Boarding House from 12.00pm onwards. We warmly welcome the year 9 and 10 parents and their boys to this very informal event. *BYO drinks, wine glasses and a plate of nibbles to share.* There will be a sausage sizzle provided for the boys and their siblings.

**Parents’ Rowing Meeting at the Gooch – Friday 5 February at 9am**

At this meeting we will discuss the organization of the Scotch Regatta, the Head of the River and the Rowers’ luncheon. Grant Ford (Head of Rowing) will present an outline of the season and answer any questions. *Attendance at this meeting is very important for contact details, rosters for regattas and pasta nights.* If you are unable to attend the meeting, you need to email your contact details – name of rower, house, year (for 2010), parents’ names, email address, mobile and home phone numbers -- to me at Rowing@scotch.wa.edu.au. If we don’t have your contact details, you may miss getting important information during the season.
Scotch Regatta – Saturday 13 March at Champion Lakes

Scotch hosts this Regatta and provides morning tea for approximately 1500+ rowers and spectators. It requires substantial manpower from parents of oarsmen to set up, run and provide enormous quantities of food, in addition to the School’s generous contribution. Any assistance whatsoever would be very much appreciated.

Head of the River – Saturday 27 March at Champion Lakes

This is the major event of the rowing season, involving all rowers. For the second time the Head of the River will be held at Champion Lakes. A Scotch marquee will be set up at the venue from 8.00am onwards. We encourage everyone to bring food and drinks to share for breakfast and morning tea.

Rowers’ Luncheon – Saturday 27 March (following the Head of the River) at the Scotch Boatshed

At the Scotch Boatshed, when the rowers return from the Head of the River, we gather to welcome the boys back to the boatshed. Traditionally, the rowers are welcomed by a Scotch piper. Following this boys and the rowing community join in a casual picnic lunch on the lawn near the boatshed along the river, where we hear presentations from the coaches and crews.

2010 Rowers T-shirt

The process of ordering rowing shirts has changed. Two types of rowing shirts are now available for purchase. Order forms will be given to rowers and must be returned to Georgie Daly or Tom Leisk soon after they are received and no later than by February 5. Order forms will also be available online on the Rowing Support webpage. At the end of the rowing season these shirts, if rowers desire, will be sent off to have the date embroidered on the back. More information will be given later regarding this.

Regattas are fun to be involved in and the boys, despite the appearance of indifference, love a large and vocal support group. We look forward to seeing you at all of the rowing events. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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