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Submissions Do you have access to a digital camera? Do you want to see all the action from your team pictured in the 'Great Shot!'. **Photos by parents and players are requested** Send jpeg images to eadie@bigpond.net.au.

Basketball at Scotch

Welcome to the first 2004 issue of "Great Shot!", the weekly newsletter for everyone associated with Basketball at Scotch College. Look for your copy (on red paper) each week at training, or download (in full colour) from the basketball page on the Scotch College website. Each issue will bring you all the game reports, feature a player profile from across the club, provide notice of upcoming special events plus be filled with photographs from Saturday games.

The Basketball pages on the Scotch College website

<http://www.scotch.vic.edu.au/Sport/Bball/Bball.htm> are updated frequently to ensure that all the information you need is at your fingertips. Fixtures, training schedules, venues, uniform requirements and support information can all be found there. You will also find photographs and reports on special events throughout the season. It is important to visit these pages regularly.



From left; Leo Tang, Wes Cronin, Troy Sandley, Gus Grey, David Taylor, Angus Keech, Mr Rob Hortin (coach), Mr Neville Taylor (TIC), Ed Cowan, Chris Taylor, Chris Anderson, Julian Deschepper, Nick Thomas and Chula Na Ranong.

Scotch College Basketball en route to Sydney, Easter 2004, in the new Scotch polo tops

The *Slam Dunk Club* is the parent support group for Basketball at Scotch College. We seek two parents of Yr 7 basketball players to the committee as **Year 7 Reps**. Informal meetings are held once a month to discuss issues relating to basketball at Scotch. For further information, please contact Ellen Eadie, email eadie@bigpond.net.au

Sydney Basketball Tour 2004

Twelve of our senior players took part in a pre-season trip to Sydney and were hosted by Scots College and Cranbrook College families over three exciting days. The boys were keen to test themselves against AGS champions, Scots, on day one of the tour, and as the game unfolded it became clear that we were in for a fight. However, Scotch dominated the final quarter and defeated Scots 70 – 59. Troy Sandley (22pts) found his range and was well supported by Ed Cowan (10pts), Angus Gray (7pts), Wes Cronin and Nick Thomas (6pts each). Everyone contributed to this fine result but the contest revealed several areas of our game that needed improvement. Afterwards, we shared fine food and refreshment with one of our host families in Bellevue Hill.

A night with billets and a wonderful day 2 was spent exploring Sydney. The weather was fine and the Harbour sparkled beneath ferries and flotillas of yachts; a very fine bridge dominated the seascape and the Opera House shone beneath blue skies. We met late in the afternoon

at Scots again to play an Under 18 representative side from Manly. This was a very strong line up with tall forwards and one particularly deadly shooter who, incidentally, played in the Scots' team the previous evening. We played well for three of the four terms and led by two points at the final change (61-59) but were outplayed in the final minutes and lost the contest 76 – 90. Troy Sandley (25pts), Chris Anderson (9pts), David Taylor, Leo Tang, and Julian Deschepper (6pts apiece) were in the thick of the action offensively.

Another evening with Scots' billets followed before we bade farewell to our hosts and moved just down the road to Cranbrook, surely the school with the most spectacular view of Sydney's waterway! The game was scheduled for 12.30pm, however, and it remained to be seen whether our players had recovered from the 90-minute slugfest the previous night. The legs may have been weary but, like Henry's men at Harfleur, we stood 'like greyhounds in the slips' at the tip and quickly settled into a well disciplined and grinding effort. At the final bell we were victorious:

82 – 57. Ed Cowan was dynamic (23pts) at both ends of the floor, and Troy Sandley (13pts), Julian Deschepper and Nick Thomas (11pts each), and Chula Na Ranong (8pts) played like men possessed.

We left Sydney the following morning feeling that we had achieved a great deal. Staying with host families, making new friends, and enjoying time in one of Australia's great cities provided a wonderful backdrop to our three games. We do hope that we may reciprocate in 2005 if either Scots or Cranbrook (or both?) visit us next year.

Special thanks must go to Ellen Eadie and the 'Slam Dunk!' team, and also to Mr Taylor for all their work in organizing the tour. It was, in this writer's opinion, a great success, and one that shall be remembered for a very long time to come.

R.C.F.Hortin
1st Coach
April 17, 2004.



Above ;Scotch College Squad with The Cranbrook School (NSW) team.



Above; New friends

Let's Start the Season with a Great Family BBQ

On May 2nd the parent support group for Basketball at Scotch College is hosting a **Family BBQ** at the home of Ellen and Tom Eadie. Bring along your drinks, glasses and nibbles (if desired) and join us for sausages, bread, salad and good cheer. The kids will love it as there is lots of room to move around, with an open park next door and a basketball ring and room to move in the garden. **Compare your skills with NBL players Number 24 and Number 12 from the Melbourne Tigers (between 4 and 5 pm).**

We have invited **Matt Hammond from Kicks 101** to join us late in the afternoon and hopefully he can bring along some of the latest 'cool basketball gear' to show us.

For all players attending, challenge your shooting skills in a **three point and foul line shooting competition** and take home the premier BBQ shootout trophy.

Any excess funds raised through the BBQ will be used throughout the 2004 basketball season to support the program (coaching clinics, pizza nights and more).

Hurry and send in the reply slip , with cheque payable to the *Slam Dunk Club*, TODAY.

Date Sunday May 2nd 2004
Time 3:00pm till 7pm
Venue The home of Ellen and Tom Eadie, 10 Murdoch Street, Camberwell
Cost \$20 per family, for sausages, salad and fresh bread. **BYO drinks and nibbles**
RSPV ASAP
Cheque payable to Slam Dunk Club
Mail to The Secretary, SDC, 10 Murdoch Street, Camberwell 3124

Red Polo Tops Supporting Basketball at Scotch College



Show your support for basketball at Scotch College by purchasing a red Scotch College Basketball Support Group shirt. These shirts have been designed by the Slam Dunk Club, and have been approved by the school. Shirts are \$25 each with all funds raised through the sale of the shirts to be used to support and promote the Basketball Program at Scotch.

Sizes (samples are available to try on if required)

	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Chest	53.5	56	58.5	61	63.5
Length	71.5	74	76.5	79	81

Order your shirt by downloading the order form from <http://www.scotch.vic.edu.au/Sport/Bball/Bball.htm> or purchase one at the SDC family BBQ on May 2nd.

Photograph Competition

Digital photography is becoming increasingly popular and affordable. The ease in which you can delete and edit photographs makes it so appealing for photographers of all ages and levels.

We need your photographs now.

This year the SDC is hoping to acquire a large number of photographs from players and parents taken at games and other basketball events around the school. From these photographs images will be selected for the newsletter, on the website and placed in a database of images to be viewed at Presentation night 2004. To ensure all teams are represented throughout the season we are asking for your digital or scanned submissions to be sent to the editor. To entice you, we are offering a prize for best picture.

From all photos submitted this season a 'best' image will be selected by a panel of judges at the end of the season, and posted on the front basketball webpage to represent the 2004 basketball season along with a framed copy presented to the school and to the photographer.

Send your photos to the newsletter editor at eadie@bigpond.net.au



Images from the 3 on 3 competition at Presentation night 2003

2004 Training Sessions:

	7.30am	12.40pm	1.10pm	3.10pm	4.00pm
Monday	Year 7/8 A&B				1sts & 2nds
Tuesday	Year 7Cs		Year 9/10 Cs		Yr 9/10 A&B
Wednesday	Year 8 Cs		3rds to 6ths		1sts & 2nds
Thursday	Yr 9/10 A&B	1sts & 2nds		Years 7 & 8	
Friday	Year 9/10 Cs	3rds to 6ths			