At the conference, I was morose and unsettled. My paternal glands were agitated to the extent that I could not enjoy the easy camaraderie of fellow heads. The excellent speakers I found to be dull and irrelevant. It was not their fault. It was mine! A quiet stroll around Hobart’s harbour and its delightful collection of Huon Pine boats finally put me in touch with the source of my discomfort. I should not be there. I booked a flight back to Melbourne and arrived, on our front doorstep, just as Peter’s 18th party was starting.

“Dad”, said Peter as he answered the door, “I wasn’t expecting you”.

How tragic was that! I rather suspect that we, as parents, do not always show our sons, as much as we should, that we love them. Some, like me, will say that they do, but there is no congruency between word and deed. Love is desiring the best for another, but it is more than this, it is also affection. Some of us manage the first injunction but not the second. They describe themselves as loving their sons but not liking them. This is not enough – even though the latter might be justified by a son playing up like a second-hand lawnmower.

Some parents, particularly we fathers, will present evidence of faithful provision as proof of their love. This is not enough. A son needs to enjoy his father’s company, to feel his father’s touch and to hear his father’s words. A father’s provision must not be limited to giving money. It must include giving time.

A son needs at least one adult who adores him – preferably two. A son needs to know that he is a priority in someone’s life. A son needs to be loved and he also needs to know he is loved.

On occasions, I see parents unfolding themselves out of four-wheel-drives, after a bone-wearying journey from the country, to visit their son at school. The diesel engine shudders to a silence, squealing doors are pushed open and cramped legs stretch gratefully to the ground. Red dust has caked the number-plate, but the son recognises the car. He has been looking out for it. Despite the car windows being obscured by an entomological graveyard, he sees the occupants...
From the Headmaster

through the half-mooned smears. The boy tries to disguise his smile as he ambles from his mates and towards the car with forced nonchalance.

The mother ‘Oh darlings’ her boy and the father hugs him. These gestures, whilst welcome, even by a self-conscious boy, are not really necessary for him to know that he is loved. The evidence is in the latertic dust, the dead locusts and the $150 diesel bill. They are here to watch him play his game of football. But that is not why they are really here. Yes – there will be some entertainment promised by the Under 14C footy team, but the real reason they are there is because of their love... and, deep down, the son knows that. He knows that he’s not that good a player.

As parents, there are many ways we can show our love towards our sons. Some of the more common are:

1. BY WORDS

Even if words do not come easily to a parent, most should be able to manage, ‘I love you, son’. Four simple words. Four endangered words. A son dispatched to school with the reminder that he is loved, is a son equipped to withstand the emotional and social attrition wrought by a world given to withering put-downs. Sons seldom worked on their love to a son, it needs to be recognised that a parent will have legitimate strengths in some areas of showing love and, legitimate weaknesses in other areas. A parent should not berate themself for not being stellar in all the ways of showing love. This concept was explored by Gary Chapman in his pioneering work on Love Languages, where he argued that although everyone is able to express their love in different ways, a person will have a natural preference for expressing love in one particular way. Chapman’s options were:

- Giving words of affirmation.
- Spending quality time with someone.
- Giving and receiving gifts.
- Giving acts of service.
- Physically (hugs, etc).

If the score is low in DEEDS, then a similar list of action points can be drawn up. Likewise with BEING A PRESENCE and BEING A PROVIDER. Having acknowledged that a parent can look at a variety of ways to express their love to a son, it needs to be recognised that a parent will have legitimate strengths in some areas of showing love and, legitimate weaknesses in other areas. A parent should not berate themself for not being stellar in all the ways of showing love. This concept was explored by Gary Chapman in his pioneering work on Love Languages, where he argued that although everyone is able to express their love in different ways, a person will have a natural preference for expressing love in one particular way. Chapman’s options were:

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Although important for a parent to try and exercise the expression of love in more than one domain, it is equally important to recognise that parents will have a particular strength and a particular preference in the way they express their love. It is probably not how we do it that matters, it is that we leave our sons in no doubt that they are loved.

2. BY DEEDS

Typically, boys are visual learners. They like to watch. For a parent to communicate with a son, there needs to be a congruency between that which is heard and that which is seen. A boy would rather see a truth than have it described to them. A parent who says they love their son, but does not make their son a priority in their life, will not be believed.

3. BY A PRESENCE

For millennia, the job of the father was to go out, kill something and bring it back to be eaten. Thousands of years later, the job of the father was still to go out, but this time to grow or rear something and bring it back to be eaten. Now, the job of the father is to go out and earn money.

This is brought back to be spent. Our task as fathers has not changed. We go out.

In going out, we became separated from our family, our children, our sons. Prior to the industrial revolution, the separation from our sons was not for long. Very soon a son was indented into the task of helping the father hunt or farm. There was a reconnection with the father as soon as a boy could prove useful in the hunt or on the farm. Then the industrial revolution stopped things. Sons seldom worked with their fathers. Maleness became a mystery and fathers became strangers. The situation did not improve in the post-industrial age.

Not surprisingly, a whole raft of social and emotional disorders appeared in our sons. These included ignorance about fathering and ignorance about being a man. Generations of under-fathered boys were created who went on to perpetuate the problem in their own sons. A son needs to be shown love by a father choosing to be a presence in his life. Effective parenting is about good choices. Does a father choose to play cricket with his son or work in his study? The greatest demonstration of love a parent can give is to offer their son the gift of time. This gift is even more precious in a time-poor society that is given to showing love by buying things.

4. BY PROVIDING

Let’s not get too dismissive about the things that money can buy. The material needs of a son must be met. But there is a difference between need and greed. It can be a useful exercise to give ourselves a score out of ten against each of these four different ways of showing love. If the score is low in WORDS, then we might consider building in more conversation time. Tips include:

- Have sharing times over meals.
- Banning mobile phones and individual entertainment devices in the car in favour of conversation.
- Regularly discussing issues in the news.
- Becoming a Facebook friend with your son.
- Sending regular text messages, SMS and/or emails to your son.
- Sharing with your son the issues you are wrestling with. The likelihood of ‘mirrored’ behaviour is great.
- Writing a letter and posting it to your son.
- Establishing a network of mentors for a son.
- Developing a good relationship with your son’s friends. This will assist in being able to join in some of their conversations.

Dr Tim Hawkes
Headmaster

Welcome

As the second semester of 2014 was winding up with Graduation and Speech Day ceremonies, and end of year celebrations were occurring, there was enough time to reflect on what had been a terrific few months at the School. Farewelling outgoing School leaders and the Year 12 class, we shared in their triumphs and skills. However, these recent weeks allowed us to look forward – new leaders in the School, Houses, sporting teams and the promise of fresh new blood as we welcomed the Year of 2020 to The King’s School.

Susan MacDonalD
Editor

New Senior School Leaders

A very enthusiastic and committed group of new School Monitors has been appointed to assume the leadership role of the School for 2015. Following on from a year where there were a number of wonderful initiatives – most particularly that of the successful Shave for a Cure fundraiser - Barney Archibald and William Hicks have been appointed as new Captain and Vice Captain. Both are boarders and sons of Old Boys – Dougal Archibald (‘76) and Henry Hicks (’76) - and both have already proven themselves to be terrific contributors. We wish them well in their endeavours.

Orientation Day

A fantastic day was enjoyed by the 2015 Year 7 boys and their parents at Orientation Day. Meeting their new Tutors and new mates allowed the boys to see just what life at King’s could offer.
BOATSHED OPEN DAY

A gorgeous sunny morning at Putney provided the perfect backdrop for the annual Open Day for parents and staff. Some expert rowing, coupled with Roger Brighton’s (father of Jake, Year 12) informative “how to be a rower” segments and a blessing of the fleet by Rev Dr Grant Bell, ensured all present had a thoroughly enjoyable morning. Of equal importance, was the presentation of the 2015 Year 12 rowers and their receipt of a TKS rowing tie, and the announcement of the new Captain, Jacob Richards and Vice Captain, Paxton Pulford.

NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR DRUM LINE

With the arrival of our new drum and percussion teacher, Luke Thatcher, the Drum Line at King’s is now entering a new phase in its development. This builds upon the efforts of an enthusiastic group of drummers, who, under the leadership of James Spitteler (14) have enthralled all those who have seen them perform. Mr Thatcher brings a wealth of experience to the teaching and performance of drums. He is an internationally renowned drummer, percussionist and educator, who after graduating, relocated to Las Vegas where he played shows and concerts on and off the strip. With this expertise, he has a thriving Drum Line of King’s students, focused on playing for outdoor events, sporting fixtures and concerts. This year has also seen the partnering of The King’s School Music Department with Dynasty Drumline, a professional group of drummers, which is co-sponsored by Optimum Percussion. Recently, Mr Thatcher hosted a full day workshop with visiting American drummer, Ralph Nader, in which students were taught Advanced Rudiments.

Your say

KING’S MTB CLASSIC 2014
Thanks for having us. Great event - congratulations

THE BRIEFCASE BROUHAHA' AT PREP
Well done all the teachers and students.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION CEREMONY
Thank you, it was a very memorable occasion xx
**BRIEFCASE BROUHAHA**

‘The Drama Kings’, The Preparatory School drama group, presented an original play written by Rachel Johnston and Voni Howard called, *The Briefcase Brouhaha*. This original play was set in 1974 at The King’s School Preparatory School and had many historic facts and icons from the School from 1974. It was held over two evenings and was a comical travelling play, that was performed by various students from Year 3 and 4. It was a wonderful theatrical production and one that the students who participated definitely enjoyed. From the Police at the Pandemonium Police Pavilion, The Rhythmic Robbers, The Strategy Sheep and The Hustle Hop at Horrocks Hall there was colour, laughter and plenty of 1970s rhythm. It was also a highlight to have The Head of The Preparatory School, Mr Peter Alison, play the very important role of Superman! It was wonderful to see *The Briefcase Brouhaha* enjoyed by such a wide audience. It was a great event and one that the boys will remember for many years.

**MEMORY WALK**

An enthusiastic group of Year 8 Britten House boys recently gave up their Sunday morning sleep in, in order to assist with the 2014 Alzheimer’s Association of NSW annual Memory Walk. Held once again at the gorgeous “Bay Run” at Leichhardt, around the shores of the Iron Cove Bay, the boys assisted with general organization and raffle ticket selling. Dressed in their easily identifiable uniform, the boys’ engaging manner brought wonderful praise from both the organisers, and those who were willed into buying raffle tickets!

**KINDERGARTEN FATHER AND SON BREAKFAST**

So cute and nice to see the tradition still going. Well done TKS.

**EDMUND CAPON AM OBE JUDGING THE ART PRIZE**

Wow, look forward to seeing the winners .. best wishes!

**2ND XI REMEMBERING PHIL HUGHES**

Very impressive, kids around the nation showing their respects !!!

**JOHN HAMMOND’S LAST BUS RUN**

John, you are a legend! You will definitely be missed.
A number of trekkers had family connections to those who had served in the Kokoda campaign and the other defining military actions in Papua New Guinea during the Second World War, which made the trip all the more poignant. The expedition had aims of developing a strong father and son connection with leadership training and historical commemoration. Leading the expedition was the Hon Major Charlie Lynn, a veteran trekker, who was joined by Messrs Idstein, Hilliard, Kavanagh and from the Australian Army, Bryce England.

We eagerly began our epic adventure, albeit in 35 degree heat, 100% humidity and an early start to the wet season. It certainly proved to be a most challenging and character building exercise! Charlie Lynn took us to places other Kokoda trekkers rarely experience and he never ceased to amaze us with his roundabout directions, hidden routes and remote villages. From the first muddy staircase to the valley of the Goldie River, we experienced something of the spirit of the Kokoda campaign; that made up of mud, heat, tropical rain, gruelling steep climbs and precarious descents.

A particularly memorable moment was our overnight stay at Isurava, where we were woken by the Reveille at 4.00am for a moving dawn service at the Isurava Memorial. We listened to stories of this desperate battle, to poetry, to hymns and two to national anthems as sung by our Porters. We reflected on the messages carved on the four stone pillars that stand high above the battle sites of Eora Creek and the Kokoda Valley beyond. We were reminded of the “courage”, “mateship”, “endurance” and “sacrifice” of the young men who had given their lives in the defence of our nation. It was with a tremendous sense of achievement that we entered the gates of the Kokoda Memorial.
Enjoying 300 acres of stunning and varied grounds, The King's School community is spoilt by their beauty and amazed by their adaptability. Seasonal variations, both in use and weather, cause our Head Groundsman to be on his toes.

**Q** Damien, you have been at The King’s School for a short time, but have already made a huge impact on the grounds and with staff. What is your background?

I commenced with Concord Council in 1992 and worked my way to be Curator of Drummoyne Oval where we hosted 1st Grade and NSW cricket fixtures. A change in direction saw me become Golf Course Superintendent and Green Keeping Coordinator for local Councils, before a stint at Macquarie University, Port Macquarie Panthers Sports Club, and, after seven years, my own Turf Company.

**Q** The School boasts a magnificent 300 acres – many of which you oversee. Who works alongside you?

My assistant, Lachlan, has great technical skills and never settles for second best in his quest for turf surfaces. Peter, who has been at King’s for many years in various roles, works with mowing and set up crews. Kristian has come from Hornsby Council and has already been the producer of impressive cricket wickets. Our newest team member is Tom, fresh from a high quality Tasmanian golf course. We are also very fortunate to have the machinery skills of Peter (also Master in Charge of Football) who works on our team two days per week.

**Q** How are jobs allocated? I presume different areas require different expertise?

We split the School into sections in the summer months due to the cricket wickets needing constant attention, so some of the men have specific responsibilities in differing areas. I maintain the JS White Oval, but others also contribute to its appearance. The winter months see us cross over to all areas and we use the time to improve the surrounds and gardens.

**Q** What problems arise due to seasonal transition and the preparation of our fields?

As with most sporting grounds, the window between the winter sport to summer sport transition is getting smaller each year due to increased pressure to complete large numbers of rounds prior to the holiday period. With the use of modern technologies ranging from better equipment and products, to improved education, we are managing this changeover in half the time it took ten years ago.

**Q** Many have commented that the recent presentation of our grounds has been stunning. Is this a design specialty or are specific machines utilized to create such wonderful effects?

There is no doubt that our team’s ultimate goal would be all TKS fields to be presented like the White and Wanderers’. We need to prioritise our programs to present those two fields, not to industry standard, but to a level expected by the finest sporting teams in the world. That is the standard we set ourselves and we have a lot of fun developing programs and striping patterns to make that a reality.
**BOYS TO MEN**

Although activities run throughout the year, the main season where a range of life-skills are taught to the gentlemen in Year 10, is at the tail end of the year in Term 4.

A whole raft of visiting speakers were invited in 2014. Lt General David Morrison, Chief of Army, was a particularly powerful advocate for White Ribbon – a campaign to end violence against women. Not many will forget his challenge;

> ‘Whatever you walk past, is the standard you are prepared to accept.’

One of the favourite activities entered into by the boys is the defensive driving demonstration. Its aim – among other things – is to terrify boys into realising how important it is to drive to the conditions. With the aid of a saturated skid mat and some spinning cars, boys were reminded of their mortality.

The culmination of the **Boys to Men** program is the trek – a literal ‘journey into manhood’. Taking four days and seeing the boys making their way on foot, dragon boat and sailing ship around their city, they arrived back at their school two years older.

On their journey, boys read a novel specially written for the program by Dr Hawkes called *Blizzard Lines*. Essentially, it is a teenage version of his book, *Ten Conversations You Must Have with Your Son*. The School records its deep appreciation to all who have helped ensure that a King’s education remains relevant for life, through their help with the **Boys to Men** program in 2014.

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**Q** King’s, I believe, is largely water self sufficient, but has the application and arrangement of grounds been assisted by the School’s rainwater recycling?

Like most turf managers, we learn to work with the water we have and use it diligently to irrigate areas at optimum times. Water is an issue, due to the sheer size of our grounds and although our storm water harvesting facility is terrific, our storage capacity is not really large enough. The huge benefit, however, is it takes only a small amount of rain (20mm) to fill our dams and tanks. The use of natural kelps and correct watering times has also assisted with the maintenance of healthy turf grass.

**Q** There seem to be “out of hours” tasks that occur – one, in particular I can think of is the flooding of wickets after a weekend of cricket – but are there other tasks that create extra pressure?

Looking after a living organism requires adaptive practices, for instance, it’s good practice to repair a wicket and water it immediately after a game so as to maximize its recovery time. Many chemicals that target pests are broken down by UV rays and so these need to be applied before the sun rises. Any way we can get more time for the turf to repair puts us ahead with our preparation.

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**Q** I presume that chemical training and disease prevention are also a part of your skill set. Does this require specific and ongoing training?

We, as an industry, have come a long way from the bad, old days where educating people on safe reforms was met by scorn. We are constantly training and learning about new integrated approaches to minimise harm to plants and the environment, whilst dealing with pests.

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One of the iconic Year 10 programs, an initiative that has now been running for several years, helps King’s fulfil its mission of not just preparing its students for an exam, but for life.
Viewing the 2014 HSC Industrial Arts Major Projects, the phrase ‘bigger is better’, could be used to describe the boys’ submissions.

It was the largest cohort that has ever been through the School. Day one, Term 4 2013, 48 boys began designing and constructing in earnest. Competition for space was fierce. Many boys, because of the size of their projects, were only able to construct outside.

Everything about 2014 was big - the physical size of the projects, the scale of the works and the number of boys. As a whole, they were some of the most impressively and professionally finished works to have been completed to date.

The range and scope of works was also immense. We had a multi level sheep race, surfboards, desks, a copper Ironman suit, various architectural designs and a variety of trailers.

Deservedly this year, five nominations were received for annual exhibitions displaying outstanding major projects in both Industrial Technology and Design and Technology.

Jake Boydell, Braxton Jones, William Li and Zachary Pauline were all nominated for the InTech Display and Lachlan Nicholls was nominated for the 2015 DesignTECH Exhibition.

My profound thanks goes to the teachers of this year’s classes for their dedication and tireless work to ensure that all boys performed to their potential:

**Industrial Technology Metal**
- Mr Scott Hoppitt
- Mr Simon McMahon

**Industrial Technology Timber**
- Mr Wally Tarasenko
- Mr Brian Davey

**Design and Technology**
- Mr Nicholas Green
- Simon McMahon
  Head of Industrial Arts

Prizes were awarded to the following students in the listed categories:

- **Industrial Technology Metal**
  - Forbes Boydell
  - a cattle weigh station

- **Industrial Technology Timber**
  - Mitchell Donn
  - a Hall table

- **Design and Technology**
  - Liam Cavanagh-Downs
  - Architectural Design
  - The Owen Wullemin Prize
  - for Craftsmanship
  - William Li
  - copper Iron man suit
“As a whole, they were some of the most impressively and professionally finished works to have been completed to date.”
During the recent holiday break, 30 students from Years 10 and 11 travelled to Europe for our Modern History Tour.

The itinerary was carefully designed to meet the content areas studied in the Stage 6 HSC Modern History syllabus including World War I, Germany 1918-1939, Albert Speer and the Conflict in Europe 1935-1945.

It proved to be an enormous success, largely due to the enthusiasm and commitment of the young men who participated in this experience. the busy itinerary that included a mixture of sightseeing, education lectures and exploration of some of Europe’s finest historical cities.

In Paris, the boys participated in an orientation walk of the city, taking part in tours of the Palace of Versailles and Les Invalides Museum, concluding with free time at Euro Disney. We then immersed ourselves with day trips to Normandy and Omaha Beach, the US Cemetery, the Caen War Museum and the Western Front including site visits to Villiers-Bretonneux, Vimy Ridge, Thiepval and attendance at the Menin Gate ceremony in Ypres.

The next leg of our journey saw us travel to Germany to focus our attention on Nazi Germany and WWII. In Berlin, the boys were involved in a walking tour of the city, visiting the 1936 Berlin Olympic Stadium, Potsdam, the Wannsee Haus and the Museum on the SS and Nazi Terror and Repression. From there we travelled to Nuremberg to visit the Palace of Justice and then the Nazi Rally Fields and the Documentation Centre which provided our students with a detailed overview of the Nazi regime in the remnants of the Congress Hall.

Finally, we enjoyed a short break in picturesque Salzburg before visiting Eagles Nest (Hitler’s Retreat) during the last few days of the tour in Munich. We concluded with a ‘Third Reich Walking Tour of Munich’, and a site visit to Dachau Concentration Camp.

CHRIS BRADBURY
Head of History
A number of Old Boys returned to their old School to enjoy Homecoming weekend at the JS White, their 40th reunion and the opportunity to address current students in classes.

They were very organised and contacted me last year to see if we could set up a few opportunities during their anniversary year for ministry. What a wonderful couple of days it turned out to be!

On Thursday, 4 September, Sven Straarup ('74) spoke in Chapel. Sven was the House Captain of Bishop Barker when a young Andrew Parry ('78) was in Year 8. Sven spoke about coming to faith in Christ after he left School and his life as a Danish Army Captain, a businessman and a Christian pastor.

Sven was then joined by Marty Woods ('74), who is currently ministering with Fusion around the world, John Anderson ('74), our former Deputy Prime Minister, Don Coles ('74) who lives down the road, and Adrian Lane ('74), an Anglican clergyman in Victoria. They spoke at a Year 11 and 12 seminar, they shared with the boys in classes and spoke to some of the teaching staff over lunch about the Christian impact some of their own King’s teachers had on them. We also shared in a Christian Old Boys’ Dinner that included guests, Canon Stanley and Lorna Kurrle.

Over these two days – the blessings abounded. The 1974 Old Boys were delighted at the openness and respect of the current students when talking about matters of faith. One commented that it was like a “slice of heaven”. Staff members were amazed at what School was like 40 years ago and also of the impact that is still happening today, due to faithful Masters. The students loved hearing the Old Boys’ stories and were swept up with their passion for life and faith. Some Year 11 students, after their lesson with the Old Boys, commented that it was, “the best lesson that they had ever had at School”.

Thank you to our wonderful Old Boys who gave up their time, whilst exhibiting great energy, as they humbly touched the lives of all to whom they spoke.

King’s continues to amaze me. Not only were there rich blessings 40 years ago because of the faithful ministry through the lives of staff and boys, it continues to have reverberations today.

Rev Stephen Edwards
Chaplain
In the Term 3 holidays, 21 intrepid Geography students, accompanied by Messrs Collins, Mansfield and Stewart travelled to Peru as part of the Eco Tour.

The trip provided an opportunity to visit a number of amazing sites and to experience the joys and occasional challenges of international travel.

After a brief stay in Lima, the group travelled to the Sandoval Lake Lodge. This lodge, deep in the Amazon jungle and perched above Sandoval Lake, provided a perfect base for nature walks during the day and at night also provided opportunities to travel across the lake in traditional canoes. Highlights were seeing caiman (alligators) and otters swimming in the lake, and sloths, macaws and squirrel monkeys in the trees of the jungle.

The tour then moved to the ancient Incan city of Cusco, located at approximately 3400 metres in the Andes Mountains. Our first days in Cusco provided an opportunity to acclimatise to the altitude and begin to gain an appreciation for the rich Incan history of the Peruvian Andes. The tour members were also able to spend time wandering the marketplaces and laneways of Cusco, an enchanting World Heritage listed city. After visiting a number of Incan sites surrounding Cusco, the group travelled down into the Sacred Valley of the Urubamba River, where the beauty of the surrounding countryside was overwhelming.

Next we travelled to the village of Huiloq to assist in the construction of a greenhouse for the local community. This project was funded by the King’s boys’ fundraising activities and provided an opportunity to work alongside the people of Huiloq, many of whom find employment as porters on the Inca Trail.

From Huiloq the tour then began the Inca Trail, a 43 kilometre trek towards Machu Picchu. The altitude, terrain and weather made for a challenging trek but one that afforded amazing views, including both mountain scenery and ancient Incan ruins. The main reward, however, was seeing the spectacular site of Machu Picchu for the first time from the Sun Gate. A long bus trip over the Altiplano saw the tour reach its final destination of Lake Titicaca and a magical day cruising the highest navigable lake in the world. After visiting the floating reed islands of Uros we spent the afternoon relaxing in a village homestay on the island of Taquile.

The Peru Eco Tour was an enjoyable and challenging experience for the boys, presenting opportunities to visit truly remarkable natural and cultural sites. It also presented boys with opportunities to appreciate other cultures and in so doing learn a great deal about themselves.

Andrew Mansfield
Geography teacher
The altitude, terrain and weather made for a challenging trek but one that afforded amazing views, including both mountain scenery and ancient Incan ruins.
Tuesday, 11 November 2014 marked the 96th Anniversary of the end of World War I when the guns fell silent at the 11th hour of the 11th month 1918. This conflict came to be known as the Great War, for its scale was unprecedented. It sparked the mobilisation of 70 million people across many nations, its violence shattered great empires and its stark and penetrating photographic imagery and poetry have come to define the horror of war. This conflict witnessed horrific carnage and tragic waste of youth. Thirteen million people lost their lives; nine million of these servicemen. Over one-third of all soldiers killed were missing or had no known grave. 332,000 Australians fought – 60,000 died, 45,000 of these were killed on the Western Front.

The Great War was adroitly described by Cathal J Nolan as “a conflict marked by blunder and miscalculation, incompetence and incomprehension, courage and folly, sacrifice and suffering, new marvels of efficient killing and bloody murder on a scale the world had never seen before”.

The School was strongly patriotic and was eager and proud for its boys to answer the clarion call to defend the Empire. Percival Stacey Waddy, wrote in his Headmaster’s report of 1916 of his pride in the School for its brave and honourable response to service stating: “And proudly we say, the Old Boys of TKS have not failed. On the School door we have our Roll of Honour, and day by day we put up fresh names, gathering them like jewels”.

At the time of the Great War the School numbered only 220 boys. Such was the enthusiasm to serve that 647 Old Boys enlisted to fight overseas, a figure representing three generations of King’s School boys. Of these, one in every 7 lost his life and one in 10 obtained ‘Distinction’. Remembrance Day affords opportunity to reflect upon the service of our Old Boys in this time of conflict.

We remember to honour the courage, sacrifice and human spirit of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in order to protect the way of life and freedoms we enjoy today. War is an ugly, cruel business and it is certainly not my desire to glorify the suffering, torment and devastation it inflicts. Perhaps the American Civil War Union General William Sherman best summed it up when he said ‘War is Hell’.

Pompey Elliot, an Australian solicitor turned soldier, fought at Lone Pine on the Gallipoli Peninsula on the day 4 VC’s were won. He wrote home to a colleague:

‘When anyone speaks to you of the glory of War, picture to yourself a narrow line of trenches two, and sometimes three, deep with bodies mangled and torn beyond description by bombs ... Live among this for days ... this is War and such as Glory – whatever the novelists say’.

One of our first Old Boys to be killed in action was EA ‘Nulla’ Roberts, an energetic member of the School Council and Old Boys’ Union. Nulla Roberts had a distinguished School career. He captained Athletics in 1888, and was the first recipient of the St John Gray Cup awarded to the School’s Champion Athlete. He captained the First XV for three years from 1888-1890 winning the Rugby Honour Cap in each of these seasons. Nulla also played two seasons in the First XI.

On leaving School Nulla played Rugby for the Wallaroos and from 1890-94, the Waratahs, playing matches against Queensland, Victoria and New Zealand.

Nulla, a 5/8, was known as a fast and tricky runner who was a dangerous scoring member on the field but possessed a quiet disposition and was unobtrusive off the field.

He practiced as a solicitor with Lane and Roberts in Sydney and served on the School Council also, and from 1895-1901 was joint Honorary Secretary of the Old Boys’ Union. Nulla was one of the original Office Bearers of the OBU in its Foundation year of 1893.

At the age of 43, married with 2 children, Nulla Roberts enlisted with the Light Horse,
initially with the 12th where the School’s former Headmaster, PS Waddy, was Chaplain and then with the 7th to fight the Turks on Gallipoli. Trooper Roberts was first assigned to Colonel PP Abbott as his Private Orderly, but Nulla was keen to be part of the action telling the Colonel ‘if there is a scrap I want to be part of it’.

He was reassigned and arrived in the trenches on the Gallipoli Peninsula at the end of August. On 2 September he was wounded, only to return to the trenches to be killed on 17 September 1915. The 1915 Magazine reports the circumstances of Nulla’s death detailed in a letter written to former Headmaster, PS Waddy, from fellow Old Boy and member of his regiment, T Leslie Willsallen (1896). He wrote:

“Dear Waddy
No doubt you’ve seen by cabled reports of casualties that we’ve lost poor old Nulla Roberts, the first man of this regiment to be killed, and I believe really the man we could most ill spare. He died right at his post and at his work; he was on duty in the front firing trenches and having a sniping duel with a Turk at about 40 yards, when he was struck in the head by a bullet from an angle. (Nulla) helped any fellow to bear his troubles or set right anything that might be wrong, and he was really the idol of his mates. We buried him on a little knoll overlooking the sea and the spot where his countrymen made their now historic landing”.

The School lost a fine servant who was greatly admired and respected. This news hit the School hard as only a month earlier the Captain of the School in 1906, Captain Stuart Milson, met a similar fate at Lone Pine. Nulla Roberts, like many of his School contemporaries and many young men since, understood his obligation and responsibility to serve. His calling was far different to one that we confront – such is our good fortune. Our world is a different world, presenting us with other challenges, important challenges we need to have the courage and character to confront if we are to make our society a better place.

Dr Andrew Parry
Deputy Headmaster

1 From the poem “For He Fell” by Laurence Binyon published in The Times 21 September 1914. – 2 Professor Cathal J Nolan is Director of Boston University’s International History Institute. – 3 KSM 1915 September p 431. – 4 Cited in Zimmerman D J (2012) 3000 Years of War p 12. – 5 Fellow Old Boy T Leslie Willsallen (1896) who served in the same Light Horse Regiment as Roberts. KSM December 1915 pp 498-7.
In a wintery sunlight that bathed the trees around the Oval, the rugby tragics in the School community gathered for the last game of the 2014 season. The day was made special by the games being against our worthy opponents, SHORE, and by the White Oval being ringed with tents and a happy confusion of Old Boys who had returned to their alma mater for the annual Homecoming Day.

Possessed of a similar sporting ethic to King’s, SHORE always fields good teams that had already troubled us on a few prior encounters in the season. On this particular day, much of the attention centred on our 2nd XV who needed a win to secure the GPS Championship. What a game it was and when the final whistle blew, King’s was ahead 19-7. This led to a spontaneous pitch invasion as exuberant Kingsmen congratulated their heroes. Not even the stern admonition of staff could restrain the unbridled joy of the boys.

The 1st XV also saved their best rugby for this day, and after 80 minutes of entertaining rugby, ran out winners 29-22 over a talented SHORE team. As the shadows lengthened and golden sunlight was pushed up the trees, the crowd seemed reluctant to leave. They retreated to rugs and hampers or to a variety of tents from which wild and improbable stories were told of other games in other decades. The curtain came down on the last GPS rugby game on the White for 2014.

**Peter Phipps**
Director of Sport
Basketball

Enjoying healthy numbers, backed by wonderful pre-season success, King's basketball is looking forward to a victorious GPS season under new Captain, William Pearce, and Vice Captain, Jayden Prakash.

Action packed contests punctuated the Term 4 King's basketball arena with some highly competitive fixtures taking place. Under new coaching staff led by Andrew Strong, following the departure of Delmas Green to the United States, the boys in the 1st and 2nd teams have risen to the challenges placed before them and have played with tenacity and efficiency.

Their efforts culminated in late November, playing for the highly prestigious GPS pre-season basketball competitions – the Rashke Cup and the Peter Yeend Shield. The Rashke Cup, given for the winners of the 1sts competition and the Yeend Shield for the winners of the 2nds competition. This Shield is named after Peter Yeend, long time Master at both the Prep and Senior School, whose influence on GPS basketball was hugely significant.

The School had a remarkably successful day – the result of hard work and team work - winning both competitions. Having won the Rashke Cup in 1981 and 2006 and the Peter Yeend Shield in 2013, to win both titles in the same year is a real coup and augers well for the remainder of the summer season of GPS basketball.

There’s no doubt that the players will gain experience from their United States tour this year during December, with games in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Washington DC and California. This trip should provide the perfect platform from which to launch an exciting onslaught of the 2015 season.

Julianne Stanton
Master in Charge
A squad of shooters attended Shooting Camp at the Belmont Range in Brisbane for an intensive week during the July holidays, with no rests over the seven days.

Fortunate to enjoy an uninterrupted use of the ranges and to be able to set our own agenda in terms of the practices, all boys made significant improvements to their technique and the standard of scores improved throughout the week. It is a credit to the boys who were our newest additions to the fullbore shooting scene that they were able to establish some proficiency as quickly as they did. Those who had been to camps previously were able to refine their skills and produce some excellent groups and scores as a result of a better understanding of the finer arts of competition shooting.

The AAGPS Shooting matches, held at the Hornsby Range in July, were contested by King’s, Grammar, Scots, Newington, TAS, Shore and High. In terms of the acquisition of skills, it is a credit to the boys for their commitment and determination to succeed in a technically demanding sport, that takes most competitors many years to master before being considered proficient.

The Rawson Cup was the first of three matches contested by the 1sts teams in their quest for the GPS premiership. Conditions on the 500m mound were conducive to good scores for capable shooters with a gentle but consistent breeze. The challenging 600m mound was again a place for the shooters to dominate with little intervention by the wind coaches. The bullseye was a little more elusive at the longer range, however, and scores were consequentially lower.

At the end of the second day, the GPS Combined team to participate in the Josephson Shield match was announced. Hughie Fulton-Kennedy was selected following his series of impressive and consistent scores. Hughie went on to record scores that would see him ranked as sixth overall in the teams match.

Peter Phipps
Master in Charge
When we are at the snow together, we wear the TKS ski jackets with pride. The Preppies love the Senior champs and the big boys watch out for the little superstars. Mums and Dads share magical moments on the mountain in all kinds of conditions, watching our Kingsmen try their best. We celebrate the wins, the PBs and the funny face plants. We look out for each other and ride lifts together. We play, we race, we laugh, we cheer, we share mars bars and we ring cowbells. Most of all we feel the joy of great team spirit.

There were many medals this year. Both the Senior and Prep teams came 5th across all boys’ schools at the National level. Our best results ever! One of our many star performers was Orlando Denton from Year 4, who had a ‘cracker’ of a season. Whilst enjoying great team success, he also won two individual gold medals at State level. He made it to the National level of competition for Alpine, Skier X and Cross Country events. He was awarded the Inter Schools’ Rising Star Award mid season and invited to elite skier training camps at Blue Cow. Orlando also won an individual National silver medal for the Cross Country event.

It is wonderful to have the talent and enthusiasm of our Rising Star Orlando in the King’s snow family. When we watch his mates catching him down the mountain, then we know that the future of Snowsports at King’s is looking good.

Jo Grinham and James Tyree
Masters in Charge
It is wonderful to have the talent and enthusiasm of our rising star Orlando in The King's Snow Family.
This year’s King’s School Art Show was a great celebration of some important milestones – our 35th anniversary of the Art Show and our 20th anniversary of The King’s School Art Prize.

It also celebrated community spirit and what can be achieved through a large team with commitment and a worthy cause.

The Opening Night of the Art Show was a gala event, with many guests present to enjoy the elegant occasion. The stately rooms of Gowan Brae were the perfect backdrop to showcase the stunning art work for this year’s Art Prize and Retrospective Exhibitions.

Dr Tim Hawkes opened the evening on the steps of Gowan Brae, as guests enjoyed Mumm Champagne and canapés. Our special guest judge this year was Edmund Capon AM OBE, the former Director and Chief Curator of the Art Gallery of NSW, a position that he held for 33 years. Edmund provided an entertaining address which included some helpful insight into elements that he considered in choosing this year’s winner of the Art Prize, being former Archibald Prize winner, Guy Maestri.

The celebratory mood of the evening was enhanced with the involvement of the Senior Big Band, who kept the guests entertained as they wandered through the Horrocks Hall Art Exhibition and Inquiry Learning Centre jewellery displays.

The Spring Festival weekend had some challenges to contend with this year due to weeks of rain in the lead up to the event and rainy periods across the weekend. Unfortunately, this caused the cancellation of the All British Car Rally, however, despite these difficulties, crowds flocked to The King’s School to enjoy all that was on offer, such as the craft and gourmet food markets, the children’s rides, the art and jewellery exhibitions, the café and High Tea catering and the music performances around the Prep School.

Spearheaded by Art Show Chairman, Aaron Malouf, all praise is afforded to the Art Show Committee who worked tirelessly for many months to co-ordinate this special weekend in The King’s School calendar. Such a successful event could never occur without the support of the wonderful Prep community that we have here at King’s.

Peter Allison
Head of the Preparatory School
BOYS LEARNED THE BASIC PHYSICS OF FLIGHT THROUGH OBSERVATION, DISCUSSION, QUESTIONING, CREATING AND DOING.
How wonderful to have outstanding facilities at King’s for incursions to occur. The Kindergarten boys recently had their first opportunity to explore the new Science Centre and learn about the concept of flight.

Mr Kennett ( Assistant Head of Science) arranged for some exceptional Year 10 students to lead the Kindy boys in a range of activities that taught them how things fly or float. The look of wonderment on the boys’ faces as they entered our newest facility and saw Dick Smith’s famous helicopter, was priceless.

After introducing Kindergarten to the Year 10 leaders, the boys broke up into groups. They began their morning by looking at the earliest forms of flight and studying the carefully arranged displays in the foyer.

They then ventured upstairs to make their own paper helicopter. Following step-by-step instructions, the boys soon had their own paper helicopter that they dropped over the top balcony. Watching the graceful paper helicopters flying slowly down to the foyer entrance was a highlight for the boys who enjoyed doing it over and over again. We then went outside for a quick game of soccer before watching with amazement the remote control helicopters. Our Year 10 leaders were experts in controlling these machines and our Kindy boys were excited and engrossed as they watched tricks in the air and precision landings. They learnt that as the helicopter blades pushed the air down, the craft was then able to lift off the ground.

Our last activity in the Science Centre for the day was observing a large plastic bag being filled with hot air, watching it rise to the top of the ceiling and then lower down as the air cooled.

The most wonderful part of the experience was that the boys learnt the basic physics of flight through observation, discussion, questioning, creating and doing. This is the best way for boys to be engaged in their learning and develop understanding.

The Kindergarten boys still talk about their morning in the Science Centre. We thank Mr Kennett and the Year 10 boys for organising such a wonderful experience.

**Annie Reuben**
Kindergarten Teacher
Further afield are the natural features around Hunt’s Creek - a leisurely stroll from the House - along the road built by James Burns in 1905.
With the arrival of the spring weather, we can hear an abundance of bird calls, whilst enjoying the speed and vitality of the lorikeets as they dart amongst the trees.

We are blessed to be able to study and work in a school that is surrounded by natural bush, cultivated gardens and well maintained played fields.

In 1922, a third of a century after Gowan Brae was built, Sir James Burns published a booklet of prints to celebrate his home and its grounds. Some places are instantly recognisable, but some have changed dramatically and are barely recognisable today, such as Pennant Paddock. Today, this is the site of the White Oval, but during the Burns’ family time, the paddock was home to the dairy cows. The Chapel, these days, sits atop the rise on the right hand side. Water from the rain is held underground in a vast storage tank, unlike the small dam in the centre of the photo.

Similarly Picnic Paddock bares little resemblance to what is now the Doyle Fields. Each year, Sir James Burns and his family hosted a picnic for the children from Burnside Homes and in the redevelopment for the playing fields, much earth moving was required to level the paddock and surrounding ground to allow for our modern playing fields.

Today the Aviary sits isolated, looking like a forgotten folly, but during the time when Burns collected exotic birds from the Pacific region, it was an integral feature in the beautiful gardens surrounding the House, as was the Cedrus Deodara drive from the Lodge House (now the Gatehouse), to Gowan Brae.

Further afield are the natural features around Hunt’s Creek - a leisurely stroll from the House - along the road built by James Burns in 1905. The road crossed over the bridge, sections of which are still visible today. The water from Hunt’s Creek was clean enough during the mid 19th century to provide water to Parramatta and the surrounding district.

Another photo shows James Burns and an unidentified gentleman under the overhang of one of the many caves scattered along the creek, that in days long gone, provided shelter to the bushrangers who plagued the travellers using the Parramatta to Sydney road. Now the Hunt’s Creek Reserve forms part of a popular walking track for locals.

Take time out to walk around the grounds. Significant trees have been earmarked, as have significant places of historical interest. Take a ramble through the Hunt’s Creek Reserve and try and imagine what the sounds might have been like when Sir James Burns produced his booklet of significant photos.

Jenny Pearce
Archivist

Foundation

A Kingsman, let’s call him McGregor,
Had motives that would be ulterior,
When coming to stay,
He’d ask you to pay
And help fund the new King’s exterior.

McGregor deserves acclamation,
For funding the King’s restoration,
Columns of clay
Were built every day
Because our dear Graham went
and funded ‘em.

A generous benefactor in his own right and a Trustee of the Foundation, Graham has served on the School Executive, part of a team that has directed the affairs of the School for many decades and also initiated the Exchange Program. Considered one of the gurus of school fundraising in Australia and a Fellow of EducatePlus, Graham will now retire to spend more time travelling the world with Susie and riding his beloved polo horses.

The School thanks Graham and Susie for three decades of dedicated and professional service, and wishes them every happiness in their retirement.

Dr Tim Hawkes
Pumped full of adrenaline as they barrelled along the 4.6km track, King's students Max Lindsay and Andrew Mahler took out second place in this year's Mountain Bike Classic school team section on Sunday, 2 November 2014.

The boys were beaten by a mere 60 seconds by a slick team from Thomas Hassall Anglican College in the two hour event, held on the track that was officially opened in 2013 by the 2011 Tour De France winner, Cadel Evans.

Proudly hosting what is rapidly becoming the premier mountain bike race event for NSW school communities, this year saw 115 riders from 12 schools other than King's participate. Open to adult mountain bikers as well, the Open male champion was Jacob van Edmond, a Knox Old Boy, with female champion being Ameena Rabe. King's Old Boy, Richard Todhunter, was first in the Open Male 50+ category with his son, Ben, from Springwood High coming third in the U19 male school student category.

For King's team members Max and Andrew, the race allowed them to do what they have loved since first hopping onto bikes as youngsters. Andrew (Year 11) first got a taste of high-speed bike riding racing his BMX around his grandfather’s Dural property as a young boy. “Riding my BMX gave me great endurance training and taught me about control, so it was natural to progress to mountain bike,” Andrew said. “I have started to use cleats which have helped me to go even faster.” Apart from mountain bike racing, Andrew also enjoys football, swimming and music.

For Max (Year 10), the exhilaration of riding fast with the wind whipping his face sets mountain bike racing apart from the other sports offered at King’s. “It was pretty exciting coming second in 2014 after running fourth last year,” Max said.

**David Osborne**
Community Relations Manager

**Riding my BMX gave me great endurance training and taught me about control, so it was natural to progress to mountain bike**
I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to be the President of The King’s School Old Boys’ Union these past two years.

While my term as President has seemingly passed quickly, it is now complete and it is time to pass the baton to the new president. The Union is fortunate to have Mr Peter Whittington as the new President. Peter comes with a vast experience and knowledge of the Old Boys’ Union, the operation of its committee and has been intensively involved in the organisation and running of many of the Old Boy member functions and the KOBs Rugby Club.

For the committee, the later part of the year is always busy with the Annual Dinner, a Recognition Dinner and the Homecoming Weekend all scheduled in quick succession. The Annual Dinner is a highlight in the calendar and again we elected to have a speaker of some notoriety. Paul de Gelder, the navy diver who survived the shark attack off Garden Island, gave an inspirational and graphic speech. It certainly humbled those of us who struggle out of bed in the morning or who think we have it tough. His address complemented the dinner and was enjoyed by the many Old Boys who eagerly and enthusiastically caught up with their cohort.

Every President brings something different to the processes and direction of the Union. In many instances the changes reflect the life, corporate and professional experiences of the President and the current committee members. The members of the Old Boys’ Union benefit greatly from these changes, as the events and functions offered during the year are updated, reformatted or modified to maximise the participation and overall value. The Old Boys’ Union has been fortunate to have had a succession of Presidents who have advanced the Union’s objectives by adding to the previous, well laid foundation.

The election of Peter Whittington (‘97) (below) also represents a generational change to the Presidency. We should all embrace this change as he, with the committee, sets an agenda for a new era for the Union. Already there are a variety of items planned for early next year by a President with some clear objectives. I am sure that while we will still maintain our objective of maximising the attendance of all members to our events, there will be a renewed emphasis on engaging the younger members. That is not to say that the older Old Boys will be cast aside. There are still enough committee members from the older demographic to ensure that we are not left behind.

As I leave the position, and on behalf of the Union, I would like to thank all of the committee members and past Presidents who continue to contribute and guide the operations of the Union. In particular I would like to thank the members of the Harrisford Committee that includes David Adams and Phillip Thomas, the Honorary Treasurer Lachlan Whittington, the Honorary Secretary Jack Pembroke-Birss and of course the Chairman of Committees Peter Whittington. The Union is very fortunate to have a dedicated committee of such talented individuals.

Peter Harvey (‘75)
OBU President
Once the musical has hit Australian shores and King’s Old Boy Keegan Joyce (‘07) has scored a stage role in the Broadway production. *Once* has won eight Tony Awards, an Academy Award and a Grammy Award. Keegan plays the role of Andre in the guy-meets-girl smash hit set in Dublin.

**SAVING MOUNT WILSON**

In October, last year, Mount Wilson bore the brunt of two separate fires that swept through the Blue Mountains threatening to isolate the two. The State Mine Fire and the Mount York Road Fires originated from the Lithgow area and were moving swiftly towards the two townships, when Mount Wilson Rural Fire Service Captain Beth Raines and her brother Senior Deputy Captain Peter Raines (‘92) were forced to lead an almighty effort to save them.

Beth and Peter, grandchildren to former Headmaster Denys Hake (1939-1964), have been lauded for their efforts in co-ordinating the fire fighting operation, which was no small feat. When emergency threatens these small villages, the entire community has a role to play. A report on the emergency noted that the State Mine Fire burnt around 55,000ha of scrubland over four weeks – most of it in one day. Under Beth and Peter’s leadership and skill the community effort of Mount Wilson residents made the difference in saving their town.

Beth and Peter also co-ordinated assisting crews from around NSW and interstate, and managed to save all but two houses, some sheds, a lot of equipment and kilometres of fencing, according to the Bush Fire Bulletin report.

**RUNNING RUGBY**

Ten King’s Old Boys featured in this year’s inaugural National Rugby Championship, a successor to the 2007 Australian Rugby Championship. Designed to showcase up and coming talent, it provided a stepping stone for the development of the club level players to continue onto the bigger stage. Wallabies Benn Robinson (‘02) and Nick Phipps (‘06) represented the Greater Sydney Rams and Sydney Stars respectively. Phipps was unavailable to play due to Wallaby commitments, while Robinson was in spectacular form for the first few rounds, forcing his recall to the Wallabies camp. Strong tournament performances saw Lalakai Foketi (‘12) given an opportunity to head to France, while Jed Gillespie (‘10) has landed himself a trial at the Melbourne Rebels. As the equivalent Australian competition to New Zealand’s ITM Cup and South Africa’s Currie Cup, this was the competition Australian Rugby needed, the rugby fast and fierce and already serving it purpose in providing opportunities for players.

**Old Boys in the NRC**

Hugh Perrett (‘00) Greater Sydney Rams
Ben Batger (‘01) Greater Sydney Rams
Benn Robinson (‘02) Greater Sydney Rams
Michael McDougall (‘08) Greater Sydney Rams
Jed Gillespie (‘10) Greater Sydney Rams
Guy Millar (‘10) Greater Sydney Rams
Lalakai Foketi (‘12) Greater Sydney Rams
Boyd Killingworth (‘10) North Harbour Rays
Harry Jones (‘12) North Harbour Rays
Nick Phipps (‘06) Sydney Stars
Benn Melrose (‘10) Sydney Stars

**BOWLED ‘EM OVER**

People often reflect on what they were doing on 22 November 1963, or 20 July 1969, but in years to come, if people ask me what happened on 9 November 2014 I’ll be able to say: “that was the day The King’s School won the GPS Old Boys’ Union Lawn Bowls Competition” – the first time in the 61 year history of the comp. The School will finally get their name engraved on the Harold J Lewarne Cup. Shore came second, their eighth time in the last nine years. King’s has never, ever, come second. High finished third, Joeys fourth, Riverview fifth, Newington sixth, Grammar seventh and Scots were last... sorry, eighth.”

While six Old Boys competed in the final on 9 November, over the course of the season
ten contributed to the team’s success. Managed by Chris Wallace (*91), the team of John Rock (*60), Rick Edwards (*58), Peter McAdam, Jon Lancaster (*68) and Stuart Liversage (*88) were presented with the trophy, helped along the way by Geoff Pickles (*73), Winton Kurrie (*76), John Sherlock (*60) and Chris Dale.

From the archives: The King’s School has had a long tradition in Lawn Bowls, from when in 1874 William Robert “Gurry” Burkitt (Master, TKS 1868-1860) tended the bowling green he laid down at the School with the help of students who had been caught “bending the rules”. Boys who had been caught smoking or playing cards were required to push wheelbarrows of soil for the formation of his green.

The green fell into disuse after “Gurry” left the School, but each Commem Day, a team of Old Boys and Masters played against the Parramatta Club in hotly contested matches. This competition was enhanced in 1947 by the provision of a perpetual trophy donated by Jack Ritchie. Thereafter bowling rarely rates a mention in The School Magazine and few would know that each year the GPS boys plus special guests including former Headmaster, Jon Wickham and current masters Keith Bell and Andrew Parry were required to push wheelbarrows of soil for the formation of his green.

The King’s School’s newly created Bike Classic held on Sunday, 2 November at The King’s School’s newly created mountain biking course.

Richard Todhunter (*78) won the Open Male 50+ category in the TKS Mountain Bike Classic held on Sunday, 2 November at The King’s School’s newly created mountain biking course.

Old Boy Reunions

Year of 1964 / The ‘64 reunion, held on Friday, 5 September at the Oaks Hotel Neutral Bay, saw 55 brave men gather to celebrate the 50 years since we departed King’s. It was a huge buzz for all of us to catch up with Old Boys we had not seen since 1964. A moment’s silence was observed for the 14 Old Boys no longer with us. Current King’s Headmaster, Tim Hawkes, was our special guest and didn’t let us down with his fantastic address and response from the toast to the School by our Captain, Hugh Rose. A couple of blokes did their House roll call and it was a great success. Craig Symes kept us open-mouthed with his brilliant rendition of Stanley Holloway’s Three Ha’pence a Foot as none of us knew he had this sort of talent at school. The greatest traveller was Rare Russell from Maryborough, Queensland and he made a day of it by helping out in the OB’s tent barbequing the next day at King’s at Home v Shore. I was so pleased he kept his skill learnt at Macarthur House Sunday barbeques. It was great to see Ross Polkinghorne, who is somewhat limited in his mobility, make the effort to attend, and that was appreciated by all. Apart from grey hair or lack of any at all, wrinkles and a stoop, it was remarkable to see that no one had changed. The noisy ones were still the noisy ones and the deep quiet ones like me were still the same. It was a most enjoyable night and the venue and service at the Oaks was excellent and made us feel very welcome.

Year of 1968 / An informal reunion for the lads of the 1968 cohort was held in The Terrace Room at The Oaks Hotel, Neutral Bay on the last Saturday in August. It was a very pleasant lunch and relaxed afternoon with about 25 in attendance. New faces compared to the 2013 reunion included Lex Stewart, Arthur Chesterfield-Evans, Nick Bligh, Charlie Carter and Rod Swain. The next get together will be held on Saturday, 29 August 2015, at The Oaks, Neutral Bay. Save the date! John Wilson

Year of 1974 / Five different functions spread over the weekend saw about 80 from the year of 1974 reconnect and relive a little of their past and more importantly their present. Friday night commenced proceedings with a little get together with some of our partners at The Deck at Luna Park. Saturday’s function commenced at lunchtime in a large tent at the White Oval and finished with a late night function at James Halliday’s home. On Sunday, the Baker boys gathered at The Inglis Pavilion whilst Bishop Barker boys lunched at Richard Berry’s home. It was wonderful seeing Ross Tromans who had travelled from Mongolia, Martin Woods from London, Sven Straarup from Denmark, Stephen Cripps from Sweden, Warwick Dunnett from San Fransisco, Roy Lotzof from Philippines and Rick Treweeke from New Zealand. The weekend also reminded us all of those we have lost and also of the others who have chosen to stay hidden. As our 60th anniversary year fast approaches, we hope to encourage many more to join us for another wonderful get together. For many, the years at or after school have been tough ones but we all share a common bond and caring for each other. Please keep us informed on: jhevents131@gmail.com.

Year of 1994 / A cruise on Sydney Harbour was attended by an incredible 88 Old Boys plus special guests including former Headmaster, Jon Wickham and current masters Keith Bell and Andrew Parry (*78). The group heard from the 1994 Dux of the school, Oxford doctorate Professor Ben Saul, and 1994 1st XV inside centre and former Wallaby captain, Stirling Mortlock AM. Jon Wickham remarked that, “No year at King’s, or any other school for that matter, would be able to boast among them an Oxford doctorate, Olympic medallist and a Wallaby captain”. The celebrations continued afterward at an old King’s haunt, the Royal Oak in Double Bay and it was clear that nobody had changed a bit, except perhaps a little less hair. The day happened too fast and we look forward to getting our class together more often in future.

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On 25 April 2015, our nation will pause to reflect on the moment 100 years earlier that the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed at Gallipoli.

In the ultimate demonstration of courage and leadership, 98 Kingsmen died either at Gallipoli or during World War I. You are invited to join us as we honour a century of service, sacrifice and leadership, paying special tribute to the more than 102,000 Australians, including 248 Kingsmen, who lost their lives in defence of our nation and the values we hold dear.

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