Lessons from a Dragon

Dragons are clever things. When I was a child, a dragon would visit me at night. By day, it would change itself into a dressing gown hanging on the door. As I said – dragons are clever things. Check your dressing gown. There might be bones in the pocket.

All this brings me to the first lesson. It is taken from an ancient dragon saying:

**Lesson 1**

“Meddle not in the affairs of the dragon; for you are crunchy and taste good with ketchup.”

- unknown dragon-

Hmm … I hear you say, but there are no dragons. David Whiteland, in his *Book of Pages* (adapted) writes:

> Some will be tempted to think dragons are fictitious because – despite their size – nobody seems to have actually seen one. And so it is necessary from time to time to provide evidence: a burnt tree or two, a splintered rock, the mysterious absence of a villager. These events convince of the existence of dragons because the people do not know enough about the world to understand that dragons do not exist.”

We all have our fears. Some are rational, others are not. A number of students are new to the School and may not yet know enough about King’s to understand that many of their fears are unfounded. For the old hands, let’s make certain that these fears are dispelled by warmth and acceptance.

**Lesson 2**

*If the lion and the dragon fight, both will die.*

- unknown dragon-

One of the features of King’s is our cultural diversity. Some might be threatened by this. I see it as a strength, because it gives our community the variety necessary to ensure a Kingsman is prepared for the real world. Because it is a multi-cultural world, we must learn to operate with those that are different. We need to tread the world stage or else be condemned to insignificant roles in regional theatres. The lion of the West must not fight the dragon of the East, or else both will die. Let’s ensure that racism has no place within our community.

**Lesson 3**

*To attract good fortune, spend a new penny on an old friend, share an old pleasure with a new friend and lift up the heart of a true friend by writing his name on the wings of a dragon.*

- unknown dragon-

This is not an invitation to graffiti a dragon! It is an invitation to honour old friends. It is a request that you make new friends. And it is a plea to honour your true friends in some way. Learning is at the heart of what we do at King’s. Most of us have difficulties with some element of the curriculum. Let’s all agree to tame these difficulties. Let’s work together to carry the academic reputation of ourselves and our mates to fresh heights.
**Lesson 4**

May the dragon of life only roast your hot-dogs and never burn your buns.

The dragon of the West is reputedly an unpleasant beast that fully deserves its comeuppance at the hand of heroes like St George. The St George dragon was a plague-bearing beast that had to be fed two sheep a day lest it will kill the villagers of Silene in Libya. When the sheep ran out, the villagers fed their children to the dragon. When it came to the King’s daughter, Sabra, to be sacrificed, she was taken to the lake wearing a bridal gown. Just before she was devoured, our hero trotted up and slew the dragon with his mighty sword – which was called *Ascalon* – the name Winston Churchill called his personal aircraft in World War II. But I digress.

2012 celebrates the dragon of the East and ushers in one of the most powerful signs of the Chinese Zodiac. Occurring only once every twelve years, the Year of the Dragon introduces a pleasant reptile that roasts hot-dogs rather than burns buns.

Chinese dragons are good news. They are strong, creative and energetic. They bring luck and leadership. Bruce Lee, John Lennon and Russell Crowe were all born in the Year of the Dragon.

Let’s also strive to be good news this year. Let’s also be leaders. Let’s also set big, hairy, audacious goals. I want Kingsmen to take the world by storm including the GPS and the HSC and ...

2012 is not just the Year of the Dragon, it is the Year of the *Water Dragon*. Water has a calming influence on what can be a rather excitable dragon. We all need to be calmed at times. We need to practise self-discipline and curb some of our natural inclinations, particularly if they run the risk of burning others by hot-headed actions.

The Chinese Dragon may be good news – but not perfectly good news. Of his 117 scales, 81 are said to be of the positive ‘yang’ essence. The other 36 are of the troublesome ‘yin’ essence – which brings me to final lesson …

**Lesson 5**

Never laugh at live dragons.
- J R R Tolkien -

Don’t ever think there are things that can’t harm us. Rather too many boys think they will live forever and cheat the drugs, evade the crash and dodge the bullet. Life is as precarious as it is precious. We need our young men to know that they live in an uncertain world where goodness cannot always be presumed.
SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES

Please note that all submissions must be forwarded to Susan MacDonald by 4.00pm on the Tuesday preceding the publication date. (For reference – please see the following publication schedule.) Suitable items with minimal formatting and of no more than half an A4 page should be emailed to srm@kings.edu.au. Please note that this includes Membership forms, Dinner invitations and the like.

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ArtExpress Congratulations
This year 9,775 students submitted Bodies of Works for the HSC Visual Arts. 499 of these students were nominated for ArtExpress.

The following students from The King’s School have been selected for inclusion in ArtExpress 2012:

- Michael Ferris
  Domino
  The Armory, Sydney Olympic Park

- Lachlan Green
  Horse of a Different Colour
  Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo

- John Hungerford
  In chaos comes happiness, with indulgence despair
  Art Gallery of NSW, Moree Plains Gallery

Enrichment Opportunities – Years 7-10

Years 7 – 10 boys have the opportunity to extend their presentation and theatrical skills.

The Vocal Improvement and Effective Communication and Theatre Courses are designed to enhance the speech, language, vocal and theatrical capabilities of participating students. Research has shown that it is important that boys engage in this form of training to improve their verbal communication skills to further develop language and thought processes.

Classes will be on Friday afternoons commencing 17 February in W2 and W3 at the following times:

- 4.15–5.00pm Vocal Improvement & Effective Communication
- 5.00–5.45pm Theatre Course

For more information please contact Angela Tesoriero amt@kings.edu.au or 0402 439 250
Speechnight 2011 – Mr Cadel Evans

It was fabulous to have Mr Cadel Evans with us to present prizes and to share some of his experiences at our annual Speech Night at the conclusion of last year. The determination, dedication and humility shown by Cadel over his many Tour de France campaigns have been an inspiration to so many and certainly he has made many Australians very proud. His efforts in 2011 to win the event were tremendous. As so well expressed by Scott Bennett in his Vote of Thanks to Cadel, his achievements and character are encapsulated in our School motto ‘Fortiter et Fideliter’ or ‘Bravely and Faithfully’.

Those who were present on the evening could only have been greatly impressed by his humility, intelligence and warmth. His message to the boys regarding the importance of respect for those around you resonated strongly with much of what we stand for at King’s. It was a great pleasure to have Cadel and his wife, Chiara, with us and we wish Cadel every success at this year’s Tour de France and the London Olympic Games.

New Year’s Honours List

A clear educational objective of the education system is to prepare students to be citizens who strive to make a positive contribution to society at large. Throughout our history it certainly has been a central tenant of a King’s School education. The Reverend EM Baker, Headmaster from 1919-1932, wrote that his objective was “not to teach boys something that will be useful to them … (but) to teach them to be useful to somebody – not to help them get on in the world so much as to help the world get on”. In a similar vein, HD Hake, who led the School from 1939-1964, strove to produce “fresh generations of men, not merely having some sound athletic or intellectual qualities or some veneer of culture, but men who have grafted such gifts on to the strength and moral purpose which come from a clear conviction of God; … men whose religion will take the form of service in whatever walk of life they happen to be, men in whom duty to God and the world, their country and their fellows shall be their guiding motives”.

To remain relevant in an ever-changing world, schools and pedagogy must evolve and adapt and embrace change but our mission to produce young men of character and service will always remain constant.

It was pleasing to see four King’s Old Boys achieving awards in the recent New Year’s Honours list. Congratulations to Dr Stuart Porges OAM, Professor Charles Mackenzie AO, The Honourable Russell Cooper AM and Stirling Mortlock AM.

Dr Stuart Porges (’46), has been awarded an OAM for Service to Community Health in rural and remote areas and to Medicine. From 1968-2003 he was a surgeon at Orange Base Hospital and since 2003 has been an Emeritus Consultant Surgeon at the hospital.

Professor Charles Mackenzie (’64) lives in the USA and is the current Chairman of Pathology at Michigan State University. He is the recipient of an AO for Distinguished Service to Veterinary Pathology and to Medical Science through significant contributions to filarial disease eradication in the peoples of Equatorial Africa and as a researcher and educator.

To the Hon Russell Cooper (’58), the former Premier of Queensland, an AM for Service to the Parliament of Queensland, to Local Government and to the Roma and Crows Nest communities.

And to Stirling Mortlock (’94), an AM for his Service to the sport of Rugby Union, particularly as Captain of the Wallabies. Stirling has been capped 80 times for his country, stands third on the all-time list of Wallaby point scorers and has captained Australia in 29 Tests.

Dress

May I please appeal to all parents for your support and request that we work in partnership to ensure that the boys of the School respect their uniform and wear it as it is meant to be worn. Our uniform is distinctive and looks wonderful when worn correctly. When it is not, it looks a complete shambles. Part of belonging to the King’s community as a student is the honour of wearing the uniform of Australia’s oldest school, one worn by so many generations of boys.

Can we please ensure that shirts, jackets and trousers are in good condition, all appropriate
buttons and badges are present, that shoes are clean and in good order. Our families go to considerable personal sacrifice to afford a King’s education for their sons. It is a privilege for your sons and with all privilege comes responsibility. Thank you for your support.

**Supervision of Students before School**

The *Supervision of Day Boys Before and After Classes Kindergarten to Year 12 Policy* is on the School’s website. We seek the cooperation of parents and students in assisting the School’s efforts to safeguard student welfare by observing the arrangements in respect to the boys’ attendance at school before and after classes. One point in the Policy is that Day students from Kindergarten to Year 12 must not arrive at School prior to 7.45am unless there is an organised activity when special arrangements for supervision would have been put in place. (It’s a bit much when sometimes students are dropped off at 6.45am or earlier, without any prior arrangement!)

**Cars in the School**

Could I please, again, appeal for all parents to follow these guidelines during the week:

- Unless you are going to the Prep School or Gowan Brae please drop your son at the Music School turning circle and nowhere else in the morning.
- When you collect your son in the afternoon you are free to collect him from the turning circle, his House or his sporting training area or anywhere else you so designate.
- Could I remind everyone that parking in the Music School turning circle causes great congestion for the buses and it is very important that the buses are able to move in and out efficiently.
- Could all parents please drive slowly and carefully inside the School and obviously follow the one-way systems where they exist.

The School has appealed many times for people to drive carefully and safely. The School’s roads are not speed tracks. We are a community of people, each of whom is far more important than somebody trying to save one, two or ten minutes.

From time to time we receive various notices from the Police to do with parking and following road signs inside and outside of schools. Their advice applies here, too. For instance:

- Observe all parking signs around the School. They are planned with children’s safety in mind.
- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further.

- **Never** double park. It puts children at risk by blocking vision of other drivers, forcing children on to the road and obstructing traffic flow.

and ones that I’m sure everybody is aware of:

- Meet your children on the school side of the road, and
- Never call your children across the road to meet you.

**Dr Andrew Parry**

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**Bridge at the King’s School**

The King’s School Parents’ Association invites all members of the King’s/Tara extended community to come and enjoy playing bridge at The King’s School Bridge Club.

It is a small group and we have about 20 players including grandparents, ex-staff, current parents and ex-parents. All levels of experience are welcome and a partner is not required. We have a short lesson followed by supervised play.

**Harrisford Room, The King’s School**  
**Wednesdays 12.30pm - 3.30pm**

Lesson plus afternoon tea $7.00

Janine Reid 9871 3481 or janine27reid@gmail.com

Our Director’s husband, Ross Folkard, will be running eight lessons for beginners commencing 17 March. The lessons will be held on Saturday mornings at Beecroft Bowling Club and are open to any interested persons. For further details, please contact Janine Reid.
**Time**

The time for holidays has come to an end. I trust they were good times. We haven’t always got the time to do what we want to do but hopefully you made the most of your time. We had all the time in the world but sometimes we feel like we are killing time. But we will no longer have time on our hands.

Time moves on and School is back, there will be little down time as we now feel the pressure of time.

Now is the time that we need to get stuck into our work. So make sure you are always on time.

Time stands still for no person. Time just flies. We need to make the most of our time.

Many say that your time at school will be the best time of your life.

Time will tell whether we have wasted time or spent time wisely.

We don’t want to look back and say, if I had my time again I would do it differently.

For those of you who are first timers in Chapel. Welcome and I hope you will enjoy this quiet-time of reflection.

Each week in Chapel we will ask for a piece of your time as we consider our God who is timeless. Remember “time is short, but eternity lasts forever”.

Although times are changing and we can get left behind the times, now is the perfect time to follow Jesus.

Jesus said: “The time has come, the Kingdom of God is near”.

If you haven’t guessed by now – our theme for the year is TIME.

We use the word in so many ways, so it is about time we examined it.

If you can be the first to tell me how many times I mentioned the word time in this talk – then you will receive a prize.

My time is up. I am now in overtime. So let us pray.

*(text of the sermon preached on the first day of School)*

**Rev Stephen Edwards**

chaplain@kings.edu.au  
@rev_ed29

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**Notices**

Parents’ Prayer Meeting is on Thursday 16 February at 7.30-9.00pm at the Chaplain’s Cottage. All parents are invited to join us as we pray for our School and especially as we pray for our Christian Focus Week which begins the next day!

**Christian Focus Week** provides an opportunity at the start of the School year for us to focus on the Christian Faith. The God Squad (a group of keen Christian University students) will be with us from Thursday 16 to Thursday 23 February. The God Squad will be at the Christian Groups, Chapel, Year Seminars, morning tea sporting challenges and generally floating around the School. Please make them feel welcome and enjoy.

There are two Church congregations at School:

Church@Kings is a Church for the King’s School Community where the Bible is presented as our guide for life. We meet every Sunday at 9.30am in the CLL Auditorium (follow the signs when you enter School) and all the family is welcome with a quiet room, creche and Sunday School for students up to year 9.

Church@theChapel is a contemporary service well suited to older teens and young adults. We meet at the Chapel every Sunday at 7.00pm (services will start at 6.00pm from the first Sunday in March). Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

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**Watoto**

Raising Future Leaders

Watoto Children’s Village, Uganda  
8-23 December 2012

Year 11 and 12 students are invited to join our trip to Uganda. Forms and deposits need to be in by the end of February. The flights were cheaper than expected and the price has reduced to $4500 for the total trip.

Information sheets and application forms are available from the Chaplain’s Office.

Rev Stephen Edwards  
chaplain@kings.edu.au or 9683 8414
Curriculum Matters

Academic Tips No. 1

Bounce!

I am so glad that the Australian Open Tennis is finished – sitting up to watch the world’s best athletes in tennis was a great experience, night after night, sometimes till the early hours of the morning. And just when you thought that Novak Djokovic could not pick himself up after his close-fought semi-final, he surprises everyone with the standard of tennis played in the final. It was the longest and one of the greatest matches at the Australian Open from Melbourne – an unforgettable match that lasted five hours and 53 minutes against Rafael Nadal - and it was exceptional tennis! It had all the hallmarks of one of those matches that will be memorable for years to come – sweat and pain, muscle and stamina, endurance and determination, mental strength and physical exhaustion. It was an epic. It was a thriller. Their play was freakish…The pair produced some sensational tennis, with some of the best points of the tournament played.

How did Djokovic do this? I had just finished reading Bounce: the Myth of Talent and The Power of Practice by Matthew Syed, himself a well-respected and international table-tennis champion in which he debunks many cherished myths – that we can be born brilliant; that we are restricted by our genetic make-up; and that social background matters. He also suggests that talent is over-rated, reinforcing Malcolm Gladwell’s view in Outliers of the ten-thousand-hour rule that excellence occurs with the importance of opportunity on the one hand and practice on the other.

Great shot making in tennis, then, is not about developing ‘muscle memory’; rather, the memory is encoded in the brain and central nervous system. It is the ascendancy of the mental and the acquired over the physical and innate. As Syed suggests, “It is practice, not talent, that holds the key to success.”

This can be applied to learning and improved literacy and numeracy skills – if we practice longer, harder and smarter, it has got to be better for us in the long run. It is the quality and quantity of practice that is driving progress. But it is also acquired knowledge. As Syed states, “Good decision-making is about compressing the informational load by decoding the meaning of patterns derived from experience. This cannot be taught in a classroom; it is not something you are born with; it must be lived and learned. To put it another way, it emerges through practice.” It is the old adage that ‘practice makes perfect’ – the more we do, the better we become. If it true of sportsmen and sportswomen, why can’t it be true in education?

Here are some common traits, some Foundational Reasons:

- They all have passion – an overwhelming desire to succeed, to dream the impossible and make it happen
- They all have a vision; they learn to visualize their goal – to see their achievements in advance
- They all achieve by doing – all sport achievements result from action
- Each one has a coach, a mentor, a guide – someone who is there through the hard times, who encourages and exhorts and who is there at the successful conclusion
- All sports achievers have a fantastically positive attitude toward mistakes – they don’t even call them mistakes; they call them practice
- All sports achievers combine mind, body and action – a combination of right mental attitude, fitness, diet and physical skills
- All have specific goals, AND they break those goals down into achievable steps – you have to tackle hurdles along the way and celebrate each success as it is achieved

Setting goals, whether for each individual subject that is studied, or for an ATAR, is a valuable tool to maximize what is learned at school. Once you have goals in mind, you will find yourself working harder to attain those goals – but you need to ensure you are setting achievable goals.

Some Fundamental Resources

- Make sure you set goals that you can realistically reach – striving to score 100% on every test you sit in every subject all year long is honourable, but not very probable
- Break your big goals into manageable chunks – if you really want to pass that difficult subject this year, work first on passing the first semester, or the first test, or the first assignment, or even getting through the first week!
- Set goals that you can measure in some way – if you want to do better at Maths, it will be difficult to say at the end of the year if that goal was achieved. Instead, say you want to raise your marks by 15% or from a C to a B – make it challenging!
- Set a specific time-frame to achieve your goals – often academic goals will be for the school year, or by the semester, but some of them may be for a month, or even for the next 2 or 3 years!
- Finally, write your goals down, then you will be forced to be specific about them, you can refer...
Some Fruitful Results
Let your goals be:

- **SPECIFIC** – what you want to accomplish with as much detail as possible
- **MEASURABLE** – describes your goal in terms that can be clearly evaluated
- **CHALLENGING** – take energy and discipline to accomplish
- **REALISTIC** – a goal you know that you are actually capable of obtaining
- **IN A TIME FRAME** – goals that clearly target completion dates

2011 HSC Results – Another Solid Set of Results
The King’s School had another solid set of results in the 2011 HSC that improved on the results of the last 2 years. I was privileged to present to the staff on the Professional Development Day my reasons for the success of last year’s Year 12 as I believe that we have achieved that ‘tipping point’ where a culture of expectation has been created, to be taken up by Year 12 this year and in future years academically if they ‘start with the end in mind’, remember that ‘little changes have big effects’ and that ‘minor alterations, carefully conceived and adeptly enacted, can produce major consequences for individuals, organisations and communities’.

57% of the boys of Year 12 last year achieved an ATAR over 80 for entrance to university.

For a full account of the outstanding HSC results from Year 12 2011, please go to the front page of the intranet for the links to the analysis and statistics, found at: https://intranet.kings.edu.au

Academic Handbooks
Each year has information about their pattern of study and tasks to be done for the year. There is a summary of the Assessment Policy, procedures and responsibilities to be followed in case of illness or misadventure and a detailed list of all the tasks to be undertaken for the year.

Year 7 would have received a hard copy of their handbook on Reception Day – for all years, the Academic Handbook for each year will soon be available on the intranet at: https://intranet.kings.edu.au/curriculum/index.htm

The access for parents to the intranet for the first term this year remains:

*User ID: tksparent
Password: boarding2011*
Wanted!
The Educational Support Services Department is seeking to expand its pool of volunteers to assist with Special Provisions.

Special Provisions entails giving assistance to students who, for one reason or another, require assistance when undertaking exams.

The assistance takes the form of:
- A reader
- A writer
- A reader and writer

A writer does not require that you have wonderful handwriting and are a brilliant speller – your writing just needs to be legible that is all!!

Full training is given, but don’t be daunted by this, it is only to state what you are and are not able to do.

You would be required only at exam times and when these times suit your lifestyle. You are not required for every set of exams; again, only when and if it fits in with your personal schedule.

The bigger the pool of volunteers, the more flexibility we have for our volunteers. If you would like to become part of a most rewarding and dynamic community group, please contact:

Angela Williams
Head of Educational Support Services
9683 8550 or anw@kings.edu.au or Victoria Edwards
9683 8550 or victoria@kings.edu.au

Also Wanted! ... Rugby Referees
To have a successful Rugby program at The King’s School, we need referees. Each year the School host an ARU Foundation Course to train boys (and parents) as referees.

If you would like to participate, the 2012 course will be held on Sunday 25 March from 9.00am-5.00pm in the Sports Centre.

Interested students who will be aged 15 by the start of this Winter season should contact Mrs Pearce ipearce@kings.edu.au or Mr James sjames@kings.edu.au.

Friday Inter-School Competition (NSWJCL Secondary Schools)
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DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

I take this opportunity to welcome both boarders and parents who are new to the King’s community in 2012. We hope that your time with us will be enjoyable and rewarding.

Over the holiday period, a great deal of work was done to improve existing boarding facilities:

- Construction of new study rooms in Waddy and Bishop Barker and bed/studies in Baker House.
- Installed ceiling fans in dormitories in Forrest, Bishop Barker, Hake Harris and Baker Houses.
- All mattresses cleaned and sanitised.
- All carpets in Boarding Houses steam cleaned.
- All Emergency lighting tested.
- All windows cleaned in boarding houses.

The Broughton Forrest project went to tender this week. Tenders close in early March and it is hoped that construction can commence by the end of March ready for occupation at the start of 2013.

Boarder Parents’ Committee
The Executive of the Committee for 2012 is:

Convenor
Will Arnott will_arnott@lexian.com.au
6543 8405, 0418321638

Deputy Convenor
Lorraine Gordon Lorraine@moffatfalls.com.au
6655 6223, 0427200365

Secretary
Hamish Macintyre hamishmacintyre@bigpond.com
6545 4683, 0432128083

The first meeting of the Boarder Parents’ Committee will take place in the Governors’ Room at 5.00pm on Friday 24 February. We are seeking additional representatives with sons in Gowan Brae to serve on the Committee. Interested parents should contact the Secretary, Hamish Macintyre.

Boarder Parents’ Roundup
The first Parents of Boarders Roundup Function for 2012 will be held at 7.00pm on Friday 24 February in the Trophy Room. This is a great opportunity for boarder parents to meet each other and boarding staff in a relaxed social setting. Please note the date and aim to attend if you can.

RSVP to Victoria Sharp by 20 February - victoria.sharp@ashbypark.com.au or 0407 195 461.

Free academic tutoring is available in the CLL most nights during Prep. Yourtutor, the online tutoring service is available to all Kingsmen from 4.00 – 11.00pm. from Sunday through Friday throughout the year at no additional cost to parents. Study Hall operates from 7.00 – 9.00pm on Mondays to Thursdays in Gowan Brae during term time. This is a quiet, more closely supervised prep, where boys who want or need a more structured study environment can go. If parents wish to arrange private (paid) tuition, that is possible. Such tuition normally takes place in their son’s boarding house in the evening. It is important that parents advise the relevant Housemaster of these arrangements in advance. The tutor employed also has to fulfill certain child protection requirements.

Staffing Changes for 2012
Mr Brendan Stewart moved into Bishop Barker Pottery Flat with his family over the holidays. He will do most of his duty in BB, but also will cover one night per week in GB.

House Levies
There have been some queries about house levies. These annual levies have been charged to Term 1 accounts ($130 for first brother, $100 for second brother and $45 for third brother in the same House). These funds are used at the discretion of the boarding Housemaster to provide additional extras for the boys in the House such as pizza snacks and provision of Foxtel.

Activities Program
Mrs Stacey Quitzau arranges additional voluntary activities for boarders on weekends. Here is the program for Term 1.

Friday 10 February Code Red Laser Skirmish
Saturday 25 February Waratahs vs Reds
Sunday 18 March Paint Ball for Seniors
Date TBC Manly Surf School

King’s Hairdresser
Mr John Nati is a mobile hairdresser who has been visiting the School on Day 1 of term to cut the hair of boys who need it. There is a charge for this service of $13. He will return to the School on Thursday 1 March. We realise that some boarders can find it difficult to get a haircut before term returns for various reasons. As an additional service to boarding parents, John will be available to cut boarders’ hair in the Health Centre from 6.00 – 9.00pm on the night that boarders return to School for Term 2 (Wednesday 25 April). The cost of this haircut can be charged to boys’ School accounts. If there is
sufficient demand, this may be offered at the night before the start of each term in future.

Malcolm Powys

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**Eastern Suburbs to The King’s School Sunday Bus Service**

A bus service will operate from the Eastern Suburbs to The King’s School every Sunday evening (Term time).

**Timetable:**
- 7.00pm departs Lyne Park, Rose Bay
- Proceed along New South Head Road
- Bus stop – Double Bay- outside Woolworths Supermarket near Knox Street corner
- Bus stop – Edgecliff: Outside the Edgecliff Shopping Centre
- Proceed to The King’s School via the Cross City Tunnel, Lane Cove Tunnel and M2 Motorway.

**Note:** The bus will divert through Neutral Bay if required – pickup outside Big Bear shopping centre. Please sms 0419 933 986 with student name and the words ‘Neutral Bay’ before midday Sunday.

These times are indicative only and may vary due to traffic and other circumstances. Boys should be at all bus stops by 7pm. Patrons are asked to forward in writing any requests for variation to timetables to the School Transport Officer.

The cost for the service is $13.00 per trip and will be charged at the end of each term to School accounts.

Max Yates
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

**Instrumental / Singing Lessons**
These are available from highly qualified and experienced staff in piano, organ, violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba, guitar (classical and modern), drums, percussion and theory. Enrolment forms are downloadable from the Music intranet. Parents must complete an enrolment form before lessons commence.

**Ensemble Rehearsals**
These have commenced for Term 1. If a boy plays an instrument or has individual lessons at the School, he must be part of either the Band, Orchestra or Choir. The Band program rehearses on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7.45am and is led by Mr Williams (Head of Bands) (dmw@kings.edu.au), and the Orchestra rehearses on Wednesdays in Futter Hall from 7.45am and is led by Mr Addison (Head of Strings). The Choir is eagerly seeking new boys to join its ranks with rehearsals every Monday morning from 7.45am in the Recital Room. Please see Mr or Mrs Walmsley if you would like to join, or just come along.

**Trinity College London**
In the final week of Term 4 2011, three current King’s students were successful at their Trinity College London performance diplomas:

**Scott Bennett**
Associate Diploma - ATCL - Piano

**Ian Paver**
Associate Diploma - ATCL - Percussion with distinction

**Ben He**
Licentiate Diploma - LTCL - Piano with distinction

**Australian Chamber Orchestra**
There are a number of upcoming events for string students this year run by this world-class orchestra in Sydney. The inaugural ACO Academy gives top-level secondary school music students (who play violin, viola, cello or double bass) the opportunity to work with us in an inspiring week of music-making. The ACO Academy runs over the July school holidays, and culminates in a public concert where the ACO will perform alongside the students.

To apply, please see Mr Walmsley. Applications close 16 March.

String workshop (8 August) give students the chance to be part of our orchestra for a day.

Students will learn about the ACO’s rehearsal and performance techniques, develop technical and ensemble skills and enhance their understanding and interpretation of music. String workshops are free and run for three hours. Students from the Orchestra will be invited to participate.

**Contacting the Music School**
Office phone – 9683 8424; Office fax – 9683 8641.

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**EXCELSIOR PROGRAM**

Welcome back for a new year and in particular to new families and boys.

Our top streamed classes, termed Scholars, form the central part of the Excelsior program and work prepared for these groups often includes extension and/or enrichment tasks. Many other opportunities exist for boys to extend and enrich their learning both within and beyond the curriculum. These include withdrawal activities within class time or through school societies and clubs, national competitions, and special events run by outside organisations such as universities.

I will speak to boys in a meeting for Scholar class members on Monday 13 February to remind them of the opportunities ahead and their responsibility to work hard. In particular I will emphasise the need for effort at a level at which they feel challenged in order to develop the academic and organisational skills needed for outstanding work.

I will also outline activities commencing this term, including the Mary Burns Society – a discussion group for Year 7, The New Rambler – a journal of opinion for Years 8 and 9, The Philosopher at the End of the Universe – an introduction to philosophical concepts for Year 10 and meetings for Years 11 and 12 to consider group approaches to motivation and learning as an academic community. All high ability students are welcome to contact me about these activities, so boys should not feel excluded based on class placement alone.

The da Vinci Decathlon, held at Knox Grammar, will take place on 28 May for Years 7 and 8 and 29 May for Years 9 and 10. Selection tests for our four teams of eight will be held later this term.

I am pleased to hear from parents of boys on gifted education matters in order that background information might be gained and planning might be better targeted. Please contact me at school.

Nick Green njg@kings.edu.au
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Preparatory School

The spirit of volunteerism
Many worry that we live in an increasingly selfish age. It seems that too often people make a decision about their activities based solely on the question, ‘What’s in it for me?’. There is a common view that consequently volunteerism is on the wane and many community support groups may be under threat.

Thankfully, this view is based largely on myth! The Volunteering Australia website presents some surprisingly heartening statistics on this issue, some of which I include in italics below:

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Volunteering Australia website presents some surprisingly heartening statistics on this issue, some of which I include in italics below:

How many volunteers are there?
In 2010:
- 38% of the adult population (6.4 million people) volunteer.
- The estimated number of volunteers in Australia doubled from 1995 to 2010

Who volunteers?
In 2010:
- Slightly more women 40% than men 37% volunteer.
- People aged 45-54 years reported the highest rate of volunteering.
- 593,700 people aged 18-24 had undertaken voluntary work in the previous 12 months, representing 9.4% of all people who had volunteered in the previous 12 months.
- People in a couple relationship with dependent children are more likely to volunteer 48% more than those in a couple with no dependent children or lone parents.
- Young people most commonly volunteered for groups related to sport and recreation.

Where do they live?
In 2010, volunteering participation rates were higher outside capital cities - inner regional and other areas: 41-42%, compared to 34% for capital cities.

What do volunteers do?
The four most common types of organisation for which people volunteered were:
- Sport and physical recreation
- Education and training
- Community/welfare
- Religious groups

Volunteers perform a range of different tasks. The most frequently reported in 2006 were:

- Fundraising 48%
- Preparing and serving food 31%
- Teaching/providing information 28%
- Administration 26%

Why do they do it?
- Knowing my contribution makes a difference was mentioned most frequently by volunteers as the factor influencing their decision to volunteer in response to the National Survey of Volunteering Issues, 2010
- Personal belief in a particular cause was the second most frequently mentioned factor influencing the decision to volunteer in the same survey.

The ABS General Social Survey 2010 found that:
- WHETHER A PERSON DOES ANY VOLUNTARY WORK MIGHT BE INFLUENCED BY THEIR PARENTS VOLUNTEERING BEHAVIOUR. THE VOLUNTEER RATE AMONG THOSE WHOSE PARENTS HAD VOLUNTEERED WAS 46% COMPARED TO THOSE WHOSE PARENTS HAD NOT VOLUNTEERED. [my emphasis]

Other interesting stats
- The volunteer workforce in Australia was estimated to provide over $14.6 billion of unpaid labour in 2006-2007 ABS Satellite Accounts
- The total annual hours volunteered in 2006 was 713 million.
- The median weekly number of hours volunteered in 2006 was 1.1hrs.
- The median annual number of hours volunteered in 2006 was 56hrs.

So, it would seem that volunteerism is actually alive and well in Australia! However, this is not something we should take for granted – for Australia needs this massive injection of volunteer labour in an ongoing manner if it is to meet the needs of its people. Therefore here at The King’s School we must do our part to foster the spirit of volunteerism in the next generation.

Isn’t it striking that children are most likely to become volunteers if they see their parents volunteering, according to the Volunteers Australia report above? Therefore all the altruistic work that King’s parents do for our school and broader community has at least two potent effects:

1. It helps our School be a place of unrivalled excellence.
2. It models community spirit to our boys.

To the very high proportion of our King’s School parents who are so generous with their time and talents I say thank you – and well do for inspiring your sons!

Keith Dalleywater
Western Front Tour – September –October 2012
The History Department is pleased to announce that the Headmaster and Council of The King’s School have given permission for The School to undertake a battlefields tour of the Western Front during the September-October holidays. The tour, extending over 16 days, will visit a number of the key battle sites in France and Belgium including Amiens, Villers Bretonneux, Pozieres, Fromelles, Ypres and Passchendaele. In addition the tour will visit the Normandy beaches – the site of the D Day invasion of the Second World War. En route, the group will stop over in Singapore and learn about the fall of that city and the experiences of the 8th Div. AIF.

There are a number of cultural experiences included in the tour, including a visit to the magnificent Palace of Versailles, the world heritage site of Mont St Michel and historic Bayeaux – site of the original Normandy invasion. In addition the tour will explore the medieval cities of Brugges and Ghent as well as undertake walking tours of Paris and Singapore.

The tour is open to boys in Years 8-12. Although it is not essential that boys are history students, the tour has been carefully designed to inform the topics studied in senior Modern History. There is a limit of 30 boys, which is expected to fill quickly.

The tour is not available commercially from any tourist operator. It has been thoroughly researched and planned by the staff of TKS and reflects not only their intimate knowledge of the areas to be visited, but also more than a year of detailed planning, ensuring maximum benefit to those participating. Generally, the staff will conduct the guided walking tours themselves to provide greater focus as well as keeping costs down.

An information evening outlining the tour will be held on Wednesday 22 February at 7.30pm in the CLL Auditorium. Parents and boys are invited to attend.

Andrew West
History Teacher

ARCHIVE SNIPPET
On 23 April, it will be 40 years since the re-dedication of the Chapel on the Gowan Brae site. The process of dismantling and rebuilding the Chapel had taken eighteen months and involved an expert team of builders and masons.

Detailed drawings of the building, the furniture and fittings ensured that not one window was damaged, nor one stone lost. Each stone was numbered, from the apex of the tower to the foundations and the last stone removed from the Parramatta site was the first stone laid on its new site. Where dry rot had affected the wooden ceiling and rafters, new wood was used and enough second hand roof shingles were located to replace those damaged in the move.

The original ceramic floor tiles in the chancel were replaced by marble and the plaques and memorials were returned to their original locations. The pews were configured to run lengthwise down the nave and the chancel was redesigned to provide for communion in the round.

Landscaping ensured that it wasn’t long before the Chapel was indeed part of the Gowan Brae landscape. A small photographic display of the event is currently on display in the foyer of the CLL.

Jenny Pearce
At the end of this term, the Cadet Corps will embark upon its Annual Camp, in which the year’s training will be put to the test in a challenging field environment. Your sons will participate in a range of training activities developed and implemented by senior boys, overseen by trained and experienced staff.

**Dates**  
Thursday 29 March- Wednesday 4 April  
(Selected boys will depart on Advance Party on Monday 26 March)

**Departure time**  
8.00am Thursday 29 May

**Return time**  
By 6.00pm Wednesday 4 April

**Equipment**  
A detailed equipment list will be distributed shortly

**Location**  
Singleton Military Area and Pokolbin State Forest  
(approximately 200 kilometres north of Sydney)

**Attendance**  
Corps Camp is a compulsory School activity and hence all boys are expected to attend. It is an important part of the school’s leadership and personal development programs and your son will gain a significant amount from attending camp. Leave will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and any such requests should be directed to the Deputy Headmaster, Dr Andrew Parry.

**Pick Up from Camp**  
Boys who live in the Hunter Valley or other areas closer to Singleton than Sydney may be picked up directly from camp. Please email any such requests to me as well as your son’s Boarding Housemaster. Please note that it is not possible for us to transport or store extra bags and equipment your son may want or need over the holidays.

**Medical Requirements**  
In order to effectively care for your sons, we rely on the information recorded in the School Database. Please ensure your son’s medical details are up to date and any changes are reported to the Health Centre. If you feel that your son has a condition or injury that may preclude him from fully participating in Corps Camp, please contact me and we can discuss ways in which the program on Corps Camp can be modified so that your son can participate to the fullest extent possible. Any such requests would need to be supported by a Doctor’s Certificate or Report.

**Dietary Requirements**  
I am required by the Department of Defence to inform you of the following:

*The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is unable to provide a severe food allergy free environment (such as from peanuts) in relation to the consumption of food during cadet activities. Such a risk may be life threatening for people who suffer from a severe food allergy. Parents may consider it is in their child’s best interest not to allow participation of their child in the proposed activity. In the event that the child is allowed to attend a catered cadet activity, the parents may choose to provide, at their own expense, sufficient food to cover the duration of the activity.*

If your son has a food allergy or dietary requirement, please contact me and we can discuss how we can manage it to allow your son to be as fully involved in Corps Camp as possible.

These details should also be given to the School’s Health Centre.

I can be contacted by email at asm@kings.edu.au or by phone on 9683 8590

**AS Mansfield**  
Major (AAC)  
Commanding Officer, The King’s School Cadet Corps
**DIRECTOR OF SPORT**

There have been many weather disruptions to start the sporting year, however, I must thank the boys and the staff for the patience shown and the organizational skills displayed in order to make the best of the situation.

The 13s age group have largely been sorted in to teams and there will no doubt be refinement to those in the coming weeks. Some boys in other age groups have shown that they have been working hard over the summer break and they will be rewarded with promotions wherever possible.

Many boys were involved in tours, camps and training days during the holidays and they will reap the benefits of the extra training that they have put in.

Most competition teams are still “in the hunt” for solid premiership placings and many could still win their respective competitions. We all wish them well in these ventures.

We have spoken of the importance of an appreciation for the sport that we are involved in and the importance of the need to show our opposition respect. As a School, we realize the need to maintain our reputation as a School that displays good spirit and wonderful sportsmanship in all circumstances.

The vast majority of our boys enjoy their sporting participation and, indeed, encourage others to do likewise. This is enjoyable to see and it reflects well on those who make up our School. Unfortunately, there are a small number of boys who frequently fail to contribute.

Unexplained absences at both training and games, and lame excuses and reasons given for a failure to contribute, wear thin with both the coaching staff and those boys “mates”.

The vast majority of parents and carers are enthusiastic in their support of the programs and opportunities presented to the boys by the School and I thank them for their ongoing support.

*Peter Phipps*

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**ROWING**

Racing Season is now upon us and with that, Shore hosted the first regatta last weekend. Results were good, considering all crews had had a disrupted training week; the end of the School holidays seeing some very tired boys. The Seniors and Year 10 VIIIIs had a successful camp on the Shoalhaven River, albeit a wet one. The Quads had an equally exhausting camp at the School, but all crews will see the benefits in the weeks to come.

Term 1 means a busy time for those involved in the rowing shed. I would like to draw your attention to a few key dates:

- **King’s/PLC Regatta** - This is one of our premier events as it is also one of the only opportunities that our Year 10 rowers have to race at Penrith before the Head of the River in March and the final point score has a count back to this regatta.

  In order for us to host the regatta I would like to call on parents to volunteer. If you have a Boat licence, you will not only help in driving the race officials but will get a great view. If you wish to stay sit in Air-conditioned comfort, you could be a timekeeper. If socialising is your thing you could assist in the King’s tent with catering for not only our boys, but the officials and other volunteers.

  We need quite a few people to help for either the entire day or even half the day. If you are able to assist please contact Ian Paver (Club President) via email - ianp@bigpond.com.

- **Easy Oar Dinner** - Donations for the Silent and Live Auctions to be held during the evening will be gratefully received. Please contact brett.greentree@traditionasia.com

- Other key dates to keep an eye on will be the presentation dinner for the Year 10 VIIIIs and Senior crews on 10 March, following the Head of the River. Also in Term 2 there will be a learn to row program for all ages that will run predominately on Sunday mornings and also a Corporate rowing challenge against other like minded crews. So watch this space for further details to come.

*James Tyree*

Master in Charge
The King’s School Rowing Club invites all Rowing Parents of The King’s School to attend the Annual Easy Oar Dinner Saturday 25 February 2012 at 7.00pm
The Epping Club
45 Rawson Street, Epping

Pre Dinner Canapés and Two Course Meal with drinks & dancing included all night @ $100 per person
Bookings only on www.trybooking.com/18112 By Friday 10 February 2012 (It’s easy! Oar)

BASKETBALL

Dear Parents of Year 7 basketballers and students,
On behalf of the TKS Basketball Club Committee I would like to follow up our “Welcome Tea/Coffee event” last Saturday with a personal note to formally welcome you to the basketball community within the School. We were encouraged by your participation. I personally thank you for making the effort and I, along with the other Committee Members, look forward to meeting you during the basketball season(s).

The TKS Basketball Club Committee is in the process of “reinvigorating” support for our children’s basketball life at the School. The key focus of the Club is as follows:

- To foster, develop and enjoy the game of basketball at TKS.
- To provide support in developing the skills and abilities of all TKS players and coaches.
- To encourage parents, Old Boys, pupils and families to participate in supporting basketball.
- To provide opportunities for TKS players to enjoy touring and other benefits of basketball.
- To raise funds for the benefit of all basketball players (all age groups).

If you would like to support the Club, please contact me - gpauline7@gmail.com or Andrew Moore (Hon Secretary) - andrew.moore@jalco.com.au

Greg Pauline - President

TENNIS

The GPS season will continue this weekend against Shore. We have completed two rounds thus far and both the 1st and 2nds are well within striking distance of a 4th consecutive GPS title. I would like to wish all the boys selected in the 1sts and 2nds for 2012 and all the other teams that represent The King’s School, the best of luck. Remember to always play in the best spirit of the game and to respect the opposition and officials.

Unfortunately not many teams were able to take the court on Saturday due to the rain. The 3rd lost 5-1 with Hugh Marriott the only successful singles player. The 4th drew 3-3, while the 5th won 4-2, thanks to all the boys winning their doubles and Tom Kilkelly and Will Gailey winning their singles. The 6th also had a draw 3-3.

Congratulations to Jake Giarratano for winning his singles at number 1 and a special mention to Digby Allen who steppeup due to another boy’s absence, to win both his singles and doubles convincingly.

For the 1st and 2nd the results against Riverview are a fair indication that the boys had a very successful tour to Melbourne, with the 1st winning 12-0. The match was very tough but the close games seemed to go our way, emphasising our superior fitness and fight. Jono Engel and George Corbett fought back valiantly to win their doubles. Jono then had to back up almost straight away to play a marathon match that showed his true character and grit, ending with an 8-6 tie break win in the third set. The newly appointed Captain of Tenn, Jack Kliner, also won in three very hard fought sets to seal the victory in the third.

Unfortunately the 2nd had their first GPS loss in over three years. They came up against a very determined Riverview side, where none other than four rubber deciding matches could have gone either way. Alas, it was not to be, and the defeat will really test their resilience in their defence of the GPS title. The final result in the 2nd was 8.5 – 3.5. Congratulations to Roy Chan and Tom Lysaght for winning their singles. I’m sure all the boys will bounce back this weekend.

I would like to continue to encourage boys and parents to come along and support the Tennis on a Saturday afternoon, as you will be thoroughly entertained by some quality performances.

The U13s have begun their trials and are looking like a very talented group of boys, I wish them all
the best for their first game this weekend. May I remind them, and all the boys in tennis, to bring a K cap and water bottle and to wear the correct tennis attire at trainings and on Saturdays.

The Development Squad continues to grow allowing more boys to play their first choice sport. Training for this squad is on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 6.30am to 7.30am.

May I take this opportunity to thank Mr Sebire for his help in organising and administering the tennis tour to Melbourne. It would not have happened without him. It was a huge success again and with Mr Wykes’ help while on the tour all the boys had a cultural and sporting experience that they will remember forever.

Save the Dates:

New Parents (particularly Year 7) “Welcome BBQ” Wednesday 15 February
5.00pm – 7.00pm

The annual presentation dinner is on Friday 23 March and invitations will be posted soon.

Once again, good luck to all boys. I really hope you enjoy your tennis season.

Ben Chadwick
Master in Charge

ATHLETICS

The 2012 Athletics has begun in earnest as we look towards defending our title on 5 May 2012 at SOPAC. With the AAGPS Championships being moved before the Winter Sport season, early preparation, long term application and a commitment to excellence are required to ensure we remain competitive with other schools. Past achievements cannot be relied upon and will have little influence on team selections and no impact whatsoever on the final point score at this year’s championships.

Currently we are offering all students in the School the opportunity to come and train on their ‘off afternoons’ of Summer sport. Students can use these sessions as preparation for the Athletics season or to gain greater speed and fitness for their winter sports. On Friday afternoons we will have ‘racing’ on The White with St Joseph’s College joining us in a few weeks.

Preliminary GPS Athletics Training
Monday (non Corps afternoons) to Friday
One of the first tasks for the season is to trial all students in the Senior School to ensure that every boy has the opportunity to show what impact their physical development has had on their speed, endurance and power since last year. It is always an exciting time for the Athletics staff as we uncover a ‘new’ talent whose growth has seen him improve significantly. These trials are COMPULSORY for all students and I would like you to encourage your boys to give a strong effort on the trialling days.

Below are the important trial dates for Term 1 which will culminate in the Annual School Athletics Carnival.

U13 Trials - Tuesday 21 February
U14 Trials – Tuesday 28 February
U15 Trials – Tuesday 6 March
U16 Trials - Wednesday 14 March

Opens 3000m – 1.00pm Monday 19 March

School Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 20 March
The Saturday following our School Carnival we will begin the ‘official’ GPS Season with four Invitational Carnivals before the Championships. All boys will be expected to compete in these carnivals and Athletics during this period will take priority over Winter Sport trails. We are in the unusual position where our season will go through the Term 1 holiday period and it will be vital for our athletes to train through the break with us on various mornings. More details will follow, but I would ask parents to be mindful.

Below are the dates of the Invitational Carnivals and the AAGPS Championships.

Carnival 1 – Saturday 24 March
Carnival 2 – Saturday 31 March
Carnival 3 – Saturday 21 April
Carnival 4 – Saturday 28 April

117th AAGPS Championships and Athletics Dinner - Saturday 5 May 2012.

National Champion
At the Australian School Championships in Brisbane late in Term 4 2011, Jordan Idaire, became the National Champion in U14 hurdles. Jordan went into the Championships as the fastest qualifier in the nation, and in the final, he ran a very impressive time of 12.73sec, beating his nearest rival from Queensland who ran 13.25sec!

Ben Gavan
Master in Charge
CRICKET

The commencement of Term 1 cricket was heavily affected by the continuing wet summer that we are experiencing in 2012.

All games were washed out with the exception of the 2nd XI fixture against Grammar that was played on the White Oval.

Once again the benefits of having one of the best wet weather grounds in the country, meant that our 2nd XI were able to play where most of Sydney’s cricket matches were washed out. With King’s sitting on top of the table in the 2nd XI GPS competition, we were expected to give the pointless Grammar team a hard fixture and that’s exactly what happened.

The 2nd XI bowled first on a wicket that was well grassed but incredibly dry given the rain that fell in the week leading up to the match. It was an even contest at the beginning of the innings, with Grammar reaching 2-30 and looking dangerous with two established batsmen at the crease.

However, this dramatically changed when Satya Krishnan was introduced into the attack. Satya single-handedly destroyed the Grammar batting line-up taking 6-18 in a devastating spell of spin bowling that saw the opposition dismissed for 56 runs.

In reply, the 2nds batting line-up showed there were no demons in the pitch, passing Grammar with the loss of only two wickets. With Scott Bennett scoring 22 n/o and Matthew Matson scoring 19 n/o the 2nd XI passed Grammar’s total in less than 25 overs, which meant that they received two bonus points in addition to their six points for winning. These extra two points now see the 2nd XI leading the GPS competition by two points from St Joseph’s and puts them in a strong position to challenge for this year’s premiership.

This term we are introducing a weekly honour roll, highlighting the strong performances of players across all our age groups. There will be a “player of the weekend” in each age group, when we see the winners collect a King’s cricket shirt in recognition of their individual achievements.

Our first winner is Satya Krishnan for his outstanding bowling effort last Saturday. You will be able to see the honour roll and player of the round winners on the intranet site along with the results of all cricket fixtures by the Tuesday following each Saturday’s matches. Just click on Clubs and then Cricket to get to the TKS Cricket site.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new Year 7 cricketers into the senior school. With 80 boys having been selected to play cricket this term, it is the largest Year 7 cricket group we have had in many years. With such large numbers it will take a few weeks to get the selections right, so if you don’t get selected in the team you think you are good enough for, then just apply yourself to scoring runs and taking wickets, and I am sure that the correct adjustments to the teams will take place.

A date to put into diaries is the end of season cricket presentation on 17 March at the White Oval. On this night trophies for all age groups are presented along with the Cricket Club running a great BBQ. This year we are having special cricket competitions on the White Oval with the winners receiving some great prizes. Competitions will range from “Speed Gun” fastest bowling, to biggest hitters and best catchers categories. There will be more information in the weeks to come but it is always a great way to finish our season with the BBQ and presentation on the White Oval.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Geoff Spotswood, the former Cricket Master for his contribution to the cricket program at King’s over the last 15 years. Geoff has set up a fantastic cricket program at The King’s School and we will endeavour to maintain those high standards and will continue to make cricket at The King’s School not only a successful summer sport, but one that the boys really enjoy playing.

Stephen James
Master in Charge

TKS Cricket Club
The first meeting of the Cricket Club for 2012 will be held on Monday 13 February at 7.30pm in the Harrisford Room at Gowan Brae.

All parents, especially new parents of boys playing cricket, are welcome to attend and meet other cricketing parents.

Peter Tugwell
Secretary
pta@bigpond.net.au or 0418 453 429
UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent Information Evening
“Keeping Safe in Cyberspace”

Thursday 15 March 2012
At 7.30pm
Senior School Auditorium, Centre for Learning and Leadership

Please contact Greg James, School Counsellor, on gkj@kings.edu.au if you would like to attend.

The Parents’ Association would like to thank parents of Year 8 (the Year of 2016) for organizing a fabulous “welcome lunch for new parents” on 1 February.

Special thanks to:

Angela Ricardo
Katherine Jenner
Andrew Dickinson
Miranda Moxham
Sue and Tim Cale
Sharon Page
Alison Keogh
Anna Giarratano
Jo Anseline
Julie Planinic
Robyn Miller
Peter and Libby Tugwell
Simon and Carlene Barton

David van Aanholt
Jane Black
Katrina Emmett
Fiona Webber
Tracy Braithwaite
Alison Keary
Andrew Skelly
Fi Lydiard
Patricia Li
Robyn Bell
Rommy Vandoros

Des Sloane, President
info@medical-animations.com

Libby Tugwell, Secretary
libbytug@bigpond.net.au

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The King’s School Parents’ Association

The Parents’ Association welcomes you to the new school year and invites you to its first meeting for 2012.

Wednesday 15 February 2012
at 7.00pm
Governors’ Room

Discussion includes:
- the aims of the Parents’ Association for 2012
- the projects with which we wish to be involved

All parents are welcome to attend.

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Save the Date!
Women’s Dinner
25 May 2012

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Tara Present

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Patrons are requested to:
- Choose session times carefully as tickets will not be exchanged or refunded at the Door.
- Note that ALL Evening performances will commence at 7.30 pm, with the Matinee commencing at 2.30 pm.

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**Booking Sheet**

The King's School
The Theatre Booking Office
PO Box 1
Parramatta NSW 2124

Telephone Enquiries (Mon-Fri) 9883 8450
Email boxoffice@kings.edu.au

Name
Student Name
Mailing Address

Tickets should be prebooked and payment made at time of booking. No payment for pre-booked tickets will be accepted at the door.

- A cheque for $__________ is enclosed, payable to The King's School
- Please debit the cost to the School fee account.
- Please debit MasterCard/Visa/Other card (2% surcharge will apply)
- Expiry Date __________
- Cardholder's Signature

**Ticket Collection/Delivery Instructions**

- Please send tickets to my son's House.
- Please mail my tickets to the Mailing Address indicated above.

For these Entities registered for GST and eligible to claim input Tax Credits, this document becomes a Tax Invoice on payment.
The King's School ABN 74 481 354 152 / Tara Anglican School for Girls ABN 88 510 104 678

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**Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews and Dinner**

**Friday 2 March 2012**

The Director of Studies, Mr Logan, will be giving a presentation following interviews at 5:30pm in the Auditorium of the Centre for Learning & Leadership.

Topic: HSC Results and ATAR figures: What we can learn for 2012.

This will be followed by drinks and nibbles outside the Trophy Room at 6:15pm and dinner in the Trophy Room at 7.00pm, where the Headmaster will speak.

Invitations have been mailed out to parents for this function.

Please reply to Lynne Egan legan@kings.edu.au