Create Yourself
A shop. A book. A drink. A funeral. In recent days, all four have combined to challenge me to journey further on my voyage of self-discovery.

The Coop bookshop in Boston services Harvard University. It is a cheerful shop full of students doing assignments using books they don’t want to buy, and wannabe students buying books they don’t understand. Among the shelves of knowledge and opinion was a sign that read:

Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.

How true. There can be an assumption that all that we need to discover is found within ourselves. This ego-centricity limits enquiry to a singular source and an inadequate topic.

We need to recognise that outside the orbit of our lives lie riches beyond imagination. What the unknown author of the sign was suggesting is that we need to venture outside and journey into the mottled world of good and bad. We need to select appropriate experiences to build the person we should be.

The book. It was written by someone who is probably the leading educational thinker at the moment. Howard Gardner invented the concept of multiple intelligences. At a recent gathering, he talked about a recent passion – something that was different to the educational theory and teaching pedagogy that typified his usual life. Howard Gardner talked of truth, beauty and goodness – a trilogy of virtues that forms the title of his latest book.

In an educational world riven with empirical measurement, accountability reporting and soulless assessment, Howard Gardner has come out with a book on truth, beauty and goodness. Amongst its many recommendations, Gardner urges his students to keep in their school bag, books on Maths, English and also a book on themselves, in which they record what they find to be true, beautiful and good.

Gardner said that within this personal log, there could be thoughts about novels, films and conversations that were interesting. There could be a description of favourite music; who wrote it, why, when and what impact it had. Gardner urged his students to become collectors of impressions. Favourite paintings, interesting sculptures, incredible feats, notes on the achievements of amazing people, a description of an ideal meal. The list of possible reflections is endless, but its purpose is clear – that a boy learns to discover his own opinion, his own voice, his own comment on what is true, beautiful and good. Gardner was not the first to think of this:

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.

Philippians 4:8
The drink was quaffed in a Germanic hunting lodge, just north of Boston, USA. It was the home of Dan Brown – author of *The Da Vinci Code*. This gifted story-teller has not always been kind with his treatment of the Catholic Church, but in a moment made mellow by fine wine and the security of being within the womb of his study, he confessed that two questions still haunted him: How did we get here, and what should we do? These are two excellent questions. Here was a man, a very successful man, who was still searching.

The funeral was of a close friend of mine. Helen loved music and more than once frustrated her teachers at school by the constant distraction wrought by a song on the wireless or a show on the television. At the funeral were a large number of her friends (we ran out of Orders of Services), many of whom had worked with Helen at 2GB and the ABC. Helen was a much respected producer of many shows, including *Sentimental Journeys* on the ABC. She took a journey that led her to make a career out of what most thought was a liability.

The lives of our sons, need to be seen as a quest – a journey on which they discover their interests, realise their skills and find what is true, beautiful and good. This will not happen if they only look within themselves. They have to look beyond, into a world that is, at the same time, both terrible and wonderful.

**Dr Tim Hawkes**

### Cosmic Chatter

A team of students from Tara and King’s has joined SPOT, a group of 52 students from various schools, who operate a 20” research grade optical telescope located on the grounds of Tara Anglican School. The telescope, provided by Oxford University as part of the Global Jet Watch program, allows the students to collect new scientific data. **Cosmic Chatter** is a collection of short articles written by the students, including Robbie Quinn. **Matt Jacob** is one of the Team Leaders of this project. Check out http://telescope.tara.nsw.edu.au/theteam.html.

### 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.

#### Submission of articles for the King’s Herald

| Deadline and Publication Dates for the King’s Herald Term 2 2012 |
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| **Issue** | **Deadline** | **Publication Date** |
| 6 | 15 May | 18 May |
| 7 | 29 May | 1 June |
| 8 | 12 June | 15 June |

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### For Speakers of English as a Second Language

Please join me for an informal morning tea and an opportunity to get to know other mothers, more about the School, whilst joining in English conversation groups.

**Wednesday 9 May 2012**  
8.30am – 10.30am  
The Harrisford Room – Gowan Brae  
(*first room on the right as you enter the front door*)

No RSVP required

For more information contact  
Diana Dalleywater - 9683 8535 or  
ddalley@kings.edu.au
DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Anzac Day Service
A focus for our Assembly at the commencement of this term was Anzac Day. As a School community we took time to reflect and remember all those Australians who have served and died in wars and armed conflicts. Over 100,000 Australians have paid the ultimate sacrifice and lie somewhere in a foreign field.

We took time to especially remember those Old Boys who lost their lives in World War I (1914-18). 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 over three generations of King’s School boys. Sadly, 101 of them would lose their lives, never to return home to their families.

During the Assembly we took time to remember one of the fallen, Captain Stewart Milson, who was shot dead at Lone Pine during the Gallipoli Campaign on 6 August 1915. He had an impressive career at the School. Milson was House Captain and School Captain in 1906, a member of the 1st XV for three seasons, the 1st XI Cricket and Shooting teams for two seasons, was awarded Honour Colours for Cricket and Rugby and won a number of academic prizes. He was shot by the Turks, bravely leading his men in an attack upon the Turkish trenches.

The School was privileged to have Mr Gordon, our Careers Advisor, sing and play a wonderful rendition of Eric Bogle’s song, *The Band Played Waltzing Matilda*, that commemorates our Anzacs from the Gallipoli Campaign. It was written in memory of the 50,000 Australian soldiers who died in the Battle of Gallipoli against the Turkish troops in 1915.

Marching Band
The School was once again superbly represented by the Cadet Corps Marching Band in the Annual Sydney Anzac Day March. Our boys looked and sounded spectacular and were outstanding ambassadors for The King’s School. The Band gave up a number of days over the holidays in preparation for the March, a sacrifice and effort that yielded excellent results. The School is most grateful to all members of the Band for the excellent job done. It must be noted that the Band has been superbly led by their Drum

Major CUO, Avinesh Chelliah and Bandmaster, Mr Daniel Williams. Both these men deserve special congratulations.

On top of the Anzac Day March the Band has also recently represented us at the Royal Easter Show and the International Polo fixture held at Windsor. Both these performances drew considerable comment due to our Band’s presentation, skill, sound and level of professionalism. Well done gentlemen! You have done the School and yourselves proud.

Under 16’s March at the Anzac Day Parade
Congratulations to a number of our Cadets for the manner in which they supported the Under 16 Veterans (those Australian men and women who served in World War II while under the age of 16). We have developed a strong relationship with this organisation and special thanks to Mrs Stacey Quitzau for her co-ordination of our contribution.

Camps Week
The term concluded with a number of highly successful camps and activities. Our Cadets held their annual camp in the Cessnock area and provided challenges and experiences that tested our boys. I have received many reports of how boys supported each other as they confronted difficult and testing situations – be these on the cliff face, trek or other outdoor activities. The boys are given a great deal of responsibility and independence in a highly structured environment, a situation that enables considerable personal growth and development of self-reliance, resilience and confidence.

By far the overwhelming majority of boys rose to the challenges before them and demonstrated good leadership and much maturity. Unfortunately a few failed to honour the trust afforded them and let themselves and the Cadet Corps down badly.

Our Year 7s were in residence at School and once again experienced a week full of varied activities.

Year 8 descended upon ‘Biloela’, a property located in the Southern Highlands, for their outdoor adventure. This camp is conducted in partnership with the Outdoor Education Group and introduces many of our boys to the wonder of the great outdoors and provides an experience that is a valuable preliminary to their Cadet activities in later years.
A number of our Year 11 Non Corps boys received glowing reports for their participation in the Community Outreach Program where students are given the opportunity to develop leadership through service. Some of the meaningful tasks undertaken included interacting with residents in aged care, development of community resources, working with disabled children and maintenance of valuable life-saving equipment.

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work during the week and particularly to Dr Petterson (Year 7), Mr Symons (Year 8), Major Mansfield (Corps), Mr Strutt (Community Outreach) and Mr Gordon (Work Experience) for their excellent organisation and leadership.

Requests for Early Leave
I was alarmed by the number of early leave requests at the end of last term and I seek cooperation and understanding from the School community by asking parents not to withdraw their sons from School before the last day of term. The erosion of teaching time in this fashion cannot be defended and I ask that all holiday activities be restricted to the holiday period. We have generous holidays, far more so than Government schools. Of course, in very special family circumstances, such requests may be considered.

Winter Uniform
A reminder that in Terms 2 and 3 the School’s Winter uniform dress regulations are in place. This means boys wear full School uniform, including coat and tie, to and from School. All boys, whether travelling by public transport or being driven in private cars, must wear their jacket and tie. Boys are allowed to wear sporting tracksuit home if they have had sport that afternoon. Could I ask all parents to talk to their boys about the importance of having pride in wearing the School uniform. It is arguably Australia’s most distinctive school uniform. It has a military background and it looks terrible and totally inappropriate if it is not worn well. Whatever parents can do to help us with this would be appreciated.

Traffic for Saturday Sport
The requirement for parents and visitors to park above and near White Oval for all Home games and walk through to the Doyle fields will commence on Saturday 12 May. There will be a barrier preventing access at Broughton corner and it is advisable to park above White Oval rather than driving to Broughton corner itself, which just creates congestion. Access to the Old Boys’/Wanderers’ fields for Football is via Masons Drive. Parking attendants will give guidance as to where to park, however, parking is limited and there may be a need to park in Masons Drive and walk adjacent to the Tara fence on King’s right-of-way. Unless you have a girl at Tara, Tara should not be used.

Attendance and Dress for Winter Sports

Matches

**Dress:** Applicable for both GPS and non GPS matches.

**Away Games:** Full School tracksuit with joggers (no variation – canvas, ugg boots, etc) or Full School Uniform (Number 1s or Colours)

**Home Games:** Full School Uniform (Number 1s or Colours). The 3rd XV and 3rd XI may wear tracksuit. No other variations.

**Attendance:**

**Non GPS Season:** No requirement to attend. However, boarders not on leave, must attend the afternoon matches wherever they are (no boys to remain in Houses due to lack of supervision).

**GPS Season Home Games:** All boys in the School are expected to attend either the 1st XI Football and/or 1st XI Rugby matches.

**GPS Season Away Games:** No requirement to attend. However, boarders not on leave must attend the afternoon matches wherever they are (no boys to remain in Houses due to lack of supervision).

Royal Easter Show
Our Agriculture Club had a very successful Royal Easter Show. Over 30 boys participated with Ben Heffernan, Alexander Knight, Jack Cameron and Ben Peterie being present every day of the Easter week to care for the cattle. We had a strong team on the hoof, which were impeccably prepared and presented. The leading results were two Bronze medals for Excellence in Carcass; Ben Heffernan a 6th place in the School Paraders, 2nd in Chicken Live and 4th in Chicken Carcass.

Well done to all involved. A special thank you to Dr Alison Diskin for her leadership and care of the boys over the Royal Easter Show week.

Dr Andrew Parry
If you had to fill out a survey about your Church attendance, which box would you tick?

I attend Church:

☐ Regularly
☐ Occasionally
☐ Never
☐ Reluctantly

Some people hardly ever miss going to Church, others would never be caught dead in a Church (and may not even want their funeral there) whilst some as our last option offers, attend but only because they feel they have to.

Churches are places to be encouraged by other believers of the hope that we have in Jesus. It must be said though that different Churches will achieve this goal at different levels. Some Churches are right on the message and give a clear encouragement, whilst others can get caught up in all sorts of sidetracks and we can walk away feeling a little confused and frustrated. Our attendance (or non-attendance) at Church can determine the course of our lives.

Over the holidays, atheism was big in the media. Not only did Richard Dawkins have a stoush with Cardinal Pell on qanda, but the Atheists held their global conference in Melbourne called, “a celebration of reason”. One of those speaking at the conference was an Australian, Jason Bell. The following was written about him on their web site.

“... Bell’s road to atheism started as a child when he asked his parents, after watching The Simpsons, why they didn’t go to church. His mother pointed out that he played football on Sunday mornings and asked which he would rather do. He chose football.”

I wonder if Jason’s parents realised their decision would be one of the factors that led him to be an atheist. But as the Bibles says they “reaped what they sowed”. (Galatians 6:7) Their actions and decisions had consequences.

I was very encouraged during our recent Camps Week. A student was telling me about a Christian friend of his who, although he loved a particular sport, would not join his mates in playing in a team because that meant missing out on attending his Christian youth group and he did not want to give that up. That’s an impressive commitment and love of God’s people.
Stay focused!
I was reading a book over one weekend and realized that I couldn’t remember much of what I had been reading! The problem? I wasn’t concentrating. My mind was wandering, more concerned with other pressing issues than what I was reading. My eyes saw the printed words, but I didn’t comprehend or retain very much. I just wasn’t focusing.

Do you or your son have trouble concentrating?
With the start of this new term, students will be expected to remember what they’ve learned in class or studied. With assessments and tests on the way, then he is certainly going to need to concentrate. But how can we improve concentration? Or, better yet, how can we help our students concentrate and have their best school year ever? Here are a few techniques and suggestions that may help you, as well as your son...

Do one thing at a time
Most people do not multitask that well. Give me more than one item to think about, and I usually struggle to remember what I was doing before. In other words, take on one task at a time. Perhaps if I had limited myself to only one chapter of my book, I would have read it, rather than reading many pages, not retaining much information.

Slow down
When you notice your son rushing through his homework, show him he needs to take more time with his Maths problems, checking and rechecking his work, before he delves into his other assignments. On the other hand, sometimes it is good to switch gears. If he has spent hours studying for History, suggest he switch over to his Maths assignment. Maybe after doing something different, his brain will be more ready to memorize those historical facts!

Realise when your mind is wandering and stop it
Do you ever think about what you’re thinking? Too often we let our mind run loose without even realizing what’s going on. If your wandering mind has busted through your immediate task, then get out your “rope” and lasso your thoughts back to where they should be.

Write down main ideas
Encourage your son to take notes. This valuable study habit has proven beneficial to me for many years. When I take the time to record what I’m reading, it reinforces new facts, helping me to concentrate.

Apply what you learn
In addition to just learning facts, show your son how he can relate what he has learned. For example, rather than just learning the formula for finding the area of a triangle, have him measure something in his room that has a triangular shape. This will make Maths more realistic and applicable to him.

Take breaks
Just as a vacation re-energises everyone, so a ‘mini-vacation’ from your son’s studies recharges him to complete his homework.

Give rewards
After your son has completed all his homework, reward him with some free time or a favourite treat. Just having an incentive to look forward to, helps him get through his homework.

These are just a few pointers in helping students improve their concentration. As their concentration improves, so will their grades. And, as an added bonus, they may apply these techniques to everything else in life that requires concentration. One can always hope!

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**National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**
All Year 7 and 9 students will be sitting these tests from Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 May.

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**Readak**
I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the Readak Advanced Learning Skills Course which will be offered during May. The Readak course uses proven methods to help students of all abilities and levels develop more effective study habits, increase reading rate, improve comprehension and have more confidence in their learning.

The course will commence on Monday 14 May, with the Saturday option beginning on the 12 May. The course is 12 hours in duration, completed over three weeks.

Students will select one option from the schedule below:

A. Before school, meets daily Monday to Thursday, 7:30am - 8:30am
**GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT**

The Geography Department ran the first ever Oceanography excursion on the last Friday of Term 1. The trip was constructed in two parts:

* a tour through Manly Oceanworld viewing the different ecosystems that exist in the marine environment, including threatened and vulnerable species eg Grey Nurse Shark
* fieldwork that involved snorkelling at Fairlight Beach

The snorkelling aspect was certainly the highlight for this Year 10 Elective Geography class. To their surprise, Sydney Harbour offered so much to see from the shallow 6m depths off the rock shelf and gutters close to the shoreline.

The tasks the boys were to complete included recognising risks, reducing hazards and maintaining marine safety whilst carrying out a survey to identify the fish species swimming around them, and the flora waving in the currents below.

All boys thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity this Elective Geography course offered them. If this is something that sounds interesting to you, or that you might like your son to embrace, then selecting Geography as an elective subject in Years 9 and 10 is a must! These students gained valuable experience that will stay with them for many years.

**Drew Collins**

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**Parent Teacher Interviews and Dinner**

Please be reminded of the following dates for Term 2:

- Year 8 – Friday 11 May
- Year 9 – Friday 18 May

Invitations have been sent, and you are requested to please RSVP to legan@kings.edu.au if you would like to attend the Dinner.
**DIRECTOR OF BOARDING**

**Broughton Forrest Update**
Prime Constructions won the competitive tendering process for the Broughton Forrest Project. The builders have now moved in, established the building site and they have commenced demolition work as planned. It is very exciting to see this project commence after many months of planning. Further, regular updates will be published in future King's Heralds.

**Boarders’ On Line Leave Initiative - iLearn**
This new system was used across the boarding community for the first time to manage leave over the first weekend of Term 2. We are aware that there are still some glitches in the system, which we are resolving. I thank parents for their patience as we bed it down. Any feedback is welcome and should be directed to me or the relevant Housemaster. iLearn is a new learning management system, which is being implemented across the Senior School. In time, it should greatly improve communication between the School and parents.

**Weekend Activities**
The School has arranged for the Sports Centre to be open most Sunday afternoons this term for boarders, to provide an additional option for activities at weekends. The plan is for a supervisor to run structured games such as basketball, indoor cricket, badminton, volleyball, touch football, dodge ball, Australian Rules skills and drills, kick ball, indoor soccer and European Handball. A number of boys took advantage of this opportunity on Sunday 29 April. From 13 May, the plan will be to run structured games between 1.00pm - 3.30pm and from 3.30pm – 5.00pm, the Weights Room will be available for boys who are qualified to use it.

In addition to the above, Mrs Quitzau has planned the following voluntary off site activities, for which boarders need to enrol in to attend:

**Friday 11 May**
Prep boarders and Years 7 - 9 The Bloc Indoor Rock Climbing, North Parramatta $15. Depart Turning Circle at 4.00pm

**Friday 25 May**
Year 7 - 12 Dance at PLC $10

**Saturday 2 June**
Year 7 - 12 Waratahs V Hurricanes SFS Alliance Stadium $20

**Friday 15 June**
Code Red, Rosehill, $30 which includes two games and a snack. 30 places available. Depart Turning Circle at 3.30pm

**King’s Hairdresser**
Boarder parents are reminded that Mr John Nati (mobile hairdresser) will be visiting the School again on Thursday 31 May. There is a charge for this service of $13 (charged to boys’ accounts). He will be located in the Health Centre from 8.30am – 11.00am.

Malcolm Powys

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**Boarders’ Travel Arrangements**

**Queen’s Birthday Weekend and the end of Term 2 2012**

**Queen’s Birthday travel (8-11 June).**
The Headmaster has given approval for boarders to travel home for the Queen’s Birthday weekend on the Friday – but only if the boys are travelling on Countrylink services.

**End of Term 2/ Start of Term 3 travel**
Term 2 ends at the conclusion of the Cadet Corps Annual Ceremonial and Passing Out Parade on Friday 22 June (about 12.30pm). Buses will not be leaving until the Saturday morning.

Because there are less than two weeks between the long weekend and the end of term there is an earlier than usual cut-off date for bookings.

Parents may contact the School directly to advise their son’s travel requirements. The travel is arranged by Mr Max Yates, School Transport Office.

Mr Yates’ contact details are – phone 9683 8411 or email transport@kings.edu.au.

The cut off date for booking travel is Friday 11 May.
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

**Marching Band City Parade**
The Marching Band concluded a successful camp at the end of the holidays and marched in the City parade on Anzac Day. With the assistance of **Jacob Hacker** (‘11 Captain of Music) and **Avinesh Chelliah** (Drum Major), under the direction of Mr Williams, the band wowed onlookers as they marched the circuit twice. Many Old Boys and families were assembled on the pavement and cheered heartily as the boys marched past looking resplendent and playing with precision and confidence. This follows a successful parade to open the International Test Match between South Africa and Australia at the Windsor Polo Club last term. Well done, Marching Band.

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**Family accounts will be charged for rehearsals which relate to external examination requirements, but there will be no charge for short rehearsals which are for the purpose solely of elective music assessments. If in doubt, please ask at the Music Office.**

**Facebook**
Remember you can find the Music School on Facebook with lots of photos and upcoming events placed here. Go to: [https://www.facebook.com/TheKingsSchoolMusic](https://www.facebook.com/TheKingsSchoolMusic)

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**Year 12 Recital**
Year 12 Music 2 students will give a recital at 6.30pm on 15 May as part of their half yearly performance assessment. The performance is open to all and will take place in the Recital Room.

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**Instruments in Corridor**
Boys are reminded that all instruments must be either taken home on Friday afternoon when school finishes or they must be placed securely in boys’ lockers. Many weekends see external hirers, and not only must the corridor be kept clean and tidy, the security of instruments is a concern. A plea to parents – Please check if you son has his instrument at home on the weekends. Encourage him to do some practice in readiness for his next lesson / exam / performance.

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**Accompaniment Policy**
Boys engaging the School accompanists (Mrs Dean, Mr Mackay-Sim or Mrs Brimo) must book rehearsal times in accordance with their availability.

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**ANZAC Day 2012**
The morning dawned cool, but crisp and sunny, as a group of TKS students, accompanied by Old Boys **Carl Quitzau**, **Ben Janson** and **Andrew Boulos**, headed into the city for the March.

Once again, The King’s School supported the WW2 Under 16s and WW1 descendants, and were very ably assisted in this by the Marching Band.

The day afforded a wonderful chance to remember and say thank you.

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**Stacey Quitzau**
CENTRE FOR LEARNING & LEADERSHIP

King’s Literature Festival - 29 May 2012
Boys from Years 7 to 11 will have the opportunity to attend a session with visiting authors on 29 May. There will also be a book fair and author signing during recess and lunch time, hosted by Paul MacDonald of The Children’s Bookshop at Beecroft.

We are looking for book ambassadors who will volunteer to read a book or two by our visiting authors. Contact Mrs Hurst in the Library if you would like to be involved. Our guests will be:

* Storyteller Andy Wright - a world class performer having spent over 20 years telling stories to audiences in schools, theatres, and festivals throughout Europe, South America, Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

* Leigh Rigozzi - a Sydney-based artist who works in illustration, print and design. Leigh studied for his masters at Sydney College of the Arts and has gone on to self-publish several books and zines, and to exhibit his drawings at Ray Hughes gallery. He is one of the co-founders of the Blood and Thunder publishing concern.

* James Roy - an award-winning author for young people who hails from the Blue Mountains. James says: "I grew up believing that the books I was reading were all written by dead people. I never met a practicing author, so I had no idea that writers were just people with a story to tell. This is why, when I go into a school, I see one of main jobs is to demystify what writers do. This not only helps kids become better, keener readers, but hopefully allows them to chase the idea of writing for themselves."

* Kirsty Eagar - grew up on a central Queensland cattle property and spent her school holidays at the beach and is a keen surfer. She now lives on Sydney’s northern beaches and has just released her third novel for young adults.

* William Kostakis was a Sydney Morning Herald young writer of the year and published his first novel while still a teenager. He has worked with some of our boys in literature events over the last year and has also been employed as a blogger and web designer in the publishing world.

ARCHIVES

The oldest Kingsman
Recent phone calls, in this our 180th year of enrolling students at The King’s School, have prompted research to determine our oldest living Old Boy. Over the years many boys lose touch with their alma mater and so any attempt to name the oldest past student is also tempered with the caveat that somewhere out there may be an old boy who has blown out 100 candles or more and we have failed to recognise this achievement.

As far as can be determined, there are two gentlemen known to the School who this year celebrate turning 99 - Albert Cecil Howard ('30) and Clive Mayor Hall ('32). Albert, a day boy celebrates his birthday on 8 May while Clive must wait until October. Clive is one of two old boys still with us who contributed to the AAGPS Athletics win in 1931. The other is Richard MacIntosh ('32) a spring chicken this year at 97.

A regular attendee at the over 65’s Lunch, usually held annually in May, is George (Eudo Carlile) Fox ('31) who this year will be 98.

We wish these past students, who still take an active interest in what happens at the School, all the very best, and the Archivist would like to hear from any others who may know what life was like at The King’s School during the Depression.

Jenny Pearce

Careers Information
Old Boys’ Union Careers Night, TKS Monday 14 May 2012 from 7.00pm
Two seminar sessions – 7.00-7.40pm and 7.45-8.20pm will be held with a range of careers offered.

This Careers Night provides an excellent opportunity to network and is open to students in Years 10, 11 or 12. Parents are also invited to attend with their sons.

Dress will be smart casual.

Further details will be shared with the boys at Year Meetings.

Enquiries to mcg@kings.edu.au
Travel teaches toleration’
So wrote Benjamin Disraeli, the once Prime Minister of England. And this was partly the philosophy underlying the Prep School’s China Tour, very successfully completed during the recent school break.

Our China adventurers were eighteen parent-and-son pairs, involving boys from Years 5 and 6, along with seven teachers and their partners. Although 43 is a sizeable tour group and brought with it some logistical issues, there was a wonderful spirit of camaraderie and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

How do you begin to explore a country of China’s size, history and cultural significance when you have just 12 days available? We went with the option of offering a simple ‘tasting pack’ and choose to visit just three key centres: Beijing, Xian and Shanghai. The itinerary was pretty jam-packed, but absolutely fascinating! Highlights in Beijing included the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, the Summer Palace, the 2008 Olympics venue and the Great Wall … not to mention a quite extraordinary Kung Fu spectacular! In Xian we rode bikes along the top of the ancient city wall for 13.7 kilometres and visited the extraordinary Terracotta Warriors – the scale and complexity of the latter is nothing short of audacious! The 18 course dumpling feast went down a treat too!

In Shanghai we were amazed by the ever expanding modern metropolis, which we viewed from the astonishing Pearl Tower telecommunications tower during the day and from a river cruiser at night. Those skyscraper lights are something else! How do they project those video images up and down the entire height of a skyscraper?! The Shanghai museum is beautifully designed and the individual audio guides made the exhibits remarkably boy-friendly. The acrobatics show we attended one night was also a winner!

The boys impressed me with their readiness to try new experiences, to explore and to stretch their boundaries. (Speaking personally, boundaries weren’t the only thing to stretch, after nearly two weeks of enjoying two multi-course banquets a day!). Many of the boys were willing to experiment with their Mandarin (which we now teach K-6). It certainly was a major asset to have our Mandarin teacher, Angela Kuo, with us – and three Mandarin speaking Prep mums!

In Australia we celebrate and enjoy multiculturalism – but it is hard to beat the enrichment of experiencing a culture on its home turf. To interact with people in their own land and on their own terms is a powerful education … and a great pleasure.

“Perhaps travel cannot prevent bigotry, but by demonstrating that all peoples cry, laugh, eat, worry, and die, it can introduce the idea that if we try and understand each other, we may even become friends”. Maya Angelou

The Prep School’s 43 China tourists will certainly testify to having learned much about themselves, about each other – and of course about the rich history and vibrant culture of China.

Keith Dalleywater
Head of the Preparatory School

Prep Rugby Tour to Armidale
During the holidays Year 6 boys had the opportunity to be part of a touring team to play in the Armidale Rugby Carnival. The squad started training back in week 5 of Term 1 to trial for one of the positions on tour. There were 22 boys selected to participate in the carnival.

The King’s School team was:

Andreas Pappas
Anthony Dingwall
Athan Pappas
Charlie Begg
Charlie Hannell
Charlie Rockiff
Cooper Troth
Dominic Goodman
Ethan Cork
Gus Grinham
Tom Macqueen (Captain)

Jack Irving
Jacques Millichamp
Jasper Anderson
Keegan Groenewald
Kyle Townsend
Liam Collins
Lleyton Smith
Luke Go
Phillip Nakhle
Sam Lock
Tim Pereira
We were lucky enough to have Benn Robinson (Current Captain of the Waratahs) present us with our backpacks and Jerseys. We had the chance to find out Benn’s history at The King’s School and ask him some terrific questions about his rugby experiences.

Mr Rogers said that he was very happy with how the team members conducted themselves - it was nothing short of professional, demonstrating pride in themselves both on and off field. We had the opportunity to play five matches in total of which they won three. The King’s boys played the game of a high standard using the tour as a spring-board into the season.

We would like to thank The King’s School Rugby Club for their financial help towards the trip. Their support allowed us to purchase a new set of jerseys for the tour team.

Thank you to the assistant coaches, Mr Max Beresford and Mr James Webb for taking time out of their break to support the tour. Their assistance was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Mr Rogers for coaching and managing the tour. It was a wonderful experience for our first Rugby tour at The King’s School. To the parents and supporters that travelled to cheer on the boys from the sidelines, you all really made a difference. And finally to the boys, well done. We look forward to the season ahead with such terrific talented team.

Players’ Player of the Tour award is for the boy who performed best for his team on Tour and whilst playing. This award goes to Keegan Groenewald.

Yours in Prep Rugby
Tom Macqueen

RUGBY

Term 2 saw the commencement of rugby with a series of internal trials and skills ability across the age groups. Last Saturday, the whole school from the 1st XV to 13s had internal trials, with the exception of over a hundred athletes who were still preparing for the AAGPS carnival. These athletes will return to rugby next week in top shape and will be assured of starting in at least the grade that they participated in last year.

The Doyle fields were bursting with players having their first hit out of the season and with the grounds in excellent condition for rugby, we saw plenty of potential that would indicate a solid year for our rugby teams in 2012.

Last Saturday also saw the biggest rugby give-away ever seen at The King’s School, with The King’s School Rugby Club presenting every boy who plays rugby at the senior school, (with the exception of the 2011 Rugby touring squad), a rugby training jersey. The King’s School Rugby Club generously supports our rugby development tour which travels to the United Kingdom and Europe every second year. They raise money over a two year period through memberships, merchandise and the annual luncheon where the 1st and 2nd XV are presented with the jerseys. The Rugby Club this year made a decision that not only did they want to support the elite players in our School, but also wanted every player in the senior school to receive something from the money raised throughout the season. In what was a major operation last Saturday, all the jerseys were given out, with the exception of athletes and boys who didn’t attend through illness, and the reaction from all the boys in the School was quite remarkable.

At Monday’s training session at least 75% of all 13s and 14s players turned up in their very impressive new jersey and that only tells the Rugby Club that their give-away was a huge success. If any boys didn’t receive a jersey on the first Saturday, the Rugby Club will be back on deck on Saturday 12 May for our first Home trial against St
Stanislaus’ College, Bathurst and they will be giving out the remaining jerseys to those boys who missed out last Saturday.

If you would like to thank the Rugby Club for the very generous gift for the boys, visit the Rugby Club parents at their merchandise tables and maybe buy one of their Rugby Club items, or even better still buy a ticket to this year’s rugby luncheon, where all the profits go towards the funding of these projects. This year’s speaker is arguably the best rugby speaker in world rugby, Eric Rush, a famous all Black.

As indicated earlier, the School will be playing St Stanislaus’ on 12 May followed by the first of the GPS trials against Newington on 19 May. This year is an extended season with the school playing six trials, before the GPS season commences in Term 3.

We will be fielding 36 teams in 2012 with the following number of teams per age group:

13s – 7
14s – 6
15s – 5
16s – 8
Opens – 10

As you can imagine, it will take a little time to select these teams correctly, but all coaches will be looking at rewarding strong performances and are encouraged to make the appropriate changes based on form from week to week.

There are a few housekeeping matters of which all boys and parents should be aware:

* All boys playing rugby at King’s require a mouthguard to participate in training and games.
* All players are expected to train twice a week and play on Saturdays.
* If you are injured, you are still expected to go to training and your team’s matches to support your side as well as stay up to date with your team’s training routines.
* There is an expectation that we will always play the game within the laws and that foul play and unsportsmanlike behaviour both on the field, or when supporting another King’s team, will not be tolerated.
* The King’s School will be looking to play an attractive and attacking brand of rugby throughout the season, but win, lose or draw, we will be remembered by the manner in which we conduct ourselves, which will always be one of respect to our opponents and to the reputation of The King’s School.

Good luck for season 2012.

Stephen James
Master in Charge

King’s Rugby Club

Membership Application & Renewal

The King’s School has a proud rugby history, playing its first game in 1970. The objective of the King’s School Rugby Club is to provide physical and financial support so all players at all levels enjoy their rugby and reach their full potential.

Membership of the King’s School Rugby Club is open to all players, King’s families and old boys. Your membership will help fund specialist trainers, new equipment and regular tours. The club also provides events for supporters to share their interest in rugby.

Pair of Membership

A one-off Application Fee of $75 – incl. 1 Year Membership (please note this fee is waived if you apply for a 10 Year Membership)

Annual Membership Renewal

The Annual Membership Renewal Fee is currently $35

10 Year Membership / Renewal

The 10 Year Membership / Renewal Fee is a one-off payment of $250

Applicant’s Details

- Individual Membership
- Family Membership

FIRST NAME: ___________________________ SURNAMES: ___________________________

SUBURB: ___________________________ STATE: ___________________________

TELEPHONE: ___________________________ MOBILE: ___________________________

EMAIL: ___________________________

- New Membership $75
- 1 Year Membership Renewal $35
- 10 Year Membership OR Renewal $250

Payment

- A cheque for $__________ is enclosed payable to: The King’s Rugby Club
- Please debit my: [ ] Mastercard  [ ] Visa  [ ] Amex

In the amount of $__________

Card Number _______ _______ _______ _______ / _______ _______ _______ _______

Name on card: ___________________________

Expiry Date: _______ / _______ (mm/yy)

Cardholder’s signature: ___________________________

Fax this form with credit card details to: (02) 4721 2825

Email this form with credit card details to: jageba@kgscond.net.au

Mail this form with payment to: The King’s School Rugby Club, PO Box 2762, North Parramatta NSW 1760
ATHLETICS

117th AAGPS Championships
After many weeks of training and racing our athletes are in the final stages of preparation as we move towards the AAGPS Championships this weekend. We have had some very strong performances throughout the last few weeks and our training throughout the holidays has been outstanding. On any given day we had in excess of 40 students giving up their holidays to train hard to ensure they are in the best shape they can be. One of our boarders, Liam Moylan, departed Mudgee at 3.30am and got himself to the White Oval for 9.00am training. Amazing.

Regardless of what results come our way, our coaches and athletes can put their heads on their pillows next Saturday evening and rest easy in knowing that no more could have been done in the preparation for the 117th AAGPS Carnival.

Personally, while there is certainly a desire for our team to be successful, of far greater importance are the life lessons learnt, the friendships made and the enjoyment of the journey towards the major carnival. The best memories for me in the season thus far have been well away from the track. They have involved talking about our favourite The Voice blind audition (mine is Larkyn Heperi who sang Kids, for those interested), sharing a meal at my home with some of our departing Year 12 boys and talking to the many wonderful parents who have been involved in Athletics.

Sitting on the bus to and from torture sessions on the Wanda sandhills or “high fives” after the dreaded 500 workout in the gym, have given me the greatest enjoyment and reinforced that the journey towards any goal or event is what we should be focusing on at this time of the season. After all success is not forever and failure is not fatal.

I hope all of our athletes feel the same way. If we do, the result this Saturday will take care of itself. The importance of perspective during this week has not been overstated. There are some disappointed boys and some overjoyed ones with final selections, and keeping emotions somewhere in the middle regardless of which side you are on is so important. A handshake and a pat on the back for each other and perhaps an email or ‘Facebook’ post wishing each other all the best or supporting someone who is disappointed, can make the world of difference to each other.

Our performances over the four GPS Invitational Carnivals have been very impressive and we are aiming to be very competitive in all three divisions of the Championships. I would like to congratulate all of the athletes who have trialed for final selections and I hope that those who made the team can achieve a “personal best” on the big day. If you have missed selection you should take great heart in the fact that you gave it your all and that you pushed your mates onto improved performances. You have all played a major role in getting us to this stage of the season and if, God willing, success comes our way this year, you are certainly a part of the final result.

I will publish a full set of results in the next edition of The King’s Herald.

Best of luck to all the athletes and thank you to the many staff and parents who have made the season one to remember for so many reasons.

Ben Gavan
Master in Charge

CRICKET

The King’s School Cricket Club
Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday 14th May 2012
Time: 7.30pm
Location: Harrisford Room (Gowan Brae)

• Reports
• Review of 2011/12 season
• Election of Officers
• General Business

All Cricket Club Members and parents of cricketers at the School are warmly invited to attend.

The King’s School Cricket Club
Supporting and encouraging the practice and development of cricket at The King’s School
**SWIMMING**

**GPS Swimming Success 2012**
After the GPS swimming season, a record fifteen King’s boys were selected to represent the GPS in their combined team at the CIS swimming Championships held this week at Homebush. This was by far the biggest team for King’s and our congratulations should go to each and every one of the following boys. Each has trained hard and thoroughly deserves his place.

The team was:

- Aiden Jackson
- Allen Guo
- John Murphy
- Peter Topalidis
- Brian Lee
- Tom Lysaght
- John McMahon
- Callum Roo
t
- Ciaran Loh
- Stephen Kim
- Callum Anderson
- Hugh Chacon
- Tom Brodie
- Alex Walton
- Hugo Mackenzie-Wood
- Wood

**Callum Roots** is also a member of the GPS team, defending his title in the Diving competitions, two of which he won last year.

**Tom Brodie** was selected as Vice Captain of the GPS team, in recognition of the fine leadership qualities he displayed throughout the season. Congratulations to Tom.

At the first session of these Championships, both the 16 Medley relay and the 17 and Open F/S relay swam well, achieving fifth and 6th place respectively.

**Peter Topalidis** swam a fantastic 400m F/S winning the gold medal, smashing the CIS record by three seconds. An outstanding swim. Peter was selected into the combined CIS team to compete in the NSW All School championships next week. The rest of our team compete tomorrow and we wish them the very best of luck.

**Linden Neale**
Master in Charge

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**TENNIS**

The tennis season finished very much like it started … rain, rain and more rain.

Once again in the final round, many matches were called off due to rain. The end result for the 1st and 2nd were solid with a second and third respectively. One of the highlights was how boys from all age groups, plus coaches and parents, were seen working together desperately to get the courts dry so the 1st could complete their match against Newington. This epitomizes the spirit of tennis at King’s.

The 1st succeeded with one minute to spare, but the damage was done and there were four matches unfinished due to time constraints. Ultimately the boys went down 3-2 and hence were 1 and 1/2 points behind Newington for the Premiership. The 2nd match was also hampered by rain and they too narrowly lost to Newington, with a final result of third behind Riverview.

All in all, across every age group, it was an extremely successful season. I would like to thank all the coaches, boys and parents for their commitment and patience throughout Term 4 2011 and Term 1 2012.

I would also like to thank the members of the tennis committee for their assistance and dedication in putting on Welcome BBQs, Social Tennis Days and the Annual Tennis Dinner. All the events were very successful in promoting the sport of tennis and in recognising tennis achievements throughout the various age groups.

Finally I would like to thank the School for the provision and upkeep of the tennis facilities at King’s. The boys are very fortunate to have access to both first class coaching through Mario Cabral and Premier Tennis and the Doyle tennis court complex.

I wish all the boys the best of luck for their Winter sports.

**Ben Chadwick**
Master in Charge
CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country competition commences with a trial (non scoring event) on 12 May at Centennial Park. All boys in Cross Country are expected to attend their two designated days of training per week, as well as the Saturday Carnival. The proper TKS singlet (with number sewn onto the chest part of the singlet) and sky blue shorts are to be worn.

CIS, State and National Competitions

Any King’s student is eligible to trial for the CIS team, however, if a boy wishing to trial for the CIS Cross Country team is playing rugby or football, then he must seek permission from his coach and the Master in Charge of that sport. The trial event will be held on Saturday 2 June at Riverview.

Dates for your Diary

12 May Trial Carnival, Centennial Park
2 June GPS Round 3 (CIS Trials)
5 June School Cross Country Carnival
11/12 August King’s Relay & City to Surf
8 September GPS Round 9 (GPS Championships)

I welcome Mr Michael Dalleywater to the Cross Country coaching staff.

Stacey Quitzau
Master in Charge

FOOTBALL

1st and 2nd Trials

The Easter holidays provided the opportunity for some pre-season training for our elite footballers and the chance for them to stake a claim for a place in this season’s 1st and 2nd XI teams. Around 40 boys attended the first session and participated in a very enthusiastic and impressive manner. The holidays culminated with a trial game against Barker College where King’s were defeated 5-0. It was, however, a useful game to trial some boys in new positions and whilst the score was disappointing, a number of players were able to shine and show their coaches their potential as 1st or 2nd players.

Sydney FC Under 15 Cup

The other notable football event that took place in the holidays was the inaugural Sydney FC Under 15 Tournament. The King’s School was approached at the end of 2011 to host this tournament and despite heavy rains beforehand, the ground staff prepared some excellent pitches and the tournament was able to go ahead with great success. The King’s Under-15 team was composed of players from last years Under 13 and 14 teams and the boys gelled very quickly. They performed in a typically sportsmanlike manner with great energy and determination and ended up coming fifth. I was very proud of the way our boys competed as a team and stood up with great character and determination against often much larger opponents.

Special mentions go to James Sammes who pulled off some unbelievable saves in goal and who shows great promise as a future 1st XI keeper. James Fisher put in some huge performances and led the team with commitment and passion and it was great to see the rich talent coming through the lower years in the senior school. My thanks go to the coaches who gave up time over the holidays to run these sessions and to the boys for coming along with such enthusiasm.

Last Saturday saw the first internal trials of the season with 400 boys vying for places in their different age related age groups. I look forward to following the progress of all footballers during the season ahead.

Can I please draw your attention to the notice below from the Secretary of The King’s School Football Club. The Seven’s tournament is an important date in the season and if you are able to volunteer or support this day, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

TKS Football Sevens Tournament

The King’s School Football Club is holding its annual Sevens tournament on Sunday 27 May at the Massie fields. This year we expect to have some 48 teams competing from all over Sydney and surrounding regions and will be including a competition for NSW Cerebral Palsy. Sydney FC stars will be there for autographs and photos.

Please come and join the many volunteers from the Football Club to make the day a success. Your assistance is always appreciated. Please email Rob Hooke at football@kings.edu.au if you are able to help.

Tim Nurcombe
Master in Charge
**Upcoming Events**

The King’s School Parents’ Association invites all TKS women and their friends to the annual Women’s Dinner, to hear guest speaker, Janine Shepherd. Friday 25 May 2012 in the Trophy Room Commencing at 6.30 pm for dinner at 7.15 pm $85 per head

The King’s School Parents’ Association’s next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 16 May 2012, commencing at 7.00 pm in the Governors’ Room. All members of the King’s community are welcome.

The Minutes of the March Meeting can be viewed on the Intranet.

Des Sloane, President des@medical-animations.com

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**Boarding Schools Expos 2012**

Representatives from The King’s School will be exhibiting at the following Boarding Expos and invite all who are interested in the School to come and visit them at their stand.

**Dubbo**
Friday 18 May – Saturday 19 May
Convention Centre, Darling Street

**Wagga Wagga**
Friday 15 June – Saturday 16 June
Bolton Park Stadium, Morgan Street

**Narrabri**
Friday 20 July – Saturday 21 July
The Crossing Theatre, Tibbereena Street

Further information www.boardingexpo.com.au

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**The Kings’ School Old Boys’ Union**

invites members of the King’s community to the Muster for Old Boys and Parents Sunday 27 May 2012 Commencing at 12 noon Tringabah, 162 Meadows Lane, Timbumburi Our hosts will be Rodger (’79) and Cheryl Grant RSVP 16 May 2012 Enquiries to tksobu@kings.edu.au
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The King’s School Year 12 Formal 2012 will be held at the Grand Ballroom – Crystal Palace, Luna Park on Saturday 22 September, 2012.

Boys and their partners are invited to attend a wonderful evening by the Harbour to celebrate Year 12 at The King’s School.

Invitations will be handed out later this term.

Parents will also be invited to a separate Parents’ Dinner on the same evening.

More information to follow.