Our Turn

It was magnificent. Why? Because we lost.

When you win, you receive praise and plaudits for performance. But woe betides those who win a lot. The praise can become perfunctory and the acknowledgement a derisory comment reserved for those you would prefer to see lose. Yes, it is important not to win too much!

And we have won a lot. Our track and field team has dominated the AAGPS Athletics competition for the best part of a decade. They still do. The Junior Team won their fourth straight title and our Intermediate Team won their inaugural competition this year. These results complete a remarkable treble. The King’s School won the first ever Senior Athletics Competition in 1892, the first ever Junior Athletics Competition in 1912 and now the first ever Intermediate Athletics Competition.

Our Athletics Squad has produced several National Champions, many State Champions and even a World Champion. Small wonder. The dedication to year-round training by our coaches and athletes has ensured that King’s remains one of the most respected Track and Field teams in the country. Led by Mr Ben Gavan, supported by devoted colleagues such as Mrs Stacey Quitzau and assisted by a wonderful cohort of coaches, including the legendary Mrs Nancy Atterton, King’s has won no less than 13 GPS Athletic titles in the last ten years.

As one GPS Headmaster put it, ‘King’s has set the benchmark in Athletic excellence – but at a cost – we all want to stop you.’ He was right. The 2012 AAGPS Athletics Competition was one of the closest and most exciting competitions in the history of the event. In front of a crowd which was the largest track and field crowd in the Southern Hemisphere this year; in front of thousands festooned in tribal colours; in front of choreographed choirs of chanting boys, our athletes tested themselves against the best from other schools. It was glorious.

We nearly won all three divisions, missing out on the Senior Title by a dropped baton on the last change in the last race. Devastation. Or was it?

What followed will remain in my mind for a lot longer than the memory of another victory. Thwarted in their campaign for a fifth straight win in the Senior Competition, our team drew together. I don’t know what was said – it was private – just as it should be. But there was a special connection at that moment, a brotherhood of athletes giving comfort to each other. Then the team went to the School. From the seats arose a roar of support that left no doubt about the immense pride the School felt toward their heroes.

Then our Athletics Team jogged to other side of the ground and gathered in front of the Newington supporters. There, they gave three cheers to the victorious Newington team and moved among them shaking their hands. It was a delight to watch … and it was a lesson in how to lose.

Two firsts and a second. Not bad for a day’s work. But thank goodness for the second! To have won all three competitions would have promoted that particular resentment reserved for the regular champion.

Now we have lost. Now we have a mission. Now we hunt.

Or did we really lose?

Dr Tim Hawkes
**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**

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**ARCHIVES**

**In Distinguished Father’s Footsteps**
Michael Crace, son of Sir John Crace (TKS 1899), together with his son Chris and nephew James Warrand, father of Patrick (‘79), Jonathon (‘86) and Anna-Claire (TKS Staff), and grandfather of George Coore (‘11) and James Coore (Year 10), paid a significant visit to both Gowan Brae and the Old Site in Parramatta recently. Michael and Chris have been flown to Australia to witness the dedication of the Sir John Crace and Coral Sea Memorial in the suburb of Crace in the ACT, almost seventy years to the day since Sir John took part in a major turning point in the Pacific during World War II. As part of their short visit to Australia, Michael and Chris wanted to see where their father and grandfather attended school.

As Rear Admiral commanding the RAN squadron, John was ordered from Sydney to join two US Navy carrier groups deployed in the Coral Sea in anticipation of a move southward towards Australia by the Japanese. Despite his seniority, John was subordinate to the US Navy tactical commander. On 7 May John’s force was sent, minus air cover, to guard the passage between the Solomon Islands and New Guinea, while Rear Admiral Frank Fletcher of the US Navy prepared to engage the Japanese aircraft carriers.

It did not take the Japanese scout planes long to find the undefended Australian force and 12 land-based torpedo bombers roared out to attack John’s squadron. Fortunately John’s ships weaved clear of the torpedoes and shot down five of the planes. Seventy minutes later, 19 Japanese high-altitude bombers attacked again straddling the HMAS Australia and the USN Chicago in water spouts. Meanwhile, to the east, another battle was raging that saw the sinking of the US Lexington and damage to the US Yorktown. However, the battle was a victory to the allies, for it checked the Japanese advance. As fuel was low and since it was obvious that the Japanese advance had now been halted, Crace withdrew his squadron.

Michael, Chris and the wider Australian family are proud that the contribution of Sir John and those he led during the war is now to be commemorated in the Nation’s capital.

**Jenny Pearce**
Safe and Responsible Use of the Internet

Once again some of our boys have demonstrated foolish and impulsive behaviour surrounding their use of email, Skype and social media sites such as Facebook. Their conduct has caused great hurt to a number of individuals and resulted in significant damage to their reputation and the fine reputations of their families and our School.

I ask, please, that you support us in reinforcing safe and responsible practices in the use of the internet for your son. The media have recently reported on the significant long term damage that can arise, for years to come from a thoughtless and impulsive posting of an inappropriate photograph, slanderous comment or careless word.

Young people must understand that once a photo or comment is put online it is there forever, regardless of the fact that it is removed from the screen. The ability of modern technology to retrieve information means that at any time in the future everything that you have written, every photo that you have appeared in, can be found. The use of facial recognition technology can identify all photos in which you appear, which in this day and age, with instant access to photography via mobile phones and the ease and speed that photos can be posted on the internet, places many at risk.

The ability to use modern technology to record forever the inappropriate behaviour by young people is now greater than ever before.

Boys must understand there is no anonymity online. Once connected, they are allocated an IP address. They always leave a digital footprint. It does not matter what they call themselves, they can always be traced. Postings and comments can be retrieved years later.

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Social networking on the internet has become part of life. And as with all aspects of life it is our role as parents to teach our children how to exercise safe and responsible use of the internet.

Firstly, it is hard to inform our boys about something we know little about. If you are not familiar with social networking sites and how they work – get familiar with them. Dr Claire McCarthy provides the following advice to parents:

- Parents can have their child ‘friend’ them so that they can monitor what they do online (which does involve signing up, so it will be useful if you have already).
- Parents need to keep a watchful eye over their son’s homework tasks and be aware of what computer programs he is using and what sites he is visiting.
- Have limits on screen time (made much easier if the computer is in a public place). Less time online means less time for getting into trouble.
- If your children are on a social networking site, make sure they’re using all the privacy settings they can – and talk to them about making good decisions about who they ‘friend’ (it should only be people they know personally and well).
- Most important: talk to your kids about what they should and shouldn’t post online. It’s not just about giving information to predators or thieves. Anything they put there is functionally there forever, and everything can be misunderstood. Help them think through how words can hurt – or what an admissions offer or employer might think about their posts and pictures (this is something that lots of grownups don’t seem to grasp).

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boys and a number of parents learnt of careers from Aviation and Architecture to Veterinary Science.

The School is most grateful of the generous support provided to the boys from the Old Boys’ Union. Special mention must be made of Mr Michael Gordon, our Careers Adviser, and the OBU Secretary, Mrs Jean Khoudair, for organising the evening and to Mr David Adams, our OBU President, for his ongoing support of the School.

**Congratulations**

**University of Technology Scholarships**

We are delighted to hear that two of our 2011 Year 12 students, **Dominic Couch** and **William Isles**, have gained places in the highly prestigious Bachelor of Information Technology Scholarship Program at UTS. The Scholarship is valued at $43500 and provides work placements in the IT industry. Several Universities offer such programs so I encourage our Year 12s to speak with Mr Gordon to explore what possibilities are available.

**From the World of Sport**

- **Bas Hollard** and **James Davies** who have been selected in Rowing Australia’s Junior Development Squad.
- **James Shepherd**, on his inclusion in the NSW U17 Cricket squad.
- **Peter Topalidis**
  - Broke three CIS records at the Combined Independent Schools’ Championship
  - At the NSW All Schools winning two Gold medals and one Silver medal. In doing this he established a new NSW U16 record for 200m Freestyle.

Peter has now been selected in the NSW team to complete in the National Schools’ Championships.

**Traffic and Trucks within the School**

With the construction of the new Science Centre and Broughton Forrest House there will be a good number of trucks travelling through the School. Please talk to your son/s about being mindful of this and take great care while moving throughout the property, particularly in the vicinity of these sites and along the road from the entrance of the School down past the Museum. **Great care will need to be exercised when driving on the School grounds.** Trucks will also be moving through the School to drop soil near the Old Boys’ fields. At times there may be considerable traffic and an increase in noise. Your care and patience is greatly appreciated. Fortunately when all is complete we shall have two fabulous buildings.

**Dr Andrew Parry**

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**CADET CORPS**

**Training for Term 2**

Following the successful completion of Corps Camp at the end of Term 1, the Cadet Corps’ focus is now upon preparation for the Annual Ceremonial and Passing Out Parade (Friday 22 June 2012).

**Corps Ceremonial Training and Rehearsals** will take place at the following times:

- Monday 21 May at 3.30pm
- Monday 28 May at 2.30pm
- Monday 4 June at 2.30pm
- Wednesday 13 June at 2.30pm
- Monday 18 June at 1.30pm
- Tuesday 19 June at 1.30pm

**Regimental Dinner**

Thursday 21 June at 5.30pm (Year 12 Only)

**Corps Annual Ceremonial and Passing Out Parade**

Friday 22 June at 10.45am - JS White Oval

Whilst it is understood that occasionally commitments will occur that may clash with these rehearsals, every attempt should be made to avoid this taking place. If this does occur, leave is to be applied for in the usual manner. Repeated absences from these rehearsals will mean that your son is not fully prepared for the Ceremonial Parade and it is also unfair on the boys and staff who put a significant effort into preparing for this event.

It would also be appreciated that all parents were mindful that the Cadet Corps will be marching from the Rec Field to the White Oval from 2.30pm to 3.00pm and from 4.30pm to 5.00pm, passing through the round-about near the Sports Centre. At these times, if driving through the School, it would be fastest (and safest) to avoid this area - perhaps travelling by the road above the White Oval.

**AS Mansfield**

Major (AAC)

**Commanding Officer**

The King’s School Cadet Corps
The Meaning of Life

The conference was packed, delegates had arrived from all over the world – sent by their kings and queens to one of the great cities of the world to hear from one of the wisest man ever. The date is the 10th century BC and the speaker is Solomon and his speech is recorded in the book of Ecclesiastes.

The delegates sit on the edge of their seats waiting to hear Solomon’s answer to the meaning of life. Solomon does not waste anytime but gets straight to his thesis.

“What! Meaningless! Utterly meaningless!” Says the teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” (Ecclesiastes 1:2)

It is not the most positive start to a lecture as he says everything that we have is like a breath or a mist, it is here today and gone tomorrow. “What do we gain from all our work under the sin?” (1:3) asks Solomon. And the answer seems to be nothing. With all the effort that generations of people have made (1:4), with all the activity of the sun, wind and rain (1:5-9), our world does not seem to be getting anywhere. Sure we have great advancements in technology and in communications and transport but the world is still stuck with the same problems. We cannot rid ourselves of anger, hatred, selfishness, sickness, greed and the like.

Solomon is looking at the harsh realities of life that each one of us faces every day. How do we make sense of this world in which we live? Solomon investigates life “under the sun” which he repeats nearly 30. He is saying if you exclude God from the equation of life than you are going to run into a dead end. What you place your hope and trust in will fade away. We need to look beyond our physical world to God himself, for he is the eternal one. What God does, will endure forever. (3:14)

For people in Solomon’s day this seemed impossible for them to grasp! How could they experience and know this God of eternity? How blessed are we that we can look back to Jesus, for through his life, death and resurrection he has brought the eternal into our world. God became flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1:14) The sense of “eternity in our hearts” (3:11) can now find a home in Jesus and his resurrection.

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**Rev Stephen Edwards**

Parents’ Prayer Meeting is on Wednesday, 23 May from 7.30-9.00pm at the Chaplain’s Cottage. Come along and join us as we pray for our School.

Further information from Rev Stephen Edwards (9683 8414) or Rev Stuart Tye (9683 8433)

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**Community Chapel Service**

Sunday 3 June at 8.00am

Guest Speaker: Rev Dr Nick Foord
Community Chaplain at Shore School

**Topic: When leaders step back**

The Senior and Prep Choir will lead us through the sung responses in the Communion Service.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

For further Details contact Rev Stephen Edwards: 9863 8414 or chaplain@kings.edu.au

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Church@theChapel is celebrating its 1st anniversary.

20 May – 6.00pm at the School Chapel.

Please join us as we thank God for the blessings of the past year and also as we look to the future.

Church@theChapel is a contemporary service suitable for students in Senior High, young adults and all are welcome. For further Details contact Rev Stephen Edwards 9863 8414, chaplain@kings.edu.au
DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Curriculum Matters
Academic Tips No. 6

Reflection – strategies to enhance student self-assessment

Student self-assessment is now regarded as vital to success at school. Black and William (1998) put it like this:

... self-assessment by pupils, far from being a luxury, is in fact an essential component of formative assessment.

The implementation of student self-assessment in the classroom does not ignore the role of the teacher. The very important role of the teacher involves:

- sharing with students the success criteria for each assessment activity
- ensuring that students understand the success criteria
- explicitly teaching students how to apply those criteria to their own work
- providing students with feedback to help them improve; and
- helping students to set learning targets to achieve that improvement.

Students who use self-assessment:

- recognise that learning is associated with a very positive kind of difficulty, which increases motivation rather than destroying it
- experience an increase in self-esteem
- experience an improvement in their learning because they come to know how they learn rather than just what they learn.

Teachers who encourage students to self-assess:

- see the responsibility for learning shifting from them to their students
- recognise an increase in student motivation and enthusiasm for learning and a corresponding decrease in behavioural problems
- are able to use feedback from their students about how they learn to shape lessons to individual and group needs rather than teaching to the mythical class as whole

Prompts can be designed to encourage students to reflect on:

- the knowledge they already have which might help them in a new situation or with a new topic:
  - Where have I heard about this before?
  - What do I already know about this topic?
- the learning process as a whole and how they engage with it:
  - What strategies best help me to remember what I’ve read?
  - What strategies do I use when I get into difficulties?
- previous schoolwork which they can draw on in a new situation:
  - How is this like something I’ve done before?
  - What can I recall about a previous process that might help me with this one?
- the progress they have made:
  - What do I understand?
  - What do I still need to understand?
- the learning that they still need to do in order to improve performance or reach designated standards and what might help them in that learning:
  - How can I improve? What steps will I take?

These are important questions that we all need to do to ensure that we are all confident in achieving the outcomes we desire. To this end, we will be trialing a Parent Teacher Interviews – Reflections sheet with Year 9 and Year 7 in the coming weeks. It will require students to record what they do well and/or enjoy in each subject and what they believe they can improve and/or may need help with. Parents may then record the information gleaned at the interviews - parents will then be able to reflect with their sons, at an appropriate time, what has been recorded.

All part of the attempt to give parents meaningful feedback and to encourage positive reflection between parents and their sons.

Clive Logan

Date for your Diary – Monday 18 June
Homework Help

On Monday 18 June, there will be a Parent Information evening to look at online resources available through our School intranet to assist your son with his assignments. This will be held in the Group Study Room in the Senior Library from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

Mrs Judi Hurst
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Year 11 Recital evening
On Monday 21 May at 7.00pm in the Recital Room the Year 11 Elective Music class will perform a program highlighting their instrumental achievements for the first part of their Preliminary Course. All are welcome to attend.

Concert Band Concert
On Thursday 31 May at 6.30pm in Futter Hall the Symphonic Concert Band and many of the ensembles that form part of the Band program will present a program, under the guidance of Mr Williams (Head of Bands). Friends of Music will be providing refreshments for sale prior to the concert and during interval, at which point the Intermediate Stage Band will perform to guests in a more informal setting in the forecourt. All are welcome to this free concert.

Brass Success
Braxton Jones, in the past holiday period, competed in the National Band Championships in Melbourne as part of the Castle Hill (RSL) Youth Wind Orchestra and the Youth Wind Orchestra’s Big Band. For his individual competition in the National Solo Championship, Braxton received 81%.

Upcoming Events
Monday 21 May at 7.00pm
Year 11 Music Recital, Recital Room
Sunday 27 May
HSC Music Workshop Recital Room – hosted by the Music Teachers’ Association of NSW in conjunction with The King’s School.
Thursday 31 May at 6.30pm
Concert Band and Ensembles Concert, Futter Hall
Monday 4 June at 7.00pm
Friends of Music meeting, Music School
Wednesday 6 June at 5.30pm
Stage Band Pre-Tour Concert, Recital Room
8-11 June
Stage Band Tour to Merimbula Jazz Festival

BARONY WALMSLEY

The King’s Camerata needs you …
Do you love to sing at home?
Are you a Karaoke star?
Have you yet to fulfill your New Year resolution to try something new?
The King’s Camerata is the adult community choir of The King’s School.
We would love to hear from any keen singers.
Rehearsals take place each Wednesday during term time.
For further details please contact Jonathan Todhunter jpt@kings.edu.au or 9683 8602

Invitation to all Parents
Discussion Forum
Modern Medicine…
are we heading down a slippery slope?

This affects every one of us!
Come and join in the lively discussion and play your part in exploring the vital questions about discoveries in medicine.
- Breakthroughs in gene therapy
- Revolutionary treatments with stem cells
- Advances in tissue engineering
- Victories in battle against Alzheimer’s disease
- Consideration of ethical, moral, social issues

You, your family and friends are cordially invited to join us in an evening of dialogue on issues that are fundamental to our physical and mental wellbeing. World-class experts in medical science will lead us in our discussion.

RSVP: Dr Mo Afzal email: ideasforlife@kings.edu.au
Phone: 02 9683 8455
VENUE Futter Hall, The King’s School
DATE Tues 12 June 2012
TIME 7.00pm – 8.30pm

PANELLISTS
Prof Ian Alexander
University of Sydney
Prof Peter Gunning
University of New South Wales
Prof Kay Double
Neuroscience Research Australia
EXCELSIOR PROGRAM

Various groups are working beyond the classroom to add to the academic and social sides of pursuing academic goals. The sharing of study and motivational strategies between students has been a growing feature of work at King’s over the last several years and it is encouraging to see further strength in this area. The use of wiki sites to share information has added a new element for such work and this will be further developed through the rest of this year. The School’s new iLearn site is being built up and aspects of the Intranet will be transferred to operate alongside new material and groups on iLearn. The online world provides many benefits for group work and is readily accepted by student groups.

The New Rambler Journal of opinion for Year 8 and Year 9 has a large and committed group of writers pursuing articles on a range of topics including cyberterrorism, international politics including China, Al Qaeda and Kony 2012, school discipline systems, school subjects and ATAR bonus points amongst others. Dr Bril and I look forward to further developments and plan to publish at the start of Term 3. The benefits of writing in literacy development are many and strong. New members should contact me as soon as possible.

For Year 10 further writing is planned for next term with the Opinion Writers to re-emerge. With Year 10 having considered introductory philosophy with theories of mind, existence and knowledge explored, they will be invited to contribute their voice to topics in the public sphere. More on that later in the term.

The Mary Burns Society for Year 7 has a large and vocal group of boys meeting for lunch and discussions. So far we have considered ethical decision making and utilitarianism through “the trolley problem.” For a taste, if you saw a runaway carriage heading for five workers but could throw a lever to divert it to another track on which only one worker was present would you divert the carriage? The next meeting is on 4 June and an excursion to the Sydney Observatory is also planned for next term. New members should be in touch as soon as possible. It is likely we will split to two groups to open easier discussion with such large numbers – a great problem to have!

Year 9 Mentoring at Prep School is planned to go ahead this year. The group will be selected based on the half-yearly reports. They will be given revision and new work in research skills and then assist Prep boys in preparing their research tasks. Details will be added as necessary.

Information and help for all academic Years is available now parent/teacher nights are underway and the year has taken shape. If you would like assistance on gifted education matters please contact me.

Nick Green
Excelsior Co-ordinator
njg@kings.edu.au

Cosmic Chatter

The Space Odyssey Team was initially created as a result of Tara Anglican School being selected by the Oxford University Astrophysics Department as the Australian school to participate in their Global Jet Watch Program. This exciting new project which links astronomers at Oxford University with students from four high schools around the world in Australia, Chile, South Africa and India in order to carry out cutting edge research.

This year’s Close Encounter with Astronomy on 26 May will feature a talk by Professor Fred Watson AM who is Astronomer in Charge of the Anglo Australia Telescope, a new planetarium from Macquarie University, and telescope viewing by SPOT and the Astronomical Society of NSW (ASNSW). Bookings can be made on the Tara website and we hope to see you there under clear skies!

Meanwhile, up in the night sky, Venus has been highly visible in the western twilight sky, but will begin to become difficult to see as it moves closer to the Sun, where it will cross the face of the Sun on 6 June in a rare transit. SPOT is teaming with ASNSW with the aim of showing students the Transit of Venus, which won’t occur again until 2117.

Matthew Jacob (Year 11), SPOT CEO 2012
Caitlin Williams, SPOT Member
**CAREERS**

**Chartered Accountants Cadetship Evening**
Are you a Year 12 student who is looking to study a business or commerce degree while gaining practical paid work experience? Then a cadetship is the perfect opportunity for you in 2013! The Chartered Accountants Cadetship Evening offers Year 12 students the chance to meet and network with a wide range of employers and hear about what to expect as a cadet, the many opportunities in a business career. Wednesday 23 May, 4.30pm, Sydney Convention Centre, Bayside Foyer. Register at www.charteredaccountants.com.au/students

**Chartered Accountants Meet the Business Leader Event**
Are you a Year 10 or 11 student thinking about pursuing a career in business or commerce? Come to the Meet the Business Leader event for a chance to meet with young professionals from a wide range of industries and in various roles, and gain an insight into their real life experiences. Wednesday, 22 August, 4.30pm, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, 33 Erskine Street Sydney. Register www.charteredaccountants.com.au/students

Pre-apprenticeship and other training opportunities - Skillswest Training Company, a branch of the Hunter Valley Training Company, has its own training centre in Penrith and currently has vacancies available for Construction and Metals Trade pre-apprenticeships commencing 14 May. They have limited pre-apprenticeship places available for Bricklaying, Engineering (Fabrication), Electrical and Carpentry. Call Velma at Skillswest on 02 4721 0099 or go to www.skillswest.com.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=r8kW-KFwpwY%3d&tabid=220&mid=1257

**UNSW Training Sessions for Physics Olympiad 2012 - Faculty of Science**
The School of Physics is offering extra training for the National Qualifying Exam (NQE) in Physics, with a 10 week training regime prior to the exam on 15 August. This is available to any student in Year 11 and below. These sessions are a great way to revise for the HSC and excellent way to gain information for those students keen on undertaking Physics at UNSW. Topics include Mechanics, Electric Charges & Fields, Electric Current, Oscillation & Waves, Thermodynamics and Experimental Processes. 23, 30 May, 20, 27 June, 18, 25 July, 1 August at 4.00pm. Cost is $250 for 10 week course.

University of Technology Sydney
* Bachelor of IT Co-op Scholarship Program
**Application Form online**
UTS now has an online application form for the Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Program. Round 1 applications close on Friday 29 June. The scholarship has increased to $46,500 and they have enrolled 45 students this year, which is testament to how highly regarded this program is by the IT industry.

* IT Course and Scholarships Info Evening
UTS IT are holding an Undergraduate Evening on Wednesday 13 June at 6.00pm, to provide information to Year 12 students and parents. Registration closes on Tuesday 12 June at 1.00pm. Visit the UTS Undergraduate website.

* Engineering Scholarships
2013 Applications and details are online at www.eng.uts.edu.au/scholarships. Scholarships range from $5000 for the first year of study to $100,000 over the five year degree. Some scholarships are sponsored by industry and they have a range of equity scholarships. UTS Engineering are holding a Scholarships Information Evening on Wednesday 27 June at 6.00pm. Registration for this event is essential. Visit the UTS Undergraduate website.

* Human Movement, Sport and Exercise
Interested in a career in fitness, PDHPE teaching or sports management? On Thursday 24 May, UTS Nursing, Midwifery & Health will host their first discover information session. Held at the Kuring-gai Campus, this event will begin with an informal panel discussion, followed by an interactive tour of our sport and exercise labs and teaching spaces. Anyone considering a career in health and fitness or the sports industry can attend. Information at www.nmh.uts.edu.au/discover

Sydney University Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies
Information night for Year 11 and 12 students and their parents about Undergraduate courses in Engineering, Information Technology and Project Management. Thursday 7 June at6.15pm. PNR Theatre, PNR Building, Maze Crescent, Darlington Campus, Sydney University.

**Bond University Scholarships**
Information Evening to be held on Wednesday 27 June at 7.00pm. Westin Hotel, 1 Martin Place, Sydney.

Michael Gordon mcg@kings.edu.au
**The Year of the Farmer**

**City to the Bush**

2012 is the *Year of the Farmer*. Australian Year of the Farmer is a celebration of the vital role farmers play in feeding, clothing and sheltering us all.

As part of this celebration The King’s School asks that members of our community from the rural sector consider inviting boys and perhaps families from the city to visit their properties throughout the rest of the year.

The June Long Weekend presents itself as a great opportunity for boys from the city to visit a farm or station and learn something of the rural sector. Arrangements would need to be organised soon, with notes and transport to be sorted too. It would be hoped that boys from the city get their hands dirty and help out around the farm, in order to gain the most from this experience!

Within our King’s community, there are also a number of city people who own a block out in the country and it might also be appropriate for them to take another city boy out to their land. We do want our boys to realise that milk comes from a cow and not just the carton or fridge and that the nice cow or lamb is what ends up on the table or that the dirty plants and vegetables in the paddock are those on the table.

For more information on the *Year of the Farmer* check out [www.yearofthefarmer.com.au](http://www.yearofthefarmer.com.au/)

Charles Colclough  
Agriculture Department

**DIRECTOR OF SPORT**

Many words have been spoken and written in support of a wonderful athletics season. Two wins from three on the day was a wonderful result and more importantly, the day produced some memorable moments and great displays of sportsmanship both on and off the track. Those who were there were fortunate to witness a great day.

The majority of rugby teams enjoyed their first outing in some spirited contests last Saturday. These games have given coaches their first glimpse of form on the field and there will be changes made as appropriate. The footballers have worked hard in their preparation and we wish the new Master in Charge of Football and coach of the 1st XI, Mr Tim Nurcombe all the best in his debut this weekend.

Boys and parents are reminded of their obligations regarding notification of an injury. When treated in the Health Centre, the School will have details of injuries and will annotate the database accordingly. For those treated elsewhere, boys should present any medical certificates to our Health Centre so that the appropriate notifications regarding unavailability can be made.

Boys who miss trainings or games must, as soon as is possible- notify their coach of the reason for their absence. This notification process must be a priority for all boys.

In the unusual circumstance of leave being requested for whatever reason, we expect the boys to make these requests well in advance. It is simply not good enough for the School to receive notification of an impending absence after the last training of the week has taken place.

We ask for understanding and cooperation with regard to the traffic arrangements that will be put in place for “Home” games. The measures are there to assist the speedy medical intervention for any players who become injured across a number of playing fields.

I hope that the winter season will see many enjoyable times had by all. The players will enjoy the positive encouragement given by any spectators and hopefully there will be many positive interactions amongst those in the crowd as well.

Peter Phipps
ATHLETICS

117th AAGPS Athletics Championships
Last week saw the running of the 117th AAGPS Athletics Championships and we were greeted with a beautiful autumn day at Sydney Olympic Athletic Centre, Homebush. After strong performances in the lead up Invitational Carnivals we approached the major competition for the year, confident in our preparation but also aware that we were going to need to be consistent and committed in every single event.

I don’t think anyone could have predicted the drama that was going to embrace us throughout the course of the day. During the week I stressed to our boys that ‘success is not forever and failure is not fatal’. I will reluctantly account some highlights but also fear that I will indeed fail to pay tribute to so many of our boy’s wonderful efforts. It is difficult to squeeze eight hours into a small article. Full results can be found at: www.aagps.nsw.edu.au.

The Junior Team secured our fourth consecutive trophy by a mere four points through great application at training and relentless pressure in every event. There were so many personal bests. Jordan Idiare was one of many great performances and he was rewarded for months of training with a GPS Record in the U14 100m Hurdles. The U13 4 x 100m relay of Tom Goode, Marshall Strong, Will Freyer and John Gikas moved the baton around perfectly and claimed a victory that argues well for our future prospects.

Our Intermediate athletes were outstanding throughout the entire day and in victory ensured that The King’s School name is now the first one to be engraved on all three AAGPS Athletics trophies. There were some wonderful performances in this new division. Nick Andrews was victorious in the U15 100m Hurdles and, against boys far bigger than him; he was able to be inch perfect when it mattered most. JP Curran ran a PB in the U16 800m and then backed it up with victory in the 400m. His training ‘buddy’, Sam Porter, was not to be outdone with victories in both the U15 800m and 400m. Our Intermediate 4 x 400m also provided a magic moment coming from behind to snatch a fantastic win. Strong legs from Braxton Jones, Hugh Taylor and Callum Anderson placed Rowan Bray in fourth place on the final leg. Rowan then lifted on the back straight and took the lead on the final bend to hold on for a memorable first place and perhaps one of the greatest runs ever for a boy in the Sky Blue and White. I have no doubt that Captain Greg Jeloudev’s (’08) speech during the week provided some great inspiration that was manifested in many other performances.

The Senior team had been performing well in the final weeks and entered the competition with a great deal of expectation. Throughout the day we had some excellent results but it was clear that Newington were determined to challenge us. Jack Stapleton ran magnificently winning the U17 800m Championship and also the Open 1500m to break a record that has stood since 1975. Our Senior 4 x 400m made up of Lachlan Camp, Harrison Andrews, Harry Randell and Johnny Duggan was strong and completed another relay victory. Josh Clarke continued a stellar year to claim the Open 100m in 10.89 and ran with great courage nursing a painful injury that impeded him from being at his very best. With two relays to run we were a mere seven points ahead of Newington and their victory in the U17 relay ensured we were level pegging heading into the final relay. Unfortunately we were disqualified on the final change of the 4 x 100m and the dream of five consecutive Senior triumphs disappeared. However, it is never just one thing that makes the difference to a result and Newington were deserved winners after being the more consistent team in the majority of events and that, in this competition, ensures success.

It was a day where sport imitated life and, if we are serious about educating our young men then the results of the day ensured we got a complete experience. We experienced the highest of highs and the lowest of lows and I have stressed the importance to all of our boys that true happiness in life lies somewhere between the two extremes. Our response to such disappointment, and our success, was certainly a highlight of the day. No amount of winning is worth anything if your reputation is tarnished and ours was significantly enhanced by the way in which we responded to our obvious disappointment. Our squad en masse, went over to Newington, gave a rousing three cheers and then shook the hands of the opposition. It was a moment that transcended sport. Sometimes in life you can lose and win all at once.

There are only 343 days until we will again by watching the men in the Sky Blue and White tearing up the track. I can’t wait. Planning has already begun! Thank you for so many memories.

Ben Gavan
Master in Charge
RUGBY

Last Saturday saw the commencement of our rugby trials for 2012. The King’s School hosted St Stanislaus College, Bathurst, with 19 games being contested from Opens to 13s. Fixtures between The King’s School and St Stanislaus College dates back to the 1800s and it was great to see St Stanislaus back playing at King’s and we look forward to these games being a regular fixture in our rugby calendar.

It was a very successful day with King’s winning every game played.

The 1st XV were having their first hit out of the year and everybody was keen to see how they would fare after their development tour to the UK and France in 2011. The boys didn’t disappoint and their first up performance was very impressive. They recorded a 58-0 victory with the forwards and backs combining to score 10 tries to keep the opposition scoreless. The back row of Jack McCalman, Harry Randell and Liam Moylan dominated the opposition which allowed the backs to score some scintillating tries. Andrew Ferris was strong at half back, crossing for two tries as did Will Davies, who was playing his first game at King’s. The ball handling of the team was very precise which meant the game was played with great width and speed, allowing the attacking skills of Corey Tulloch and Lalakai Foketi to be fully utilised.

It must be said that St Stanislaus were just returning from an overseas tour, where they had picked up a few injuries, and our boys realise that they will get a more realistic form guide when they play Newington, Shore and Riverview in the coming weeks.

The 2nd XV also hit the ground running last Saturday, recording a 66-0 victory, with their 9 tries being evenly spread across the backs and forwards. Rory Davis and Sam Carter both had strong games, scoring 2 tries a piece, whilst Robert Black and Harry Jones always split the line with powerful running. The 2nd XV were cleverly directed around the field by Charlie Friend and Nick Tregoning, and with a good mix of Year 11 and 12 players who have all toured together at the end of last season, we look forward to a potentially successful season.

Across the other age groups we also saw some promising rugby. The 16As and Bs had a good hit out, with the 16As having to work hard to get on top of their opponents. Their powerful forward pack once again looks to be a tough unit to beat, and with some nice passing from Charlie Harris hitting the strong running Cameron Mullen and James Keane, they looked very sharp.

The 15As had a tighter game winning 19-0, but their backline looked sharp and showed enormous potential. The rest of the 15s game was fairly one-sided, but there is a good chance for the boys to form some combinations leading into the GPS trials.

The 14As recorded a 21-7 victory in the closest game of the day. It was a good contest for the boys against a tough team and it was a perfect preparation for their next hard trial against the powerful Newington team.

The 13s age group saw a new generation of King’s players commencing their senior rugby experience, and were victorious across all games played from As to Ds. The 13As looked very sharp and certainly won’t lack for speed in the backline this season. They recorded an astonishing 81-0 victory with great passing and support play being the feature of the game.

This week we travel away to Newington College, where we will certainly be tested across all age groups. It will also mean that all rugby teams will be playing against an opposing school, with no more internal trials.

For those boys who haven’t yet collected their FREE training jersey from the Rugby Club, you will be able to collect it from the Rugby Club merchandising tent at our next home fixture against Shore on 26 May. Even if you have received your jersey, a visit to the merchandise tent would be very worthwhile as they have some terrific items that you can purchase and in doing so, support our rugby program.

The Shore fixtures on 26 May will be the first of the Rugby Club’s social activities, with their “Super 15” night at the Sports Centre. You are welcome to come along and watch a feast of Super 15 rugby on the big screen in the Sports Centre with BBQ and drinks provided for only a gold coin donation.

The other calendar date is the annual “kick off” luncheon on 27 July with tickets selling fast. I suggest you get in early so as not to miss out.

Good luck on the weekend.

Stephen James
Master in Charge
The King’s School Rugby Club invites all members, supporters and their families to join them for a big screen live presentation of Super Rugby matches immediately after the conclusion of the 1st XV’s home trial match against Shore.

Saturday 26 May - from 5:00 pm
Upper level function area in the Sports Centre
BBQ and refreshments will be provided

Game 1
Auckland Blues V Highlanders – 5.30pm kickoff
Game 2
Brumbies V Reds – 7.40pm kickoff

If you’re thinking of joining the King’s Rugby Club why not come along, meet some new friends and learn more about what the Club does to support Rugby at King’s. (Contact Moose Moore for further details: 0406 383 783)
**CROSS COUNTRY**

The Cross Country teams already look very competitive in the Intermediate and Open age groups, with strong results from last week’s non-scoring event.

**Juniors**
- Thomas Dickinson: 3rd
- Abhranil Hazra: 22nd
- Brendan Hua: 27th
- Zac Emmett: 31st

**Intermediates**
- Henry Bell: 5th
- Isaac Hall: 7th
- Sam Porter: 8th
- Braxton Jones: 16th

**Opens**
(Notable absences for us in the Opens were, Jack Stapleton and Harry Gregson.)
- Maine Vidler: 2nd
- Jak Bukovinsky: 3rd
- Johnny Duggan: 7th
- Thomas Moul: 14th

Any boys wishing to trial for the CIS team need to be registered and be available to run at the St Ignatius’ Carnival Saturday 2 June. If boys wanting to trial for the CIS team are enrolled in other winter sports they must consult their coaches and the Director of Sport for permission to compete on 2 June. A permission note from the coach confirming this is to be given to Mrs Quitzau.

**Stacey Quitzau**
Master in Charge

**FOOTBALL**

Such is the fearsome reputation preceding King’s Football of late, no opponents could be found for the weekend of 12/5/2012. Instead, the boys in all age groups, eager as they all were for their first games, had to settle for a round of internal fixtures. This gave many of the players in the “B” and “D” teams the opportunity to prove their coaches wrong and convince them that they needed to promote them to the “A” and “C” teams. This was particularly evident in the 15s age group with **Jack Ormiston** and **George Khalil** showing some flair and tenacity in midfield. **Kevin Choi** and **Benz Janwong** also caught the eye playing for Mr Ruddock’s 3rd and looked to be in good touch, moving the ball with speed and purpose. In the 1st v 2nd game **Jason Na, Matthew Hawke** and **Matthew Planinic** all put in some impressive performances as they challenged strongly for a place in the 1st XI. With **David Burdis, Harry Connery, Zac Croker** and **Reuben Vijayakumaran** missing the start due to their participation in the GPS Football selection trials, the 2nd XI started with more purpose and fluency and even with the introduction of the four trialists, the 2nd XI took the lead on 20 minutes with **Matt Planinic** tapping home after some determined work by **Jackson Kang**. As the 1st began to hit their straps, they started to create more opportunities and eventually Burdis showed his typical composure in front of goal just before half time where a dribble past three defenders and cool finish in the bottom corner leveled the score.

With some key players nursing injuries, opportunities were given to other players and **Connor Ridley** playing at left back showed real promise with rampaging runs on the right wing. His crosses were magnificent and he shows all the potential to be a key player this season. On 60 minutes, however, the 2nd exploited a gaping hole in the 1st back line with **Matthew Hawke** shaking off two defenders to play the killer pass to Planinic who showed excellent strength and composure to stroke the ball home. The 1st almost came close to leveling soon after when a Burdis cross was met with a powerful header by **Sam Read** that narrowly went over the top and the game finished 2-1.

Peter Denyer, Mr Gordon and I, have all been hugely impressed with the attitude, commitment and aspirations of the current 1st and 2nd XI players. They are a willing bunch of young men with truck-loads of enthusiasm and an appetite for hard work. We are looking forward now to the trial game against Newington this weekend and the GPS season in Term 3.

**Tim Nurcombe**
Master in Charge

**Save the Date – Football Club Season Launch**

Thursday 26 July at 7.00pm
Trophy Room.

Craig Foster, who has a long and successful playing career in Australia and overseas, and who now is a highly respected football commentator, will be our guest.

The 1st and 2nd XI players will be presented with their jerseys.

Further details to come.
**Upcoming Events**

**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.

**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


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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.

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**Braeside Shop**

Please note the Braeside Shop will be closed on Saturday 9 June and Monday 11 June 2012 for the Queen’s Birthday long weekend.