When I leave the city confines and visit a working farm, a curious ease settles over me. I enjoy the integrity of it all. I have no idea what the pin stripe in the city is doing but the bloke over there’s ploughing a field. Clear as day. Even the dead carcass has authenticity. Don’t think you can cheat death. One day, it’ll get you. Brutal. Real.

On a run across to Tamworth last week, I also witnessed the ru-urban war. ‘No mines.’ ‘You can’t eat coal and you can’t breathe gas.’ ‘Keep your fracking gas.’ Fair enough. Or is it? We live in a commercial world – a world where there is a demand for power. And it must be met. But at what cost? This is good land. It is not the sun-scorched rock of the Pilbara.

Last year, Australia had 134,000 farms. On average, these farms fed 150 people in Australia and 450 people overseas. Although produce leaving the farm gate may only contribute 3% to our gross domestic product, farming, in some form or other, takes place on 61% of our land.

Now is a good time to visit a farm. Many parts of the country are looking pretty lush. But, it is not always thus. Our land is not a magic pudding. It must be nurtured through drought, plague and fire. It must be nourished through periods of high dollar and low demand. It must be nursed through soil-loss and salinity.

In this Year of the Farmer, we must realise the value of land. In a world of burgeoning population, food and water will become vital commodities. By 2030, we will need 50% more food and 30% more water. Some countries have woken up to this and are buying vast tracts of land around the world. They call this land-banking. Others call it food-banking.

Even small countries like Qatar own 730,000 ha of Australian land. They plan to meet 35% of their food supply from farms in Australia. Korea’s Ho Myoung Farm alone owns 500,000 ha of Australian land. Government scrutiny of agricultural land purchase by foreign countries only occurs if the value of the purchase is north of $244 million. With most Australian farms worth less than $10 million, this doesn’t give much control.

The Federal Government, via its Australian Bureau of Agricultural Research (ABARE), refutes the National Farmer’s Federation claim that 11% of Australia’s agricultural land is foreign owned, and says it’s nearer 1%. The truth is difficult to verify given the use of Australian front companies by many overseas interests. We must be careful. Some foreign ownership is appropriate, but we must not sell too much of our nation’s soil, minerals or intellectual property offshore.

Australia, like its farmers, must think long-term. I was reminded of this when chatting to someone whose family had farmed his property for 150 years. In this fast-paced world, this sort of time-frame can be difficult for a person to grasp – particularly our politicians. Many can only think in terms of four year electoral cycles.
Most of us would benefit from a few more days in the country. We might connect rather more with what is real and realise rather better what is false. We might also get reminded that:

- Vegies come from the ground, not a can.
- Something needs to die in order to have a barbie.
- More value can be added by a man in jeans than in a suit.
- Even when life is messy and smelly it can still be beautiful.
- If we want to harvest next year, we must plant this year.

Many of my boarders know this. Do we?

Dr Tim Hawkes

ARCHIVES

What’s in a Name?
A recent addition to the uniform collection at the Museum is the grey jacket belonging to Cecil Feez (TKS 1910-1915). Cecil came to King’s from Brisbane Grammar School. Feez won the Form prize in Form 1, played in the 1st XV in 1915 and was a member of the 1914 premiership winning 2nd XI.

During WWI Cecil was a fighter pilot with the Australian Flying Corps in France and when he returned to Australia he took up farming on the family property at Pilton in Queensland. During WWII, Cecil was the commanding officer of the Adelaide Recruitment Office for the RAAF. On his return to the Darling Downs after the War Cecil took an active role in reorganising polo in Queensland and was one of the original members of the Legacy movement in Toowoomba.

Year 6 boys have been visiting the Museum recently as part of their Enterprise assignment and have noticed how this jacket is almost the same size as their own. They have also noticed that the jacket is a different style, as Cecil attended the School when the collar stood upright and there were no pockets on the jacket. The Feez name is well known at the Senior School as it was Cecil’s father, Adolf (TKS 1870-74), who donated the shield for the most outstanding tennis player at the School, the Feez Shield, first awarded in 1911.

Jenny Pearce
Archivist

SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES

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

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Thank you note received

“I would like to thank Dr Hawkes, Dr Parry and the School Executive for the honour of being awarded School Colours for Service. I was surprised and very humbled. I would also like to thank Mr West, Mr Gavan and the men of Dalmas House, for without their support, I could not do what I do in terms of the environment. I truly believe this honour belongs to the whole House. I would also like to thank all those in the School community who have stopped to shake my hand, pat me on the back or offer congratulations to me. It is very humbling.”

Alex Roberts (Year 11)
DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Over the past weekend the Headmaster, Mr McGregor, myself and our good wives enjoyed a fabulous weekend in the country touching base with a good number of our community. As an Old Boy I greatly enjoy these occasions, catching with old School friends and their families. On Saturday we were hosted in Scone by James (1981) and Mero Munro, who arranged a get-together of a number of young families considering a King’s education for their boys, and on Sunday, Rodger (1979) and Cheryl Grant hosted a wonderful luncheon for our Old Boys’ Muster in Tamworth. Thank you to all those who contributed to these events. One of the truly distinguishing features of this School is our strong and vibrant community.

The King’s School Literature Festival
On Tuesday 29 May we held a Literature Festival for students in Years 7 to 11. English classes enjoyed presentations by popular authors James Roy, Kirsty Eagar and William Kostakis as well as a presentation from illustrator Leigh Rigozzi, who looked at the production of graphic novels. Leigh also conducted a workshop for Year 8 Visual Arts students taking them through the process of creating zines (a self-published booklet or magazine) in preparation for their own zine creation task, inspiring them with examples of his own publications. Drama classes in Year 9 were fortunate to have sessions with internationally acclaimed storyteller Andy Wright. In preparation for their focus on monologues in Year 10, Andy presented a gruesome Middle English horror story he entitled Lord Fox: a spine chilling tale.

James Roy gave an entertaining presentation to Years 7 and 8 designed to encourage them in their enjoyment of reading. His delightful stories about country life fascinated the boys. Kirsty Eagar talked about the writing process and the steps involved in the publication of a novel, also including the reading of passages from her newly released novel, Night Beach.

William Kostakis, who had his first novel, Loathing Lola, published at the age of 19, encouraged the boys to read widely and to pursue their creative writing talents.

Many thanks to the boys who introduced and thanked the presenters at each session. The presenters thoroughly enjoyed the day and were most impressed with the behaviour and perceptive questions asked by the boys during the sessions.

A special thank you to Mrs Judi Hurst for all her organisation ensuring a rich learning experience for our boys.

Courtesy on Public Transport
May I remind all students of the importance of showing consideration to others while travelling on buses and trains. Be courteous to those around you, take care with your bags whilst getting on and off buses, particularly with bags being carried on shoulders and striking people as they move down the bus aisle. Please remember to give up your seat on a bus and stand for older people. All these things are important and if they are not done, make King’s boys appear rude and arrogant. These things are examples of simple good manners, but without thinking and being aware of those around you, can easily occur.

The King’s Football Club Sevens Tournament
Last Sunday the School hosted our eighth Football Sevens Tournament, a day run by our Parents’ Supporters Club. It was a glorious May day on the Massie and Old Boy fields with 48 teams from across Sydney participating. King’s provided strong representation in each age group (including two prep teams) and progressed to the semi-finals in two of the age groups. However, any silverware eluded us! Thank you to the parents involved in the Football Supporters Club and to Peter Phipps, Peter West and Tony Janson for their hard work in preparing the grounds and ensuring the day took place so successfully. A special thanks to Mr Tim Nurcombe for his work as Master in Charge of football. The event certainly showcases our School in a very favourable light.

Motor Vehicle Traffic on School Grounds
May I please remind parents to exercise extreme care when driving through the School grounds. We must be particularly careful when picking up boys that we park in the correct place. We have had some near misses where parents have stopped in ‘No Stopping’ zones to collect their boys.

Speed:
Please do not drive through the School at excessive speed. The safety of our community is of paramount importance and speeding does place our boys and families at significant risk.

Picking up after Sports Training:
During the Winter months boys finish their afternoon sports training on dusk. Parents must take great care driving to and from the Doyle grounds. It is preferable if collection can be done at School rather than the sports grounds.
Students in Cars:
Boys are not to drive their cars to sports training. If this occurs, boys will lose their privilege of having their car on the School grounds.

Trucks:
A reminder that due to our building construction program, there will be many trucks over the coming weeks removing soil from the building sites.
Your co-operation in these matters will ensure a safer environment for our boys. Thank you.

Dr Andrew Parry

CENTRE FOR LEARNING & LEADERSHIP

Highlights from the King’s Literature Festival

Author, William Kostakis, inspired and encouraged our boys to develop their creative writing skills

Experienced author and presenter, James Roy, delivered an entertaining presentation to boys in Years 7 and 8

Boys enjoyed the opportunity to purchase popular new releases and signed copies of titles written by our visiting authors during our Book Fair, organized by the Children’s Bookshop in Beecroft

Judi Hurst

Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Parents of Learner Drivers

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To help parents to supervise learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a free two hour workshop for parents offering practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A free Roads and Maritime Services parents’ workshop will be conducted by David Riches on Thursday June 28 at the Dundas Sport and Recreation Club (9 Elder Road Dundas) from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.

Early bookings are essential. Phone 0411 718 198 to reserve your place, or email parentworkshops@optusnet.com.au

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**Roadblocks to Faith**

What stops people from coming to faith? Is there a roadblock in your life that you can’t seem to get around before you can seriously follow Jesus?

That was the issue that the Year 12s discussed last Thursday after Chapel. The students had the opportunity to attend one of the following seminars run by the following teachers:

*Is the Bible fact or fiction?*
  Mr Stephen Tong (History)

*Are Science and Christianity enemies?*
  Mr Roger Kennett (Science)

*Where is God in our suffering?*
  Rev Dr Grant Bell (Director of Leadership)

*Aren’t all religions the same?*
  Mr Chris Lovell (Biblical Studies)
  Mr Wally Tarasenko (Industrial Arts)

*How could a loving God send people to hell?*
  Rev Stuart Tye (Prep)

*There is not enough proof!*
  Rev Stephen Edwards (Chaplain)
  Ms Tricia Lau (ESS)

*Can you be rich and a Christian?*
  Dr Timothy Petterson (Business Studies)

*Can sport and faith mix?*
  Mr Martin Wilson (PDHPE)
  Mr Tim Nurcombe (Science)

*Can a Christian join the Armed Forces?*
  Mr David Jensen (Youth Minister)

This is quite a list. There are many aspects of our lives that can stop us from believing – but Christians reason that answers can be shared. It is very encouraging that we have Christian staff who are not only able, but willing to give a defense for their faith. On the other side of the coin let me say that it is wonderful that we have a student body who is willing to engage in conversation and share their point of view. Whenever we share this seminar with Year 12 there is always very robust and lively discussion.

So which topic would you have gone to? Maybe you could have a chat to a Year 12 boy to see what he thought or even to the presenter. Our beliefs are vital and they need to be well reasoned.

**Rev Stephen Edwards**

chaplain@kings.edu.au

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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.

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**What is it?**

The Marriage Course is developed by Alpha and is being run by Church@Kings for our School community. It is an opportunity to invest some time in your relationship with your husband or wife. This is a course which offers the opportunity to nurture your marriage … to make a good relationship even stronger … to take time out for one another in the midst of a complex and busy life. It is suitable for anyone who is married.

**Who is leading the course?**

Peter and Cassandra Morphew are members of Abbotsford Presbyterian Church. They have been married since 1982 and have two adult children. Peter is also Chaplain at Newington Junior School.

**When is it?**

The course runs each Thursday night from 7.30pm to 9.30pm for seven weeks commencing 2 August in the Thomas Memorial Pavilion. You’ll listen to some short talks about aspects of marriage, and talk with your own spouse about your own relationship. There is a registration fee of $30 per couple which covers the cost of the course manual.

**How do I sign up?**

Visit [http://form.jotform.co/form/21461337365856](http://form.jotform.co/form/21461337365856) to signup online or call Helen or Steve McGrath on 9674 5659 or Stephen Edwards on 9683 8414 for more details. For more information about the Course: [http://www.themarriagecourse.org.au/](http://www.themarriagecourse.org.au/)
Let’s Study the Bible
Do you want to study the Bible in greater depth? Do you want to be equipped for preaching, teaching, Bible Study leading in your local Church?

Then join us to begin the Certificate in Theology through Moore Theological College External Studies. The examinations are optional but if you complete the Preliminary part of the Course it is recognized by the Sydney Anglican Diocese as the qualification for you to apply to become a leader and preacher in services and Bible Study teacher.

The details are as follows:
Leader - Rev Dr Grant Bell
To be held on Wednesday evenings during Term, commencing 25 July, from 7.30-9.00pm in the Group Study Room in the CLL
Cost per subject - $85 per subject (concessions are available)
First subject (over two terms) - Introduction to the Bible.

For further information contact Grant Bell (gmb@kings.edu.au) or Stephen Edwards (chaplain@kings.edu.au). You can also check out the course at http://external.moore.edu.au

2 Timothy 4:1-2 ... I give you this charge; Preach the Word: be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction.

Watoto Children’s Choir
Wednesday 18 July at 7.00pm
Futter Hall (Senior School)

A collection will be taken to support the ministry of Watoto as they provide hope to orphans in Uganda. Everyone is welcome.

Postscript: In all, 66 individual boys achieved 500 points or better, achieving Certificate Level. Of them, 10 went on to Bronze, 6 to Silver and an amazing 14 won the Gold Award (3000 points or more). Top scorer was Winston Li (Year 7 Latin) with a staggering 6718 points.

Another notable feat was finishing 4th in Australia out of over 230 schools in the Latin section and 8th overall in the world for Latin out of nearly 400 schools.

Richard Kitzinger
Acting Head of Department
The greatest impediment to progress is the word ‘can’t’.
Can, on the other hand, makes things happen. Can helps us move forward.
Whatever you want to achieve, our technologies and know-how will help to get you there.

Positive thinking is a mental attitude that admits into the mind thoughts, words and images that are conducive to growth, expansion and success. It is a mental attitude that expects good and favourable results (isn’t that what we want for each of our students – and for ourselves?).

- A positive mind anticipates happiness, joy, health and a successful result
- Whatever the mind expects, it finds

Not everyone accepts or believes in positive thinking. Some consider the subject as just nonsense, and others scoff at people who believe and accept it. Among those who accept it, not many know how to use it effectively to get results. Yet, many are becoming attracted to this subject, as evidenced by the books, lectures and courses about it. This is a subject that is gaining popularity.

It is quite common to hear people say: "Think positive!" to someone who feels down and worried. Most people do not take these words seriously, as they do not know what they really mean, or do not consider them as useful and effective. How many people do you know, who stop to think what the power of positive thinking means?

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” - Romans 12:2

Last Sunday, I saw an ad on television that caught my eye and captured my attention. It was the words: beautifully written in only a few hours by agency creative director Andy Flemming. On Sunday night, an advertisement aired during prime-time television showed Australian actress Toni Collette reading a one-minute-long poem An Ode to Can. The campaign has been accompanied by full-page newspaper advertisements.

My hope is that you too are inspired by the words.

Ode to Can.
There’s a four lettered word
As offensive as any
It holds back the few
Puts a stop to the many.

You can’t climb that mountain
You can’t cross the sea
You can’t become anything you want to be.

He can’t hit a century
They can’t find a cure.
She can’t think about leaving or searching for more.

Because Can’t is a word with a habit of stopping
The ebb and the flow of ideas
It keeps dropping
itself where we know in our hearts it’s not needed
And saying “don’t go” when we could have succeeded.

But those four little letters
That end with a T
They can change in an instant
When shortened to three.

We can take off the T
We can do it today
We can move forward not back
We can find our own way.

We can build we can run
We can follow the sun
We can push we can pull
We can say I’m someone
Who refuses to believe
That life can’t be better
With the removal of one
Insignificant letter.

Clive Logan
**DIRECTOR OF BOARDING**

**Broughton Forrest Update**
As many of you would already be aware from personal observation, the old Broughton House is in the process of being gutted and the builders have made an excellent start to the project. We can now see right through the structure where the northern bathroom and upstairs bed studies used to be. The fire escapes have been removed and a large amount of fill has appeared on the Broughton lawn where the exterior patio area will be located. It is still early days, but we can be confident that the new Broughton Forrest House will be ready for occupation at the start of 2013.

**Boarders’ On Line Leave Initiative - iLearn**
I thank staff, boys and parents for their patience over the last five weeks as we have introduced and refined the new system. I apologise that it took some time to fix some of the problems (e.g. initially, the automatic email function was not working and then emails were being sent to non-preferred email addresses.) These problems have now been resolved from the School’s perspective. If parents are aware of any ongoing issues, please provide details of your concerns to your housemaster so that we can solve any outstanding problems.

I remind parents that the system will generate an email when your son applies for leave and another email when the Housemaster approves leave. Parents do not have to communicate leave arrangements via email. You may continue to telephone the Housemaster as you have done in the past, if that is your wish. Currently, the system generates “no reply” emails to parents. In the longer term, we will adjust the system so that parents can reply directly to the relevant Housemaster by replying to these automatic emails, but that feature is not yet operational. I will advise you when it is.

**Sunday Brunch Trial**
We have been running a trial of Sunday Brunch this term. The Dining Hall has not been open for breakfast or lunch during the trial. The provision of bacon and eggs in the Houses has been very popular with the boys. We will review the arrangement at the end of Term and may decide to continue it into the future.

**Boarder Parents’ Committee**
The Committee met last Friday, 25 May and a summary of the Minutes will appear in the next

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**King’s Herald.** The full Minutes will shortly be published on iLearn for the information of all boarder parents.

**Malcolm Powys**

**PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION**

**Women’s Dinner**
Janine Shepherd was an inspirational speaker. Thanks to the Year of 2015 Committee - Julie-Anne Brighton, Leanne Andrews, Donna Boyd, Helen Batson, Sandra Moore, Robyn Sammes, Jade Yin, Lu Kong, Linda Jones, Sally Biles and Kim Stubbs for organizing a great night.

**The Passing Out Parade**

The Passing Out Parade is on 22 June. All Year 12 cadet families have been sent an invitation to attend the luncheon after the Parade. The Year 11 parents organizing the lunch would love to know if you are coming. Please RSVP to Libby Tugwell at libbytug@bigpond.net.au

**Parent’s Association Meeting**
The minutes of the last PA meeting on 16 May are now on the intranet. Topics covered included:-
- The cessation of Latin at TKS
- The Women’s Dinner
- The Passing Out Parade
- The purchasing of a marquee for the School.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 June at 7.00pm in the Governors’ Room. All welcome.

**Des Sloane**
President TKS Parents’ Association

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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.
Macquarie University Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 13 June, 6.00pm -9.00pm

We think differently at Macquarie and we develop our students to think differently too. Our degrees are designed to help you develop creative problem solving and critical-thinking skills - capabilities that will help you get ahead and stay ahead in your life and career. Join us for our information evening to learn about:
• degree programs available
• bonus points programs
• scholarships
• support available to assist with transition to university
• exchange and community engagement opportunities

Registration is essential at http://www.mq.edu.au/pubstatic/events/2012/06/13/parent_information_evening/
Further information: [http://futurestudents@mq.edu.au](http://futurestudents@mq.edu.au)

Bond University Experience Day
Year 11 and 12 students are invited to experience Bond on Thursday 12 July.

Our next fully escorted day tour departs Sydney on Thursday 12 July around 7.00am, returning around 7.00pm. If you have one or more students in year 11 or 12 who are considering Bond for their university studies, please pass on this opportunity.

The day tour includes:
* Return airfare from Sydney to the Gold Coast
* Transfers to and from the campus
* Campus tour including accommodation facilities
* Briefings from each of our 5 Faculties
* Morning tea, lunch, and information pack

The cost of the Bond University Experience Day is $90 per person.


Sydney University Scholarships Evening
Tuesday 19 June 2012, 6.00pm-7.45pm
Eastern Avenue Foyer, Camperdown campus (K5)


The Scholarships Office will be sharing insider hints and tips on completing a University of Sydney scholarship application. Attendees will also hear from a Sydney student about how they got a scholarship and how it has helped them succeed.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on 1300 362 006 or email future.students@sydney.edu.au

On Wednesday 20 June UNSW will host its annual Scholarships Information Evening. The purpose of the evening is to provide greater detail on the range of scholarships available at UNSW to Year 11 and 12 students and their parents.

The evening will consist of a general information session about scholarships at UNSW including the UNSW Co-op Program. Students need to bring their Board of Studies Number or UAC number to the evening.

The event will be held in the Sir John Clancy Auditorium, UNSW Kensington Campus. Check http://www.facilities.unsw.edu.au/Maps/pdf/Kensington_Accessibility_Map.pdf for a detailed map. Free parking will be made available to all attendees at the High Street Gate 11 car park after 5:30pm.

Online registrations are required at http://www.whatson.unsw.edu.au/events/view/68/scholarships-information-evening

Michael Gordon mcg@kings.edu.au
**PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

**Finishing Well**
I watched two crackerjack games of rugby at the Prep School last Saturday! The boys played with passion, flair and fine sportsmanship, and it was a pleasure to be on the sideline. In the second match there was the added need for grit and determination, because our 11As were up against an equally skilful Newington side – but one which clearly had the weight advantage. Most of the first half was a riveting thrust and parry between the sides, then just before the break our lads managed to score a converted try. In a fast and furious second half no further points were added by either team – but Newington had many chances, brought to naught by some dogged defence and courageous tackling on our part.

And that’s what made the difference … our boys maintained their resolve and finished well. Had their energy and focus faded – even in the last couple of minutes – the opposition may well have overpowered them. To be honest, this would not have broken my heart, because winning is far from being everything in sport – and, as the old cliché goes, ‘rugby was definitely the winner on the day’.

But finishing well is so important! While listening to the radio over the weekend I heard some analysis of the Newcastle Knights rugby league club. The comment was made that the Knights show flashes of brilliance, during which it looks like they could defeat all comers, but then long periods of torpor, when it looks like they don’t really want to be there!

Consistency, determination and tenacity are such vital qualities for achieving excellence. Being strong in the long haul is so much harder than showing patchy brilliance!

The Christian life should be lived like this too. The Apostle Paul takes up this theme in the book of Hebrews (Chapter 12):

‘Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfector of faith’.

I have been urging the Prep boys to maintain focus and determination in the second half of the school term so that they finish well. A critical element of the Prep School’s King’s Boys’ Creed is: ‘A King’s boy tries his best at all times’ – that is, not just when he feels like it, not just when he’s still feeling full of beans, and not just when the circumstances are easy!

It’s a good message for all of us, isn’t it? In our work and in life at large, let’s strive to finish well.

**Keith Dalleywater**

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**TKS Snowsports Fundraising Dinner**
Gangsters with tommy guns took over TKS last Saturday night, chased by elegant ladies with feather boas. Then (scream!!) there was a murder!! (dun dun dun!!) Was the murderer Ali Bye or Terri Bull? Was it with a ski stock in the chalet? The chase for clues to resolve the murder mystery was on – along with a lovely dinner, generous fund raising, a few speeches and good fun for many Senior and Prep School Snowsports families. Well done to the Committee, Year 10 TKS drama “girls and boys” and all involved for a great night. Here’s to lots of snow, good ski racing and more family fun nights at the ski lodges.

**Jo Grinham**
RUGBY

With the GPS trial season having commenced with trials against Newington College and Shore, we have seen some mixed results from our rugby teams.

The Newington fixtures on 19 May saw the School record 15 wins, 3 draws and 15 losses. The 13s age group had a very successful day, winning all but one of the games played, with the Bs-Fs teams winning by big margins. The 13As had to dig deep and come from behind on two occasions to win 35-28 with Hamish Southwell having a 100% goal kicking percentage, being the difference in the end.

The 14s age group had a more difficult day, with the 14Bs the only team to not go down to their opposition, recording a 17-all draw. The Newington 14As are a big team and took our boys by surprise early, but after the initial blitz of points, they certainly were more competitive in the second half.

In the under 15s age group, similar results were recorded, with only the 15Bs recording a win by 31-12. The As went down 7-12 and definitely had their chances to win the game, but just didn’t capitalise on the opportunities when they arose.

It was a complete reversal of results in the 16s, with all King’s teams defeating Newington. Only the 16Cs missing out “on the chocolates” when they played Barker Bs. The 16As dominated their opponents at the breakdown, with the powerful back row of David Ballantyne, Joshua Moore and Hugh Taylor leading the way.

The Opens also lost only one game against Newington, with the 1st XV going down narrowly 19-12. It was a strong performance by the 1st XV, with aggressive defence and a commitment to the breakdown being obvious positives to come out of the game. With Will Davies and Lalakai Foketi nullifying their highly fancied mid field opponents and with Harry Randell and Jack McCalman starring in the back row, the game was in the balance until the last scrum of the match.

Unfortunately, Newington, scored from that scrub, to see them come away winners 19-12, but I am sure that the team got a lot out of the defeat and will be confident that they can improve on their performance in the GPS rounds.

The 2nd XV won their fixture 22-8 and never looked like they were going to lose. With strong defence being their priority, the 2nds completely dominated their bigger opponents with Ben Stacy and Rob Black leading the way in the forwards and Andrew Ferris, Charlie Friend and Nick Tregoning having strong games in the backs.

Our next trial saw Shore visit King’s with 35 home fixtures being contested. It was a huge day of rugby up on the Doyle fields and down on the White Oval. On the day King’s recorded 15 wins, 2 draws and 18 losses.

Once again the 13s led the way, with some exciting rugby from the As-Cs resulting in three victories. The 13Es also had a great result winning in a nail biter 7-5.

It was indeed a good day for the As teams with only the 16As going down narrowly against the strong Shore team 12-10.

In the Opens it was another strong performance across the age group with only the 2nd XV and 8ths being defeated.

The 1st XV showed some excellent calmness under pressure, when they came from well behind to record a 34-28 victory. With the backline showing some real class, they stormed home late in the game to win a match that was very keenly contested. With Harry Jones looking dangerous every time he touched the ball, he crossed for two tries, the second touchdown showing real speed and strength. Max Wylie also had a strong game, scoring a good try off a Lalakai Foketi break and throwing the last pass for the first try scored. We did switch off in different stages of the game and I am sure that the boys will look to be more focussed for the whole game for the upcoming fixture against Riverview.

The 2nd XV result was a disappointing one, as we were in control of the game for 90% of the match, only to have Shore steal the game in the last ten minutes to win 31-29. The 2nd XV lost concentration at the tackle contest and unfortunately let in a few easy tries. This will be their focus at training for the whole of next week, as the Riverview game cannot be won without a huge commitment to defence.

There were strong performances from Rory Davis and Lachlan Camp and they no doubt caught the eye of the 1st XV coaches.

With the GPS premiership now being extended to the 3rd XV competition, there will certainly be more focus on how the 3rd XV are performing each week. To date, they are undefeated with two wins and a draw. However, they will be the first to admit, that they are yet to “hit their straps.”

With the up and coming fixtures against the strong Riverview teams being a good benchmark, I think all coaches and boys will know how we are travelling after this week.
Help Needed
With the rugby season now well under way, the Referee coordinator is keen to hear from any parents who referee in their own district and who would be available to referee a game should they come to School to watch their son play. (We currently have a qualified referee who lives in Wagga who helps out on his visits to Sydney.) If you are qualified and would like to help please email Jenny at jpearce@kings.edu.au. With 35 games to cover each home game it is a challenge some times to find enough referees and your offer would be greatly appreciated.

I would also like to give some advance notice about a group of overseas rugby players who the King’s School will be hosting in Term 3. Epsom College will be playing the 1st XV and 16As teams in early August and we will be looking to billet 40 boys for a two night stay on 12-13 August.

These boys will range in age from 15 to 17 and if you are able to take some billets, please let me know on sjames@kings.edu.au. As always your hospitality is greatly appreciated by the school.

Good luck on the weekend in what will be some very hard rugby trials.

Stephen James
Master in Charge

FOOTBALL

The first external trial games against Newington College were a tough start for the King’s football fraternity, winning only six games out of a possible 27 in various fixtures scattered throughout the Inner West. One of the few victories won by King’s was by the 2nd XI who played with purpose and pace to record a comfortable 3-2 win. The pace of the 2nd caused Newington problems from the start with Zac Croker and Matt Planinic being particularly effective. It wasn’t long before Croker latched on to a through ball and was chopped down in front of goal, just as he was about to pull the trigger. He slotted the subsequent penalty home with ease but that was the end of his afternoon as a tackle soon after saw him substituted with a leg injury. A speculative punt by a Newington player caught us off guard and the ball dropped into the net. The 2nds continued to press and man of the match, Matt Hawke, grew increasingly influential in central midfield. His efforts were rewarded early in the second half after passing the ball past the Newington keeper after a slick 1-2.

Josh Bakin completed the rout before Newington bagged a consolation in the dying minutes.

The 1sts didn’t fare as well. Despite their efforts, an organised Newington team led 2-0 at the break after exploiting some defensive frailties from King’s. A crash course in defending the 4-3-3 at half time from Peter Denyer reaped immediate rewards and rendered Newington’s attack impotent for much of the second half. King’s made plenty of chances but failed to convert. James Shepherd, who is new to the position of goalkeeper, won the man of the match for a string of magnificent reflex saves that kept King’s in the game.

The 14As were missing many of their stars from last year but Shevan de Silva looked in the mood to cause trouble to defenders, before an accidental clash of legs saw him fracture his left leg early in the first half. The team battled back to draw the game and showed tremendous character in the face of adversity. Our best wishes to Shevan for a speedy recovery.

Shore visited King’s last Saturday and left the Massie and Old Boys’ fields not quite knowing what had hit them. King’s chalked up a total of 12 victories including a very convincing 6-2 win by the 13B team. Methila Nanayakkara was the chief trouble-maker ending up with a well-deserved hat-trick. The 15As also showed great character in
coming back from 1-0 to end up as 5-2 winners – a Jack Ormiston goal the catalyst to the comeback. The 2nd XI continued in their fine form and took to Shore like a dog to its dinner. After Matt Planinic scored a long-range goal after a tense initial period, they never took their feet of the accelerator. Jason Na lobbed the keeper from 35 metres soon after followed by midfield hard-man and man of the match Ryley McLaughlin poking home a third. Matt Planinic bagged a second and then not to be outdone, Jason Na stroked home for his brace to complete the rout. Ian Paver had a much more assured game in goal with a clean sheet – a great result and just rewards for some very hard work he has been putting into his training over past weeks.

The 1st XI started well and looked to have learned from the previous outing at Newington. Ryan O’Keefe, playing his first game of the season, added some steel to the back four and Reuben Vijayakumaran bossed the midfield with tenacity in his tackles and maturity in his decisions. King’s were first to score. After several unsuccessful corners, David Burdis jumped highest and headed past the keeper. Two minutes later we were two up after some fine work by Zac Croker on the left saw play spread to the right and then into the feet of Burdis who netted a trademark goal in the bottom far corner. All looked rosy until a minute before half time when Croker left the field, injured for the second week in a row after another bite at his shins, and in the ensuing play, King’s went to sleep and conceded a soft goal on the half time whistle. A tense second half followed and Shore were allowed into the game more. Once they had their second it was only a matter of time before they got their third. Reuben Vijayakumaran nearly won it for King’s with a top-drawer free kick that smashed against the bar and Matt Planinic, on as a substitute hit the post but Shore did eventually go 3-2 up with minutes to go. Cometh the hour, cometh the hat-trick and David Burdis latched onto a loose ball in the penalty box and smashed it home to end the game 3-3. King’s deserved the win but the draw that was snatched from the jaws of defeat felt like a win to coaches Denyer and Nurcombe. The boys’ character showed in come back was very pleasing.

The weekend was completed by a terrific display of football at the King’s Football Club Seven’s tournament. Trinity Grammar School took home the silverware for the Opens age group. My sincere thanks to Stuart Smith, the committee, and the army of parents and volunteers who helped out on the day to make it so successful.

Tim Nurcombe
Master in Charge
## SCHOOL DIARY

**SATURDAY 2 JUNE – FRIDAY 15 JUNE**

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A Presentation of HSC Drama Works

**PROGRAM 1**
- Wednesday July 25
- All Welcome

**PROGRAM 2**
- Thursday July 26
- Adults & Yr 12 Only

**Drinks** 6.30pm
**Performances** 7.00pm
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