Smoking
Jean Nicot lent his name to the alkaloid found in the leaf of the tobacco plant. It is now known as nicotine. Nicot was an enthusiastic supporter of the plant and ascribed to it many medical and social virtues. One might forgive Nicot, given that Portugal in the 1560s was not alive to the health risks associated with smoking.

Research has now found that nicotine is a toxic addictive stimulant. Cigarette smoke is poisonous and carcinogenic, promoting premature aging of the skin, respiratory problems, heart disease and circulatory problems.

Why do boys smoke when evidence is overwhelming in terms of its harmful effects? It not only yellows fingers, and wallpapers lungs with tar, it can bestow upon the smoker an ashtray breath, a thin wallet and a carcinogenic wheeze. Even more appalling is the preparedness of smokers to allow themselves to be enslaved. Whilst laughing at wowsers and speaking of freedom, the shackles of addiction snap tight around their lives.

Some boys do it to experiment. This is vaguely defensible, for it has a nice educational ring to it. Unfortunately some experiments are dangerous, and before the smoke has cleared another boy has surrendered part control of his life to Benson & Hedges.

Others do it to grow up. The socially fragile feel they must augment their aura of maturity by sticking white sticks in their mouth. It often takes some years to realise that true maturity is not found in the decision to smoke. Indeed there is evidence to suggest that the more mature will probably say: “No thanks … I don’t need it.”

Many smoke because of peer pressure. The desire to be accepted by friends is so strong it will dictate what you wear, what you speak, and even what you breathe. Control is given to the group which determines the chemical you live with.

Some smoke out of rebellion or daring. There is a thrill factor – will I get caught and get punished? Will I get caught and get a cancer?

Too many of our young are sending smoke signals asking for help; smoke signals that confess to some personal inadequacy; smoke signals that they don’t like society or themselves.

Tragically, smokers are dying out … sometimes painfully and slowly. The pathetic emaciated features of those in the oncology wards of hospitals are reminders that the final days of a smoker are not filled with careless abandon, fun and devilment. They are filled with gurgling tubes, pain killers and bitter recriminations.

Often boys find it difficult to believe they are mortal … and accordingly take unacceptable risks with their lives. There is a need to blow the smoke away and give them a clear indication that smoking is not worthy of them.

However, getting a boy to understand these things can be different when he is in the presence of others who are smoking. Add to this, the erosion of inhibitions brought on by a half-empty bottle of Jim Beam and a desire to be thought a rebel, and the “Quit Campaign” rhetoric is unlikely to be heard.
However, I’m not going to stand by and watch any boy at King’s ruin his health. Accordingly, two things will happen. The first is an amnesty. Any boy who needs help to quit smoking is invited to report to the Health Centre for assistance. That’s the School being kind. After this amnesty, any boy caught smoking will be suspended from School. That’s the School being hard. Repeat offenders may even lose their place at King’s.

In recent weeks, it is clear a few small groups of boys are smoking. I would ask the large groups of boys to discourage them.

Dr Tim Hawkes

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**On Line Payments and Donations**

The School has now established a system through the website for Online Payments and Donations. This will allow parents the convenience of the payment of school fees, enrolment fees and various activities by credit card through the School’s website. In addition the online payment system can be made for donations to The King’s School Foundation and for payments to the School’s many clubs and societies. A 2% surcharge will apply to payment of various fees. Donations to the Foundation are exempt.

**To make a payment:**

1. Go to the School’s website www.kings.edu.au
2. Click on “Make a Payment” under Quick Links.
3. Select from the menu the type of payment to be made.
4. Type in your credit card, email address and family number.
5. Payment will be confirmed and an email receipt will be sent to you.

If you have difficulties with the new payments system, please call Jenny Tan in the Bursar’s office on 9683 8670.

*Geoff Dornan*

*Bursar*

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**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 4 2012 and Term 1 2013 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| **Issue** | **Deadline** | **Publication Date** |
| 16 | 27 November | 30 November |
| 2013 | 1 | 5 February | 8 February |
| 2 | 19 February | 22 February |
| 3 | 5 March | 8 March |

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**Red Cross Blood Bus comes to King’s**

This week saw 30 students and some staff visit the Red Cross Blood bus that was parked within the School grounds. Their mission … to each donate a precious 500mls of blood in order to assist those in need.

Once again, the spirit and good nature of both the regular donors and those donating for the first time was wonderful. Hopefully the boys will become “lifetime” donors.
DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Remembrance Day Commemoration
Dennis Van Roojen, Braxton Jones and Lucas Schembri recently volunteered their skills to Aged Care facilities in North Parramatta, Castle Hill and Marsfield, assisting them to commemorate Remembrance Day with due solemnity. They played *The Last Post* and *Reveille* with confidence and expertise, moving many of the residents to commend them on their dedication and talent. These young men are to be commended on the way they have further enhanced the standing of The King’s School in a wider community. Thank you to Mr David Strutt for making this possible and for his tireless and efficient leadership of the School’s Community Outreach program.

Year 8 Agribusiness Fair
As part of our recognition of the Year of the Farmer, Year 8 Commerce, as a component of their topic, *Running a Business*, set up displays around the Parade Ground last Friday lunchtime. The purpose of the Fair was to inform the School of the scope of agribusiness in the Australian economy. Displays included products for sale and samples ranging from honey, olive oil, rice, cheese and fruit and vegetables. Mr David Meagher from the Cheesemaking Workshop demonstrated the process of making fresh ricotta. Many boys cooked a delicious barbecue which proved greatly popular, but perhaps a little unnerving for the cow we had on the Parade Ground as she looked on anxiously hoping we would not run out of beef patties! We wish to thank Bob Macsmith, Di Ridge, Gordie Forster, Briel and Bernadette Jackson, David Ballantyne, Colin Grant, Norm Webb, Susan Meagher and Doug Robertson for taking the time from their busy schedules to mentor the boys. Thank you also to Mrs Susan Brady for all her organisation that saw the day being such a popular success.

Congratulations
Following all the wonderful news regarding boys being nominated for HSC Drama and Music Excellence, some more good news has arrived:

- **Ryland Joyce** (Performance) and **Hugo Benness** (Exhibit) have both been selected for Drama OnSTAGE in February 2013.
- **Digby Allen** has been nominated for Art Express for his creative and innovative major Art work.
- Eight students have been nominated for consideration for inclusion in InTech 2013, the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Design Projects developed by 2012 HSC Industrial Technology students. They are: **Thomas Clark**, **Jack Gaff**, **Fergus Lee-Warner**, **Jacques Lefebvre**, **Joshua Moore**, **Filipe Piteira**, **Nicholas White** and **Max Wylie**.

Congratulations to all these students and to the staff who have guided these boys to such success. These are truly exceptional results for one school.

- **Jack McCalman** has been selected to represent Australia in the Australian U18 Sevens team in the Youth Olympics to be held in Sydney in January 2013.
- **James Shepherd**, our 1st XI Captain, has been selected in the NSW U17 1st XI to play in the Australian Championships in Hobart during December.
- **HD Tang** has represented NSW in the U15 Badminton team in the National Championships. The NSW team won the tournament with HD being ranked the number 1 player. He has now been selected to represent Australia to complete in the Singapore Youth International Badminton Tournament later this year.

Speech Night – Friday 7 December
A reminder that Speech Night is compulsory for all students in the School. The evening starts at **7.00pm on the Parade Ground** and should conclude around 8.30pm. There is a wet weather plan if need be. (I hope we do not have to use it this year!)

We have as our special Guest to present the prizes this year, Mr Keith Dalleywater, who leaves King’s after 14 years of very successful leadership of The King’s School Prep. Mr Dalleywater takes up a new Headship next year at Loquat Valley Anglican Preparatory School.

Guidelines for Parents regarding Drop Off and Pick Up of Students
Could I please, again, appeal for all parents to follow these guidelines during the week:

- Unless you are going to the Prep School or Gowan Brae, please drop your son at the Turning Circle and nowhere else in the morning.
- When you collect your son in the afternoon you are free to collect him from the Turning Circle, his House or his sporting training area of anywhere else you so designate.
- Could I remind everyone that parking in the turning Circle causes great congestion for the
buses and it is very important that the buses are able to move in and out efficiently.

- Could all parents please drive slowly and carefully inside the School and obviously follow the one-way systems where they exist.

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

**Drop Off and Pick Up outside the Sports Centre**

On weekends when dropping off, or at any time when collecting your son, can parents not stop on the road outside the Sports Centre? This action congests traffic and creates an unsafe environment for our boys. A car park is located beside the White Canteen, across the road from the Sports Centre, where boys can be picked up or dropped off.

May I please remind parents that the car park across the road from the Sports Centre, beside Britten House, is designated for Staff parking only during the academic day.

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**STUDENT EXCHANGE**

The School has several Year 10 students overseas on Exchange at present. Please find below an excerpt from an email written by Venthan Brabaakaran.

Will (Mitton) and I are really enjoying our time in Japan! Everyone is extremely friendly to us, the food is amazing and the general atmosphere around school is great. We had no problem settling into the school, and since Tosajuku has few exchange students, we received a warm welcome from the whole school. We even had to make a short speech in both English and Japanese at assembly.

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**CORPS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH – CHANGE OF DATES**

The dates for Corps and Community Outreach in November and December have changed to accommodate the Boys to Men Program.

New dates are as follows:

- **Wednesday 28 November**
  (no longer Monday 26 November)
- **Thursday 29 November**
  (no longer Monday 3 December)

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Dr Andrew Parry
Nelson Mandela’s bodyguard

Earlier this month in assembly we had the privilege of hearing from Rory Steyn who was Nelson Mandela’s bodyguard. Steyn was in the South African Police force for 30 years and was not only in charge of the Bomb Squad but also the Chief of Security in Johannesburg. When the President came to Johannesburg it was his job to keep him safe. Mandela’s predecessor, FW de Klerk, only came to Johannesburg spasmodically, but upon his election Mandela lived and worked from Johannesburg, which meant Rory’s role took on greater significance.

For three years Rory Steyn was one of the human shields for a man he once regarded as a terrorist. He put his life on the line for the famous statesman he feared would lead his nation into a bloody civil war. But instead, Rory Steyn watched Mandela, up close and personal, as he led the racially divided nation from the brink of bloodshed to unexpected levels of peace and stability.

One situation in particular had a lasting impact upon him. Steyn was implicated in a bombing by some former police colleagues. Mandela even spoke about this suspicion in parliament. When Steyn went to speak of his innocence with Mandela, he was overwhelmed by Mandela’s grace who told him that even if he was guilty, that was in the past and this was the new South Africa. Mandela’s desire not to seek revenge not only changed a nation but Rory Steyn.

Mandela is now 94 years old and he will die soon. Steyn believes it will be one of the biggest funerals in all history. It will be a sad day for our world as we lose one of our great ones, but especially for Rory Steyn who personally learnt so much from him. But Steyn went on to speak of another man who has had a greater impact upon him. This impact will last for eternity for Jesus defeated death and reigns forever. Steyn lives his life “up close and personal” with Jesus where he has learned about grace, mercy and justice.

Rory Steyn concluded his talk by encouraging us to allow quality people like Nelson Mandela to impact us and too especially allow Jesus to have the greatest impact of all upon our lives.

Rev Stephen Edwards
chaplain@kings.edu.au

A church for all the family.

Church@Kings

9.30am every Sunday in the CLL Auditorium

A contemporary service in our School Chapel every Sunday at 7.00pm – please note time change

Toys ‘n Tucker

Through Toys ‘n Tucker you can help provide Christmas food and gifts for those who would otherwise go without.

Food:
Tinned ham, Christmas puddings and cakes, Long Life custard

Gifts for children and teens; Toys, Board games, sport equipment, Retail gift cards (no need to wrap the presents)

Please hand your goodies to your Housemaster no later than Friday 30 November. For further details contact your Housemaster or Rev Stephen Edwards (9683 8414)

Christmas Day Services
in the School Chapel

8.00am … Traditional Holy Communion
9.30am … Family Service

The whole School community is invited to join as we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Saviour.
CURRICULUM MATTERS

ACADEMIC TIPS NO. 15

HOW WILL YOU MEASURE YOUR LIFE? PART 2

Last edition, I introduced the speech given by Clayton M. Christensen to the Harvard Business School's graduating class of 2012. Drawing upon his business research, he offered a series of guidelines for finding meaning and happiness in life. In this book, Christensen puts forth a series of questions:

- How can I be sure that I'll find satisfaction in my career?
- How can I be sure that my personal relationships become enduring sources of happiness?
- How can I avoid compromising my integrity—and stay out of jail?

Using lessons from some of the world's greatest businesses, he provides incredible insights into these challenging questions.

Christensen discusses Frederick Herzberg's motivation theory asserting that the most powerful motivator in our lives isn't money:

- It's the opportunity to learn
- To grow in responsibilities
- To contribute to others
- To be recognised for achievements

Christensen suggests the following strategies and tips from his book that I have found encouraging:

1. Develop strong levels of self-esteem
   - It's feeling that we have learned a lot
   - To be recognised for achieving valuable things
   - To play a significant role in the success of some important initiatives

2. Management is most noble if it is practised well
   - No other occupation offers as many ways to help others learn and grow, take responsibility and be recognised for achievement
   - Contribute to the success of a team

3. Create a strategy
   - Keep the purpose of our lives front and centre
   - Decide how to spend time
   - Decide how to spend talents
   - Decide how to spend energies
   - Apply the knowledge of the purpose for your life every day

4. Allocate your resources
   We have a bunch of 'businesses' that compete for these resources:
   - Rewarding relationship with spouse
   - Raise great kids
   - Contribute to my community
   - Succeed in my career
   - Create a culture

5. Avoid the ‘Marginal Costs’ Mistake
   Choosing Integrity:
   - “As a general rule…”
   - “In this extenuating circumstance, just this once…”
   - Life is one unending stream of extenuating circumstances
   - Hold to your principles 100% of the time

6. Remember the Importance of Humility
   One characteristic of humble people stands out:
   - High level of self-esteem – they know who they are and feel good about who they are
   - The esteem in which they regard others – good behaviour flows
   - Learn something from everyone – your learning opportunities will be unlimited

7. Choose the right Yardstick
   - Don't worry about the level of individual prominence you have achieved; worry about the individuals you have helped become better people
   - Think about the metric by which your life will be judged and make a resolution to live every day so that in the end, your life will be judged a success
   - Know who you are and whose you are

Some challenging, yet provocative ideas!

Clive Logan
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

**English Text Book Orders - Years 8 - 11 for 2013**
The English Department organises a separate order with Campion so that all students receive their 2013 English textbooks before the end of 2012. This is to enable students to read their set texts before the commencement of the 2013 school year.

Your son will have been issued with a hard copy of the English Booklists for 2013. All orders must be completed online at [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) by Thursday 15 November. Given the short time frame Campion will accept late orders but they must be ordered through the separate English lists. We want the students to read these texts over the holiday period. It is a simple process:

**Step 1:** Select the top left hand corner click on place your booklist orders

**Step 2:** Select 2nd Drop Down box NSW/ACT

**Step 3:** Scroll down to the letter T to select The King’s School, North Parramatta, NSW

**Step 4:** Select the right hand tab Get Resource List

**Step 5:** Choose your son’s year group for 2013

**Step 6:** Complete the book order appropriate for your son’s course.

You may choose to buy the texts from a different outlet, however, if you choose this option please buy the editions specified on the Campion site. Note that Campion deliver the textbooks to your home. I would ask that you buy a new copy of the set novels and plays. It is important that every boy has the same edition of the text for teaching purposes and that the text is unmarked so that your son can form his own opinion about the text.

1. **Novel Tests in Week 1 of Term 1 2013**
   In keeping with school policy all students will be tested on set novels at the commencement of the 2013 school year. We ask that you support this initiative and ensure your son does read all set novels before he commences his classes in 2013.

2. **Class Placement in 2013**
   All students are placed into English classes based on their overall performance in English in 2012.

**Babs Helleman**
**Head of English**

DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

**Boarding Staffing for 2013**
I am pleased to be able to announce/confirm the following residential staff appointments in boarding houses for 2013.

**Gowan Brae**: Mr Peter Reuben replaces Dr Tim Petterson as GB Housemaster

**Macarthur**: Mr Ben Chadwick replaces Mr Peter Reuben as Macarthur Housemaster
Mr Tim Nurcombe replaces Dr Mo Afzal as cottage dweller in Macarthur Cottage

**Broughton Forrest**: As this will be a new house, it is timely to outline the staff who will be attached to BRF. There will be 82 boys in the house, so the number of staff has been more than doubled to ensure that pastoral care is of the highest order. At peak times, there will be two staff rostered on duty in BRF.

**Housemaster** Mr Andrew Mansfield

Mr Keith Bell
Mr David Idstein
Mr Michael Kavanagh
Mr George Lyall
Mr Ed Pearce
Mrs Peta Gresham - will do duty in BRF and GB, but will remain as a Tutor in Britten House

**Matron** Mrs Myriam Vidal
In addition a weekend patron will assist the above staff (yet to be appointed).

**Waddy**: Mr Daniel Vidal has been appointed as the Junior Resident Tutor / Patron Mr Ed Pearce

**Malcolm Powys**
**AGRICULTURE CLUB**

My last Ag Show at the helm saw our Scone trip to the *Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza* with 21 keen boys and nine beautifully prepared, perfectly finished steers. It was a fantastic weekend hosted by the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza Committee, whose President is Doug Robertson (‘84), father of Angus (Year 8) and Henry (Year 7).

Scone Show is truly a “beef bonanza” with over 380 cattle entrants and 670 human participants competing over the three days of the Show. The King’s School Agriculture Club had a wonderfully successful show! Results were:

**Jock Ferguson**
4th Junior Judging

*School Steer Challenge*
4th

Led by Rhys Webber - prepared by Jack Cameron and Max Braithwaite

*Light Heavyweight Steer* (Cudgegong Steer)
3rd

Led by Samuel Callow - prepared by Mitchell Clark and William Rose

*Heavy Middleweight Steer*
3rd

Led by Angus Forster - prepared by Hugh Mackinnon and Angus Robertson

**Alexander Knight**
2nd Junior Judging

*Light Heavyweight Steer*
2nd

led by Lachlan Williams - prepared by Jack Cameron and Max Braithwaite

**Hugh Mackinnon**
1st Champion Secondary School Junior Judging

*(We await the carcass results - which is the true indication of how good we are at selecting and preparing our cattle for the different specifications required by the domestic and export markets.)*

I am especially thankful to the parents were so supportive and helpful over the weekend. The students were, as always, impeccably well behaved. Those who had dealings with them reported on how well-behaved, courteous, helpful and hard-working they are. Makes me proud to be their teacher!

*Alison Diskin*

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**MUSIC**

**Festival of Lessons and Carols**
All are invited to attend the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols to be held in Futter Hall on Sunday, 2 December at 7.30 pm. Come and hear some great singing from the choir, and join in with the carols which celebrate the birth of Christ.

**Congratulations**
New captains of Music have been announced:

**Captain of Music**
Brett He

**Vice Captain of Music**
Travis Pearman

**Captain of Band**
Daniel Fortunado

**Captain of Stage Band**
Ben Stacy

**Captain of Orchestra**
William Shang

**Captain of Choir**
Sam Bridie

**Drum Major**
Travis Pearman

Congratulations to Matthew Oliver who recently passed Grade 4 Piano (Trinity College London) with Distinction (92%).

**ABC Symphony Australia Young Performers Awards**
Symphony Australia and the ABC are pleased to launch the 2013 ABC Symphony Australia Young Performers Awards. The annual competition is the most prestigious in the country for instrumentalists under the age of 30, with generous cash prizes, and opportunities to play with major Australian symphony orchestras.

All the details can be found at [http://symphonyinternational.net/artist-development/performers/ypaapplications/](http://symphonyinternational.net/artist-development/performers/ypaapplications/) Please note that the closing date for applications is Friday, 7 December 2012.

*Barry Walmsley*
KOALA Awards 2012
Mrs Thomson and Mrs Hurst accompanied five boys from Years 7 and 8, all members of the KOALA Book Club, to the Monkey Baa Theatre in Darling Harbour for the annual KOALA Awards ceremony and celebrations.

Wilson Chen, Michael Friend, Andrew Mcintosh, Lachlan Nye, and Yanni Tzakos enjoyed finding out previously unknown facts about the 14 Australian authors present on the day. Survival skills were required for the long enthusiastic queues to obtain autographs from the authors after the event.

The winner in the Years 7-9 category was Arrival by Chris Morphew, the first book in the Phoenix Files series.

All the authors spoke about the importance of the KOALA Awards as they represent the voice of the children and young adults rather than adult judges.

Don’t get caught!
As we move to the end of an academic year, the boys should pause and ask themselves ‘How have I extended my understanding of how to be good – no great – at research’?

There is so much great information on the Internet, but it takes a bit of understanding to know how to assess sources both online and in more traditional formats in order to keep your son’s research from getting colourful lines throughout it when he attaches his assignment to his teacher’s iLearn page.

Google for better or worse is one of the first places students turn to when tasked with an assignment. But do they Google with skill and a good knowledge of bias and authenticity?

Your son must continue to think intellectual property and learn about ways to verify the accuracy and credibility of quotes and images or what triggered doubt in authors about the authenticity of quotes or images.

Have a look at these interesting websites dealing with authenticity.

Digital Forensics: 5 Ways to Spot a Fake Photo by Hany Farid, Department of Computer Science, Dartmouth and Fourier&Six Technologies

Photo Tampering Throughout History by Hany Farid and Kevin Connor of Fourier&Six Technologies

Evolution: A Dove Film Dove’s award-winning short from the Campaign for Real Beauty, showing how supermodel-style images are created.

Anatomy of a Fake Quotation by Megan McArdle of The Atlantic

Google Date Range Filter Simplifies Search Results by Robert Strohmeyer for PC World

Misquotes—Searching for Authenticity Online by James Sullivan of finding Dulcinea

How to Spot a Fake by Anna Berkes, research librarian at Monticello
Day by day the form work continues to rise for the School’s new Science Centre.

In 1920 the boys returned to School to find new Chemistry and Physics labs ready for use. Situated near the swimming pool at the Parramatta site was the store room and the new labs. The Chemistry Lab, fitted out for thirty boys, had lockers around the walls, for each boy was personally responsible for his own apparatus which was stored in the locker. The common acids and chemicals were on open shelves above the benches and a “stink-cupboard”, now more commonly known as a fume cupboard, had been created out of a former fireplace. The master wrote notes on a blackboard which also served as a double door leading into the demonstration room where he could supervise two classes at once, one doing a practical lesson and the other a demonstration lesson.

In the Physics lab further along the corridor, the boys were excited by the new equipment available to them and even more so by the electricity which was to be connected as the term progressed. No more would they have to depend on batteries as their only source of electric current. The delicate balance equipment was housed and used in the storeroom to save moving it back and forth. The highlight amongst the new equipment was the Vernier barometer and the boys looked forward to new instruments being added as the year went on.

Today most of this seems old fashioned and it would definitely provide a WHS nightmare, but then, as now, The King’s School was providing its students with state of the art equipment and facilities to heighten their sense of fascination into the world of Science.

Jenny Pearce

Reflecting on Milestones

As I near the end of my King’s School journey, I am ticking off a list of ‘last time evers’: the last first day of term, the last Saturday sport, the last Fathers’ Association Committee meeting. Diana and I are rapidly reaching the last hoorah – the very last day of School, marked by Prep Speech Day and Senior School Speech Night.

Inevitably we are feeling wistful about these milestones. The King’s School has been very special to us. Such markers along Life’s way are very significant. Without wishing to imbue them with more importance than is their due, it is nevertheless valuable to pause as we pass each one, reflect on its significance and use it as a means of checking our bearings for the future.

What have famous people said about milestones?

Agnetha Fältskog, of ABBA fame, obviously didn’t think much of them!:

“My path has not been determined. I shall have more experiences and pass many more milestones”.

Rose Kennedy encourages us to live for each moment, rather than head for milestones:

“Life isn’t a matter of milestones but of moments”.

The following quote sounds quite wholesome and idealistic … Its author? Adolf Hitler!

“There is a road to freedom. Its milestones are Obedience, Endeavour, Order, Cleanliness, Sobriety, Truthfulness, Sacrifice, and love of the Fatherland”.

The famous Christian thinker and writer, C.S. Lewis, issues a note of caution:

“The safest road to Hell is the gradual one – the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts”.

Often we do not realise that we have reached a milestone until we reflect on an event afterwards:

“Soon or later we all discover the important moments in life are not advertised ones, not birthdays, the graduations, the weddings, not the great goals achieved. The real milestones are less prepossessing. They come to the door of memory unannounced, stray dogs that amble in, sniff around a bit and simply never leave. Our lives are measured by these.” (Susan B. Anthony).

However you choose to regard the various navigation posts that mark the channels of your life, it is important to reflect along the way. Indeed, reflection is a key element of the PYP (Primary Years Program) philosophy that we are implementing in the Prep School. Whether we be Year Six students nearing the end of primary education, Year 12 students about to launch off into the world beyond school, defecting Head of Prep Schools preparing to take up new challenges, or the rest of the community just quietly getting about its business, let us make time to reflect about where we have been, where we are heading – and why!

Keith Dalleywater
UPCOMING EVENTS

The King’s School Parents’ Association

NOTICE OF 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As a current parent of The King’s School you are invited to attend the 2012 Annual General Meeting of TKS Parents’ Association to be held in the Governors’ Room on Wednesday, 21 November 2012 at 7.00pm

Please visit https://intranet.kings.edu.au/parents-association/index.html for Agenda, Nomination Form and Proxy Form. Light supper will be served at conclusion of the meeting.

The King’s Camerata and Friends in Concert

Saturday 15 December at 7.00pm
St Matthew’s Uniting Church, Edgar Street, Baulkham Hills

This will be the choir’s first “off-campus” performance and they will be singing a wide range of music.

Entry will be by donation, with all proceeds going to Lifestart

An Invitation to Current Year 10 Parents

Preparing for your son’s HSC

Information Night for Parents

All current Year 10 parents of The King’s School are invited to attend “Preparing for your son’s HSC” an information evening for parents to be held in the CLL Auditorium on Friday, 30 November 2012 at 6.30pm

Light refreshments will be served from 6.00pm

Guest Speakers

Mr Ben Phillips (Year 10 Coordinator) Master of Ceremonies

Dr Timothy Hawkes Headmaster’s Advice for HSC and Beyond

Mr Tom Courtney (Boys to Men Coordinator, 2012)

and

Mr Steve Middleton (Head of Life Education 2013) Overview of the Boys to Men Program

Mr Justin Walkden-Brown (Director of Studies 2013)

and

Mr David Vassallo (Year 11 Coordinator, 2013) Academic and Study Tips for the HSC

Dr Robyn Young (Founder – uBalancer) uBalancer, A work/life balance program for students

Mr Greg James (School Counsellor) Meeting the Pastoral Needs of Senior Students

Mr Mick Gordon (Careers Advisor) Thinking Ahead: University and Career Options

For catering purposes please RSVP by Thursday 22 November to swh@kings.edu.au

Please Note: For parents not able to attend, a recording of the evening will be available on the School’s Intranet.
The kick-off round of the GPS competition saw mixed results from the 1st and 2nd XI teams. The 1st XI came up against a strong Scots College team that amassed a large total of 236 for 5 in the 50 overs, with one of their batsman scoring a superb century. The standout bowler for King’s was the youngest member of the team, Kieran Jayasekera, whose figures of 2 for 40 were clearly outstanding considering how many runs were scored on a flat White Oval wicket. In reply the 1st XI started well and were at one stage 1 for 50, however, collapsed to be all out for 85 when they tried to chase the runs late in the innings. Dhanuka Dissanayake top scored with 22 and George Condon with 21 were the pick of the batsmen.

The 2nd XI had a far better afternoon, recording a solid victory up on Doyle 2. Bowling first, they dismissed Scots for 131, with captain Angus Macqueen once again being the leading wicket taker with 4 for 29. He was ably supported by young Rhys Millar who took 3 for 22. Although only winning the game in the second last over, they were never really in danger, passing their opposition 7 down, with Manus Chauhan top scoring with 30 not out and Angus Campbell playing a solid knock of 24.

It was a very successful day across all of our other teams, with only the 14As and 14Ds not winning their fixtures. The 3rd XI completely dominated Scots 3rds, scoring 212 for 4, with Max Brighton leading the way with 60 and David Hay smashing 42 not out. It was then the bowlers’ turn, with Gajen Lakshmanarajah taking 5 for 2 with his stunning inswing deliveries and Charlie Harris chipping in with 5 for 3 to dismiss Scots for only 28.

The 16As also were too strong for their opponents dismissing them for 101 and then passing their score with the loss of only two wickets. The stand-out players were James Fisher, who compiled a patient 56 not out, whilst Sumer Roy took 3 for 15 and Rajeev Casinader took 2 for 1 with the ball.

There were many fine individual performances with bat and ball across the age groups. In the batting department William Scholes blasted 88 for the 4ths and Hamish Southwell continued his fine form scoring 52 before retiring and Elliot Reece also remained undefeated on 52 for the 15Cs. The bowlers also didn’t disappoint, with Harrison Sayer taking 4 for 19 in the 14Bs, Henry Pascoe taking 4 for 8 in the 14Cs and Vishal Tandon taking 3 for 9 including a hat-trick in the 5th fixture.

Last Saturday saw the first two day fixture for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI teams as well as all of the A teams. At the end of the first day’s play, most teams are in strong positions to win their matches. The 1st XI played on a very batsmen friendly pitch and did well to restrict Grammar 1sts to 227 all out. Once again the opposition’s total was on the back of one player’s century. James Shepherd, Adita Ramakrishnan and Dhanuka Dissanayake all took two wickets, but Kieran Jayasekera again shone with the ball, taking 2 for 57 from 29 overs. At the close of play the 1st XI were 1 for 29 with Will Davies scoring a powerful 23 before being dismissed in the last over of the day.

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However, the result of the day went to the 14Bs, who scored a stunning victory on the last ball of the day. Having only scored a small total of 109, Eddie Shamieh top scoring with 49, they then looked beaten with Grammar only needing 3 to win off the last two overs with 2 wickets in hand. The first over of the remaining two was bowled by Tom Goode, who bowled a maiden, then Methila Nanayakkara took the ball for the last over and took a wicket in the second ball, which was then followed by a runout. This was truly a remarkable victory and well deserved by a team that remains undefeated this season.

The School also had reason to celebrate this week, with the captain of the 1st XI James Shepherd being selected in the New South Wales under 17s team to
participate in the Australian Championship in Hobart in early December. Making this team means mixing with the elite cricketers in the country and we wish James all the best on this wonderful achievement.

Finally last Friday afternoon saw the introduction of our first Super 8 competition that will be played across the age groups. 32 boys from the Under 14s teams were mixed together and played three games over two and half hours, with all boys thoroughly enjoying the fast and furious competition and we look forward to the combined 15 and 16s competition on 23 November.

Stephen James  
Master in Charge

The King’s School Cricket Club  
Inaugural Cricket Luncheon  
For all King’s parents, friends and supporters  
Friday 22 February 2013  
from 12.30pm  
Cost $150 per person  
Steve Waugh Room, Sydney Cricket Ground  
Guest Speaker – Mike Whitney  

Master of Ceremonies – Stephanie Brantz  

The objective of the day, apart from having a wonderful time, is to raise funds for an electronic scoreboard for the JS White Oval.

Booking online by 7 December 2012 at  
http://www.trybooking.com/CCGI  
or  
http://www.trybooking.com/36668  
Enquiries Michael Peek 0412 265 897, Peter Tugwell 0418 453 429, Naren Narendran 0421 056 510, Neil Jayasekera 0402 905 275 or Stephen James 0425 578 837

SNOWSPORTS

Save the date for the Snowsports Open Night
After such a fabulous Snowsports season, we are already thinking ahead to 2013. An Open Night will be held for those in Prep and Senior interested in being a part of the King’s Snowsports family.

Friday 1 March 2013  
Prep Infants area  
From 4.30pm to 8.00pm

Information stalls will be set up for you to come along and ask questions, talk about training, look at uniform pieces, register, meet other ski families and the committee. There will even be an opportunity to see the Australian Olympic Biathalon team in action.

There will be prizes raffled and the 2012 movie release footage that was created by ‘Hotshots’ photography.

The AGM will be held during the evening and we would be thrilled to hear your reflections on 2012 and your ideas for the season ahead. New committee members will be voted in during the evening.

The BBQ will be fired up and we welcome all of the School community to a night full of planning, friendship and information. If you have any early inquiries or questions, you can contact Jo Grinham at jng@kings.edu.au.

Until the next snow falls…..enjoy the summer sunshine.

Jo Grinham  
Prep Snowsports

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ROWING

The racing season is now upon us and over the last two weekends we have participated in two non-official regattas. The first regatta (for the Junior crews) was the Junior Head of the Parramatta, a 2.1km time trial course and results were fantastic, with King’s winning the following divisions:

Year 10 2nd VIII
Year 9 1st & 3rd
Year 8 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th Quads

The majority of the other crews placed in the top three of their respective divisions.

The last non-point score regatta for the season was held last weekend, the Senior Head of the Parramatta. This comprises a 4.5km time trial whereby crews are required to battle bends in the river, ferry wash and the odd speedboat. King’s had an exceptional day winning:

2nd & 4th IV and 3rd VIII

Year 10 1st VIII (equal first) and out right wins for the 2nd & 3rd Year 10 VIIIIs.

Following the regatta, Newington hosted our 1st and 2nd VIIIIs for breakfast, this function being a long standing tradition for both Schools. The Downer Trophy is presented to the School who has the most wins and this year was a tie between Newington and King’s, as each school won three events.

This weekend is the first GPS round and will see all crews except the Year 7 (8) Quads battle it out at Iron Cove for the Sydney Grammar School Regatta. Best vantage point for parents to watch will be from Rodd Point Park off Henley Marine Drive, Five Dock. The next regatta to follow will see the same crews as above all out at SIRC at Penrith. This is the first time any Year 8 (9) Quads will have raced on this course and I would encourage parents to come along and watch if they are able.

Christmas Training

Although we encourage the boys to rest and recover during the School holidays, we would ask for support in ensuring the boys stay fit over the Christmas break. One hour a day of physical fitness will place the boys at a great advantage when they arrive at camp at the end of January. To facilitate this we will also be opening the shed for boys going into Year 9 through to the senior rowers, to allow time on the water. We would like to be able to open it up to the entire shed, however, we will not have all coaches available and therefore feel it would be unsafe to have novice rowers on the water.

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James Tyree
Master in Charge
BASKETBALL

With three more rounds of the competition left to play this term, many teams are achieving impressive results. Markedly more wins than losses have been recorded every week, with particularly strong performances in the last two weeks by the 3rd (Scots 37-23, Grammar 48-17), 4th (Scots 36-18, Grammar 41-27), 16As (Scots 30-20, Grammar 18-16) and 16Bs (Scots 61-4, Grammar 25-7).

Two feature games of the Grammar round were the 14C & D contests. Herewith are brief reports from their coach, Peter Denyer:

**14C v SGS (23-23)**
This game was a tale of two halves. In the first half, our boys strode confidently to a 17-8 lead, using our fast-break tactics (practiced over the past few weeks in training) to great effect with little resistance. In the second half Grammar changed their style and virtually stopped us playing, limiting our boys to only six second half points. Their close marking told with eight team fouls amassed quickly, and King’s would have won the game with more accuracy from the free-throw line. Next week’s practice will be on how to break out of a ‘full court press’ and extra attention on those free-throws. Top scorer Jarrod Hollis stood out, along with Marshall Strong and Will Freyer.

**14D v SGS (29-19)**
A comfortable win for the 14Ds who were never really stretched by an uninspiring Grammar team. Our boys were allowed to play their own game and should really have scored more baskets. This was a nice confidence builder and showed the obvious progress in the team so far this season. The main work needed to better ourselves is simply more of the staples, such as ‘lay-ups’ and ‘rebounds’ and possession passing. Best on court were Hugh Speck and Marcus Yuen. Big improvers were Perry Wang and Matt Joyce.

**GPS competition**

**Round 4 v Scots**

**1sts (TKS 51 Scots 104)**
Despite the reputation of the opposition, the King’s team took the court with great spirit and played a strong, competitive game. Highest point scorers were Jarrod Tobin (13 points and 7 rebounds) and Jay Green (9) ably supported by Will Pearce who secured numerous rebounds against much larger players. Unfortunately an impressive 71% shooting percentage from the foul line and several blocked shots were not enough to keep TKS in the hunt. A valiant effort against a highly talented team.

**2nds (TKS 52 Scots 44)**
An excellent and well deserved victory against a very able Scots team. Harry Ma (24 points) and Rowan Bray (13 points) led by example, setting a blistering pace up and down the court. Relentless defence from Pode Bunchongphoklang and Matt Planinic forced some errors from the opposition, gaining valuable possession. Leading at every break, the team was able to maintain its composure to successfully finish a game that showcased strong team work and tenacity.

**Round 5 v Grammar**

**1sts (TKS 56 Grammar 40)**
Congratulations to the team on a solid victory against Grammar. Despite a poor shooting percentage from the field, the team managed to keep Grammar at bay and lead at each break, steadily increasing the margin. Defensive pressure was effective and resulted in numerous turnovers from the other team. Jarrod Tobin and Jayden Prakash maintained this intensity creating regular shooting opportunities. Leading scorers were Jarrod Tobin (16) along with Grange Ring (11) and Jayden Prakash (11). Strong rebounding from Will Pearce (10) and James Burgess (7) helped to maintain the up tempo pace.

**2nds (TKS 54 Grammar 58)**
Both teams began the game evenly matched and in spite of some rewarding passages of play, too many unforced errors and little success in making free throws cost the team the opportunity to get their nose in front. Even in the closing minutes, the result could have gone either way but to Grammar’s credit, they kept their cool and clinched a narrow victory. George Khalil showed that he can be a threat from the three point line and Rowan Bray (14) and Harry Ma (13) again dominated the scoring. Some valuable lessons will be learnt about finishing tight games.

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Final USA Tour Meeting and Christmas Drinks
Monday 26 November 6.00pm
White Oval barbecue area

Julianne Stanton
Master in Charge
**TENNIS**

This week the report will read a bit differently, I have counted all the matches played against Scots and Grammar over the last two weeks and have come up with these results.

**King’s v Grammar**

Kings won 75 matches against Grammar’s 39

U14s won 16-8. Highlights included:
Alex Simson 6-4, Hugo Weston 6-2, Andy Pavlou 6-1, Alistair Hancock 6-1, Mitch Anseline 6-2, James Prell 6-1 and Yanni Tzakos won 6-5 in tie breaks in both his singles and doubles. Jin Tao and Nicholas Cavasinni 6-1 in doubles and Tony Wang, Matthew Nivellau and Nicholas Cavasinni all 6-0 in singles.

U15s won 13-11. Highlights included:
a marathon loss of 10-12 by John He and HD Tang, however, they fought back in their singles 6-4, Edward Bi 6-2, Patrick Ngai 6-3, Charles Kensit 6-2, Josh Macqueen 6-4, Connor McPhie 6-1 and Marc Safari and Alex Chan 6-4 and Richard Kwon 6-3.

U16s won 17-7. Highlights include:
Vu Huynh 6-4, Jeffrey Liu and James Sewell 6-1, Truman Calleia 6-2, Harry Moffitt 6-3, Alan Zhu 6-5, Richard Vincent and Harry Hamilton 6-2, Harry Mills 6-0, Nathan Yoo 6-4, Connor Healy 6-3 and Scotty Ye 6-2. Seth Gordon was a gentleman and a scholar, for as Grammar were one short he was happy to play for them. Your sportsmanship was outstanding!

Special mention to Mr Symons whose cricket was cancelled, but who volunteered to show the Cs and Ds his tennis prowess. The boys and parents really appreciated your time and efforts.

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> won 21-3. Highlights include:
Max Chapman 6-0, Alex Rago 6-1, Chris Vandoros 6-5, Andrew McCorquodale 6-0, Jake Girratano 6-1, James McCorquodale 6-2, James Milson 6-4, Jack Lee 6-3, Connor Ridley 6-2, Owen Mackenzie 6-1, Lachlan Winton 6-0, Hugh Cochrane 6-4, Tom Plummer 6-4 and Angus Sharp 6-4.

1<sup>st</sup> won 8-1. Highlights include:
Connor Jephcott getting his first singles win in the 1<sup>st</sup> - a great achievement for someone who came from the 15Bs and Isaac Bell Herbert had a win after yet another challenging 3 setter. Great effort boys!

**King’s v Scots**

Unfortunately the 14’s were washed out, however, the 15s won 11-1. Highlights include:

Charlie Kensit 6-5 (7-4) a great win, Josh Macqueen 6-0, Connor McPhie 6-4, Andy Lu and Andy Cai winning their singles and doubles, and Alex Chan and Richard Kwon in their doubles and Marc Safari 6-0 in his singles. Unfortunately the As and Bs were washed out

U16s won 7-5. Harry Moffitt 6-4, Harry Hamilton 6-2, Richard Vincent 6-2, Harry Mills 6-0 and Seth Gordon 6-0. Unfortunately the As and Bs were washed out.

3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> won 16-9. Highlights include:
Anupam Parashar 6-4, Alex Rago 6-1, James Milson 6-3, Shaun Thomas 6-5, Angus Sharp 6-1, Owen Mackenzie 6-4, Lachlan Winton 6-1, Rob Illingworth 6-4 and Rohit Duggal 6-2. Doubles victories included Mackenzie and Andrew Ho, Anupam Parashar and Alex Rago and Rohit Duggal and Charlie Hyles.

2<sup>nd</sup> lost 7-2. Highlights include:
Dale Hamilton and Seb Lane winning their doubles in a super tie break 10-8 and Dale Hamilton winning his singles 6-2 6-1.

1<sup>st</sup> won 7-2. Highlights include:
George Corbett and Isaac Bell-Herbert’s singles wins and Isaac Hall and Bell-Herbert’s doubles win in a super tie breaker.

Best of luck to all the boys this weekend against Joey’s (most of your games will be away) particularly our boys who are competing in the Top 6 tournament at King’s this weekend.

Ben Chadwick
Master in Charge
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Scott Neskovski (Year 11), who has chosen to learn Japanese through the Open High School distance learning program, has won a scholarship to go to Japan in December 2012.

Scott was one of 1300 applicants for the Kizuna Scholarship offered by the Japanese Government and administered by AFS Intercultural Programs. He will be visiting the areas affected by the tsunami and earthquake, including Fukushima, and will also spend a week with a Japanese host family.

This is wonderful news for Scott who has developed a huge passion for the Japanese language and culture and has done a great deal of independent work to learn to write and speak Japanese for his HSC.

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