Christmas
On a Sunday, some years ago, I joined my son for a walk along Sorrento Back Beach in Victoria. I’d swapped my *Hymns, Ancient and Modern* for *A Visitors’ Guide to the Mornington Peninsula*. We found ourselves gazing at the crashing waves on Derby’s Rock. The sight was breathtaking, full of foam and fury. A brisk south-westerly had stirred up a significant swell that exploded on the rock shelves, then sucked greedily at the kelp as it gathered itself, white with rage, for yet another frontal attack.

The rocks were winning, splintering the waves into shards of spray, but they were wounded, with the strata-ed shelves scarred and scabbed by their constant attrition with the sea. This, then, was our opening hymn, the base boom of imploding waves giving harmony to the hiss and bubble of the receding waters.

The readings came from the melaleuca and coastal tea-tree. They spoke to us of adaptation and endurance. The tortured twists of the tea-tree told of the agony there can be in growing. Their deformed spines were beyond chiropractic help and yet they not only survived, but bloomed, with their small, white petals imparting a confetti-ed blessing.

Humbled and inspired, we were then baptized, be-goggled and be-snorkeled, in the tranquil kingdom of the rock pools in which there was peace beyond all understanding. “You are in the world, but not of the world”, the stands of Neptune’s necklaces reminded us. “For everything there is a season”, said the red sea anemones, opening up with the incoming tide, and a small shoal of translucent fish reminded us of the strength there is in fellowship.

It is my hope you might enjoy fellowship with loved ones this Christmas. Perhaps, you too might go to a beach. Whether you do or not, I pray this Yuletide gives you moments when you can see the sacred in normal things. In a smile. In a gift. In Christmas.

Whether one is a believer or not, one can still wonder. In God’s great cathedral there are 100,000 million lights in one section alone. It is called The Milky Way. There are at least 100 million other sections of the cathedral. The sense of awe at figures such as this should be encouraged at Christmas, together with a wondering. “Am I the product of the random mix of some amino acids or is there a mind behind the system? If there is a mind, can I connect with that mind? Does that mind try to connect with us?”

I close by wishing all within the King’s community a happy and holy Christmas.

_Somehow not only for Christmas
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others
Is a joy that comes back to you.
And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart’s possessing
A feeling that makes you glad._

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1866
(adapted)
Two New Bus Routes for 2013

Northbridge / Willoughby Service
The School will be starting a daily bus run to and from Northbridge from the start of Term 1 2013. Use of the service will be on a payment basis ($277 per term) as it will not be covered by Government Bus passes and subsidy.

A suggested route/timetable is as follows:
- 7.15 am depart Sailors Bay Road
- 7.20am Mowbray Road
- 7.25am Pacific Highway/Eric Road
- Proceed into Lane Cove Tunnel, M2, Pennant Hills Road and into the School.

Return service will be at 5.15 pm from the School. Boys who need an earlier afternoon service will be able to access the Mosman bus.

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Stanhope Gardens / Bella Vista service via Winston Hills
Commencing from Term 2013, the School and Baxters Bus Company will operate a trial School Special Service.

This would be commencing at Stanhope Parkway and Hambledon Road at 7.00am and moving to the School via Stanhope Shops (7.05am), Samantha Riley Drive (7.10am), Old Windsor Road, Brighton Drive (7.15am) Bella Vista Drive at the first roundabout to shops (7.22am), Providence Dr, Bingara Cres, Seven Hills Road (7.27am), Marina Rd (7.28am) Baulkham Hills Road, Caroline Chisholm Drive, Winston Hills Shops (7.35am), Windsor Road (7.44am), James Ruse Drive, the School. (8.00am)

- A return service will operate from the School at 5.15pm each day.
- Use of the service will be on a payment basis ($277 per term) as it will not be covered by Government Bus passes and subsidy.

Parents who would be interested in using these services are requested to advise the School Transport Officer, Mr Max Yates, at: transport@kings.edu.au by the end of the year.

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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Braeside Shop Notices

Please note that the Braeside Shop will be closed from Saturday 8 December and will re-open on Monday 21 January 2013.

If you need to upgrade or replace some of your son’s uniform items for the new school year, it is recommended that you place an order or make the necessary purchase before the end of Term 4 2012.

Joshua – the teddy bear – is now available for purchase from the Braeside Shop for $39.95.
Boys to Men Program
Over the past three weeks our Year 10 boys have engaged in a highly stimulating and valuable program designed to challenge their perspectives and to provide a framework for them to lead healthy, happy and productive lives as young men in the contemporary world. A fabulous collection of guest speakers were assembled and we are greatly appreciative to all that gave their valuable time in order to make a personal contribution to the boys.

Jonathan Doyle of Choicez Media is nationally renowned for the excellence of his presentation of issues of manhood. His highly engaging and provoking multi-media presentations and workshops explored themes such as respect for women, fatherhood, emerging sexuality, pornography and commitment. Jonathan Doyle presents and examines these challenging concepts from a Christian perspective in a style that utilises humour and anecdotes. For many of our boys this was a real highlight of the week.

Other guest speakers included Cadel Evans, arguably Australia’s greatest athlete and 2011 Tour de France winner. Cadel spoke on issues of resilience, courage, organisation and preparation and the importance of respect for your fellow man. Drew Ginn, five times Olympic medallist and former member of the ‘awesome foursome’, along with Philip McNamara, retired Army and Vietnam Veteran, spoke about the skills required for leadership and drew upon their immense life experience.

Life Skills were taught largely utilising our own staff with Mr Strutt instructing our boys in the art of ironing (a lesson I imagine many of our fathers would benefit from). Mr Janson taught skills relating to gardening and landscaping and engaged in a project of planting Australian native plants in an area of the School.

Our Kitchen staff taught cooking and food preparation. Seminars related to Mental Health and Well-being were conducted by Mr James, our School Counsellor, and Mr Courtney engaged in a project of planting Australian native plants in an area of the School.

Our Boys to Men Program concludes this week as the boys participate in a Journey of Reflection around Sydney and its surrounds. Time is spent trekking, camping out on Cockatoo Island, Dragon Boating on Sydney Harbour, canoeing and trekking near Bobbin Head and opportunities to talk and share around the campfire with their group leaders about their Journey to Manhood and issues they confront.

This is an outstanding program that offers so much to the boys and every one of them should take something special from the experience. Many staff have worked tirelessly to provide our Year 10s with this opportunity of personal growth and special thanks must be passed to the Coordinator of the program, Mr Tom Courtney and to the Outdoor Education Group for all their assistance and coordination.

Festival of Lessons and Carols
Last Sunday night we were treated to a wonderfully joyous celebration of Christian music and word. Our choir of 85 boys produced a beautifully blended sound and afforded a moving message of peace and joy to the world in keeping with the spirit of Christmas. The service of 7 lessons is based on the original format devised by King’s College, Cambridge. The music of the Carol Service featured pieces ranging from the 15th Century (Praetorius) to the contemporary Rutter work Jesus Child along with a modern adaptation by Peter Warlock of another 15th Century tune, complete with Old English words.
One of the highlights for me was the Choir, accompanied by a number of our departing Year 12s who returned for the evening singing Nella Fantasia, a piece well-known as the theme from the movie The Mission. Sung in Italian it was a superb performance and made one fully cognisant of the incredible advances that have been made in King’s Music in recent years, and I think I am adequately qualified to say this as a former Head Chorister of the School. I felt immensely proud of the outstanding level of performance last Sunday night. Well done.

We were also most fortunate to have Mr Andrej Kouznetsov as our guest organist, a recent organ scholar at Westminster Abbey. I wish to thank and congratulate our Choir and Mr Walmsley and our Music Staff for a delightful evening of choral music.

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May I close by wishing all in our community a very special vacation period that provides valuable time for rest and reflection and opportunity for families to spend quality time together.

I wish all a very happy Christmas and I hope you take the opportunity to ponder upon the true Christian message of this festive season. Christmas is a time that we remember that God sent his only son, Jesus, to die for us. We should reflect upon God’s love for us and endeavour to share his love and spirit with our fellow man.

With every blessing and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Dr Andrew Parry

ARCHIVE SNIPPET

Engaging with a museum object raises many questions that can lead students to learn more about the how, when and why of history. Some recently acquired objects have proved to be interesting learning tools.

Object 1

What is it??
A helmet from World War II.

How would you describe it?
Battered, rusty and with what looks like a bullet or shrapnel hole in one side?

Who did it belong to??
David Campbell.

Who was he?
A very talented Old Boy. At School from 1930-34, School Captain, Captain of Rugby, boxer, athlete, rower, academic and contributor to the School Magazine. He played Rugby for England while studying at Oxford.

How did it get the hole in the side?
From shots fired from a Japanese plane as David flew a reconnaissance flight over Rabaul in 1942.

What happened to him?
The bullet pierced the helmet which was sitting beside him and went through his wrist. The shrapnel partly severed his little finger. Undeterred he flew the 805kms back to Darwin.

Then what happened?
He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and bar. David went on to become one of Australia’s foremost poets.

This conversation was similar to one Dr Parry had recently with some Year 7 boarders. Not only did the object prompt questions about the owner, it provided an opportunity to discuss leadership, history and was an amazing prompt for the boys to recollect stories they had been told about their own grandparents and the war. All this because David’s son, himself an old Boy, donated a very battered helmet to the School Collection.

The second object will go on display in 2013 and is in a more pristine condition. It too belongs to a past School Captain, Stanley Fremantle Mort (1903-1909). Stanley was an academic, winning Form Prizes throughout his school career, culminating in Form VI with the Maths prize and the Prize for Dux of the School. He was awarded a Broughton and Forrest Exhibition to Oxford. Shooting was his sport of excellence being a member of the 1st team for four years, one as Captain, as well as representing GPS. He joined the Royal Engineers in WWI and in 1918, possibly at the Battle of the Sambre he was awarded the Military Cross.

Similar questions to those asked above could also be asked of the medal collection. Further research could take place on the last British offensive in 1918 that led to the awarding of this medal as well as asking what Stanley did to have been mentioned in despatches.

Do you have objects at home that can pique the natural curiosity of a young man? Objects that can cause him to ask question, do some research or engage in a conversation? If so seek them out over the break. You never know what you might discover together.

Jenny Pearce
At just the right time!
Fred McDermott was finally found NOT guilty of killing Henry Lavers. The event occurred more than 60 years ago and Fred also died in 1977, so sadly he was not around to hear the good news. His cousin, Betty Sheelah, had pushed for years to have his conviction overturned after new evidence came forward. Speaking outside the court, Ms Sheelah declared, “This has been a stain on our family history and I wanted his name cleared”.

We wonder how many more miscarriages of justice have occurred throughout history? Sometimes people even think that the Bible is a little bit harsh in its assessment of humanity in saying that it is sinful and is headed towards judgement. But not only the history of the human race and its current practices and indeed our own actions – we know that there is no chance in waiting for new evidence to appear so that our conviction might be quashed!

We are guilty of disobeying God and ruining his world. We cannot save ourselves or our world. We are thankful to read then that, “just at the right time … Christ died for us” (Romans 5:6). The right time is not so much time in history, although it was a strategic moment in the world’s history because the peace that Caesar Augustus (Luke 2:1) brought and the dark days that descended during the end of King Herod’s (Luke 1:5) reign, meant people were not only able, but ready to hear the good news. But it was the right time or appropriate time for Jesus to die because we are powerless (Romans 5:6). We are not able, nor is anyone else able to save us from our guilt and judgment. There is little point in waiting for further evidence to appear that may result in us accusing God of a miscarriage of justice. The only way that we can be found “not guilty” and have our conviction overturned is through Christ dying for us. We are thankful that God demonstrated his love for us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

During our Christmas celebrations, as we reflect on Jesus entering our world to save us. Remember that Jesus arrived, just at the right time, for we were, and are, powerless to save ourselves.

Rev Stephen Edwards
cchaplain@kings.edu.au
The King's Herald

How do you measure success?

It was with mixed emotions just 6 weeks ago that I made an appointment to see the Headmaster and informed him, “I have some good news - and some bad news”. The good news was that I had accepted the position of Principal of NEGS, New England Girls School, in Armidale commencing in 2013. The bad news was that I was leaving the School to which I had been committed for nearly 30 years of my teaching career, leaving colleagues, friends and wonderful students.

How does one measure what impact one has had over 29 ½ years at The King’s School?

- Is it judged by one’s successes, being recognised for achieving valuable things in a career?
- Is it judged by how happy you are?
- Is it judged by the individuals on whom you have had an impact?
- What yardstick do you use to base all this on?

I had to create a strategy – keeping my purpose front and centre. I had to decide how to spend my time, how to spend my talents, how to spend my energies and I have applied the knowledge of that purpose for my life every day. And now it is time to move on – to have an impact somewhere else.

A few years ago, I have had the privilege of going back to France to walk through elements of the Western Front of World War I and, for the first time, visited Gallipoli. I have taught about the conditions in which soldiers fought, given examples of the heroism of these men but it was not till I was able to walk on those hallowed lands that I could sense what these men went through (without all the noise, smells, bullets and so on). Yet, on visiting the cemeteries of those who died on both sides of the conflict, including the graves of a few King’s Old Boys, I thought about what they had fought for, their sacrifice, the unfulfilled potential of these young men and pondered what they had accomplished. How successful were they in achieving their success?

Our young men will hopefully never have to face what these soldiers had to – yet, unfortunately, many people go through their lives never accomplishing and fulfilling their potential. Success is directly connected to attitude, purpose and destiny. How successful have you been this year on your journey and are you fulfilling your destiny? Some principles first and then some suggestions:

1. Get in the right position

If we are ever going to reach our destination, we have to know where we are going and we have to believe that we can succeed. This is the same way successful students feel about their education. They WILL be a success - no matter what. No matter that they’re feeling frustrated right now. No matter that they’ve just experienced a failure. They still get up and keep going. And, because of that determination, they do become a success. But actually, it’s more than determination. They WANT to succeed. That’s really what it comes down to. We all are going to experience setbacks and failures and ‘naysayers’ and everything else. And unless we really want to succeed, we won’t be able to overcome all of that.

2. Don’t let circumstances control you

If we allow negative impressions, perspectives and words undermine us, we can start believing those things rather than seeing the ‘higher’ perspective. Often we hear people say that they are surrounded and controlled by their circumstances. Our ‘circumstance’ is the circle in which we are standing. What specific circle are you standing in? You can change the type of circle you are standing in when you believe there is a better circle to surround yourself with! I think the comparisons are obvious with how students feel about what they are going through!

3. If you give your best, you will have the best

For every reason students have for why they haven't been successful, there’s a successful, thriving student out there who has faced the same or worse obstacles and has overcome them. But this is deeper than excuses. Boys really do feel like they can't be successful because of some image in their head. Maybe they think all successful students have personal tutors, or had family connections, or were raised a certain way. This simply is not true! There is no “picture” of the successful student. The one thing they DO have in common is they were determined to cross the finish line. Nothing of value will come into being without hard work, persistence and a commitment to excellence in all that you do. You will not move to the next level until you master the level you are at now.

Some steps to achieve your destiny and fulfilment

- Discover the real desire of your heart – what is that thing you can’t get away from no matter how hard you try?
- Determine what stirs your passion – what is it that you would do even if you didn’t get paid for it?
• Identify your gifts and talents that flow through you naturally – what comes easy to you and you enjoy doing them?
• Seek advice from people with wisdom – this is not necessarily based on age but based on those people who see things with a clearer perspective.
• Spend time on your own – sometimes it is essential to remove yourself from the hustle and bustle of life so that you can hear yourself think!
• Determine what you can (or can’t) give yourself to 100% – working this out will eliminate things that will consume a large amount of time and energy.
• Know what produces good fruit in your life – if you are pursuing something that is producing nothing except wasted time and energy, this may be a clear indication that you are on the wrong road and need to find the alternate route!

And, let’s not forget, these can make the whole journey a lot more fun!

Two weeks ago, I had my final Scipionic meeting – an extra meeting called. All boys were there except one who let me know that he was very sick. All the Year 12 boys, including the self-appointed co-captains of the Scipionians, Avinesh Chelliah and John McMahon, turned up – even though they had all finished their HSC exams and had officially finished. It meant a lot to me!! One of the greatest gifts I have received was a framed poem given to me – it has an amazing history where it had been handed down from grandfather to father to son – and I was given a copy. A letter was attached:

“Dear Mr Logan
I wanted to give you something meaningful, to thank you for all you have done for me and this something that means a lot to me … I hope you find it encouraging and inspiring and I hope it brings you luck! It is something that means a lot to me. Once again, Mr Logan, thanks for everything, you are a very special man.”

Here is that poem:

It’s All in the State of Mind
by Walter D Wintle

If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you don’t;
If you’d like to win, but you think you can’t,
It’s almost a cinch you won’t.
If you think you will lose, you’ve lost,
For out in the world you find
Success begins with a fellow’s will –
It’s all in the state of the mind.

Full many a race is lost
Ere ever a step is run;
And many a coward fails
Ere ever his work’s begun.
Think big, and your deeds will grow;
Think small and you’ll fall behind;
Think that you can and you will –
It’s all in the state of the mind.

If you think you’re outclassed, you are;
You’ve got to think high to rise.
You’ve got to be sure of yourself before
You ever can win a prize.
Life’s battles don’t always go
To the stronger or faster man;
But sooner or later the man who wins,
Is the fellow who thinks he CAN.

It’s all about attitude. It will hang in my office at NEGS next year as a reminder of King’s.

Lou Holtz, a famous football coach in the US, said, “Ability is what you’re capable of doing, motivation determines what you do, attitude determines how well you do it.”

That is my hope for each one of the students at King’s – make use of your opportunities here, Carpe Diem (seize the day) and go and make a difference in this world in your generation. Thank you for all the good wishes, cards and email sent to me – I have been overwhelmed.

A former student wrote, “My memory of you will linger as a man of truth, trust and the utmost integrity in all facets. I have always thought the way you held and presented yourself was the very example of gentleness and kindness that, so often, the world lacks. Your unerring ability to buoy someone with the slightest word, your ‘real’ take on education and the world beyond (when so often the predominant view is the opposite) is refreshing and shows an intelligence that has obviously evolved and stayed fresh, rather than laying stagnant in a still pool of contentedness. I will certainly miss you …” This former student is now a teacher at King’s – this leaves me truly satisfied that King’s is in good hands.

Fortiter et Fideliter

Clive Logan
Broughton Forrest Opening / Round Up
As previously advised, the new Broughton Forrest House will be open for the commencement of Term 1, 2013. The official opening ceremony will be held on Friday 15 March 2013 at 6.30pm and will be followed by the Boarder Parents’ Roundup in the Thomas Memorial Pavilion at 7.00pm. All boarder parents are warmly invited to attend both functions and tour the newest boarding facilities in the School. Members of the Boarder Parents’ Committee are asked to note that the Term 1 meeting will be held at 4.30pm on the same day. (Not in February as earlier advised.)

Local Accommodation
From time to time, boarding parents ask me about the best places to stay when they come to Sydney to visit their sons. Here are some ideas…

Parramatta Region Accommodation Deals

**Quest Apartments Parramatta**
8 Hope Street, Rosehill
9687 7711
Reservations - 9291 1905 (Maricris Bautista) or esa.quest@apxgroup.com.au
1 bedroom Apartment - $140/night (usual rate $289)
2 bedroom Apartment - $207/night (usual rate $413)

**Rydges Parramatta**
116 James Ruse Drive Rosehill
[www.rydges.com/parramatta](http://www.rydges.com/parramatta)
10% off the Best Rate Available – breakfast can be added for $20 pp - mention “The King’s School”. Reservations - 8863 7600 or reservations_parramatta@rydges.com

**Mantra Parramatta**
Parkes Street Parramatta
9685 1600
Reservations Parramatta.res@mantra.com.au
10% Discount – Quote “The Kings School”.

**Parramatta Waldorf Apartments**
110-114 James Ruse Drive Rosehill
Reservations - centralres@waldorf.com.au
Rosehill Apartments from - $150 per night (Studio apartment)
Properties also located in North Parramatta and Carlingford may be available. Please make enquiries direct with Waldorf if you are interested.
Quote – “The King's School”

The Novotel Parramatta
350 Church Street Parramatta
9630 4999
10% off Best Available Rate (some exclusions apply)
Buffet Breakfast in Two Forks Restaurant $20 pp (normally $28 pp) Broadband access $19.95 (24hrs)
Parking ($14 per day). Quote - “The King’s School”

Malcolm Powys

**MUSIC**

**Congratulations**
Recent examination success for both AMEB and Trinity College London are as follows:

**AMEB**
Nicholas Hodgkinson  Grade 3 Music Theory (HD)
Alexander Johnson  Grade 2 Tuba (B)
Kieran Lowe  Grade 3 Piano (C)
Max Braithwaite  Grade 3 Cello (C+)
Gordon Nguyen  Grade 3 Euphonium (B)
Justin Yang  Grade 4 Cello (C)
Hamish Foung  Grade 5 Cello (B+)
Carl Azar  Grade 6 Euphonium (B)
Calvin Lu  Grade 6 Euphonium (B+)
Aiden Jackson  Grade 6 Piano for Leisure (B)
Mitchell Reeks  Grade 7 Trombone (B+)

**Trinity College London**
Brian Lee  Grade 4 Drum kit (83%)
Daniel Mason  Grade 4 Guitar - Rock (65%)
Ruvin Baddevithana  Grade 4 Guitar – Rock (77%)
Dylan Walton  Grade 5 Trumpet (65%)
David Stano  Grade 7 Bass – Rock (75%)
Mitchell Smith  Grade 8 Guitar – Rock (72%)

More results will be published in 2013.

Barry Walmsley
The Last Word

And so I arrive at my last ever King’s Herald. It feels almost like I’m watching this happen to someone else! So this is essentially my last word to you.

Some people manage to be profound as they gasp their dying breath. Others simply croak! Others are plain confusing – for example did the famous British naval admiral Horatio Nelson mutter, “Kismet, Hardy” (that is ‘fate’) to his trusty sidekick Hardy, after being hit by a sniper’s bullet, or the more intriguing, “Kiss me, Hardy”?

Not feeling particularly profound at the culmination of the usual Term 4 madness, intensified by the turmoil of preparing for my departure, I point you instead to the ultimate Last Word – the so called ‘Word made flesh’.

The Bible makes it clear that since the beginning of human existence God has wanted to communicate with his people. In the case of Adam and Eve this happened directly and in person; God walked in the garden with those He had created. How marvellous!

However, this did not last long. After Adam and Eve rebelled against God, communication was severely impeded. For centuries God’s communication with humans occurred largely through intermediaries, known as prophets. With varying degrees of success these men and women would tell God’s people what God wanted of them.

However, God kept promising to send a very special messenger – referred to in the Bible as The Messiah, the ‘promised one’. When eventually God delivered on this promise, on the first ever Christmas Day, He fair bowled us over by his generosity and audacity – for this ultimate communication was none other than God’s own son, Jesus Christ! Jesus is God himself, come in human form. How mind blowing is that?!

John’s Gospel refers to Jesus as The Word. Words communicate. Words express ideas and emotions. Through Jesus, God communicates potently that He loves us and wants to restore the relationship between himself and his people.

Jesus is God’s Last Word sent to us … and it is a word of love and hope and forgiveness.

Therefore my last word to you is to urge you to know God’s Last Word – the Living Word, Jesus. Speak to Him in prayer. Allow Him to speak to you through the Bible and his Spirit. Experience the love and hope and forgiveness which He alone can bring.

All the wonderful things that happen at King’s and all the power of a fabulous King’s School education count for very little in the end if we don’t know God’s Word and live for Him.

May God continue to bless you and bless The King’s School.

John 1

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it … 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”) 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Farewell and every blessing …

I am not the only departure from the Prep! I am sure you will join me in thanking the following people for their dedicated service to King’s, and wishing them every blessing for the future:

Mr Melvin Tan 12 months leave

Mr Brendan Frost
Waith School for boys in New Zealand

Mr Richard Curtis
Tara Junior School

Mr Martin Conway
Arndell Anglican School as Deputy Head of the Junior School

Mrs Jan Abbas retiring

Mrs Di Letham retiring

Mrs Margaret Rappo retiring

Mr Peter Grimes
Northern Beaches Christian School as Head of Primary

Keith Dalleywater
The Parents’ Association Annual General Meeting has been re-scheduled as follows:

2012 Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 13 February 2013 at 7.00pm
Current parents of The King’s School are invited to attend the Meeting to be held in the Governors’ Room

Please visit https://intranet.edu.au/parents-association/index.html for the Agenda, Nomination form and Proxy form

Light supper will be served at the conclusion of the Meeting.

Thanks to the School community for your support of the Parents’ Association in 2012.

2013 Diary Dates:

30 January New Parent luncheons Coordinated by Year 8 2013
8 March Kickstarter – welcome drinks coordinated by Year 11 2013
13 March “Resource Rich – the TKS Intranet for Parents”
21 June Passing Out Parade Luncheon Coordinated by Year 11 2013
8 November Annual Women’s Dinner Guest speaker – Kate Bracks, 2011 Masterchef winner

If you would like to know more or would like to assist at any of these functions, please contact Felicity Findlay felicity_findlay@yahoo.com or Libby Tugwell libbytu@bigpond.net.au

The Parents’ Association wishes you and your family a merry Christmas and a restful New Year.

Basketball

As the first half of the Basketball season draws to a close, there is much for the players to celebrate. Having recorded 120 wins and only 68 losses over 7 rounds, many teams have made massive improvements from last season. Congratulations to the 7ths, 9ths,16B and 14E teams who remain undefeated. Mr Collins and Mr Denyer, coaches of the 14C and D teams were particularly impressed with their teams’ efforts in the round against St Joseph’s.

“The 14C/Ds squad showed again this week what hard work at training does for their game time. Although previous games have sometimes been ‘comfortable’ they showed the coaching staff areas of weakness and subsequent training has allowed us to focus on these areas. Breaking from a full court press and clean, crisp fast break passing were the focus this week. Both teams showed they quickly mastered these skills in convincing wins against Joey’s. James McDonald was the stand out for the 14D’s scoring 20+ points in their 50-16 win, and Mike Morgan again showed he is the foundation forward as the 14C’s best on court (30-19 win).”

Round 6 v St Joseph’s
2nds TKS (50) St Joseph’s (61)
Harry Ma (11 points) Matthew Planinic (10 points)

1sts TKS (62) St Joseph’s (64)
Will Pearce (21 points and 21 rebounds), Jayden Prakash (12 points), Giir Ring (12 rebounds)

Round 7 vs Newington
2nds TKS (38) Newington (31)
Josh Laso and Matt Planinic leading point scorers.

1sts TKS (36) Newington (82)
Will Pearce (12 points), Giir Ring (9 points)

The Basketball tour to the USA left on 2 December. The group comprises 31 players who will be playing 10 games over 19 days. They will be visiting Los Angeles, Phoenix, Yuma, San Diego and Honolulu and are wished all the best for a safe and enjoyable trip.

I would like to take this opportunity to also wish coaches, players, their families and supporters of Basketball at TKS season’s greetings for a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Julianne Stanton
Master in Charge
CRICKET

As the year comes to an end King’s cricket results for Term 4 have been very pleasing. The 1st and 2nd XI teams have both won two of the three GPS games played and both are in strong positions to challenge for premiership honours. The 3rd XI are undefeated in the GPS rounds, along with the 16As and across most age groups we have been winning the majority of our fixtures.

After tasting defeat in the opening round of the GPS competition, the 1st XI have won their last two games in what were very close and tense matches. In the first of these thrilling games against Grammar, the 1st XI were chasing Grammar’s score of 227 and at one stage they had lost 4 wickets for only 34. Then came a fantastic partnership between Captain James Shepherd and Mac Bowman, resulting in a stand of 158 runs. James was brilliant scoring 114 runs with Mac contributing a steady and patient 44. However, both batsmen were dismissed in quick succession and before you knew it we were 9 out and requiring 10 runs from the last partnership between Will Tugwell and Satya Krishnan. Under extreme pressure, both of these boys held their nerve and we passed them 9 down. It was a great win given we had two major batting collapses, yet still got over the line.

The 2nd XI game against Grammar wasn’t as close with Dilan Sirdaran excelling on debut with a fine 61. He was well supported by Aiden Peek with a solid 27. Having dismissed Grammar for 151, the 2nd XI scored 225 and then asked them to bat again, with Jackson Preedy continuing his good form taking 4 for 26 in the second innings.

There were also some sensational individual performances from the weekend’s matches against Grammar. Along with James Shepherd two other boys recorded centuries - Daniel Wu from the 16As smashed the opposition to all parts of the ground in scoring 101 n/o in his team’s outright win.

In the 3rd XI game, Brendan Bergs scored his first ever century, scoring 107 in his team’s outright victory.

In the bowling department Sumer Roy, bowling in the 16As match captured 6 for 31 and Bikram Bedi had a fine double in the 14Bs game taking 3 for 9 and scoring 26 runs in his team’s 78 run victory.

The last game in the GPS competition saw King’s travel to Newington College in a most anticipated 1st XI fixture. Playing for the first time on their newly renovated wicket and ground, King’s again struggled with the bat and at one stage were 6 for 28. It was then a case of déjà vu with James Shepherd again rescuing the day with a powerful 89. When James was dismissed the score was 124, indicating how important his innings had been. James was well supported by Calum De Silva who played a watchful innings of 19 in the partnership of 86. Will Tugwell was in next and he also repeated his feats of the previous week’s scoring 23 and helping his team amass a total of 170. This was always going to be a hard total to defend, however, the 1st XI struck early and at the end of the day the home side were 3 for 39 and the match was in the balance.

On the second Saturday the 1st XI bowlers knew they would have to bowl well if they were to have a chance of victory and that’s exactly what happened. From the very first delivery they kept the Newington batters under pressure with the two opening bowlers, James Shepherd and Aditya Ramakrishnan both taking 3 wickets each in a fine display of fast bowling. Keiran Jayasekera continued with his outstanding bowling season, capturing 2 for 51 from a massive 26 overs, but more importantly holding his nerve when the opposition tried to hit him out of the attack. This was a fine victory, as when you have to defend a small total, everybody has to be on the game and this was the case last Saturday.

The 2nd XI had high hopes of continuing their unbeaten season, having dismissed Newington for 172 and having the prospect of batting on a very hot Saturday the following week. However, their plans were crushed by a Newington bowling attack that swung the ball in the humid conditions, dismissing King’s for a mere total of 61. The 2nd XI really lost the game the week before when they had Newington 9 for 33 before letting them get away.

The 14As and 16As went down, however, the 15As had a good win with Jack Mann top scoring with a fine rear guard action 52, whilst Will Ormiston continued his accumulation of runs with a solid 43. It was then the spinners’ turn to weave their magic, when defending the 188 total. After Newington looked well on their way to victory, Shubhang Hariharan stopped them in their tracks, taking 4 for 47 and he was well assisted by Zac Emmett, who took 2 for 25 with his leg spinners.

In the last fortnight we saw the second of the Super 8 Friday afternoon cricket competitions take place, with the 15 and 16 age groups having a great afternoon. We intend to have another competition for the under 13s in Term 1, as the Super 8 have certainly been a great success and all boys having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.
I would like to thank all the boys and coaches for the enthusiastic way they have approached the cricket program in Term 4 and I look forward to more success in the New Year.

Have a Merry Christmas and enjoy your holidays and we will see everyone back on the fields in Term 1 next year.

Stephen James
Master in Charge

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**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.


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**ROWING**

**Camp dates**

**Seniors**
Selection Camp
16 – 19 January (compulsory)

Rowing Camp
20 – 26 January (compulsory)

Year 10 VIII\s 21 – 26 January
Year 9 Quad 25 – 29 January

**James Tyree**
Master in Charge
The last three weeks has been very eventful in the tennis community. The boys have played against Joey’s, Newington but unfortunately most of the matches were washed out against Shore this weekend.

We hosted the Top 6 Tournament which saw George Corbett and Kevin Shu playing in the final of the pool A which Kevin won. Jack Whittaker won the pool B and Joel Winney came 4th in the pool C. A fantastic achievement from all the boys involved culminated in a third place finish for King’s, only 8 points away from first place. The 1st were given a bit of a lesson in consistency against Newington, losing 7 matches to 2. The first round of GPS Competition was against a solid Shore side in atrocious conditions with the temperature hitting 45 degrees on court. The boys showed tremendous grit and resilience winning 5 matches to 4 and hence 8 points to 4. The newly appointed Captain and Vice Captain of Tennis James Green and Joel Winney led the team very well. A formal ceremony will be held early next term to cap the teams and congratulate the chosen leaders. Jono Engel was welcomed back with a convincing win at number 5 and Jack Whittaker and Kevin Shu were clinical in their victories. Isaac Bell-Herbert showed tremendous heart winning a marathon first set in a see sawing tie breaker, the Shore opponent never recovered and Isaac took the second set 6-0.

The seconds lost to Joey’s 6 matches to 3 with some excellent tennis from Isaac Hall and Dale Hamilton. Against Newington and Shore the seconds played well and are showing improvement every week but unfortunately went down 7 matches to 2 in both rubbers. Connor Jephcott and Dale Hamilton are proving to be a formidable doubles pairing and Isaac Hall fought hard to win his singles against his Newington opponent.

The 3rd – 6th dominated Newington 20 matches to 4 and beat Joey’s 17 matches to 7. Alex Rago, Angus Sharp, Tom Plummer, Jack Lee all winning 6-0 in their singles against Newington, and Sam Yeend, Jack Lee, Connor Ridley and James Coore doing the same against Joey’s.

The mighty 16s didn’t drop a match against Joey’s winning 24-0, although it wasn’t as easy as it looks with Liam Crowe, Justin Yang, Connor Healy all battling it out to win their tie breakers. The team then won a tight one against Newington 14-9 where Lachlan Sims and Vu Huynh were solid for the As, Harry Moffit and the doubles pairs in the Bs had great wins, Harry Hamilton, Stuart Kelly, Richard Vincent and Harry Mills were awesome for the Cs and Connor Healy was a stand out for the Ds.

The 15s who have had it pretty easy so far were really challenged against Newington winning 15-9. John He and Justin Penna in the As were outstanding, winning their singles and Ed Bi, Patrick Ngai and Michael Brown all played really well in the Bs. Connor McPhie was the sole winner of singles in the Cs while the Ds all had victories to win the day – n well done to Andy Lu, Marc Safari, Richard Kwon and Alex Chan. Against Joey’s it was a bit easier, winning 17 matches to 5 - HD Tang winning 6-0 in the As, all the Bs winning their singles, Charlie Kensit and Josh MacQueen fighting hard in the Cs for their singles wins and once again the Ds were very hard to beat. May I take this opportunity to thank Miss Sainsbury for looking after the 15s this term.

The 14s had their second loss against Joey’s going down 16 matches to 8, which then culminated in another loss against a very strong Newington side 22 matches to 8. Special mention to Hoffman and Feng winning 6-0 in their doubles, Papantonio winning 6-1 in his singles in the A’s, for the B’s Simon and Weston had a hard fought victory 6-5 in their doubles while Nivelleau and Cavasinni won 6-2 in their doubles all against Joey’s. While against Newington Feng and Papantonio won their singles 6-5 in the As, Pavlou won his singles 6-2 in the Bs, Hancock won 6-4 in his singles in the Cs, while Wang and Tao won their doubles 6-3 and for the first time this season we had an Es side which saw Nivelleau win 6-0 in his singles. May I also take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mr Bruce Barry who will be leaving the tennis community after many years of faithful and professional service. We wish him every success for his future responsibilities at King’s.

A reminder that The King’s School Tennis Club is looking for parents to become involved in the club. If you are interested in helping organise social functions, and raise money for the boys playing tennis then please contact either myself bcc@kings.edu.au or Stuart Smith consult@vebiz.com.au or come along to the AGM on Wednesday 6 February 2013

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very safe and relaxing Christmas holiday and a healthy and enjoyable start to 2013.

Ben Chadwick
Master in Charge
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