A Lot of Froth from the NSW Alcohol Summit

I was shown a photo recently of me giving a leaving certificate to one of my students. The photo moved me greatly because the boy is now dead. His name was Thomas Kelly and he was killed last year when someone hit him from behind when he was strolling in King’s Cross with his girlfriend. No motive has yet been established for the attack. A reason has been suggested. The alleged killer was drunk. Evidently, this is meant to explain things.

When answers to alcohol fuelled violence are suggested, the hackneyed solution of more education is invariably trotted out. It was at the recent NSW Alcohol Summit. This is going to sound strange coming from a headmaster, but I don’t think education helps much with this sort of problem. People know that when they gamble, the odds are they will lose their money. People know that if they smoke, they may die of cancer. People know that if they have unprotected sex, they may end up with a sexually transmitted disease. But, many still do it.

It is not a lack of knowledge that causes a person to get drunk. It is a lack of judgment. It is a lack of consequence. It is a lack of an understanding of what it means to be a member of society.

Zealots will say we should not consume more than two standard drinks a day and that, shock, horror, 7.2% of Australians drink daily. Without wanting to trivialise the risks associated with any form of drinking, these sorts of figures do not win the average Aussie to the cause of moderation.

What should worry us are figures that suggest that many young Aussies are drinking in order to get drunk, that 10 million Australians are adversely affected by someone else’s drinking habits and that $1.4 billion is spent paying for the consequences of alcohol fuelled violence every year.

Reform is not going to happen unless it targets the main problem which is not so much drinking, as excessive drinking. About 10% of our heaviest drinkers consume about 50% of our alcohol. The alcohol industry relies heavily on big drinkers for their profit. Society needs to target those times and those places that lend themselves to heavy drinking.

The initiatives used to cut down on alcohol related violence in Newcastle need to be introduced state-wide. No double shots after a certain hour, bars closed at 3.00am, plastic glasses after Cinderella loses her shoe. Yes, it will hit the heavy drinkers who want to make a night and then a day of it – but they need to harden up. The price society is paying for their freedom is too high. Go home. What are the hours after 3.00am going to bring other than a headache, some vomit and a fight for a cab?

Of course, these measures bring no guarantees. Thomas was killed just after 10.00pm. But the 37% reduction in alcohol related misbehaviour in Newcastle is not to be sniffed at.

The alcohol industry spends over $1 million a day in Australia promoting its products. There is no way a government can counter this. That said, some thought should be given to restricting alcohol promotion. Given the carnage on our roads, a good place to start might be at our major car races. The poor lads at Bathurst were restricted to a slab of beer per person a day last year. And this was supposed to be progress!
Decreased availability can help, but not prohibition. Liquor outlets that contribute to violence should be closed. The current penalties and compliance checks are a joke. We also need to try and move pubs from high volume, low margin establishments to low volume, high margin establishments. Cheap swill halls out. Classy bars in. This might have the happy effect of making many establishments more female friendly.

We may also need to be prepared to pay more for alcohol. There is a link between increased price and decreased consumption. Britain’s 2% increase per year for five years appears to have helped.

We need politicians with guts. The mealy-mouthed words from some at the recent 2013 NSW Alcohol Summit confirm a lack of leadership in this area. Now is the time for bipartisan support for the Newcastle initiatives. Now is the time to declare war on heavy drinking. Now is the time to stop any more weeping over photos of those killed by alcohol-fuelled violence.

Dr Tim Hawkes

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**Xanadu Photos**

Anyone wishing to view and / or purchase photos of Xanadu taken by Peter Hoyle, can view the photos via the web address listed below. Please note that these photos are different from the wonderful shots taken by Mr Sowden that have already been made available to you.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the entire cast and crew on a magnificent show. You have certainly done the Drama Department and the School proud!

To view the photos use ...
http://peterhoylephotography.com/photography-2013

To purchase the photos use ...
http://peterhoylephotography.com/purchase-information/

Michael Terzo

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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**

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**2014 Term Dates**

**Term 1**
Thursday 30 January to Thursday 10 April
(Camps Week – Friday 4 to Thursday 10 April)
Easter is during the Term 1 holidays: Good Friday 18 April - Easter Monday 21 April

**Term 2**
Tuesday 29 April to Friday 20 June

**Term 3**
Tuesday 15 July to Friday 19 September (Years 11-12)
Thursday 18 September – (Years 7-10)

**Term 4**
Wednesday 8 October to Thursday 4 December

Dates listed are the first and last teaching days for each term. Boarders are to be at School by 8.00pm the night prior to the start of each term. The School expects all holiday leave to be taken during School vacation time.
Congratulations

Our Agriculture Club enjoyed wonderful success at the Sydney Royal Show. Not only did the School win Champion School Steer, we also won Grand Champion Steer, our steer being judged best when matched against those of all primary producers. A fabulous achievement! The steer also broke the RAS record sale price selling for $16.00 a kilo.

At the RAS we were represented by Jock Ferguson, Rhys Webber, Max Braithwaite, Forbes Boydell, Angus Forster, Ben Heffernan, Ben Peterie, Adam Pickrell, Mitchell Clarke, Harry O’Malley, Lachlan Williams, Jakob Ballantyne, Hugh Manning, Angus Robertson, Paxton Pulford.

Ms Kylee Heslop also deserves congratulations and thanks for all the work she has done for the Agriculture Club this term and Mr Peter Wearne for selecting a steer of such potential.

GPS Swimming

At the final GPS Swimming Meet, eight School records were broken by two of our outstanding swimmers – Ciaran Loh and Peter Topalidis.

Congratulations to the several boys who have been selected in the Combined GPS Swimming Team to swim the CIS Championships early in Term 2. (Please see Swimming Report further on in this Herald.)

Following the GPS Swimming Carnival I received a lovely note that had been written by one of the Sydney High School boys who wished to thank the boys of The King’s School for their sportsmanship and encouragement. The message he wished to be conveyed stated:

“On behalf of all the Sydney Boys’ High swimmers and supporters at the final GPS Swimming Carnival on Friday, I would like to extend our sincerest thank you to the chivalrous King’s supporters present who made our night a truly unforgettable experience. When we were down in numbers, it was the King’s boys who extended to us the greatest level of support, assisting our chants and forming an ‘alliance’ of sorts that allowed us to go toe to toe with the other large GPS schools present. Furthermore, as we departed the stands after our final race the King’s supporters formed a spectacular tunnel for us that capped off a memorable night.

Their courtesy was beyond anything I have ever experienced at a GPS event. Given the fact that just six days ago we were at odds, fighting it out on the Basketball court, the actions of the King’s supporters last Friday was a testament to their nobility and friendliness. I’d like to give those men our sincerest thank and look forward to seeing them again in the future.”

Such a note encapsulates all of what School sport is about. It is such a pity in this age of professional sport that the true essence of why we play games has been lost. The words of the founder of the Modern Olympic Movement, Pierre de Coubertin, reveal the true spirit that should underpin our approach to sport: “The important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle; the essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well”.

I congratulate the School, both swimmers and supporters, for understanding the true place of games within our School.

Will McDonald has been nominated for a Logie for his acting role in Home and Away. We wish him good luck at the Awards evening in Melbourne this weekend.

Winter Uniform

A reminder that in Terms 2 and 3 the School’s Winter uniform dress regulations are in place. This means boys wear full School uniform, including coat and tie, to and from School. All boys, whether travelling by public transport, King’s buses or being driven in private cars, must wear their jacket and tie.

Boys are allowed to wear sporting tracksuit home if they have had sport that afternoon. Could I ask all parents to talk to their boys about the importance of having pride in wearing the School uniform. It is arguably Australia’s most distinctive school uniform. It has a military background and it looks terrible and totally inappropriate if it is not worn well. Whatever parents can do to help us with this would be appreciated.

Term Dates 2014

The confirmed term dates for 2014 are printed on page 2 of this Herald.

Dr Andrew Parry
**CHAPLAIN**

*Just a public holiday?*
On Good Friday, the assistant minister at St Stephen's Anglican Church, Mittagong, received a mobile call right at the beginning of the service, reports Glen Vandine, of that parish. “It was the church’s security company asking 'What's going on in the church today? Isn't it a public holiday?'”

The Easter weekend has well and truly gone. For many it was a time to reflect on the wonderful news that Jesus has defeated sin and death – the two enemies that overpower us mere mortals. For others, like this security guard, it was simply another public holiday with little or no thought about its significance.

What was the weekend for you? Did you take the opportunity to reflect on Jesus’ sacrifice and victory? If you didn’t, it is never too late. The great news of Easter is worthy of our attention.

**ALPHA Course**
During Term 2 our Church congregations are running the ALPHA Course. It is an opportunity to learn and ask questions about the Christian Faith. We share a meal together, watch a talk on DVD and then spend time discussing our questions (of course with some more food in between).

The first night of ALPHA is on Wednesday, 1 May in the Thomas Memorial Pavilion. It will run every Wednesday Night for the rest of Term 2.

Why not join us for the first night to see what you think? Contact me for a brochure.

Rev Stephen Edwards  
chaplain@kings.edu.au

**DIRECTOR OF BOARDING**

*Parent Contact Lists*
I advise boarding parents that the new Parent Contact Lists are now posted on the Intranet for the information of all parents who may wish to make contact with other parents. These lists are arranged by House and Year level for convenience. I apologise that the new lists were not available earlier, but the School needs to comply with privacy protocols before this information is published.

**Staffing**
Scott Hoppitt is moving off site at the end of this term after ten years of faithful service in Bishop Barker House. We wish him well as he enjoys Long Service Leave and living in his own home after so many years as a valued member of the residential community. I am delighted to announce that his replacement will be Ben Bridges, a highly credentialed teacher of Mathematics, who will join the King’s staff next term. He and his wife, Ailie and one year old daughter, Jemima, will move into Bishop Barker Flat in May.

**Fringe Benefits Tax**
Boarding parents may be interested to know that the Federal Government imposes Fringe Benefits Tax on the accommodation provided for supervising boarding staff. This tax is only imposed on boarding schools within 200km of a metropolitan area. This tax cost each boarding parent at King’s around $1,000 per boarder last year. Many in the boarding industry regard this tax as completely inequitable on two grounds:

1. Accommodation for boarding supervisors is essential to provide proper duty of care in boarding schools. It is not a device to evade tax.
2. Boarding schools in regional areas are not required to pay the tax. Only metropolitan boarding schools have to add this impost to their boarding fees.

In this election year, any individual pressure that King’s boarding parents can apply to their local members / local candidates to abolish this tax would be appreciated greatly.

Malcolm Powys

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**The Braeside Shop**
The Braeside Shop will be closed for stocktake and the school holidays from 6 April and will re-open on 29 April 2013.
DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Curriculum Matters
Academic Tips No. 5
Reading
The relationship between parental involvement and student success is well-established. Engaging boys’ parents in the School’s literacy program by keeping them informed and getting them involved has the potential to greatly enhance boys’ involvement and achievement in reading and writing. A major study in the United Kingdom (OFSTED, 2003) has shown that schools achieving high standards had developed strong partnerships with parents in the area of reading. With school holidays approaching there is a good opportunity to encourage and model reading.

Take it easy: Becoming a reader has little to do with reading difficult books and everything to do with the amount of reading a boy does. If your son chooses books that are very easy, he may be feeling unsure of his abilities, and is looking for some reassurance. This is perfectly normal. What you don’t want to happen is for him to give up on reading altogether for any amount of time.

Let him choose: As much as possible, let your son choose the books he wants to read for pleasure and fight the impression that reading is a chore that is imposed on him. He might choose the same types of books over and over again. He might choose books that are gross, or humour that is edgy. This, too, is perfectly normal. Remember that he is exposed to these types of things in the media all the time and that he can deal with such things better in the context of a book.

Model good reading: Even when you are not reading with your son, make sure he sees you read. Men, especially, have been trained to read in isolation. Break the cycle! Read in front of boys, yours or anyone else’s.

Show respect for mental activities: Reading is just part of a rich life of the mind. Show the same respect for that world as you do for the physical world. Involve yourself and your son in library and school activities, chess and other challenging mental games, crossword puzzles and the like. The mind needs to be exercised, just like muscles.

Sullivan, M, Tips for encouraging your boy to read www.geocities.com/talestoldtall/BoysParents.htm

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
Years 7 & 9
All Year 7 and 9 students will be sitting these tests in Week 3 of Term 2 from Tuesday 14 May – Thursday 16 May. Friday 17 May is a ‘catch up’ day for students who have missed one or more of the tests.

Additional information about the National Assessment Program can be found at: http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html

Justin Walkden-Brown
Two Events to Keep in Mind

Change of Date
The King’s community is advised that the Old Boys’ Careers Night has been pushed back by one week. The new date for this event is 27 May 2013. This valuable information evening for boys in Years 10, 11 and 12 will commence at 7.00pm.

University of NSW and Board of Studies Subject Selection Evening
This evening is aimed at Year 10 students and will allow boys to ask important questions about subject selection in Years 11 and 12. The King’s School will be hosting this event on 20 May 2013 in Futter Hall, commencing at 6.30pm.

More information about these two events will be distributed at the start of Term 2.

Year 12 Work Experience
Good luck to the Non-Corps boys attending either Work Experience or the RSA/Coffee School, during Camps Week. I am sure that you will represent your school with pride. Hopefully this week will aid you in the decisions that you make after school.

Tax File Numbers
The Australian Taxation Office (ATO), with the cooperation of schools, offers students aged 13 years or over the opportunity to apply for a tax file number (TFN) through school. Applying for a TFN through school is easier because students do not need to show identifying documentation to the ATO. Students need a TFN for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits, opening a bank account or deferring university fees. Application forms available in the Careers room.

Australian Defence Force Recruiting
The Australian Defence Force is holding the following information sessions.
• Army Reserve Information– Tuesday 9 April
• Australian Defence Force Academy Information– Wednesday 10 April
• 1 Year Initial Minimum Period of Service (IMPS) Information - Wednesday 24 April

The Parramatta information sessions will be held at Defence Force Recruiting Parramatta – Level 4, 9 George Street, Parramatta, at 6.30pm.

Manpower Information Sessions:
• Engineering Information– Wednesday 10 April
• Royal Military College Information– Monday 22 April

The Manpower Sydney Information Sessions will be held at Manpower Head Quarters, Level 22, Darling Park, Tower 2, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney.

These information sessions will be attended by an ADF member who will give specific presentations on the night relating to the particular aspect of the Australian Defence Force. Interested students should send an email to cptnsw@dfr.com.au specifying the NAME of the Information Session and the DATE they wish to attend, and they will be booked in. For further information, contact

Miss Jordan King at Defence Force Recruiting - Level 4, 9 George Street, Parramatta, NSW 2150.
Ph: (02) 8831 2243 Fax: (02) 8831 2300 Email: joking@dfr.com.au

University Scholarships 2014
• Year 11 and 12 students are reminded that the scholarship window is now open and they should visit University websites and examine what scholarships are available.
• Students who attended the Business Cadetships Presentation a few weeks back may remember that the possibility of Engineering Cadetships with Rolls Royce and Technology Cadetships with Westpac was raised. Visit www.etcad.com.au

Under these programs, Engineering cadets will study mechanical engineering, electrical engineering or naval architecture. Technology cadets will be able to select from computer science, information technology or information systems. There are other possibilities/combinations apart from these. For more information, come and see me. These cadetships will open on 29 April and close on 21 June.
• Students contemplating a career in Agriculture, Agribusiness or Equine management may like to view the scholarships on offer at Marcus Oldham College – www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au

Medicine / Dentistry / Physiotherapy
Senior Students contemplating a career in one of these medical professions need to become aware of the UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test) process. Applications are opening soon, with testing in early June. Entry to these degrees is based on ATAR results and the Umat exam. Recent UMAT information is available in the Careers room.

Anthony Attard
EDUCATING FOR LIFE AT KING'S

Recently the Headmaster shared a wonderful anecdote with staff that reflected his views on how boys can operate in situations where they are given extra freedom and responsibility, such as Camps and the holiday period. I thought the message was simple, yet so powerful. What we hope to teach our boys at King's, is not just about dealing with difficult moments, but also with the challenges they will confront in life.

"After a terrible injustice to his people, a Cherokee chief spoke with his granddaughter about the struggle in his mind between what he described as two wolves. One of the wolves was filled with anger, hostility, resentment and a desire for revenge. The other wolf was full of love, goodness, peace, hope and compassion. Upon hearing the story the granddaughter asked "Which wolf will win this struggle?" The grandfather thought for a moment before reply simply "The one I choose to feed."

Much of what this anecdote reflects on the role of parents and teachers in challenging and reminding boys to think before they act, even if it is just 20 seconds of reflection about the consequences of their choices. There will be moments in the weeks ahead where they will confront challenges and enjoy the tremendous thrills and camaraderie offered by moments away from school. These opportunities present authentic experiential learning experiences.

On this note, it was also tremendous to attend the Information Session last week to recognise the Year 10 boys who had been successfully selected for The King's School Leadership & Cultural Exchange Program for 2013. I was so impressed by the manner in which Tom Taylor (Year 11) and James Ferguson (Year 11) spoke to the assembled group about the experiences they had enjoyed and the opportunities for growth. Having known both boys for several years, the maturity that such an experience had assisted to develop was a tangible outcome of the program.

I wish all exchangees the best for their journeys overseas and commend Exchange Co-ordinator Mr Symons for the outstanding manner in which he is preparing these boys for this further authentic learning experience.

DR STEPHEN MIDDLETON

ARCHIVE SNIPPET

Keen eyes searching the National Library of Australia’s newspaper search engine Trove http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/search?adv=y have discovered articles that slightly change the history of The King’s School. It is exciting for historians when new evidence changes the way we view our history or provides new insights into the past. Both of these articles alter only slightly, our view of King’s sporting past.

On page 177 of the School Diary, the Cricket history records that the game has been played at the School since 1832 and the earliest scores date from 1847. This is true, but former master Mr Bradshaw found scores dating two months previously, when on 29 September, The King’s School XI took on the best from Sydney College, Sydney Grammar School and similar institutions, beating the Combined team 94-93 with nine wickets to spare. The game was followed by a “substantial spread” during which time the team celebrated the honour of their victory. (Sydney Morning Herald 5 October 1847)

It would appear that another search revealed The King’s School can no longer lay claim to playing the first Football (Soccer) game in Australia, but rather has to reduce its claim to being the first in New South Wales. Searches for Association Football, as it was then called, reveal that in Tasmania, clubs in Launceston were playing the game in 1879, the year before The King’s School played the Wanderers. Throughout that year there were heated debates in the state down under about rules and regulations governing the new fledging sport, which proves interesting reading for anyone wanting to follow up the history of their favourite sport. (Launceston Examiner 1879)

JENNY PEARCE
Archivist
THE MARCHING BAND

The King’s School Marching Band performed its first March this year on 1 April at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Just last week, boys of rank in the Marching Band organized a very hard weekend for the Band. Beginning on Thursday, boys in the band spent a fair amount of time and energy working together and practicing their ensemble music. After a restful Good Friday, the boys were back on Saturday to put the finishing touches on the Easter Show March.

The Band Platoon (as known in the Corps) was in great form on Monday after Easter. “Full of lots of energy”, as described by Mr Waterston, grandfather of Lucas Schembri (first year in the Marching Band), as Travis Pearman, CUO and Drum Major, led the band down the "Main Streets" of the Show Ground through literally thousands of people. It was heart-warming watching the Marching Band light the eyes of children and excite onlookers of all ages. Playing such ANZAC favorites, such as Australian, had many Diggers step up and say how proud they were that the boys were choosing to play this style of music. I also had the opportunity to meet many Old Boys who waved and cheered as members of their Alma Mater marched past.

This is the third time the Marching Band has been invited to perform at the Easter Show and the Sydney Royal Easter Show organisers have already communicated with me and asked if I could “save” dates for next year!

The Marching Band will be performing on National TV for the ANZAC Day March in Sydney and can also be seen at the HSBC Waratah’s Season Launch, 11 May, at Allianz Stadium.

Daniel Williams
Head of Bands

ANZAC DAY

This year three different groups of King’s boys will be representing the School at the Sydney March on 25 April. Not only will the School’s Marching Band be performing two or three rotations, a group of boys will once again support the World War II U16s and it is also hoped that a group of boys will also again provide assistance to the World War I descendants.

If you are in the city for the March, please keep an eye out for the King’s boys!

Golf

Starting in Term 2, The King’s School is offering Golf clinics on Sunday afternoons through the Pennant Hills Golf Club.

This offer is for day boys or boarders as an extra activity – it is not a replacement for normal compulsory Saturday sport.

Old Boy Dean Kinney (’90) – one of Sydney’s most sought after coaching professionals – will be coaching these clinics.

Interested? Please complete the form on the ‘TKS Golf’ page on iLearn. Return it as a scan to pjb@kings.edu.au or directly to the Pennant Hills Golf Club.

Phil Beverley
Music Department
Maximising attention spans

In recent years there has been plenty of ‘fear mongering’ around the affect that increased technology has on the attention span of children. Whilst there has been a lot of speculation, the jury is still out in terms of definitive research data that points to the implications. “What is known”, according to David Sousa, a former teacher, school principal, educational consultant and author, “is that the demands on student attention are increasing. Whereas school used to be the major thing in students’ lives, now there’s also gaming, texting, various forms of social media, and email. All of these things are vying to get our brain’s attention” (January 2013).

So, what can be done to increase the attention of children to given tasks? The following suggestions come from the work of Sousa and other sources and may be helpful for parents in supporting learning at home.

- Limit screen time for children and ensure the agreed time frames are adhered to.
- Break extended tasks up into segments. Children may need assistance with this task at school and at home as often they have difficulty discerning where large tasks can be broken into logical, systematic sections.
- Utilise novelty in learning. The brain is wired to pay attention to the unexpected. Look to present learning in new and unusual ways.
- Incorporate movement into the learning situation. Physical activity improves memory access and storage.
- Diet plays a role in maintaining attention and breakfast is a critical time for loading up the brain for the day. Children need a balance of complex carbohydrates like cereals, bread, pasta, milk, yoghurt, cheese, eggs, fish, and fruit.
- Background music can provide a calming influence and increase attention. The ‘Mozart Effect’ is often quoted when referring to the impact of the brain’s ability to focus on learning tasks when listening to Mozart’s music.
- Colour can be used to highlight particular aspects of learning that need to be remembered or which require a specific focus.
- Visualisation can be used for forming a picture in a child’s mind and is useful in reducing distractions and retaining information.
- Encourage your son to use concrete material or manipulatives when solving complex tasks.

Training in meditation techniques can help a child to restrict the impact of distractive thoughts and refocus on the task at hand.

Use language that empowers a child. For example:
- Checking – ‘What were you thinking I wanted you to do?’
- Self-reflection – ‘What did you do well?’
- ‘What would you do differently next time?’
- Encouraging – ‘I’d love to hear your ideas for solving this problem.’

Establish consistent family rules, routines and transitions from one activity to the next.

Adequate rest is vital for learning, so ensure that your son gets at least 10 hours sleep a night.

The School on Show with the IPSHA Cross Country Carnival

This weekend the Prep School will host the IPSHA Cross Country Carnival. This is a major undertaking for our school with more than 1,600 competitors from over 30 different independent schools across Sydney and outer regions. In all, we are expecting in excess of 5,000 visitors on Saturday 6 April.

Our wonderful Prep Director of Sport, Phill Rogers, has been the key organiser for the event, setting the course and communicating with various schools and stakeholders. We couldn’t possibly stage such an event without the assistance of the magnificent fathers of the Prep School. The Fathers’ Association have rallied an army of men to manage a range of duties including co-ordinating the parking for all our visitors, managing traffic flow and running BBQs and canteen facilities. Our sincere thanks go to these gentlemen for their dedication and service to the Prep School in hosting such a large scale event.

Peter Allison
**SWIMMING**

**Swimming Success**
At the most recent GPS Carnival, the last of the carnivals this season, the TKS Swimming team performed extremely well, with the Junior team coming second and the Senior team coming third. Congratulations to all the swimmers on a great result.

Eight School records were broken on the night by two outstanding swimmers:

- **Ciaran Loh** – Under 14- 50m F/S, 100m F/S, 50m Butterfly – he now holds every record in the U14 except one. He also broke a GPS record in the 100m Butterfly
- **Peter Topalidis** – records in the U17 50m F/S, 50m BR/S, 100F/S, 50m BK/S, and 50m Butt. He broke a record in every individual race he swam in. He now holds every U17 record and three Open records. He also holds two GPS records that he broke this season.

We have a total of 11 boys selected into the GPS team to swim the CIS Championships early in second Term. They are:

- Mohan Huang, Ash Nicholls, Ciaran Loh (selected in 7 events), Aiden Jackson, Hugo MacKenzie-Wood, Tom Dickinson, Peter Topalidis (also selected in 7 events), Callum Anderson, John Murphy, Brian Lee, and Hamish McMahon

In addition to this, some boys in the swim team managed to front up again the next day at the Aquatic Centre for the annual Splash for Cash Charity swimathon. After a huge commitment the night before, they swam 5 km and raised over $4,000 for the Deaf and Blind School.

Participants were: Gordon Foung, Hayden Foung, James Liu, Ciaran Loh, Dougal Hicks, Ben Hole, Gian Gill, Chris Saulys, and Jacob Harris

The CIS Championships will be held in the first week of Term 2 and we wish our swimmers the best of luck. The top three places will be selected into the CIS team to compete at the NSW All-Schools Championships held a week later.

**Linden Neale**
**Master in Charge**

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**RUGBY**

**Mega Merchandise Morning**
The King’s School Rugby Club will hold a *Mega Merchandise Morning* on Saturday 4 May at the Hay Shed on the Doyle fields.

Players and supporters will be able to buy Club merchandise – including caps, singlets, beanies, training jerseys, hoodies and much more.

There will also be a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale.

**Rugby Club Giveaway to Players!**
To kick start the Rugby season, the Rugby Club will give each King’s player a free rugby ball.

These can be collected by the boys after their trial games conclude.

Those boys who are absent or who are Rugby players in training for the GPS Athletics, may collect their ball from the Club tent at a future Home game.

This morning will also provide a great opportunity for parents and friend to find out more about the King’s Rugby Club and its support of boys playing Rugby at the School.

**David van Aanholt**
**President**
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### School Diary

**Saturday 6 April – Friday 10 May**

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**TKS Parents’ Association**

The next Meeting will be held on

**Wednesday 10 April at 7.00pm in the Governors’ Room**

The main point for discussion is to decide on a community building activity that also contributes funds.

All welcome – hoping to see you there.

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