Who Needs Schools?

Are schools destined to go the way of hula hoops and pogo sticks? Will classrooms be converted to storage units and their playgrounds used as pot-holed sites for weekend markets? ‘Stuff and nonsense’, I hear you snort. ‘We’ll always need to educate our children’. True, but do we need schools to educate our children?

Let’s have a look at the pros and cons.

Cons

1. **Ineffectual**
   Albert Einstein opined that education was that which remained when everything learnt (at school) had been forgotten. This is not good press for our teachers who also come in for a bit of stick with sayings like, ‘Those that can’t do, teach’, etcetera.

2. **Irrelevant**
   70% of what is learnt in schools will probably be irrelevant within a nanosecond of leaving school and a significant part of the balance will be out of date within a few years. I needed to remember the major exports of French Equatorial Africa. As a country, it doesn’t even exist today!

3. **Unhelpful**
   If the only certainties in life are death and taxes, why do we not teach these topics in schools? If money is meant to make the world go around, then it is no wonder economic growth is close to stationary when we release children into society with no knowledge of financial matters. We could also look at many other essential life-skills that are often not taught in schools. Car maintenance. Defensive driving. Cooking. Cleaning. Etiquette. Sex and intimacy. Communication … the list could go on.

4. **Out-dated**
   Contemporary technology releases children from the encyclopaedic authority of the teacher. Our children live at a time when knowledge is only a press of a button away.

   This is the age of massive open, online courses (MOOCs) that can be accessed by students with nary a need to enter a school. This is the age of flipped classrooms where that which was once taught in school is flipped to the home. With lessons stored online and powerful search engines that not only give information but teach it, who needs schools?

5. **Poorly staffed**
   ‘Ahhh’ – I hear you say. What about the magical interaction between student and teacher? What of the chemistry that exists between pupil and mentor and the modelling by teachers of what it means to be a life-long learner? Undoubtedly, the great teacher exists, but so does the burnt-out cynic, clock watcher and catastrophic teacher who has snuck into the profession with a Year 12 score of forty- something per cent.
Pros
Let’s now look at the other side of the ledger. It’s not difficult to wax lyrical about the transforming impact of a good teacher and the generative impact of an excellent school. I’ve seen both in abundance. Given that such ‘pros’ are already well understood, let’s look at some more ‘fringe’ reasons why schools are still necessary. We need schools to:

1. Babysit
Don’t knock it! If there was not a place that would look after our children, a serious number of parents would not be able to enter the workforce and contribute to the wealth of this land. Schools mind our young and assume duty of care responsibilities which we can happily sue them for if they do not deliver. Yay!

2. Hurt
I mean it. You’ve heard it said, ‘No pain, no gain’. In a world where many children live a pillowed existence, a place with some hard-edges is needed to teach children that a scrapped knee can be an acceptable price to pay for spectacular save in goal.

3. Judge
Ugly – but necessary. The home is not always able to distinguish cute from crud. When the fruit of a parent’s loins performs a song to the adulation of the family, a child might erroneously judge their performance as stellar – which may not prepare them well for the lack of plaudits when they repeat the act elsewhere.

4. Disturb
It is often only when a child is confronted by the skill and example of others are they challenged. Hopefully, they then resolve to emulate and even improve upon their performance. Schools exist to disturb with new possibilities.

5. Worry
Carefree and without an understanding of consequences – a child can skip and play their way into adulthood without a thought about tomorrow. That’s when we need the teacher to tell a child that they will not be allowed to play with animals all day and enjoy a seven figure income as a vet unless they work their proverbial butt off.

6. Parent
Sorry – but it’s true. Schools often have to parent. They sometimes have to provide the breakfast, teach about hygiene and give the talk about birds and bees. They often have to give stability, care and a moral direction to children from families that are permanently or temporarily in a mess.

These pros are not pretty. Rather more attractive is to say we need schools because they enthral, enable and equip. Because they advance standards that are worthy of the human condition. Because they realise potential and enhance performance.

Five – six. It’s a narrow win for schools. Perhaps we need to work at making it less narrow.

Dr Tim Hawkes

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**YEAR 12 VALETE DINNER**

Please note that replies to the Valete Dinner are due Friday, 23 August 2013

Please send your completed Response Form to:

Michelle White
Valete Dinner Convenor
The King’s School
PO Box 1
Parramatta NSW 2124
or email to mwhite@kings.edu.au
or fax to 9683 8422

The Year 12 Valete Dinner will be held on
Friday, 20 September 2013 at
Le Montage Event Centre
38 Frazer Street, Lilyfield
(in the Sarah Grand Ballroom)

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Congratulations
The School proudly congratulates Eugenio Gallo (Year 9) who has been selected to represent Australia in the World Karate Championships to be held in Spain in November 2013.

The team was announced in Hobart where Eugenio competed and won gold in Kumite (fighting) in the 15 year old (57kg) division.
**SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES**

Please note that all submissions must be forwarded to Susan MacDonald by 4.00pm on the Tuesday preceding the publication date, as per below.

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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Susan MacDonald  
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**AGRICULTURE CLUB**

The King’s School Agriculture Club competed at the Queensland Royal Show (EKKA) from 4-8 August. It was a great Experience for the eight boys who prepared five steers for competition in the Led and Unled section. The EKKA has a high reputation for having the biggest steer competition in Australia, so the team went in without any expectations.

The students started the week competing in Junior Judging and Parades competitions. **Forbes Boydell** is to be congratulated on coming 4th in the Junior Judging. All the boys paraded well, getting pulled up into the top row in their Classes.

In the Junior Led steers **Hugh Mackinnon** paraded a Limousin Steer, coming 4th and later received 4th Place in the carcass competition. The Open Steer Section saw another Limousin Steer paraded by **Harry Head** receive 7th and later received an wonderful 1st place in the carcass competition.

I would like to thank the King’s community for their assistance with the sourcing and preparation of the Cattle Team for the EKKA, and clearly many people are involved in the success of the Agriculture Club. The Club is now preparing cattle for Scone Beef Bonanza.

Kylee Heslop
DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Snow Sports
I have just returned from Perisher where I had the opportunity to support our Snow Sports team as they competed in the NSW Schools Championships. 55 boys from the Senior School and 30 from the Prep are representing the School in a variety of disciplines throughout the week. I was fortunate to witness the Cross Country events held on the Tuesday where many of our boys registered performances that will see them qualify for the Nationals to be held in Victoria in a few weeks’ time. Our stars of the day were our Open team consisting of Alex Sharp, Olly Martin and Jack Cook. Their efforts were rewarded with a Silver Medal in the NSW Open Cross Country Freestyle event and Gold in the NSW Open Cross Country Relay.

On the Tuesday evening a fabulous dinner was attended by many of the boys and their enthusiastic parents who provide such valuable support during the week.

The Amelia McGuiness Foundation events were held on the Wednesday, an organisation founded in memory of Amelia who tragically lost her life on the slopes of Perisher four years ago. Amelia’s brothers, Will and Hamish, both in Year 12, are currently in our team which is being most ably led by Hamish. The Foundation raises funds to support promising snow sports athletes who would not normally be able to fund their participation in elite snow sports coaching programs.

We were thrilled to hear that our own very promising young skier, Ben Selig, won two of the Open Amelia McGuiness events. Ben, competing in the Open category against over 300 boys aged under 18 years, won the Gold medal in the Skier Cross Country and Alpine events. A fabulous achievement.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, Mr James Tyree, Mr Grant Gerber, Mrs Jo Grinham and Mr Phil Rogers, and the wonderful support of so many parents that have enabled our boys to participate in the State Championships.

HSC Musical Showcase Evening
On Thursday, 15 August our HSC Music students hosted a wonderful evening of music in the Recital Room playing the works that they will present for examination. We have a musical standard of which we should all be most proud and one which has seen remarkable improvement in recent years.

Congratulations to Brett He, who performed on piano, Dennis van Rooyen – guitar and trumpet, Travis Pearman on flute, Ben Stacy – tenor saxophone, Michael Smith – guitar and Edward Fedotov on clarinet. Special thanks must be given to our Director of Music, Mr Barry Walmsley, and his dedicated staff – Mr Phil Beverley, Miss Joyce Kojevikov and our instrumental teachers for all they do to assist the boys to reach their potential.

Congratulations
2013 Australian Karate National Championships held in Hobart.
We have two new National Champions among our midst:
Shaun Yuen won two Gold medals (Australian titles) in his events.
Eugenio Gallo won Gold in Kumita (fighting) in the 15 year, Under 57kg Division and has subsequently been selected to represent Australia in the Junior World Karate Championships to be held in Madrid, Spain in November this year.

A fabulous achievement by both of these boys.

Year 12 Graduation
Parents and relatives of Year 12 students are invited to attend the Graduation Ceremony which will be held in Futter Hall on Friday, 20 September. We are delighted this year that our Guest of Honour will be General Peter Cosgrove AC MC (Retd). The Ceremony will commence at 11.00am and members of the audience are asked to be seated by 10.50am. The Ceremony will conclude at approximately 12.40pm and a light luncheon in the Trophy Room will follow. This function generally finishes at approximately 2.00pm. Year 12 parents will shortly receive letters relevant to the Year 12 End of Term functions.

Dr Andrew Parry
**CHAPLAIN**

**Do you know the score?**

At anytime when you are playing sport and a teammate asks you what the score? Will you be able to tell them? Of course it will depend on the type of game. Football (soccer) is relatively easy to keep track of the score, Rugby provides more of a challenge but if you ever played Aussie Rules it is near impossible. Over the last couple of weeks I have asked the boys for their response and it has been quite interesting. Most of the boys who play Rugby have no idea what the score is during a game. They have a general sense of whether they are winning or not, but would only be guessing at the scoreline! There was an odd forward who said he knew but mostly it was boys who played in the backs who said they always knew the exact score. This either means the forwards are so focused on what they were doing they don’t have time to work out the score, while the backs have not much else to do but to tally the score. Or dare I say it could be a gauge of their intelligence?

Whether you know the exact score or a rough estimate it is helpful to know the position you are in as your play can respond accordingly. If we are behind by a large margin – let’s throw the ball around! If we are ahead by a few points – then you should tighten the game up and protect your lead. It is the same in life. Too often we can become simply focused on what we are doing and fail to look around to see how we are and others are faring. The Bible wants to broaden our view and help us to see that we live in a world with great need. For some of us life might be smooth sailing in many areas – but many are doing in tough in our community and our world.

We are told in 1 John 3:17 that, *if anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?* To care for others there needs to be a couple of steps. We need to “see” the need. Our hearts then need to be moved with “pity” and finally God’s “love” must be within us and move us to action to care for them.

We are in danger of getting so caught up in the game of life that we fail to see the score. We need to understand and not hide from the fact that we live in a world of desperate need. Once we see and know the score, the challenge is for us to live our lives appropriately.

**Rev Stephen Edwards**

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Academic Integrity

The Board of Studies takes academic integrity very seriously. Students in all schools participate in the HSC All My Own Work online program before they are enrolled in the Year 11 Preliminary Course.

According to the Board of Studies “The HSC: All My Own Work program is designed to help Higher School Certificate students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies.”

The Board of Studies defines Malpractice to be “any activity that allows you to gain an unfair advantage over other students”. Malpractice can take many forms including failure to acknowledge sources, presenting another’s work as though it was your own, plagiarism and cheating.

From the beginning of Term 4 this year, for the 2014 HSC course, all schools are required to register with the Board of Studies any cases of malpractice in HSC assessment tasks.

At King’s, like all schools, there are occasionally cases of malpractice where students are awarded zero. These more often than not involve students in the junior years. Clearly the best way to combat malpractice is by positively educating students in doing what is right.

One of our aims at King’s is to foster the value of integrity. We teach about the importance ethics, honesty and fairness. We have an Academic Integrity Policy available on the intranet Curriculum Matters page https://intranet.kings.edu.au/curriculum/index.htm, found on the left under the heading “Policies”.

As the primary role model for your son’s values you, as parents, can assist the School by keeping ethical issues such as academic integrity in the mind of your son as he completes assessment tasks.

Parents can help by:

- Clarifying your expectations for your son’s behaviour.
- Helping your son to develop a personal code of ethics.

Discussing moral issues as a family.
- Ensuring your son understands the rules at School and the penalties for breaking them.
- Reading and discussing the School’s Academic Integrity Policy.
- Being realistic about your expectations for your son based on his abilities, always expecting him to do his best.
- Encouraging your son to ‘come clean’ and take the consequences rather than lie.

Our hope is that as a team, parents and teachers, as we sow seeds of honesty and integrity in the lives of our young men they will carry these attributes for life.

Justin Walkden-Brown

National Boys’ Education Conference

The King’s School is hosting this Conference on Tuesday 8 October – Wednesday 9 October 2013.

The theme of “Head, Heart and Hands” is inspired by 18thC pedagogue Pestalozzi, who believed that a good education rested on engaging the mind, having positive relationships and active learning.
DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

Management of Technology in Boarding

1. Context

Since 2011, The King’s School has issued each Year 9 student with his own laptop computer. In 2013, in the third year of the roll out, all boys from Years 9-11 have individual laptops. In 2014, all boys in the Senior School will have their own device, as Years 7–9 will be issued with new devices and the current Year 11 will progress to Year 12 with their school laptops. In this context, the School has developed a more formalised policy regarding the management of technology in boarding houses. This policy is focused on the primary, compulsory school specified device. It does not apply to other technology parents may choose to provide for their sons (e.g. smart phones, tablets etc.) It takes account of differing styles of accommodation provided in different boarding houses (e.g. boys younger than Year 11 are accommodated in bed studies in some houses.)

Recent experience has been that boys gaining access to their own laptops have embraced the technology with great enthusiasm. In some cases, this has led to excessive time being spent playing games, social networking and watching movies. This pattern has not been confined to the boarding community. However, boarding parents must rely on boarding staff to monitor their son’s computer usage when he is not at home. Some boarding housemasters have responded to this situation by collecting laptops each evening when boys are due to go to bed. Others have restricted the usage of individuals who are struggling to self-manage. All boarding houses have encouraged boys to minimise non-academic use of computers during their free time.

The long term aim at King’s is for students to self-manage their use of technology. To this end, it is important to give students the opportunity to take responsibility. It is recognised that younger students need structure and boundaries to achieve this goal. Some older students may need more external controls imposed than others.

2. Policy Guidelines for Boarding Staff

These guidelines have been written with the aim of ensuring greater consistency in managing boarders’ use of technology between Houses.

a. Boarders in Years 7-9 will not have their primary device with them when they are sleeping. Those accommodated in dormitories will leave their primary devices at their desks. Those in bed studies will store them in a separate place as arranged by their Housemaster. Boys in Years 10 and older (who demonstrate appropriate self-management of technology) will not be required to hand in their primary devices.

b. Each boarding house will limit the time boarders may spend in the House participating in non-academic computer-based activities. For example, certain periods of time on weekends may be declared to be technology free periods for certain year levels. It is recognised that boarding Housemasters need some flexibility in this regard.

c. ICT to restrict internet access via the School’s network for various student cohorts at various times as follows.

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In addition to the above, the ICT Department is investigating software options to assist individuals in managing their personal computer use.

Malcolm Powys
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

Gala Concert
All are welcome to attend the Gala Concert next Thursday starting at 7.00pm in Futter Hall. Canapés and drinks will be served from 6.30pm, and there will be hot drinks available at interval.

On the program will be Symphonic Concert Band, Orchestra, Senior Big Band, Choir, Flute Ensemble, Cello Ensemble and selected soloists and small groups. All boys learning an instrument or in elective music are required to attend.

Admission is free.

Manhattan Transfer
The School will play host to the world-renowned vocal group, Manhattan Transfer on Tuesday, 3 September when the group will visit to conduct a Choral/Vocal workshop. It will be held from 1.30-3.30pm and all are welcome. There is no charge to observe this rare workshop.

Oscar Han
Oscar attended the Sydney Eisteddfod and won The Wenkart Foundation Junior Violin (16 and Under). He played The Dance of the Goblins by Bazzini, whilst his younger brother Joshua provided piano accompaniment.

Drum Line
Under the expert tutelage by Mr Luke Thatcher, the Drum Line rehearses every Thursday morning from 7.15-8.15am. It is mandatory for all boys who wish to participate in Drum Line (ie a Home Rugby games and Marching Band) to attend this rehearsal each week.

Percussion Ensemble
Mr Thatcher will be forming a Percussion Ensemble, which will rehearse for the first half of lunch on Wednesday. Mr Thatcher holds a post-graduate degree (MMus) from the University of Florida. Whilst there he taught steel drum bands and percussion methods class for Music Education majors. He is an expert in orchestral percussion, drum kit, drum line and marching bands. Currently, he plays drums for Princess Cruises, as well as many corporate and other professional engagements throughout Australia, as well as completing a DMA (Doctorate degree).

Boys, who play drums or percussion, should meet with Mr Thatcher at break on Wednesday, 28 August.

**CENTRE FOR LEARNING & LEADERSHIP**

Year 8 Myths Competition
Following the recent peer voting for The Year 8 Myths Competition, official judging was undertaken by Dr Hawkes. Such was the high standard of entries that the Headmaster’s Prize was awarded equally to Archer Holz and Nicholas Pagano. Angus MacDonald and Amay Jain were placed 3rd and 4th respectively and Eugene Wang, James Jeffrey and Eddie Poolman were Highly Commended.

Mrs Hurst awarded the Librarian’s Prize to Sebastian Hacker.

Year 8 voted Thomas Field the winner of the Peer Print Award and Hugo Mackenzie Wood the winner of the Peer Digital Award.

All these boys were congratulated and presented with book prizes by Dr Hawkes in Assembly last week.

The CBCA Book Week is celebrated this week across Australia. The Older Book of the Year Award winner is Margo Lanagan with her book Sea Hearts, a sophisticated fantasy based on Scottish folktales of selkies, seals who turn into seductive women. Honourable mentions went to Neil Grant for The Ink Bridge, a challenging story of injustice, inhumanity, corruption and racism and Vicki Wakefield for Friday Brown, a suspenseful thriller which explores the conflicted nature of power.

All these books are available for borrowing from the Senior Library.
**LIFE EDUCATION**

Last week, I had the good fortune to attend a presentation given by our Headmaster, Dr Hawkes to young educators and management from the Outdoor Education Group (OEG). The Headmaster talked about the wonderful work completed by outdoor instructors who have the both the responsibility and privilege of educating adolescents in the great outdoors.

The overall message of the presentation was that as educators, they and we, have the opportunity to touch the future through working with young people and assisting them in considering the lives which they hope to lead. From a job satisfaction perspective, there perhaps could be no finer reward than to know that some of the work that you complete will continue on in the form of the students you have reached and engaged with in various ways. These are important messages to consider as our senior boys move towards the end of their secondary schooling and start to really reflect on what their lives will hold for them in the next stage of their development.

The Headmaster's address got me thinking further about the whole idea of satisfaction and happiness and what it means in the 21st century. There has been an interesting debate in the popular media over the past few years, primarily focusing on what makes people happy. Numerous books have appeared on the topic from well-known authors including Martin Seligman, Hugh Mackay and Oliver James. The argument that most of these authors appear to share is that we do not find happiness in the accumulation of wealth and possessions, which are all very worthy endeavours, but it is through our connections, relationship and service that we find that which we are looking for.

F. Washington Jarvis, the former Headmaster of Roxbury Latin School in Boston argues that happiness almost "always has something to do with others," which ultimately leads to "caring more about others than you care about yourself" (p.49). This simple "golden rule" appears to be at the heart of the search for happiness and I encourage all of our boys to reflect on what makes them happy, especially our senior boys who will move beyond their lives at The King's School. I hope this simple message has come through to them through their participation in many of the Life Education programs they have experienced over time.

References

**ARCHIVE SNIPPET**

A very recent acquisition to the Museum was donated by Kerry Beever, daughter of Colin Bullard, (TKS 1949-1956) who was a member of the 1956 2nd IV. Col kept a comprehensive diary of the 1956 Rowing season, capturing all the results from the season’s regattas, as well as programs, and photos. Perhaps more significant than these newspaper reports and photos are the regatta comments written by Col himself.

“Windy weather hampered the JB Sharpe Memorial Regatta in March cancelling the morning races. In the afternoon a strong southerly hindered the start of the heats with the TKS 2nd IV coming second. However a broken no 2 rigger and continued bad weather put an end to races that day.”

Col’s attention to detail was such that he recorded the exact mileages from the TKS Boat shed to various locations such as Duck Creek and Riverview College as well as a weekly training log for his crew. Right throughout the diary, Col records words of wisdom from TKS Masters including a page of “Wisdom” from Mr Grice (TKS 1930-1965), Master In Charge of Rowing 1953-1963. His page of wisdom is headed: “To be studied in Prep and in Chemistry and French periods” and comprised 40 tips for rowers, such as No.26 – “Look after the stroke you are doing—the next stroke can wait”.

1956 was an Olympic year and the diary also highlights the regattas in the lead up to the Olympics where former TKS student Stuart Mackenzie (1948-1954) became the first Australian chosen for the Olympic team when he represented the country in the sculls.

The diary provides an enlightening look at rowing at The King’s School and the wider community and is a unique addition to the Archive Collection.

Jenny Pearce

Steve Middleton
CAREERS

The King’s School Careers and Tertiary Awareness Night
Held on Monday 12 August, this Night was a great success. This informative gathering enabled students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to meet with the representatives from close to 50 Universities, Colleges and employer groups. The feedback from many students indicated that they found the night to be of great benefit to their future study and career options. Another highly pleasing aspect of the night are the comments from many of the presenters, praising King’s students for their manners, interest and enthusiasm. Congratulations to the many boys who continue to cement the fine reputation of the School.

University Open Days
The season for University Open days is fast approaching. Students can pick up a list outlining when these days are on, from outside the Careers room in the CLL. Students should be advised that it is wise to check the websites of those University Open Days they are interested in, as some Universities require students to register for their Open Days. Year 11 and 12 students have also been emailed the dates of University Open Days.

University Early Entry
Students are reminded that applications to those Universities that offer early entry are now appearing on University websites.

University Admission 2014
Year 12 students are reminded that UAC applications have now opened on-line. The closing date for on time applications is 27 September.

Trivett Automotive Apprenticeships
Interested students can pick up information about this program from the Careers room.

HSC Revision Lectures
Access Education is holding HSC revision lectures in the first week of October. For more information visit www.accesseducation.com.au

Year 12 Work Experience 2014
Year 11 Non-Corps students are reminded that your Work Experience placement for 2014 needs to be sorted out by the end of this year. If you need any assistance with this -such as finding previous employers that have accepted King’s students – please come and see me. A comprehensive and certified RSA/RCG/Barista training course is also available during the Work Experience week. If interested please send me an email and your name will be added to the provisional list.

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. Forms available in the Careers room.

Optus Engineering Cadet Program
Information about this program is available from the Careers room or students can visit www.optus.com for more details.

Business and Economics Evening
Tuesday 27 August 2013, 6.00pm-8.00pm : Learn about new Macquarie University business degrees, internship opportunities and professional accreditation. The evening will provide an opportunity to hear directly from academic staff, current students, graduates and industry experts. Registrations now open. Visit the Macquarie University website.

Law at The Australian Catholic University in 2014
'More than one Career' Panel Discussion
12 September – 6.00pm-7.30pm, ACU North Sydney Campus - Ryan Auditorium, 40 Edward St, North Sydney. There is no charge. Contact Kate Fenech on 9953 3539.
The Faculty of Law is hosting a panel of leading law professionals who will discuss the benefits and opportunities from studying law at university. This event is an opportunity for students to find out about the diverse range of careers and opportunities that ACU law graduates may undertake. Some panel members have pursued the traditional employment path, while others utilise their law degree to influence public policy or fulfill a critical role in organisations.

UNSW Mining Engineering High School Dinner
13 September at 6.30pm, Crown Plaza, Canberra
There is no charge. Contact Maree Magafas on 9385 9545 or m.magafas@unsw.edu.au

The King’s Herald
The UNSW School of Mining Engineering is hosting a Mining Engineering Information Dinner. This is a great opportunity for Year 10-12 students to meet with current UNSW students, staff and industry professionals to get the dirt on Mining Engineering. Find out about entry options, campus life, study, career options and what it’s really like to work in the Minerals Industry.

Resource for Year 10 Students
Year 10 students are welcome to borrow a copy of – University entry requirements 2016.

Careers Room
Open every day, both before school (from 7.30am) and during Lunch. Senior Students are also welcome during study periods in the CLL.

Anthony Attard

EXCELSIOR PROGRAM

Recent successes in extension and enrichment areas have shown boys working strongly toward their potential. James Payor (Year 12) taking a silver medal in the International Olympiad in Informatics (computer programming) is a superb achievement and has come after over a year of hard work. After a number of week-long residential trials to make the Australian team, he then made the international competition in Brisbane during the last vacation. James has been awarded Honour Colours by the Headmaster to recognise his individual excellence.

In the UNSW Writing Competition, Bal Dhital achieved the top score in NSW and ACT for Year 12 and will be awarded the UNSW Medal in addition to his High Distinction. This is another superb result and Bal is congratulated for his excellence. Overall King’s presented 34 boys for the competition and gained seven High Distinctions, six Distinctions and eleven Credits. This is the strongest result the School has gained in this competition. Well done to all participants!

At the Preparatory School, a group of high achieving Year 9 boys have worked as mentors to the junior boys in completing their Exhibition research projects. This option has run over several years now and some of the Year 9s as ex-Prep students have now seen both sides of the activity. It was wonderful to see the leadership from the older boys as they worked with the wide-eyed younger students. The Exhibition was a great success and all should be proud.

Eight boys from Years 7 to 10 recently engaged in a co-ed cross-curriculum day at Ascham School – Beaux and Belles - to engage with other students in areas of interest and expertise. The tasks were open-ended and included musical composition, Maths reconstructing geometrical proofs, translation of French poetry to capture the sense as well as the text and short film shot and edited on iPhones and iPads. As a day of “creative collaboration” the students were teamed with others they had not previously met and had to negotiate the social mix as well as the intellectual and technical aspects. As a non-competitive option it is true that education was the real winner on the day!

The Gifted and Talented Secondary Teachers’ Association is working to provide more days such as Beaux and Belles and King’s will host Confronting Concepts early next term. Inspired by the Festival of Dangerous Ideas and TED talks, students have been invited to speak on a confronting concept and schools around Sydney are currently choosing their top speakers in readiness. Topics include:

- Not mine, ours; why we must share.
- Generation Y – why not?
- I selfie, therefore I am.
- Cosmetic surgery – the good, the bad or the ugly?
- There is no more privacy.

As the usual fast pace of Term 3 drives us forward, Year 7 Mary Burns Society members are shortly heading out to the Sydney Observatory; and watch out for the Year 8 Rambler Journal coming soon.

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This will be the first of a two part article on the use of ICT and some of the issues related to its use.

**ICT in the Prep School**

The use of technology in the classroom and at home to further develop the many skills, attitudes and values learnt in the classroom has been one of my great interests in education over many years.

The Senior School is fortunate that many, and soon all, year groups, have the advantage of a one to one device program. That is, every boy has access to a computer device. In the Prep School we are also blessed to have two great computer labs, desktop computers in every classroom and a trolley of laptops that are able to be used in the classroom.

These computers are all used to great affect and the work produced by even our youngest students is always impressive. At the recent Year Six Exhibition, the boys made use of Augmented Reality and QR Codes to enhance their research; they used presentation tools such as Prezi and PowerPoint; they developed their own animation videos to describe such things as how a cotton picker works; made their own videos and photo slide shows and of course much of their research was done online. Younger years also make great use of ICT in their research, publishing and presentations, as well as utilising specific educational software and web sites such as Mathletics and Reading Eggs.

**Australian Research**

A 2012 Roy Morgan Research report, stated in 2011, that 88% of the Australian population over 14 had a mobile phone and that there are now more mobile phones than landline connections. 91% of the 14-24 age bracket own a mobile phone. Smart Company reported in June that the Australian tablet market grew in the first quarter of 2013, to 1.14 million units.

Other Australian research shows:

- 99% of children 8-17 years have regular access to the internet
- From 2005 -2007 children aged between 12 and 15 have doubled their internet usage to just over 14 hours a week.
- Almost 50% of children 12-15 years have given out personal information online

- 84% use chat rooms daily
- 74% use instant messaging daily
- 90% of Year 4 students in 2010 had a Facebook account. This is despite the fact that you are required to be 13 before being allowed to have an account.

So it is very evident that our students have access to an ever increasing range of devices, especially mobile devices, and there will be an increasing use of social media going forward.

**Cybersafety**

With this greater use and access also comes greater risk. As more and more children, some as young as two, make greater use of the internet, the risk for them to be exposed to the dangers of the net also increases. (How many two year olds have you seen with mum and dad’s iPad; and using it expertly?).

Dangers include:

- **Digital Footprint and Reputation**
  - Their Digital Footprint and reputation is online forever and may reappear when they do not want it to. Checking social media accounts is a normal practice for employers before employing someone.

- **Inappropriate Content**
  - Children and young people may not deliberately seek out inappropriate content. However, they may be inadvertently exposed to such content through otherwise innocuous activities, such as:
    - unexpected results from online searches
    - clicking on hyperlinks within websites
    - opening junk or spam email
    - competitions
    - mistyping web addresses in a browser
    - opening an email attachment or link in the body of text
    - linking to a website sent in an Instant Messaging (IM) conversation
    - clicking on a pop-up
    - clicking on online game content or prize offers.

  - Unfortunately, statistics show that 1 in 7 children 8-17 years will view inappropriate content. As they get older many will actively search out this type of material. Well respected author, Steve Biddulph, amongst others, has recently spoken out on this subject and I would encourage parents of older boys to read this: [http://www.theguardian.com/comment/how-to-raise-boys-in-the-era-of-internet-porn-20130716-2q25l.html](http://www.theguardian.com/comment/how-to-raise-boys-in-the-era-of-internet-porn-20130716-2q25l.html)

- **Unwanted Contact**
  - Online stalking and harassment can arise when someone pieces together enough publicly
available information about a person to be able to actually identify them and to make contact in a way which is frightening and potentially very unsafe.

- Online grooming or unwelcome sexual solicitation occurs when an adult takes deliberate actions to befriend and establish an emotional connection with a child in order to lower the child’s inhibitions with the intent of later having sexual contact. It may include adults posing as children in chat rooms and on social networking sites and ‘befriending’ children in order to make arrangements to meet with them in person.
- It may include being asked to engage in a sexual conversation, activity or to send a sexually explicit image or information even if they do not want to.

**Facebook and other Social Media Sites**

Social Media sites can be a wonderful tool for sharing photos and keeping in contact with friends and family, and I am a regular user. However, there is a need to ensure that all privacy settings are set correctly.

Children seem to be obsessed with how many friends they are able to acquire. My two teenage daughters both have over 600 friends on Facebook! I am not even sure I know 600 people by name. When speaking to students about friends on social media sites, I tell them to use this rule: “that they should not be listed as a friend unless you would be prepared to cross a busy road to have a conversation with this person.”

If and when you let your son join Facebook, remembering it is illegal for him to join before he is 13, I would strongly encourage all parents to become Facebook friends with their son. This allows you to remotely keep an eye on his (and his friends’) usage. I certainly made this a condition when my teenage girls set up their accounts.

*Students in the Prep School should not have Facebook accounts!*

In the next newsletter, I will discuss cyber bullying and give parents tips on how to best keep their children safe when using the internet.

**Art Show**

It has been great to see the transformation of Horrocks Hall and the Lower ILC this week into a spectacular art gallery and it is with great anticipation that I look forward to my first King’s Annual Art Show and Spring Festival.

On behalf of all the Prep community, I want to sincerely thank the wonderful work done by so many volunteers. It is times like this when we really see how blessed we are to have the tremendous support of our School community.

If you have not yet placed your name down to volunteer, jump on to the web site and indicate a time when you are able to assist. There are still a few shifts to fill. Particular assistance is being sought for people who can assist with the pack up of the Show on Sunday afternoon from 4.00pm and on Tuesday evening from 6.00pm.

**Greg Blackman**

**Deputy Head of the Preparatory School**

**PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION**

**Meeting Minutes**

The Minutes from this week’s Parents’ Association meeting can now be viewed on the TKS Intranet.

**Second Hand Cadet Uniform and Gear Sale**

The Parents’ Association is seeking donation of unwanted Cadet Corps uniforms and gear for a second hand store. The inaugural sale will be held on Wednesday, 11 and Thursday, 12 September 2013.

Donors will receive the proceeds of any item sold.

Collection bins will be located around the School. Please place donations in a bag and ensure that your bag is labelled with your name, address, telephone, email and preferred method of payment (either cheque or bank deposit details).

We are also seeking parent helpers to assist from Monday, 9 September until Thursday, 12 September. If you are available for a couple of hours and are willing to assist, please contact Jane Vincent on 9969 2212 or tkscadet@gmail.com.
**BASKETBALL**

**Player Achievements**

Congratulations to **Marko Putica** (Year 8) who recently competed in the BNSW State Cup Basketball Tournament held in Maitland. His representative team were victorious and were crowned State Champions. Marko was third top point scorer of the tournament and received his team's MVP award.

**Jayden Prakash** (Year 10) was selected in the BNSW U/16 Metro team that competed in the National titles recently in Adelaide. The team played excellent basketball during the week and progressed to the final undefeated. In a very tight game against NSW Country which went into overtime, the Country team narrowly overcame NSW Metro by four points. Congratulations Jayden on bringing home a silver medal at National level.

**Julianne Stanton**
Master in Charge

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**ROWING**

**Robert Black** (Year 12), Captain of Boats for 2013, recently represented Australia at the World Junior Rowing Championships in Trakai, Lithuania. Robert rowed in the Men’s Quadruple Scull which was the No. 1 ranked Australian Boat. There were 24 countries racing in the event with the Australian crew coming narrowly into 10th place, which was a great performance.

The Quadruple scull is usually one of the most fiercely contested events at the Junior Worlds due to the European countries targeting this event as their number one target boat.

Robert was the only GPS rower who made an Australian crew this year. This was a fine achievement for a student who has represented the school in rowing, athletics and swimming so far this year. Rob is now back and looking forward to contributing to the final rounds of rugby as well as preparing for his HSC. Rob now joins the long list of Kingsmen who have represented Australia in rowing at World or Olympic level.

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**CROSS COUNTRY**

**Cross Country Dinner**

Team members and their families are invited to the Cross Country Dinner
Saturday 7 September
6.30pm for 7.00pm
Thomas Memorial Pavilion
BYO
$40 per person will be charged to School Accounts
Dress – Neat Casual
RSVP to Mr Colless by 30 August 2013

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**The King’s School Football Club**

invites all TKS Football players, families and coaches to celebrate the 2013 season with a night of entertainment, fun and friendship.

**Annual Football End of Season Dinner**

The Epping Club, 45 Rawson Street, Epping
Saturday 14 September 2013
at 6.30pm for 7.15pm
Dress – Lounge Suit/Full School Uniform
MC Debbie Spillane – Media personality and sports commentator
Cost $67.00 per person + 0.30¢ fee
www.trybooking.com/DEWU
RSVP by Wednesday 4 September 2013 by submitting your details at trybooking
Contact Rob Hooke – 0420 983 819
FOOTBALL

Amidst some very warm winter sunshine, we welcomed The Scots College to King’s on 10 August, in the third round of the GPS competition. The crowds were out in good numbers on the Massie precinct and the football on show did not disappoint. Whilst simple defensive errors cost the 16A team in their 2-0 loss, the 15A’s notched up an impressive 5-1 win over their opponents. Shevan de Silva, who recently returned following a serious ankle break last season claimed a hat-trick and the impressive Will Ormiston chipped in with the other two. In defence, Michael Maitin-Casalis and Kieran Jayasekera both had strong games and blunted the opposition attack superbly.

The 14Ds also deserve a mention; having not scored a goal all season, some focused training sessions from coach Kennett paid off with a 4-1 scoreline in favour of the Ds to secure their first win of the season. Bradley Warwick (2), Trung Dang and Liam Gollan scored the goals following some brilliant team moves building on a secure central defensive partnership of Winston Li and Nic Shepherd. Congratulations to the 14Ds for this reward for their perseverance this season. Similarly impressive was the 6-2 scoreline achieved by the 8th XI. Following a close start, the boys soon ran away with the game with a strong team performance and Zachary Lukac bagging a hat-trick.

In the 2nd XI, some superb football was on show. Both teams seemed intent on playing flowing, passing football and it was a reasonably close game throughout. The breakthrough came in the second half when a move started by goalkeeper Monty Board and involving Josh Bakin, Jack Ormiston and Gescard Bayssari, stitched together about 15 consecutive passes to manipulate the opposition defence before Bayssari delivered a pinpoint cross to the far post that Benz Janwong headed in for his first of the season. You would be hard pushed to find a better team goal. The 1st XI began the game with intent. They knew they had to play out of their skin and close the opposition midfield down to prevent through balls. Both teams tentatively probed each other’s defences until a Newington striker broke through and was brought down in the penalty box, the penalty duly dispatched by the striker. Shortly afterwards, Harry Connery was pulled down in the penalty box and Reuben Vijayakumaran stepped up to level the scores, only to thump his shot against the woodwork of the King’s players coming through, the enterprising Ben Safari ran onto a perfectly weighted through ball from Sam Read. With plenty of work still to do, he waited for the keeper to commit before calmly lifting it over him to seal another King’s victory.

Another fine day greeted Newington to King’s and it promised to be the most difficult round to date. Not so for the 15Es who managed an 8-1 rout! Except for a few other games, most of our teams went down against this very strong football school. The 2nd XI were handed a gift after the Newington central defender was sent off after 10 minutes for two yellow cards. Newington continued to look threatening but were increasingly frustrated by a very well organized King’s team. Will Tugwell and Hugh Fisher organised the backs superbly and the midfield trio of James Fisher, Jack Ormiston and Zac Croker (returning after breaking his arm in July) repelled most attacks with ease. Matt Hawke worked tirelessly up front and had several fine runs that all came to nothing. A point would have been a great result for the 2nd XI and it vanished with the final kick of the game. A very unfortunate penalty awarded against King’s in the 60th minute was buried by the Newington forward to leave the King’s boys bitterly disappointed at the spoiled clean sheet they fought so hard to keep.

The 1st XI started the game positively and knowing that only a win would do, with a big game against Newington College coming up next. Despite starting as the better team, the Scot’s boys played with great intensity and closed down many opportunities, unsettling the King’s players. Jackson Kang used his pace to good effect on the right wing and Captain Reuben Vijayakumaran had a strong game controlling the midfield. With a 0-0 scoreline at half time, patience was the theme of the team talk. Sure enough, with 11 minutes left and the superior fitness of the King’s players coming through, the enterprising Ben Safari ran onto a perfectly weighted through ball from Sam Read. With plenty of work still to do, he waited for the keeper to commit before calmly lifting it over him to seal another King’s victory.

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The past two weekends of rugby have seen King’s come up against two very tough opponents in Scots and Newington. Both of these rounds of rugby have been home fixtures played in brilliant winter rugby.

The honours for the Scots matches were evenly shared across the A team games, with Scots winning the 1st XV, 3rd XV, 14A and 13A fixtures, whilst King’s were successful in the 2nd XV, 16As and 15As.

In the 1st XV Scots are the undefeated leaders of the competition and it was easy to see why they have had such a good season. They play an attractive ball in hand style of rugby, with big fast players constantly challenging their opposition. They raced away to an early 21-0 lead from which it was very hard for our 1st XV to get back in the match. They eventually went on to win 54-22, but our boys never stopped trying with James Kane scoring two quick thinking tries and Mark Quadrio scoring on debut with one of his powerful ball carries.

The 2nd XV by contrast had a resounding victory winning 43-14 in the best performance of the season. They played to the structures that they had been working on at practice over the last few weeks and the results saw them play some outstanding rugby. Mark Quadrio and Will McGuiness both had strong games scoring 2 tries each, whilst Daniel Macqueen controlled and organised their attack with a dominant display.

The 3rd XV fixture saw the two undefeated teams clash for the match of the round and it certainly produced a thrilling game. King’s started on fire and with James Ridge racing away for a couple of tries, including a 95 metre intercept, the 3rds were in a commanding position. However, expected, Scots weren’t undefeated for nothing as they fought back to be behind by 3 points with 2 minutes to play. In a heart breaking finish, Scots went the length of the field to score a converted try to snatch the match and win 33-29. It was a great game and our 3rd XV deserved better for all their effort.

The 16As also had a huge match against the highly fancied Scots team. Playing on the White Oval, the 16A’s really turned up to play and reversed their first round defeat to win 23-10. Cameron King, the King’s No. 8 had an outstanding game and was well supported by Daniel Pollet and Nicholas Stubbs in the backs and Fergus Ryan and Harry Chapman in the forwards.

The 15As had a solid 41-0 victory and they continue to improve each week. Both the 15A and B teams have had very strong seasons, and it is no coincidence, as these two teams train as hard as any teams in the whole school.

The 14As and 13As went down in two tight games, with the 14As losing 8-22 and the 13As going down 19-35.

The highlight of the round of fixtures against Scots was the performance of the 14Bs. Undefeated so far this season, they continued their fine year with another strong win, defeating Scots 35-16. The 14Bs are the only team in the School that can go through the year undefeated and their goal is to defeat all of their opponents both home and away.

Last weekend saw Newington College travel to King’s in what has become the most physical round of GPS fixtures for our boys. Newington have some very big sides across all age groups so it is a very demanding day for our players and one that requires a strong commitment to the contact elements of our game. Of the 30 matches contested, King’s won 14.

The 1st XV came up against the other powerhouse team in the competition, a team that boasted 4 Australian Schoolboys and 3 Australian A players. Newington play a very explosive power game and once again our 1st XV started slowly to be behind 12-nil early, but through a nice break from Daniel Macqueen, saw them get back to 12-7 through a try to George Lehmann, before Newington broke away to lead 24-12 at the break. Having played the last 10 minutes of the 1st half with 14 men, the boys were relieved to start the second half with their full 15 players and after an early Jack McCalman try, the scores were 24-22 and the game was certainly in the balance. However Newington then had a long period of possession, which resulted in a points scoring blitz, which eventually saw them to on to win 64-22. The 1st XV never gave up, but against a much bigger opponent possession will always make them very hard to stop.

The 2nd XV continued their recent good form to win a very physical encounter 17-5. As has been the case all year, their back row paved the way for the win with Hugh Taylor and Toby Moore scoring tries. Jordan Gillespie playing his first 2nd XV match also scored a try whilst special mention must go to the tackling performance of inside centre Matthew Bartholomew. He was up against a NSW Schoolboys player from this year’s Australian School Championship and his tackling was superb. It set the tone of the game, where in the end, King’s physical commitment won them the match.

The 3rd XV had a bye in their GPS competition but were fortunate enough to have a fixture against a visiting English school, Marlborough College.
Their opponents were a top notch rugby team, but even though we went down 33-5, they got a lot out of the game and it was perfect preparation for this week’s game against The Armidale School.

The 16A and Bs had resounding victories, with the As winning 50-7 and the Bs winning 45-17.

The 15s age group were up against a strong Newington group of players. The 15As going down 10-nil, but were in the game except for one or two defensive errors. The 15Cs had a close 15-12 victory to record the only win in the age group.

The 14s by comparison had a clean sweep of matches from As – Ds. The A’s won 31-10 and have continued to improve all year. The 14Bs just powered on with another strong 40-3 victory and are only three games away from an undefeated season.

Great wins were recorded to the 14Cs and Ds who won 70-nil and 51-nil respectively.

The under 13s age group also had a successful day. The As lost narrowly 5-nil, but it was a huge improvement by a team that had previously beaten them by 30 points. The 13Cs also lost narrowly, but the rest of the age group won all their matches, with the 13Fs recording their third victory of the year.

This weekend of fixtures sees the School take on different opponents, with the 1st and 2nd XV and all A and B fixtures being played at Shore whilst the 3rd XV and a variety of lower grade teams will be travelling to Armidale to play TAS. Approximately 200 boys will travel up on Friday afternoon to stay overnight and play early Saturday morning.

We wish them all the very best in what will be quite different playing conditions.

Stephen James
Master in Charge

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Cricketers are advised that a Tour to the United Kingdom is planned for the July 2014 school holidays.

A meeting to gauge expressions of interest will be held at the conclusion of the winter sporting season.

Boys who might be interested in participating in this Tour, are asked to keep an eye on the Bulletin for details of the meeting.

Enquiries to sjames@kings.edu.au.
You Can't Take It With You

Patrons are requested to choose all sessions and times carefully as tickets will not be exchanged or refunded at the door.

Performance Sessions | Time | Number of Tickets | Total Cost @ $25 per ticket (GST Inc)
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Thursday 17 October 2013 | 7:30 pm |  |  |
Friday 18 October 2013 | 7:30 pm |  |  |
Saturday 19 October 2013 | 7:30 pm |  |  |
Wednesday 23 October 2013 | 7:30 pm |  |  |
Thursday 24 October 2013 | 7:30 pm |  |  |
Friday 25 October 2013 | 7:30 pm |  |  |
Saturday 26 October 2013 | 7:30 pm |  |  |

The King's School
The Theatre Booking Office
P.O. Box 1, Parramatta NSW 2124

Telephone Enquiries (Mon-Fri) 9563 4560
Email boxoffice@kings.edu.au

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Student Name
Mailing Address
Phone
Student No
House

Tickets should be prebooked and payment made at time of booking. No payment for prebooked tickets will be accepted at the door.

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☐ Please debit the cost to the School Fees Account.
☐ Please debit Parent/Other/Cash/Visa

☐ Please debit a credit card. Charges will apply.
☐ Payment due by ______

☐ I am enclosing a tax invoice for my purchase.

Ticket Collection/Delivery Instructions
☐ Please send tickets to my son's House.
☐ Please mail my tickets to the Mailing Address indicated above.

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