Courage

On Anzac Day last month, a contingent of Kingsmen supported an aging group of heroes called the World War II Under 16s. These men volunteered for active duty in World War II despite being under 16 years of age.

The widow of one of the ‘Under 16s’ was there. Her husband was Roland Griffiths-Marsh. If you want a definition of bravery, you only have to read his story. Using his older brother’s name and date of birth, Roland enlisted with the Second Australian Imperial Force and served in North Africa and New Guinea. He was then recruited to ‘Z’ Special Unit, parachuted behind enemy lines in North Borneo, formed a guerrilla force to harass the enemy. Roland was successful in killing or capturing many of the enemy.

Perhaps the bravest of all Australian soldiers was Albert Jacka. He won the Victoria Cross at Gallipoli in 1915 when his trench was overrun by the enemy. All his mates were killed or wounded. Lance-Corporal Jacka launched a single-handed counter-attack and recaptured the trench, killing seven of the enemy by rifle fire and bayonet.

On the Western Front in the following year, Jacka came across an enemy party rounding up 40 Australian prisoners. With only a few men, he charged the enemy and engaged them in hand-to-hand combat. Despite being wounded, he killed over a dozen of the enemy and captured 50. Jacka was awarded the Military Cross for this action and was re-awarded the Military Cross in the following year after capturing yet more of the enemy.

This is heroic stuff that should be honoured as an example of extraordinary courage. One wonders whether we will ever see acts like this again. Modern day warfare is very different to the hand-to-hand combat of yesteryear. However, there is no less a demand for courage today.

The war we are fighting is a moral war – and it is no less dangerous. Forces exist that would kill our youth and steal their soul. The growing ‘raunch’ culture and the premature sexualisation of our young is just one battle. There are other campaigns such as the fight against an ever increasing booze culture, drugs in sport and corruption in politics.

We need to remain a nation that exhibits not just physical courage, but moral courage. The courage to:

- Challenge a mate if they are doing something wrong.
- Stand up for a victim of bullying or racism.
- Oppose the emergence of damaging cultures.
- Notice wrongdoing and bring about justice.

It is no less difficult to be morally courageous as it is to be physically courageous.
Both involve conquering fear. Indeed, without fear you cannot be courageous. Nelson Mandela said:

   I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

King’s has a reputation of producing young men who are resilient, who are robust and possess grit. It is my hope that Kingsmen never lose this reputation.

Let there be no doubt that today there still exist many arenas where a boy might show courage.

Fortiter et fideliter.

(Bravely and faithfully)

Dr Tim Hawkes

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, function invitations and the like.

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DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Anzac Day Service

A focus for our Assembly at the commencement of term was Anzac Day. As a School community we took time to reflect and remember those Australians who served and died in wars and armed conflicts. Over 100000 Australians have paid the ultimate sacrifice and lie somewhere in a foreign field. Old Boys have served in all conflicts where Australian troops have fought. When one examines the Honour Boards hung in the Trophy Room, names are listed from the Sudan War of 1885 where NSW sent an armed contingent.

This year I shared with the boys the story of one our distinguished Old Boys, Clive Hall, who flew Stirling bombers over Germany in World War II. Clive spent much of the War as a Prisoner of War after being shot down over Germany in 1941. He was captive in Stalag Luft III of The Great Escape fame where he acted as a forger working on the preparation of documents for the escapers. What happened inside this camp became war legend and was a triumph of ingenuity, organisation and sheer physical and mental endurance.

TKS Cadet Marching Band

The School was once again superbly represented by the Marching Band in the annual Sydney Anzac Day March. Our boys looked and sounded spectacular and were outstanding ambassadors for the School. They also played fabulously at the recent Waratahs v Hurricane Rugby match at the SFS. Their hard work and dedicated practice is certainly reaping great reward. It must be noted that the Band has been extremely well led by their Drum Major, CUO Ben Xie and Bandmaster, Mr Daniel Williams. It is great to see two of our former Drum Majors, Avinesh Chelliah and Jacob Hacker, also giving of their time to assist the Band in their preparation.

Sydney Royal Show

Another fabulous effort from The King’s School Agriculture Club where 11 of our boys prepared and paraded 4 steers, each steer receiving a ribbon. This is
an excellent achievement and a credit to the team. One steer paraded by Angus Forster was Reserve Champion School Carcass winning a Silver Medal. Silver Medals were also won by steers paraded by Rhys Webber and Harry Head, and Forbes Boydell won a Bronze Medal. Jock Ferguson represented the School in the Parading Competition, competing against 40 other schools. Jock’s strong performance saw him sashed as Reserve Champion School Parader. Well done!

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.

Important Information regarding Drop-off and Pick-up for Kurrle and Wickham Houses
With the relocation of your boys to our lovely new Day Houses, Wickham and Kurrle, it is most important for student safety reasons that we DO NOT drop or pick up our boys in cars at the House. All dropping off is to be at the Turning Circle and pick-ups from Turning Circle or the Britten House car park area. Heavy traffic in the Kurrle/Wickham area will pose a danger to your sons and we must do what we can to minimise this.

Traffic for Saturday Sport
The requirement for parents and visitors to park above and near White Oval for all Home games and walk to the Doyle fields will commence on Saturday, 17 May. There will be a barrier preventing access at Broughton corner and it is advisable to park above White Oval rather than driving to Broughton corner itself, which just creates congestion. Access to the Old Boys/Wanderers’ fields for football is via Masons Drive. Parking attendants will give guidance as to where to park, however, parking is limited and there may be a need to park in Masons Drive and walk adjacent to the Tara fence on King’s right-of-way. Unless you have a girl at Tara, Tara should not be used.

Attendance and Dress for Winter Sports Matches

**Dress:** Applicable for both GPS and non GPS matches.

Away Games: Full School tracksuit with joggers (no variation – canvas, ugg boots, etc) or Full School Uniform (Number 1’s or Colours may be worn).

Home Games: Full School Uniform (Number 1’s or Colours may be worn). The 3rd XV and 3rd XI may wear tracksuit. No other variations.

Attendance:
Non GPS Season: No requirement to attend. However, if Boarders are not on leave, they must attend the afternoon matches wherever they are (no boys to remain in Houses due to lack of supervision).

GPS Season Home Games: All boys in the School are expected to attend either the 1st XI Football and/or 1st XI Rugby matches.

GPS Season Away Games: No requirement to attend. However, if boarders are not on leave, they must attend the afternoon matches wherever they are (no boys to remain in Houses due to lack of supervision).

Staff Movements
Mr Dugald Loughnan after fulfilling numerous roles as teacher of Science, Games Coach, Geography teacher, Cadet Officer, Boarding Tutor and MIC of Tennis, Mr Loughnan now joins the Science Department as a full-time permanent member of staff.

Mr Andrew Cox joins the English staff following a career change where in his former life he worked in the world of advertising. Mr Cox has completed a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Teaching from Charles Sturt University and in 2010 was awarded the Dean’s Award for Academic Excellence. Mr Cox is a talented rowing and rugby coach and this year coached our winning Year 10 1st VIII. He has coached a number of 1st Grade teams in the Sydney Rugby Premiership and has represented Australia as Cox of the National 1st VIII.

Ms Lorna Murray, a highly regarded artist and designer, is well-known to us and returns to replace Mrs Amanda Hooker while she is on maternity leave. Since Ms Murray has been with us she has taught at the Prep School, Tara, and has been working hard to launch her clothing design company.

Ms Anna-Louise MacLulich joins us while Mrs Judy Trick is on long service leave. Ms MacLulich is a highly experienced Art teacher who has rural, city and international experience. She has a Bachelor of Fine Art from RMIT Melbourne and a Graduate Diploma in Education from Southern Cross University. Ms MacLulich’s most recent teaching experience has been at Cranbrook and The Scots College.

Dr John McMath joins us while Mr John Wilson is on long service leave. Dr McMath is a highly experienced Physics teacher who has been Head of
Science of St Andrew’s Cathedral School and The King’s School. Dr McMath has a Doctor of Science Education from Curtin University of Technology, a Master of Education and a Bachelor of Science from Sydney University.

**Mrs Beth Lovell** is another vastly experienced educator and joins us while Mr Wal Bucci is on long service leave. Mrs Lovell has taught in government schools, spent 13 years at William Clarke College and most recently at Shore School. A highly experienced HSC marker, Mrs Lovell has a Bachelor of Science and Diploma in Education from the University of NSW and an AMusA from the Sydney Conservatorium.

**Mr John Haigh**, our esteemed dramatist, returns for five weeks to cover Mrs Marcia Park’s English classes as she explores the wonders and treasures of Iran while on Long Service Leave.

**Mr Peter Drysdale** joins the Mathematics Department for Term 2. Mr Drysdale has a Bachelor of Science (Mathematics) and a Bachelor of Education from the University of NSW. In 2006 he was presented a UNSW Academic Achievement Award. He has taught for two years at Northern Beaches Christian School and comes to us following a period of international travel that has also seen him enjoy short teaching placements in Tanzania and the USA.

**Mr Peter Denyer**, who has been very involved in our Football and Basketball programs, is appointed to be MIC of Football. Mr Denyer currently coaches the First Football XI. He was a professional footballer for many years in England with Northhampton and Portsmouth before moving to Australia to play and coach Blacktown FC. Mr Denyer has coached sport at King’s for over 15 years.

I am sure you all join with me in extending a warm welcome to our new, and seasoned, staff.

**Congratulations**

**Athletics - National Selections**

**Harry Andrews** (Year 11) has been selected to represent Australia in the Olympic Youth Games in the 110m Hurdles to be held in China during September.

**Nick Hough** (School Captain ‘11) has been selected to run the 110m Hurdles at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in July this year.

**Josh Clarke** (‘13) will run the 100m in the World Junior Athletics Championships in Eugene, Oregon USA. He will be joined by his fellow school friend, **Jack Stapleton** (‘13) who will run the 1500m.

**Sailing**

**Ben Fraser** (Year 10) will represent the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron at the ‘Yngling Youth European Championships’ and the ‘Yngling Open World Championships’ in Travemunde, Germany in July.

**Swimming**

**NSW All Schools Championships**

**John Kim** (Year 7) placed 5th in the U12 50m. He won Bronze at the NSW CIS meet in the same event.

**Peter Topalidis** (Year 12) won 3 State Medals – Gold in the 17 and Over 50m Butterfly, once again breaking his school record, and 2 Bronze Medals, one in the 17 and Over 50m Breaststroke and the other for the 200m Freestyle. Peter now goes on to represent NSW in the National Championships in Melbourne in July.

**TV Week Logies Award**

Congratulations to **Will McDonald** (Year 10) where he and the cast of *Home and Away* won the Logie for Most Popular Drama.

**Term Dates 2015**

**Term 1**

Thursday, 29 January – Wednesday, 1 April

*Easter is during the holidays – Good Friday, 3 April - Easter Monday, 6 April*

**Term 2**

Tuesday, 21 April – Friday, 19 June

**Term 3**

Tuesday, 14 July – Friday, 18 September

(Years 11 and 12)

Thursday, 17 September

(Years 7-10)

**Term 4**

Wednesday, 7 October – Thursday, 3 December

Dates listed are the first and last teaching days of 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 only.*

**Dr Andrew Parry**
Stop the escalation!
How can we stop things escalating out of control?

Whether it be our own lives where a singularly bad habit, which started as an experiment, has resulted in infecting our entire lives, or whether it be a treasured relationship that hit a speed bump over a small matter but sparked into hatred and rejection. It could even be two nations that were simply “flexing their muscles” only to lead to war! If only we, or someone else, had the sense to call a halt in the early days, before it escalated out of control.

This Term we are investigating the life of Joseph in the book of Genesis. Things quickly escalated out of control for Joseph and his family. Everything happened so quickly, that before they knew it they had sold Joseph off into slavery (Genesis 37:36). Each had a part to play in the drama. Jacob played favourites with his 12 sons and didn’t hide the fact by buying Joseph an ornate coat (Genesis 37:3). Joseph acted like the spoilt brat that he was and arrogantly, or naively, shared his dreams about how his family would one day bow down to him. (Genesis 37:7,9) We are not surprised how the brothers react with hate (v4, 5, 8). It would have only taken one person to call a halt to the cycle of hurt but no one had the courage and it resulted in unimaginable pain.

The good news is that God is willing to step in and stop things escalating out of control. That is why he sent Jesus. Romans 5:6 … You see at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

We may struggle to stop the escalation in our lives and world, but Jesus is able to stop the power of sin in our lives so that we can live in a way that moves towards peace and not conflict. Surprisingly he does it through our own foolishness. Just as God used the destructive behaviour of Jacob and his family to send Joseph to Egypt so they might all be saved, so he also used the hatred in Jesus day to take him to the cross and to bring salvation to the whole world. Jesus wants to stop things escalating out of control in our lives.

Rev Stephen Edwards chaplain@kings.edu.au

Diary of Events for Term 2
Sunday, 18 May - 9.30am - Auditorium
Church@Kings for parents and children
Sunday, 25 May – 8.00am - Chapel
Leadership Service - Rev Anthony Benn
Thursday, 29 May – 7.30pm – Chaplain’s Cottage
Parents’ Prayer Meeting

ARCHIVES

The Humble Button
Completing a recent task on behalf of members of the Old Boys’ Union, forced me to observe closely the buttons on the “pepper and salt” (grey) jackets. I noticed that the silver plated buttons from the uniform a hundred years ago were stamped on the reverse with the company name of Stokes.

Looking at a modern jacket button I found that this also was stamped with the same company name. An internet search discovered that Thomas Stokes, a diesinker and electroplater, was born in Birmingham England the same year The King’s School was founded. He arrived in Victoria during the 1850s to search for gold but by 1856, presumably as his search was unsuccessful, he had returned to his former trade, setting up in Melbourne.

In 1873 Stokes took on a partner, Martin and the business was renamed Stokes and Martin. By the 1880s Stokes was employing 30 tradesmen and apprentices and their specialty was badges and commemorative medallions. After a disastrous fire in 1893 the partnership was dissolved and Stokes rebuilt the business as Stokes and Son and it is under this name that the majority of the School button collection is named. Many of these early buttons were electroplated silver and by looking closely you can just make out the tiny ESP stamp on the reverse.

Nowadays, while the die used to manufacture the button is the same, the material used is a modern material made to emulate “shiny silver”. The reverse side, however, still clearly shows the markings of Stokes and Son, a company with a long standing connection to The King’s School.

Jenny Pearce
Archivist
iLearn can be accessed at: https://ilearn.kings.edu.au

The Curriculum Matters page of iLearn now replaces the Curriculum Matters intranet page. The Curriculum Matters page contains numerous resources including:

- The Assessment Policy Procedure and Guidelines
- The Academic Integrity and Malpractice Policy
- Academic Handbooks (includes assessment details)
- Assessment Schedules (outlines planned assessment dates)
- Guides to Junior and senior Courses (useful for subject selection)

There are many useful forms, resources, guides and links available as well as current curriculum news.

The direct link to the Curriculum Matters page on iLearn is: https://ilearn.kings.edu.au/homepage/6523

Access to the iLearn requires the login and password sent to you by email from our IT Department. Should you have any difficulty logging in please visit: https://password.kings.edu.au/

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Readak Parent Information Evening
Tuesday, 13 May 7.30pm in the CLL Auditorium

Readak is a successful program that has been beneficial to hundreds of King’s School students over the last ten years. The program focuses on effective and efficient methods in: time management, reading and comprehension skills, note taking, study skills, essay planning, examination preparation, exam taking strategies and managing exam stress.

Additional information about Readak can be found on the Curriculum Matters iLearn page: https://ilearn.kings.edu.au/homepage/6523

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Justin Walkden Brown

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National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Years 7 and 9

All Year 7 and 9 students will be sitting these tests in Week 3 of Term 2 from Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 May. Friday, 16 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 on the Curriculum Matters iLearn page: https://ilearn.kings.edu.au/homepage/6523

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Justin Walkden Brown
AGRICULTURE CLUB

The King’s School Agricultural Club competed at the Sydney Royal Show 2014 and this year 11 boys were involved in preparing and parading four steers to be judged in the Hoof and Hook sections. The steers are required to be purebred, and this year the School had two limousin from Noblehouse pastoral company, Somerton, one limousin from Ben Goodman, Tamworth and one charolais steer donated by the Boydell family, Tamworth.

The team of animals was selected and fed from the end of November at “Alexander Downs” - Robert Gill and family’s feedlot. Without the generosity of this Old Boy family it would have been very difficult for the School to have the animals competitive for this year’s Sydney Royal Show.

The steers arrived at the School in January and the boys started breaking in and building confidence with the animals during Agriculture Club held on Friday afternoons.

Every steer received a ribbon in an event at the prestigious Sydney Royal Easter Show, which is an excellent achievement and a credit to the team.

Crown, paraded by Angus Forster, was entered as the School steer. It was bred by Noblehouse pastoral Company and came 4th in the middleweight section, later receiving Reserve Champion School Carcase, scoring 91.5 and a Silver medal. Pumba, paraded by Rhys Webber, entered in the Open section, bred by Noblehouse pastoral company, came 3rd in its heavy weight class, scoring 87.5 and a Silver medal. Arrow, paraded by Harry Head, entered in the Open section and bred by Ben Goodman, scored 87 and a Silver medal. Jumper, paraded by Forbes Boydell and entered in the Open section, was donated by the Boydell family. It scored 82.5 and a Bronze medal.

Jock Ferguson represented the School in the School Parading Competition and he paraded extremely well against 40 other schools. Winning his heat, he then went on to be sashed Reserve Champion School Parader.

Jock Ferguson

The State Championship parading also saw the School represented by Mitchell Clark and Angus Forster, who were eligible to compete through their win at the Castle Hill Show. Both boys represented the School well with Mitchell Clark being presented a Highly Commended.

The team would like to thank all the parents, breeders and Old Boys who have contributed to the Club’s success. Without their support, it would be a difficult task.

Kylee Heslop
Coordinator
LIFE EDUCATION

Lessons from Teddy

"With self-discipline, anything is possible."

“It is hard to fail, but it is worse to never have tried to succeed.”

“Believe you can and you are halfway there.”

“Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”

Whilst these quotes could be on any billboard advertising the latest mobile phone or banking opportunity, they continue to resonate for the simple wisdom they project to young men. They, and many others, are attributed to Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt, the 26th President of the USA who was in office from 1901-1909 and who is regarded as one of the great characters of American History, due to his robust persona and his practical philosophy on life and success. Suffering from asthma as a child, Roosevelt adopted a strong exercise regime and spent time in Dakota as a cowboy before entering politics. The image of him in a buckskin coat riding a horse has been popularised by his reanimated appearances in the Night at the Museum movie series. Trivia buffs may also be aware that Teddy Bears are named after the President, following his own encounter with and refusal to shoot a black bear whilst hunting in 1902.

One of the reasons Roosevelt remains popular today, adorning the Mt Rushmore monument with Lincoln, Jefferson and Washington as one of America’s greatest leaders, is due to his simple reflections on life that often deliver profound impact. Some of his famous quotes might serve as inspiration for the boys of The King’s School as they approach the demands of the winter season and increased academic challenges in the lead up to mid-year examinations. It is interesting to note how closely these quotes from the opening of this article align with our own values here at King’s. Further, they reinforce the values that we promote which define what could be termed as good education for young men for life, and although simple, their wisdom is profound.

One of the things we try to instill in our boys through our programs of Life Education is to enrich the lives of others through the opportunity that a King’s education offers. Our model of servant leadership, based on the role model of Jesus Christ, where leaders serve others rather than seek power or privilege, is central to an ethos that seeks to assist others in finding joy and fulfillment, as much as finding one’s own.

Boys are encouraged to be involved in service activities throughout their time at King’s, not for resume building purposes but to make a difference in the lives of others. The 40 hour Famine is a wonderful example of this and it was no surprise to learn that the School has won an award for the significant contribution it made to this program in 2013.

The manner in which the School Monitors have devised and implemented the Shave for the Cure program is also a fine indication of how easy it is to be involved. Finding a passion and pursuing it is central to the notion of finding “work worth doing” and there are so many endeavours in which our students can engage and enrich the broader world and those who inhabit it. Part of the journey through King’s and a key aim for all boys, should be to involve themselves with as many activities as possible - not only to test their limits but to also find that which they believe to be worthy of pursuing in greater time and effort.

Our current batch of Year 12 students has displayed great self-discipline in their approach to their studies over the holiday period. This is even more impressive when one considers the multitude of activities that preceded these vital markers of progress in the HSC course. Prior to the holidays, these same students were leading platoons and companies on the Cadet Corps camp, performing in the wonderful musical Hairspray and engaging with many service organisations through Community Outreach.

So, there is a lot to learn from the wisdom of Teddy Roosevelt and I encourage those boys, to whom these quotes speak to, to copy them down and live them to the best of their ability.

Year 11 Leadership Opportunities

With the Class of 2014 on examination duties, it has been pleasing to note the manner with which emerging leaders from Year 11 have grasped the opportunity to put their leadership capacity to the test. It is hard to believe, but by the end of this Term, many boys in the Year 11 cohort will be working on their applications and resumes for the positions of School Monitor and House Captain. This is an exciting time and boys should speak with their Housemasters if they have any particular questions about the process of appointment.
Appointing School leaders from the student body is an endeavour that we take very seriously at King’s and the process is exhausting, taking up much of Term 3 through the collation and ranking of worthy applicants, staff and student voting opportunities, collection of feedback from Housemasters and Tutors, before candidates are interviewed.

Boys in Year 11 will receive a detailed timeline of this process by the end of Term 2. Boys should also reflect on our model of servant leadership and continue to consider the manner in which they can enrich the experiences of others by finding “work worth doing.”

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CAREERS

Year 12 Work Experience
Congratulations to all the boys in Year 12 for an outstanding week. In a wide choice of fields, the boys eagerly got stuck in. The feedback from many students, teachers and employers has been very positive, with an overwhelming majority of employers indicating that they would be only too happy to accept a boy from The King’s School in the future. To read evaluations that stated that they did not want the student to leave at the end of the week, speaks volumes for the excellent manner in which Year 12 undertook the Work Experience Program. Also deserving of praise are the boys who used the Work Experience week to complete RSA/Barista training. This was also handled with maturity and dedication. The manner in which Year 12 undertook Work Experience was a credit to the School, their year group and most importantly to themselves.

University Scholarships 2015
Year 11 and 12 students are reminded that the scholarship window is now open. Students are encouraged to visit University websites and examine the plethora of scholarships that are available. Students are advised to print off any application forms and tackle them in the old fashioned way – via pen and paper. Take your time and employ the “fresh eyes” strategy. This can be done in two ways. Firstly by re-visiting your application after a delay of a few days (or longer), and by asking a “critical friend” to read over your responses. This can be anyone whose opinion you value. I have seen many an outstanding student over the years “forget” exactly what they have achieved. A delay and a re-read or someone else looking at your application can make the difference. I am happy to be the “critical friend”.

Free Tickets
I have free tickets for any students interested in attending the following Careers markets:
The HSC and Careers Expo - Sunday 1 June at Moore Park (www.hscandcareers.com.au)

University Open Days
A useful website that allows you to mark these dates in your diary is www.openday.com.au. Open Days can be a highly valuable and productive experience in helping students with University decisions.

Professional Cadetships Australia
Students interested in Business and Engineering/ Technology Careers are encouraged to consider the cadetship opportunities offered by Professional Cadetships Australia. Visit the website www.businesscadetships.com.au.

Careers Events at TKS in May
Two important Careers events are on the horizon - the University of New South Wales Subject Selection Night on 19 May and the Old Boys’ Careers Night on 27 May. Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 have received information about these nights. A reminder to Year 10 that attendance at the Old Boys’ Careers night is compulsory.

Your Path to Sydney Uni - an information evening for students and parents will be held at Revesby Workers’ Club on 21 May. Find out about University of Sydney alternative entry schemes, scholarships, fees and university life, and meet with faculty staff who can answer all your course-related questions. Registration is essential as places are limited, register now at http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/high-school-students/your-path-to-sydney/index.shtml

Macquarie University Upcoming Events
Business and Economics Information Evening on Wednesday, 14 May, 6.00-8.00pm; Macquarie Law School Information Evening on Wednesday, 21 May, 6.00-8.00pm; Health Professions Information Evening on Tuesday, 3 June, 6.00-8.00pm; Parent Information Evening on Wednesday, 25 June, 6.00-8.00pm. Register at mq.edu.au/futurestudentevents.
HSC - “Ace the HSC” Seminars at UTS – A series of HSC seminars designed for Years 11 and 12 students and parents - UTS Broadway Campus, 6.30-8.30pm. These 40 minute sessions, presented by Senior HSC Teachers, Counsellors and previous high-achieving students, will include detailed information on Maintaining a stress-free HSC; How to succeed in HSC English; Study strategies and exam tips from expert teachers and 97+ students. Tickets are $10.00 with all the proceeds going to Father Chris Riley’s Youth Off The Streets charity. To learn more go to hscintheholidays.com.au and click on the Term 1 HSC Seminars or call 1300 677 3361300 677 336.

HSC Enrichment, Australian Catholic University – Tuesday, 8 July (Strathfield) and Thursday, 10 July (North Sydney). Students will have the opportunity to listen to lectures from University academics who have set and marked the HSC. Subjects include Business Studies, Legal Education, VET In Schools, Bachelor of Design and recently accredited Master of Design. For more information, visit Whitehouse’s see http://whitehouse-design.edu.au/ or phone 9267 8799.

Whitehouse Institute - produces some of the country’s most successful designers in Fashion Design, Creative Direction and Styling and Interior Design. Occupying two campuses in the heart of Sydney and Melbourne, Whitehouse delivers a collection of design-based qualifications including accredited certificates and short courses, Vocational Education, VET In Schools, Bachelor of Design and recently accredited Master of Design. For more information, visit Whitehouse’s see http://whitehouse-design.edu.au/ or phone 9267 8799.

GapForce Overseas Work Experience, courses and Volunteering - Open evening Monday, 2 June, Sydney Central YHA, 11 Rawson Place, Corner of Pitt St and Rawson Place, 6.00-9.00pm. This event will give senior school and University students and their parents the chance to meet with staff to discuss programs and how they develop personal growth. Programs are available to anyone, lasting from two weeks to three months. GapForce will also be exhibiting at the Northern Beaches (15-16 May) and HSC and Careers (29 May-1 June) Expos. For more information see www.gapforce.org.

Acting at Sydney Theatre School - fully-accredited full time and part time study opportunities. Sydney Theatre School is a Registered Training Organisation that establishes skills in performance on stage and screen through its dedicated Chippendale facilities. Now offering VET Fee-Help to eligible students, Sydney Theatre School provides production-based training from industry professionals and qualified educators in an industry-oriented environment. More information at 1300 551 432, info@sydneytheatreschool.com or www.sydneytheatreschool.com.

JMC Academy is the only Australasian institutional partner school attached to the Berklee College of Music, the world’s premier learning lab for the music of today and tomorrow. The college, which operates in over 30 cities internationally, was founded on the principle that the best way to prepare students for careers in music is through the study and practice of contemporary music. In May, the Berklee message will be spread when four faculty and staff from the USA will present free master classes to high school students and teachers and to JMC Academy students, on Wednesday, 21 and Thursday, 22 May at JMC Sydney Academy campuses. The workshops have been designed to enable music students globally to access and exchange new musical ideas and indigenous traditions as a source of new musical inspiration. Contact Emma Collison 9326 5554 or 0418 584 795 or emma@emmacollison.com

Physics Prep Course - The course is a physics readiness and enrichment program developed to help students in preparation for the Science Olympiad Physics Exam and for University Physics. The course combines lectures, tutorials and labs. Topics covered include vectors, waves, mechanics, electromagnetism and thermodynamics. This course is aimed at Year 11 or below. See http://www.outreach.phys.unsw.edu.au/enrichment_program.html

UNSW Computing Winter Workshops – 7-11 July. Free workshops for beginners, intermediate and advanced levels are limited to 20 students per workshop. Applications close 6 June. See www.cse.unsw.edu.au/studying-at-unsw/school-programs/winter-school/

Graduate School of Biomedical Engineering UNSW invites all biomedical engineering reps to attend the annual students meet industry night at ATP Innovations, Thursday, 29 May, 5.00pm. Contact Lisa Harricks on l.harricks@unsw.edu.au 9385 0570, or http://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/biomedical-engineering/students-meet-industry-night.

NIDA Open Day – Saturday, 17 May, 10.00am-4.00pm, 215 Anzac Parade, Kensington. Explore behind the scenes at Australia’s leading institute for the dramatic arts. Speak to staff about the full range of courses, watch students in action, participate in a class and tour the award-winning facilities. More information visit www.nida.edu.au/open-day.
JMC Academy Open Day
- 3 May, 10.30am, 561 Harris Street Ultimo. Tour the campus and facilities, speak first-hand with current students, scholarship winners and the Heads of Music, Audio, Animation, Game Design, Film and Television, and Entertainment Business Management departments. View student work, listen to bands, view student films and see live audio and film production in action. Register online at www.jmcacedemy.com.au

University Experience, Australian Catholic University
Wednesday, 9 July (Strathfield) and Friday, 11 July (North Sydney). University Experience is a free program that gives students the opportunity to sample the degree of their choice. To register, go to www.acu.edu.au/unixp-nsw

Sydney Design School - focus exclusively on the education of Interior Design and Decoration. With highly practical lessons, small class sizes and real life clients, students are given the best start to their Interior Design career. Sydney Design School is holding an Open Day on Saturday, 28 June from noon. More information www.sydneydesignschool.com.au or info@sydneydesignschool.com.au

AIE Open Day – Saturday, 17 May, 10.00am-3.00pm. Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects. The day includes presentations on different areas of industry and information about full-time and part-time courses and entry requirements. Information at www.aie.edu.au/openday

Training in Graphic Design at CIT will provide students with the software and technology skills essential to this dynamic industry. By providing a strong foundation in design theory and the opportunity to practice in Canberra’s professional design studios, students graduate with the skills to enter a career in design and illustration for web, print and screen. See http://cit.edu.au/study/courses/ graphic_design_diploma

Studying Photography at CIT means working with the highest level of professional equipment, facilities and digital laboratories. With industry specialist workshops, training for a career in fashion, advertising, food, travel, portraiture, weddings, vehicles or documentary photography, students graduate supported by strong industry connections and online networks. See http://cit.edu.au/art_design/ study_photography_at_cit

Cadetships, Apprenticeships, Traineeships - Applications for the Business Cadetships Program run by Professional Cadetships Australia close on Wednesday, 14 May. Year 12 students apply online at www.businesscadetships.com.au. Under the Program, Applications for the Engineering & Technology Cadetships (ETCAD) Program opened on 28 April. The Program provides Year 12 students with the opportunity to launch their career in ICT and business through a Technology Cadetship at Westpac. Information on the ETCAD Program is at www.etcad.com.au. Applications close on Friday, 13 June. By this date, both the student Application and School Assessment are due.

Morrisby Report – Careers Testing and Profiling
The Morrisby Report is a well respected and widely used Careers Guidance Tool. The School will be offering the test to interested Year 9 students at the end of 2014. For more information see Mr Attard or visit www.morrisby.com

MHS Careers News
The School subscribes to an outstanding careers service for students and parents to keep up to date with Careers News and Events. To access this information go to the website www.mhscareers.net and then - login with: “student” or “parent” and the password: “14cairns”. On the website, have a look at the News Pages and Events Calendar and the many other useful careers pages.

Careers Room is open every day from 7.30am and during lunch. Senior Students are also welcome during study periods in the CLL.

Anthony Attard
HEAD OF THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

TKS Prep China Tour April 6-17 April

China is reputed as one of the earliest places where mankind originated and possesses the longest continuous history of the four ancient civilisations. Zhongguo is the most common name for China, first appearing in text form in the Classic of History, one of the five classics of ancient Chinese literature. The general concept of the term ‘zhongguo’ originated from the belief that the Zhou Dynasty was the ‘centre of civilisation’ or ‘centre of the world.’ Visiting this impressive country one can’t help but marvel at a culture so proud of its rich history and innovation; it certainly appears to have maintained a central role in civilisation’s development throughout the ages.

It was with excited anticipation that the Prep School tour crew of 35 participants set off to explore areas of this ancient and fascinating country over the school break. For many, this was their first venture to explore China, including the Headmaster and Mrs Hawkes, who joined us for our adventure.

Starting in the nation’s capital, Beijing, the group explored significant places and landmarks such as the Forbidden City, The Temple of Heaven, and the Summer Palace. One was struck by the vast scale of these structures and the attention given to colour, symmetry, purpose and austere reverence for authority. Standing in Tiananmen Square, examining the surrounding buildings of the Monument to the People’s Heroes, the Mausoleum of Mao Zedong, the Great Hall of the People, the National Museum of China, all in the watchful gaze of Chairman Mao’s image, you could sense China’s revolutionary and grand history.

This section of the tour also provided an opportunity to explore part of the Great Wall at Mutianyu. Snaking across the mountainous landscape, the group marvelled at the engineering genius and workmanship of this structure. Climbing over the rampart was a lot more challenging than first imagined, but such a thrill for the group.

An overnight train from Beijing took us to the ancient capital of China, Xian. The group visited the Wild Goose Pagoda, the Great Mosque and surrounding market area in the Muslim Quarter and the Tang Dynasty Art Gallery, where the group were instructed in Chinese calligraphy. To burn off the extra calories gained from dumpling meal the night before, the tour group cycled on top of the ancient city walls on tandem bikes. A highlight for this section of the tour was visiting the famous Terracotta Warriors. What struck the group was the scale of the undertaking by China’s first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, in amassing thousands of life sized clay figures, all with individual facial features, to protect him in the afterlife. Being an ongoing archaeological restoration process, it was interesting for the group to appreciate the workmanship involved in uncovering and piecing together newly discovered fragments.

The final leg of the tour took the group to the contrasting peace and tranquillity of the southern countryside around Guilin and Yangshou districts. The group wandered through the impressive Reed Flute Limestone Caves and visited Elephant Trunk Hill. One of the most fascinating elements of this section was the bike ride through the Yangshou countryside where the group was able to witness farming life as it has been operating for centuries and the beautiful patterns of rice paddies and cropping that occurs within this region.

The itinerary also included two school visits which in themselves were in stark contrast. The first school we visited was Chong Wen School in Beijing, a leading primary school of around 1,000 students, with nearly 70% of the students from Years 1-6 boarding at the school. The Prep Boys presented a musical item and shared a presentation about a day in the life of the boys at the Prep. There were opportunities for the children from both schools to interact and share their developing language skills. The boys found that their additional Mandarin lunchtime tutoring sessions that occurred in the term preceding the trip provided the added confidence and knowledge required to make this time valuable. Then there was the opportunity to head outdoors and enjoy some traditional Chinese games and activities.

The other school visit occurred in a small local village near Yangshou township. Here, resources were limited and facilities very simple indeed. However, there was...
great joy experienced in the interaction with both parties as they made presentations, shared conversations and outdoor sports activities together. Following the visit, the group was invited into the home of a family from the school to gain an insight into daily life.

The trip was hugely successful in providing the tour group with a greater understanding and appreciation of the beauty of this country, its rich history and culture. It is a land of paradoxes, celebrating its glorious past, contrasted against an unrelenting effort to forge ahead in development with large scale building projects operating seven days a week and twenty four hours a day. It was an experience that allowed the boys to reflect upon their own great fortune in the life and the environment and opportunities enjoyed both at home and in their schooling here at King’s.

Peter Allison

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Parents’ Association Dates for Your Diary

21 May at 7.00pm
Parents’ Association Meeting
Governors’ Room
All welcome.

31 May at 7.00pm
TKS Carnival Ball
Rosehill Gardens

20 June
Parents’ Association Luncheon
Centre for Learning and Leadership
for Year 12 Cadets and their families
hosted by Year 11 parents
Enquiries to Sandra Moore - sandra.l.moore@bigpond.com

7 November
Annual Women’s Dinner
Trophy Room
Market stalls are back!
Keep an eye on your emails for expressions of interest.

Carnival Ball

As the closing date for our inaugural K-12 Ball draws near, I would encourage you all to attend. The theme of the Ball is “Carnival” and we anticipate this to be a fun filled night of colour and glamour.

This would be a perfect opportunity to foster friendships within the School community whilst enjoying a great night out.

If you haven’t already done so, please book your tickets online at http://www.trybooking.com/EQUF.

Hope to see you there,

Felicity Findlay
President, TKS Parents’ Association
DIRECTOR OF SPORT

As I write, we are looking forward to attending the AAGPS Athletics Carnival on Saturday. This will be the culmination of a season in which many of our athletes have trained for six months or more. The day, which is a compulsory event for the whole School, is one of the highlights of our sporting calendar and we always manage to witness some outstanding performances.

Most of the School has moved in to the winter sport season and the boys have been involved in skills training. The first matches for some teams will be next week, 17 May when we host St Stanislaus’ College in rugby and a collection of teams including St Joseph’s and Barker in football.

It is important that all boys are conscientious in their approach to attendance at trainings and games. Boys need to think very carefully before electing to be “unavailable” - particularly at short notice for games, but for practice sessions also. Unnecessary absences affect the whole team and are disruptive for boys who then need to double up to act as reserves.

The coaching staff will be grading teams carefully and will be encouraged to reward players by promotion, if possible – or demotion if necessary, dependent upon performance.

The usual road blockages will come in to place for “Home” games – effective from next week. We need to take this measured approach in order to minimize response times in the event of any injury to a player and also to assist in safe movement around the playing fields. If any family does have a “special need” for a roadblock pass - please contact me and we will make that arrangement.

The boys have been spoken to in Assembly about the importance of notifying their coach in the event of any injury which may prevent them from playing for any period.

I have spoken also of the need to have any worrying head knock diagnosed as soon as possible after the injury has occurred. The diagnosis must be made by a properly trained medical person who will then specify the procedure to be followed to best assist with a safe recovery. It is important to realize that even if a diagnosis is made by your own doctor, that the details of that diagnosis are passed on to the School Health Centre in order that they may be correctly recorded and that those who need to know will find out!

Peter Phipps

CRICKET

I would like to invite you to The King's School Ct Thomas Memorial Pavilion next Monday evening at 7.00 pm.

The evening is an opportunity to find out how Cricket Club assists the School in delivering the cricket program at King’s, as well as getting an overview of the 2013/2014 season.

If there are any parents thinking about taking an active role on the committee next year, please come along next Monday, as office bearers will be elected on the night.

Stephen James
Master in Charge of Cricket
FOOTBALL

The World game has an exciting few months ahead, with the World Cup taking place in Brasil and the Asian Cup in Australia in early 2015. Add to that, the fact that Western Sydney Wanderers have qualified for the knock out stages of the Asian Champions League, (I believe they are the first Australian club to do so), and at the time of writing, they are preparing for their second Grand Final in as many years.

The number of boys playing Football at King’s this season (just over 480) may be an indicator of the popularity of the game, which before 2006, was known in this country as Soccer.

We have 37 teams taking to the fields each week throughout 2014. Some of those boys will be playing in what we call ‘development squads’, where they will only play against other teams from their own development squad within King’s, due to the fact that other GPS Schools don’t have the number of teams to match us. Field space has, for the first time since the development of the Massie/Old Boys/Wanderers precinct, become a problem. Therefore some boys will be training on the Harris Courts using the ‘small sided game’ format, i.e. 4 a side or 5 a side teams, as in Futsal or Indoor Football.

The Australian King’s Sevens Tournament will soon be upon us. Sunday, 25 May will see this very popular event. Local teams of various ages and from various Schools and Clubs will compete against our own King’s boys in a Seven a side competition. We hope to enter at least one team from each age group in the School.

In the July holidays a squad of boys will be attending the ‘High Energy Youth’ (HEY) Football Tournament in Brisbane. This competition is basically the same as the old ‘Southern Skies Tournament’, but with new management. In previous years Mr Sowden and I have attended the Southern Skies Tournament and have found it a wonderful training and bonding camp for prospective 1st and 2nd XI players.

The Parents’ Football committee is organising a World Cup Breakfast at The King’s School, to coincide with Australia’s first match in the World Cup against Chile. This will be ‘live’ and screened at 7.00am on Saturday, 14 June. Come and watch the game while enjoying a barbequed breakfast, for the cost of a ‘gold coin donation’.

I’m looking forward immensely to performing well in my new position as MIC of Football. I thank Mr Tim Nurcombe for leaving the sport of Football in such good stead, and for all of the help he has given me to aid a smooth transition of the MIC duties.

Peter Denyer
Master in Charge

FIFA WORLD CUP
Brasil

‘World Cup Breakfast’

To celebrate Australia playing Chile in their first World Cup match of the 2014 Finals series, the Football Committee is holding a breakfast. The game will be shown live (on a big screen) in the Thomas Memorial Pavilion at 7.00am on Saturday, 14 June.

Entry is by ‘gold coin’ donation.
RUGBY

We had our first taste of Saturday rugby for 2014 last weekend, with a series of internal trial matches across all age groups. We had internal matches because we were still missing 70 plus boys who are still involved in the GPS Athletics squad. The GPS Athletics carnival is on this Saturday, 10 May and I wish all the boys the very best in their attempts to once again chase premiership success.

Even without the athletics, last weekend was a very big day as it was The King’s School Rugby Club “Free Jersey Give Away Day”.

In what was a very generous offer, The King’s School Rugby Club gave every boy in the Senior and Prep school a free Classic rugby jersey. The boys also received food and drinks at the end of their matches.

The School cannot thank the Rugby Club enough for what they do to enhance the profile of rugby at King’s supporting touring teams both within Australia and on overseas tours, as well as providing jerseys or rugby balls etc. for the whole of our playing community.

You will see them at every home game operating the merchandise stalls up on the Doyle or White ovals and if you would like to thank them for all they do drop in and buy something, or more importantly support the major fundraiser for the Club, the annual rugby luncheon, which is on Friday, 18 July at the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel.

Prior to the commencement of rugby this term, a group of players (less athletes) trialling for the 1st and 2nd XV went to Nelson Bay for an Easter Rugby Camp. The camp was a great success with over 30 boys spending three days in the Police Boys’ Youth Camp getting to know the style of rugby that the 1st and 2nd XV coaches are going to play in the 2014 season.

Our first official trial will take place at home on Saturday, 17 May with our annual fixture against St Stanislaus College, Bathurst. The fixtures this year will be played in Sydney with Stannies having hosted us last season.

This round of fixtures will see teams selected for the first time this season; however, I must stress that these selections are not for the year, but just next week. I would imagine there will be quite a bit of movement of players between teams over the first few games, so please be assured that boys will not remain in the same team they are selected in for our first fixture.

Team selection will be based on form and coaches will be looking at the teams above and below them when selecting their side.

On another matter, I am constantly asked what the policy is on injured boys’ attendance at rugby. It is the School’s expectation that if you are injured, you are still required to attend matches and support your team and assist your coach with any game day matters e.g. touch judging, running the water etc.

In relation to training, you should also be in attendance on your team’s training days as even though you may not be able to participate, you can still see what structures or patterns your team is working on developing.

It is important that you are aware that on game day you are expected to be at the ground half an hour before the game and you may be required to reserve for the team above you.

I look forward in the coming weeks to watching some great rugby across the age groups as I know we have a group of exciting rugby players looking forward to the season commencing.

Stephen James
Master in Charge

THE RUGBY LUNCH

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18 July 2014

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