Holiness and Healing

When considering what I wish for King’s at Christmas, a range of options presented themselves. Chief of these was a spade to bury your enemies, a party to celebrate your friends and a happy situation that ensures the latter outnumber the former.

On more sober reflection, and given this is the season of goodwill, I have revised my Christmas wish list. The things I really want for King’s at Christmas are holiness and healing.

It has been a battle to arrive at this equitable state of mind because any year brings with it difficult moments and poisonous people. The difficult moments are usually created by the poisonous people. Out of ignorance, tortured logic or malevolence, poisonous people do us great harm. Unfortunately, they are seldom able to identify themselves, nor realise the harm they have done. This can cause us to fantasize about ripping off their limbs and beating their bloodied bodies with the soggy ends. (Settle, Timothy, settle.)

Such vengeful thoughts then corrode our soul and foster our translation into the very thing we hate.

Christmas is an ending and a beginning. It celebrates the end of 2014 and the beginning of 2015. I hope it also ends a year of accumulated hostilities and the beginning of renewed amity. Why? Because Christmas is a story about healing.

The Epiphany break is a time of re-creation. Proper recreation takes more than a few good nights of sleep. For me, it usually takes two weeks of rest from responsibility and the incessant whine of leaf blowers! (Settle, Timothy, settle).

We also need holiness. It’s a peculiar word redolent in ecclesial overtones. But, holiness is more than candles, incense and priestly vestments. It is being set apart from the distractions of this world to spend time with God. This is why we need Christmas. It diverts us from the bad and encourages us to think of the good. We can ponder on the words whispered to an apostle 2000 years ago:

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\text{God so loved the world that} \\
\text{He gave his only son.}
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That act of love offers us healing and holiness. It gives us the ability to live at peace with each other and with our God.

May your Christmas be one that is free of all things obnoxious. May it be a time with good friends and loving families. May it be a time of holiness and healing.

Dr Tim Hawkes
HIMALAYAN EXPERIENCE

King’s Returns to the Himalaya
In December 2015 The King’s School is returning to the Himalaya. We are intending to trek in the Annapurna Sanctuary in central Nepal, with the 12-13 day trek visiting the spectacular Sanctuary and traversing through local villages and rhododendron and bamboo forests. It will include views of some of the highest mountains on earth (Dhaulagiri and Annapurna 1) with the high point reaching Annapurna Base Camp (4130m). In addition, there will be time available to savour the unique atmosphere of both Kathmandu and Pokhara.

The trek will be led by Scott Ruddock and Nick Green and is open to students in Years 9-12 in 2015. The total trip will be about 18 days, returning prior to Christmas.

The cost should be approximately $4500-$5000 and will include all airfares (international and domestic), hotels and breakfasts in Kathmandu and Pokhara, all meals, accommodation and the use of a down jacket and sleeping bag for the duration of the trek.

Expressions of interest may be made to Mr Ruddock dsr@kings.edu.au or Mr Green nig@kings.edu.au

Scott Ruddock

SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES

Please note that all submissions must be forwarded to Susan MacDonal 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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KOKODA TREK

Following our tremendously successful 2014 Father and Son Kokoda Trek, expressions of interest are sought for the 2015 Trek.

The Trek will take place from 21 September to 2 October 2015. If you are interested in this once in a lifetime experience, please send an expression of interest email through to David Idstein – dfi@kings.edu.au. Places are limited.

David Idstein
**Boys to Men**

Over the past fortnight our Year 10 students have been busily engaged in the *Boys to Men Program*, confronting challenges, experiences and activities designed to develop essential life skills. Central to our role as educators, particularly at The King’s School, is to provide an educational experience that prepares our students for life, not just to pass an HSC exam.

Boys have engaged in seminars and practical activities exploring topics such as Financial Literacy, Sexuality and Relationships, Life Skills, Driving and Car Maintenance, Manners and Etiquette, Conflict Resolution, Resume Writing, Digital Literacy and Ethics and Personal Leadership.

The quality of presentations has been outstanding as has been the mature and enthusiastic approach by the boys. Over the past week the boys have been participating in the ‘Journey’ component of the program. The ‘Journey’ is not intended to be a physically punishing exercise, rather a reflection on what it is to be a man and an opportunity to work effectively and support each other in a group environment. Again, I have been delighted to receive several very positive calls from the Public commending the conduct and manners of our boys.

One of the highlights of the program was the inaugural Boys to Men Breakfast held last Friday. Over 90 fathers, brothers and grandfathers gathered together with the boys and some staff to hear Dr Arne Rubenstein speak on issues relating to manhood, masculinity and fatherhood in the 21st Century. Many made a considerable effort to be present and I have no doubt they all were delighted they did. I greatly valued the opportunity to share some of my experiences of fatherhood with the boys and to hear their reflections of being a son and of their journey to becoming a good man. It was a valuable and touching experience shared with some very fine young men.

I would like to extend my special thanks to the Staff, particularly Dr Steven Middleton and Mr Michael Kavanagh for their tireless work and organisation that has ensured the program has been such a resounding success.

**From the Playing Field**

Over the past fortnight we have witnessed some excellent achievements in the world of Sport. Last Saturday our 1st and 2nd basketball teams won their respective GPS Knockout Competitions; the 1st winning the Raschke Cup and the 2nd the PJ Yeend Shield. This is the first time the School has won the double and bodes very well for the upcoming GPS season that commences this Saturday against St Joseph’s College away at Hunters Hill.

In tennis and cricket our 1st and 2nd teams have met with much success. In Cricket we have had strong wins against Shore and Grammar in the first two rounds of the 1st and 2nd GPS Competitions and are well placed in the current matches against Joeys. In the Firsts we have had two centuries scored this term – Baxter Holt scoring 100 against Shore and Manus Chauhan 127 against Sydney Grammar.

Our tennis teams had comprehensive wins against the very strong Newington College outfit in the opening round of their GPS Competitions - 10½-1½ in the 1st and 12-0 in the 2nd. Over the past few days our 1sts have played in the Australian Schools’ Tennis Championship in Albury; the King’s team consisting of Kevin Shu, Jack Whitaker (C), Scott Gardiner, Rinky Hijikata and Connor Jephcott represented us with distinction. On their way to the Final, King’s defeated Applecross College (WA), Oakhill College (NSW), Maribyrnong (Vic), Endeavour Sports’ High School (NSW) and in the Semi-Final, St Peter’s College (Adelaide).

The Final against Brisbane Boys’ College was a very tightly contested match resulting in a final score line of 3 matches apiece and the Championship being awarded to BBC on a countdown. We offer our hearty congratulations to BBC on being crowned Australian Schools’ Tennis Champions and to our 1st team for being runners-up in the highly competitive and prestigious competition.

**The King’s School White Ribbon Event - Visit by Lieutenant General Morrison, Chief of Army**

On Friday 14 November we were privileged to have Lt General Morrison as our guest at Assembly to address the School promoting the White Ribbon Foundation Australia Campaign to stop violence against women. He delivered a most powerful, challenging and provoking address that was greatly received by all. Lt General Morrison acknowledged the proud tradition of The King’s School in developing and nurturing leaders for our communities and indeed nation. It was his view that in the matter of violence against women such leadership, especially from men, is urgently required.

Lt General Morrison appealed to us all to ensure that in all we do we must respect women and their right to lead dignified lives. He emphasised that for the great majority of us the most challenging issue may be that we ensure we are not bystanders when women are not treated with respect. He stated:
“This means ensuring that you are not a bystander when such things do happen. This means not shrouding yourself in the comfortable shades of grey that comprise the passive acquiescence of the malevolent acts of others. It requires you to recognise that the standard you walk past is the standard you accept and that you are judged not just on your actions, but on how you allow others to act.”

This call to arms is daunting. It requires drawing on the most special of all human qualities – moral courage.

Lt General Morrison’s message had great impact upon the School and was delivered with such sincerity and clarity that it will be an address long remembered by all.

I would like to thank Ms Kylie Hinkley for her initiative in inviting the Lt General to address us to promote this crucial message to the young men of our School.

**Staff Announcement - Director of Student Services and Senior Boarding Master**

Schools are being swamped by compliance issues and more exacting requirements in relation to workplace, health and safety. Schools also need to implement ever more stringent child protection policies. Accordingly, the Headmaster has called upon the expertise of Mr Malcolm Powys to take responsibility for these and associated matters. Mr Powys’ tireless devotion to protecting the School’s interests in these areas has made him pre-eminently suited to take on this role as Director of Student Services. Given the importance of this role, Mr Powys will continue to play a key role on the School’s Executive.

This results in a vacuum with Mr Powys transferring from his current position as Director of Boarding. The School has decided to divide this job among our five Boarding Housemasters, with each being given an increased time allowance to cope with extra duties such as attending country boarding expos, etc. This will be great professional development and will involve our Boarding Housemasters in championing the King’s boarding experience.

To provide leadership to our Boarding Housemasters and our Boarding community, Mr Josh Hoogland has been appointed as Senior Boarding Master. Like his colleagues who are Boarding Housemasters, Mr Hoogland has a delightful rapport with parents, colleagues and boys, and is admirably suited to the role of Senior Boarding Master.

I’m sure the School community will join with us in wishing both Mr Powys and Mr Hoogland every success in their new roles which will take effect in the New Year.

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**Congratulations**

*Headmaster’s Academic Leadership Awards*

The following boys have been presented with Headmaster’s Academic Leadership Awards in recognition of their application, dedication and achievement:

- **Adeeb Jirjis**
- **Thomas Blackett**
- **Charlie Woodhouse**
- **Will Fulton**
- **Eddie Mann**
- **Kennedy**
- **Gery Lefebvre**

**Junior Favesham Oratory Competition**

The winner of this competition was **Jacob Harris** (Year 8) presenting an incredibly funny and highly intellectual speech discussing the notion that “Even the smallest person can change the course of the future” from *Lord of the Rings*. Runner-up was **Rohan Shankar** (Year 8) who discussed why “People always clap for the wrong reasons” from *The Catcher in the Rye*.

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**Dr Andrew Parry**

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**Jacob Harris**  **Rohan Shankar**
Dangerous Idea No.5

“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us”
(John 1:14).

God became one of us. As Christmas dawns upon us, it is the time that we celebrate one of the most comforting yet challenging concepts of the Christian Faith.

Jesus “shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil” (Hebrews 2:14). Jesus came so that we may have freedom from sin and guilt and live to praise his name. “Because Jesus himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted” (Hebrews 2:18). We will never be able to say to God that you do not understand what we are going through, because he has gone through (and some more) his Son Jesus.

Christmas reminds us of the comfort that we receive in our salvation but it also is dangerous, because Christmas tells us that we have a God who wants to connect with us at a deep level. He became one of us so that he might share life with us for eternity. Christmas is a time for family, and most importantly it is a time to become part of God’s family.

The beliefs of the Christian Faith bring great hope and comfort, but they are also dangerous as they cause us to humbly come before our God and seek to live for him forever.

Rev Stephen Edwards
chaplain@kings.edu.au

On Saturday, 6 December at 2.00pm in Horrocks Hall, the King’s Camerata will be presenting their end of year Concert. The Concert is free; charitable donation appreciated. The choir will be joined by instrumental tutors from the School to perform well known choral and instrumental items.

Please join us for an afternoon of relaxing and entertaining music that will include well known festive favourites. You never know, you might be singing with us in 2015!

Further details from Jonathan Todhunter jpte@kings.edu.au

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Festival of Lessons and Carols
An invitation is extended to all in The King’s School community to the Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. This choral event sees over 100 boys singing on stage, telling the story of the nativity. The Service is on Sunday, 30 November, commencing at 7.30pm in Futter Hall. All are welcome.

Barry Walmsley
Curriculum Matters
Academic Tips No. 17
The Holiday 3 R’s

Reflection
It is the end of November already; 2014 is nearly over. I’m sure you all started the year with goals and targets for 2014. You certainly should have done so. Have you achieved them? Now is the time to reflect on your achievements for the year. Students in Years 7 to 10 will soon be receiving their yearly reports. It is important to examine them closely and see how many of your academic goals you have met. For those goals that perhaps you have not met, it is a good time to reflect on what it is that prevented you for reaching them. Were your goals realistic? Did you keep focused on your goals? Did you put enough effort in to achieving those goals?

You cannot change the past but you can certainly change the future. What will you do differently in 2015?

Relaxation
King’s offers a great deal of experiences and opportunities both in terms of academics and in activities available outside the classroom. These experiences mean that many of our students are very busy during term time. Classes, sport, Corps, clubs, leadership and so the list goes on. Relaxation and time with family are important.

Read
Holidays provide the perfect opportunity to sit down with a good book and read. Students will have a text to read for English for the following year and so this will be a great place to start. As well as being relaxing, reading will help to build vocabulary. Look up that word you don’t know rather than skipping over it. Don’t stop with one book.

Enjoy your well earned break!

Textbooks
Textbook lists have been distributed to all Years 7-10 students. A hard copy of the list is not really necessary as the complete list can be found by visiting the Campion website at www.campion.com.au. This year the code 7TJQ needs to be entered to view the list. Textbook orders through Campion should be completed by Wednesday, 3 December. For boarders, please tick the “Boarder” box on the website and these book packs will be available for collection at the start of the 2015 school year at School on your return.

Reports
Reports for Year 10 will be sent out towards the end of term and reports for Years 7-9 will be sent out to parents after the conclusion of Term 4. There will be no Year 11 Reports except to those students who have been identified as having concerns at the start of their HSC Course – an Interim Report will be sent to these parents.

Justin Walkden Brown

Leadership Studies
In partnership with OEG, (Outdoor Education Group) our Year 10 boys have been exploring the hidden sights of Sydney this week as part of their Boys to Men Journey. As Dr Parry outlined recently, the in-school elements of the Program have been extremely successful, leading to the departure of the Year 10 cohort in small groups last Monday. For the week they transit around Sydney generally in reasonably close proximity to the School before venturing further afield to Manly and the CBD.

A range of team activities and adventures are in place for them, with much of the direction for the group provided by the students themselves. Whilst on the journey they manage the group budget, cook meals, decide to use shank’s pony for transport rather than ferry, bus or train, using an ipad to guide them on various challenges.

This is a unique experience for students in Australian and possibly international schools and one of which we are rightly very proud at The King's School.

The weather has been kind this week after the heat of the weekend and the storm that rolled in quickly on Monday afternoon. At this stage, largely due to the quality of the students and the wonderful planning and organisation of many staff, we are on track for the most successful Boys to Men Journey in the history of the Program.

Dr Steven Middleton
2014 has been an energetic and highly successful year as we observe the higher incidence of boys electing to read for leisure. It is wonderful to watch your sons exchange stories with their friends, share what they have been reading and request books they would love to see on the shelf. To help them get reading for a long, hot summer, we have some great suggestions on display in the CLL. Your son is able to take home an armload of books for the holidays. Encourage him to do this and know you play an important role in his developing literacy.

The Literacy Shed – www.literacyshed.com/

This website is fantastic in motivating your son to read and be involved in the many creative activities it has to offer. At the Shed, he will find creative writing courses, Shed pages on Superheroes, Poetry, Inspired Minds, Film Trailers, Animations, Sports, History, Other Cultures, Ghosts and so much more. Explore this with your son – you might find you have been captured by the imaginative ideas and stories that abound in this excellent website.

Book Reviews

In Term 3, boys from Mr Symons’ Year 8 English class accepted the challenge to read the KOALA Awards shortlist – one each – and report back to the class. They did an excellent job and made some surprising discoveries about these books, some of which they wouldn’t have chosen to pick up otherwise. Here are some of their reflections:

Are there girl books and boy books?

My Life as an Alphabet by Barry Jonsberg

When I first picked up the book, I immediately wanted to put it down. It looked like your typical pre-teen girl’s book, and I wanted nothing to do with it. But when I turned to get another book, they had all gone. So I had to read this book. The blurb didn’t exactly fill me with confidence either. ‘This is the delightful story of an unusual girl who goes to great lengths to bring love and laughter into the lives of everyone she cares about.’

After the blurb, I was dreading reading the novel, but as I got into it, I realised that it was actually quite a good book. It definitely wasn’t the best book I have ever read, but the cleverness of the alphabet themed chapters, and the intriguing weirdness of Candice made me enjoy reading the novel far more than I thought I would. I finished it in a few days.

Nathan Shorrock

The Whole of my World by Nicole Hayes

A 15 year old girl named Shelley embarks on a journey searching for a fresh start after a terrible tragedy had happened in the family, leaving a place of hollowness and grief in her heart. The journey takes several unexpected turns on the way with misunderstandings, failures, surprises and heartbreaks.

At first I wasn’t much interested in the book - its ability to engage eight or so chapters, what with some of its repetitive daily struggles bringing hardly any drama to the plot. However, as the story unfolds, with numerous subplots becoming much more interesting with complex characters who are a lot to cope with at the start, but a lot easier to enjoy and sink your mind into when their imagery becomes clear, as Shelley’s perspective widens.

The book is tagged as The Aussie Football Book, which was kind of off putting to me since, frankly, I feel quite indifferent to the subject. But as I believe every reader of the book would know, it’s so much more. Everyone has their own unique place of sanctuary when the storm hits, a hobby perhaps, that we could always turn to when everything else fails us. For Shelley, it’s football, a subject connecting her new world, new school to her old world, where she has drawn a line and is constantly avoiding.

I urge you, football fan or not, teenager or not, to pick up this book and dive in.

Henry Pan

Ready for Action!

Hit List by Jack Heath

9 and a half out of 10. I found this novel very exciting to read, wondering what would happen next. The author has done a very good job to capture the reader’s attention to read on. I was especially intrigued to find out more about Ghost, one of the deadliest mercenaries in the world, and about the way that the spies, thieves or hit men worked, how they functioned in their brains, compared to ordinary people, according to the author.
**Doomsday by Chris Morphew**

I would rate this book a 4.5 out of 5. A fast-paced action adventure novel that makes you think anything is possible, it has a nail-biting ending where you do not know what is going to happen. Many authors write weak ending books, others fail a lot and kill most or all of the characters, but Morphew has done great work by managing to write what the reader wants to see. In a word- perfect!

**Navneet Gantasala**

**Books that pack an emotional punch**

**You Don’t Even Know by Sue Lawson**

An extremely emotional and sad book, but not as in chick flick or drama emotional, by an author with a history - try her excellent book After. One of the saddest, but also best books I’ve ever read. A very good writing style used. Depressing, so if you don’t like depressing books then this isn’t for you.

**Myles Kuah**

**Pennies for Hitler by Jackie French**

This is a story of Georg, a young German boy who grows up under the reign of Hitler until the age of nine. He is brainwashed in school into thinking like a Nazi. This all changes when his father is persecuted for being Jewish. The idea in the book that I most enjoyed was its perspective, because Georg early on, is so brainwashed by the German schools that he is very pro-nazi, but when he goes to England and is bombed, he is unsure to whom he should be faithful - Germany or England. It is an interesting and gripping book. The way that it is written allows it to be an easy read, while also capturing the horrors of war and the people who were affected. Also the perspective from which it is written is unique and allows it to differ from other novels from a similar period.

**Harry Inwood**

*(Pennies for Hitler was this year’s winner of the KOALA Awards, Year 7 to 9 Category, as voted by children across NSW.)*

Merry Christmas and Blessings from the CLL staff to you.

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**ARCHIVE SNIPPET**

The King’s School has had a long tradition in Lawn Bowls, when from 1874 William Robert “Gurry” Burkitt (Master 1868-1860) tended the bowling green he laid down at the School, with the help of students who had been caught “bending the rules”. Boys who had been caught smoking or playing cards were required to wheel barrows of soil for the formation of his green.

The green fell into disuse after “Gurry” left the School but each Commemoration Day, a team of Old Boys and Masters played the Parramatta Club in hotly contested matches. This competition was enhanced in 1947 by the provision of a perpetual trophy donated by Jack Ritchie. The Club was the first recipient of the trophy.

Thereafter bowling rarely rates a mention in *The School Magazine* and few would know that each year the GPS Old Boys participate in a bowling competition. The Old Boys from each school compete in a round robin competition with the finals played in November. This year was a watershed year for the TKS Old Boys, as for the first time in the 61 year old history of the competition, the TKS team was victorious, winning by one point from Shore who have been runners up in eight of the last nine finals.

While six Old Boys competed in the final on Sunday, 9 November 2014, over the course of the season, ten had contributed to the team’s success. Managed by Chris Wallace (‘91), the team of John Rock (‘60), Rick Edwards (‘58), Peter McAdam, Jon Lancaster (‘68) and Stuart Liversage (‘88) were presented with the trophy helped along the way by Geoff Pickles (‘73), Winton Kurrle (‘76), John Sherlock (‘60) and Chris Dale. Congratulations to the TKS GPS Old Boys Bowling Team.
DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

Year 7 Staffing – 2015
Peter Reuben is stepping down as Gowan Brae Housemaster at the end of this year. I take this opportunity to thank Peter for the enormous contribution he has made to the residential community here at King’s over the past seven years. He was an assistant in Gowan Brae from 2008-2010; he then took over as Housemaster of Macarthur in 2011 for two years before returning to Gowan Brae as Housemaster for another two years in 2013 and 2014. Peter will continue to be employed full time at King’s, but has decided to move off site with his family.

The School is expecting its largest intake of Year 7 students next year (240 boys including around 55 boarders). Consequently there will be a Year 7 Day Housemaster, Linda Perkovic and a new Year 7 Boarding Housemaster. We are pleased that Connor Barrett has accepted this role from the start of next year. He is a King’s Old Boy (‘94), who has had considerable experience in boarding, and is currently Head of Boarding at Canberra Grammar School. He will be introduced to the incoming Year 7 boys and their parents on Monday, 1 December at the Year 7 2015 Orientation Day.

Relocation of Year 7 Boarders
I am pleased to report that the relocation of Year 7 boarders to senior houses last weekend worked very well. All boys have settled well into their new senior house and I commend boarding staff and senior students for making them feel at home. I remind those boys who have moved into Waddy and Baker Hake that they will need to box up their possessions so that they can be moved over the summer. As previously advised, Macarthur Waddy boys will relocate to Macarthur and Hake Harris Houses for the start of the new year. Baker Hake boys start 2015 in their newly renovated house on the “Left Bank”. Consequently, if boys in these two houses can take as much of their gear home over the break as possible, it will simplify the relocation enormously.

Boarder Parents’ Committee - 2015
Further to my note in the last King’s Herald, I have received a number of expressions of interest to serve on this Committee next year. If there are other boarder parents who are interested in the possibility of joining the Committee in 2015, please let me know.

As announced elsewhere in this edition of the King’s Herald, my role will be changing next year. I will be Director of Student Services, with responsibility for a number of compliance matters and oversight of residential facilities – such as the Dining Hall and the Health Centre.

Josh Hoogland will take on a new role as Senior Boarding Housemaster. I wish Josh every success as he takes up this challenge and I look forward to working with him closely in the future.

Malcolm Powys

Braeside Shop
The School Foundation runs the Braeside Shop – a fully stocked shop at the School. It is situated in Ryrie Road, beside the King’s Theatre.
Purchased items can be charge to Visa or Mastercard or paid by cheque, cash or EFTPOS.
The Braeside Shop stocks all school uniform clothing requirements, including school shoes. New clothing is only available from the Braeside Shop.

Last trading day of Term 4, 2014
Friday, 5 December – 9.00am – 1.00pm
January 2015 trading hours
Monday, 19 – Friday, 23 January – open
Monday, 26 January – closed
Tuesday, 27 – Saturday 31 January – open

Second hand Textbook Sale
Sale days – 30 November from 4.00-6.00pm and Monday, 1 December for Year 7 2015 from 12.00noon-1.30pm.
Collect any unsold books on Monday after 1.30pm. All uncollected books will be donated to the Boaz Foundation for distribution to schools in Vanuatu.
If you are willing to assist, please contact Libby Tugwell - libbytug@bigpond.net.au.
Thanks for supporting a Parents’ Association initiative.
CAREERS

Changes to Obtaining a Tax File Number
The Federal Government has just announced that the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program will **not** continue beyond 2014. Any students (aged 13 or over) who wish to obtain a Tax File Number through School, can pick up a form from outside the Careers room.

Work Experience 2015
Year 11 Non-Corps students who require assistance with securing their Work experience placement – help is at hand. Contacts that have accepted King’s boys in the past few years can be made available to you. You can also receive tips about contacting an employer over the phone. Remember that the upcoming holidays offer you a great opportunity to sort out your placement for next year.

An RSA/RCG/Barista training course is also available during the Work Experience Week. Any students who would like to undertake this training, simply need to provide me with their names.

MHS Careers News
A reminder that the School subscribes to an outstanding careers service which allows students and parents to be kept up to date with Careers News and Events. To access this information go to the website [www.mhscareers.net](http://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.

New Resources for 2015
The King’s community will have access to a very interesting and useful Careers resource in 2015 – [www.careersworks.com](http://www.careersworks.com). This website is packed with information that covers an extensive range of career related areas. A password will be made available to the School community early next year, however, in the meantime we have free access for the rest of 2014. Have a look!

Careers at King’s in 2015
In 2015 the following Careers related services will be made available to assist students:

- Work Experience
- University presentations
- Scholarship/Cadetship application presentations
- Old Boys’ Careers Night
- Tertiary Awareness Night

- Morрисby Careers Aptitude testing in Year 9
- Job search sessions focusing on - Interview skills, CV development and cover letter completion.

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
[aca@kings.edu.au](mailto:aca@kings.edu.au)

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION

Women’s Dinner Final Results
The 2014 Women’s Dinner Committee has much pleasure in advising that all funds raised from the recent Dinner have now been tallied. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of ladies who attended the event, participated in the silent auction and guessing competition and made both online and cash donations on the night, the total amount raised to support the Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation is $18,000.

Many thanks to all the market stallholders, businesses and sponsors who contributed to this very successful result, and most especially, to the ladies of The King’s School community who opened their hearts and responded accordingly to the future vision of the Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation.

If you would like to view the collection of images that were taken by our talented photographer, Oliver Verbloot, please see the iLearn front page news section or click on [https://ilearn.kings.edu.au/homepage/9020](https://ilearn.kings.edu.au/homepage/9020).

Best wishes to all the ladies in The King’s School community for a very happy and holy Christmas.

Fiona Morley
Coordinator Women’s Dinner Committee
**Preparatory School**

**Dads and Lads Camping Experience**
One of the highlights of the year for our Year 2 boys occurred last weekend with the *Dads and Lads Campout* on Price 5 Field. This is an event that is greatly anticipated for many weeks by the boys, and one that they often recall as old boys of the Prep School in later years. Boys and their dads bring along a tent, sleeping equipment and one or two other creature comforts and join in a program that provides some bonding time between father and son, and also between the fathers of the year group. Perhaps the dads were not quite as euphoric about the camping experience as their sons, but it did allow the gents to have some extended time together as a year group and build some relationships that will be part of their journey over the next 10 years.

Year 2 is the first experience of the King’s School camp program; one that will see them involved in a camp each year until their final year at The King’s School.

Part of the experience involves the boys enjoying a range of rugby and cricket skill development activities, run by some of our Prep School coaches, which form an introduction to the competitive sports that the boys will experience in their first year of compulsory sport in Year 3. And didn’t the boys enjoy it!

The campout was superbly crafted by Year 2 teacher Amie Nasr, and well supported by Lorraine Le Claire, teaching Year 2 Indigo this term while Melvin Tan is on long service leave. In true Mrs Nasr style, every detail was accounted for, including the cooling breeze that sprang up on bedtime.

**Enterprising Adventures!**
Last week, visitors to the Prep School were ‘wowed’ by the extraordinary range of Enterprise projects that were on display in Horrocks Hall. The Enterprise project is one of the components of the Enterprise program that runs for much of the final year for a student in Year 6. Boys choose their own project, which needs to reflect the ‘spirit of enterprise’ by taking on a challenge that extends their skills, knowledge and capacity into new realms. Often a mentor will step in to guide the boys through the projects and great value is gained by that bonding time with their mentor.

Having completed this major undertaking during the course of Year 6, as a reward for their toils, they ventured out to Camp Somerset by the Colo River for a four day outdoor education program. The itinerary had the boys completing a range of outdoor activities in House groups, designed to stretch their physical capabilities and draw on initiative and courage as they faced new challenging tasks.

It was a great way to celebrate and deepen the strong relationships that they have developed over the course of their time at the Prep School.

**Peter Allison**
CRICKET

There has been plenty of recent success for us on the cricket field over the past two weeks. The 1st and 2nd XI teams remain undefeated after both completing victories against Sydney Grammar.

In the 1st XI Manus Chauhan continued from the previous week to score an outstanding 127 out of a total of 8 declared for 309. He was well supported by in-form Baxter Holt who scored an excellent 78. In an attempt to win outright the team managed to pick up 5 wickets for 157 in the 2nd innings before stumps were called. Kieran Jayasekera was the pick of the bowlers with 3 for 30.

The 2nd XI played particularly well on day 2. With the game in the balance from the previous week Jamie Shaw (58) and Dougal Hicks (48) batted superbly to give the home team a lead of 51 runs after the 1st innings. Like the 1st XI the 2nd XI picked up 5 wickets in the second innings chasing an unlikely outright win. Shubang Hariharan taking 2 wickets for 32.

The standout bowling performance of the weekend came from Sumner Roy in the 3rd XI, who took 6 wickets for 17 runs in 12 overs to bowl King’s to victory by 43 runs. Not far behind, was the 16B team who bowled Sydney Grammar out for 11 runs. Henry Pascoe with 4 for 6 did most of the damage. In the 15Cs Hamish Sylvester took 3 for 9 in a 100 run victory.

The 16As has a close victory with captain Eddie Poolman (74) leading the way as the home team chased down 202 for the loss of 9 wickets. The 14As had a good win against Sydney Grammar. After Adham Mikhael top-scored with 45 not out it was pleasing to see the team bat out all of day 1. The team defended 151 well with Ariyan Sharma taking 3 for 7 in a 42 run victory. In his first match after being promoted to the 15As James Harrison top-scored with 29 but he was lacking support in a 93 run loss. The 15Bs had a 73 run victory led by Zac Goldschmeid (55no) and Thomas Grigson (36). The 14Bs had an excellent win with Noah Olejniczak top scoring with 46 not out. Also in the runs were Will Cambpell and Michael Ha from the 15Ds with 42 and 30 runs respectively. Jeremy Low (37) top scored in the 14Cs as they lost to Sydney Grammar.

Last Saturday saw our 1st and 2nd XI teams begin their 2-day matches against St. Josephs College. In the 1st XI James Fisher led the way with an excellent 81. He received plenty of support with Angus Campbell (48), Henry Evans (42) and Will Gardner (40) all making significant contributions to a total of 285.

Incredibly captain Aidan Peek bowled 6 consecutive maidens late in the day including a wicket to leave Joeys on 1 for 14 off 11 overs at stumps.

In the 2nd XI captain Sam Cale (83) and Jamie Shaw (72) saw the home team post a sizeable total of 251. They were well supported by Dougal Hicks with 33 important runs. Joeys negotiated some nervous moments late in the day to end up 0 for 23. The King’s spinners, however, were looking particularly dangerous.

All the A teams and the 3rd XI all had an excellent day 1 against Joeys. The 3rd XI led by Tom Marsh (4 for 33) bowled the home team out for 157. In reply Josh Rigon (36no) led the way, as King’s finished on 0 for 58. The 14As have already won with Will Bird taking 3 wickets in an over as Joeys collapsed to 40 all out. At stumps, King’s were 2 for 132 with Marcus Miller (70no) leading the way. The 15As also have passed Joeys on day 1. All the bowlers were excellent but Lachlan Apps (3 for 1) and Kyle Townsend (2 for 1) picked up the best figures as Joeys were bowled out for 106. In reply King’s finished the day on 9 for 165. Charlie Cale made a hard-hitting 40, whilst opener Ben Thompson scored a valuable 30. The 16As recovered well to bat for the most of day 1. The last wicket fell on 173 with Will Kent top-scoring with 33. A good bowling performance will be needed to secure victory.

We also had plenty of success from the rest of our teams in one-day matches against Newington. All these matches resulted in victories to King’s with some stand out performances including Liam Bishell (3 for 12 in 14Bs), Azaan Waqar (41 not out in 14Cs), Hamish McSmith (3 for 9 in 15Bs), Advik Jain (36 not out and 2 for 1 in 15Cs), and Naiyan Sharma (25 and a hat-trick in 16Bs). Our 5th XI had a narrow loss to Shore despite the outstanding efforts of Lachlan Scales (55 runs and 2 wickets). The day also saw some outstanding fielding with excellent catches by Will Gardner in the 1st XI and Anthony Dingwall in the 15Bs.

Many of our cricketers have come through from the Prep School. Five of our current 1st XI are former Prep students. A couple of weeks ago the Prep 1st XI joined...
the Senior School 1st XI for some fielding and skills work on the White Oval. The older boys took the younger lads in a series of drills in an afternoon that was enjoyed by all involved.

Stephen James
Master in Charge

The King’s School Cricket Club invites you to celebrate cricket at King’s.

Friday, 6 March 2015 is our Annual Cricket Lunch at Dockside Darling Harbour, a fantastic day spent with family and friends. Save the Date!

Support the TKS cricket community and join us to be entertained by former Australian Test Cricketer Stuart Clark and one of Australia’s most popular Sports Presenters, Stephanie Brantz.


The following weekend on Saturday night, 14 March after the final game of the season, it’s Presentation Night on the White Oval. Come and join us for a BBQ and beverage to share the successes of all the Kings cricketers!

Sunday, 15 March is time for “The Ashes” at King’s where it’s “game on” against the Prep teachers and fathers v the Senior teachers and fathers! Get in quick and express interest if you want to show the boys how the game is played! A grudge match at its best!

Please forward any enquiries to soniaholt@bigpond.com

BASKETBALL

TKS vs Grammar - 15 November

2nds TKS (47) Riverview (42)

This was an action packed contest between two athletic teams. King’s established a small margin by quarter time but Grammar surged in the second quarter and only 2 points separated the teams at half time. The second half tested both teams but King’s was able to edge ahead and finish the game with a close but satisfying 5 point win. Leading the scoring was Thomas Harvey (10), followed by Marko Putica (8) and Alex Moore (8). Adam Abboud did an exceptional job in rebounding (11), ably supported by Alex Moore (10), Thomas Harvey (8) and Elliot Reece (6). Defensive pressure was maintained by Jordan Mung, Kyle Brown and Jack Taylor and Brydan Moussa made a valuable contribution at both ends of the court. Winning this game was a challenge against a strong and improving Grammar side, but patience and capitalizing on making successful foul shots (8/12) proved to be the difference.

1sts TKS (76) Grammar (58)

Grammar is a team that should never be underestimated as they are always tenacious and run the floor very efficiently. King’s established a comfortable margin at every break but the quality of the game was much better than the final score line indicates. Although both teams put up about the same number of shots, Jayden Prakash (16), Adam Lulka (22) and Mark Morian (15) were on song with their shooting and Adam Lulka and Will Pearce dominated rebounding and this gave the team many second chance opportunities offensively and valuable possession at the defensive end. Nick Brown and Dougal Stacy are getting stronger in their roles with every game and Ben Planinic and Nathaniel Page continue to force turnovers and errors from the opposition that are able to produce points.

Raschke Cup and Yeend Shield – 22 November

The 1st and 2nd teams competed in this prestigious GPS tournament held annually in November. Riverview hosted the 1st competition and Newington the 2nd. Both of the King’s teams had a remarkably successful day – the result of hard work and team work. Both teams won their pools after playing three games and coincidently played the Final in both grades against Riverview.

Both finals provided top class GPS competition between highly competitive teams and King’s were winners in both grades. Winning both trophies in the same year is a first for King’s, having won the Raschke Cup previously in 1981 and 2006 and the Yeend Shield for the first time in 2013.
Congratulations to all the players and their coaches on this unique achievement. As the first round of GPS competition begins on 29 November vs St Joseph’s, King’s tournament successes will provide a solid platform from which to launch into the season.

The results were:

**Raschke Cup**
TKS (29) Newington (19)
TKS (41) Grammar (32)
TKS (33) Shore (22)
Final TKS (37) Riverview (29)

**Yeend Shield**
TKS (29) Newington (17)
TKS (35) Scots (34)
TKS (28) High (23)
Final TKS(30) Riverview (27)

On Sunday, 30 November the tour group departs for a three week trip to the USA. Games are planned in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Washington DC and California and the three teams and coaching staff are wished a successful and enjoyable time. Previous tours have proved that the players come back to the second half of the season much stronger and more experienced as the result of their experiences overseas.

Finally, I would like to wish all players, their families and friends of basketball at King’s, all the best for a wonderful Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

**Julianne Stanton**
Master in Charge

As a thank you for hosting the Kings this year The Sydney Kings have a special offer for The King’s School community.

- Adults at Children’s prices (only $15*)
- and The King’s School’s own seating area**

**Kings vs NZ Breakers (current leaders of the NBL)**
Venue: Qantas Credit Union Arena(formerly the Sydney Entertainment Centre)
Hit this ticketek link below and enter your Password: SCHOOL

PLEASE NOTE: It is best to be seated by 7.15pm as players are announced on court then.

Bring your basketballs or merchandise as the players will sign them on court after the game

The lion mascot will visit The King’s School seating area

* (fees and charges apply)
**Offer valid until Thursday, 4 December.
Once allocation is exhausted tickets will be issued as next best available seating.
The racing season is now upon us. Over the last two weekends we have had two official regattas held. The first regatta was for the Year 9 crews and above and results were solid, with the 2nd Junior VIII winning and most other junior crews finishing on the podium.

The week prior to the official regattas starting saw the annual competition against Newington for the senior VIIIIs and IVs. Although King’s lost the Downer Trophy, the race was well received as it returned to a match race format. The match-racing format is how the race was established back in 1945.

This season is time sensitive and as such the Rowing Club decided to break away from traditional Easy Oar dinner normally reserved for Term 1 and instead held a function on the Deck at the Boat Shed. The night was a successful one, with more of an emphasis on coming together as a community. The weather was warm and the cocktails flowed, allowing parents across all the age divisions to come together and talk all things rowing.

This weekend will see the Year 8 crews have their first official race against the other AAGPS schools. As normal, this will take place in Hen and Chicken Bay. The Year 8s have had a solid term of training and gaining the necessary skills needed to race, however, have been itching to compare their competitiveness against the others. We will also see the annual migration to Grafton for some of the senior crews. The boys in this two day regatta will see themselves pitted against the top Queensland Schools along with the regular AAGPS ones and possibly a few Victorians.

Below is some further information regarding the upcoming holiday training and Camp information for the end of January. There will be more detailed information sent via email shortly.

**Christmas Training**

Although we encourage the boys to rest and recover during the School holidays, we would ask for support in ensuring the boys stay fit over the Christmas break. One hour a day of physical fitness will place the boys at a great advantage when they arrive at camp at the end of January. To facilitate this we will also be opening the shed for all boys going into Years 9, 10, 11 and 12. We would like to be able to open it up to the entire shed, however, we will not have all coaches available and therefore feel it would be unsafe to have novice rowers on the water. Open times are as follows:

6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20 and 22 December and 3, 5, 7 and 10 January. After this date, all boats will be used for camps.

**Camp dates**

(detailed information to be distributed via email):

*Senior Camp - compulsory*

starts at 3.00pm at Putney on 10 January, concluding at 1.00pm on 25 January. There will be a scheduled day off on 19 January where boys can either stay at the shed, or go home should they wish.

-Year 10 VIIIIs
23 – 28 January

-Year 9 Quads
25 – 28 January

-Year 8 Quads
25 – 28 January

**James Tyree**

Master in Charge
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