Headmaster’s Distinctions

Term 4 2011

Kindergarten
Matthew Bialocerkowski
Brian Carpenter
Aadesh Lala (x2)

Year 1
Veer Benepal
Oscar Deng (x2)
Noah Duke
Cooper Georgeadis
James Kirkpatrick
Eric Li
Joseph Maroon - Yacoub
Joseph Papasinos
Rohan Srivastava
Lawrence Wei
Harris Yang

Year 2
Thomas Barton
Nicholas Horne (x7)

Year 3
Marcus Malouf
James Mead
Ahmed Sabra

Year 4
Taylan Borhan
Than Henley
Mikey Koutsoukos (x3)

Year 5
Ritvik Somaiya
Rahul Tripathi

Year 6
Kieran Lowe
Mike Morgan
Billy Stapleton (x16)

Prep News
Friday 3rd February 2012

Here’s to a CREATIVFE and exciting year!
Rainy skies could not dampen the huge enthusiasm of our staff, students and parents as we got the 2012 school year under way this week! What adventures lie ahead! What wonderful rewarding experiences await the boys in the classroom, out of the classroom and through the many special events already locked into our calendar! Bring it on!

I am encouraging the boys to take hold of their abundant learning opportunities. I am also suggesting to them that they can make the year even MORE exciting, MORE interesting and MORE successful by what they think and do.

This year we are urging the boys to be CREATIVFE in the way they THINK about things and DO them.

Here are some ways for them to be creative:

- try something new … a new musical instrument/sport/activity/book
- try new ways of doing what they already do … a new piece of music, a new uber-clever move in football or rugby, a new series of books to read!
- try to be imaginative in all they do … think about different ways of approaching tasks… they might find a whole new better way of going about things – or at least have fun trying!

Whilst some things will and should stay the same, learning and life do not have to be about doing the same old things in the same old way! Some changes are good!

New or re-badged staff!

We are delighted to welcome to the Prep School team the following new or ‘re-badged’ staff:

Mrs Rachel Johnston (Director of Learning/PYP Coordinator … still en route from China!)
Mrs Amie Nasr (2B … returned from maternity leave)
Mr Chris Xegas (5X)
Ms Voni Howard (GAT Specialist, K-6)
Mrs Claire McDonald (K-2 Teacher Librarian for 2012)
Mrs Linda Browne (Yrs 1 and 2 Music Specialist)
Mr Trevor Addison (Director of Strings, K-12)
Ms Julia Brimo (Piano Tutor/Accompanist)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “Strive to be first: first to nod, first to smile, first to compliment and first to forgive.”  Author unknown
Parent Information Evening … Wednesday 8th February … 7.30pm … Horrocks Hall
The Prep staff very much look forward to your company next Wednesday evening for our Information Evening. Find out more about the exciting learning that awaits your sons this year!

Fathers’ Association AGM … Monday 13th February … 7.30pm … Horrocks Hall
Gents, don’t miss this outstanding opportunity to socialise with other Prep dads over some pizza and drinks, whilst finding out a bit about what the Fathers’ Association has done in the past and plans to do this year and beyond! Remember, every Prep dad is automatically a member … so come and enjoy the company of your fellow members!

Keith Dalleywater
Head of the Preparatory School

DEPUTY HEAD

Individual Database Photographs
This Wednesday, 8th February, all boys will have their photograph taken for our School database. Boys in Years 3–6 will be required to wear a white shirt on this day.

Student Attendance
The King’s School Preparatory School records the daily attendance of all students at the start of the day when students arrive for a lesson with their home class teachers at 8.25am. Parents are required to call the Prep Administration Office (9683 8444) by 8.30am in the event of their child being absent from school. From 8.50am, the office administration assistants begin contacting parents of any child who is unaccounted for. A separate signed note should be provided, to your class teacher, explaining any absence. Reasons for absences are recorded on the database system.

Monitoring student absences - Parents are kept informed of the attendance records of their sons through the school reports. Each semester a written report is given to the parents of each boy and the number of days absent is recorded on this document.

Late arrival procedure - The school maintains records on late arrival at school. If students arrive after the 8.25am bell, they must report to the Prep administration office, where their name and reason for lateness is registered on the database. There are times where nothing goes to plan in the morning, the wheels fall off and no matter how hard you try, arriving at school on time just won’t happen! However, when a pattern of late arrivals is set, it is extremely disruptive for the teachers, boys and administration staff. Teachers have to retrace their steps with regard to instructions, other class members are distracted by the interruptions, and administrative staff are unnecessarily diverted from other important tasks. Constant lateness can also be stressful for the boy concerned and does not set a good example for being principled and reliable in the future. It is important for the boys to arrive at school in plenty of time to ensure they are at class for roll call at 8.25am. The school will send out a reminder letter to families who consistently drop students off after 8.25am. If lateness persists on a regular basis, a meeting will be arranged with the school to jointly solve the problem.

Requests for leave - Requests for leave, other than daily appointments, need to be made, in writing, preferably by email, to the Head of the Prep (kdh2o@kings.edu.au). Requests should be made early to allow the Head time to respond. The Prep administration office needs to receive advanced notice, in writing, of boys who will miss part of a day due to another appointment. On departing the school for a part-day appointment, students must report to the Prep office where details of their departure time will be recorded on the database. They must also report to the office on their return. Infants boys must be collected from their classrooms for appointments. Primary boys are to wait in the Prep office.

Lost Property
Lost property is collected and held in a large basket found in the rear of the hall. Items are sorted on alternate Tuesdays and distributed to boys in their house meetings. Boys receive a stroke against their names for each item appearing in the basket. Three items a term will result in the boy spending some time during the lunch period to contemplate the importance of looking after ones personal belongings! Please ensure all clothing, lunch bags and other items are clearly labelled using the surname. Unnamed items will be kept in the front office for one week before being sent to the boarding house for general use.

Emergency Evacuation and Lock-down Procedure
At The King’s School, the safety and well-being of the children, staff and parents is paramount. We have many measures in place to ensure that we provide a safe and supportive environment: one such measure is our ‘Evacuation and Lock-down Procedures’. The procedure is displayed in all classrooms along with a map indicating evacuation paths. For your peace of mind, and on the occasion where you may be offering support in the school during an emergency, the evacuation and lock-down procedures have been presented below. Please take the time to read through their contents.

Peter Grimes
Deputy Head of the Preparatory School
We welcome the Year of 2024 to ‘Big School’ as well as boys in the Years of 2023 and 2022. We welcome Ms Claire McDonald as our Library Specialist. The downstairs ILC will be open on Thursday mornings at 8.00am for boys to enjoy and also for parents to connect with Ms McDonald to discuss literature and borrowing.

There is the opportunity to hear about class programs next Wednesday February 8 and it is our plan that at least one parent from each family will be present. Please set this as a priority meeting. This is not an evening that is suitable for children to attend.

Now that the holidays are but a distant memory, the boys will need to be in good patterns for bedtime. Parents will need to be the leaders in this. The nature of our day at school can be very much impacted when we have tired boys who have not had adequate rest for their brains. As a guide, young boys need at least 10 hours of good sleep each night. This means a bedtime of no later than 7.30, with lights out at 8.00 for most families.

First Time Compliance
Our boys are expected to comply with an instruction at the first asking. We therefore encourage families to adopt this in their homes, ie. when your son is asked to clean his teeth, he must do it at the first asking. This response will ensure good and happy days at school that will facilitate top educational outcomes in due course.

Units of Inquiry - Central Ideas
Kindergarten: School is the next step in my history
Year One: We express ourselves in many different ways
Year Two: Over time people have developed different ways to get from place to place

We welcome community members from any Year group to assist as primary sources in our areas of inquiry. Those who have special interest or professional understandings, please contact the class teachers or me and we will arrange for a time for you to share your expertise with the children.

In my role as pastoral and academic carer of the boys I look forward to learning all there is to know about them. I hope to connect often with you as parents and carers also. I reproduce this lovely poem about unity and teamwork. I trust that 2012 will be a fabulous year of connection, collaboration, cooperation and care.

Belinda Baxter
bsb@kings.edu.au

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UNITY

I dreamed I stood in a studio
and watched the sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind,
and they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher;
the tools he used were books and music and art;
One, a parent with a guiding hand,
and a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day the teacher toiled,
with touch that was deft and sure,
While the parent laboured by his side
and polished and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last their task was done,
they stood proud of what they had wrought.
For things they had moulded into the child
could neither be sold nor bought.

And each agreed he would have failed
if he had worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the school,
and behind the teacher, the home.

Anonymous

2012 Vice Captains/Infants’ Monitors
Gus Grinham, Matthew Chamoun, Marcus Lim, Christopher Gailey

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MUSIC GLORIOUS MUSIC!

Musical lovers have a lot to celebrate, with the announcement that Packemin Productions will be staging the West End and Broadway favourite OLIVER! at Parramatta Riverside Theatres in February 2012.

With over 70 children in the cast, including The King's School's own Andreas & Athan Pappas, Sam Johnson, Joshua Coppolelli, Angus Padley and Jacob Harris, OLIVER! will delight adults and children alike. A perfect Christmas present for someone or an opportunity to spoil yourself, tickets are available for purchase now from the Riverside Box Office.

After the massive success of their 2011 production of JOSEPH AND THE TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, Packemin productions and Director Neil Gooding are excited to be bringing another much loved musical to the Parramatta stage. OLIVER!, writer and composer Lionel Bart’s most successful musical, is based on the famous Charles Dickens novel Oliver Twist. Oliver is a nine year old boy living in the squalid conditions of an orphanage but eventually finds himself living on the streets where he meets the Artful Dodger. Oliver’s new friend introduces him to the elderly Fagin who teaches young boys the art of pickpocketing. Oliver also finds a new friend in sweet Nancy and her sister Bet. Wrongly accused of stealing, he is taken in by the wealthy and kindly Mr Brownlow, but Oliver’s new life soon comes under threat by the villainous Bill Sikes.

Alongside seasoned professionals such as Wayne Scott Kermond (Singin’ In The Rain, Guys & Dolls) in the iconic role of Fagin, Todd Keys (Phantom Of The Opera, Dr Zhivago) as Bill Sikes and Katie McKee (My Fair Lady, Floyd Collins) as Nancy, a cast of over 100 talented performers will bring the stage to life with visually spectacular renditions of classic songs such as Food Glorious Food, Consider Yourself and You’ve Got To Pick A Pocket Or Two.

Tickets on sale now - www.riversideparramatta.com.au
OLIVER! will be staged at Parramatta Riverside Theatres 3 - 18 February 2012
Ph: (02) 88393399

Adult: from $30
Concession: from $25
Children U16: from $25
PARENT INTRANET ACCESS

The Prep School intranet is a useful tool for parents. It provides information about a range of issues pertaining to your child’s learning, both in and out of the classroom. The TKS Parent username and password for access to the Intranet for 2012 will be:

Username: tksparent or tksparents
Password: boarding2011

Log on to stay in touch with what is going on around the School.

YEAR CONTACT LISTS

The school will be providing to current Prep parents address (suburb only), email and phone numbers for each year, to facilitate communication between families over school matters.

Due to the Privacy Legislation, we wish to provide you with the opportunity to not have your details included in this listing.

Please advise the Prep Office (Ph: 9683 8444) by Monday 27th February at the latest if you DO NOT wish your details to be published in a year list.

Checkmate!

Boys, whether you want to learn to think outside the square(s) or learn to checkmate your best mate, watch this space to find out more about a new chess initiative at King’s.

Parents, at the Prep we are very keen to help your boys think in different ways, to challenge them, to have them exercise their brain and think critically and analytically. If you want to teach your boys how to think strategically this new programme is a fun way to do it.

Information about this Year 1-6 programme will be sent home shortly and in the next newsletter.

Mrs CA Pearman
Chess Coordinator

Calling all Debaters

ISDA & IPSHA Debating

This year boys in Year 5 and 6 are once again invited to participate in debating. IPSHA Debating is competed within school time in Term 2, 3 and 4. ISDA Debating is a Friday evening competition, which runs in Term 1 and 2. Two teams are selected within ISDA Debating, an A and B Team. These boys are required to stay after school on a Friday and be prepared to debate Friday evenings. This level of competition, only providing one hour of preparation time, is very challenging but rewarding.

Debating coaching will commence next week (Week 2) in the ILC Theatrette. On Tuesday bring your lunch along if you would like to learn a little bit more.

Miss Howard

Church@Kings

9.30am Weekly Family Service

Church@Kings meet each Sunday morning in the auditorium for the Centre for Learning and Leadership which is located in the Senior School.

Our Family Service includes creche and groups for children in Infants and Primary as well as a Junior High group.

A church for the King’s community
Email: prepchaplain@kings.edu.au Office: 9683 8433
Website: church.kings.edu.au
Emergency Evacuation Procedure

Evacuation is signalled in any situation where the Head of the Prep School or his nominee deems it necessary for the Prep School community to evacuate the buildings

1. The “Signal” will be a continuous bell
2. The “All Clear” will be the school bell ceasing to sound
3. Evacuate to Price 3 and 4, with Year 6 lining up closest to The Stables
4. Classes to follow the evacuation map in their rooms
5. All doors left unlocked
6. Class rolls carried by teachers / Master roll by Director of Learning / First aid kit and EpiPen by nurse
7. Specialist teachers take their class rolls / Director of Music takes instrument tuition timetable
8. Any withdrawal-from-class specialists take their own students to the evacuation area
9. Teachers should lead the students in a calm and orderly manner
10. Students working alone should evacuate immediately and join up with their classes in the evacuation area
11. Parents should accompany classes they are supporting at the time or follow the evacuation map
12. Deputy Head will check all classes and sound the all clear

January, 2012

Emergency Lock-down Procedure

Lock-down is signalled in any situation where the Head of the Prep School or his nominee deems it necessary for the Prep School community to remain inside and ‘locked down’

1. The “Signal” will be an intermittent continuous bell
2. The “All Clear” will be the school bell ceasing to sound
3. During ordinary class times stay in classroom or move to the nearest secure location
4. Before school, recess, lunch time or after school move to Horrocks Hall, unless already in secure location
5. Supervising staff take control and assess the situation
6. Stay inside and keep students/others inside
7. Close and lock windows and doors, pull down blinds and turn off lights
8. Sit (on floor if necessary) - don’t remain standing
9. In severe storms, move away from windows
10. In other situations, move into a position away from those looking in
11. Keep those under your control calm, even if you do not know what is happening
12. Head of the Prep School will attempt to let you know what is happening via email or direct contact
13. Emergency evacuation may override a lockdown situation

January, 2012

Peter Grimes
Deputy Head of the Preparatory School
Dear Parents,

1 February, 2012

During the first two weeks of Term 1, students in Years 3 – 6 will be trialed in the Summer Sport of their choice. There will be internal trials on Thursday 2nd February in school time (8.45 – 10.25am). This Saturday 4th February there will be internal trials held at the Prep School between 8am and 10am (approx). Further information is attached. After school sport training will begin from Monday 6th February 2012 and will be held on the Preparatory School playing fields and courts from 3.30 pm – 4.45 pm. Details can be seen below. Summer sport training will cease from Week 9 in Term One.

After school training days for Term 1 will be as follows:

Monday
Year 4 Cricket
Junior Basketball

Tuesdays
Year 5 Cricket
Senior Basketball C, D, E and F Teams
Tennis

Wednesday
Year 6 Cricket
Year 3 Cricket
Senior Basketball A and B Teams

Thursdays
Training in school hours for all teams
Prep Swim Team (1st session 2nd February 3.15pm for all age groups)

Fridays
Prep Swim Team (1st session 3rd February 3.15pm for all age groups)

Saturday 11th February
Summer competition commences.

N.B. Swim Team is comprised of the 2011 top swimmers that competed for the School. If you are a new student to the School and would like to find out more information about the swim team, please contact Mr Rogers (pbr@kings.edu.au)

All after school training sessions are conducted on the TKS Price Fields, Price Courts, Harris Courts and Gowan Brae Courts. They commence at 3.30 pm and conclude at 4.45 pm.

UNIFORMS: Boys who have been selected in the Prep are expected to wear the following uniform.

CRICKET –
TKS white monogrammed polo shirt, white shorts, short white socks, white sport shoes,
TKS white wide-brimmed hat or TKS cricket cap. (Traditionally long white pants are worn by the 1st XI team. However, other boys may wear them where deemed desirable by parents.

BASKETBALL -
TKS basketball shorts and singlet, white socks, sports shoes, TKS K-cap

TENNIS -
TKS navy blue monogrammed polo shirt, white shorts, white socks, sports shoes and a TKS K-cap

Sunscreen / blockouts should be worn.
All items of apparel can be purchased at the Braeside Clothing Shop at The King’s School. Please make sure all equipment and clothing is labelled correctly with the students details so it can be returned if found.

WET WEATHER DETAILS:
In the event of inclement weather no decision will be made until Saturday morning at approx.7.00am
Team members are to ring the Wet Weather Number 9683 8484 after 7.00am for a recorded message or access http://intranet.kings.edu.au/prep/wetweather/wet.htm.

Yours sincerely

Mr Phill Rogers
Prep Sportsmaster
pbr@kings.edu.au
0417 290 433
THE KING’S SCHOOL PREPATORY SCHOOL
Term 1 – Sport trials

Thursday 2nd February 2012 – 8.45 – 10.25am

CRICKET
Year 3 Cricket – Price 5 (Mr Frost, Mrs Reuben, Mr Webb and Mr Beresford)
Year 4 Cricket – Price 2 (Mr Harris, Mr Conway, Scott Templeman)
Year 5 Cricket – Price 4 (Mr Xegas, Mr Curtis, Daniel Headford, Alex Baxter)
Year 6 Cricket – Price 1 (Mr Lavender, Mr Steve James, Nathan Middleton, Rob Konstantopoulos)

BASKETBALL
Senior A, B, C, D, E, F – Harris Courts 4 – 6 at TKS Senior School (Mr Giovanelli, Mr O’Connor, Mrs Ruddock)
Junior A, B, C, D – Price Courts 1-2 (Mr Hunt, Mrs Pearman, Matt Templeman)

TENNIS
All Tennis at Gowan Brae (Andrew Turner, Caleb Marshall, Mrs Angela Kuo)

Saturday 4th February 2012

CRICKET – 8 – 10am
Year 3 Cricket – Price 5 (Mr Frost, Mrs Reuben, Mr Webb and Mr Beresford)
Year 4 Cricket – Price 2 (Mr Harris, Mr Conway, Scott Templeman)
Year 5 Cricket – Price 4 (Mr Xegas, Mr Curtis, Daniel Headford, Alex Baxter)
Year 6 Cricket – Price 1 (Mr Lavender, Mr Steve James, Rob Konstantopoulos, Nathan Middleton)

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Junior A, B, C, D – Price Courts 1-2 (Mr Hunt, Mrs Pearman, Matt Templeman)

TENNIS – 8 – 11am
All Tennis at Gowan Brae (Andrew Turner, Caleb Marshall, Mrs Angela Kuo)
Year 5 players trial from 8 – 9.30am
Year 6 players trial from 9.30 – 11am
I give permission for my child ____________________________ in year ______ to attend The Big Rescue on Friday 9 March in Horrocks Hall and
☐ Sunday 11 March at CLL Auditorium - TKS Senior School
(See webpage above for a map of CLL).
Signed: ________________________________