Headmaster’s Distinctions

Term 4
Weeks 7 & 8

Kindergarten
Marc Assabgy
Harshel Gopiinaath
Neelesh Govender
Kasen Heiskanen
Christian Teo

Year 1
Noah Chadwick (x2)
Anton Dmitrenko
John Hazzouri
Julian Kirkpatrick (x2)
Pranav Maheswaran

Year 2
Isaac Armstrong
Sammy Castillo
Callum Mackenzie
John Wu
Princeton Yuen (x2)

Year 3
Rudra Aggarwal (x2)
Ethan Dearnley
Jayden Gill (x2)
Eric Li (x2)
Ben Pavlakis
Samuel Pritchard
Cooper Smith
Matthew Wu (x2)

Year 4
Reilly Berchi (x8)
Thomas McConnell

Year 5
Ben Addison

Year 6
Andrew Cameron (x23)
Wesley Cheung (x15)
Lachlan Clark (x9)
Blake Cocker
Thomas Elton (x17)
Josh Hickey (x6)
Charlie Farrington (x7)
Bill Goh (x9)
Sam Johnson (x12)
Benjamin Macleod
Marcus Malouf
Oliver McMorran (x2)

Prep News
22nd November, 2013

The Spirit of Giving

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

In my first year back at King’s after a five year Singaporean hiatus, I have been constantly reminded about the culture of generosity that exists in the Prep School. This spirit of giving has been evident in the warm and gracious way in which people deal with each other in their daily interactions (student, staff and parent); in the way our parent body have been so generous in the provision of time to support school weekly learning initiatives and events; and in the generous financial giving towards various charities and causes to support others. (Who could forget the amazing Helpathon $16,000 support for International Care Ministries in the Philippines and Watoto Ministry with orphaned children in Uganda!)

It is so encouraging and inspiring to work amongst a community where a spirit of giving is so embedded within its culture. Being generous is also an action that we are called to as Christians. The Bible talks about how generous God is to us stating that, ‘we have been lavished in blessings from God.’ If we are adopted into His family, then we have a responsibility to further the values of His family, which include love, compassion, kindness … and generosity.

Each Christmas we are reminded of the extraordinary act of generosity on God’s part; that He would come to us in human form, in the person of His son, Jesus Christ, so that we might know more of His character and have a relationship with Him. Further than that, God’s plan, right from the start involved the sacrifice of His son, Jesus Christ, because this is the only way that the relationship between humans and our creator God could be repaired. Now, how generous is that?!

So, as we enter this Christmas season, this season of giving, I encourage families to take time and remember God’s unsurpassable generosity in the ultimate gift of Jesus.

Boys and parents have an opportunity to join together in worship of our wonderful Heavenly Father at the upcoming Carol Service to be held on Tuesday 2 December. This special event will take place in Futter Hall in the Senior School, starting at 7pm. The K-2 boys should wear their school uniform with their blazers and the boys in Years 3-6 are required to wear their uniform with a white shirt for this evening occasion.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24
Generous Support for our School
I pay tribute to the Fathers’ Association and the 2014 committee for the fine way in which they have served the school and supported the boys. There have been many successful events held throughout the year that would be impossible to stage without such generous support. Our Year Three dads have been amazing in their weekly service through the Saturday FA Canteen. Masterfully managed by David Fenech and Chris Papasinos, these dads have sacrificed much of their own time each Saturday, cooking at the BBQ, serving up a great cup of coffee and looking after the needs of our own community and the visitors to our school. I particularly want to thank the FA President for 2013, Mr Aaron Malouf, who has done a wonderful job leading the association. Our thanks are also extended to the enthusiastic, committed members on the FA Committee who have represented each year group, and the School, in this important leadership role.

A Chance to Say Farewell
I am saddened to report that Mr Tim Harris has decided to take up a position as a class teacher at Tara Anglican School for Girls in 2014. Although only at King’s for three years, Tim has endeared himself to the boys, staff and parents alike through his lovely gentle, Christian nature and his outstanding service as a teacher.

Taking Tim’s place at the school will be Mr Russel McCool. Russel is currently based in Melbourne, a Lead Teacher at Melbourne Girls Grammar. Russell has experience in teaching at a number of leading independent schools in NSW, including Knox Grammar and also overseas. Russell, his wife and two children will relocate to Sydney over the Christmas break.

In 2014, Mike O’Connor will move to part time teaching in the area of Woodwork only. Over the past few years, Mike has also operated as a PE teacher alongside his Woodwork teaching role. Mr Rod Hokin will take up the PE teaching duties at the Prep for two days a week in 2014. Rod is well known to the Prep community having worked as a relief teacher in Woodwork and PE on teaching blocks and as a casual relief teacher.

All K-6 families are cordially invited to join us for Presentation Day on Friday 6th December at 2pm in Futter Hall. Once the formalities conclude (at approximately 3.30pm) we’ll enjoy afternoon tea together, and you will have the opportunity to say farewell to all staff for the year, and a special farewell to those staff members departing the school - Ms Deborah Adams (moving to Roseville College), Mr Tim Harris (moving to Tara Anglican School for Girls) and Ms Claire McDonald (who completes her teaching contract in Melvin Tan’s 12 month absence).

We also wish farewell to our fine young men of Year Six and their families. We thank you for journeying together with us over the past number of years. We hope that there are many great memories for everyone to be cherished and wish every blessing to you all for this next stage of the journey.

Holidays are a great time for resting and refuelling the body and catching up with family members and friends. They are also a great time to consolidate much of the learning that has been occurring throughout the year. It is my great encouragement to our parents to look to use some of the holiday time to ensure that your sons continue regular reading practice, and revision of any areas of work noted by teachers for attention in the school reports such as writing and number skills. Mathletics is a great tool for children to use to reinforce maths skills and concepts, so this programme should be considered as an alternative at times to computer games.

Finally …
It has been an action packed year at the Prep, filled with lots of great highlights. I pass on my personal thanks to you all for welcoming me and my family back into the King’s community so warmly and for your support and encouragement throughout the year. It has been a delight to return to the school and work alongside such wonderful staff, students and families, who all share a common goal – to make the lives of the young men in our care purposeful, enriched, fulfilling and full of promise.

For those returning to us next year, we look forward to our Induction Day for new boys on Wednesday 29th January. The start of the 2014 school year for Years 1-6 students is on Thursday 30th January and for Kindergarten on Friday 31st January.

God bless you all through the Christmas break. Enjoy safety, good health and happy family times.

Peter Allison
Head of the Preparatory School
Staff Roles - 2014

KO  Katelyn Davidson
KR  Annie Reuben
1G  Sarah Moujalli
1Y  Jo Grinham
2B  Amie Nasr
2I  Melvin Tan
3L  Charlie Lavender, (Tms 1, 3, 4) / Karen Mackey (Tm 2)
3W  Sonia Weston
4C  David Collison
4H  Jonathan Hunt
5P  Catherine Pearman
5R  Tina Ruddock
5X  Chris Xegas
6G  David Guild
6J  James Giovanelli
6M  Russel McCool

GAT, K-6  Voni Howard
Library, K-6  Shelley McMorran
Learning Support  Rod Moore (M/W/Th)
Learning Support  Anna-Claire Coore
Resource Teacher, K-6  Linda Gray (W/Th)
LOTE - Mandarin  Angela Kuo
Director of Music  Jonathan Todhunter
Music, Head of Strings  Trevor Addison
Music, Infants  Linda Browne (Th)
Science  Jonathon Ollis (W/Th/F)
Director of Sport  Phill Rogers
Physical Education  Rod Hokin (W/Th)
Visual Arts  Ann Wilkins (M - Th)
Woodwork  Mike O’Connor (Tu/W/Th)
Prep Chaplain  Stuart Tye (M & F)
Prep School Counsellor  Tammy Wang (M/Tu)

Head of Prep’s PA  Chris Konstantopoulos
Enrolment Officer  Heather Mallett
Admin Assistant  Leonie Murphy
Health Care Assistant (shared)  Kris Roberts/(TBC)
K-2 Teachers’ Assistant  Diana Dalleywater
                  Leanne West
                  Jo Parry (Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri am)
Learning Support Assistants  Leanne West/Helen Curtis
Library Clerical Assistant  Karen Lavender
Catering Assistant  Michelle Price
GAP Students  James Laishley/Nicholas Stewart

Blaxland Housemaster  Jonathan Hunt
Harrison Housemaster  Anna-Claire Coore
Stiles Housemaster  Charlie Lavender (Tms 1, 3, 4) / Chris Xegas (Tm 2)
Thomas Housemaster

Director of Learning and PYP  Rachel Johnston
Director of Students  Belinda Baxter
Deputy Head of the Preparatory School  Greg Blackman
Head of the Preparatory School  Peter Allison
Conclusion of Term Four

Classes for the Preparatory School conclude on Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} December. This is traditionally a day where a large number of boys are collected from School. To assist with the congestion of the Turning Circle we will have a staggered pick-up.

- Kindergarten 2:45pm Prep Turning Circle
- Year 1 2:50pm Prep Turning Circle
- Year 2 2:55pm Prep Turning Circle
- Year 3 3:10pm Year 3 Classrooms
- Year 4 3:10pm Year 4 Classrooms
- Year 5 3:00pm Prep Turning Circle
- Year 6 3:10pm Prep Turning Circle

No after school activities are offered on this day. However, After School Care will operate from 3:00pm for Infants boys and 3:30pm for Primary boys if they have not been collected.

Primary reports will be issued via the boys and Infants’ reports will be posted.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

This most important annual event takes place on Tuesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} December commencing at 7:00 pm. The boys are to wear their Number 1 uniform for this special occasion.

Presentation Day

This year’s Presentation Day for Years 3-6 will be held on Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} December in Futter Hall. \textbf{This event is a compulsory event for all boys in Years 3-6.} The day will be a wonderful way of celebrating the successes of our boys in the Prep and commences at 2:00 pm. There will not be any supervision of the boys on that day and times to arrive at Futter Hall will be sent out closer to the event.

Prep Fathers’ Association Survey

The Prep Fathers’ Association does a wonderful job. One of their key tasks is organising events for the Prep School community. They are interested in gaining feedback from the Prep School community and a short survey (approximately 5-10 minutes) will be emailed to each family at the beginning of next week. I would encourage all Prep families to complete the survey to assist the Prep Fathers’ Association with their planning of future events.

Year 6 Boys

- Enterprise Camp
  After the wonderful success of the Year Six Enterprise Projects, the Year Six boys will travel to Camp Somerset on the Colo River for the Enterprise Camp next week. This is a great reward for their hard work and a fabulous way to conclude their time at the Preparatory School.

- Year 7 Orientation Day
  Our Year 6 boys will meet other boys joining The King’s School Year 7 in 2014 on Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December. The boys will be involved in a number of orientation activities at the Senior School.

- Year 7 Graduation Dinner
  The evening of the same day sees the Year 6 boys joining the staff for a Graduation Chapel Service and Dinner, commencing at 6:00 pm.

- I have enjoyed working with the Year 6 boys this year and want to thank them for their support. I would also like to thank our Prep School Captain, Andrew Cameron, and our four House Captains, Liam Christie, Sam Cook, Josh Hickey and Lucas Trotman for their leadership of the Preparatory School this year. I wish all our Year 6 boys all the best for the future and look forward to seeing many of them when I visit the Senior School.

Thank You

I struggle to comprehend that my first year at The King’s School Preparatory School is drawing to an end. I want to take this opportunity to thank the King’s community for what has been a wonderful and memorable year. I have been offered great support and friendship this year from colleagues, parents and boys and it is our wonderful community that makes this school such a special school. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a restful and peaceful Christmas break, where hopefully you have time to reflect on the true reasons we celebrate Christmas.
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Swim and Survive Success
We have enjoyed the start to the Swim and Survive programme for Infants this week. Many thanks to Mr Rogers for organising this and to the parents who are kindly assisting.

It is apparent that there are a number of boys who are not water safe; this is of great concern given the many backyard pools into which these boys could fall. I encourage families to commence or continue with swimming classes or squads in order to strengthen the boys’ skills in this very important area of safety.

Festival of Lessons and Carols
We look forward to a wonderful evening on Tuesday December 3, as we celebrate Christ’s birth at the Festival of Lessons and Carols. K-2, dressed in Full Blues, are delivered by parents to the Senior Music School at 6.30pm. This is adjacent to the turning circle near the main administration area. Please be aware that this is a formal occasion and may be a long event for restless toddlers. It would be inappropriate for youngsters to be moving around the hall and making noise. K-2 boys may be collected from the front of Futter Hall where they will be seated, at the completion of the service.

The Morning After Carols - Wednesday December 4
Infant boys may arrive up until recess on this day, in acknowledgement of a later than normal bed time. This will allow for a sleep-in if needed. As the boys arrive, please send them for a pink note, so that our records are accurate.

Infants’ Class Parties - Wednesday December 4
Our wonderful Class Mums have this all organised- the class party is at lunchtime, so no need to pack lunch unless there are allergy issues.

Class Mums
Many thanks to our terrific team of Class Mums. They have served the School so well, acting as social conduits and practical helpers, and have been very much appreciated.

Readers and Library Books
Please have a good hunt at home for stray readers and Library books. It is important that these are returned to school promptly so that the stocktake can be completed.

The First Day Back
This will be a very exciting day indeed. As boys in Years 1 and 2 for 2014 arrive to the Infants’ playground, they will place their bags, blazers and ties on the grey amphitheatre steps and have a play. At the bell, they will head to Horrocks Hall for the first assembly of the year and to find out their classes and class teachers for the year. These class placements have now been finalised.

Pick-up Information for Thursday December 5
Kindy- 2.45pm Prep Turning Circle
Year 1- 2.50pm Prep Turning Circle
Year 2- 2.55pm Prep Turning Circle

No after school activities are offered on this day. However, After School Care will operate from 3.00pm.

K-2 reports will be posted home. I recommend some shared time going through the comments and recommendations forward.
Farewell to Year 2
Our Year 2 boys have made wonderful progress during their time in Infants. They have grown so much bigger; the blazers are only just managing to fit on some boys! As they move forward in their learning journey to Primary we wish them well.

A Fabulous Year
2013 has been an amazing year in so many ways. I have been so pleased with the progress of each boy, not just in the academic realms, but in the socioemotional areas as well. The development of character and leadership are priorities at The King’s School; I have seen this development in our youngest Kingsmen and this gives me great hope for the future of our nation, and indeed the world. I wish to thank the wonderfully supportive families and staff with whom I have partnered as the inaugural Director of Infants. It is my wish that in my new role as Director of Students T-6, I will be able to continue this privileged journey with you through to Year 6 and beyond.

Belinda Baxter
bsb@kings.edu.au

IMPORTANT HOUSEKEEPING FROM THE PREP OFFICE

1. Current Year 2 boys going into Year 3 will need to renew their bus passes. Applications can be picked up from the office or you may contact Mr Max Yates for further information (Ph: 96838411).

2. Boys wishing to have school lunches for 2014 will need to send in their completed form by Friday 29th November. Forms can be picked up from the Prep Office. Lunches will be available from Thursday 30th January.

Thank you
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Retirement of Mr Mackay Sim

It is with sadness that I announce that Mr Mackay Sim, piano and theory teacher, will be retiring at the end of this year. Mr Mackay Sim was appointed to the King’s School in 1985 as Director of Music in the Senior School and served until 2003. He returned in 2006 as a piano and theory teacher and has been a wonderful support to so many boys in the Preparatory School. He will be greatly missed by many. Interviews will shortly be taking place for his replacement and parents will be informed of the outcome of the selection process, in due course.

Jonathan Todhunter
Director of Music

The King’s Camerata
& Friends
in Concert
Saturday 30th November
2:30pm
at Horrocks Hall
The King’s Preparatory School

Please come and join the King’s Community Choir and guest instrumentalists as they perform a varied programme of popular choral music including jazz standards, songs from musicals and Christmas favourites.

Christmas Services

CHRISTMAS EVE - 10.30PM CONTEMPORARY COMMUNION SERVICE
CHRISTMAS MORNING - 8AM COMMUNION SERVICE & 9.30AM FAMILY SERVICE
THE KING’S SCHOOL CHAPEL
PENNANT HILLS RD, NORTH PARRAMATTA
**PREP CHAPLAIN**

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:4-7

Do you ever read this and think, ‘What was the deal with the innkeeper (if there was one)’? ‘How could he have been so indifferent?’ ‘ Didn’t he know whom he was turning away?’

After all, Jesus could have been born in the most elegant mansion or on the best boulevard in the Roman Empire. He could have come from aristocratic parents, boasting of their pedigree or great learning. He could have had the finest clothes and attended the most exclusive schools. Instead, he was brought to us in a place like a cave and had a manger for his cradle.

As we keep reading Luke’s gospel, the fact there was no place for him in the inn was indicative of the treatment that he would receive throughout his entire earthly ministry. Jesus was dismissed, ridiculed, abused and eventually executed by those in control. It seems there was never a place for Jesus in people’s lives.

This was not a mistake or the result of human whim; it was a part of God’s grand design. Isaiah 53:3 (magnificently put to music in Handel’s ‘Messiah’) tells us that Jesus would be ‘despised and rejected’ by men. The reason why Jesus was despised and rejected was for us, so that our sin could be dealt with and we could live with God forever.

Making a place for Jesus isn’t about giving him a small portion of our time at the end of the year, but accepting the place that he has prepared for us;

> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. John 14:3

When we accept this gift we give Jesus the place of authority in our lives.

As we enter into the Christmas season, and prepare to start a new year with new opportunities, may there be a place for Jesus for you and your family.

God bless you this Christmas.

Rev Stuart Tye
**SPORT**

**Summer Sport Awards**
The announcement of the Summer Sport awards will be at assembly in the final week of school this term. Congratulations in advance to those award winners and to the coaches for their efforts over the season.

**Infants' Swim and Survive**
A chilly week again to run the Swim and Survive programme. With predicted storms Monday's session had to be cancelled and start the programme later in the week. This is such an important set of skills for the boys to learn how to swim and to help others around them if they get into trouble. Coming into the summer months the importance to have our students confident around water is imperative. The have learnt ways to safely enter and exit waterways and spot dangers around them. Thank you very much to the parent helpers for giving up their time to help run a section of the programme. A special mention to the coaches for spending all that time in the water helping our boys improve themselves and developing new skills.

**Canteen Dads**
I would like to send out a special thanks to all the Year 3 dads that have given up their time to help in the running of the Prep canteen. It is a special place to develop friendships with the fathers of your son’s year, these friendships can often last a lifetime. I would like to send out an enormous thanks to David Fenech and Chris Papasinos for their extra effort in leading this group. Your efforts in organising are greatly appreciated. We can only hope that the Year 2 dads coming through take on the job with the same enthusiasm and energy you both have implemented.

**RISING STAR**
**Tyrone Albertyn - Swimming**
Tyrone started at King’s in January 2013, after arriving from Singapore. In Singapore, he had excelled at swimming, performing very well in the Singapore National Age Group Championships. After his first few Club outings in Australia, he soon realised that he’d have to step it up a level if he was to be competitive in Sydney, NSW and ultimately, Australia.

His first outing in school swimming was at the King's Prep Interhouse swim carnival, where he won the U10 Age Champion trophy, and broke his first school record - 50m Butterfly. He was selected to swim in the IPSHA carnival for the King's Prep team at SOPAC. As a result of his placing at IPSHA, he progressed to the CIS carnival, and based on his performance there, he then proceeded to the NSW State Schools Championships at SOPAC. His performance there earned him a spot on the NSW PSSA Swim team, and the opportunity to compete at a National Level, just 8 months after arriving in his new home.

The Schools' Nationals were held in Adelaide over the week of 8 - 14 September 2013. Tyrone achieved a fourth place in the 200m IM, and a fifth place in the 100m Fly; two of the tougher races.

As a comment on Tyrone's overall rounding as a Sportsman, and his presence and respect in the marshalling area and on pool deck, he was awarded one of only two Sportmanship Awards for the NSWPSSA Team, by Schools Sports Australia.

Over the course of his progression to School’s Nationals, Tyrone has broken numerous club short course and long course records, most notably the 50m and 100m Butterfly events, and the 200m IM.

Tyrone trains with his squad four times a week, for 90 minutes per session. The squad averages about 4200m per session. On some mornings, this schedule requires that he is out of bed at 4.40am, in order to be in the pool at 5 o’clock. He also attends school swimming training on Thursdays and Fridays, where he learns from the coaches, and importantly connects with his King’s team mates. He also invests additional time on pool deck, doing regular stretching and flexibility exercises. Tyrone races every Friday night at his Club meets, and swims area or metro carnivals at least twice a month.

Tyrone's ultimate ambition is to one day represent Australia in the pool, but that map has not yet been plotted. For today, he is firmly grounded and realistic in his ambitions; focussing primarily on enjoying himself, and watching how his swimming progresses, as he grows physically and matures psychologically.

**Athletics**
Jordan Williams will be heading off this weekend to go to the national athletics competition. Jordan has made it through to represent the New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association in Long Jump. We wish Jordan and his mother Melissa, safe travels and the best of luck in the competition.

Message from Jordan Williams:

*I would like to thank The King's School community (teachers, boys and parents) for helping me out in my national athletics campaign. We raised $1100 all up which covered the NSW Team levy including the gear, travel and the 5 Day Camp to Brisbane.
A big thanks to Mr Rogers for organising the fund raising activity and for all of YOUR generous donations. I was so overwhelmed by our community support.*

*Best of luck in the raffle draw too.*

Phill Rogers
Director of Sport – Preparatory School
A DAY IN YEAR THREE

One of the most exciting transitions during our time at school is the move from the Infants to the Primary.

The wonderful nurturing provided by Infants Staff certainly doesn’t cease as the boys make the move to Year 3. However, a greater emphasis on responsibility is certainly placed on our Year 3 boys as they learn to adjust to their new learning environment and the physical differences between the Infants and Primary school.

Thus, our current Year 2 cohort experienced a wonderful ‘Day In Year Three’ last Wednesday, to help prepare them for next year.

We read 'How to Heal a Broken Wing' by Bob Graham, a beautiful story demonstrating a child’s perspective on being responsible for the little things of our world.
Lots of discussion was had about the differences between Year 2 and Year 3. The boys worked in pairs and brainstormed the changes they felt would impact them next year.

They created posters to express their thinking and then presented these to the rest of the grade.

A visit to the Year 3 Locker Room was essential. The boys learnt that they had to be; responsible for their belongings, follow safety rules and learn the art of organisation! We even had a trial run at getting changed into our sports gear and placing uniform items into bags so as not to lose any personal items. This was tricky, and some had more success than others.
The other big difference we spoke about was the change of uniform. The Year 2 boys will say good-bye to their smart butcher's jacket and next year will wear the famous King's military jacket. They can't wait!

Sport is also a big change next year. The boys will, for the first time, represent their school in cricket or basketball in the Summer, and rugby in the Winter on Saturdays.

The Year 2 boys demonstrated maturity and excitement as they learnt about what lay ahead for them in Year 3. I know they are in for a wonderful year!

Mrs Annie Reuben
Celebrating The Harvest in Year One

Year One shared another fabulous day with their families last week and celebrated the gifts of “God’s Harvest” together. The boys had been investigating during their current Unit of Inquiry that “all plants need certain conditions to grow.” They had been thinking about change, causation and function. These concepts led to many wonderful science experiments, action from home and creating the extraordinary garden that the Father’s Association had built many years ago. (Thanks Dad’s!)

This year we even added an underground compost bin, a decomposing viewing box and many new herbs and vegetables to our collection. During Harvest Day, the boys were excited to take their families on a learning journey and were eager to talk about things that they had discovered and grown. It was great having our mad scientist Mr Jon Ollis on hand to talk about the experiments that he had shared with the boys.

The day began with some harvest songs and folk dancing led by Mrs Linda Brown. The boys particularly enjoyed teaching their parents the dance and loved it when they joined in together. Even Mrs Allison joined in the fun and showed us her groovy moves!

Our visitors enjoyed a bowl of homemade soup, some bruschetta and some delicious lemon curd tarts, which were made using Noah Chadwick’s recipe. The room was filled with laughter, love and boys that were proud of their work.

Some of the Year One boys then shared their beautiful harvest songs with the congregation on Sunday at Church@ King’s. What a wonderful way to complete what has been a magical unit. Here’s to God’s harvest and a great community at The Prep!

Jo Grinham and Sarah Moujalli
**Buzz Week**

There was very much a buzz around the school during week five. Thomas House were on a mission to raise awareness and money to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. The week consisted of craft days, movie screenings of the “Buzz Movie” and then we celebrated with a yellow mufti day on Friday with delicious ice blocks to share. Our wonderful boys are always shining brightly when they are given the opportunity to reach out into their community and help understand the struggles of others. One of the highlights was a video interview with Natasha Reuben and Adham Mikhail in Year six. These brave young people battle this condition everyday. We will keep trying to make a difference in your life guys. Thomas House will keep buzzing to find a cure!!

**Jo Grinham**
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ADVENT Family SERVICE
9.30am CLL

Sunday 8, 15 & 22 December
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