Headmaster’s Distinctions

Term 2
Weeks 2 & 3

Kindergarten
BALL, Alexander
BERNARDO, Jacob
CALABRO, James
CAMILLERI, Charlie
COLEMAN, Nathan
ELVE, Cenk x 3
GANDHI, Vivaan
GIANSANTE, Davide
GIUZZAROTTO, Max
JOHNSTON, Brodie
LUSTED, River
McMASTER, William
NAGARSEKAR, Adeep
NAUTA HENDRIKS, Mitchell
PHAN, Nam
QU, Ryan
TRAN, Lachlan
YONG, Terrence

Year 1
ARMSTRONG, Ethan
HAMILL – MAMO, Ewan
NASSIF, Michael x 3
TAKKALAPALLI, Suhas
WANG, Zichen
WU, Oliver x 2
YUEN, Lucas

Year 2
KNIPPERS, Alex
MYATT, Jett
NOHRA, Milad x 2
THOMAS, Alex

Year 3
MIRAKI, Nick
NASHED, Joseph

Year 4
CENAN, Anujan
DEARNLEY, Ethan
DISSANAYAKE, Charan x 3
GILL, Jayden
HAMIL – MAMO, Liam
KARTHIGEYAN, Giri x 3
MATHIEU, Jordan
MURUGABALAJI, Mukundan x 2
YANG, Harris

Year 5
McLACHLAN, Daniel x 3

Year 6
SMITH, Harrison

Prep News
16th May, 2014

NAPLAN testing and assessment at King’s
This week, the students in Year 3 and Year 5 participated in an Australian national testing programme known as NAPLAN. It was a demanding programme with four assessments across the learning areas of literacy and numeracy completed over the course of three days.

Participation in this programme of assessments is compulsory. The data gained from these assessments provides useful comparative information for parents and the school on the academic performance of our students against the Australian school population. This information is helpful in placing alongside our other school based data, to help inform the school on individual student performance and help guide curriculum and professional development decisions for the school going forward. However, it is important that we understand that these tests are examined within their context.

They are only one form of data gathered on one occasion during the year. The NAPLAN assessment scenario is much more confronting for students than other integrated assessment tasks that have been embedded within the classroom learning. The test techniques and pressures are unlike those that are normally experienced within the classroom. Teachers use a number of measures to track student growth and performance, and the NAPLAN data should be considered alongside these other measures that are less confronting for students.

The results from the NAPLAN assessments will not be available until later in the year – an aspect that has often been raised by the community as a concern. However, when these results do arrive, we will examine the data alongside other information collected within the school to help inform action required to enhance individual student progress and our curriculum directions as a school.

Come and Get Involved with the Fun!
There is much on the calendar for people to enjoy this term.

School Ball
The School Ball will be held on Saturday 31 May at Rosehill Gardens Pavilion, James Ruse Drive, Rosehill starting at 7pm. With a black tie Carnivale theme, it promises to be a fun-filled event and a great way to get to know other parents across the wider school community.

Tickets are on sale at http://www.trybooking.com/EQUF. You can register as a single, couple, small group or table of 10. Tables will be co-ordinated by the School Ball Committee.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others.”
1 Peter 4:10
Dads About Dads Evening
A must attend event for fathers, the opportunity to hear from our Headmaster, Dr Tim Hawkes, talk about the role of fathering. An internationally recognised expert of the role of educating and fathering boys, Dr Hawkes will be sharing the latest research and thoughts that will be outlined in an upcoming publication, “Ten Conversations you must have with your son,” which will be published mid year.

Alongside the chance to hear important information about the role of fathering, the evening will be a great opportunity to meet with other dads, catch up with friends and get to know others. Depending on numbers, the location will either be at Mr Allison’s house, ‘The Cedars’ or the Prep ILC.

Date: May 20th (Tuesday)
Time: 6:30pm for 7pm
Venue: Peter Allison’s House at the Cedars

Please remember to register (below) so we can properly cater for the evening.

Go to this link: bit.ly/dadsaboutdads

Prep Trivia Night
The Prep School Trivia Night will be held on 14th June and promises to be a great night of fun and fellowship. The feedback from last year’s international these was so positive, we’ve decided to continue with the same theme again this year. Parents should start planning to get a table together for this terrific event, which also helps to raise valuable funds to support our Prep boys.

Information about the new online auction items up for grabs for this year’s event will come out in the coming days. Bids will be accepted prior to the event and during the course of the evening.

Year One Mothers Honoured at the Prep for Mothers’ Day
The Year One mums left the school on Friday afternoon beaming from having been pampered with gifts, presentations and a sumptuous lunch at the Year One Mothers’ Day Chapel Service and Luncheon on Friday. Beginning the day in the Chapel, the boys and their mums participated in a chapel service led by Rev Stuart Tye with some of the boys presenting readings and prayers. After a photo shoot outside the Chapel, the action moved to Horrocks Hall. The tables were adorned with beautiful placemats that included student art work and decorations that created a real sense of occasion. Balloons, photo trees and other stunning features enabled the mums to feel that they were attending a very special event. The boys shared musical performances, songs and personal messages for their mums that brought a few tears to the eyes.

The day was masterminded by our wonderful Year One teachers, Mrs Jo Grinham and Ms Sarah Moujalli, and received support from a number of other staff members. On behalf of all those in attendance we send our thanks to all these people for creating such a special, memorable day. Later in the year, the Kindergarten dads will have an opportunity to enjoy the spotlight and a special event with their sons at the Kindergarten Fathers’ Day Breakfast.

Peter Allison
Head of the Preparatory School
Change in date for the last day of Term Four and the Preparatory School Presentation Day

As advertised in the last newsletter, Term Four will end on Wednesday 3rd December, with the compulsory Years 3-6 Presentation Day taking place on Thursday 4th December.

Saturday Sport

The first two weeks of winter sport has been most successful and a great way to start the season. However, we have had a number of boys who have been either late to their game or have not showed up at all. Also, many boys have not contacted Mr Rogers to notify him of their absence.

I would like to remind parents that Saturday sport is compulsory for all boys in Years 3-6 and only Mr Allison is able to approve leave. If boys are sick or unable to make their game on a Saturday morning they must phone or text Mr Rogers by 7:00 am.

I will be contacting the parents of all boys who are late or do not show up to their Saturday game and requiring an explanation and an assurance that there will not be a repeat offence.

Uniform

School – While the standard of dress of boys is generally good, I have noticed a number of boys who are arriving and leaving school not dressed correctly. This includes, boys without ties, jackets not buttoned up, socks not pulled up and shoes unpolished. Could I please ask all parents and in particular those who drop or pick-up their son at school, to assist the staff by ensuring the boys are dressed correctly when they arrive and leave the school.

Sport – I would like to remind all parents that during Terms Two and Three, boys in Years 3-6 should be coming to and leaving school in their full King’s tracksuit on a Thursday. Likewise, boys need to leave school in their full King’s tracksuit or full blues at the conclusion of afternoon training sessions. All sandshoes should be predominately white!

Public Places – Boys in public places after school, such as shopping centres, should be dressed in full blues or complete King’s tracksuit. The boys are always representing The King’s School when in uniform and their behaviour should be appropriate for a Kingsman.

Prep Fathers’ Association Trivia Night

This is a great night and I would encourage everyone to get involved. All parents have been sent an invitation and seats may be booked via this website http://www.trybooking.com/85911. Many of our Class Mums are assisting with the organisation of tables, especially for those who are new to the School or those who do not know anyone else going. Please get in contact with one of the Class Mums for assistance.

Each year, we ask parents to donate items for the class baskets that are auctioned at the Trivia Night. Information should have been received about the class baskets and items may be brought to school and placed in the box provided in class areas.

This year, there will be a large number of items that will be available through the Silent Auction. The Prep community will be able to bid on all items, as the silent auction will be online. Further information will be forwarded over the next few weeks about this aspect of the evening. We would welcome any and all donations for the auction and further information may be obtained from any of the FA Committee.

World’s Greatest Shave

The School’s Vice Captain, Zac Hodge (an ex Prep boy), is leading a committee of boys who have organised a fund raising initiative for the World’s Greatest Shave charity. This charity raises about half the money the Leukaemia Foundation needs to fund its important work – providing support to people with blood cancer, as well as millions in research. Approximately 60 Senior School staff have volunteered to shave, colour their hair or wear a wig and the final number of staff who will end up participating is decided upon how much money is raised.

The Prep School will be supporting this day by having a Crazy Hair and Mufti Day for both boys and staff on Friday 30th May. Further information about this day will be forthcoming next week.

Greg Blackman
Deputy Head of the Preparatory School
### Upcoming Events

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**BIGGEST MORNING TEA FUNDRAISER**

On Friday 23rd May, Harrison House will be holding “The Biggest Morning Tea” at recess to raise money for the Cancer Council. For $4.00 each boy will receive a cupcake and a popper drink. (These items have been kindly donated by Harrison House families).

Money will be collected from Monday 19th May onwards by the class teacher.

Please note donations more than the set amount of $4.00 will be warmly received.

Let’s make this a fantastic day and raise much needed funds for Cancer Research.

Mrs Anna-Claire Coore
Harrison Housemaster
QUESTION: What is SEL?  ANSWER: Social and Emotional Learning

It is quite simple. Without social and emotional wellbeing, our boys will not succeed academically. In fact, they won’t succeed in much at all.

There is significant global research available to us that provides evidenced based directions. As an educator committed to the whole child, this data is very helpful. Along with intuitive practice and the development of firm family relationships, I believe that we are best setting our boys up for success with this area strategically in mind.

Casel (2013), defines social and emotional learning as processes through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

It is important that educational policy embeds the SEL aspects into the academic framework. Caring, empathy, and social cohesion are essential for quality character development. At The King’s School we are committed to this area in line with our values of Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Excellence, Sustainability and Balance.

Further to this, at the Prep we harness the attributes of the IB Learner Profile within our curriculum framework. This is a long term vision of education that enables powerful and contextualised learning, with students evaluating their own progress as they strive to be inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, and reflective.

The competencies of self-awareness, social awareness, self-management, decision making for prosocial behaviours, and relationship skills contribute to all round development, academic progress and resilience.

The harnessing and development of resilience, ie. the ability to recover from adversity and move on, is high on our agenda in the engagement and pastoral care of our boys. In order to promote resilience, a team approach is imperative. We are very able and available to work with families in this area and have had significant success in assisting parents to both model and facilitate resilience for their boys.

The School climate plays a significant role in the development and application of social and emotional wellbeing and a flourishing student. A systematic whole school approach best achieves these outcomes. As Director of Students I chair the Wellbeing and Pastoral Care Committee with the Housemasters, Mrs Anna-Claire Coore, Mrs Jo Grinham, Mr Charlie Lavender/ Mr Chris Xegas and Mr David Guild. Here we engage in strategic planning to promote the values of the School, the attributes of the Learner Profile, resilience, and Christian character. We are also fortunate to be able to link in to the specialised services of our Prep School Counsellor, Mr Rosemary Hawke, and our Prep Chaplain, Rev Stuart Tye as well as the Executive and teaching staff.

It is our goal to facilitate social and emotional wellbeing in partnership with families. This requires explicit, consistent and systematic delivery of common goals embedded in curriculum and daily practice. This is an exciting and essential journey. I am happy to meet and speak with parents who have any concerns, or who require support in this regard.

Belinda Baxter

Ref:

www.worldbank.org/education
THE PYP EXHIBITION

The PYP Exhibition is a major learning event and involves Year 6 boys identifying, investigating and proposing a solution to a problem, which is local or global. It involves a synthesis of all the knowledge, skills, attitudes and conceptual understanding gained during his journey with the PYP. The PYP Exhibition is an exciting but challenging learning experience for our Year 6 boys.

We would like to invite all Year 6 parents to attend an information session about the PYP Exhibition.

When: Thursday 22nd May (Term Two - Week Four)

Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am

Where: Upper ILC

Who: I would strongly recommend that Year 6 parents attend to gain an understanding of this landmark event in the educational life of the boys at the school. Year 5 parents are more than welcome to attend in preparation for next year.

RSVP: To register your attendance at these workshops, please email me by Friday, 9th May (Term Two - Week Two).

We look forward to seeing you at our session.

Rachel Johnston
Director of Learning
rcj@kings.edu.au
Amazing Learning!

Amazing learning is happening at the Prep School! I am so fortunate, in my role as Director of Learning, to be able to get into learning areas and share in some of this learning. I am so appreciative to everyone who contributes to our learning community and I thoroughly enjoy working with a fantastic team of teachers, teaching assistants and parents who strive to create the best possible learning situation for our boys. But, enough about me…here are some examples of what I have witnessed over the last few weeks.

Year Two boys have been learning about artefacts and how they can contribute to our understanding of people’s histories. They started by looking at The King’s School and its rich history. One of the places they visited was our beautiful mansion, Gowan Brae. Mrs Linda Gray, a fount of knowledge, accompanied them to explain some of the history of the school.

Year Three boys have been using the drama technique of ‘hot seating’ to explore texts. The boys had to take on a character from a story while the rest of the class asked questions to gain an insight into that character.

Year Four were out and about learning about measurement using toilet rolls! It looked like so much fun and each boy was totally engrossed in his work.

Year One was invited to attend the 2I classroom for a special reading. 2I have written a book about Heirlooms and they wanted to share it with Year One as they were just starting a unit of inquiry on family histories. It was wonderful for Year One to get an insight into some of the heirlooms that are precious to the Year Two boys. The book that they have written is available to borrow from the Prep Library.

As you can see we are a busy school and I haven’t even mentioned the incredible learning happening in Kindergarten, Year Five, Year Six and all the specialist subjects!

If you would like more information on what, and how, students learn at The King’s School Preparatory School, please feel free to contact me. For general information about the programme, please go to http://www.ibo.org/pyp/ where you can also watch a video explaining the PYP.

Rachel Johnston
Director of Learning/PYP Coordinator
Mandarin News

iLearn
Have you tried Mandarin iLearn? Thanks to modern technology and the ICT team at the School, learning Mandarin at home or outside of classroom has become easier and more accessible. The students are able to access their work and carefully chosen Internet resources, such as YouTube clips and online learning activities. Parents can also take a look at what has been taught and learnt in our LOTE lessons.

China Tour
During the April school holiday, a number of boys went on the China Tour and this is what they wanted to tell us about their experience:

The King’s School China Tour for 2014 was a once in a lifetime opportunity. The teachers provided some amazing activities for the fifteen boys and fifteen parents such as The Great Wall of China, a 10km bike ride on the Xian city wall and a 20km bike ride in Yangzhou through the city and the country, two shows which were a song and dance show and a Kung Fu show, about 6 or 7 flights, catching an overnight train, visiting two schools which one was in Beijing and the other was in Yangzhou and lots of other fun activities. The China Tour was one of the biggest and most exciting trips I’ve ever been on and I will never ever forget it. Thomas 5P

China was a great experience for the boys and the teachers. We had a great time in China we went to Beijing, Xian and Guilin. We visited great mountains around China. It was a blast and I’m sure they would agree too. Daniel 5X

The China tour was a packed fun filled with adventure, interesting food and great sight seeing, not to mention kung Fu. I had a great time making friends as well as looking at old and interesting buildings. My highlights were: The Great Wall of China, The Terracotta warriors and the city wall bike ride. Cameron 5X

I personally think the China tour was amazing. My best highlight was the Great Wall. We all hiked on the Great Wall of China. It was a challenge for all of us even including the teachers. But in the end we all made it up a vertical climb. Chris 5X

I had a wonderful experience to go to the China tour. I made lots of friends and had wonderful food. Climbing the heights of the Great Wall of China scared me and made me cry. The 20 km bike ride really made me what to go as fast as I could. Jacob 5X

The King’s China tour was amazing. It was full of wonderful experiences. There were some challenging activities, such as The Great Wall of China, the 20km bike ride, the 10km bike ride around the city wall and lots of other stuff. My favourite way of sleeping was probably on the over night train it felt so calming. I would go on the trip again in a FLASH!!! Joel 5R

The China trip this year had amazing itinerary. We visited many temples and also visited many famous landmarks around China. A highlight of the trip was visiting The Great Wall of China and the Terracotta Warriors, which were founded in 1974 by farmer Young. China was an excellent experience that everyone should share. Christian 6J

I really enjoyed the China tour, as it was a great experience to find out what China is like. Matthew 6J
This China trip was an amazing experience and I will never forget it. All of the food was wonderful and all of the places we visited were mind blowing. I really liked Olive, (our tour guide) who knew so much about China. My favourite part was The Great Wall of China that was both hard and amazing. Christopher 6J

The China Tour was such a great culture experience and really helped me understand China more. Kris 6J

Going to China was the experience of a lifetime and I’m sure that I will never forget it. It was so much fun in China and I learnt so much over there. Some of the Mandarin skills that I had been practicing in Australia came in handy when I had to talk to people in China. Two of my favourite things in China were seeing how diverse China was compared to Australia and also climbing the Great wall. I was very tired after the Great Wall and wanted to have a huge sleep but I still had to get through a few more activities. Overall China was amazing and I would not want to miss an opportunity to go there ever. Keegan 6G

This China trip was a fantastic experience and is a once in a lifetime experience and one that I’ll never forget just like my friends. China has two amazing world wonders including the Great Wall of China and the Terracotta warriors. Lachlan 6M

Angela Kuo
LOTE: Mandarin Teacher

TERM DATES - 2015

Term 1 Thursday 29 January to Wednesday 1 April
Easter is during the Term 1 holidays: Good Friday 3 April - Easter Monday 6 April

Term 2 Tuesday 21 April to Friday 19 June

Term 3 Tuesday 14 July to Friday 18 September (Years 11/12)
(Thursday 17 September – Years K-10)

Term 4 Wednesday 7 October to Thursday 3 December

Dates listed are the first and last teaching days for each term. Boarders are to be at School by 8.00pm the night prior to the start of each term.

The School expects all holiday leave to be taken during School vacation time.
Year One Mother and Son Luncheon

Year One had a wonderful time spoiling their Mummy’s last week at the annual Mother and Son celebration. After a special chapel service with Rev Tye, the boys led their precious Mums back to Horrocks Hall where they shared stories, laughter and a delicious lunch together. May these young prep lads, not only remember the happy memories of the day, but also the depth of their Mother’s love for them. Surrounded by pink bows and balloons, the boys shared stories and hugs with happy Mums.

Jo Grinham and Sarah Moujalli
OUTSTANDING SPORTING SUCCESS – Tyrone Albertyn

At the beginning of April, Tyrone swam at the 2014 All School State Swimming Championships. Tyrone swam the 50m Butterfly competing against swimmers from schools all over the state. In his heat swim he swam a time of 32.98 seconds which placed him as the top seed for the finals. In the finals Tyrone swam a good race but he was pipped at the post and placed second. This marvellous result meant that Tyrone has qualified for the 2014 National PSSA Swimming Championship which will be held in Melbourne later this year.

At the national championships, Tyrone will swim against the best swimmers from all over Australia. Tyrone has qualified for the 50m Butterfly and the 100m Backstroke events. Tyrone will also compete in a number of relays representing both our school and state. We wish Tyrone all the best as he begins his preparations for this prestigious competition.

There is a significant cost involved in sending students to national competition such as this. To help Tyrone pay for the trip he will be selling raffle tickets at school. The cost of these tickets will be $2 and there are some wonderful prizes on offer. These tickets will be sold before school and during recess.

Tyrone is very grateful for the support given to him by his fellow Kingsman.

CONGRATULATIONS – Noah Chadwick

Congratulations to Noah Chadwick for completing the Mother Day Classic in a time of 46 minutes. What a terrific achievement for a 7 year old. Noah then went on a 21 km bike ride and completely exhausted his mum. Sounds like a great day outdoors with his mum on Mothers’ Day. Well done Noah.
The King’s School Parents’ Association requests the pleasure of your company at the inaugural K – 12 Carnival Ball.

SATURDAY 31 MAY 2014
ROSEHILL GARDENS GRAND PAVILION
JAMES RUSE DRIVE - ROSEHILL
TIME: ARRIVAL 7.00pm
DRESS: BLACK TIE / CARNIVAL THEME (OPTIONAL)

TICKETS: $150 PER PERSON
RSVP AND PAYMENT ONLINE AT: http://www.trybooking.com/EOU6F
RSVP / 10 MAY 2014: COMPLIMENTARY PARKING AVAILABLE IN P1 (OFF GRAND AVE)
ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE AT KOOGA, MALDERS & MERCEDES PARKMASTERS.
TKS Snowsports Fundraising Night

Bollywood Celebrations

Saturday 24th May 2014
6.30pm • 'The Trophy Room'

Adult • $70 includes drinks
Child 14 & under • $45

to book go to...
www.trybooking.com/82034

Proceeds from the evening will go towards training the boys this season, some new race suits & a donation to The Amelia McGuinness Foundation

dress-up prizes!
lucky door prizes

raffle
silent auction

special guests...
TKS Headmasters, Olympic skier,
Bollywood DJ & Tattoo Artist

for more information please contact...
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Parents & Children SERVICE

9.30am Sunday 18 May

Sundays are family time for many people - so why not come and enjoy this service together as a family! It caters for all ages with activities specifically aimed at children and a morning tea afterwards.

featuring

Natalie Miller

Creator of ‘Sally Squad’ from the Australian Christian Channel.

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