Headmaster’s Distinctions

Term 2
Weeks 4 & 5

Kindergarten
IRVING, Harry
NASHED, Aaron
O’GRADY, Liam

Year 1
GREEN, Zac
SOMANADER, Jeshan
TEO, Christian
WOODHOUSE-BEDAK, Edward
XI, Murphy
YEH, Hugo

Year 2
DMITRENKO, Anton
MAHESWARAN, Pranav
MIRANDA-CLARK, James

Year 3
MCDONALD, James
SUBBARAMAN, Patrick

Year 4
DUKE, Noah
ENGELMAN, William
GAY, Lachlan
PAPASINOS, Joseph

Year 5
MADRID, Martin

Prep News
30th May, 2014

Harrison House Biggest Morning Tea
The Prep boys bounded out of their cars and buses last Friday with excited anticipation for the treats that awaited them at morning tea time. Organised by Harrison House, the School participated in hosting a “Biggest Morning Tea” event in order to raise money for research for the Cancer Council. It’s an event that has been a long held tradition at the Prep. It holds a particular significance for Harrison House as one of its dearly loved Housemasters, Steve Cordukes, passed away from cancer in the prime of his life. Harrison House parents assisted in preparing the cupcakes for the morning and a number of helpers were on hand to assist with the co-ordination of the day. It was a highly successful event, raising just over $1,500 for the Cancer Council. We pass on our thanks to Mrs Anna-Claire Coore and her team of House leaders and parent assistants for their organisational efforts, and to all the chefs who prepared the cupcakes for the day.

Dads About Dads Evening
The role of parenting is thoroughly rewarding but also quite complicated and challenging at times. Therefore, any opportunity to gain some further guidance and support is greatly welcomed. The recent Dads About Dads evening provided a terrific occasion for dads of the Prep to get together at the Prep Head’s residence, The Cedars, to listen to the Headmaster, Dr Tim Hawkes, share his wisdom on the topic of fathering. With his trademark balance of humorous entertainment and sage-like wisdom, Dr Hawkes shared ideas from his upcoming publication, “Ten conversations you need to have with your son.” The evening saw wonderful support from the Prep community with over 75 dads in attendance and was just a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship.

A New Prep Pavilion
The Dads About Dads evening also saw the launch of the Prep Pavilion Project. This new venture provides wonderful benefits for our Prep boys and families. The building of a Pavilion on the bank between Price 1 and Price 2 fields will provide seating for spectators of matches, a dedicated canteen and eating area, toilet amenities and an equipment store to house the sports equipment constantly utilised by the boys. Funds for this project are being sought through the purchasing of a brick which will have a student’s name engraved on it. The bricks will be placed in a Student Walk which will link the current Boardwalk with the new Pavilion; thereby honouring and celebrating the boys’ membership of the Prep School for years to come. The purchase of bricks will be tax deductible under the School Building Fund. I greatly encourage all our Prep families to support this exciting project.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you shine like stars!” Philippians 2:14-15
Prep Trivia Night
Tables are filling up fast for the upcoming Prep School Trivia Night to be held on 14th June. It promises to be a great night of fun and fellowship. This year, parents are able to view and place some early bids on some fantastic prizes that are available for this year’s event. This means that those who may be unavailable for the evening, still have a chance to support this important fund raising event for our boys. Information about the items on offer and the process for bidding can be found by visiting the following link.

http://galabid.com/auction/kings/register

Year 6 Exhibition Information Morning
Our Year 6 students are about to embark on a very significant part of their learning journey at the Prep. The Year 6 PYP Exhibition celebrates the journey that students have made throughout their study of the PYP curriculum. The Exhibition allows the children to synthesise all the essential elements that they have learnt throughout their involvement with the programme and share them with the whole School community. Whereas teachers have guided the transdisciplinary inquiry process throughout the PYP programme up to this point, the Exhibition is an opportunity for the children to take on the leadership and independence to demonstrate their mastery of the essential elements of the programme as they conduct their own inquiry, under the umbrella of the identified organising theme. Last week, the Year 6 parents attended a seminar which explained the Exhibition process and how they can support the boys and the School in this important learning experience. The seminar was led by the Director of Learning, Rachel Johnston, Librarian, Shelley McMorran and the Year 6 staff.

Peter Allison
Head of the Preparatory School

The Snowsport’s Bollywood Fundraiser
On Saturday evening, the King's School Snowsports community joined together for a night of Bollywood fun. Each year the committee works hard to raise funds to help subsidise the training at the snow. This year our fundraising will also help to purchase some new race suits for the boys to wear on race days.

The trophy room became a scene out of a Bollywood movie set and the colourful saris and costumes helped to create a very memorable night, family and community spirit.

We were honoured to have two Australian Olympic competitors with us on the evening. Both Lucy and Alex will be working closely with our cross country skiers and providing support on-snow during the Interschool’s competition.

It was fabulous having both Mr Peter Allison and Dr Timothy Hawkes there to support the Snowsport club and families. The room erupted with applause when the Headmaster announced the wonderful news of the school purchasing a ski lodge in Thredbo. This will be a great place for many families to call home during the winter season.

Our team competitors this year will be at a record high. The boys are looking forward to covering the mountain proudly in our TKS jackets….with hopefully some snow!

Mrs Jo Grinham and Mr James Tyree
Reconciliation Week Assembly

This is an important assembly each year. We were fortunate to have Mr Chris Tobin join us again this year. Chris is a Dharug man and a traditional custodian in the Blue Mountains region. He works for the National Parks and Wildlife Service, is an author and was chosen to meet and present Prince William and his wife Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, with a gift when they visited the Blue Mountains recently. Mr Tobin started the assembly with the boys walking through a smoking ceremony. Our School Captains then spoke about the significance of Reconciliation Week. Mr Tobin then shared his thoughts on what it means to be an Aboriginal man and the significance of Reconciliation Week. He concluded the assembly with a traditional dance and encouraged the boys to join him.

Prep Fathers’ Association Trivia Night and Year Baskets

Two weeks out, ticket sales have been pleasing for this fun night. However, there are still many year tables not full and I encourage as many parents and friends to book their tickets as soon as possible using this website http://www.trybooking.com/85911.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is information on the silent auction, which all Prep families will be able to bid on whether or not they are at the Trivia Night. There are many fantastic items listed for auction and I encourage all parents to have a look and place a bid. If you are able to donate or know someone who might be able to donate any items please get in contact with your Year Representative on the Fathers’ Association or me.

Over the last few days, the donations for the class baskets have started to come in and I am sure your son’s year would love to win that special morning tea donated by the Fathers’ Association. All items may be brought to school and placed in the provided box in class areas.

World’s Greatest Shave

Today’s special Chapel Service and Crazy Hair Day was a wonderful occasion. It was fantastic to see the involvement of the boys and staff. We were also pleased to have Max Chapman and the School’s Vice Captain, Zac Hodge, both ex Prep boys speaking to us about this wonderful charity. Max was able to share with the Prep boys some of his family’s personal experience with leukaemia, as his older brother, who was an ex Prep School Captain, has suffered this terrible disease.

Our two GAPS Nick and James got into the spirit of the cause and had their hair greatly reduced.

I want to thank the Prep community for their wonderful support!

Greg Blackman
Deputy Head of the Preparatory School
King’s Old Boy 7’s Football Tournament

The King’s Old Boys Football Club run a very successful 7’s Tournament each year. Boys from our 1st XI, 11A’s and from the Old Boys Club were represented in 4 teams in the Under 12 division. Boys from our 1st XI side played outstanding football to make their way to the final and then win their division. This is an outstanding achievement and backs up their impressive Saturday form where they have won all four games played so far: 4-0, 4-1, 6-1 and 7-1. My thanks goes to Mr David Lavender and Mr Tim van Zuylen for coaching the 1st XI and 11A teams. Congratulations boys!

Upcoming Events

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Think Like a Tree

Soak up the sun
Affirm life’s magic
Be graceful in the wind
Stand tall after a storm
Feel refreshed after it rains
Grow strong without notice
Be prepared for each season
Provide shelter to strangers
Hang tough through a cold spell
Emerge renewed at the first signs of spring
Stay deeply rooted while reaching for the sky
Be still long enough to hear your own leaves rustling.

Karen Shragg

Some beautiful images emerge upon reading the poem ‘Think Like a Tree’. I like the message in the verbs; be graceful, stand tall, feel refreshed, grow strong, be prepared, provide shelter, hang tough, emerge renewed, stay deeply rooted, be still. Of course, the message links to resilience and maintaining positivity. These qualities, whilst natural for a few, typically need to be strategically embedded in the upbringing of a child.

It strikes me time and time again that much of our parenting is reactionary, solving issues as they arise, putting on band-aid solutions, making mistakes, creating regrets. It is said that parents will spend more time in the research and purchase of a pram, than they will in the discussion of what their common goals of parenting will look like, and how they will raise their child.

Michael McQueen, in Raising Resilient Kids, Building Inner Strengths and Character into Tomorrow’s Leaders, asserts that one of the most common questions expressed with regards to contemporary child raising is, “Have we raised children who are just too soft?” He states that children have been and are being raised who lack the skills and character to persist despite setback, failure, disappointment or criticism. That is, children who lack resilience.

Resilience is defined as:

- The ability to stand firm despite challenges, setbacks and delays
- The ability to be undeterred by external circumstances and events
- The ability to rebound
It is time that we allowed our children space and opportunity to make mistakes and deal with the consequences. You may know of the terms ‘bubble wrapped children’ and ‘helicopter parenting’. Those parents, who in good faith, do a disservice to their children by not allowing healthy social and emotional growth to occur, are in fact thwarting their children’s development.

Parents are encouraged to talk about their common goals for their children. Time is wisely invested in essential agreements about growing strong, being prepared, hanging tough and emerging renewed.

Michael Grose, in ‘Raising Exceptional Kids’, lists the following suggestions to promote resilience:

- Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child when he meets some of life’s curve balls.

- Look for teachable moments. Many children’s learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that children can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.

- Make children active participants in the family. Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills that are necessary for resilience.

- Build children’s coping skills. There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to children to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for a while, and normalisation.

The African saying that it takes a village to raise a child cannot be understated. At The King’s School we work together under common goals and values, to raise boys of character and resilience. Families are encouraged to join us in creating a boy who can stay deeply rooted whilst reaching for the sky.

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**Family Tree Day in Year One**

What better way to demonstrate that “Families change over time and pass on their family histories” by inviting relatives and members of the boy’s families into the classroom to create family trees together. There were stories exchanged, memories and photos shared, family heirlooms on show and lots of writing and colouring in together.

The families then shared a “Family Feast” together. Traditional and special dishes were shared around the table and recipes were admired and swapped.

There was generational love and family connections buzzing around the Year One rooms. Many thanks to our visitors, whom I am sure will remember the day fondly.

Jo Grinham and Sarah Moujalli

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Inquiry in Mathematics

Inquiry, as the leading pedagogical approach of the PYP, is recognised as allowing students to be actively involved in their own learning and to take responsibility for that learning. Inquiry allows each student’s understanding of the world to develop in a manner and at a rate that is unique to that learner. Inquiry, interpreted in the broadest sense, is the process initiated by the student or the teacher that moves student from his or her current level of understanding to a new and deeper level of understanding.

So what might this look like in the area of Mathematics? Inquiry in maths encourages students to regulate their own activity while exploring a mathematical statement or concept. Inquiries can involve a class on diverse paths of exploration and students take responsibility for directing the lesson with the teacher acting as the arbiter of legitimate mathematical activity. We want students to be perplexed, thinkers, problem posers and not just fill in the blanks and apply the formula! Annette Lamb (1997) developed a model called the “New Ws” using everyday terms to describe five phases of inquiry process:

**Phase 1 - Wonder** Wondering focuses on brainstorming options, discussing ideas, identifying problems and developing questions. What is the question I’m trying to answer, the problem I’d liked to solve, or the key issue I need to resolve?

**Phase 2 - Wiggle** Wiggling involves evaluating information, along with twisting and turning data looking for clues, ideas, and perspectives.

**Phase 3 - Weave** Weaving consists of organising ideas, calculating numbers, creating models, and formulating plans. It focuses on the application, analysis, and synthesis of information.

**Phase 4 - Wave** Waving involves creating and packaging ideas and solutions. Why is this important? Who needs to know about it? How can I effectively convey my ideas? Waving also consists of communicating ideas to others through presenting, publishing, and sharing. How will I market my ideas and who will I ask for feedback?

**Phase 5 - Wish** Wishing involves assessing, evaluating, and reflecting on the process and product of inquiry. Was the project a success? What will I do next?

http://www.eduscapes.com/sessions/math/inquiry.htm

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Rachel Johnston
Director of Learning/PYP Coordinator

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.thekings.org/index.html where you can also watch a video explaining the PYP.
Dear King’s Community,

We have a wonderful musical opportunity available for adults of the School community.

Paul Jarman - Composer - Performer - Educator is a widely acclaimed Australian composer and performing artist.

Paul will be spending two days at King’s next week and adult members of the community have the chance to meet and work with him on Wednesday (4th June) evening from 7:00-8:30pm at the Prep School in Horrocks Hall.

Paul will be running a fun and lively choral workshop with the King’s Camerata (The Community Choir of the School) and any interested members of the School community who are interested in either returning to singing or having a go for the first time.

Paul has extensive experience at running workshops and this will be a wonderful opportunity to work with a professional of great repute.

If you are interested in being involved in this workshop please contact Jonathan Todhunter via jpt@kings.edu.au

Jonathan Todhunter
Director of Music – Preparatory School
ILC News

The Year 5 and 6 boys were treated to a visit from James O’Loghlin, of the ABC’s The New Inventors fame. James was with us to launch his new book “The adventures of Roderick the not very brave.” As you can see … the boys thought he was hilarious as he mesmerised them with witty anecdotes of daring adventure and skullduggery.

James offered this advice for our budding authors:

Avoiding snore-worthy writing…

Develop a character and have the least likely thing happen to them.
Be ready to persevere! Writing takes time and requires you to come back to it again and again.

Have someone else you trust, critique your writing and let you know what they like … or most importantly, don’t like.

James O’Loghlin, Harry Martens, Keegan Halfpenny and James Usher entertain their audience.

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents of The King’s Preparatory School

I am writing this note to thank you all for your great support in my fundraising effort to support my attendance to the PSSA Swimming Nationals in Melbourne later this year.

I have met my goal in terms of the amount of money I wanted to raise. I have raised $581 in just the 5 days I was selling tickets, which is what was required to pay the PSSA levy, and for my NSW Team clothing.

Once again, thank you very much for your continued support. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Lachlan all the very best in his NSW State Cricket competition.

Yours sincerely
Tyrone Albertyn
Sunday mornings 9.30am

in the Centre for Learning and Leadership
in the Senior School
for all the family

Church for the King’s community

Email: prepchaplain@kings.edu.au  Office: 9683 8433
Website: church.kings.edu.au
THE RUGBY LUNCH
Make it a Date! Friday the 18th of July

Tables for the 2014 Rugby Club lunch are selling fast so why not book today to secure your place?

EAT
Indulge in the finest contemporary cuisine at Sydney’s famous, heritage-listed, Wentworth Sofitel Hotel – home of Royalty, Celebrities and King’s Families! We have secure parking for only $45.

LIVE
Join 550 other King’s Parents and Rugby supporters to celebrate the 2014 Rugby Season. Enjoy side-splitting entertainment from world famous Rugby raconteur Eric Rush and Master of Ceremonies Vince Sorrenti. The 1st and 2nd XV teams jersey presentation. Meet current and former Waratahs and Wallabies (maybe an opportunity for a ‘selfie’!).

PLAY
The lunch runs from noon til 3.00pm, followed by drinks at a private bar and lounge, booked exclusively for Kings Parents and supporters. Enjoy Half Price Happy Hour from 3.00pm til 4.30pm. Join friends, old and new, for an exciting afternoon of fun and fellowship!

SLEEP
Make a day of it and stay the night. The Newington Game is the following day - Kings at Home. The Rugby Club has negotiated a special rate at the Wentworth for Kings Parents of $255 per night. To book call hotel reservations on 02) 9230 0700 and quote Booking Code 301950 King’s School Rugby Club – Room Only – valid to June 25 2014, All hotel bookings go into a draw to win the first night’s accommodation free and a bottle of Champagne!

JOIN
Join the King’s Rugby Club today and be in the draw for an iPad Mini – drawn at the Rugby Lunch. Only $275 for a ten-year family membership, includes a Rugby Club cap, tie and merchandise discount.

SUPPORT
Finally why not show you support on the side-lines this year and wear some top quality King’s Rugby Club Merchandise. Attached is the 2014 merchandise flyer.

Regards

David van Aanholt
President, King’s School Rugby Club
Show your support in 2014

- Peak cap • $25
- Woollen beanie • $20
- Teen cap • $20
- Rugby ball • $20
- Waterbottle • $10
- Scarf • $30
- Light blue hoodie • $65
- Training jersey • $50
- Ladies sleeveless vest • $80
- Backpack • $50
- Umbrella • $40

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The King's School Rugby Club

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At Football Development Australia (FDA), we strive to bring you the best coaching expertise and nurture your passion for the game.

We look forward to welcoming you to the FDA Football Camps during the upcoming school holidays.

The FDA Football Camp school holiday programs are open to boys and girls aged 6-14. Our experienced team of coaches will help you improve your technique, teamwork and tactical awareness in a fun and safe environment. You will develop your football skills and use these in various game scenarios.

Get ready for dynamic and fun football training.

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- Drinks (Gatorade and water)
- FDA Football Camp certificate
- Football experience of a lifetime!

All camps are being held at The King’s School, North Parramatta.

For dates, times and to register for the programs visit: www.footballdevelopment.com.au/camps

Places are strictly limited.

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT