Headmaster’s Distinctions

Term 3
Weeks 8 & 9

Kindergarten
GAUCI, Patrick
MARTIN, Michael x 2
McMASTER, William
NAUTA HENDRIKS, Mitchell
NIMMAGADDA, Nana
ONCU, Rennas
QU, Ryan
TRAN, Lachlan
YONG, Terrence

Year 1
HARRISON, James
MULVENEY, William
YUEN, Lucas

Year 2
DMITRENKO, Anton
JONES, Lachlan
MAHESWARAN, Pranav

Year 3
HORNE, Lachlan
KESHAVARZ, Asha
McDONALD, James
MEAD, Andrew
NASHED, Joseph
RICKEY, Sullivan
YUEN, Princeton

Year 4
BENEPAL, Veer
CENAN, Anujan
DI TOMMASO, Angelo
GAY, Lachlan
PAPASINOS, Joseph
PAVLAKIS, Ben
VACHHARAJANI, Dhairya

Year 5
HORNE, Nicholas x 2

Year 6
MEROL, Alessio
TIWARY, Vedang

Prep News
12th September, 2014

NAPLAN Results
In May, the students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 completed the Australian national literacy and numeracy assessments, known as NAPLAN (National Assessment Programme- Literacy and Numeracy). The results of the tests provide information on a student’s performance in literacy and numeracy when compared to students in equivalent years across Australia. An analysis of the results highlights the excellent performance of our boys here at King’s.

In Literacy and Numeracy, the boys performed well above the Australian national average. The results place students into 6 different bands of achievement. In Year 3, 92% of boys scored in the top three bands for Reading, 75% in Persuasive Writing, 94% in Grammar and Punctuation, 90% in Spelling and 77% for Mathematics. In Year 5, 91% of students were placed in the top three bands in Reading, 64% in Persuasive Writing, 94% in Grammar and Punctuation, 85% in Spelling, 93% in Mathematics. I congratulate the boys and their dedicated teachers on the wonderful work that is going on at King’s in the Prep School.

This year’s writing assessment was particularly challenging for students as it was the first year where the text type (e.g. narrative, persuasive, information report etc.) was unknown prior to the examination day. It has been a controversial decision that has attracted much debate from within the education scene. Personally, I feel that the approach was a positive move as it meant that schools couldn’t focus all their attention on one writing genre.

It should be noted that the NAPLAN tests are an isolated assessment measure in a high pressure situation that occurs once every two years. It is important to realise that no single test can provide the full picture of a student’s overall achievement and progress. This information should be used alongside Student Reports and other assessment information to gain a more accurate picture of a child’s development.

Over the coming weeks, the School will be examining the data from these assessments, alongside our school based assessments, to guide us in how we can continue to improve the teaching and learning practices within the Prep School.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart.” Helen Keller
Rugby and Football Gala Day

The rain may have persisted for most of the morning, but the spirits were not dampened on the field at last Saturday’s end of winter season Gala Day. The boys demonstrated many of the skills that they have been developing throughout the season, inspired by the knowledge that House pride was at stake. Final results from the day are listed below:

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Our thanks are extended to Sportsmaster extraordinaire, Phill Rogers, and to the School staff and coaching staff, and to our match officials for the day for all assisting to make it such a successful event, despite the conditions. I’d also like to applaud the efforts of the Year Three fathers in keeping us all ‘fed and watered’ throughout the morning and managing the canteen area so efficiently in difficult circumstances due to the weather. Their efforts on mornings such as this, not only provides a service to the School community, but it enables valuable funds to be generated and directed to supporting the boys in many different ways throughout the year.

Long Service Leave Announcement

Year Two teacher, Melvin Tan, will be taking long service leave in Term 4 and using some of this time to travel abroad. The class teacher for Two Indigo in the final term of the year will be Mrs Lorraine le Claire, a highly experienced educator who has worked at the Prep frequently throughout the year in short term and long term casual relief positions.

National Champion

Sometimes surprises come in smaller packages! I’m thrilled to report that Orlando Smith, a Year Two student at the Prep, was successful in claiming a gold medal at the Will/Machado BJJ Australasian National Titles in Melbourne last weekend. This achievement was gained in the U9 under 30 kg division.

Peter Allison
Head of the Preparatory School

The King's School Preparatory School Enrolments Kindergarten and Year 5 2016

We are currently conducting interviews and finalising places for Kindergarten and Year 5 2016 classes. If you have not already lodged an application form for a sibling of a boy currently enrolled at the school please do so by the end of term to avoid disappointment of missing out on a place. If you have any enrolment enquiries please contact me.

Heather Mallett
Preparatory School Enrolments Officer
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K-2 Grandparents’ and Grandfriends’ Day
Today, our K-2 boys celebrated Grandparents and Grand Friends Day. It was wonderful to see the joy on the boys’ faces and those of their special guests. The boys gave a wonderful musical performance and then took great delight in being tour guides of their classrooms and the ILC. The boys had the opportunity to share their lunch with their grandparents and special guests. Grandparents are such special people and are a crucial part of our family and community. I want to thank all our grandparents and grandfriends who were able to be part of this special day.

End of Term Three Arrangements
Term Three concludes on Thursday 18th September. As is the common practice at the end of term, we will have a staggered end to the day to assist with congestion at the Turning Circle. There are no After School Activities on this day and all boys need to be picked up by 3:30pm.

Boys who require picking up after 3:30pm will need to be collected from After School Care, housed in the building adjacent to the pool. Please contact Camp Australia if you require further information (1300 105 343 or www.campaustralia.com.au) All bus boys are to catch their normal early bus services departing soon after 3:30pm.

NO LATE BUS SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE.

To ease congestion in the Turning Circle, we will need to have a slightly earlier pickup time. The following arrangements will be in place:

- Boys in the Year Groups listed below will be picked-up from the Turning Circle.
  - Kindy - 2:45pm
  - Year 1 - 2:50pm
  - Year 2 - 2:55pm
  - Year 5 - 3:00pm
  - Year 6 - 3:10pm
- Parents of boys in Years 3 & 4 will need to park their cars in the Gatehouse Driveway and walk to the classrooms to collect their sons at 3:10pm.

Extra caution and patience will be required in the Turning Circle with so many students leaving within this pickup period.

Term Four
Term commences on Wednesday, 8th October 2014 at 8:25 am.

CIS Athletics
Seven boys represented IPSHA and The King’s School at Wednesday’s NSW CIS Carnival. The boys competed well and achieved some pleasing results:

- Hamish McMorran (Long Jump) 15th 3.96 metres
- Harris Yang (200 metres) 10th - 31.21 seconds
- Rohan Srivastava (High Jump) 5th - 1.25 metres
- Jayden Gill (800 metres) 5th - 2:37.29 minutes
- Joey Vitanza (Shot Put) 5th 10.18 metres
- Laurence Barker (High Jump) - 2nd 1.46 metres
- Tyrone Bailey (Shot Put) - 1st 12.58 metres

I want to congratulate all these boys and give special congratulations to Laurence and Tyrone for making the CIS team that will compete at the NSW PSSA Carnival.

Holiday Camps
Football Development Australia (FDA) will be running a Football Camp and Premier Tennis will be running a Tennis Camp during the upcoming holidays. Information on these camps may be found on the Sport iLearn Page (https://ilearn.kings.edu.au/homepage/4892).

Greg Blackman
Deputy Head of the Preparatory School
**How the School Discourages Bullying**

Bullying is totally against the mission and purpose of The King’s School. The School is committed to providing an educational environment in which students feel valued and secure. To achieve this end, the School will seek to create a school-wide culture that:

- Allows students to flourish free from discrimination, harassment or any form of bullying
- Does not tolerate, condone or trivialise bullying behaviours.
- Is aware of what constitutes bullying behaviour.
- Provides support to the victims of bullying.
- Deals firmly with bullies so that they either stop their bullying or leave the School.

The methods used by the School to discourage bullying will vary from time-to-time, with new initiatives being introduced when appropriate. The measures that have been used to discourage bullying at The King’s School include, but are not limited to:

- Employing a suitable range of sanctions to deal with and discourage bullies. These sanctions include suspension and expulsion.
- Putting up signage around the School to promote a bully-free environment.
- Printing anti-bullying policies in student diaries and on the School’s website.
- Promoting a bully-free environment in assemblies, Chapel, Home rooms, Year level meetings, House meetings and parent meetings.
- Promoting a bully-free environment in the staff handbook, in School policy documents and in publications such as *The King’s Herald* and *Prep Newsletter*.
- Undertaking confidential Year-level surveys in some years, of student wellbeing and bullying behaviour and following up on identified bullies and victims.
- Use of an anti-bullying email address for assistance.
- Ensuring effective pastoral support for students through the appointment of relevant staff members, including Chaplains, Counsellors, a Director of Students and Housemasters as the chief leaders of pastoral care.
• Incorporating anti-bullying guidelines in The Preparatory School’s code of behaviour for students in The King’s Boys’ Creed and Three Level Behaviour Management Policy.

• Training staff to detect bullying behaviours.

• Encouraging staff to adopt classroom management techniques that discourage opportunities for bullying behaviours.

• Employing staff who model tolerance, empathy and acceptance of individual differences.

• Encouraging staff to take their supervision duties seriously so that there is a pervasive sense of staff presence when on duty.

The effectiveness of these strategies rests with ALL members of the School’s community, including parents, boys, and family members.

Belinda Baxter
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Kindergarten Equestrian Excursion

With a change to our Sharing the Planet unit of inquiry, it was time to introduce a new excursion into our Kindergarten programme! We now look at the ways humans and animals interact with each other so we decided to venture off to the Shelby Equestrian Centre in Terrey Hills. Looking the part and donning our gumboots or riding boots, we learnt how to care for ponies. Boys groomed the ponies, learnt how to clean their hooves and how to keep ponies healthy. The truly exciting part of the day came when the boys threw on their riding helmets and went for a ride on the ponies. It was lovely to see many of the boys overcome their fears and go for a ride, resulting in smiles from ear to ear. Our equestrian excursion allowed the boys to have an experience that many have never had before. It no doubt will be a day that will stay in their minds for a long time to come.

Katelyn Davidson
Kindergarten Teacher
## Upcoming Events

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Year 6 Canberra Camp

The Year 6 Canberra Camp was both a time of learning and fun. We were given the opportunity to engage in a lot of creative learning opportunities in places such as Questacon, Old Parliament House, New Parliament House, The National Archives of Australia and The National War Memorial.

Questacon was a very interactive and fun experience, as it presented lots of information transformed into engaging and captive hands-on learning experiences. During our time here boys got to witness from a distance of only two meters away lightning being created, or experience what it is like to be in an earthquake and even making your arms float while standing on solid ground. In the final room we were challenged by one of the best air hockey players in the world. It was a completely automated robot! Only two boys managed to squeeze the puck pass the monster. Well done Christian Staikos and Lachlan Shaw on scoring on this mechanical genius.

When we visited Old Parliament House we learnt about Australia’s voting system and how it has evolved since 1901, the year of Australia’s Federation. Some of us were even able to find out our parents voting details. At the end, we all got to vote on a new prime minister and in our vote Dr Orange won. This was a very interesting experience as we found out how voters’ first choices in an election might not always turn out as the final result.

At the National Archives of Australia we saw a real copy of Australia’s Federation and the first draft of the Constitution. We also saw how the ‘White Australia Policy’ was enforced without making Australia look bad. An interesting piece of history kept there is a pack of playing cards that were seized by Australian Customs for being ‘naughty’ during the 1950s, the cards had pictures of half-dressed ladies on them and the guide said that they think the cards were seized so the customs officers could have the cards to themselves.

New Parliament house was a real treat and was a privilege to visit. We saw the Senate and the House of Representatives and were taken through a role-play of how laws are passed. Based on our role-play if government was left to Year 6 there would be no ads on Children’s TV. Unfortunately parliament was not sitting whilst we were there, so we didn’t get to see Tony Abbott in action. However, we did get to stand on top of Parliament House under the giant flagpole or ‘the big stick’ as one Year 6 boy labeled it.

Overall, Canberra was very fun and all boys came out of it with greater knowledge of our country’s history and parliament. It was also a time where friends could relax and have fun together, but at the same time represent our school and learn as much as they could. We would like to thank our teachers for providing us with this wonderful learning experience.

Tyrone Albertyn
Chess News

NSW junior Chess League Primary Schools One Day Teams Tournament
I wish our team of 15 players good luck as they participate in the Primary Schools One Day Tournament next Monday at Blacktown.

Sydney Academy of Chess Saturday Fun Day Tournament
The next Sydney Academy of Chess Saturday Fun Tournament will be conducted on 20th September. This is the first weekend of the holidays. Entry forms can be collected from the Front Office, downloaded from iLearn or from the Sydney Academy of Chess website.

Sydney Academy of Chess Holiday Workshops
With the school holidays approaching parents may be interested in booking their children into the following workshops. Full details and enrolment forms for these can be found on the Sydney Academy of Chess website.

Burwood Workshops
Monday 22nd September, 2014
Beginners Workshop 9:30 am – 1:00 pm
Intermediate Workshop 2:00 pm – 5:50 pm

Parramatta Chess Camp
Thursday 25th September, 2014 and Friday 26th September, 2014 9:30 am – 3:00 pm each day. This will include coaching and tournament style games.

Parramatta Workshops
Monday 29th September, 2014
Beginners Workshop 9:30 am – 1:00 pm
Intermediate Workshop 2:00 pm – 5:50 pm

Hornsby Coaching Clinic
Tuesday 30th September, 2014 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Announcing the King’s School Preparatory School Chess Championship
Each year the School conducts a competition to identify the chess champion in each year level (Year 1-6) and the ultimate School Champion. This year the Chess Championship will be held on Monday 13th October (Term 4 Week 2).

Bevan Clouston, from The Sydney Academy of Chess, will be the Arbiter for us on this day.

The tournament will be run as a Swiss tournament, with each boy playing 7 games.

This means that all boys play in each of the rounds and no one is knocked out. There will be trophies for overall 1st Place - 3rd Place, and there will be medals for Champion and Runner-up in each year group (Years 1-6). The School Chess Champion will also receive a trophy on Speech Day.

Any boy in Years 1-6 can enter this competition. As this is a competition, understanding of the normal rules of chess will be a prerequisite.

Individual Music tuition will not occur on this day for these boys.

If you would like your son to participate in this competition, please print the enrolment form, which is on iLearn and send the form and payment of $22 as per the instructions on the form to the Sydney Academy of Chess.

On the day of the competition, boys will go to their classroom, have their name marked present on the roll, attend Chapel with their class and then meet Mrs Pearman in Horrocks Hall for the day’s play. The boys will have morning tea and lunch as normal.

I look forward to seeing many boys enter this competition.

Please email me if you have any questions.

Catherine Pearman
Chess Coordinator
cgp@kings.edu.au
It's a hit!

Collection news...
Our ILC has had a massive change over the last 3 weeks. We've moved the entire K-2 collection upstairs!! The boys have been enjoying the new layout and the opportunity to explore a broader collection. All boys now have access to Fiction, Junior Fiction, Picture Books, and Non-fiction each time they borrow.

Year 5 Readers' Cup
The Year 5 boys have celebrated a term’s worth of reading with their Readers’ Cup Quiz. As you can see from the photos boys came dressed in a costume associated with one of the books we read and hilarity ensued. They now eagerly await the next assembly to find out who will be declared ‘Reading Champions’.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
We’ve also been celebrating the conclusion of the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge. A mighty congratulations to all boys who completed the Challenge. This week has been a great opportunity to celebrate – and as you can see by some of our Year 3 boys, it’s been quite exciting.

Shelley McMorran
Teacher-Librarian

Join us at Cherrybrook Athletics Club in September!
For children aged 5 – 18 who enjoy family fun and fitness. Cherrybrook Athletics Club welcomes you!

Cherrybrook’s streamlined athletics program runs on Friday nights from 5.45 pm to around 8.00 pm.
The program, involving 5 or 6 events of running, jumping and throwing, is held at Greystanes Park No. 2 Oval from 5 September to mid March. Training is available Mondays and Wednesdays at the oval (for a fee) under the guidance of the professional coaching team.
The club is not only a second family to its 400 members, but highly competitive. In 2014 the club achieved 30 medals at the NSW Little Athletics State Championships, to be ranked in the top 3 clubs in NSW.
You can trial for 3 weeks for $30, on 12 September and 19 September. Trial is not available on 5 September.
For more information on registrations see www.cherrybrookathletics.org.au. Register online and come along to our registrations days on 26 August and 27 August to collect your registration numbers. There is a discount for online registrations. Fees start from $135.
For Saturday athletics in your area contact Monday Night, North Sydney, Mount Lawley or North Sydney Athletics Centre.
Year 3 & Year 4 presents

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th October
Please contact The Prep School Office to reserve your tickets

There is no charge for tickets. However, a donation to The Drama King's fund would be gratefully appreciated.

Wanted!
If you have any of the following that you could donate or lend to The Drama King’s we would be most grateful:

- Costumes – Any 70’s type clothes or shoes. Leather jacket, shirts, etc.
- Wigs – We need any type of wig but in particular we are looking for Afros.
- Memorabilia – Any memorabilia from the 1970’s e.g. magazines, mugs, books, vase, lamps, etc.
- Briefcases – Cases of the era, including a briefcase with combination locks.
- Fabric/cushions – Any cushions, bedspreads or pieces of material in 1970’s patterns and colours.
- Boxes – Large cardboard boxes.
- Toys – Postman Pat’s black and white cat.
- Picnic Blankets