**Headmaster’s Distinctions**

**Term 4**

**Week 6 & 7**

- **Kindergarten**
  - ANDREW, Connor x 2
  - DAWES, Lachlan
  - ELVE, Cenk
  - GAUCI, Patrick
  - GIANSENTE, Davide
  - YONG, Terrence

- **Year 1**
  - HARRISON, James x 2

- **Year 2**
  - MURUGABALAJI, Skandaguru
  - SCHULTZ, Cameron

- **Year 3**
  - ANIL, PILLAI, Pranav
  - KADAYIFCI, Eren x 3
  - NASHED, Joseph x 2
  - POTTER, Todd x 4
  - WU, John x 2

- **Year 4**
  - EMERY, Thomas
  - KIRKPATRICK, James x 4
  - LALA, Yash
  - MURUGABALAJI, Mukundan x 2
  - SMITH, Cooper

- **Year 5**
  - ALDERMAN, Cameron x 5
  - ANANDH, Narren
  - AZAR, Jude x 5
  - CHAUHAN, Anish
  - McCONNELL, Thomas
  - MONNANDA, Rehan x 2
  - WAUGH, Lachlan

- **Year 6**
  - ANANIA, Christopher x 5
  - BYGRAVE, Douglas
  - LEVY, Marco x 18
  - MILLICHAMP, Corey x 29
  - PELLIIZZON, Thomas x 10
  - SHAW, Lachlan
  - SINCLAIR, Connor x 3
  - SMITH, Harrison
  - YUEN, Nathan x 4

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**Prep News**

**21st November, 2014**

**Generosity That Knows No Bounds**

As we come to the close of another year, I reflect on the year past and all the generous souls who have contributed to make this the unique place that I love to get out of bed and go to each day. I know that our boys are like minded. It isn’t a school, it’s a community. As such, there are many involved, playing their part to contribute to the greater whole. Our teaching staff is second to none, as far as I’m concerned. They are extraordinary in their commitment to the boys and the time that they devote to their multifaceted roles. The Administration team are friendly, efficient and go way beyond the call of duty in providing the effective support function that goes on behind the scenes. Our parent body have been so generous again this year in the provision of time to support school weekly learning initiatives and the many events that we have hosted. Our Class Mums have done an outstanding job assisting with the co-ordination of events, maintaining communication between the class parents and organising gifts and cards for relevant parties on behalf of the class parents.

I pay particular tribute to our 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 Guazzarotto and Stefan Engsall, 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 2014, Mr Neil Armstrong, who has done a wonderful job leading the association. I’m pleased to report that Neil will be continuing again in this role in 2015. 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.

Sacrifice and generosity of spirit has certainly been evident within our community as many people have made this year such a success. As we approach Christmas time we are reminded about the ultimate act of generosity and sacrifice. God came 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.

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 our wonderful Heavenly Father at the upcoming Carol Service to be held on Tuesday 2nd December. This special event will take place in Futter Hall in the Senior School, starting at 7:00pm. 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.

**We Say Farewell …**

One thing that happens at the end of a year is that we say farewell to a few staff who move on to other adventures.

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** “They opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.” Matthew 2:11
Mr James Giovaneli and his wife Cate have decided to have a sea change and will be moving to the Northern Beaches over the holiday period. James is looking to undertake some further study and so will be looking to work in a part time capacity next year. James has been a wonderful class teacher, basketball coach and a hip member of our staff Chapel band.

The curriculum expertise and wonderful personal skills of Ms Voni Howard have been recognised by Central Coast Grammar School and they have enticed her northwards, to undertake the role of Deputy Head Curriculum at the Junior School. Voni has been a class teacher of the Scholars programme and more recently our Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator across the Prep School. In addition, she has co-ordinated a number of other groups such as debating teams, Tournament of Minds, Da Vinci groups, and Robo Cup. We will certainly miss the creative magic that she weaves around the place, especially in the performance arts arena.

Our Prep School Chaplain, Stuart Tye has decided to take up a full time Christian ministry role at Thomas Hassall Anglican School after 9 years at King’s as a Prep Chaplain and Assistant Minister at Church@Kings. This is a Kindergarten to Year 12 ministry and Executive role within the school. The school is located in the growing south western region of Sydney where the Anglican Church is looking to grow alongside the community. Stuart is a talented communicator at all levels. He is a very gifted man, using his sense of fun and humour, as well as a few magic tricks, the odd puppet show, and video link ups with special guests who surprisingly look a lot like our beloved Rev Tye, to engage the students, staff and parents in learning about God. He will continue to use these wonderful gifts to share the love of God in a new community.

In 2015, we welcome the following staff who will be joining the Prep School:

Michelle Ashley will be joining us as a Kindergarten teacher for 2015. Michelle has had a number of teaching roles and curriculum co-ordination roles across the primary school and a number of years teaching on Kindergarten. Michelle is a community spirited person who is involved in a couple of charity organisations in her spare time.

Kate Rouse will be joining us as a Year 2 teacher in 2015. Kate is a highly experienced educator who has enjoyed some extensive experience within the Bathurst region across a range of primary classes and also as a specialist in Learning Support.

Kathryn Hipkin will be taking on the role of Learning Support Teacher within the Prep School. Anna-Claire Coore will be taking up the position of the teacher of our first Pre-Kindergarten class in 2015. Kathryn has an extensive background in independent schools in Sydney and in Queensland in the area of Learning Support.

Joining Anna-Claire in the new Pre-Kindergarten Centre as the new Pre-K Teacher Assistant will be Erin Strawbridge. Erin has been a preschool educator for many years and worked within centres utilising the Reggio Emelia philosophical approach to early childhood education, which matches beautifully with the PYP Early Years Programme.

Sonia Weston will be taking on the role of Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator of the Altus enrichment programme in 2015. Sonia has qualifications within the area of Gifted Education and has considerable experience in similar roles at other schools prior to joining us at King’s.

The School is currently in the process of appointing a new Prep School Chaplain and Assistant Minister for Church@Kings.

All K-6 families are cordially invited to join us for Presentation Day on Thursday 4th December at 2:00pm 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.

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. Musical instruments need to come out of their cases regularly during the holidays to make sure that the skills that have been gained this year don’t lie dormant.

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 your support and encouragement of the Prep School staff throughout the year.

For those returning to us next year, we look forward to our Induction Day for new boys on Wednesday 28th January. The start of the 2015 school year for Years 1-6 students is on Thursday 29th January and for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten on Monday 2nd February.

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 2015

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Festival of Lessons and Carols

This most important annual event takes place on Tuesday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} December commencing at 7:00 pm. **This event is a compulsory event for all boys in Years K-6.** Boys are to wear their Number 1 uniform (K-2 full blues) for this special occasion.

Conclusion of Term Four

Classes for the Preparatory School conclude on Wednesday, 3\textsuperscript{rd} December. Traditionally this is 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 2:45 pm  Prep Turning Circle
- Year 1 2:50 pm  Prep Turning Circle
- Year 2 2:55 pm  Prep Turning Circle
- Year 3 3:10 pm  Year 3 Classrooms
- Year 4 3:10 pm  Year 4 Classrooms
- Year 5 3:00 pm  Prep Turning Circle
- Year 6 3:10 pm  Prep Turning Circle

**No after school activities are offered on this day.** However, After School Care will operate from 3:00 pm for Infants boys and 3:30 pm for Primary boys who have not been collected. Places in After School Care are limited to 30 boys and is a user pay system. All families intending to use this facility should book their place with Camp Australia, (1300 105 343) or [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au).

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

Presentation Day

This year’s Presentation Day for Years 3-6 will be held on Thursday, 4\textsuperscript{th} December in Futter Hall. **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. All Prep boys attending should be in their Number 1 uniforms. 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.

Thank you

The King’s School community is a special one. There are so many of our community that assist the boys and the School in so many ways. I want to thank all those that have assisted throughout the year and a special thank you to those who have assisted and supported me. I wish all families a joyful and blessed Christmas and hope that you are able to spend time as a family.

Greg Blackman  
Deputy Head
The year of 2014 has been a wonderful time of holistic development for our boys. Growth has been noted in social, academic, physical, emotional and spiritual domains. Parents and boys will shortly receive the Semester Two School Reports that summarise this section of the learning journey. Families will likely consider the qualitative and quantitative data relating to academic outcomes and reflect on recommendations for future growth.

Consider carefully also, the emotional and social areas, the comments about kindness, character, and selflessness. Look for the comments about helping a friend, respecting all teachers, being appreciative, having courage, showing integrity. It is wondered how many parents will look for this first?

Francis of Assisi was a medieval Italian man known for his exemplary life of holiness and attitude of peace. The message of the prayer in his honour, cutting across many cultures and religious traditions, reminds us of peace filled living. The beautiful words of the Prayer of St Francis, inspire us to be outward looking in our relationships, to be a beacon of love and light, understanding and forgiving.

The Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.

So it is with thankfulness that we have nearly completed the academic year of 2014. I take this opportunity to wish the School community every blessing for the Christmas season and warm good wishes for the New Year.

Belinda Baxter
‘Summer Learning Loss’:
When students take extended breaks in their education during the summer.

Summer learning loss? Really? Yes! Educators and researchers also refer to this phenomenon as ‘summer brain drain’ or ‘summer slide’. Research shows that for some students, a few months off in the summer can lead to major setbacks in school, including loss of knowledge and lower scores on assessments. In order to succeed at school, students need ongoing opportunities to learn and practice essential skills, especially during the summer months. Here is a summary of some of the research:

- Summer learning loss is not a temporary phenomenon. Losses can accumulate over years, eventually resulting in students who perform below their year level.
- On average, students lose about two to three months worth of year level equivalency in mathematical computation skills during their summer holiday.
- Maths is not the only subject that is affected over summer holiday - losses in reading and spelling abilities may also occur.
- Parents have a key role to play. Learning loss is much less pronounced if families enrol children in classes, take trips to local libraries, participate in reading programs, or take advantage of other, often free, learning opportunities.
- Academic learning is not the only thing affected by summer learning loss. Students often make poorer food choices, resulting in weight gain, especially when left unsupervised by working parents.
- Summer learning loss also makes things more difficult for teachers. Teachers may spend a month or more re-teaching or reviewing material students have already been taught in order to come back from losses caused by an extended time away from school.

Here are some tips to minimise summer learning loss:

1. **Make Time for Learning**
   Set aside time for students to read each day during the summer break - 15 to 30 minutes per day is all it takes!

2. **Learn and Practice Affixes**
   Students of all year levels can improve their reading and spelling skills by learning affixes. [http://www.grammar-monster.com/glossary/affixes.htm](http://www.grammar-monster.com/glossary/affixes.htm)

3. **Develop Maths Skills**
   Though it may not seem fun to them at the time, working on just three to four math problems per day during the summer can prevent students’ mathematical skills from getting rusty.

4. **Improve Reading Comprehension**
   Offer students a reading comprehension workbook to work on several minutes daily.

5. **Review and Build Grammar Skills**
   Review the past year level's grammar concepts and begin to work on the next school year's concepts.

6. **Encourage Creative Writing**
   This is a great way to improve student’s written language skills while giving them a fun and imaginative activity!
7. **Focus on Specific Skills**
Pinpoint subjects students had the most trouble learning during the previous school year and do some practice in these areas.

*Read more on these tips here: [http://www.edutopia.org/blog/7-ways-prevent-summer-learning-loss-barbara-dianis](http://www.edutopia.org/blog/7-ways-prevent-summer-learning-loss-barbara-dianis)*

**Have a wonderful summer holiday and avoid the “summer slide”!**
For more information, ideas and resources please log on to my iLearn page here: [https://ilearn.kings.edu.au/homepage/9019/](https://ilearn.kings.edu.au/homepage/9019/)

Rachel Johnston  
Director of Learning/PYP Coordinator  
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**Year One Harvest Day and Learning Journey**

After weeks and weeks of planting, creating and experimenting, the suspense of an amazing harvest had finally arrived. Harvest day was a wonderful way to celebrate the great gifts that God has given us and was a reward for all the fantastic efforts that the boys had given during our latest unit of inquiry. The tables were set and the parents arrived for a Learning Journey that we knew they wouldn’t forget. Singing and dancing loudly and proudly with Mrs Browne, the boys shared songs of The Harvest. The boys were as proud as punch when they presented their parents with pretty handmade brooches to wear. After a learning journey around the classroom and the impressive vegie patch, we all sat down for a scrumptious lunch together. Even our little chickens that had hatched chirped happily.

Many thanks must go to the team of farmers in Year One!

Jo Grinham and Sarah Moujalli
Prep Chaplain

I’d like to wish the parents of The King’s School Preparatory School a very fond farewell. Beginning in 2015, I will be taking up the position as the Inaugural Chaplain of Thomas Hassall Anglican College. It’s a co-educational, P-12, multi-campus, Anglican school with 1700 students and is located 35mins South West of King’s. While I’m excited about the opportunities ahead, we are very saddened to leave this community.

It has been my privilege to teach your sons the gospel over the past nine years and I have thoroughly enjoyed ministering through Chapels, Christian Studies classes, Crusader groups and to many of you and families through Church@Kings. I consider it an honour to communicate Jesus’ forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Just like Santa Claus. Yes that’s what I said, like St Nick. Let me explain.

The real Santa Claus was born by the sea in Turkey around AD 270. His parents called him Nicholas and as far as we know he had a normal 3rd century Mediterranean upbringing. But one thing made him stand out from the crowd - he gave presents. And not just that he gave presents secretly. And not only to children, he looked out for anyone in need.

There are accounts of Nicholas dropping gold coins into people's shoes for them to find later. One story has him secretly providing a wedding dowry for the three daughters of a local pauper. He visited the house at night and left the money, possibly via the chimney. Sound familiar?

When a person does this kind of thing it's not hard to imagine them with a twinkle in their eye.

But why did Nicholas do this? What motivated him to be such a generous gift-giver? Well, something had happened, something that would change his life forever. Nicholas had become a Christian.

Turkey in the 3rd and 4th Centuries was a place of uncertainty and chaos. Emperors rose and fell, wars were won and lost, food came and went. And people had little hope. They would offer incense to idols and pray that they might receive some gift of goodness and security. But the Christian faith offers so much more. The promises of Jesus are so different. Jesus offers real forgiveness and real hope.

Nicholas was orphaned as a young man and lived with his uncle who was a Christian. No doubt his uncle taught him to follow Jesus. Young Nicholas was such a devoted Christian that he became a church leader and eventually a Bishop of Myra.

Nicholas understood the generosity of Jesus forgiving his sins. And that's why he gave gifts to the undeserving, because God had given him the gift of eternal life.

The modern Santa supposedly brings presents to children who are good. But the problem is that none of us are good. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

In contrast, Jesus brings forgiveness and new life to anyone who trusts in him. May you and your family know God’s richest gift this Christmas, the gift of forgiveness.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for the best presents in the world - forgiveness of sin and eternal life with you.
## Key Dates

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2015 Week 2

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It was a pleasure to attend a special ceremony at Westmead Children’s Hospital recently. Some boys in Years 5 and 6 have participated in the Write-a-book-in-a-day competition raising much-needed funds and awareness of The Kids’ Cancer Project. This worthy project is part of the Oncology Children’s Foundation and has a single mission: to cure kids’ cancer. This competition is now international with over $100000 raised Australia wide. Additionally the books that the boys have written in collaboration with their TARA team mates will be distributed for children who unfortunately have to spend time at the Children’s Hospital.

As I watched our boys receive commendation awards for their writing and fundraising (the ten teams that Tara and King’s enter are a fundraising powerhouse!) I reflected on how great it is that our boys can write stories for such a real and appreciative audience, but additionally, how great that they are part of the bigger story of kids’ cancer research.

A current venture of The Kids’ Cancer Project is a trial of a special brain cancer treatment. It costs $150 000 to put one child through this treatment, which goes towards specialised staffing, medication and equipment.

The Kids’ Cancer Project was started 21 years ago by a bus driver who was transporting some very sick kids and thought he could make a difference. What a wonderful example to our boys of servant heartedness. From little things, big things grow.

Every boy who was involved worked tirelessly and creatively to produce a book that could be enjoyed by a sick child. Special mention to our Team 5 who won a Highly Commended for their book ‘When Life Gets Hectic’ and also our Team 3 who were runner up in the Most Sponsorship Nationally category with ‘Just One Spark’.
Chess News
NSW Junior Chess League Primary Schools One Day Teams Tournament

CONGRATULATIONS…..
to the boys who competed in the Canley Heights heat of the NSW Junior Chess League Primary Schools One Day Teams Tournament last Wednesday. I am very proud of these boys for how well they conducted themselves and for their fine efforts on the competition day. They represented their school with distinction both in their playing ability and in the sportsmanship they demonstrated. Well done boys!

The team of Narren Anandh, Eric Li and Anish Chauhan earned our school second place which entitles us to compete in the NSW finals on Sunday 30th November. In advance, I thank the boys for giving up their Sunday. I know you will all try your hardest. I wish them the very best of luck.

Sydney Academy of Chess Saturday Fun Day Tournament
It has been pleasing to see a number of King’s boys enter these fun afternoon competitions gaining valuable competition practice. The next Sydney Academy of Chess Saturday Fun Tournament will be conducted on 13th December. 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 Competitions
With the school holidays approaching parents may be interested in booking their children into the competitions. I encourage parents to visit the Sydney Academy of Chess website for details of upcoming competitions.

NSW Junior Chess League School Holiday Chess Activities
Similarly, the New South Wales Junior Chess League offers summer tournaments. The details can be found on the website

There is a three-day tournament: Wednesday-Friday 7-9 January
One-day tournament: Wednesday 14 January
Two-day Tournament: Thursday 21-22 January
My final thoughts on the year that was….

I wish to thank all of the boys in the Chess Team who have worked tirelessly hard all year long. It has been a privilege to mentor and support them on their quest to represent their school as well as they could in many Interschool competitions.

The boys have shown great dedication and improvement over the year. It has been thrilling to watch their personal growth as they have finessed their game playing with a deeper understanding of strategies. Whilst the boys didn’t win as many trophies as they wanted, they showed that perhaps there is more to be learnt from losing as there is from winning. *Don’t be afraid of losing, be afraid of playing a game and not learning something.* - Dan Heisman.

The boys accepted their losses graciously and success with humility. I have been very proud of each boy!

Boys freely committed themselves to weekly lunch time training, after-school coaching and weekend playing- always with a cheerful disposition.

I am very grateful to all the parents too, for your wonderful support of myself and the boys this year.

I look forward to watching these young boys continue their chess quest next year and I welcome more eager players to the Chess Team in 2015.

Catherine Pearman
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On Saturday, 6 December at 2.00pm in Horrocks Hall, the King’s Camerata will be presenting their end of year Concert. The Concert is free; charitable donation appreciated. The choir will be joined by instrumental tutors from the School to perform well known choral and instrumental items. Please join us for an afternoon of relaxing and entertaining music that will include well known festive favourites. You never know, you might be singing with us in 2015!

Further details from Jonathan Todhunter
jpt@kings.edu.au

Please come and support the King’s Camerata and Instrumental Tutors as they put on their annual concert on Saturday 6th December. We would love to see many members of the School Community support the Community Choir – and Mr Allison is singing too!

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Prep Newsletter
Issue No 18 – 21st November, 2014
GERRIC School Holiday Programs
For academically gifted students
Exciting topics, inspiring teachers, gifted learners

PROGRAMS FOR GIFTED STUDENTS
Are you a bright, inquisitive student in years 3-10? Are you looking for a challenging and fun school holiday program that will really stretch your mind?

Whether you love the challenge of chess, are a musical virtuoso or budding scientist, GERRIC has a workshop for you. You'll meet other kids who share your interests and you'll also meet inspiring teachers who love working with gifted students.

Applications for the Winter 2014 programs are available now! Visit our website to learn more, and submit your application by Sunday 30th November!

JUNIOR SCIENTIA PROGRAM

Years 3-4:
• Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
• Chess for Beginners
• How to Talk So People Will Listen
• Creative Collages: From Matissa to Mu and Beyond!
• Masked Madness
• Writing With All of Your Senses: Do You See What I See?

Years 5-6:
• Odd Maths and Even Weirder Stuff
• Everyday Economics for Smarties
• Crime Scene to Courtroom
• Speak Out!: Learning to Be a Great Debater
• Performative Radio Stories
• Climate: Seas of Change

Application deadline is 30th November 2014

Dates: 20-22 January 2015
Time: 8:45am - 3:30pm
Cost: $300 for three days
Location: UNSW Kensington
Limited scholarships available
Contact: gerric@unsw.edu.au
Tel: (02) 9385 1979

GERRIC also offers the Scientia Challenge program for students in years 7-10. Visit our website to learn more and apply.

APPLY ONLINE – https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-usgerric/gifted-students/

GERRIC Parent Course is also held on 20-22 January 2015. Families who register for both the parent course and the student programs will receive 25% off each event.

"My daughter came away full of knowledge, ideas and enthusiasm for learning." – Amanda Harrison, parent