The year has flashed past and here we are already at Easter. No doubt Easter buns and chocolate eggs will feature heavily in the diets of many families over the coming weeks. However, with the opportunity to halt the pace of the regular routine, the Easter break affords a precious time for us to reflect. It is a time for us to think about things eternal, and not to simply be cluttered with consumerism and distractions.

As a Prep School next Wednesday afternoon, we will gather together before the Easter break to reflect on the message of forgiveness, atonement, hope and the grace of God as displayed in His masterful rescue plan for our lives. The Bible tells us that from the beginning of time, God planned to send Jesus into our world to save us from the punishment of our own rebellion against Him. God knew that the only way to repair that relationship with Him was through the sacrifice of His own son. Now there’s an extraordinary gift to celebrate at Easter!

Parents are most welcome to come and join us in Horrocks Hall for the service on Wednesday 1 April at 1:40pm.

The following traditional hymn often sung in churches over the Easter period, does well to capture the victory over death that we can enjoy through a relationship with Jesus.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o’er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son, Endless is the vict’ry, thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing; for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. Refrain

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love: bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain

I wish you a safe, refreshing and meaningful Easter break.

Kingsbridge Opening
The Prep community gathered together today to celebrate the opening of our wonderful new learning facility for our youngest Kingsmen, our Kingsbridge Pre-Kindergarten boys. Held in Horrocks Hall, the official party including members of the School Council, joined with the boys to mark this important occasion. The event included messages from Headmaster, Dr Tim Hawkes, Chairman of School Council, Dr Robert Mackay and the Head of Prep, Peter Allison, with some delightful musical performances from the boys. The highlight was the unveiling of the plaque with the assistance of our Kingsbridge boys.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for other things.” Henry Ward Beecher
The occasion also allowed guests to tour the Kingsbridge facilities and the new Prep School primary classrooms which were extended and refurbished over the Christmas holiday break.

**Conversations that Support Learning Growth**

At King’s we believe that the greatest success is achieved when the home and the school are working harmoniously together to support our boys. This process requires ongoing positive and productive communication.

This week, our focus has been on hosting three-way conferences to share information between teachers, parents and students. This reporting process actively involves the boys in the process, fostering self-reflection, self-evaluation and guiding them through a goal setting process to focus future learning growth. The strategy encourages boys to accept accountability and responsibility for their effort and progress, and allows them to demonstrate a growing understanding of their development as independent learners. The conferences have also provided an opportunity for sharing between the home and school about social and emotional development.

As well as encouraging open and honest dialogue between parties, the conferences provide an opportunity for the boys to develop more formalised oral communication skills and the ability to articulate their thoughts on their learning.

I want to acknowledge the teaching staff for the many extra hours invested into the preparation for the three-way conferences and the time taken to talk with families on top of their busy weekly schedules.

**IPSHA Cross Country Carnival**

The King’s School is the perfect site to hold a cross country carnival with expansive spaces and a range of terrains to negotiate – and still with room for our spectators to park! The first of our carnivals during this cross country season was the Prep School carnival held last week which saw all students from Pre-Kindergarten through to Year Six participate.

On Saturday, the second and much larger cross country event will be hosted at The King’s School – the IPSHA Cross Country Carnival. This event will see over 1,700 participants from independent schools across the extended Sydney region and around 3,000 spectators. This major event is being co-ordinated by our Director of Sport, Mr Phill Rogers. We pay tribute to our Prep Fathers who will be assisting with parking and directing all our visitors, and looking after the catering needs of our participants and guests. The carnival will demonstrate to our visitors what can be achieved through an enthusiastic and supportive school community.

**Combined Independent Schools Swimming Success**

Three students from King’s Prep represented their School and the IPSHA team at the recent Combined Independent School Swimming Championships. This is a carnival that sees the best of the best from all independent schools in NSW. Our boys performed wonderfully, gaining some outstanding results.

*Karl Albertyn Under 8-10*

50 Freestyle - 1st in Heat, 1st in Final
50 Backstroke - 1st in Heat, 1st in Final
50 Breaststroke - 1st in Heat, 2nd in Final
50 Butterfly - 1st in Heat, 1st in Final
200 IM straight through to NSW State Championships

*Robert Napoli Under 11*

50 Freestyle - 9th in Heat, 8th in Final
50 Backstroke - 5th in Heat, 4th in Final
50 Breaststroke - 3rd in Heat, 3rd in Final

*Tyrone Bailey Under 12*

50 Breaststroke 4th in Heat, 4th in Final

All three boys are to be congratulated for these tremendous results.

These results qualified both Karl and Robert entry into the NSW State Championships held this week.

Robert was able to swim a personal best time, achieving 5th place in the final of the 50m Breaststroke race.
Karl had a big programme of races to complete and achieved some stunning results.
50 Freestyle - bronze medal
50 Breaststroke – 5th in Final
50 Backstroke – silver medal
50 Butterfly – gold medal
200 IM – gold medal
Relay – bronze medal

We congratulate Robert and Karl on their fine performances. Both boys will move through to the Pan Pacific National Swimming Championships in Adelaide.

A Bronze Medal Performance
As well as taking out first place at last week’s school cross country championships in the U11 category, Jayden Gill went on to secure another outstanding achievement over the weekend. Jayden competed in the Little Athletics State Athletics Championship in two events, winning a bronze medal in the 1500 metre championship and fourth place in the 800 metre event. We congratulate Jayden on these outstanding performances.

Save the date – Prep School Trivia Night Saturday 13 June
This communication is advanced notice for parents to book Saturday 13 June in their diaries for this year’s Prep School Trivia Night. This year the theme is Hollywood, so think about getting together a themed table or come as a favourite film star. More information about the event will be circulated early next term.

Term Two Commencement Date for students – Tuesday 21 April

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Church@Kings

Easter Services

Good Friday
9.30am in the Chapel (Communion)

Easter Sunday
9.30am in the Chapel (Family Service)
6pm in the Chapel (Communion)

For more information:
Email: chaplain@kings.edu.au Office: 9683 8414
Website: church.kings.edu.au

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**Music Concert**

Last Thursday evening, the Music Department held the first of its Evening Music Concerts for the year. We had boys from Strings, Band and our Chamber Choir performing and it is one of the few times each year when this happens. The large audience was entertained by each group and the standard for the end of Term One was extremely high. I wish to congratulate our Director of Music, Mr Jonathan Todhunter, our Head of Strings, Mr Trevor Addison, our Head of Bands, Mr Simon Hilberding and the numerous peripatetic tutors for the wonderful work they do with our boys and the beautiful music they produce.

**Student Leadership**

The School Captain and our four House Captains attended the National Young Leaders Day at the Qantas Credit Union Arena (formerly known as the Sydney Entertainment Centre) on Monday 23 March 2015. The day brings 6000 Primary School student leaders from all over NSW to listen to a number of guest speakers who discuss the importance of good leadership and their leadership story. This year’s speakers included:

- Bindi Irwin – Wildlife and Conservation Advocate
- Mike Baird – Premier of NSW and King’s Old Boy
- Dylan Parker and James Norton – Paper Plane Pilots
- Rachael Leahcar – Musician and “The Voice” finalist in 2012
- Mike Martin – Executive Director of the Halogen Foundation

The boys had a great day and were inspired to "Get Started", this year’s theme, with ideas on how to improve their student leadership of the Prep School.

**House Points**

At the conclusion of Week 8, Term One, the Class House Points are as follows. In 4th is Thomas on 19 points, equal 2nd is Harrison and Stiles on 20 points and our leaders at this stage of the year are Blaxland on 23 points. The points are very close this year and I encourage the boys to keep working hard and earning points for their House.

**Year 3 Multicultural Day**

On Tuesday, 31 March, Year 3 will hold their annual Multicultural Day. I am sure the day will be a wonderful success that celebrates the diversity of not only Australia, but our wonderful King’s Community. The boys enjoy dressing up in outfits from various countries and I thank Miss Davidson, Mr Tan, Ms Kuo and Mr Todhunter for their organisation. I also wish to thank the wonderful parents who will supply the lunch celebrating our different cultures.

**Kindergarten Easter Hat Parade**

On Wednesday, 1 April, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will be holding an Easter Hat Parade from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. The hats have been made in class and the parade will be a lovely way to conclude the boys’ first term of school.

**End of Term Arrangements**

Term One concludes on Wednesday, 1 April. 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 3:30 pm.

Boys who require picking up after 3:30 pm will need to be collected from After School Care, housed in the building adjacent to the pool. This is a user pay service and further information may be obtained from Camp Australia (1300 105 343 or www.campaustralia.com.au).
• Boys in the year groups listed will be picked-up from the Turning Circle.

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• 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 3:10 pm.

Extra caution and patience will be required in the Turning Circle with so many students leaving within this pickup period. All boys catching a King’s bus are to catch their normal early bus services departing soon after 3:20 pm.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO LATE BUS SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE.

The Baxter Buses will leave the Prep Turning Circle at 3:40 pm.

1st XV Armidale Trip
During the break (Friday 17 to Sunday 19 April) our 1st XV side are travelling to Armidale to compete in the Armidale School Rugby Carnival. This is a wonderful opportunity for the boys, with sides coming from all over NSW and Queensland to compete. We wish the boys and staff a successful carnival.

Term Two Commences
Term Two commences for the boys on Tuesday, 21 April. Winter sport after school training will also commence on this day.

The Centenary of ANZAC
In the ultimate demonstration of courage and leadership, 248 Kingsmen have lost their lives in defence of our Nation and the values we hold dear. Please join us as we honour a century of service and sacrifice, paying special tribute to the 99 Kingsmen who died either at Gallipoli or during World War I.

Centenary of ANZAC Ceremony
Friday, 24 April 2015 at 5:00pm on the Parade Ground in front of Futter Hall.

This will be a significant milestone event in the life of the School and is compulsory for all boys from Year 2 - Year 12. Families are warmly encouraged to attend. The Ceremony is designed to coincide with sunset so it will start precisely at 5:00pm. Please be seated by 4:45pm. Please also consider that there is likely to be heavy traffic entering the School at this time.

The Ceremony will finish at 6:00pm. The normal King’s buses will not run after school. Instead they will depart from the Senior School at the conclusion of this event, for students who normally travel on them. Prep students with transport issues should consult their Class Teacher.

ISDA Debating will proceed after the Ceremony, for those boys involved.

We will be sending out detailed information about this event later this term. I encourage all Prep families to attend and be part of a very special King’s School event.

Centenary of ANZAC Service
Sunday, 26 April 2015 at 2:00pm in The King’s School Chapel.

All School families are invited to join with descendants of the Old Boys killed in WWI, as we thank God for those who gave their lives and pray for our Nation and peace in our World.

Greg Blackman
Deputy Head
You may have read the recent editorial by Ross Gittins, the Economics Editor for the Sydney Morning Herald. He wrote about the need for children and young people to achieve in the social skills department, not just high marks. This resonates clearly with our focus of wellbeing, values, learning engagement and character development.

He writes: My job brings me into regular contact with the econocrats at the top of the Reserve Bank, Treasury and other departments. Let me tell you, they're the brightest of the bright. I have to keep telling myself this as I struggle to keep up with them. All of them could hold down jobs as professors, or earn a lot more money in business. In recent years, however, I've realised that being super-bright ain't enough. To be really successful you also need "people skills". I've decided an extra unit of EQ - emotional intelligence - is worth a lot more than an extra unit of IQ. And if a genie appears from a bottle, that's what I'll ask for. What people may not realise is that brain development doesn't matter just because of its effect on kids' intellect. As a new report from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, The Power of Social and Emotional Skills, makes clear, it matters also for children's social development.

He then goes on to discuss the importance of social and emotional skills such as perseverance, sociability and self-esteem and why they are critical for life success. I recommend the article: [http://www.rossgittins.com/2015/03/our-kids-need-social-skills-not-just.html](http://www.rossgittins.com/2015/03/our-kids-need-social-skills-not-just.html)

And for those very interested in the area, an examination of the global OECDs (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) report ‘The Power of Social and Emotional Skills 2015’ makes for interesting reading.

Mr Allison and I have nearly finished a busy season of meeting with prospective families with a view to make offers for 2016 placements. The number of adults who express a desire to join the King’s community because they have connected with a current or Old Boy of the School in some way, and have been very impressed with their social skills, their confidence and ability to sustain a conversation, is high.

Our success in this area is not accidental. Strategic planning and investment into this area of character development is high on our agenda. Behaviour management with a positive education paradigm of student ownership and reflection is bearing us good fruit. Many thanks to the families who are supporting the School’s values in their homes and reinforcing our aims and objectives.

I commend the upcoming Magic 123 course being run here next term at the Prep. It would be my expectation that this will be heavily subscribed, particularly by parents of Kingsbridge, Kindergarten and Year One boys. Given the number of parents who are challenged, by their own admission, with consistent and successful behaviour management in their homes, a gathering of successful strategies will be helpful.

In closing, all families are wished a blessed and safe Easter holiday. Please take the time to acknowledge the reason for the season; the death and resurrection of the only one with perfect values and character, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Belinda Baxter
bsb@kings.edu.au
Three-way Conferences

This week our community was involved in Three-way Conferences. Boys and parents arrived at school at various times during the week to meet with class teachers. Over the last few days some people have asked me “Why don’t we just have the usual parent-teacher interviews?” Many believe that it is because we are a ‘PYP school’, however, this is not the only reason. Read on to see what the research says...

“If a student has really learned it, they should be able to describe, demonstrate, or in some other way show evidence of that learning.”
Absolum

“If the teacher does the talking, as in the more conventional parent-teacher interview, then the message is that, in fact, the teacher is in charge of the learning, not the student.”
Absolum

“Select specific learning targets based on the learning needs of individual students. Students can only self-assess if they have a sufficiently clear picture of the learning target that they are supposed to attain”
Black & William

“What does the PYP say?
Three-way conferences involve the student, parents and teacher. Students discuss their learning and understanding with their parents and teacher, who are responsible for supporting the student through this process. Students are responsible for reflecting upon work samples they have chosen to share, that have been previously selected with guidance and support from the teacher and could be from the student’s portfolio. The student, parents and the teacher collaborate to establish and identify the student’s strengths and areas for improvement. This may lead to the setting of new goals, with all determining how they can support the achievement of the goals. (Making the PYP happen: A curriculum framework for international primary education, 2009)

I would love to hear your thoughts on our three-way conferences, both negative and positive! Please feel free to contact me on rci@kings.edu.au

Rachel Johnston - Director of Learning
Year 3 Camp To The Blue Mountains

On Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 February, Year 3 went to the Blue Mountains for our first camp away from school. We stayed at the Christian Missionary Society campsite in Katoomba.

At this camp, we learnt about Aboriginal culture and art. We read the story of Tiddalik and acted out the story. This was fun! Mrs Wilkins organised some art activities for us to do at camp. She cut out some shields from sheets of cardboard and we decorated them, using designs that we had made at school. Our designs had to be related to an Aboriginal theme.

In Katoomba, we went on the Scenic Railway to get down to the rainforest. We explored the natural environment and the history of the old coalmines. It was interesting to see the tools and artefacts that they had used and we also learnt about nature facts such as a vine that was strong enough to hold up a car! The experience of going on the Scenic Railway was exciting and some people were a little scared. Some people were screaming as we went down into the dark tunnel. On the way down, we could see the Three Sisters, which was a good thing because on the previous day, we could not see anything with the heavy cover of fog and rain.

We took a photo of everyone standing in front of the old coalmine office, with the Three Sisters in the background. We enjoyed exploring the old coal mine and going into the coal miner's hut.

We loved going to camp and we especially liked the cabins because they were neat and tidy. We liked the bunk beds. It was fun to be served our meals by the teachers and the food was delicious!
### Upcoming Events

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**Year One Visit the Art Gallery**

What a wonderful way to begin the Unit of Inquiry, ‘How We Express Ourselves’. Year One were fortunate enough to visit the NSW Art Gallery and spend some time up close with famous art works from all over the world. The boys were fascinated by the size, colour and shapes that lined the walls and floors in this magic space. They talked about how the art made them feel and they thoroughly enjoyed exploring the gallery with the volunteer art guides who shared many stories. It was a rewarding day for everyone and especially special to share it with some Mums and Dads too.

*Jo Grinham and Sarah Moujalli*
TRIVIA NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE

The TKS Fathers’ Association invites all parents and friends to our:

**Annual HOLLYWOOD Theme Trivia Night**

**Saturday Evening - June 13**

Venue: Horrocks Hall - Prep School
BYO Food and Beverages

Dress: (tables as well) Your Favourite Movie Stars

Our Trivia Master will ask questions on international topics, movies and general knowledge.

**Great Prizes – Trivia – Silent Auction**

All money raised goes toward supporting FA projects in: Music, Literature, Sport & Facilities

Cost is $30 per head

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE – More details coming soon...

This is a low cost, “adults only” function where you will get to meet many fellow Prep School parents and teachers in a fun and relaxed atmosphere with trivia questions designed to suit people of all ages and from all nations of our wonderful world. **You are welcome to bring friends as well.**

On the night, please bring some gold coins for games. You are welcome to bring food, wine and beverages, PLUS we encourage you to dress-up for the occasion (along with your table) in any Hollywood (or Bollywood) style.

Last year’s Trivia International Night was a huge success and loads of fun for all that came along – we hope you can join in the fun.
PREMIER TENNIS
NEW MULTI SPORT CAMP

All Kids Welcome (5-13 yrs old)!
Come and enjoy a wonderful camp environment full of FUN games & prizes!
We will be playing tennis, soccer, cricket, basketball & swimming.

When? (tick box to select)
☐ 7th - 10th April 2015  Cost: $215 / Early Bird: $199 (4 days)
☐ 13th - 17th April 2015  Cost: $274 / Early Bird: $249
☐ 22nd - 26th June 2015  Cost: $274 / Early Bird: $249
☐ 6th - 10th July 2015  Cost: $274 / Early Bird: $249

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm (extended stay 8am-5pm)
Cost: $274 per camp / $249 for Early Birds

* Extended Stay = $20 per day / $80 for Early Birds
* Daily Price = $55 / $50 for Early Birds
* Early Bird Price ends on the FRIDAY before Camp begins

Email Completed Forms to:
Andrew Turner
andrew@premiertennis.com.au
Mobile: 0434 671 541

Please bring recess, lunch and an afternoon snack, as well as a water bottle, hat, sunscreen and clothing to play sport in. Our holiday camps will be at the senior school tennis courts. In case of rain it will be moved indoors to the senior school sports gym.

Please email completed forms to Andrew Turner.

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