**NAPLAN testing and assessment at King’s**

Next week, the students in Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in an Australian national testing programme known as NAPLAN. It is a demanding programme with four assessments across the learning areas of literacy and numeracy completed over the course of three days.

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

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

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

**Pavilion Construction Moves Ahead**

Exciting news has been received that the Development Application for the Prep Pavilion has been approved by Baulkham Hills Council. Construction date has been set to start straight after Art Show on 1 September 2015.

A closing date for the purchase of named bricks has been set at 30 June 2015. Never before has the School had a project that enabled student names to have a permanent place on display in the School grounds. I encourage families to consider supporting this tremendous facility for our School community and to have their son included on the Prep School Walk.

**Year One Mothers Honoured at the Prep for Mothers’ Day**

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

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others.” 1 Peter 4:10
The day was masterminded by our wonderful Year One teachers, Mrs Jo Grinham and Ms Sarah Moujalli and received support from a number of other staff members. On behalf of all those in attendance we send our thanks to all these people for creating such a special, memorable day. Later in the year, the Kindergarten dads will have an opportunity to enjoy the spotlight and a special event with their sons at the Kindergarten Fathers’ Day Breakfast.

Dads About Dads Evening
A must attend event for fathers, the opportunity to hear from Professor John Overton AM who in a highly distinguished career spent 33 years in hospitals, 46 years in the ambulance service and 50 years associated with the defence force. He rose to hold the second highest office at the Children’s Hospital Westmead, and was always held in the highest esteem for his strong relational approach to management. Alongside establishing an impressive career, John is a family man who now boasts four children and ten grandchildren. You can read an article that featured last year in the Sydney Morning Herald about John and is reproduced here by clicking following link:


In addition to the interesting presentation, the evening will be a great opportunity to meet with other dads, catch up with friends and get to know others. At this stage, the plan is to hold the evening at Mr Allison’s house, ‘The Cedars’, however, if numbers exceed the space available there, we will hold the event in the Prep ILC.

Date: 19 May (Tuesday)
Time: 7pm
Venue: Peter Allison’s House at the Cedars
RSVP: Mrs Chris Konstantopoulos  Email: konc@kings.edu.au

Prep Trivia Night
The Prep School Trivia Night will be held on 13 June and promises to be a great night of fun and fellowship. This year the theme is Hollywood/Bollywood, so think about getting together a themed table or come as a favourite film star.

The Fathers’ Association Committee are eager to make the event particularly appealing with opportunities to purchase a range of great merchandise and ‘experiences’ that will be auctioned on the evening. If you are able to donate an item please contact FA President, Neil Armstrong on neilronarmstrong@gmail.com.

Peter Allison
Head of the Preparatory School
**DEPUTY HEAD**

**NAPLAN**
A reminder that all Year 3 and Year 5 boys will sit this year’s NAPLAN tests according to the following timetable. The boys have been practising NAPLAN style questions and are well prepared.

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**ANZAC**
In the lead up to ANZAC Day I asked class teachers to ask the boys to research their ancestors for involvement in World War I and World War II. Many boys did this, with wonderful support of parents and grandparents, with great enthusiasm. I have enjoyed reading some of the research the boys have done and am pleased that they know a little more about their ancestors.

My weekend started with The Centenary of ANZAC Ceremony, which was a most memorable and respectful event. My family then attended the Dawn Service in Hornsby with over 10 000 other people. It was very pleasing to see many families with preschool and school aged children at the service. It is so important that our children understand what ANZAC day is about. As a family, we then watched the Sydney March and the Gallipoli Dawn Service.

On Sunday, I was privileged to watch the Prep School Gallery Choir perform at St James Turramurra. The boys joined with the St James Choir and sang beautifully to a large ANZAC Service congregation. On Sunday afternoon it was the Senior School Choir’s turn at the King’s Centenary of ANZAC Service. This was a special service with a very full Chapel.

**Prep Fathers’ Association Trivia Night**
A reminder to book your table for this year’s Trivia Night which will be held on the 13th June in Horrocks Hall. A save the date flyer went out last term and I would encourage everyone to get involved. Booking information is attached to this newsletter.

The Fathers’ Association is still after items to auction on this night and these can be given to your FA representative or to the Office.

Each Year group also collects items for a Year Basket that will be auctioned on the night and each family is asked to donate an item to contribute to the basket. Items are to be given to the class teachers and the Class Mums will collect these each week.

The Year Basket that earns the highest bid on the night, will win for all the boys in that year, a morning tea (in the classroom) sponsored by the Fathers’ Association. Listed below are the Class Basket themes for each Year. Be creative!!
Hair Cuts

Unfortunately, staff have had to talk to a number of boys this term for inappropriate haircuts. One of the most fashionable cuts at the moment is to have very short sides and then much longer hair on top. Often the short and long hair is distinguished by a shaved part. This type of cut is not suitable for boys at The King’s School.

As noted in the Preparatory School parent Handbook, “Hair must be clean and tidy, well brushed and combed. Extreme styles of haircuts are strictly forbidden. It is assumed that hair will not be cut so short or grow so long as to invite comment nor will it be streaked or tinted. Could I please ask for your cooperation in ensuring that all haircuts meet The King’s School’s expectations.

These photos show haircuts not acceptable at the King’s School.

Professional Experience for Education University Students

All Education students undergo Professional Experience Practicums as part of their training. The students are allocated to a supervising teacher and at King’s, are able to view accomplished teachers in action. They are also given the opportunity to practise their teaching skills in the safety of an established class with a supervising teacher.

The King’s School believes it is important that we provide opportunities for Education students to experience quality teaching and practice and refine their teaching skills. The students are often innovative and bring the latest educational practice and research with them to the classroom and to share with staff.

Students are screened to ensure they are appropriate for The King’s School and are carefully matched to staff and classes. This year The King’s Preparatory School will have six students, from a variety of Universities, complete Professional Experience Practicums this year. We currently have two students, Miss Emily Williamson on KO with Miss Ashley, and Mr Patrick Ell who is completing his experience with Mrs Ruddock and 5R.

Greg Blackman
Deputy Head
There has been a strategic and ongoing focus in educating our boys about the definitions and dangers of bullying. Sadly, in a fallen world, there are behaviours that can impact upon a person’s happiness, emotional and mental health, and quality of life. The Wellbeing Board displays some key points that I encourage families to focus on with their children.

**Bystanders**
It is important that our boys realise that the power of the bystander is exceptionally important in eradicating bullying behaviours. If a bystander does nothing, they can be classified as a bully too.

**Advice to Boys**
What is Bullying?
- It is done again and again
- It is done on purpose
- It is done in order to gain power

If you see someone being bullied, you can help by
- Not laughing
- Telling the bully to stop
- Not joining in
- Telling an adult

Examples of bullying behaviours

Ongoing...
- Telling lies about someone
- Saying you will hurt someone
- Hurting someone
- Getting others to hurt someone
- Calling someone names
- Making fun of someone
- Taking someone’s things
- Leaving someone out
How to deal with bullying
- Tell bullies to stop
- Tell bullies you don't like what they are doing
- Ask someone for help
- Stay with friends
- Try not to look upset or scared
- Keep away from bullies

What is cyberbullying?
- Use of ICT to hurt someone
- Often done secretly and anonymously

How can we be cybersmart?
- Only use filtered, protected devices
- Do not use ICT in the bedroom or in places alone
- Don’t open messages from strangers
- Never tell others your passwords, apart from family members and teachers
- Don’t reply to nasty messages
- Keep and show an adult any nasty messages

Qualitative and quantitative data is being gathered and examined to eliminate any behaviours unworthy of a Kingsman. Consistent and transparent behaviour management strategies are in place within a reflective and judicious policy. Parents have a responsibility to report matters of bullying at the time they become evident. Historic reports will hinder an investigation and the freshness of recount is often lost for young boys. The notion of ‘not dobbing’ that sits comfortably and is also worn as a badge of pride amongst some in our culture is actually part of the problem. Bystanders who do not report bullying, by definition are bullies themselves, this includes parents and adults.

This week our Years 3 – 6 boys have completed an online Wellbeing Survey. Data will be extrapolated and used to further prevent unwise and unworthy behaviours. In this survey, boys have been asked to provide feedback in the following areas:
- Personal practice of sleep, diet, exercise, friendships, academic health
- Any knowledge of bullies and victims
- Bully hotspots

Families are encouraged to develop resilience in their boys, by listening to the reports and responding calmly and responsibly. It is essential that a differentiation is drawn between classic bullying as defined above and unwise behaviour choices or reactions and frustrations to playground activities. At the end of the day, we hope that every boy will remain safe, comfortable and healthy.

Belinda Baxter
bsb@kings.edu.au
Year Two

Year Two are currently learning about artefacts in our Unit of Inquiry for Where we are in place and time. Our central idea is: Interpretation of artefacts contributes to our understanding of people’s histories. We have been focusing on artefacts from The King’s School and have been learning about the history of our amazing school, the lives of the Old Boy’s and how the school worked 100 years ago!

We visited The King’s School Museum and saw so many artefacts. We learnt a great deal about our school and how it has changed and developed over the years. We saw the cane and the punishment table! We viewed the old uniforms and military equipment. Did you know that the Australian Government gave The King’s School a German cannon from WW1? We received this gift because we sent so many boys to the war. Sadly, 98 King’s Men and two King’s Teachers were killed during WW1.

Year Two are also learning about our beautiful Chapel and Gowan Brae. We had a tour of both of these historical buildings with Mrs Gray and learnt about James and Mary Burn. We also discovered how the Chapel was moved piece by piece and have read all of the memorial plaques dedicated to the Old Boys who were killed in action.

The King’s School is a fascinating place! Ask the Year Two students to tell you all about it!
Upcoming Events

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New South Wales Junior Chess League Schools Teams Competition

This competition began last Friday. We have entered 6 teams into three divisions; two each into the Championship, Intermediate and Rookies divisions. Each boy enjoyed their game and is looking forward to another game this afternoon. I thank the boys for their enthusiasm and commitment to playing to the best of their ability. Good luck this afternoon boys.

Each boy has received a booklet of the draw and this can also be found on iLearn under Co-curricular. The boys also receive a weekly update in case there are any changes with board numbering. This can also be found on iLearn.

Sydney Academy of Chess Interschool Chess Challenge

On Monday 11th May the school is entering three teams into the Interschool Challenge. The top three schools in this heat qualify for a place in the semi-finals. We wish the boys clear thinking and the very best of luck in this tournament.

Parramatta Fun Day Tournament- 16th May

Once a month, The Sydney Academy of Chess conducts Fun Tournaments in Parramatta. Boys have found these events a useful way of beginning their competition journey and improving their rating. These competitions are not school events and boys do not wear their school uniform although I am sure they will always act like King’s men!

The next tournament is on Saturday 16th May 1 pm. An enrolment form is attached at the end of this newsletter and can be found on iLearn.

Catherine Pearman
Chess Co-ordinator
cgp@kings.edu.au
The boys in Year Five have been moved by the commemoration events that surrounded the Centenary of the ANZAC troops landing at the Gallipoli Peninsula at Turkey on the 25th of April, 1915. Following class work, listening to a guest speaker and participation in the whole school commemoration assembly, the boys created their own acrostic poem on ANZAC Day. The few that are provided below demonstrate the boys’ deep understanding of the war and why it is important that we still remember the soldiers one hundred years later. Lest we forget.

Catherine Pearman Year 5 Class Teacher

Australian soldiers
Never gave up hope as bullets
Zoomed past them
Audacious in their mission, which turned out to be a
Confounding defeat

Despite their defeat, they will
Always be remembered for their sacrifice for this country
Yes we will remember them

Ben Pavlakis 5P

Australian soldiers who went to war
Names engraved forever in our core
Zero hour when shooting began
Anzacs fell one by one, if not all
Cries for help, over the hills they soared

Diggers are heroes
All of us are thankful to you
Years gone past but lest we forget
Ethan Dearnley 5P
Anzac soldiers facing the Turks
Number of bodies lying in the dirt
Zooming up the hill to face the guns
Another day over with many lost sons
Caring for wounded and those who were shot
Don’t retreat boys and we’ll get our lot
Another week spent fixing broken bones
Yesterday, I prayed we could all go home

Bryce Bollington Jones SP

Anzac Day is a day to remember those who fought for our country
Not only the dead but also the living
Zags of blood in the sand
A lot of dead men
Courageous young men who battled to the death
Day after day night after night they fought
Australian and New Zealand
Young men at war

Logan Compagnon SP

Always remaining in our thoughts
Never to be forgotten
Zest for life
Awaiting the order
Courage and bravery
Demonstrating each day with
ANZAC spirit
Years later, Lest we forget

Oscar Pattinson SP
This term at Church@Kings, we are continuing to explore a subject that is close to all of our hearts – the subject of relationships. We are looking to the Bible to help us to understand why our relationship with God is so important to our life and, in particular, why our relationship with God is foundational to our relationships with others.

This coming Sunday (10 May), we will be celebrating Mother’s Day by hearing about the important role that Mums and Grandmothers (as well as Dads and Grandfathers, Aunties and Uncles) can play in the Christian growth and development of their children. We will see how a strong Christian foundation in childhood can produce a productive and fruitful life in the future. We are looking forward to seeing the children perform a Mother’s Day song during the service and we will be enjoying a special Mother’s Day morning tea.

We meet every Sunday during term time at 9:30am in the Centre for Learning and Leadership (CLL), which is located in The King’s Senior School. We have an excellent children’s ministry program with a great team of leaders for children from pre-school through to Year 9. We also provide a parents’ room with an audio and visual hook up so that all can participate in the service.

All are welcome to join us as we seek to grow in our relationship with God and with one another.

I look forward to meeting you and your family,

Scott Tarrant
(Church Minister)
Information For The Day

- Stiles is running a Mufti Day to support the people of Nepal.
- The Mufti Day is on **Friday 22nd May 2015**
- Cost is a minimum of a gold coin donation.
- All money raised will go to World Vision Australia.

Information About The Earthquake

Recently there has been an earthquake in Nepal. The earthquake had a magnitude of 7.8, which is really strong and devastating for the citizens of Nepal. There have been a lot of people who have fled the country. The earthquake has had a massive impact, leaving 8,000 dead and over 10,000 injured. The money we are donating will help build infrastructure, like roads, electricity and water pipes.

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Snow Social
fundraiser
@ in2ski | alexandria

where
in2ski – 75 O’Riordan St, Alexandria

when
30 May 2015 – 6.30 to 9.30pm

bus option
Leaving the School at 5.15pm
Returning from In-2-Ski at 10pm

cost
3 course casual dinner and drinks
and a chance for all to catch up
Adult – $45
Child age 6-12 – $20
Child under 6 – $10
Skiing/Boarding $50
(limited places, no beginners)
it will be fun to watch
even if you don’t ski
all gear supplied but you can
bring your own boots/helmet

bid at the
mini auction
including...

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a teacher to ski
on the night”

to book
www.trybooking.com/134083
TKS Snow Social 2015
by 22 May

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THESE REGULAR TOURNAMENTS GIVE PLAYERS A CHANCE TO PLAY COMPETITIVELY AND IMPROVE THEIR RATING

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<td>Each tournament is a ‘Swiss’ competition (approximately 7 rounds). This means that all players play 7 games and no-one is ‘knocked out’ of the tournament. The tournament is restricted to players under 18 years of age. The time limit is 15 minutes per player per game. This tournament will be NSWJCL rated.</td>
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PRIZES

Trophies will be given for: 1st Place, 2nd Place, & 3rd Place

Other prizes for Age & Rating

✔ All participants receive a certificate of participation

Players are eligible for only one prize.

SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR HOW TO ENTER!
HOW TO ENTER

Fill in the online entry form and pay by credit card at:

OR

Email the entry form and receipt of payment to:
enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

OR

Fax entry form and receipt of payment to:
(02) 9745 1176

OR

Post the entry form and cheque or direct deposit receipt to:
Sydney Academy of Chess
PO Box 1325, Burwood NSW 1805

OR

Cash payment of $35 can be made on the day

ENTRY FORM

PARRAMATTA SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENTS 2015

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DATES YOU WISH TO ENTER:

17 January  21 February  21 March  18 April
16 May  20 June  18 July  15 August
19 September  17 October  21 November  12 December

Name: ___________________________ DOB: __________
Age: __________ School: ____________________________
Parent phone number: ____________________________
Parent mobile number: ____________________________
Parent email address: ____________________________

Total amount: ($25 per tournament) $________

Payment Method (please circle): Direct Deposit / Cheque / Cash

Signed: ____________________________ Date: __________

Entries close on the Thursday before each tournament.
The late entry fee is $35 if paid on the day

PAYMENT METHODS

ONLINE PAYMENT
Go to: https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment and enter the code 443L53L7UU

DIRECT DEPOSIT
Account Name: Sydney Academy of Chess Pty Ltd
Bank: Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 962 319
Account No: 1036 5569

In the transaction description, please write the code ‘AF’, the corresponding number for each month, the initial of your child’s first name and then their surname.

January = 1    July = 7
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June = 6      December = D

Example: AF J Smith would be John Smith’s payment for the Parramatta Saturday Fun in January.

CHEQUE
Make cheque payable to:
Sydney Academy of Chess

For terms and conditions of entry, please visit: www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/terms
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