**Headmaster’s Distinctions**

**Term 4**

**Weeks 6 & 7**

**Pre-Kindergarten**
- GIANG, Arthur
- LUSTED, Zephyr
- MERCIÉCA, Hunter

**Kindergarten**
- BIGGS, Elliott
- HUANG, Jason
- HUYNH, Ben
- KNIPPERS, Willem
- LATTIMER, Quinn
- SHOP, Jean
- MUNON, Dev
- MUSUDDY BARUA, Neil
- O’BRIEN, Willoughby
- PHAN, Kenton

**Year 1**
- BALL, Alexander
- GANDHI, Vivaan x 2
- LUSTED, River
- MCMaster, William
- NAGARSEKAR, Adeep
- NASHED, Aaron
- SHARMA, Ishaan

**Year 2**
- CHEN, Nicholas
- LASO, Charlie
- LIU, Jake
- NASSIFF, Michael

**Year 3**
- CAMILLERI, Sam
- HAZZOURI, John-Aldo x 8
- ISAAC, Antonio
- LATTIMER, Jude
- MERIECA, Phoenix x 2

**Year 4**
- LECKOVSKI, Svetan
- NETTO, Jordan x 2

**Year 5**
- DEARNLEY, Ethan
- DI TOMMASO, Angelo
- LI, Eric x 2
- MANNY, Willem
- WOOD, Eamon

**Year 6**
- ABBOTT, Jack
- ANDERSON, Cyrus
- BERCHE, Reilly x 7
- CARBRY, Campbell x 6
- CHAUHAN, Anish x 2
- FISHER, Spencer
- KEEPKIE, Joshua x 2
- McCONNELL, Thomas
- PASH, Louis x 14

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**Prep News**

**20th November, 2015**

**Harvest Day Celebrations**

Year One has been a hive of activity this term as they have investigated into the natural world. The guiding central idea for their inquiry has been, “Plants sustain life on earth and play a role in our lives.” This inquiry has focused strongly on the area of science, investigating many challenging areas such as food production, the process of photosynthesis, extreme environments and plant adaptations etc. The boys have thoroughly enjoyed the many experiments that they have participated in and this has been a catalyst for their work in literacy studies. The unit has provided many cross curricular connections. For example, in Maths the boys have been involved in a number of predicting and estimating activities.

The celebration of all their learning occurred on Thursday with a Harvest Day showcase and luncheon with parents and other family members. The boys toured family members around to view the many work samples and learning activity centres in the classroom, and outside around the vegetable garden and courtyard area. Songs were shared, dances performed (with enthusiastic parent involvement!) and prayers shared, thanking God for His amazing provision in this world he has created. The morning together was capped off with a celebration lunch of hearty, garden fresh soup and bruschettas.

It was so evident, the depth of learning that has occurred throughout the unit and the high level of engagement that has captivated the boys throughout the exploration. Further information about the experience can be found in a report from our amazing Year One teachers.

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** “People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing.” Dale Carnegie
Swim and Survive Program
This week the boys from Kindergarten to Year Two participated in a daily swim and survive program in the Prep pool. Co-ordinated by the Director of Sport, Phill Rogers, the boys worked in small groups with qualified swim staff and assistants on a range of activities designed to develop greater confidence and aquatic skills. The beautiful sunshine helped improve the water temperature as the week wore on and the boys looked as if they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Pacific School Games
Next week, two King’s students will be competing in the Pacific School Games to be held in Adelaide. The Pacific School Games occur every four years and combine the national championships with competitors from countries in the Pacific rim and within the Asia Pacific region. This year’s event will involve over 3,500 competitors across 9 sports.

Karl Albertyn and Robert Napoli will represent the School and NSW in the swimming championships. Robert will be participating in the 100m breaststroke, 4x50m medley relay and the 4x50m freestyle relay. Karl has a very big programme swimming in the following events: 200m individual medley, 100m in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and freestyle, 50m in freestyle, backstroke and butterfly, the 4x50m medley relay, and the 4x50m freestyle relay.

We are very proud of both boys for gaining a position in a championship at this level and for all the training that has gone into preparing for this event throughout the year. We wish the boys every success at the championships.

Peter Allison
Head of the Preparatory School

Haircuts
In the last newsletter I wrote about inappropriate haircuts. I am disappointed to have a number of boys come to school since then with haircuts that are inappropriate for The King’s School. Please ensure that your son/s have haircuts that follow the guidelines given.

Compulsory Events
At the end of each year there a number of important events, many of which are compulsory for the boys to attend. These include:

- Thursday 26th November (10:00 am) - Early Years Christmas Concert (Pre- Kindergarten and Kindergarten)
- Monday 30th November (5:45 pm) – Year 6 Farewell Dinner (School Chapel and Trophy Room) –Compulsory for all Year 6 boys
- Tuesday 1st December (7:00 pm) – Festival of Lessons and Carols (Futter Hall) – Compulsory for all Years 1-6 boys
- Wednesday 2nd December - Last day of School
- Thursday 3rd December (2:00 pm) - Prep Speech Day (Futter Hall) – Compulsory for all Years 3-6 boys

Please ensure you have added these dates into your calendar.

Festival of Lessons and Carols
This most important annual event takes place on Tuesday, 1st December commencing at 7:00 pm. This event is a compulsory event for all boys in Years 1-6. Boys are to wear their Number 1 uniform for this special occasion.
Presentation Day
This year’s Presentation Day for Years 3-6 will be held on Thursday, 3rd 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. This is not a normal school day and there will not be any supervision of the boys until they arrive for Presentation Day. Times for arrival at Futter Hall will be sent out closer to the event.

End of Year Reports
- Pre-Kindergarten-Year 2 reports will be posted on Monday 30th November.
- Years 3-6 reports will be issued via the boys on Tuesday 1st December.

Conclusion of Term Four
Classes for the Preparatory School conclude on Wednesday, 2nd 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.

- Pre-Kindergarten 2:30 pm Kingsbridge
- 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).

Greg Blackman
Deputy Head
Reproduced acknowledging Lucy Fahey via ABC news and AIS NSW Wellbeing Networks

It’s hard not to be upset by rolling media coverage of an unfolding tragedy.

People exposed to more than six hours of daily coverage of a disaster are more likely to feel vulnerable, despairing, alienated and irritable.

They are also more likely to suffer from feelings of a loss of identity or a sense of failure, as well as sleeplessness.

They can also experience intrusive thoughts and images of the event. And small, daily events can have a bigger impact than usual.

Apart from limiting exposure to media, there are things people can do to look after themselves: make sure they get enough sleep; exercise regularly; eat well; avoid using drugs and alcohol to cope; spend time with loved ones; do things they enjoy; get back into their usual routine.

Children are especially sensitive to media coverage of disasters.

They might worry the same sort of thing will happen to them and their family, and fail to understand it’s a one-off, discrete event.

Parents shouldn’t necessarily try to shield their children. Keeping secrets is not possible in this day and age, and trying to hide events can make things more terrifying.

Instead parents should try to limit the amount of media the child is exposed to, while explaining what has happened and answering their questions.

It is also important to speak to the child about their feelings and do something with them, like playing a game or heading outside. Providing comfort and affection will help the child to feel safe. Parents can also remind their child there are plenty of good things that happen that don’t make the news.
SOURCES AND MORE INFORMATION

This information was drawn from the following articles, which also contain more details about the research behind the suggestions provided:

- ABC Health: Helping children cope with traumatic media coverage
- Trauma and Grief Network: Disasters, the media and your child (PDF)
- Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health: Supporting people affected by the Sydney siege
- ABC News: Trauma experts urge distressed people to seek help

24-HOUR TELEPHONE COUNSELLING

If you or someone you know needs support, call:

- Lifeline on 13 11 14
- Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800
- MensLine Australia on 1300 789 978


Belinda Baxter
bsb@kings.edu.au

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Please come and support the King’s Camerata, Chamber Choir and Instrumental Tutors as they put on their annual concert on Saturday 28 November. We would love to see many members of the School Community support the Community Choir – Mr Allison, Mrs Baxter and Mrs Ruddock are all singing too!

On Saturday, 28 November at 2.00pm in Horrocks Hall, the King’s Camerata and Chamber Choir will be presenting their end of year Concert. The choirs 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 2016!

Further details from Jonathan Todhunter
jpt@kings.edu.au
# Upcoming Events

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Year One Harvest Day, the chickens and our 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 veggie 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
Gingerbread House Decorating
Christmas is coming and here is a great way to get into the festive spirit! All are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon as we decorate gingerbread houses in preparation for Christmas. This event is for mums and dads and the children as well. So bring your family and friends. Bookings can be made through trybookings.com/JOWR
Christmas at the Chapel
Christmas is a time of great joy! Join us at The King’s School Chapel this Christmas as we celebrate the good news of great joy that is for all people.

GOOD NEWS
OF GREAT JOY!

CHRISTMAS EVE: 10:30PM CELEBRATION
CHRISTMAS DAY: 8AM COMMUNION SERVICE
9:30AM FAMILY CELEBRATION
THE KING’S SCHOOL CHAPEL
CHURCH@KINGS

END-OF-YEAR PRESENTS

It is customary that at the end of each school year the members of each house jointly purchase a thank you gift for each staff member associated with that house. At one time this involved the House Captain in collecting cash, and we felt that this was less-than-ideal. Now we charge to the school fees a set amount of $15 per student to cover this cost. Any parent not wishing to make this contribution is asked to indicate this to me in writing.

Parents often choose to purchase a thank you gift for certain teachers. This is, of course, acceptable and delightful, but by no means obligatory. Occasionally the parents of a class have joined together to purchase a gift for the class teacher. This is not always the best option as:

1. many parents like to give a little something just from themselves to the teacher and

2. the amount sought from each family has sometimes been excessive (especially if a family has more than one boy at King’s).

I would therefore tend to discourage the idea of a joint class present for the teacher. However, if the parents of a particular class are determined to go down this path, I would recommend an amount of $5 per child.

Peter Allison
Head of the Preparatory School
Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who’s eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:
- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing.

Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.
The King’s School Boat Club Parents Committee
invite the parents and supporters of rowing to

“Christmas on the Boat Deck”
Cocktail Party & Fundraiser

Saturday 21st November 2015
35 Pellisier Road, Putney
from 6pm

Join us for a pleasant social and fundraising evening at the Kings Boatshed. Catch up with the rowing community and ease into the Christmas season in the twilight over the water in Kissing Point Bay

Champagne, Beer, Wine and Cocktails
Finger Food & Churrascaria (Brazilian BBQ)

$80 per head
Bookings via Trybooking by 13th November 2015


Dress Code: Cocktail with a Brazilian flair
(Ladies flat or wedge heels only)

For further information, including offers of help for the evening or set-up by any parents, please contact your year rep
BOOKING FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE PREP SCHOOL OFFICE

TUDOR HOUSE SUMMER CAMP

7 – 11 DECEMBER 2015

With School out for the summer. Are you concerned your children will be bored?
Unable to take time off work before Christmas?
STOP! The worry is over!

Residential Summer Camp at Tudor House for boys & girls from years 3-5
(limited places available)

- Laser Tag
- Art & Craft
- Swimming
- Music & Dance
- Camp Fire
- Mad Hair night
- Outdoor Games
- Bush Skills
- Bike Track (B.Y.O bike and helmet)
- Orienteering
- Camp Cooking
- Disco night

Cost: $595.00 all inclusive.

For further information or to make a booking contact Andrew Norman T: 0414 457 164
Email: normana@tudorhouse.nsw.edu.au