Keeping Both Feet On The Ground

The term “helicopter parenting” is currently in vogue. It describes those parents who are up in the air, constantly hovering about their children and affording them little independence. Some of these parents are content to use commercial helicopters, others use military gun-ships from which they rain down hostile ordinance and withering bursts of destructive fire on any real or imagined threat that might endanger their son.

Such parents are so protective they will speak for their son, they will act for their son, they will think for their son. The result can be a frightening dependency for the son, a lack of resilience in the son and a loss of identity by the son. In their love, these parents hurt their offspring. Conversation with their son is likely to be reduced to a parental monologue that gives the boy answers to issues that have their genesis in parental fear rather than in their son’s needs.

Then there are the parents that are all at sea. This condition describes those who disappear over the horizon on the 06:15 from Epping to Central each day to earn doubloons for the family. After months at work, the parental mariner re-enters the son’s life to sort everything out. Months of inactivity are expiated by a frenzied round of interviews, meetings, and catching up on the “just wait until your father returns” type issues.

Then there are the parents who have their feet on the ground. They are neither up in the air nor all at sea. They are sufficiently engaged with their son’s life, even when absent, for discourse to come without the need for artificial social choreography. The son is practiced in seeing his parents around and chatting with them verbally if present, or electronically if absent.

These are the parents who prefer to commune at the dining table rather than in front of the television. These are the parents who habitually share their feelings and ideas with their son and have a reasonable expectation that their son will reciprocate. These are the parents who ask how the day has been with sufficient interest to show that the enquiry is genuine.

I have not always found it easy to have my feet on the ground. At times I have been up in the air or all at sea. I have one bit of indisputable evidence to support this confession, he is called Peter, and he is now 29 years old. Nonetheless, we can but encourage each other in the endeavour of being neither too close so we suffocate, nor too far so we neglect.

Tim Hawkes

Congratulations
Warmest congratulations to the GPS Swimming Team in securing their GPS Swimming Championship. A magnificent result!
SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES

Please note that all submissions must be forwarded to Susan MacDonald by 4.00 pm on the Tuesday preceding the publication date. (For reference – please see the following publication schedule.) Suitable items with minimal formatting and of no more than half an A4 page should be emailed to srm@kings.edu.au. Please note that this includes Membership forms, Dinner invitations and the like.

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Books for Bushfire Victims

Jane Symons (mother to a past student who is now teaching at King’s) was trying to figure out a practical way that she could do something for the families who have lost their homes in the Victorian Bushfires. After speaking to a few people who were working on the ground with those families, she has started a collection of quality books to send to the Murrindindi Library, so that they can then distribute them to families in the communities affected by the fires. Both as a school and as a nation we are striving to improve literacy levels, thus ensuring that the education levels of the bushfire victims are not hindered this is an appropriate gesture.

The SRC is collecting books to donate to the libraries that were affected by the recent Bushfires. If your son is in the Senior School and you would like to contribute to this cause, please choose a handful of your favourite books to donate that are still in great condition and either:

a) Send them to school with your son, c/o Miss Rhys-Jones or
b) Drop them in the boxes located at the School and Staff Centre Reception

If you feel that you would like to put a note inside the books (on a piece of paper) that would be lovely.

Please bring books by the end of term (Wednesday April 1st – Before Camps week) and they will be delivered via. Jane to the Murrindindi Library

All donations would be greatly appreciated, nationwide.

Lucy Rhys-Jones

lrj@kings.edu.au

SRC Coordinator

Family Details Update Forms

During the next couple of weeks, each family will receive a copy of their address and contact details contained on the School’s database.

Please check the information included on the form carefully, amend where necessary, and return the signed form as soon as possible to:

Susan MacDonald
Database Administrator
The King’s School
PO Box 1
Parramatta NSW 2124

Alternatively, forms may be emailed or scanned to srm@kings.edu.au or faxed to 9683 8461.

Susan MacDonald
DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Term Dates 2010

Term 1
Thursday 28 January to Wednesday 31 March

Term 2
Tuesday 20 April to Friday 25 June

Camps Week starts Thursday 22 April

Term 3
Tuesday 20 July to
- Friday 24 September for Years 11 and 12
- Thursday 23 September for Years 7 to 10

Term 4
Tuesday 24 October to Friday 3 December

Dates listed are the first and last teaching days for each Term. Boarders are to be at School by 8.00 pm the night prior to the start of each Term.
The School expects all holiday leave to be taken during School vacation time.

Camps Week

Camps Week is an important part of the School’s educational experience. Boys have a great opportunity to learn more about themselves and others and to stretch their boundaries of comfort a little. The activities give boys a chance of new experiences and a fabulous opportunity of helping other people and gaining new friends. Please encourage your sons to participate sensibly and fully.

Herewith the information about the various camps. I’m sure parents would like to know what the entire School is involved in, not just information relevant to their particular son.

Year 7

Times
8.15 am Thursday 2 April to 4.30 pm Friday 3 April and 8.15 am Monday 6 April to c4.30 pm Wednesday 8 April

Location
All Year 7 students will be residing in six of the senior boarding houses at School with a variety of activities including daily prolonged excursions and school based activities.

Year 8

Times
9.00 am Thursday 2 April to c3.30pm Tuesday 7 April

Location
Camp with the Outdoor Education group at Biloela in the Southern Highlands

Year 9

Times
8.00 am Thursday 2 April to c6.00 pm Wednesday 8 April

Location
Brokenback Range, Singleton
(Range of outward bound and cadet activities)

Year 10

Times
8.00 am Thursday 2 April to c6.00pm Wednesday 8 April

Location
Brokenback Range, Singleton
(Range of outward bound and cadet activities)

Year 11

Times
8.00 am (8.30am non Corps) Thursday 2 April to 5.00 pm Wednesday 8 April (non Corps); c6.00pm Wednesday 8 April (Corps)

Location
Corps: As for Years 9, 10
Non-Corps: Various Social Service activities at locations in Sydney or at school or even more widespread.

Year 12

Times
8.00 am (8.30am non Corps) Thursday 2 April to 5.00 pm Wednesday 8 April (non Corps); c6.00pm Wednesday 8 April (Corps)

Location
Corps: As for Years 9, 10
Non-Corps: Work Experience at various locations in Sydney and wider.

I remind all members of the School community that illicit substances utilised in Camps Week are an absolute and total no-no. Boys risk being expelled from the School if they have inappropriate substances with them during term time, but there is a multiplier effect during Camps Week. There are obviously more hazards when one is away from the School at camps and it is very important for students to understand the importance of co-operating fully with all School rules and regulations, particularly when there are additional hazards involved.

Could parents please remind their sons of these factors with regard to Camps Week.

The Gondoliers

Tickets are still available for the King’s/Tara musical. Visitors who attend the School plays cannot believe the high quality of the productions. The Gondoliers, John Haigh’s 62nd production at King’s, is no exception. Don’t miss it. It is a
curious coincidence that the musical that opened the Theatre in 1992 is the one that is last performed before the Theatre is altered with its Drama extension.

**Exemption from Sport by Day Boys**

Could I ask parents of all Day students to ensure that their son brings a note to School if there is any reason for him to be exempted from sport. The School can’t have students coming and indicating that their parents have said that they shouldn’t do sport and yet have no note indicating that that is the case, or the reason for it. If a parent is unsure whether or not a boy should be exempted from sport, we are very happy for you to provide a note to the boy and for him to go to the Health Centre for them to form a view, but those boys should only go to the Health Centre if parents are unsure of how desirable it is for their boy to participate, or a boy has injured himself between home and the time of the particular activity. A boy cannot present at School saying that mum or dad said that they shouldn’t do sport without a written explanation.

**Saturday 7 March**

Who would have believed even more treats awaited lucky spectators and players on yet another Saturday?

In the 1sts Basketball, King’s led Shore all day, generally being 6-10 points in front, but Shore kept chipping away and in the last minute sunk two 3 pointers and closed to within a point. Not to worry .... only 14 seconds left and we had the ball. An immediate foul, however, had us taking two shots – sinking one – and with 12 seconds left Shore had the ball and worked it up court. Our defence kept blocking their attempts to drive for the basket, but their 3 point shooter found a chink, and the ball left his fingers with nary a second left. Everyone in the Sports Centre watched the trajectory (on tenterhooks this time) and the ball dropped, hit the rim and bounded away: King’s by 2.

Simultaneously, as the basketball was in its flight, the Joey’s last batsman in the 1sts match at St Joseph’s, tried for glory and at 9 for 192, chasing 197, launched a massive hit towards the boundary. It was heading for 6 until a hand soared in the air and intercepted the ball before the boundary. A lesson in that if you have a go, you have a chance, and in a most exciting game, King’s got up.

Hmmm! A few hours to watch something else now. What about Tennis? King’s 2nds are going gangbusters, leading the competition, and the King’s 1sts are a touch in front as well. Shore 1sts are very competitive and not too many points behind, so you think that might be a good contest, and indeed it is. In Tennis three doubles and six singles games are played – nine matches – and if you win a majority of matches (ie five) you get an additional three points. At around 3.00pm King’s are leading 4-1 and our number 2 player is serving for the match at 5-4 in the second set against a Shore competitor (who is the son of the man sitting next to me, and whom I taught 26 years ago at King’s, and as you can imagine, we’re having a conversation about all sorts of things).

However, the Shore player wins the second set and prevails in the third, so it’s 4-2. Our numbers 5 and 6 each have very hard and close 3 setters, including our number 6 who loses 7-5 in a most exciting tiebreaker which could have gone either way, in a game played with immense spirit and good heart and great sportsmanship. However, it is now 4-4, so whoever wins the deciding game, which has been going for an hour, wins the rubber and takes the additional 3 points, and possibly sits a little bit better in the Premiership race. Playing the game is our number 4 and Captain of Tennis and, of course, it’s 1 set all and we’re 3-4 down in the third, but our player holds serve, breaks the Shore player’s serve, and now is serving for the rubber in the match at 5-4, precisely as we were doing two hours previously. However, it is also 5.23pm, and any match not completed by 5.30pm does not continue, which would mean a sharing of the points, so our lad has 7 minutes to hold serve and win the rubber. 15-love, 15-all, 30-15, 40-15, 40-30 and with the clock on all watches saying 5.28pm and 30 seconds, our lad serves and the Shore player hits the ball into the net and King’s wins the day 8 points to 4! There were over 100 people watching the final match, having come from far afield, and it was one of the most exciting day’s sport you could witness.

**Peter Rainey**

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**The Annual Women’s Dinner**

11 June 2009

Trophy Room of The King’s School

Guest Speaker – Jean Kittson

Invitations to follow shortly.

Please mark this date in your diaries as the event is not to be missed!
**Alcohol Guidelines**

Our use (and abuse) of alcohol has hit the headlines in recent weeks. First there was the research and then there were the examples. After three years of research, the new National Guidelines for Alcohol came out and they are a lot more conservative than the previous guidelines of 2001, as they usher in a “new era of caution.”

They recommend that an adult consume no more than two standard drinks a day (it used to be four) and no more than four standard drinks in any one session (it used to be six). If people go above these levels they are placing their lives at risk from alcohol related disease and/or injury.

For people under 18 years of age they recommend not to drink at all because growing bodies and lack of experience will put young lives at risk.

Public Health Association of Australia president Professor Mike Daube agreed.... *It is time we woke up to the reality that we are drinking too much as a community and as individuals. The increase in drinking by young people in recent years is especially worrying.*

Straight after the release of this data some Rugby League players from the Sea Eagles sadly proved the point. After what sounds like a “wild” Season Launch with plenty of alcohol being served, one player was fined $10,000 for fighting one of the directors and another is on charges for sexual assault with a 17-year-old girl. People would not act like this if they were not drunk and out of control.

These issues are not just confined to Rugby League, as they are just a microcosm of our society. One in five motor vehicle accidents is due to alcohol and 40% of crimes reported to police are also due to alcohol. There is a sense of hypocrisy in the discussion though. One Sydney newspaper ran the Sea eagles discrepancies about alcohol on the front page while in the sport section was displayed the victorious Aussie Cricket Team celebrating with each of them holding a bottle of the sponsor’s beer. Our society needs to be consistent in its attitude to responsible drinking.

As we approach the end of our Summer sport and we enjoy the end of season celebrations it is a timely reminder that we need to be aware of our attitude to alcohol. Experts say we are drinking too much as a community and as individuals and we need to “wake up” to ourselves. There are plenty of examples to show us that alcohol ruins people’s lives, but this information is nothing new, for the Bible warns us that getting drunk can lead to recklessness (*Ephesians 5:18*).

The challenge is up to us to heed the warnings.
DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Curriculum Matters
Academic Tips No 4 2009
Further Memory Strategies

In the last edition I suggested a number of internal strategies which may help in exercising memory. As suggested before, sharpening your memory skills needs regular workout. Here are some further strategies which may help in memory enhancement:

1. **Proximity**
   When you need to recall things in order, think about how some pieces of information relate to others. For example telephone numbers are easier to remember by grouping the digits into sets of three instead of trying to remember the entire sequence. Sometimes this strategy is called ‘chunking’.

2. **Mental Imagery**
   Mental pictures can be used to remember words, faces, pictures, diagrams and events. Students can be encouraged to think in terms of pictures when trying to remember certain facts, for history for example. Students may find picturing the way a historic figure looked, how the person did, then link it to an action.

3. **Interactive Imagery**
   This technique requires developing a mental picture that combines related items all working together. Combine mental pictures to remember a list.

4. **Association**
   Other forms of association can help you remember facts and even improve your spelling. Want to remember the height of Mt Fujiyama? It is 12,365 feet. Associate it with the calendar 12 months and 365 days in a year. Unfortunately, not all associations are this simple. But with “imaginuity”, you can create your own.

Correct spelling represents a different problem, but memory methods can apply. One strategy is to use OAR:

(a) **Observe** the word using as many of the senses as possible – see the word spelt correctly; break it into syllables; write the word correctly; trace over the letters; say the word aloud.

(b) **Associate** the word to its meaning. Look up the word in a dictionary, find a funny image to associate with the word and the meaning if possible.

(c) **Review** the spelling frequently.

5. **Relive the moment**
   Studies have shown that sensory impressions are associated with memory and later help us remember what we have learned. This is one of the simple ways to recall a name or fact. Try to picture the place where you learned a certain thing, the people who were around you, even the feeling of the seat you sat in. If you want to remember where you left something, mentally retrace your steps.

**Interim Reports**
Each year, all new boys to the School have an Interim report sent to their parents at the end of Term 1. The purpose of the report is to give parents an indication as to how well each boy has settled into The King’s School and is regarded as a general progress report for Term 1.

Interim Reports will be provided for all Year 7 students and new students commencing in Years 8-11. These Interim Reports will be posted home at the end of term.

**Reporting of Place in Course**
At the end of Term 2, all students will receive a full Academic Report for each subject. Included in each subject’s report is information about the student’s Place in Course. Most subjects have a place across the whole year but there are occasions where the decision has been made by Heads of Department to report their course in smaller groups (e.g. by class – when classes are doing different activities). As well, some subjects will have different courses within their subject – this may be due to different groups of students meeting different outcomes in their courses or tasks may have been modified. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the appropriate Head of Department.

**Year 12 Parent/Teacher Presentation**
Following the interviews on Friday March 6, I presented information on HSC Results + UAI Figures Year 12 2008: What we can learn from 2008. The presentation will shortly be available on vodcast at https://intranet.kings.edu.au/Curriculum/index.htm for parents and students.
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
Years 7 and 9
All Year 7 and 9 students will be sitting these tests in Week 3 of Term 2 from **Tuesday to Thursday, 12-14 May.** Friday May 15 is a ‘catch up’ day for students who have missed one or more of the tests. Students may be considered for exemption or withdrawal from any part of the tests but the parent/carer must complete the Consent Form after discussions with the School by April 30 2009. Additional information about the National Assessment Program can be found at: http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html
These forms are available from Mr Logan after contacting him on 9683 8406 or emailing him at: studies@kings.edu.au

Clive Logan

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**CENTRE FOR LEARNING & LEADERSHIP**

**Writers Inspire Year 12 ...**
to think about belonging and all its manifestations! Why?
For the next three years, the major Area of Study for Year 12 English is focussed on the concept of **Belonging.** Whether through the eyes of the migrant or the adolescent, or perhaps through the exploration of self or the community, this study offers much. The CLL has developed a significant number of resources to support the Year 12s. Along with the usual rich collection of novels, there are graphic novels, dvds, poetry and **TKS Belonging Blog** [http://hscbelonging.wordpress.com/]

**Steven Herrick** was one of two special guests last week. Steven discussed his writing process and how real experiences are woven together with his imagined world to produce stories – realist fiction? The boys’ engagement with their text - Herrick’s verse novel *The Simple Gift* - was obvious and was reflected in their questions to the author. ‘What happened to Billy and Caitlin after the book finished?’ they wanted to know. Herrick turned the question back to them.

**Skrzynecki**
Speaking gently about his adopted country Australia, Peter Skrzynecki spoke of the natural landscape as an extension of self. The migrant experience is a constant search for belonging and **Skrzynecki** was keen to instil in the boys the importance of nature as an active and spiritual force in helping migrants with the process of making a new land their own.

**Cookery books for the boys**
We are continually aware of the requests that the boys make to various members of the CLL team for recipe books. And now we have some wonderful books such as *The great Aussie bloke’s [sic] cookbook, Around the world in 450 recipes,* and *Gordon Ramsay Kitchen Heaven.* There is even *Cooking for Dummies* - full of tips on how to use kitchen equipment, budget feasts, and storing and preparing foods with a glossary at the back to enhance the boys’ cooking literacy!
ABSAB Open House
There are many different reasons why parents decide to send their children to boarding schools. One of the attractions of boarding is the enhanced academic opportunities it offers young people. All boarding schools run structured times when students can study and complete their homework or ‘prep’. The fact that all boarders in a house are required to sit down at the same time as their friends to do school work harnesses peer pressure for academic endeavour. It helps them to establish study routines, which can help them succeed in the long term. Being a boarder can enhance access to academic assistance from peers as well as teachers. The resources of the school such as libraries, tutors, technologies and music practice rooms are easily made available to boarders out of hours. The challenge for boarding staff is ensuring that boarders take advantage of these academic opportunities. Are they using their prep time productively?

This was one of the key issues examined at the first Boarding Open House organised by the Australian Boarding Schools Association (ABSA). 36 staff from 13 different boarding schools in Sydney and country NSW gathered at The King’s School – Australia’s oldest boarding school – on March 4. The founding Chairman of ABSA and Headmaster at King’s, Dr Tim Hawkes, welcomed delegates and spoke briefly about the importance of boarding staff sharing their ideas and concerns with colleagues in similar positions in other boarding schools. ABSA is committed to providing this professional development for boarding staff and the Open House was one of many such opportunities ABSA has organised this year.

Delegates shared ideas together over a meal and then split into three separate groups to visit different boarding houses during prep. They had the chance to speak with boarders in Gowan Brae, Hake Harris, Forrest and Waddy. They also questioned staff about the support structures available to Kingsmen during prep. There is no doubt that King’s provides a rich a varied array of academic support to its boarders. These supports included house duty staff; wireless internet access in each house; peer tutoring; additional house tutors; on-line tutoring and specialist tutors in the Centre for Learning and Leadership. All of these support services at King’s are provided at no additional cost to parents.

It was encouraging that a number of delegates stayed on to have further informal discussions after the formal tours concluded. In addition, it was pleasing that, in many cases, boarding staff travelled considerable distances to attend.

Advance Notice
The first parents of boarders Roundup Function will be held in the Thomas Memorial Pavilion at 7.00 pm on Friday May 15. All parents of boarders are invited to attend. A group email to all boarding parents was sent last week. If you did not receive this email, it may mean that your preferred email address is incorrect in the School’s database. Please contact Susan MacDonald if this is your situation to provide a correct preferred email address.

Malcolm Powys

ANZAC Day March 2009
This year The King’s School has been invited to continue its support of two organisations for the Sydney ANZAC Day March.

The World War 2 Under 16s will be featured in a Channel 7 report which has been a project of a documentary for the past three years. Those King’s students who will be marching with the gentleman who were 14-15 years of age when they served and saw battle during WW2 will be:

Adjutant Tom Dewhurst, RSM Michael Van Zuylen, and Cadets – Zac Quitzau, Ben Janson, Luke Kolo and Christopher Maguire

Our second group, The WW1 Descendants, will be accompanied by King's School Cadets - Damien Bool, David Firkins, Zac McLoughlin, Aaron O’Neill

It promises to be a wonderful experience for the Cadets.

Stacey Quitzau
Community Outreach Co ordinator
USA Visiting Concert Band Musicians
Last Tuesday, 35 musicians from Homer in Alaska visited King’s and performed a one hour concert in Horrocks Hall for Prep students and the Senior School band members. Later they were taken on a tour of the school and had lunch in the Dining Room.

Marching Band
The annual Marching Band camp will be held on Wednesday to Friday, April 22-24 at the Senior School. Marching Band is only for Year 9 musicians and above. Each day will commence at 9 am and finish at 4 pm. Instructions will be provided by Mr Williams and Captain of Bands, Will MacInnes.

Mosaic
This band will perform in Futter Hall on Tuesday, 5 May. Mosaic brings together some of Australia’s most accomplished jazz performers and composers to present a multicultural rainbow of ‘world jazz’. With influences ranging from African to Jewish, Brazilian and American music, they celebrate musical diversity through the lens of contemporary Australian jazz, with a particular focus on vocal textures.

The philosophy of the band is to create music around the theme of ‘unity in diversity’, drawing on influences ranging from jazz to world music, creating a metaphor for harmony in the world. Mosaic reaches out to followers of contemporary jazz, vocal and world music, and has a particular interest in performance in multicultural situations.

The line up includes piano, bass, drums, guitar, saxophone, two frontline vocalists plus backing vocals from two of the instrumentalists. Percussion has become a key part of the sound. The group’s founder, Judy Campbell also adds the unique sound of an array mbira, based on the traditional African mbira. Prior to the band’s performance at 1.40 pm, they will be providing a workshop to selected music classes.

Barry Walmsley

Cross Roads
This is the last Herald before Easter. Already the shops are full of chocolate eggs and bunnies. However, one symbol which rarely makes it into the stores is the one which really is the most powerful and enduring when it comes to thinking about Easter – namely the cross. Perhaps it is as well that it hasn’t been subjected to crass commercialism. Or perhaps its absence is more to do with the fact that what it represents is so appalling, as well as awe-inspiring?

On the cross we see God’s perfect love and justice combined. The penalty for human rebellion is paid for once and for all by God himself, in the person of his blameless Son. As the famous hymn When I Survey The Wondrous Cross puts it, ‘See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingling down’. Or consider that other potent image of breathtaking power mixed with complete surrender portrayed in Graham Kendrick’s classic song The Servant King.

Come see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space,
To cruel nails surrendered.

But perhaps the most challenging way to think about the cross of Jesus is to regard it as an intersection – a crossroads. A decision needs to be made about which direction to travel in life. Have you surrendered to the love and lordship of the one who died for you? Are you connected to your Heavenly Father through him? Or will you turn away from the confronting spectacle of God’s Son dying for you and instead seek comfort in eggs, bunnies and other such empty symbols?

Gotta love this School …
A couple of weeks ago I received this feedback from one of our Prep teachers who coaches tee-ball. It nicely illustrates what good parent support and sportsmanship look like. She said:

‘I wanted to share with you how wonderful my tee-ball parents were on Saturday. They were so positive in their cheering, clapping most heartily when the opposition made good plays. Of course they cheered even louder when our team did something good! They encouraged the boys without aggression. The opposing coach came over and asked me to thank the parents for their encouragement. She was quite amazed! The game was terrific, despite losing by one run, because it was played in the best of spirits’.

Incidentally, in last weekend’s round of sport a similar situation unfolded. One of our teams had lost, but had done so with such good grace and sportsmanship that their coach told them how very proud he was of them. Meanwhile, the winning team was being chastised by their coach for poor sportsmanship, poor manners and poor encouragement of one another!

Keith Dalleywater
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Camps Week Notice
Community Outreach dates for Camps Week are - Thursday 2 April - Wednesday 8 April, 2009.

Camps Week is fast approaching and places for boys are all but finalised. Boys have been placed throughout NSW and overseas, from the Watoto Organisation Hong Kong to Coladdi station near Tambar Springs. As well, many boys will be continuing their work in and around the School, maintaining work at Murray Farm Public School, Carlingford Aged Care and St Vincent de Paul.

Letters of confirmation have been mailed this week and all boys are aware that they are to work a full day. Arrangements by the centres can be flexible as venue activities vary from place to place.

If boys are ill during Camps Week, it is essential that the place of service, and Mrs Egan 9683 8539 are notified by 8:30 am that day for any student absence.

I would appreciate that no appointments, driving tests, etc are made during this week.

All boys working in the Sydney Metropolitan area during camps are expected to attend the Year 7 Gala Day Wednesday 8 April. They are to meet in the Sports Centre at 8.00am and are to be dressed in full PE Uniform, K Cap, and have a water bottle with them.

Lunch is provided for all participants.

All Year 11 Community Outreach boys will be either managing, coaching or refereeing games for Year 7 Tara girls and Year 7 King's boys. Year 9 Tara girls will be working with the Year 11 boys.

Please contact Mrs Quitzau if you have any enquiries - 9638 8699 or smq@kings.edu.au

ATHLETICS

A very successful Athletics Carnival was held on Wednesday 18 March on the White Oval. All boys participated with good spirit and there were many outstanding results. A full report will be published in the next Herald, however, congratulations to the following top three Houses:

1. Kurrle
2. Macarthur
3. Britten

Athletics Camp
There will be a holiday camp in the Term 1 holidays: Wednesday 22 April to Friday 24 April.

Boys involved in this will be notified shortly.

GPS Invitational Carnivals
Carnival 1. Saturday 4 April SAC Homebush #NON CORPS BOYS#
Carnival 2. Friday 24 April SAC Homebush Twilight
Carnival 3. Saturday 2 May SAC Homebush
Carnival 4. Saturday 9 May SAC Homebush

Saturday 16 May SAC AAGPS Championships

Ben Gavan
Master in Charge

BASKETBALL

King's Basketball Club
Notice of Annual General Meeting
Monday 4 May 2009 – 8.00 pm
WS Friend Sports Centre
The King's School
All Welcome

A reminder that the Basketball Presentation Evening will be held on Saturday 21 March in the Auditorium, commencing at 5.00pm. Drinks and finger food will be served from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

Enquiries to Julianne Stanton jas@kings.edu.au

All Year 12 Parents please note that the Year 12 Formal will be held on Sunday 4 October 2009 at Miramare Gardens,
289 Mona Vale Road, Terrey Hills
There will be a further meeting for all interested parents to attend to further planning of this event in early Term 2 2009 – further details to follow.
DIRECTOR OF SPORT

We can reflect on many positives throughout the Summer sporting season. The tremendous win by the Swimming team – coming from behind in the competition and securing a solid win in front of over 200 enthusiastic supporters at the Sydney Aquatic Centre must have provided a good deal of excitement for all concerned. Swimming is a sport that has only been recently embraced in the present competition format by the AAGPS. We are fortunate to have boys both at the elite level and also many who have strived hard to improve their performances with extra swimming training over the summer months. Congratulations to all involved!

The Tennis players have continued to provide excitement and some awesome matches for those who have had the time to watch. The standard of the GPS tennis competition has gone through the roof in recent times with almost all Schools having boys who are playing at a very high level outside of the School system. Both the 1st and 2nd teams are in strong positions going into the final week of competition and we are hopeful of securing a “double” in the competition.

Cricket has been played at a very high standard throughout the season. Both the 1st and 2nd teams have performed well, having success against almost all others in the competition. With the final day of play to take place this week, the 2nd XI are in a position where it is a possibility that they could contest for their premiership if they are successful in defeating Scots and other results fall into place. Many of the teams throughout the age groups have performed well and enjoyed success throughout their long season. The Cricket programme at School continues to be very strong and there has been considerable improvement in skills throughout the season.

The Basketballers continue to play with determination and a series of narrow victories in the firsts have provided much excitement for the spectators and players alike. A strong finish in the final week of competition will see teams placed very favourably with the majority of home grown talent.

AAGPS Regatta
This event is one of the only opportunities that the School has to see the senior rowers in action. It is one of our compulsory days on the School calendar and will take place next Saturday 28 March.

The day will begin with a parade at School at 8.10am and buses will leave School at 8.30am. The last race – The School’s first VIII’s will start at 11.50am and the buses will depart following the presentations at about 12.15.

We wish the rowers well in their endeavours and look forward to success in a number of areas. The GPS crews (1st VIII – 4thIV) will be farewelled in the traditional fashion on Friday morning 27 March at about 8:30am.

Winter Sport
The boys have made their selections for winter sport and training in some form or other. Meetings, or skills and drills will commence in the final week of Term 1.

All Rugby players will be required to attend a seminar on ELVs and law changes on Tuesday 24 March.

Pre season training for footballers (training gear required) will take place from 30 March. More details will be distributed by the MIC’s in the next few days.

Peter Phipps
TENNIS

What an amazing two weeks of tennis at King’s. Leading from the front, captain Vikram Kaushik won a match point with 1 and ½ minutes of regulation time remaining to defeat a gallant Shore opponent. This enabled the 1st to win the day 5 matches to 4 and hence 8 points to 4. With a huge crowd gathered for the third and final set Vikram used all of his experience and determination to stay focused and grind out a very entertaining and enthralling win.

The day began well with Joey Swaysland, Duncan Boyd Jones and Simon Kingston, Vikram winning their doubles, and it was looking even better when Arthur Wilson easily accounted for his opponent 6-0, 6-2. Shore then staged a tremendous fight-back and before the boys knew it the day was all square at 4 matches all until Vikram was able to close out his match in dramatic fashion.

During the week Joey Swaysland was selected in the Australian Junior Davis Cup team which is an incredible achievement and something he thoroughly deserves. He has proven to be a gentleman of the game, an invaluable asset for the School and a sportsman of the highest calibre. He will no doubt carry this through while representing his country. Congratulations Joey!

Unfortunately he was unavailable for the match against Scots who were only 2 and ½ points behind King’s on the GPS table, but with Quinn Sylow relishing his opportunity winning his singles 6-4, 6-3, Simon Kingston showing composure and patience to win 6-4, 7-5, and the boys winning all 3 doubles matches, the end result was that King’s had won the day. Duncan Boyd Jones, who narrowly lost the week before against Shore, fought back and overpowered his opponent to win in a tie break in the third set. The team is now one step closer to a GPS premiership.

The 2nds have been the dominant team all season and did not disappoint their supporters over the last two weeks, beating Shore 10-2 and Scots 10.5-1.5. This also puts them one step closer to a GPS premiership. Tom Harvey and John Nolan have been unbeaten all season in doubles and Andrew Crawford, Chris Bruce and Harrison Gregson have been very tough to beat in their singles matches. The team welcomed the return of Jack Stapleton and Jonathan Rago who were instrumental in the win against Scots.

Both teams would appreciate your support this weekend as they try to emulate the success of the teams in 1984.

Other Open teams had mixed results, the 3rds, 5ths and 6ths all had good wins against Shore with dominant performances from John Jackson, Sam Parker and Fraser Cockburn all winning 6-0 but came up against some stiff competition against Scots only managing to draw the 3rds and 4ths.

The U16’s against Shore saw the A’s players win both doubles 6-2 while Angus Kingston and Lachie Green won their singles 6-5 and 6-1 respectively. The B’s had their first loss of the season but the C’s made up for the loss by winning 5 matches to 1, Peter Emerson winning his doubles 6-4 with Michael Cavasinni then both of them going on to win 6-0 and 6-2 in their singles. The D’s player of the round was Angus Stuart winning both his matches in comfortable style. Against Scots the B’s bounced back from last week’s defeat and no success in their doubles to win all 4 singles matches to win the day. The A’s were well represented by Peter Fratzia winning easily 6-0, whilst Harry Lee and Peter Emerson won a tough doubles match 6-5 in the C’s. In the mighty D’s Malin De Silva won his singles 6-1 with style while George Macarthur-Stanham and Will Crossing are a formidable doubles pairing winning 6-5.

The U15’s against Shore was a very sound performance, particularly by the C’s and D’s who won by 9 sets to 3. Outstanding yet again was Kenny Choi winning comfortably 6-3. Alex Walton and Edward Armstrong were impressive, securing singles victories and Thomas Kelly was tenacious taking out his singles encounter 6-0. The A’s & B’s fixtures were a much closer affair, with the two most improved players of the season, Zachary Holt and Rylee Field, letting their racquets do the talking. A commendable effort by Filipe Piteira was made in the B’s this week. Filipe won his doubles with Abhinav Parashar 6-5 and narrowly lost his singles 6-4. Another closely fought weekend of tennis against Scots saw a draw across all teams. A great week for Roy Chan, and Thomas Lysaght, who together won their doubles 6-4 and their singles 6-0 and 6-5 respectively. The doubles matches in the D’s were both well won with the combinations of Edward Armstrong, William Gailey and Benjamin He, Thomas Kil Kelly putting their net play training and action on court. Benjamin He also capped off a solid Saturday morning of tennis taking out his singles match 6-3.

The U14’s against Shore had some very tight matches most of the divisions ended in 3-3 draws but the D’s managed to scrape home resulting in an overall win to Kings, special mention to Mitch Harris, Jack Stapleton, James Green and Hugh Marriott. The U14’s games against Scots were very tough and the boys to their credit stuck at it, but
could not win the tight games. Hopefully next year
against similar opposition the boys will have learnt
from their experience and come back stronger. The
D’s once again held their own to draw the match 3-3.

The U13’s round against Shore proved to me much
tougher. As a result our C’s had a narrow defeat 2
matches to 4. Standout performances from Harry
Moffitt and Jack Lee in the doubles to win in a tight
tiebreaker and Youngmin Kim who pulled off a
good win (6-4). Players were much more evenly
matched in the D’s with a solid doubles win to
Jackson Walker and Alvin Chung (6-1). The A
and B teams quickly adapted their play to the
synthetic courts with King’s winning these divisions
10 matches to 1 and one match drawn. Dan Dowson
and Jono Engel proved too tough for their opponents
in both doubles and singles and Tom Wearn pushed
on to win in a tie breaker. The B team was far too
strong for Shore with solid wins by all players
particularly Zac Hodge who won 6-2 and Alex Rago
winning 6-0. A stellar performance by Sam Yeend
to come back from 2-4 (0-40) to win the match in a
tiebreaker. Matches against Scots proved to be some
of the tougher ones for the season with Scots having
considerable depth across its’ A-D teams. Matches
in the C’s were very close with the team drawing
matches 3 – 3. The D’s were unlucky not to win,
narrowly going down 2 matches to 4 but with strong
wins to Jackson Walker and Andrew Ho. Jono
Engel moved up to the A1 position to win
convincingly (6-1) against a strong opponent,. Zac
Hodge and Sam Yeend were also promoted into the
A’s and won tough matches in tiebreakers, giving the
A team an overall 4-2 win. The B’s also performed
strongly winning both their doubles with Alex Rago
winning his singles (6-3) and B winning his singles
for the C’s (6-3) and then filling in at B4 to win again
(6-2). Across the age group consistency has
improved and the boys were able to match the strong
depth of Scots to pull off a narrow win (13-11).

I would like to thank all parents for their patience and
support, and the coaches for their efforts this term in
Tennis. A particular mention to Graeme Pearce
whose service to King’s Tennis over the years has
always been of the highest calibre. All the best for
your retirement Mr Pearce and thank you for
everything you have contributed to the School both
on and off the court.

A final reminder to all Tennis parents and supporters,
that the Tennis presentation night will be held on
Saturday 21 March in the Trophy Room. Wally
Masur (Davis Cup team captain) is the guest speaker.

Ben Chadwick
Master in Charge

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**SWIMMING**

**Success!**
What an exciting night we had at Homebush for the
last round of the GPS swimming last Friday. The
King’s School Senior Swimming team took out the
Premiership for the first time. GPS Swimming has
only been an official sport since 2002 so it was very
exciting for us to walk away with the silverware.

The swimming season is always a fast and frenetic
one, with just five carnivals in the space of six
weeks. The first two carnivals are qualifying ones
where every boy that we want to be involved in later
carnivals, must swim. After these two nights, the
proper GPS carnivals start in earnest at the Sydney
Aquatic Centre. Each week certain events count
towards the point score. It culminates in the last GPS
carnival which is perhaps the best and the most
important, as every event counts towards the final
points in all age groups- Junior, Intermediate, Senior.

We went into the carnival that night with our Senior team
only two points behind Shore with Riverview
a close ten points
behind. We knew we
were in for a close and
exciting night! Throughout the night the atmosphere
was electric and exhilarating. It was just fabulous to
see the support from the School there, some 220
students and many staff, including the Headmaster,
Deputy Headmaster and Director of Sport. Their war
cries and cheering certainly helped to lift our
swimmers. Every boy who swam this night played
his part in earning those precious points and I was
proud of every one of them.

Our Captain, Michael Van Zuylen led the cheering
from the competitor’s side and it was also great to
see so many parents there to support their boys. We
await the MIC’s meeting to hear which boys have
been selected into the GPS team to compete in the
CIS Championships to be held early next term.

Congratulations to all the boys in the Senior team
who swam their hearts out last Friday night.

The team: Michael Van Zuylen (Capt), Heath
Dowling (Vice), Lachlan McInnes, Kit
Cunningham-Reid, Toby Williams, Charles
McMahon, Will Bodor, Adam Shanahan, Josh
Hollard, Michael Sin, James Wheaton, Dennis
Kim, Harry Healy, Will Sacilotto, (and James
Murphy who swam in an earlier carnival.)

Linden Neale
Master in Charge
**CRICKET**

1st X1 in strong position against Scots
King’s, who have only lost one match this season, are in a commanding position in their match against Scots and will resume batting at 8/178 after dismissing their opposition for 86. Best for King’s with the bat were Nick Lane 35, Ryan Blaker 25 and Nick Rutherford 24 not out in innings which included three huge sixes. This season the major wickets have been GPS representatives, Nic Bills and Mitchell Horrocks and last Saturday was no exception with Mitch taking 4/22 and Nic 3/26. Leading into the final Saturday only two wickets separate these two dominant players for the award of leading wicket taker.

In their last match against St. Josephs, King’s won a tense battle by six runs on the first innings and came desperately close to winning outright. Best for King’s with the bat were Tim Wales 44, Nick Lane 34, James Coombes 34, Rob Konstantopoulos 25 whilst Mitch Horrocks 5/34 and 3/28 and Nic Bills 3/55 were the major wicket takers.

It is a testament the character of this team who have overcome adversity to play a positive and consistent cricket throughout the season.

2nd X1 in battle for the Premiership
The 2nd X1 are on track for outright victory in their match against Scots in the final Saturday of the season. If King’s win outright and Shore lose their game against Riverview, the Premiership will be ours! King’s are in a sound position with Scots 5/33 in reply to King’s 8/208 declared. An entertaining 43 by Ed Wylie allowed captain Hemant Vijaykumar to declare shortly after tea. Ed also captured two vital wickets and he was well supported by Tim Van Zuylan who scored 39. Shore collapsed in their first innings with Riverview needing to score sixty runs with eight wickets in hand on the second day of their match. King’s won their last match against St. Josephs in a typically tight affair by twenty eight runs. James Wheaton held the innings together with a fighting 61. James was well supported by Darren Jayasakera who scored a fluent 28.

3rd X1 still undefeated
This team has taken all before it this season and is the only undefeated team with the final Saturday to play. King’s have been expertly coached and managed by Mr Felton who has had a dedicated and talented team at his disposal. The side is composed of a devastating fast bowling battery of George Kent, Will Ridge, Rory Nosworthy, Brett Armstrong and Tom Kent. The batsmen who have dominated the opposition are Josh Freeman, Henry Ridge, James Haga, Simon Wybenga and Tom Hennessey. Tom provides the spin bowling whilst Jack Single and Brandon Murray are the team’s allrounders. The team is in a commanding position in their current match against Scots with King’s scoring 244 and have their opposition 9/46 in their first innings.

**Cricket Academy**
The King’s Cricket Academy aims to provide additional coaching and support for boys in the 14s, 15s and 16s age groups. The following have been training once a week since their selection in October 2008: Will Prell, Shaun Chandaramani, Ben Bridie, David Konstantopoulos, Tom Pegler, Daniel Thompson, Swapneel Bobba, James Shepherd, Curtis Carter-Sutton, Keishav Muralietharan, Connor Jackson. The Academy coaches are Mr Hokin - Head Coach (Level 2 Coach and current Gordon 1st XI Player), Mr James - specialist bowling and fielding coach, and Mr Slocombe - specialist batting coaching.

Training sessions have focused on a variety of high-level skills including the following:
- Bowling technique via video analysis
- Batting specific sessions focusing on technique enhancement (including bowling machine)
- Running between the wickets and match awareness
- Specific fielding focus areas (diving catching, throwing, reflexes)

The Squad also last week undertook an excellent fitness training session with the Open 1st and 2nd teams under the guidance of Mr Milne and Mr Edwards. The squad participated in two matches this season against a Singapore School and the Gordon Cricket Academy. Both matches were a great success and provided the boys with the opportunity to further develop their skills in a competitive situation.

Over the past three seasons the Cricket Academy has been a great success and has contributed to the overall improvement of Cricket performance at King’s.

**Cricket Presentation End of Season Function**
The cricket presentation evening will be held on Saturday, 21 March at the JS White Oval and Thomas Pavilion starting at 6.00pm. The evening is informal and concludes with presentations to all cricket teams and family and friends are cordially invited. The night closes the cricket season and all cricketers are expected to attend.

**Geoff Spotswood**
Master in Charge
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