Transparency

There has been a growing pressure from some political quarters for the wealthiest private schools to disclose all the sources and amounts of their income. I want to argue that transparency and accurate disclosure is an obligation for ALL sectors of education.

There is a great deal of misinformation about the funding of schools. It is important that Australians know that the average funding of a student at a government school is $11,874, whereas at a Catholic school it is $6,442, and at an independent school it is $5,810. Australians might also be interested to know that the average cost of educating a student at a government school is about $12,000 per annum, but some government schools are funded significantly in excess of this figure in a manner which some might see as being unfair. In recent years, a government school student in New South Wales got about $5,350 more than a student in a non-government school, whereas a student in a Western Australian government school got about $8,950 more, and in the ACT a student at a government school got a staggering $10,100 more than a student in a non-government school. Those asking for transparency may find themselves having to deal with awkward disclosures themselves.

The obvious supplementary question to this push for transparency is, what is going to be done when the information about school income is known? I do not think there will be many great surprises if all amounts of funding were revealed for independent schools.

So why the fuss about transparency? The answer is that there is another agenda, albeit a discredited agenda from the Mark Latham days of Labor leadership, and that is to cut government funding to private schools, particularly the wealthier private schools. This is often defended as promoting “needs-based” funding.

However, advocates of needs-based funding need to be careful. If government funding becomes linked to measures of school wealth as reported on the MySchool website under the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA), the results could be interesting. Of the hundred wealthiest school communities in Australia, as measured by the ICSEA scores, 61 were government schools, 21 were independent, and 18 were Catholic. These figures will surprise many people.

I am a supporter of needs-based funding and am happy that wealthier schools, like my own, only get a fraction of the government funding it would get if it were a government school. However, I also recognise that my parents pay taxes and have a right to some share of the education tax dollar.

Any initiative to penalise independent schools by freezing or by reducing their funding, needs to be questioned for at least three reasons:

- Independent schools save the Government hundreds and millions of dollars it would otherwise have to spend to educate students in independent schools. To decrease support to independent schools is to increase costs to the government because they will have to educate the inevitable economic refugees from the independent sector of education.
To penalise a school’s success with self-help initiatives in raising money, will inevitably stifle these initiatives and create a welfare mentality which this country can ill afford.

To be known as a political party that does not support the interests of independent schools may be unwise given that nearly 40% of secondary students in some of our cities are now being educated in non-government schools. Furthermore, estimates suggest that the independent secondary school sector will increase by 25% by 2017 and fall by 5% in the government sector. This represents a lot of votes.

Although growing in popularity as a party with genuine concerns for the environment (laudable) and as a refuge for those disillusioned by the main two parties (understandable), the Greens policies in relation to the funding of non-government schools also need to be transparently understood. The Australian Greens want to:

- Reduce funding significantly to non-government schools.
- Prevent non-government schools being built if they threaten the enrolments of a government school.
- Reduce the capacity of non-government schools to choose their character. For example, the right of a Christian school to celebrate and promote its character would be at risk, if it wants any government funding.

These policies, not widely understood by the general public, may be of some concern to those families with a child at a non-government school.

When some call for transparency, they need to be careful because that which is revealed, like the contents of Pandora’s Box, may do the seeker more harm than good.

Dr Tim Hawkes

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**LEAVE REQUESTS**

I would ask parents NOT to ask for leave for their sons during term time. Yes, family skiing holidays are fun; yes, airfares in term time are cheaper; yes, it’s the only time you have asked the School for leave; yes, you booked the flight a long time ago when you were rather vague about term dates; yes, it’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity – but my answer is still “no”.

School dates are published well in advance, so there is no excuse there. There are 14 weeks of the year in which to plan your holidays, so there is no excuse there. Acceptance of a place at King’s is based on parents agreeing to our expectations of boys, and we expect boys not to miss classes, or sporting commitments, unless there is good reason.

Times that are particularly vulnerable to requests for leave, are the start and end of each term. If I allow parents to erode the term by going on holidays a few days early, or by coming back a few days late, a “holiday mentality” of minimal learning will be created in the first and last week of each term. We cannot afford to do this if we are serious about optimising academic performance. Taking leave in term time means a boy misses out on his learning. It is not fair on the boy or his teachers to expect them to make up for this missed work.

The School will always be understanding of leave requests for compassionate and pastoral reasons, and for such other circumstances that are reasonable. However, the School will NOT approve leave for such things as longer holidays.

Dr Tim Hawkes
Headmaster
August 2010

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**Submission of articles for the King’s Herald**

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A Battle Royal
Our Chess team, two Fridays ago, played Baulkham Hills High and, whilst waiting for the other school, our four players warmed up by playing lightning chess where you each have a minute to play the game. We go into this particular match 4 points up and we only need to draw or share one of the boards to go through, since you get 1 point for each victory and the match is a contest between the 4 players at one school and 4 in the other.

In Chess the number 1 player plays the number 1 from the other school and this particular round each player has 60 minutes on their time clock.

The games start. Our number 2 is offered a draw half way through his game but declines. Mr Walkden-Brown, the coach, and I look at one another – what’s up with him, we think. We only need the ½ point to win the round and a place in the final next week. However, he probably knows what he’s doing. He’s the one who has gained the ascendancy in this particular game, not me.

Chess is a funny game. It’s slow and seemingly ponderous, where a lot of thought is given to the moves and players tend to work out what lines of attack or defence need to be played and then suddenly there’s a flurry of activity, and indeed some of the moves are hard to keep up with when both players go hammer and tongs at one another.

We seem to be in ascendancy on boards 1 and 2, and boards 3 and 4 are evenly balanced. Suddenly on board 3 our competitor finds a scintillating attack which mesmerises his opponent who makes a mistake and is suddenly checkmated. We’ve won one of the boards and we’re through to the final. We are also dominating more thoroughly boards 1 and 2 and our opponents seem to be hoping that we either make a blunder or they obtain what’s called a ‘stalemate’ (where we don’t allow their opponent to make a move. This is a technical term and I shan’t bother trying to explain it anymore!)

Suddenly our number 4 player wins with a perpetual attack which wears down his opponent and, lo and behold, within 20 seconds both our number 1 and 2 boards are decided. Within a few minutes of being 1 up we have suddenly won the match 4-nil. A splendid result for the team, all of whom are engaged in other pursuits, including one of the boys who’s going to run out in the 1st XV the next day and another one who’ll disappear to Debating. The many visitors (in total – four) happily wound their way out of the classroom having enjoyed one of the aspects of school life that isn’t on view all that much, but if you’re old enough to remember the Fisher/Spassky World Championship match you’ll remember how Chess can mesmerise millions of people.

Not to be Missed!
A significant number of Year 12 students undertake subjects which have large practical elements. The fruit of their “hands on” labour is about to be seen and they are events you should not miss. The Music evening showcasing the ability of the HSC Music students is on Thursday 26 August at 7.00pm. The Visual Arts and Industrial Arts Open Nights are on Friday 3 September from 5.00pm through to 8.00pm. To see some of the Art and Industrial Arts work that is in the process of being finalised, takes your breath away, and each year the students produce work of quite unbelievable quality and in many cases, of untold assistance to their parents at home. The School has already seen the HSC performance work of the Drama students and what splendid nights they were last month when individuals provided us with snippets of some of the great plays of the last 40 years and the boys combined for their group presentations with witty and zany performances. The new Drama Centre was packed, as should be the venues for the HSC production work still to be put on show. It will give all visitors a good idea about how busy and clever so many Year 12 students are, what wonderful staff we are lucky to have at King’s, and a chance for parents and boys of other years to consider what would be involved if they took those subjects.

Monday Afternoon Wander
There’d be 100 students in Futter Hall having a lecture on Cadets in the hope that they will obtain promotions to help run Cadet Corps over the next two years. Two students couldn’t get into the Drama Centre and asked me if I could put their projects inside the building. I wonder if their work’s early or late? Three boys are doing sit-up and calisthenics near the Health Centre. Are they at that location just in case .... probably not, since they start jogging up the road. Upon enquiry I discover that they’re training purely and simply to keep fit. A teacher is briefing 15 or so students before he takes them for a Cross Country run; as I’m standing on the steps of the Sports Centre I see three-quarters of them jogging with him and one or two bringing up the rear, including one lad who’s happily sauntering after those who are slightly quicker and, in fact, as I’m watching, saunter would be too active a description . . . . Not to worry, the Master in Charge, whose Cross Country team is well in front in the Competition, suddenly appears and her words of encouragement have the right result and he finds a way of picking up energy. I was never a Cross
Country runner, but to see the way these boys are happily jogging in and out of trees and around White Oval is a little bit of a revelation. The ‘House of Pain’ in the Sports Centre only has one occupant today – a resident staff member who is keeping fit, and going at a million miles an hour – when it would normally have 50 to 60. Must be the Corps Promotions and the fact that the Year 12 exams are still on.

The angophora tree we planted on the hill opposite the swimming pool near White Oval six years ago as a tribute to Gary Myers, who died in late January 2004, looks down at where he had his last swim that very day, up towards his residence where he died, and is opposite the location of the first residence he and Mary lived in at the School. It can now be seen and is opposite the location of the first residence he and Mary lived in at the School. It can now be seen easily by Mary whenever she drives past on Pennant Hills Road. It is flourishing magnificently. Some of the trees that were at Broughton when Eileen and I were there have now gone, and others are in their place. The boys still play touch football on the front lawn as they do on the fields or courts near all the Houses. There are five boys being coached on the tennis courts and what fabulous facilities are up near Doyle fields now and the Doyle surfaces, newly mown, look absolutely splendid. Staff and boys happily engage in all sorts of training sessions with two rounds of the Winter season to go. There are Old Boys whose love for the School extends to wanting to come four days a week and contributing with coaching. They still put their heart and soul into it. One of the teachers is on the wing, others are in the forwards, another picks up the ball and passes it gently to a support player whilst going delicately to ground. I wonder how many students notice the expertise that’s still there. You’ve got teachers who will never score the try themselves, but then pass it to a player who’ll make sure he goes over the line. We’ve got Gap students running activities with staff and one of the Gappers I collected from the airport only last night: he’s already picked up his King’s footy gear and looks the part. When you’re standing looking at training, it’s very clear the immense value of being present to support your team mate. I’ve just seen two tries scored, each of which came about directly as the result of support play. I know the same lessons will be taught and understood over at Massie fields where Football is being coached. Some of the drills the boys learn in Rugby and Football are quite unbelievable. There are people who are very inventive in the way they think of giving students fun, but teaching them excellent sporting skills. Everywhere you go you see a great deal of affection and interest.

I see in the distance my 16C co-coach who can’t avoid going up to Doyle fields taking his dog for a walk. He’s also no doubt inspecting the condition of the ground for our training session the next day. At one of the grounds there is an exciting and free-flowing game of rugby gridiron taking place. It’s an excellent game. I can remember the School winning a Premiership one year, partly because of the fun students used to have playing that game. Two boys are here having a bit of fun doing some extra passing and catching, even though they train on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and lo and behold, there are three staff madly involved in a game of rugby gridiron as well and they look pretty quick, too!

The sandstone hayshed and rotunda were built around the same time as James Burns’ house, Gowan Brae, in the late 1880s. The rotunda, which now houses machinery for the Grounds staff, used to be the scene of Burns’ Christmas party. It’s no wonder the Tennis squad training nearby has won the 1st and 2nd Premiership for the last two years. The drill that those five boys are going through still is fabulous. Tennis is flourishing and it’s not surprising that it is. Some boys wander back from their afternoon exploits along the road, but most wend their way through the bush tracks which double up as the routes for boys from the Houses to and from school. I head back to the office . . . . it is amazing the priceless things you can see in an hour.

**Peter Rainey**

**Duke of Edinburgh Expedition**

As school broke up at the end of Term 2, 32 Year 11 boys and eight staff embarked on a journey that would involve eight days and seven nights sailing around the islands of New Caledonia. Each boy had spent the previous months training and preparing vigorously for this trip, which formed part of the expedition component of the Gold Award.

Upon arrival, we boarded four catamarans and set sail. Despite a few scares, including broken motors and missing kayaks, each boy was able to put to use what he had learnt and effectively sail a boat. Added to this, all students experienced new activities and challenges that made the trip unforgettable. Apart from the sailing activities, the boys were able to swim, kayak, snorkel, fish, trek and hitch hike. None of the students had really done anything similar to this expedition before, and it turned out to be an exciting and demanding adventure for everyone. Every single one of us was able to take something away from the New Caledonia experience and ultimately we all shared a feeling of success in that we were able to test both ourselves and each other.

**Josh Milliss – Year 11**
Footy Tipping
How did you go with your footy tips last weekend?
Footy Tipping is a great Australian past-time. Whatever the sport, we love to be in a competition to see who can pick the most number of winners from the weekend round. I had a “shocker” recently. I did not get one selection correct. Some of my colleagues could not believe that I could not even choose at least one winner. I felt like a real loser.

It is amazing not only how much physical time and energy we place into these activities but also emotional. Over the weekend we can ride the emotional roller coaster as our teams win or lose. Our early week mood is often attached to our tipping performance on the weekend.

Perhaps it is human nature that we select insignificant events in our world and connect our value and well being to them. Maybe we should spend greater amounts of energy reflecting on the more important choices we have to make in our lives. Choices like how we act, speak and think about those with whom we share our lives.

Thankfully God is not like us. He is not in search of winners. We do not have to impress God with our performance so that he will choose us for his team. In an about face God actually chooses the “weak things of the world to shame the strong”. (1 Corinthians 1:27) Instead of proving my worth to God he wants me to humbly accept my weakness. It does not mean I am of no value, it actually increases my value as I realise God accepts me even in my weakness.

Last weekend the Dragons re-entered the winners’ circle with a hard fought win over the Roosters at the SCG. While it was all exciting for the team, my heart went out to the two players I was chatting with before the game, who although for weeks had been part of the team, were not chosen for this big occasion. To say the least, they found it difficult to watch their mates walk out onto the hallowed turf when they were benched. I am thankful to God that his selection of us is not based upon our performance but upon the spotless performance of Jesus life, death and resurrection.

Next time you select your footy tips – take some time out to reflect on the way God wants to choose you to be a part of his team.

Sermons Available
If you would like to listen to any of the sermons from Church@Kings this year then you can find them on our web page (http://www.kings.edu.au/chaplains/church/sermons.html) or contact the Chaplains if you would like to order the sermons on disc. This year our series were “Remembering the Cross of Christ” and “Remembering the Lord: Deuteronomy”.

Confirmation for Boarders, Dayboys and the King’s community
Confirmation is an opportunity for a person to publicly declare their faith in Jesus. The Confirmation Service will be held on Thursday, 23 September at 7.00pm in the School Chapel.

Both Boarders and Dayboys from Year 9 and above are able to be confirmed. Even family members of students may consider being Confirmed. Mums, Dads, brothers and sisters are all welcome.

Preparation has begun with the Boarders meeting on Thursdays from 8.00-9.00pm and Dayboys and other people interested meeting on Sundays during Church from 9.30-10.30am.

It is still not too late to join but you will need to be quick. Please contact the Rev Stephen Edwards (9683 8414 or chaplain@kings.edu.au) for an information sheet and application form.

Church@Kings
... is a Church for the King’s School community where the Bible is presented as our guide for life.
We meet every Sunday and all the family is welcome with a quiet room, crèche and Sunday School for all ages including Senior School.

15 August
9.30am – CLL Auditorium
Bible Talk: 2 Peter 2:4-9 (Rev Stuart Tye)

22 August
9.30am – CLL Auditorium
Bible Talk: 2 Peter 2:10-16 (Rev Stephen Edwards)

29 August
9.30am – CLL Auditorium
Guest Speaker: Wally Prospelyj (Prison Chaplain)

Thank you to those who gave so generously to the Winter Appeal. 78 boxes of goodies are being distributed by Anglicare. Thanks also to the Church@Kings helpers!

Rev Stephen Edwards
chaplain@kings.edu.au
**DIRECTOR OF STUDIES**

**Curriculum Matters**  
**Academic Tips No. 10**  
**Is it time to lower your high jump bar of life?**

Last edition, I used the example of an athlete jumping over the bar at a particular height, so the bar is raised, to new levels, to possibly a height which, if achieved, will mean a PB (personal best), to experience the success of achievement. Of course, in researching why this athlete ‘bursts onto the scene’, you find that it has taken years of practice, setbacks, successes and failures – it’s been one step at a time, climbing the ladder rung by rung. He has succeeded at one level before moving onto the next.

Yes, there may be exceptions to the rule where someone has ‘star quality’ – but on the whole, most overnight sensations burn brightly for a while then fade from sight. Those whose success lasts are those who enjoy a steady, slow climb to the top. Last edition, I gave a number of practical steps to ‘raise the bar’ to reach the next level but sometimes this ‘to do’ list can overwhelm you and you end up feeling like a defeated perfectionist as you have to sift through the list and prioritise.

What about you? Are you making unreasonable demands on yourself? Are you trying to clear a 2 metre bar before you can manage a 1 metre jump? If so, you need to lower the high jump bar of your life. Dr. Kevin Leman in his book *Why Your Best IS Good Enough* looks at 6 specific areas:

1. **Learn there is a difference between excellence and perfection**
2. See your failures as learning experiences upon which to build a better future
3. Live in the real world
4. Take a realistic look at yourself
5. Face up to your fears
6. Take responsibility for your actions

Let’s look at these one at a time:

**1. Learn that there is a difference between excellence and perfection**

The ‘defeated perfectionist’ is never satisfied with mere excellence. He wants everything to be perfect and can find flaws with just about everything he does. Life is not a gymnastics meeting – there are not 5 judges out there waiting to hold up their scorecards after everything you do! And, unless you are a major League player, your mistakes are not likely to make the pages of the local newspaper. You simply don’t have to go through life running up a perfect score in everything you do.

According to Leman, he suggests eight major differences between the perfectionist and the person who is legitimately pursuing excellence:

a. The perfectionist reaches for impossible goals whereas the pursuer of excellence enjoys meeting high standards that are within his reach;

b. The perfectionist bases his values of himself upon his accomplishments while the person who pursues excellence values himself simply for who he is;

c. The perfectionist may be defeated by disappointment, may give up and surrender while the pursuer of excellence, although disappointed and hurt, will keep moving toward his goal;

d. The perfectionist is often devastated by failure but the pursuer of excellence will learn from it;

e. The perfectionist tends to remember his mistakes and dwell on them, convinced that everyone else remembers them too whereas the pursuer of excellence will correct his mistakes, learn the lessons they have to offer and then forget about them;

f. The perfectionist is only happy with being No. 1, feeling a failure if he were in second place whereas pursuer of excellence is happy with himself when he knows he has tried his hardest;

g. The perfectionist hates criticism while the pursuer of excellence welcomes it and seeks to benefit from it;

h. The perfectionist has to win to have high self-esteem while the pursuer of excellence can finish second and still maintain a healthy self-image.

Which are you – defeated perfectionist or pursuer of excellence? If you see yourself more in the description of the perfectionist, it is time for you to make a conscious effort to change the way you look at yourself as well as the way you look at life in general. It is like dancing with ‘2 left feet’ – you don’t have to be perfect or even among the best to be successful. If you are letting fear keep you off the dance floor of life, you’re missing out on much more than you know! Romans 3:23 says that everybody falls short of perfection – so don’t worry if you goof things up once in a while: you are in good company!

Subject Choice Forms 2011

Year 10
Year 11 (2011) Subject Choice Form - completed online by Friday, 13 August (Week 4 Term 3).

Year 11
Year 12 (2011) Subject Choice Form - completed and returned to tutors by Wednesday, 8 September (Week 8 Term 3 – one week after End of Preliminary Course Exams).

Curriculum Matters
To keep up to date with the latest curriculum information, go to: https://intranet.kings.edu.au/curriculum/index.htm

Language Olympics
All language students, Years 7-11, are currently participating in the Language Olympics, an online competition between language students from all around the world. Over a two week period, students have the opportunity to win prizes by learning lists of vocabulary in the target language (and other languages too)! Our top performers will be listed in the next edition of the Herald. Interested parents can check out this amazing online resource, which is set to become an integral part of the language curriculum at King’s from next year: www.languageperfect.com

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Languages

Aktuelles aus der Sprachabteilung – What’s happening in Languages

New Caledonia Trip
Over the Term 2 holidays students from the Year 8 and 9 French classes were accompanied by Mmes Neale and Hill on the annual language/cultural tour to New Caledonia. They spent a week checking out the sites of Noumea and its surrounds, while attending intensive language classes and getting to know aspects of the Polynesian culture. A wonderful time was had by all, with all boys reporting an increase in their confidence in the use of their second language as a result of their time abroad.

French Theme Day
The Department ran a successful French Theme Day for the second year running on Wednesday, 28 July. A full program of events was again on offer for our French students and for the wider School community. This included: a French theatre production, crêpes throughout the day, a French-themed assembly in which reports on recent trips and exchanges were given, French food at lunch (accompanied by accordionists) and for the senior boys, painting en plein air in the style of Georges Seurat. Unfortunately the weather was less than agréable, leading to the game of petanque being cancelled, however, a good day was had by all. Many thanks to Andrew Stanford, Calum de Silva, Morgan Mo and Jock Webb for their presentations during assembly.

Language Exchange Program
Bonne chance und gute Reise to the following Year 10 boys as they embark on exchange later this term:

*Selling Schloss Salem, Germany (10/9 – 18/12)
  Tom Lysaght and Sam Harris

*Selling Tivoli, Bordeaux France (11/11 – 4/1)
  Heath Sloane, John McMahon, Alexander le Hoang, Ed Hawke, Louis Cosyn, Tim Hudders, Roy Chan

Salem and Tivoli are two highly regarded schools in Europe. Within the immersion context, our students can expect to develop their language proficiency whilst enjoying all that these schools have to offer.

It is now the expectation of the School that all students continuing with their language studies beyond Year 10 participate in the Language Exchange Program. Further information on this program or anything relating to the study of languages at King’s can be requested by email (ajd@kings.edu.au)

Alison Dean
Head of Languages
**DIRECTOR OF BOARDING**

**Boarder Parents’ Roundup**
All boarder parents (and their families), are invited to join together for lunch on Saturday, 21 August above the White Oval from 12.00 noon. This is an initiative of the Boarder Parents’ Committee. Sausages and bread rolls, slices and soft drinks will be provided. Please make a note in your diaries to attend.

RSVP to Bronwyn Taylor (0419 491 502 or jbtaylor@bigpond.net.au) by Wednesday, 18 August to assist with catering.

Malcolm Powys

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**Travel Home for Boarders**

**End of Term 3 2010**

Boarders requiring travel home for the Term 3 holidays and/or return for the start of Term 4 are requested to advise their travel requirements by Thursday, 9 September, which is the cut-off date for bookings.

The buses will depart on the morning of Friday, 24 September and return on Monday 11 October 2010. Note that Year 12 students and those Year 11 students staying for the Year 12 Graduation on Friday, 24 September will need to make their own travel arrangements for the end of Term.

Parents may contact the School direct to advise their son’s travel requirements, by contacting Mr Max Yates, School Transport Officer, 9685 8411 or transport@kings.edu.au.

Max Yates

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**You are warmly invited ....**

**Visual Arts**

**Industrial Arts**

**Industrial Arts Open Night**

Friday, 3 September 2010, Wansey Building

We have pleasure in showing our Year 12 Design and Technology and Industrial Technology major works for 2010.

Open between 5.00pm and 8.00pm
Prizes awarded at 7.00pm
Light refreshments available.
Interesting snippets of information regarding The King’s School often turn up in the most unexpected places. Trailing through online newspaper databases a family member found:

* A former teacher of The King’s School, Mr Farrel, advertised his intention to open an English, Mercantile and Mathematical School in Parramatta in January 1844, where students would be charged £1 5s ($2.50) a quarter for tuition, promising that pens and ink would be provided without extra charge. The year was a particularly difficult one for TKS as there had been an outbreak of Scarlet Fever so one wonders if any students transferred to Mr Farrel’s School.

* The second article related to the assigned servant of the Headmaster, Rev Walker, who was sentenced to two months in the Female Factory, the first and last weeks in solitary confinement for “insolence and disobedience of orders”. On “thanking” the magistrate for her sentence Alice Bird was “caged” for an additional ten days. Such was the report in the Parramatta Chronicle January 1844.

Jenny Pearce

Music Photographs
Photographs will be taken next week on Friday, 20 August at the Sports Centre external stairs at the commencement of lunch. All boys in the following groups will need to be ready at 12.40pm dressed in No 1 uniform. The following groups will be photographed:

- Senior Choir
- Symphonic Concert Band
- Wind Ensemble
- Intermediate Stage Band
- Senior Stage Band
- Piano Trio
- Orchestra
- Guitar Ensembles
- Flute Ensemble
- Captains of Music.

HSC Performance Night
This highlight of the musical calendar will see some quite tremendous final performances from our Year 12 cohort of elective music students. They include Matthew Barbeau, Andrew Kim, Austin Lee, Blaise Parnell and Chris Upton.

The concert will be held in the Recital Room and commences at 7.00pm, however, drinks and canapés are provided from 6.30pm. Do mark this event in your diary as you will be assured a fine night of quality music.

Barry Walmsley
The CLL has developed a Web 2.0 space for Year 12 to discuss their different subjects, to share ideas, to teach one another and to seek feedback from their teachers. The Study Mates Ning was first used by Year 12 in 2009. Comments from the boys last year were very favourable toward using this space for the sharing of work and so we have organised for all Year 12 to get on board and begin sharing, discussing, and problem-solving together.

Game On
For too long the jury has been out about screen-format games being anything but good in teaching and learning. If nothing else, they contribute to moronic grunts and eyestrain! Or do they? The Queensland Department of Education [QDET] has begun to change this attitude. It is leading the way in acknowledging that digital game playing is already a billion dollar industry and hence, it would seem appropriate to integrate digital games into learning and teaching. The project acknowledges the vital role of such games in improving student learning outcomes when integrated into carefully constructed learning experiences.

The Department's website <http://education.qld.gov.au/smartclassrooms/strategy/dp/games.html> clearly acknowledges that student design and development of games helps to:

- build students’ story telling skills,
- encourage cooperative learning,
- engage students in problem solving and higher order thinking,
- encourage planning and reflection,
- develop behaviours such as self-monitoring, pattern recognition, problem recognition and problem solving at a deep level, qualitative thinking and principled decision-making, and superior short-term and long-term memory.

It also notes that digital games are often multi-disciplinary exercises and that developing a good game can involve composing music, script writing, story development, physics, visual arts, spatial arts and much, much more. It is reasonable to conclude that the best games must be not only challenging and complex, but scaffolded.

As well, good digital/ video games must include these essential qualities:
- interactive play environment,
- fast-paced,
- immediate feedback,
- story-based,
- customisable, and
- have a way to connect to people - the social factor.

Not a bad checklist when evaluating games to buy your son.

Here’s the database for visual learners. search-cube is a visual search engine that presents web search results in a unique, three-dimensional cube interface. It shows previews of up to ninety-six websites, videos and images. This is a great way to choose that website you want by matching image to your search.

Day Boy House Dinners
2010 Day Boy House Dinners will be held during the next few weeks. Invitations will be forthcoming.

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HEAD OF PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Primary Education and the Federal Election
I am not wanting to become party political here – and I am fully aware that there are numerous issues, not just education, to weigh up during this election – but I do think that it is worthwhile sharing with you the considered opinion of APPA (the Australian Primary Principals’ Association), which represents the united, cross sectoral view of the Independent primary school heads (IPSHA), the Catholic primary principals (ACPPA) and the Government school primary principals (AGPPA).

Despite the severe bagging that certain media and Coalition elements have given the Labor Government’s BER funding, APPA is deeply appreciative of the investment that has been made in primary education. For many years APPA had expressed concerns about the chronic underfunding of primary schools, too many of which have had inadequate, antiquated buildings, poor technology, insufficient general resources and too little teacher support for special needs students. The recent massive $14.5 billion investment in primary education across the nation has thus been very welcome.

Whilst it is undeniably true that there has been some wastage of resources in the actual implementation phase of the BER funding – and such inefficiencies cannot be condoned – APPA President, Leonie Trimper, makes the following points:

• Many primary schools were in a terrible state of disrepair.
• This is the first time that a federal government has ever focused on primary education.
• The BER funds represented an unprecedented amount of money for school infrastructure.
• It is a fact that primary principals are overwhelmingly positive about what they have now, compared with what they had before. Indeed the official complaints from primary school principals amount to just 2.5% of projects, despite the attention these have gained in the media.

A few days ago APPA wrote to the Coalition, Labor and the Greens, asking them to explain their stance on primary education. Their responses will be posted on the APPA website (www.appa.asn.au) and will also be sent to all Government, Catholic and Independent primary schools prior to the election. (Incidentally, the APPA website averages 500,000 hits per month and is well worth a look if you are interested in the current issues facing primary education).

Band Competition Silver Medals!
The Prep School Concert Band and the Year Four Band have returned from last Sunday’s NSW Band Championships with silver medals! Warmest congratulations to Mr Jonathan Todhunter, Mr Dan Williams, Ms Debbie English - and of course the boys themselves - on these outstanding achievements!

The Year Four Band was a few players down, for various unavoidable reasons, and serious thought had been given to withdrawing from the competition. That they performed so well with a depleted band is particularly encouraging, especially when you consider that most of these boys have only been playing since the beginning of this year!

The Concert Band boys continue to impress mightily by the way they present as a band (they LOOK so good and pay such excellent attention to their conductor), but more particularly, of course, by the depth, maturity and polish of their sound. This was recognised by the adjudicators, who awarded them a development grant in addition to their silver medal!

Bravissimo! Standing ovation!

Keith Dalleywater

Preferred Email
The School is very keen to have up-to-date email contact details for parents, and to that end would like to be informed of changes or corrections to email addresses immediately they come into effect.

Recently I have sent out emails to various parent groups within the School – such as:
Parents of Year 10 (regarding the Formal)
Parents of Year 11 (regarding the Cocktail Party)
Parents of Year 12 (regarding the Year 12 photo)

If you did not receive one of the above emails and feel you should have or would have liked to, please send me an email confirming your “preferred” email address and I will ensure it is entered onto the School Database.

Thank you to those who are very diligent about notifying me of any changes! Much appreciated!

Susan MacDonald srm@kings.edu.au
UPCOMING EVENTS

Members of the School community are warmly invited to attend any of the events listed below:

• Ag Quip, Gunnedah 17-19 August  
  (Dr Hawkes and Dr Parry will attend)

• Hills Education Expo 3-4 September

• Orange Field Days 19-21 October  
  (Mr Rainey, Rev Edwards and Dr Parry will attend)

Parents’ Association Update

Special Guest, Rowena Stulajter, Community Development Manager, NSW Parents’ Association

Rowena addressed the recent Parents’ Association meeting on Wednesday, 28 July 2010 about the origin of the association and the various roles undertaken by the NSW Parents’ Association and explained how schools become members through their parent bodies. Membership is on a per student basis and King’s pays this fee on behalf of the Parents’ Association. The association represents the interests of non-government schools and their parents at Ministerial level and it is actively involved in the current program of curriculum development.

TKS Annual Golf Classic 2010 will be held on Thursday, 21 October at Twin Creeks Golf and Country Club. Please see the Registration form in this Herald.

Melbourne Cup Function 2010 presented by Jane Hawkes and the 2012 Committee on Tuesday, 2 November at Lauriston House, Eastwood.

Next meeting
Governors’ Room, Wednesday, 18 August 2010, 7:00pm.

Graham Ragg
President

TKS Parents are invited to the National Boys’ Education Conference – The King’s School, 10-12 October 2010

With speakers like Dr Michael Gurian, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg and Dr Adam Cox focused on parenting and teaching boys in today’s highly mediated environment, the Conference will resonate well with TKS parents.

Headmaster Dr Tim Hawkes asks the question “What contributes to a well-educated boy?” and literacy expert Dr Jeffrey Wilhelm responds with two award winning case studies centred on boys and literacy.

Other exciting presentations include a panel of NRL players, including CEO David Gallop, discussing their commitment to an innovative Boys and Reading Program, and writer Maggie Hamilton who has recently launched her book entitled “What’s happening to our boys?”

Our special Dinner Speaker is Mr Kevin Sheedy, AM and well known AFL coach and mentor.

Conference Special Price for TKS parents

$60 per day or $150 full conference
[Normal Conference Fee $430]

Registration www.kings.edu.au/boysed
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Conference Dinner $70
Dear Parents,

The School has been asked to investigate the feasibility of introducing a bus route from Wahroonga Station to the School via Ada Avenue, Fox Valley Road, Comenarra Parkway and Pennant Hills Road. We are suggesting that such a service may commence sometime in Term One 2011, running once in the morning and twice each afternoon, Monday to Friday (the Friday service should be once in the afternoon as there are no scheduled sports’ practices).

I write to you because it may well be that this service will be of interest to you (and perhaps to friends or neighbours who may enquire about the School’s transport options). This service would pick up and drop off at both Senior and Prep School and we would invite you to register a potential interest in your son(s) using this service by emailing or telephoning the Transport Co-ordinator Mr Max Yates (mgy@kings.edu.au or 9683 8411). This would assist us in planning the introduction of this route, and you are invited to discuss with Mr Yates the potential route of this 21 seater style bus.

This service complements the School’s St Ives/Gordon Station service and would attract a similar cost per term.

Please contact either myself or Mr Yates if you would like further information about this proposed service.

Yours sincerely,

Registrar

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**SPORT THIS WEEK**

**We look forward to travelling to Northbridge this week to do battle with Shore. They do have some excellent facilities, however, parking can be difficult and it is recommended that those who will be looking for a park in the surrounding streets give themselves plenty of time to do so. There is no entry to the grounds for those who do not have a pass.**

The Shore Security Staff are also committed to eliminating any alcohol whatsoever from the venue. Please be aware that anyone found to have alcohol at the venue may be asked to leave the premises.

King’s will host the GPS round of the Cross Country on Saturday. The Junior event will start at approx 10.00am, followed by the Intermediates and then the Seniors who will finish around noon. Road blocks and traffic restrictions will be in place around the School so those playing on Doyle will need to allow time to walk from the parking area above White Oval across to the Doyle fields. There will be limited parking near Old Boys’ for those entering the football precinct via Masons Drive.

Next week, we will play the last game of the 2010 season against Scots in what will be a predominantly “home” fixture.

**TRANSITION TO SUMMER SPORT**

A transition period allowing for a week off sport will precede the Summer season which commences on Monday 31 August. Boys have had the opportunity to select their Summer sport. In some cases, where sports have been “over subscribed”, it will be necessary to have some selection trials and, unfortunately, for a small number of boys, it may be necessary to select another sport. It is essential that all boys (with the exception of athletes) are available for the commencement of summer sport.

**ATHLETICS SEASON**

The Athletics season moves in to full swing immediately following the conclusion of Winter sport. Many of the boys who will participate in the series of carnivals, culminating with the AAGPS carnival at Homebush on 18 September, have been training intensively for many months. There will be some “additionals” who join the already strong squad for the four week season. Any boy who is selected will not be disadvantaged with regard to his selection or grading in his Summer sport team.

Peter Phipps
SNOWSPORTS

At the Northern Division of the Interschools Snowsports Championships held at Thredbo during the July holidays, King’s had 41 teams compete across all disciplines - Alpine, Skiercross, Moguls, Cross-Country, Snowboard, and Snowboardcross.

Due to the lack of good snow on the trails, the cross-country events were postponed until the next round. In spite of this all other events took place and the King’s Snowsports team once again excelled in most areas.

30 teams competed in the remaining events of Alpine GS, Skiercross, Moguls, Snowboard and Snowboardcross, and King’s won 6 x 1sts, 5 x 2nds, and 8 x 3rds. We have 21 teams and one individual qualifying for the State Championships to be held shortly. King’s boys were ever present on the winner’s podium winning the trophy for the coveted overall Champion Secondary boy’s school for the second year in a row.

This year for the first time we had Olympic coaches helping our boys prepare for their races. Our thanks go to Jono Brauer and his team for their wonderful assistance and to the Snowsports Committee for their help in setting up the coaching team. The improvement in our boys was indeed noticeable.

Results:

1st place

Div 1 Alpine A team
Alex Sharp, Aonghus Stevens, BJ Taylor, Alex Webb

Div 2 Alpine A team
Ben Schuitema, Josh Moore, Jack Cook, Matt Wearn

Div 3 Alpine A team
Nick Jackman, James Milson, Hugh Taylor, Hugh Manning

Div 2 Skiercross A team
Ben Schuitema, Josh Moore, Jack Cook

Div 3 Skiercross A team
Hugh Taylor, Nick Jackman, Hugh Manning

Div 2 Snowboard X A team
James Mason, Llewellyn Phillips, Josh Moore

2nd place

Div 2 Alpine B team
Will McGuiness, Tom Hudson, Hamish McGuiness, Will Taylor

Div 2 Snowboard A team
James Mason, Llewellyn Phillips, Josh Moore

Div 2 Moguls A team
Daniel Olsson, Matt Wearn, Hunter Daniel

Div 3 Moguls A team
Nick Jackman, Hugh Manning, James Milson

3rd place

Div 2 Alpine C team
Jack Robertson, Hunter Daniel, Daniel Olsson, Oliver Martin

Div 3 Alpine B team
Lachlan Sharp, Charlie Hyles, Dom Cooper, Andrew Dossetor

Div 1 Skiercross B team
Alex Webb, BJ Taylor

Div 2 Skiercross C team
Will Taylor, Matt Wearn, Hunter Daniel

Div 3 Skiercross B team
James Milson, Charlie Hyles, Lachlan Sharp

Div 2 Skiercross C team
Toby Moore, Josh Starr, Nick Batson

Div 3 Snowboard A team
Toby Moore, Josh Starr, Nick Batson

Div 3 Moguls B team
Dom Cooper, Harry Hamilton

Also qualifying were the Snowboard X B team - Julian Bullen-Zorin, Will Cario and James Milson and the Div 3 Moguls C team - Josh Olsson and Tom Wearn. BJ Taylor was also selected as an individual in the Div 1 Moguls.

Individual Gold Medal performances went to:

Nick Jackman
Alex Sharp
Hugh Taylor

The competition hots up in a few weeks time at the State Championships and we wish all these boys the best of luck as they compete, along with our Cross-Country skiers. Keep your fingers crossed for more snow and fair weather.

Linden Neale
Master in Charge
RUGBY

Playing St Ignatius’ at their home ground was one of the toughest afternoons of rugby that The King’s School players have had to face in the whole season. However, the assignment was made all the more difficult with their grounds being turned into a swamp due to the deluge of rain that Sydney had received prior to the fixtures. With most of the grounds resembling mud patches from try line to try line, it was difficult for players, referees and spectators to pick which players were indeed King’s boys. Despite these conditions most games were extremely close affairs with The King’s School winning 55% of all games played.

The 13s age group continued to show improvement against the stronger GPS teams. Although we recorded no victories on the day, the 13As certainly took it to their more fancied opponents and were only beaten late in the game. Special mention to the 13Fs and Gs where a lot of boys are playing rugby for the first time this season. They are really improving and one of the 13F players, Sunny Kim, was the standout player across the age group.

The 14 and 15 age groups were very tight affairs, with all 14 teams tasting victories except for the As and Bs. In particular the 14Fs continued their undefeated season with a comfortable 25-3 victory and are one of only two undefeated teams in the whole School. The 14As were dominating the game for long periods only to take some poor options which cost them in the end. The 15s also did well in the lower age teams with the Ds, Fs and Gs being successful. The 15Es are the other undefeated team and they marched on with a smashing 54-0 victory. They have come together as a team as the season has progressed and it is evident their hard work at training has set them up for a chance of an undefeated season. The 15As lost narrowly going down 7-10, however, they continue to improve each game and the level of effort they gave deserved more than the result they received. Jack McCalman had a “blinder” and Lucas Bateman’s try was a good indication of his growing dominance in the front row.

It was a tougher day in the 16s with only the As and Fs winning their games. The Andrew Parry coached 16As work as hard as any team in the School and it is not surprising that they haven’t lost in the GPS season. Led by their hardworking back row they led from start to finish against a really tough opponent, with their backline looking classier each week.

It was a good day in the Opens Rugby with all teams except for the 2nd XV winning their respective games on the main oval. With strong victories by the 6ths/5ths/4ths and a total white wash by the 3rds winning 20-0, everything was set up for the do or die games in the 1st and 2nd XV.

The 2nd XV never really got into any sort of pattern of play and made some crucial errors that allowed St Ignatius to exert pressure on them in the beginning of both halves. It was a disappointing loss, as the game was there to take but for whatever reason we just didn’t turn up to play.

The 1st XV was a completely different story. St Ignatius’ came out with a very revved up team. They were really pumped up for the fixture; as a win would see them remain undefeated in the GPS competition and a defeat would all but end King’s chances of victory. However, the King’s 1st XV met the challenge head on. Chris Ingate at outside centre had a superb game scoring and setting up tries with his devastating running, while the forward pack controlled their opponents in both set piece and general play. It was indeed a great set piece try off a lineout which saw Jed Gillespie score a powerful barging try. The whole team’s breakdown work was the difference in the match, with players working hard to get to the next phase attack and maintaining possessions. George Kent worked himself to a stand-still, whilst Michael Freeman’s tackling was bone jarring. The victory against St Ignatius set up a momentous clash the following week against the very strong Newington 1st XV.

Newington went into the match undefeated and with three current Australian schoolboys in their team, were always going to be a formidable opponent. The scenario was that if King’s defeated Newington, we would be joint leaders in the competition and therefore be able to have our destiny in our hands.

The game started at a frantic pace with the huge very strong Newington 1st XV. The game ebbed and flowed for a period until we got a mini break in the second half which saw us skip out to a 25-14 lead. With 15 minutes to go we looked as though we were going to go on and take the match, however, we offered Newington a few opportunities to get back into the match and they took them. We fell off some first time tackles which resulted in two quick converted tries and suddenly we were behind by a point. The last five minutes saw King’s desperately try and score again but it wasn’t to be...
and we went down 25-26. **Tim Reid** and **George Kent** were again strong performers in the forward pack with **Jono Behne-Smith** being the standout back.

It wasn’t all bad news on the day, with The King’s School winning over 70% of matches contested.

Newington took the honours in the 13As and 15As, although both of these games saw tremendous performances from the King’s teams, particularly the forward packs in both age groups.

The 15As lost narrowly 10-17 which was a vast improvement to their 0-43 result in the trials. They played hard tough rugby and if the game went another five minutes, we might have seen a King’s victory.

The 13As, despite having only won the one game this year are nearly the most improved team in our program. They will definitely be rewarded for all their hard work in the weeks to come.

We did record strong wins in the 14As and 16As. Our 16As have targeted an undefeated GPS season and the coming weeks will be crucial games against strong opposition.

The 2nd XV returned to winning form with a strong result against a very willing opponent. They recorded a 38-21 victory, with strong games from **Adam Vilimaa** and **Robert Lagudi** in the forwards, and some nice attacks from **Zac Attalah** in the backs.

We can’t conclude without mentioning the mighty 15Es and 14Fs who both scored thumping wins and still remain undefeated for all games played.

**Stephen James**  
**Master in Charge**

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**Win a Sportscraft Junior Rugby Clinic with two Qantas Wallabies**

Sportscraft are proud to be the official formal wear supplier of the Qantas Wallabies and are offering us the chance to win an exclusive Rugby Clinic with two high profile Qantas Wallabies players.

Get up close and learn from the best, with a forward and a back from the team to take up to 36 boys through a fun and interactive training session.

When?  
Thursday 9 September, 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Coogee Oval.

Sportscraft have invited parents to enter the competition and be in the running to win this fantastic and exclusive rugby clinic for their son and up to 35 class or team mates.

Go to [www.sportscraft.com.au/rugby](http://www.sportscraft.com.au/rugby) and explain in 25 words or less why you would like to win the clinic for your son and sign up to the Sportscraft VIP program. Enter before 29 August 2010.

The winning parent will also receive two gold tickets to see the Bledisloe Cup Qantas Wallabies V All Blacks on 11th September at ANZ Stadium.

Sportscraft will provide transport to and from Coogee Oval, a t-shirt and the opportunity to get autographs from the 2 players.

**SPORTSCRAFT**

Don’t miss this exciting chance for your boy and his class or team mates to learn from the best and have fun with two Qantas Wallabies.
FOOTBALL

Our 1st XI team completed a double win over our two most powerful rivals in the last two weeks. In Round 4, we arrived to find the main SIC ground was saturated and unplayable and so GPS matches were switched to an adjacent pitch. The 2nd XI went down to a narrow 3-2 defeat and played some fabulous football. The 1st XI took the field knowing that only a win would keep their GPS Premiership hopes alive. There could not have been a more disastrous start, when Riverview scored with their first attack. The King’s team came back strongly and dominated the remainder of the half. Despite several opportunities, King’s could not get back on level terms and the score remained 1-0 at half-time.

There could not have been a better start to the second half! A cross from Oliver Read found Ryan Blaker unmarked in the penalty area. Ryan coolly slotted the ball past the advancing goalkeeper for a perfectly timed equaliser. Once again, SIC responded quickly and a free-kick was driven home to leave the King’s team 2-1 down. The game ebbed and flowed on the muddy pitch, until in the 50th minute a penalty was awarded. Ryan Blaker calmly dispatched the ball into the corner of the net for the second equaliser. With both teams desperate to win, the emphasis was clearly on attack. Travis Cooper, in his new role as sweeper, was covering everything that St. Ignatius sent his way. Jo Lee in goal for the King’s team, made several good saves before a long clearance was miscued by his opposite number. The ball seemed to spend an eternity in the air before Ryan Blaker guided a volley perfectly into the empty net. 3-2 with minutes remaining and some desperate defending kept the win intact and our season very much alive!

Although many games were called off, the win/loss ratio against our opponents was almost 50:50. This is indicative of the progress that King’s football has made in recent times. Best results came from the 14D team (6-0) and the 13D team (7-0).

Last Saturday we welcomed the black and white stripes of Newington College. Tony Janson and his team had produced an immaculate surface on Wanderers’. The 2nd XI huffed and puffed but could not score. Neither did our opponents and so a stalemate resulted, 0-0.

In the 1st XI match, again a win was the only acceptable result for King’s to remain in the race. In contrast to the previous week, it was the sky blue team who hit the front inside two minutes. A long throw from Tiernan Christensen was flicked on by Matthew Helou. In the resulting chaos in the Newington defence, the ball fell to Captain, Sam Walker, who did not hesitate in smashing the ball into the roof the net. Encouraged by such a great start, the King’s players took to the task with great enthusiasm, giving their opponents little time to stay on the ball. On 26 minutes and against the run of play, Newington was awarded a penalty. The goal tied up the score at 1-1 which remained until half-time.

In the second half, our players continued to dominate the midfield. With 15 minutes remaining, coach Peter Denyer sent on Chamath Herath with instructions to “make yourself a hero and score the winner!” On 75 minutes, Chamath duly obliged and drove the ball under the NC goalkeeper from close range. Our team has been coached how to retain a winning lead, although our team did give Newington just one chance. The opposing forward hit his shot wide and the win was secured.

With two rounds remaining, a win against each of Shore and Scots will ensure a 2nd place for King’s in the 1st XI GPS Premiership. With Riverview playing Newington in Round 7, a 1st place is now possible although it will require that match to be a draw if no previous points have been dropped by the other two schools.

Newington wins dominated the other matches, although the 15B team and 5th XI had respectable wins.

This coming Saturday we are at Shore. A win in the 1st XI will keep the pressure on NC and SIC. Your vocal support will, as always, be greatly appreciated.

John Sowden
Master in Charge

Ryan Blaker, Matthew Helou and Sam Walker in action against SIC
ATHLETICS

36 Day to go to the AAPGS Athletics Championships!

With winter sport heading towards the finish of the season, all athletes aspiring to make the GPS team will need to turn their focus towards training in the coming weeks.

Next week is the final week of preliminary training before the official season begins. Many boys have already made strong progress with extra training and our ‘in house’ racing on Friday afternoons at Blacktown Athletic Centre will make a huge difference in the coming weeks of competition.

The season will begin with a training session next Sunday 22 August at 9.00am–11.00am at Homebush Athletic Centre and on Monday 23 August all boys are to assemble in the Thomas Memorial Pavilion for a meeting and training. All boys must be present.

Below are the training days for the next week.

**Monday**
AM session – 6.00am – Hayshed with Mr Gavan - Senior hurdles training

**Tuesday**
PM – Sprints / Middle Distance / Shot Put / High Jump / Long Jump

**Wednesday**
AM session – 6.00am – Hayshed with Mr Gavan / PM – Sprints/Shot Put/ High / Long Jump

**Thursday**
PM – Sprints / Middle Distance / Shot Put / High Jump / Long Jump

**Friday**
Racing at Blacktown Athletic Centre. Bus departs at 3.30pm sharp and will return by 6.00pm.

**Dates for the AAGPS Season are:**

**Sunday 22 August**
TKS Squad training at Homebush Athletic Centre – 9.00am – 11.00am

**Saturday 28 August**
Invitational Carnival 1 at Homebush Athletic Centre

**Saturday 4 September**
Invitational Carnival 2 at ES Marks

**Saturday 11 September**
Invitational Carnival 3 at Narrabeen

**Saturday 18 September**
AAGPS Championships 2010 – Homebush Athletic Centre
Athletics Season Dinner to follow

**Monday 20 September**
Athletics Photos, School Chapel – 1.00pm

Hopefully you are all looking forward to the season and please feel free to contact me if you have any queries. For updated information go to: https://intranet.kings.edu.au/clubs/athletics/index.html

Ben Gavan
Master in Charge

CRICKET

**Training for Cricket begins**

After the final winter fixture against Scots on Saturday 21 August there will be a week to catch our breaths before cricket training and trials begin on 30 August for all age groups.

**Cricket Organisation**

Boys will need the following for the first training session - Navy polo shirt, white shorts, white socks & “K” cap. Each team will be provided with a kit which will have basic cricket equipment. However, boys should endeavour to have their own personal equipment. This helps you feel comfortable and is good hygiene. Items include bat, pads, gloves, box, thigh guard, and helmet.

**1st and 2nd X1 Preseason Program**

Training for players wishing to trial for 1st and 2nd X1 begins on Monday 16 August. Meet at Sports Centre at 6.30am. Boys in Years 8 and 9 are welcome to attend the two sessions on 16 and 23 August. Once trainings begin on 30 August, Year 10 and 11 will trial for 1st and 2nd X1 with nominating students from Years 8 and 9 invited to attend. Years 8 and 9 boys must initially attend their age group trainings.

**Cricket Season Launch**

Saturday 4 September – Season Launch at White Oval at 1.00pm. All cricketers are expected to attend after their internal trials.

**United Kingdom Tour Cricket - 2011**

The proposed tour will take place in the June/July holidays and follows successful tours in 2003, 2005 and 2007. Traditionally, the tour consists of a development team and an Open team. Expression of interest forms are now overdue and the response has been very positive.
The tour is open to boys in Years 9, 10 or 11 (2011) and any boy who hasn’t returned his expression of interest form must do so by Friday 20 August. Any boy wishing to be considered who didn’t receive a form should email Mr Spotswood gds@kings.edu.au. It is a unique opportunity, with the next tour planned for 2014.

**Cricket News**
The King’s Cricket Club newsletter (*Cricket News*) is returning after some time with the first issue to be released in September. We are looking for any newsworthy cricket items from the King’s community. These can be in form of history, past students, masters, photos or trivia. Contributions should be emailed or sent to Mr Spotswood.

**Residential Cricket Clinic at King’s**
The clinic will be a first for King’s with boys aged 12 to 16 from any school eligible to attend. Dates are Sunday, 26 September to Wednesday, 29 September.

Features include:
- All meals supplied - Breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper
- Qualified and boarding experienced teachers
- Written profiles on all players
- Game situations and principles of play
- Development of social skills, team work, sportsmanship, confidence and self-esteem
- Skill intensive sessions in batting, bowling and fielding
- Specialised coaching for pace and spin bowlers and wicket keepers
- Exciting Cricket games
- Video analysis of batting and bowling
- Core stability, yoga and pilates sessions
- Strength and conditioning
- Recovery sessions

Interested cricketers should email Mr Spotswood for details. Further information is available at [www.cricketcoachingclinics.com.au](http://www.cricketcoachingclinics.com.au)

**Cricket and Multisport September Holiday Coaching Clinics at King’s**
There will be a three day coaching clinic conducted in to September school holidays for students aged 5 to 16 years. The clinic will run from 27 to 29 August - 9.00am to 1.00pm. Further information is available at [www.cricketcoachingclinics.com.au](http://www.cricketcoachingclinics.com.au)

**Private Technique Coaching at King’s**
Sunday morning coaching is available to any King’s cricketer in Senior or Prep School. Sessions are at King’s (Doyle Cricket Nets) on Sunday mornings. Cricketers are encouraged to continue to develop their skills and technique over the offseason. Interested cricketers should email Mr Spotswood for details. Further information is available at [www.cricketcoachingclinics.com.au](http://www.cricketcoachingclinics.com.au)

**Dates for the diary**

*Monday 30 August*
Cricket trials commence

*Saturday 4 September*
Season Launch at White Oval at 1.00pm. All cricketers are expected to attend after their internal trials.

*Saturday 11 September*
Day/Night matches for 1st and 2nd XI on White Oval. Funds raised will be donated to Prostate Cancer. All cricketers have fixtures against Knox.

*Sunday 19 September*
1st XI vs Izingari (White Oval)

*Saturday 25 September*
1st XI vs Barker (Barker)

*Tuesday 5–Monday 11 October*
Cricket Camp

**Geoff Spotswood**
Master in Charge

**ROWING**

**The King’s Rowing Club News**
Planning for next season is off to an exciting start with the new committee being elected. This committee comprises a combination of very experienced past members and some energetic “new blood”.

A huge thank you to all past committee members and parents for their help last season. It was very enjoyable and saw a much larger participation from all parents. A special thank you must be made to retiring office bearers Tori and Bryce McNair for their years of dedicated commitment. Both have held the role of Rowing Club President over their time at the School and together they have presided over a period of significant growth in the Club and have left it in a much stronger state. Tori, in her role as...
President last year can claim to have presided over one of the largest fund raising years and as a result the committee is donating a new VIII to the School's fleet of boats. A great effort and a big thank you.

The new committee is again focused on advancing the outstanding success of last season. The new Rowing Club committee for 2010 – 2011 season is:

President  
**Ian Paver**

Vice Presidents  
Amanda Walkerden,  
Kerry Beever, Rob Wearn

Treasurer  
Craig Trayhurn  
(Handing over during the year)

Secretary  
Jenny Trayhurn

Publicity Officer  
Liz Newnam

Merchandise  
Clinton Walkerden

The following nominated on the committee to act as Year coordinators

Neils Troost, Mark Stevens  
Annabel & James Koster  
(Year 12 and Boarder coordinators)

Brett & Melissa Greentree  
(Sue Nash  
Jim Hoskins  
Year 11 and 12 and Fund raising support)

Murray Gregory  
(Year 9 and boat shed support)

New members are always very welcome, particularly Year 7 and 8. It is a great way to get to know everyone and it is a lot of fun.

**First Committee Meeting and Parent Information Manual**

Our first committee meeting for the new season will be in the first two weeks of September. Everyone is invited. You will find it a very welcoming and friendly environment, so don’t worry if you don’t know anyone. By attending you can stay up to date with what is happening, help support your son in rowing and enjoy a social group of parents with a common goal.

The new season Parent Manual which has all the times, dates and information you need for the 2010-2011 season, will be distributed shortly, along with the confirmation of the time and date of the first committee meeting.

Looking forward to another great year with all involved.

**Ian Paver**  
President
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ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS

THE KING'S SCHOOL GOLF CLASSIC 2010

Join us at Twin Creeks Golf and Country Club, one of Sydney's premier golf courses on Thursday, 21 October 2010 for a most exciting event. We are inviting individuals and teams to be part of the day's golfing activities. There are fantastic prizes to be won and wonderful networking opportunities with others in The King's School community. This year's event will be supporting an Indigenous Scholarship Program initiative.

11.30 am-12.30 pm Registration and Bag Drop
12.45 pm Players' Briefing
1.00 pm Tee off – Shotgun Start (on course lunch pack)
5.30 pm Post game drinks on the Terrace
6.00 pm-7.30 pm Buffet Dinner & Presentation

Tickets are $195.00 per individual player (inclusive of GST) which includes prizes and more!

Please don’t hesitate to contact Jacqui Forsyth on 9683 8413 if you require any further information or visit https://community.kings.edu.au/net/community/TKS/golf/classic to download details for a Sponsor Package.

Don’t miss out on your chance to be part of a fantastic day of fun!

Complete and return the Registration Form below to register as a team or an individual. Forms must be returned by Monday, 4 October 2010.

TKS GOLF CLASSIC – THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2010

GOLF INDIVIDUAL / TEAM REGISTRATION (Team Name__________________________)

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Please advise email of participants for confirmation

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PAYMENT DETAILS

☐ INDIVIDUAL GOLFER $195.00 (incl GST)
☐ TEAM of 4 $780.00 (incl GST) TOTAL: $___________
☐ SPONSOR PACKAGE $1,500.00 (incl GST)

☐ I enclose my cheque (payable to The King’s School Foundation)

OR please charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AMEX ☐ (tick appropriate box)

Card Number (fill in card number below) Expiry Date

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Cardholder’s Name Cardholder’s Signature

Please return form by 4/10/10 - ☐ C/- Development Office, The King's School, PO Box 1, Parramatta NSW 2124 or ☐ FAX your reply to 9683 8622

THE KING'S SCHOOL FOUNDATION LTD ABN: 50 258 936 482

PRIVACY STATEMENT - The information collected on the form is to enable you to participate in The King's School Golf Classic 2010. The information will only be used in connection with this activity and will not be divulged to persons outside this event.