

# KING'S COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER

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### From the Principal

28 January 2009

Dear Parents and Friends

Greetings and best wishes for the new school year! We send a special greeting to all the new families and students for 2009, and we are looking forward to you being part of the King's school community.

I hope the school holiday has been a good relaxing time for your family. The busy first term is soon upon us, and we are sending out this newsletter to help families prepare for the start of school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. It contains most of the information you will need for your child to have smooth start to 2009.

We are looking forward to a great year at the school. We are making important developments in the curriculum, and we are looking forward to having the Auditorium becoming available for use at some point during the first half of the year.

The State Government has made a grant to the College towards refurbishing the Home Economics room, and toward some further developments in the Sports Centre. It is encouraging to receive these funds, and we look forward to working with our planners and designers to see these projects under way during the year.

Australia, like many countries around the world, its holding is breath to see what the year brings. We are encouraged by falling interest rates, petrol prices and so on. For our part at the school, we will do everything we can to maintain our low cost policies, and to make every dollar go as far as we can. We remind all our families that the School Council operates a system of bursaries which can be applied for to assist through family downturns, ill health or other misfortune.

Finally, we want to congratulate all our VCE students from Year 12 this year. What especially delights our VCE teachers is that so many students achieved high levels, and that they put so much into their work. We'll be able to let you know soon what avenues they are following up in their first year after school. We wish them very well for the year, and God's blessing to follow their steps.

Once again, as a group, these students topped the city schools in their performance. Based on the *Age* statistics, King's VCE students scored the highest number of study scores over 40 in the town.

We warmly congratulate Jacki McLeod, the top scorer, and therefore King's College Dux for 2008. We look forward to presenting Jacki with her award at a suitable ceremony early this term.

If there is any information you need please contact the office which is open from 8:30am-4:00pm. Teachers begin on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, and you are welcome to make a time to see me if you wish. In expectation of a year of strong growth and maturing for all our students,

Yours sincerely  
Neil Benfell.

### **PRAYER & PRAISE**

- ❖ Give thanks for a new year full of promise for all our students.
- ❖ Pray for new families, children and staff settling into the school and the town.
- ❖ Pray that each new student will soon make some new friends.
- ❖ Pray for a solid year of growth and development for every student.

## **YEAR LEVEL COORDINATORS 2009**

12	Mr Michael Tucker
11	Mrs Jo Van Leerdam
10	Miss Kath Russell
9	Mr Fraser Diack
8	Miss Natasha Brightwell
7	Miss Melody Keath
6	Mrs Judith Beasy & Miss Bronwyn Bennett
5/6	Mr Daryl Davey
4/5	Mrs Joan Petering
3/4	Mrs Marilyn Woodward
3	Mrs Gail Zeunert
2	Miss Carin Hooke & Miss Lisa Hooke
1	Miss Lorraine Willett
Prep	Mrs Kerry Snook

### **USED UNIFORM SHOP**

The Used Uniform Shop will be open on:

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January - 1:30 - 3:00pm**

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January - 1:30 - 3:00pm**

Normal opening times will resume from the beginning of Term 1:

Monday 3:30-3:30pm

Thursday 8:30-9:00am.

### **NEW UNIFORM SHOP**

The New Uniform Shop will be open on:

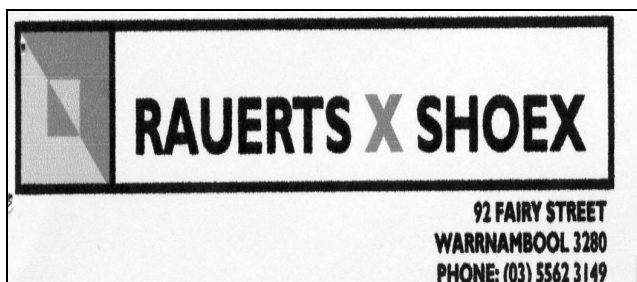
**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> January - 11:30am - 1:00pm.**

Normal opening times will resume from the beginning of Term 1:

Friday 3:00-4:00pm

You are also welcome to complete a new uniform order, available at the front office, and collect your order at a later date.

**Starting date for  
the new school year is  
MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY  
School Hours: 8.50am – 3.20pm  
Please note: Prep students do not  
attend on Wednesdays during Term 1**



## **SCHOOL SHOES**

All families are reminded of compulsory requirements for school shoes at King's College. Girls in Primary and Secondary levels have two options for footwear: Shoes must be black in colour and can be either leather lace-up school shoes or T-bar school shoes. Primary and Secondary boys must wear black leather lace-up school shoes, no pull-on boots are allowed. Please be aware that ballet style shoes, skate shoes or black leather runners are not an acceptable alternative. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## **BE SUNSMART**

A school hat is part of the school summer uniform for boys and girls. In the interests of student health and safety, we are strictly enforcing the wearing of hats in the school-ground. Students will be given a 'hat detention' if they are in the playground without a hat on their head. Three hat detentions will incur a school detention.



## **PLEASE HELP US REDUCE OUR LOST AND FOUND**

Last year our Lost and Found box was overflowing! We ask that all parents take the time at the beginning of the year to name ALL items of clothing, including school shoes and runners. We also get a large number of lunch box containers in the lost and found. It would be helpful if these items could also be named.

## **COLLEGE CHURCH SERVICE**

The school Church Service will be held at St John's Church on Friday 6th February at 7:30pm. This night is the formal beginning of the school year and a time of thanksgiving and commitment to the Lord together. All students are required to be present, in summer uniform. Please arrange for your children to attend with another family if you are unable to come yourself.

## **PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - PRIMARY**

Homeroom teachers will present an overview of the curriculum and discuss what the expectations are for the students on the following dates:

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2	7:00pm
Grade 3	7:30pm

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

Grades 3/4 and 4/5	7:00pm
Grades 5/6 & 6	7:30pm

## **PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - SECONDARY**

Parent information evenings will be conducted on the following dates.

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 7 & 8	7:30pm
Yr 11 & 12	8:15pm

## **CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE CLAIMS - 1<sup>st</sup> SEMESTER**

A conveyance allowance is available to any family whose child must travel more than 4.8km to school where there is no free school bus service available, or more than 4.8km to the nearest bus stop to join a free school bus service. Application forms, which are available from the school office, should be completed and returned by **Friday, 20 February**.

If you received the allowance last year, there is no need to submit another application, unless your address or other details have changed.

If you received the allowance last year, but are no longer eligible, please phone the school office on 5562 0147 to let us know.

### **EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE - 1<sup>st</sup> SEMESTER, 2009**

This year the Education Maintenance Allowance has been increased to \$221 per year for eligible primary students and \$443 per year for secondary students under 16 years of age. It's payable to parents or guardians who held a valid **Centrelink Pension, Concession or Health Care Benefit Card** on 28 January, 2009. Application forms are available from the school office, and must be completed and returned to the office with your card to be sighted by **27 February**. Please note that **late applications will not be accepted by the Education Department**.

Commencing in 2009, parents are able to have the 50% "parent portion" of the EMA allowance paid directly into a nominated bank account, **or** receive it as a cheque. This can be indicated on the application form.

### **BURSARIES / FEES ASSISTANCE**

The school provides a limited number of fees bursaries to assist low-income families to provide a Christian education for their children. Fees assistance is reviewed annually, so if you are in receipt of fee reduction assistance, you are reminded that you need to re-apply. Bursary applications, available from the school office, must be returned by 28 February, 2009.

### **ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT**

Anaphylaxis is the term used to describe a severe allergic reaction that involves the respiratory and/or cardiovascular systems. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of an allergic reaction and is life threatening.

The most common causes of anaphylaxis are peanuts, tree nuts, egg, cow's milk, wheat and shellfish. Other causes include antibiotics, bee and insect stings.

Any contact with the allergen, including touching or ingesting the product, may cause an anaphylactic reaction, where the sufferer experiences difficulty breathing, swelling of the tongue, swelling/tightness in the throat, difficulty talking and potential loss of consciousness.

We ask for your help in addressing the hazard of food allergies within our school. In particular, we are asking for peanuts and nut products to be excluded from school lunch boxes. Parents who have children with allergies are requested to advise the Front Office and to provide an Anaphylaxis Management Plan and appropriate medication as required

A copy of our Anaphylaxis Policy is available at the Front Office.

Further information about anaphylaxis may be found at [www.allergy.org.au](http://www.allergy.org.au).

### **EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM & PERMISSION FORMS**

Each student has been issued with an "Emergency/Information form" and a Permission form today. We ask that parents read these forms carefully and make **changes** and **additions** as necessary.

## **ABSENCE ADVICE**

Parents are asked to help the teachers by advising them *well in advance* when it is known that your child will be absent from school. This applies to all booked doctor's appointments, dentistry, counselling, podiatry etc. It will be a great help in planning to ensure students do not miss vital lessons, assignments, SACs etc. Please avoid asking teachers for work for your child on the day of the absence, before morning class, or at other pressured times for teaching staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **TRAFFIC REMINDERS**

The safety of all students is in everyone's greatest interest!

We remind all drivers that the speed limit in the school grounds is strictly **10KPH** at all times.

Parents are advised that a "Give Way" sign is in operation at both the "in" and "out" approaches to the big car park.

**All vehicles** are required to stop and give way to students waiting to cross the road, at all times.

### **CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS**

The top car park is set aside for parents with children in the Prep, Grade One and Grade Two classes only. All other families are asked to park in the main car park.

Two sets of parking bays have been created in the main car park, with a pedestrian island up the centre of each bay, for children to access their Parents vehicles.

Children will be able to reach your car on their own without going on the car park itself, if you wish them to do so. You are welcome to continue to collect them from the side of the car park, to take them to your car if you wish.

No child is allowed to walk on the car park unaccompanied by an adult.

A large number of parents have been parking on the nature strip outside the top car park and allowing their children to cross the car park to get to their cars. This is extremely dangerous and we ask that parents please use the car parking spaces provided within the school boundaries.

### **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS**

The Victorian Government has introduced a **mandatory minimum standard** of checks for a range of child-related industries. *The Working With Children (WWC) Check* helps to protect children from sexual or physical harm by checking a person's criminal history for serious sexual, violence or drug offences and from certain professional disciplinary bodies such as the Victorian Institute of Teaching.

Everyone who engages in relevant child-related **work** must have a *WWC Check*, whether or not they have already had a police records check. However, not everyone who has **contact** with children is required to undergo a *WWC Check*.

Volunteers may be required to have a *WWC Check* depending on the nature of their involvement with children. We have investigated each of the categories in the Family Involvement Booklet and have noted which activities will require volunteers to undergo a *Working With Children Check*.

If you require a *WWC check*, please contact Corinne Dickinson for an application form or to provide evidence of your *WWC check*. The *WWC Check* is free for volunteers and costs approximately \$70 for paid employees.

We will not have access to details of any applicant's criminal record. We are only told what the outcome of the check is. All information about a person's *WWC Check* will be treated in the strictest confidence; stored securely and used only for the purpose it was intended.

### **PRIMARY HANDBOOK**

A Primary Handbook will be provided to families on the first day of school. The handbook provides parents and students with an outline of the working arrangements of the school. We recommend that all parents read the handbook and, if you require further information not contained in the handbook or clarification on anything within the booklet, please see the Front Office or the Primary Coordinator.

### **NEWSLETTER ON-LINE**

Newsletters are placed onto the website [www.kingscollege.com.au](http://www.kingscollege.com.au). each Thursday afternoon. Past newsletters can also be viewed on the website.

## **PARENTS' CLUB FAMILY BBQ & BUSH DANCE**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

The annual Parents' Club Family BBQ is a time for everyone to come and enjoy a meal together in the school courtyard. The Bush Dance is an excellent way to let your hair down and meet new and old friends and catch up after the summer holidays.

### **CANTEEN**

**Please note that the canteen will be in operation From Wednesday 4th February**

A current price list is included in this newsletter.

## **JAPANESE EXCHANGE PROGRAM - ONE HOST FAMILY URGENTLY NEEDED**

We are seeking one more family to host a male exchange student from 11<sup>th</sup> – 23rd March.



Families would be required to offer accommodation, meals and transport to the exchange student during this period. However, costs to the host family are well covered. If you would be interested in having a cultural experience, please contact Corinne Dickinson.

### **FORMAL 2008 PHOTOS**

For parents who have not yet ordered photos from the 2008 Year 10 and 12 Formals, you are able to order directly from Gary Francis Photography, 134a Koroit Street.

# PARENTS' CLUB

## THE PARENTS' CLUB EXECUTIVE

President – POSITION VACANT  
Vice President – Mr Mike Bowey  
Secretary – Mrs Brydie Greene  
Treasurer – Mrs Sue Alt

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Canteen Convenor  
Mrs Theresa Brown  
Fundraising Coordinators –  
Mrs Kate McNaughton  
Fair Committee – Mrs Judy Rauert  
Family Involvement Program  
Coordinator – Corinne Dickinson

## PARENTS' CLUB MEETING

The first PARENTS' Club Meeting for 2009 will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. All families are welcome to attend and learn more about what they can do to contribute to their school.

## FAMILY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

Each year the King's families and friends display a wonderful spirit of support and Christian service as they contribute hundreds of hours to the school. This support makes a big difference to the successful running of the school, and greatly strengthens the fellowship and sense of community among us.

King's needs this continued support of our strong parent helper base. Whether you have been a school family member for many years, or are a new family to the school in 2008, we feel sure you will find an area of service that suits you and will become involved.

**In 2009 it is our vision that every school family will participate in the Family Involvement Program, with each family contributing:**

- ❖ At least 20 hours over the course of the year
- ❖ One working bee
- ❖ One shift (1.5 hours) at the annual School Fair in November.

For those families whose circumstances make it impossible to help in practical ways, an alternative method of assisting is provided.

Families are able to make a contribution to the School building Fund of \$250 for the 20 hours of service, and a contribution of \$50 for the working bee. Your contribution to the School Building Fund is tax deductible.

If you wish to discuss the FIP and how you may be able to contribute, please feel free to contact Corinne Dickinson, Principal's Assistant.

## FIP HELP WANTED:

### **FAMILY BBQ & BUSHDANCE**

Helpers are urgently sought to organise the preparation of salads and cooking of the BBQ. All interested helpers please call Marlene Baker on 5565 4407.

## **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

Would you like an opportunity to meet new people in the school community? Here's your chance! The Fellowship Committee assists the school with catering for special events throughout the school year, including the Family BBQ (February), Welcome Morning Teas (February/March), GrandPARENTS' Day (May), School Production (September) and the Secondary Speech Night (December).

Duties include setting up and serving teas and barbecue, baking, meeting new families and making them welcome to the school. Some functions are held during the evening and may be suited to those families who work during the day. Please contact Marlene Baker on 5565 4407 if you would like to help.

## **FAIR ~ 2008**

### **THANK YOU...**

King's College Council and PARENTS' Club would like to thank all the businesses, organisations and families who so generously supported our Annual School Fair Auction on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 2008.

These donations, combined with the support from all our school families and the community of Warrnambool, contributed toward us raising around \$18,000 profit from the Annual Fair.

Our most warm and hearty thanks to all who contributed toward this success.

Term One Commences

**MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY**

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## **INTERIM CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2009**

### **MONDAY CANTEEN ROSTER**

<b>Date</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>12.15pm</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	N Mclvor, L Sparrow, C Knight	T Brown	G Couch, T Brown
9 <sup>th</sup> February	J Ballinger, M Matthew, S Cressall	J Ballinger	T Brown, L Wallace
16 <sup>th</sup> February	L Sparrow, K Steel	J Dilley	T Brown, J Dilley
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	D Hodgens, C Knight	T Brown	T Brown

### **WEDNESDAY CANTEEN ROSTER**

<b>Date</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>12.15pm</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> February	R Samrai, A Hannah	T Brown	K Barnes, T Brown
11 <sup>th</sup> February	J Spencer, J Threlfall		L Vince, T Brown
18 <sup>th</sup> February	M Mclvor, J Threlfall	T Brown	C McLeod, K Barnes
25 <sup>th</sup> February	N Kelson, D Rogers	M de Jong	L Fraser, T Brown

### **FRIDAY CANTEEN ROSTER**

<b>Date</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>12.15pm</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> February	D Ship, J Leith, S Speak	C O'Donnell	C O'Donnell, M Burleigh
13 <sup>th</sup> February	P Keane, M Sedgley	J Drake	K Stow, L Campbell, A Horsfall
20 <sup>th</sup> February	N Mclvor, T Brown	B Green	B Green, D Diack
27 <sup>th</sup> February	N Mclvor, B Ralph	A Horsfall	T Brown, M Burleigh