



KING'S COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

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Dear Parents and Friends

It is always encouraging for our students and staff to see students doing well in their activities, so we are proud to congratulate various groups of students this week.

Both our school's two Year 7-8 Debating Teams won their Competitions in the Warrnambool Eisteddfod this week – Congratulations to Farzana Khanyari, Courtney Hoy, and Madeline Winzar in Team A, and to Renee Arms, Elspeth Bawden, and Jacob Snook of Team B.

The Year 9-10 Debating team of Ally Dickinson, Lexia Politis and Lil Williams also competed very creditably today. Two Year 11 & 12 teams compete on Monday.

Congratulations to Sarah Hall who represented King's College at the Primary Zone Athletics last Thursday. She put in some wonderful jumps to finish 5th in the triple jump event and contended with difficult weather conditions to finish 7th in the 1500m. Well done Sarah! We were very proud to have her represent our school.

On Tuesday this week three school teams competed in the State Christian Schools Netball Competitions at Bendigo. The Year 9-10 boys get our high praise for winning the competition – congratulations. Of our two VCE teams, Team A won the preliminary final and finished overall runners up.

On another matter, in Primary we have been delighted with the commencement of the PLANN programme in Grades 5 & 6 (Pilot Literacy and Numeracy Networks). This is a research programme designed to build students' and staff skills in using IT to enhance comprehension in the classroom. This is a part of the Commonwealth Government's Literacy and Numeracy building programmes. Our school is fortunate to be invited to take part. The research is based on student performances over a long period, and the results will be used to develop on-going curriculum delivery projects for all schools. The programme is administered by the Association of Independent Schools, of which we are members.

Initial surveys of our students showed very pleasing strengths in many comprehension areas. This is consistent with the other standardised tests results in the AIM and NAPLAN results over many years. Students are responding with enthusiasm to the activities.

The Commonwealth has announced that King's College is to receive \$150,000 from the Rudd Government "*Pride in our Schools*" programme. The funds are for maintenance, and will be used in a variety of areas of the school. The playground and traffic areas will be partly resealed, with improvements to paths. Painting will be done around the school both inside and out. The Primary wing will get special painting priority as it is now fairly well worn in some places. Likewise, new vinyl will be laid through much of the administration and primary areas. This work will begin in a very short time and will be completed this year.

Applications have been made for funds under the programme for a library and multipurpose area. The government will likely make announcements about this aspect of funding quite soon. It is exciting to have all these programmes coming on stream to benefit our students. In quite a different government funding programme, we are currently letting contracts to refurbish the Home Economics room, and install a mezzanine area in the Sports Centre. The Home Eco room will likely be done over July.

Yours sincerely
Neil Benfell.

PRAYER & PRAISE

- Thank God for the way students are flourishing in so many areas, and for the blessings coming the way of the school. Pray for the success of our grant applications.
- Pray for a really solid term of work and good progress for every student in this autumn term.
- Pray for secondary maths & chemistry teacher Natasha Brightwell in hospital after a collision with a car whilst on her bike.
- Pray for the School Council members in all their decision making.

Secondary Open Day & Evening:

Thursday 30th April 2009
1.30-3.30pm
7.00-9.00pm

Information regarding:

Course structure
Expectations
Homework
Camps

Tours available

**Primary School Assembly
Cancelled
due to Cross Country Run**

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Primary Students will run during the morning and may wear their full sports uniform to school. The Primary events will begin at 9:30am and conclude approximately 1:00pm.

Secondary students must come to school in full school uniform and change into sports uniform in time for their run in the afternoon. The Secondary cross country will begin at approximately 2:00pm.

**NO MERIT AWARDS LAST WEEK
DUE TO ANZAC DAY CEREMONY**

CANTEEN ROSTER

TOMORROW

9.00am P Keane, M Passlow, T Brown

11.15am J Drake

12.15pm K Stow, A Horsfall

MONDAY MAY 4TH

9.00am L Sparrow, K Steel, M Brough

11.15am J Dilley

12.15pm J Dilley, M Killeen

WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH

9.00am N Mclvor, D Hodgens

11.15am E Kerr

12.15pm C McLeod, K Barnes

FRIDAY MAY 8TH

9.00am N Mclvor, K Harding, J Threlfall

11.15am B Green

12.15pm B Green, D Diack, L Greig

HELP NEEDED URGENTLY

If you are able to offer an hour on a monthly basis, or even temporarily, please contact Theresa Brown, 0448 867 558 or the School Office, 55620147.

RACE DAY CLOSURE

The City Council has gazetted Thursday 7th May as a Public Holiday, being the Annual Race Day. This is in lieu of the last Friday in October, which is "Show Day". Accordingly the school will close on 7th May, (next Thursday) but will be open on "Show Day".

CAR PARKING

Please note that the upper car park is reserved for the use of parent whose children are in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2, and for the teachers of those grades and the Administration Staff. This car park has been set aside for these grades to ensure safety for younger children when being dropped off or collected from school. All other families and staff are requested to use the larger car park.

Also parents, please ensure that you collect your child from the footpath or the yellow safety zones. DO NOT stop in the middle of the car park and ask your child to get into the car from there.

PARENTS' CLUB

PARENTS CLUB MEETINGS

Tuesdays 2nd June 7:30pm

Tuesday 21st July 7:30pm

WORKING BEE DATES

Saturday 9th May 9:00am-12Noon

Saturday 30th May 9:00am-12Noon

Families should have already received a notice of their allocated working bee date. If you have not received one, or cannot locate your notice, please contact Corinne Dickinson at the Front Office.

MOTHERS DAY STALL HELPERS



The Mother's Day Stall is **NEXT FRIDAY, 8th May.**

Any donations would be appreciated. Items such as potted plants, soaps, bath and beauty products, gardening supplies, hankies and chocolates (of course!) are all great sellers. Any donations can be left at the Front Office.

Helpers are needed on Thursday at 11.30 (someone will be here to open the school for you) to wrap the gifts and also needed on Friday to run the stall.

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

HELPERS NEEDED

The Fellowship Committee will be needing helpers for the upcoming Grandparents Day on 15th May. If you are able to help with baking, serving or setting up for the morning tea, please contact Marlene on 5565 4407. This event is well attended and all donations of baking or help are greatly appreciated. This is a great way to clock up some hours for your FIP.

UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Next Monday 4th May

Students should all be in full winter uniform next Monday.

USED UNIFORM SHOP

The Used Uniform Shop will be open:
Mondays 3:00-3.30pm
Thursdays 8:30-9:00am.

NEW UNIFORM SHOP

The New Uniform Shop will be open:
Fridays 3:00-4:00pm
New uniform order forms are available at the front office, if you wish to collect your order at a later date.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

The School Photo Day has been scheduled for Tuesday 26th May. Envelopes for individual photos will be sent home to families soon.

PIANO LESSONS

If your child is interested in learning piano/keyboard, please ring Anita Hoekstra (Dip Child Psychology/L Mus A) on 55611443.

USED UNIFORM SALE

There is a red spot sale in the Used Uniform shop at the moment with some items reduced from 20 – 40%.

POSITIONS VACANT – USED UNIFORM SHOP

We currently have two volunteer positions available:

One position is an ongoing regular administrative role which can be completed either in the Uniform Shop or at your home.

The second position involves Excel Spreadsheets & mail merge and is done at the end of each school term, either on a school computer or at your home. Full training will be provided for both positions. Please phone Carole on 5562 7378 for more information.

PRIMARY ZONE ATHLETICS

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“AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 RECIPES”

Progressive Dinner
Saturday, 9th May

East Warrnambool Primary School,
Uniting Church, Brauer College
\$25.00 a ticket – Proceeds to School
Chaplaincy
Phone Marg Sinclair, 55654336

**WARRNAMBOOL SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA MOTHER'S DAY
CONCERT**

Sunday 10th May,
2.30 – 4.30pm at St Joseph's Church
Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Handel's *The King Shall
Rejoice*
Tickets on sale from Tait Leishman
Taylor, Collins Books or at the door.
Adults \$20.00, conc \$14.00, family
\$40.00

**THE GEELONG CHORALE
PRESENTS *The Armed Man*
by Karl Jenkins**

Saturday, 2nd May, 7.30pm,
Christ Church,
Corner Koroit & Henna Streets,
Warrnambool
Conducted by Manfred Pohlenz and introducing
The Warrnambool Singers

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EISTEDDFOD DEBATING

This year our secondary school has entered five debating teams in the Warrnambool Eisteddfod. Our students are ably coached by Mrs Van Leerdam and Mrs Newton, have performed well this week. The debating continues again next week and parents and friends are welcome to attend the debates and lend their support to our teams. Our two Year 11/12 teams will compete on Monday 3rd May. We wish all of our teams well. Look for a full report in next week's Newsletter.

NETBALL IN BENDIGO

Tuesday of this week saw a number of students from Yr 9 to Yr 11 travel to Bendigo to compete in the Western Christian Schools Sports Association netball championships. Our two VCE mixed teams and Yr 9/10 boys team performed very well. The boys team made the final and won by 2 goals to be champions for the day while the VCE A team also made the final and just went down to Covenant College. A big thankyou must go to Miss White and Mrs Stephens for helping out on the day.



Do you wish to volunteer at this year's Fun4Kids Festival – Sunday 28 June to Sunday 5th July?

We invite you to sign up to be part of our fantastic Fun4Kids volunteer crew. Secondary School Students who volunteer must be 14 years of age or over at the start of this year's Festival.

This year Secondary School Students with internet access are able to complete and return a **SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION WEBFORM** – see website www.fun4kids.com.au

If you would like to know more please contact the Fun4Kids Volunteer Co-ordinator, Sharon Wohlers on 03 5559 4834 or swohlers@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

FAIR – 2009

AUCTION COORDINATOR
WANTED

The Fair Committee is seeking to fill the position of Auction Coordinator for the upcoming Fair in November. The Coordinator would be required to direct a team of helpers to request, collect and catalogue items for the Fair, set up the Auction display on the day, collect the proceeds from the Auction and follow up any queries that may occur. If you are interested or require further information please contact Judy Rauert, Fair Coordinator on 5561 5523.

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

FRIDAY 15th May

9.30 – 11.00 a.m.



We look forward to hosting Grandparents and Friends in the primary school each year. After spending time in the classrooms between 9.30 and 10.30 a.m., our Grandparents and friends are invited to linger and chat over a sumptuous morning tea in the pentagon area.

Parents are invited to assist the Fellowship Committee in providing food for this occasion. Plates of food can be left at the front office on Friday morning.

BOOK DISPLAY AT GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

Warrnambool Books will have a book display in the pentagon area, from 9.15 a.m. until after the morning tea. Many of our Grandparents and friends like to commemorate this important day with the donation of a book to the school library.



Donated books are recognized with a certificate inside the front cover, acknowledging the giver.

We are so thankful for the many beautiful books generously given to the library for the benefit of all students, and read with particular delight by family members.

