



# KING'S COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER

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### From the Principal

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Dear Parents and Friends

Grandparents' Day next week represents very well an essential truth about King's College. We aim to be a family-friendly school. We like parents and grandparents to be in the school. Beth & I got an invitation this week which said to come, "because you love us and the morning tea is great"! Out of the mouth of babes!

I am privileged again to be a new grandad as at last weekend with Joshua's arrival into the world. What a thrill it is, and a delight, that God adds to our families in this astonishing way! I must say I have never got 'used' to the idea that we bring new people into the world – it is all so marvellous I just can't take it for granted! It is a miraculous event, the whole matter – that a child was not there, and then they are!

In our pressure crazy economically obsessed world, we can miss so much of the sense of wonder that should be ours as part of the enjoyment of life. "Another mouth to feed", some say. "Another burden on this struggling world's environment", is the attitude of the haters of mankind – God help us!

Families are the life-centre and the love centre of this world. The communists tried to destroy the family, and destroyed their own nations in the attempt. Social engineers today are no different – many still harbour a distrust and animosity to the family that colours their thinking and skews their politics. But this school's very existence is based on the purpose to help families raise their children in the Christian faith. Jesus was family friendly, teaching respect and love for children. He taught men to respect and love their wives, and us fathers to bring up our children in the Lord with patience and gentleness. He taught us to bring our children to him. Let them come to me, he said, for the Kingdom of Heaven is made of hearts like theirs.

Grandparents' Day reflects family and school being together in this whole venture. Generational love and respect are the best foundation for us and ours, and for the future for our whole nation. Everything that strengthens the bonds that unite us is good, and the knowledge we share of each other, is for our mutual benefit.

Hope you enjoy the day! If grandparents in your family are unable to come, please bring a family friend the children can enjoy as a substitute. And if you can't think of anyone who is available, contact the office, and we'll see if we can team your child up with another family so they don't feel left out.

Yours sincerely

Neil Benfell

### **PRAYER & PRAISE**

- Give thanks for the provision of new facilities for the school soon to be available.
- Pray for the Year 8 students on their outdoor active camp at Hall's Gap until Friday.
- Pray for the success of various applications for funds/facilities to the Commonwealth.
- Remember families who struggle with health, social and financial issues.

### **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**The school will be closed tomorrow, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May for Race Day holiday.**

### **OPTIC FIBRE CABLING**

Telstra Contractors today completed the installation of Optic Fibre to the school Internet Node. The connection will be activated shortly providing high speed broadband access for all our students and staff.

### **GRANDPARENTS' & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY**

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.

### **GRANDPARENTS' & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY**

#### **HELPERS NEEDED**

The Fellowship Committee will be needing helpers for the upcoming Grandparents Day on 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Today we are sending parents the annual satisfaction survey for 2009. Kindly complete the form as you are able, and return it with your child to the class teacher by next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May. This is used to calculate statistics for the Commonwealth. The form need not be named.

## **BIG CHANGES COMING**

Quite soon a number of big changes will start around the school site, especially focussed in the primary area. We'll be moving the transportable classrooms to another space to make room for progress. Over the course of the year, we expect the whole front area of the property to be gradually transformed. First comes the inconvenience – then the benefits! More later.

### **LOST**

Jarrod Hughan has lost his sports jumper. It has his name on the back of the tag. Can parents please check to see that this jumper hasn't accidentally made its way to your house.

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

#### **FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**9.00am** N McIvor, K Harding, J Threlfall  
**11.15am** B Green **12.15pm** B Green, D Diack,  
L Greig

#### **MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**9.00am** J Threlfall, C Knight, P Armstrong  
**11.15am** R Wallace **12.15pm** M Killeen D  
Bellman

#### **WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**9.00am** N Kelson, D Rogers **11.15am** B Lowan  
**12.15pm** T Brown

#### **FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**9.00am** A Horsfall, B Ralph D Madden  
**11.15am** T Brown **12.15pm** B Wallace, M  
Burleigh

### **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.*

## **USED UNIFORM SALE**

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

### **MANAGING DIFFICULT BEHAVIOUR IN**

#### **CHILDREN 1-2-3**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May & 1<sup>st</sup> June  
1-3pm  
Contact Carol or Madeleine on  
5561 5922

### **LIVING WITH TEENAGERS**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June  
1-3pm  
Contact Carol or Madeleine on  
5561 5922

### **LUNCH BOXES**

Staff are unable to heat students lunches. Noodles and soup with boiling water present a safety issue. Please send lunch that is ready to eat.

# Secondary News

## **YEAR 7/8 EISTEDDFOD DEBATING**

Congratulations to the two year 7 and 8 debating teams who competed in the Warrnambool Eisteddfod last Tuesday. Both teams argued convincingly, and won their debates. Well Done!!

## **Secondary Open Evening:**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009**  
**7.00-9.00pm**

### **Information regarding:**

Course structure  
Expectations  
Homework  
Camps

Tours available

## **WORKING BEE SATURDAY**

The following families are reminded that they have been scheduled to work on the working bee on Saturday from 9:00am-12:00pm. We will be concentrating on tidying up the Primary wing for Grandparents & Special Friends day.

**ACKER**

**CAVILL**

**FLETCHER**

**GORRINGE**

**JONES**

**LOWEN**

**PASSLOW**

**ASKEW**

**DICKINSON**

**Nicky GALE**

**HANNAH**

**KEANE**

**LUGTON**

**SHEELY**

**THRELFALL**

**BOEKHOUT**

**EMENY**

**GAN**

**HOLMES**

**KHANYARI**

**MADDEN**

**SLEE**

**WEISE**

**CASTLE**

**FITZGERALD**

**GLEESON**

**JOHNSON**

**LAWRANCE**

**MC LEOD**

**SPINKS**