



KING'S COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

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Dear Parents and Friends

Tomorrow's Grandparents & Special Friends Day is not just a matter of public relations and fun for our students. It is also a strong and meaningful confession of the critical role of families in our society and for the Christian Faith as a whole. At many times through Christian history the nations have turned against the Lord of Heaven, and today seems to be fast becoming one of those times.

In such times when the Gospel light is eclipsed in a nation, and there are many who prophesy the Faith of Jesus has run its course, is now outgrown and unnecessary – indeed a hindrance – at times like this the Christian families become the grass roots repository of the truth. In the homes, around the table, in the daily conversation, in prayers at bedtime, the living faith is kept alive in the hearts of the next generation. Here in this God given nursery of the home, seeds of hope are sprouted and nourished. The old words of Joshua ring down the ages, as true for the people of God as they ever were in the 13th Century B.C., “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”.

Joshua had no Christian school, and no church to support him such as we know today. That meant the task of raising his family for the Lord was largely down to him. This hard fact contains a lesson for us. God's expectation for his young ones to be raised in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is down to parents first and foremost. Churches and schools can help. They are here to support us, but are not a substitute. There *is* no substitute for the daily prayerful, personal interaction in a family between the children, the parents, the Lord, and the word of God. Where that is lacking, even the warmest and most devoted church on earth will scarcely make up for the lack. But where the Christian father and mother lead the way with courage and faith, the children will usually follow.

Tomorrow's Grandparents Day is a celebration in our school of the importance of the family – the centrepiece of God's plan for children. We celebrate God's faithfulness, his continued blessing in entrusting children to us to raise for him, and together we express our joy at the loving bonds that only family can forge.

The children are excited, and the staff are looking forward to joining with our Grandparents at morning tea time. Our parents always provide a wonderful spread. We wish you a very enjoyable morning.

Yours sincerely
Neil Benfell

PRAYER & PRAISE

- Thank God for the family bond, and pray for strength for all our families to uphold it.
- Pray for a successful Grandparents Day.
- Pray for tradesmen putting finishing touches to the auditorium.
- Pray for Mr Brad Armstrong, our school project manager, as he activates the various government grants coming on stream.

GRANDPARENTS' & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY TOMORROW

Grandparents Day is very well attended and we have many guests to serve. The Fellowship Committee would appreciate any and all offers of help for tomorrow. If you are able to help with baking, serving or setting up for the morning tea, please contact Marlene Baker on 5565 4407. This is a great way to clock up some hours for your Family Involvement Program!

SPEECH EISTEDDFOD

Our Grade 6 students, and some of our secondary students, will be competing in the Warrnambool Eisteddfod's Speech and Drama competition over the next couple of weeks. We wish them well.

MERIT AWARDS FROM LAST FRIDAY

Prep	Sophie Harry Loki Finnigan	For being a great helper For being clever at catching the bus
Gr 1	Keenan Stow Olivia Williams	Finishing his maths quickly and correctly A neat, clearly labelled diagram in General Studies
Gr 2	Jobe Steel Joshua Heard	Being very organised in class Great improvement in his hand writing
Gr 3	Riley Greene-Kelson Pippa Gan	Making wonderful progress with her reading and being a delightful class member Excellent art work, excellent school work, excellent at being a great friend
Gr 3/4	Sophie Fraser Ashley Stow	A very helpful sensible class member For great story writing
Gr 4/5	Jenna McKenzie Marissa Samrai	A positive attitude and enthusiasm Learning to take time to complete tasks
Gr 5/6	Stephanie Spinks Louisa Ballinger	Wonderful efforts in learning her spelling Great poetry work
Gr 6	Nikki Nuske Amelia Brooks Sarah Cavill	Great input in eisteddfod preparation Great input in eisteddfod preparation Excellent General Studies

SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

Last week we sent parents the annual satisfaction survey for 2009. If you have overlooked sending the form back, kindly complete the form, and return it with your child to the class teacher by tomorrow. This is used to calculate statistics for the Commonwealth. The form need not be named. We have enclosed a copy of the College's Mission and Vision Statement in today's Newsletter, which may not be familiar to some.

CANTEEN ROSTER

FRIDAY 15TH MAY

9.00am A Horsfall, B Ralph D Madden

11.15am T Brown **12.15pm** B Wallace, M Burleigh

MONDAY 18TH MAY

9.00am N Mclvor, L Sparrow, C Knight

11.15am T Brown **12.15pm** G Couch, M Killeen, T Brown

WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY

9.00am R Samrai, A Hannah **11.15am** P Armstrong **12.15pm** K Barnes, T Brown

FRIDAY 22ND MAY

9.00am S Speak, N Greene-Kelson, **11.15am** C O'Donnell, **12.15pm** C O'Donnell, M Burleigh

STOCK YOUR FREEZER!!

The Fundraising Committee will be conducting a Chittick's pie drive this term. Stock your freezer for the cold winter months ahead with yummy pies, pasties and cakes. Order forms will be sent home in school bags tomorrow. Orders and payment are due by Thursday 29th May, delivery on Thursday 4th June.

Good Value, Great Taste!

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Parents are reminded that Tuesday 26th May is our school Photo Day. All students have been issued with an individual envelope for easy ordering. Family group photos are available with order forms available from the front office.

All students are to be in full school uniform, including school jumpers (Seniors must have blazers). All Secondary students who participate in sports squad are requested to bring their sports uniform to change into for a team photo.

It is recommended that envelopes/orders be handed to the front office prior to photo day for safekeeping. This ensures that no one forgets their order on the day.

WORKING BEE THANKYOU



Thank you to all those families who took time out of their busy weekend to help at the recent working bee. The effort put in by everyone was fantastic and the primary wing and pentagon were sparkling by the end of the morning. The next working bee is scheduled for 30th May. If you failed to attend this working bee, please contact Corinne Dickinson to be added to the next roster.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

The Mother's Day stall was held last Friday and \$340 was raised. We hope that all Mums were delighted in their gifts and had a very enjoyable day. A special thank you to Kate McNaughton, Brydie Greene, Janece Baxter, Jodie Spencer, Jamie Tracy and Carole Vestey for the time they invested in wrapping the gifts and helping the children with their selections on the day. Thank you also to those families who donated gifts for the stall.

BODY SHOP PARTY

Monday 25th May 7:00pm

Staff Room King's College

Further details in next week's newsletter

PRIMARY INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

On Tuesday of next week, Miss Hooke and Mr Davey will accompany 35 of our primary students to the Interschool Cross Country competition. We wish all of our students the very best for the day, and will pray for fair weather. If parents are available to help with supervision on the day, please contact Miss Hooke. The hours spent can be placed against your FIP total.

MANAGING DIFFICULT BEHAVIOUR IN CHILDREN

1-2-3

Monday 18th & 25th May & 1st June

1-3pm

Contact Carol or Madeleine on

5561 5922

LIVING WITH TEENAGERS

Thursday 11th June

1-3pm

Contact Carol or Madeleine on

5561 5922

JUNIOR WINTER SPORTS

Yr 7 & 8 students will be competing in the Junior Winter sports next Thursday.

Secondary News

\$2⁺ Carnival

On the 26th, 27th, and 28th of May, the 2009 Year 11 Business Management students are conducting a '\$2+ Carnival' at school, for all students to come along and enjoy. On Tuesday, There will be food and drink available for purchase, such as popcorn and sweets. The movie 'Alvin and the Chipmunks' will also be shown to Prep-Gr2 students that day. Activities will be running over the lunch breaks with Inter-Class Competitions for years 7-10 on the Wednesday and, for primary students, a series of small activities such as a Jumping Castle, Ten Pin Bowling, Hole in One, as well as Sack and Three Legged Races on the Thursday. Order forms to purchase food will be sent home shortly. Please see the year 11 Business Management students or Mr Jellie for more information.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS SWIMMING COMPETITION

Today our Secondary students held a fundraising sausage sizzle to assist the four swimmers who are heading to Perth next week. Thank you to the swimmers and Miss Russell for organising this fundraising event. Please pray for our swimmers Adam Barnes, Chloe Jones, Ben Raymond and Brittney Berger and Miss Keath that they have a safe trip and a successful competition

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: Due to Secondary sports commitments the BBQ which was scheduled for next week has been moved to Thursday 4th of June. Reminders will be sent home to families closer to the date of the BBQ.