

KING'S COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

28 May 2009

Dear Parents and Friends

You will soon notice big changes starting to occur around the College. The "Building the Education Revolution" (BER) Commonwealth grants have benefitted the College in very significant ways. The increased opportunities for our children will be considerable. We are delighted to acknowledge the Commonwealth Government's initiative in the BER, which will mean so much to our school.

First, the *Pride in Our Schools* programme has made available \$150,000 for refurbishment and maintenance. Work has already begun with the re-sealing of very worn areas of the primary playground. This area is out of sight at the east of the Primary wing, and has made a much smoother and more pleasant area for children to run around. Over time there will be more improvements to the playground areas and to the front road traffic areas which are beginning to break up. The funding could hardly have come at a better time. Also under this grant, most of the Primary wing will be painted inside and out, and the floor coverings renewed with either vinyl, or carpet tiles. The inside of the Primary school will come up with a great look at the end of the process.

Another aspect of the BER has provided two million dollars for a new library. This will be built in front of the school, and will involve re-aligning the pathways and playground areas. The result will be a more welcoming and well lit entrance to the College, and an attractive contemporary facility with many fine educational features, including state of the art ICT technology. The Library will be available for public use when the school is not meeting for suitable community uses at a nominal rate. That will provide a useful meeting place in this community where there is simply no other alternative. The design of the building will provide for ease of access and security for public use.

Also within the two million dollars the school is able to provide a new multipurpose area to replace the existing carport, and that will also provide a covered entrance to the auditorium, linking the buildings. The two demountable primary classrooms will also be replaced with new rooms, extending the junior Prep-Grade Two wing to meet with the main primary wing.

Together with the Library, the new rooms will create a great courtyard area that will be the heart of the Primary playground.

Moving the existing demountables is the first task, and they will be re-sited at the west end of the primary courts. These rooms will have continuing student access, and will be used until the projects are complete. We expect the rooms to be moved within a fortnight – so the excitement begins.

Our Project Manager, Brad Armstrong, is scheduling this work with contractors to make as little disruption to the school programme as possible. There will be a hive of activity here over the holidays each term. There are some challenges in what to build first, and how to arrange the playgrounds, where our first consideration will be safety of all the students. There will also be some changes to parent access in the primary area as buildings proceed. But Brad Armstrong is very experienced in school construction and we have every confidence in his abilities and wisdom.

We also have made an application under the final stage of the BER for a secondary Language Laboratory, and improvements to our science Laboratory facility. You might remember this application in your prayers.

With all these wonderful developments, as well as the Home Economics Room and the Mezzanine floor in the Sports Centre, not to mention the AUDITORIUM soon to be completed – we just won't know ourselves!

Yours sincerely
Neil Benfell

PRAYER & PRAISE

- Praise God for his many blessings for the school.
- Pray for the successful completion of all the projects, and the safety of our students, and of all who work here.
- Pray for Brad Armstrong with his special responsibilities.
- Pray for sick and injured staff – including Miss Brightwell.

MISS BRIGHTWELL RETURNS

Natasha Brightwell has returned to part time duties at the school, as her process of recovery from accident continues. We are so pleased to see Natasha (nearly) all in one piece, and bright in spirits and able to take up some of her work again. Tash is grateful to everyone who has prayed and sent good wishes.

REPORT WRITING DAY

FRIDAY, 12TH JUNE
Students are not required at school on this day.

Term 2 ends Friday, 26th June
Term 3 begins Thurs, 16th July.
13,14,15 July, Staff only days

ANNUAL REPORT

A copy of the school's annual report has been distributed to school families with this newsletter. A copy is also available for perusal on the website under the Current Newsletters menu selection.

MERIT AWARDS FROM LAST FRIDAY

Prep	Clare Wallace Chloe Purcell	For being a good friend and great helper For being very clever at lots of things
Gr 1	Meg Reuel Mia McEachern	For excellent work in all subjects For quickly finishing all her work
Gr 2	Pippa Buckley Tiffany Tracey	Great report writing Great report writing
Gr 3	Milly Monk Sam Killeen	For being a delightfully happy member of our class For entertaining our grandparents so well with his saxophone playing
Gr 3/4	Hannah Vestey Isaac Harding	For excellent maths work For improved work and beautiful handwriting
Gr 4/5	Bill McIvor Sheridyn Speed	Quiet conscientious work Positive attitude to her work
Gr 5/6	Keziah Houston Isabella Martini	Reliable and efficient work habits Being a hard working student who is a delight to teach
Gr 6	Georgia Armstrong Samuel Williams Laura Hill	Delightful poetry recitation Beautifully presented Bible reading Clear, accurate Bible reading.

CANTEEN ROSTER

FRIDAY 28TH MAY

9.00am P Keane, M Passlow, T Brown 11.15am J Drake
12.15pm, K Stow, A Horsfall

MONDAY 1ST JUNE

9.00am L Sparrow, K Steel, M Brough, 11.15am J Dilley
12.15pm J Dilley, M Killeen

WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE

9.00am N McIvor, D Hodgens 11.15am E Kerr
12.15pm C McLeod, K Barnes

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

9.00am N McIvor, K Harding, J Threlfall 11.15am B Green
12.15pm 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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Please note that the next Scholastic Book Club order is due in by **TOMORROW** 29th May.

KOORONG BOOK CLUB

The latest Koorong catalogue has been issued today. Please disregard the closing date printed on the catalogue. Orders are due next week, Friday 5th June.

JOHN McINNES ON LEAVE

Flute students studying with John McInnes are advised that he will be unable to hold his flute lessons from the 10th-24th June. Please contact John prior to the 12th of June to make other arrangements if required.

**KING'S COLLEGE PIE DRIVE
DON'T MISS OUT
ON THE BARGAINS!**

We have been informed that a Price Rise has occurred at the Bakery since we began our fundraiser. **We have been fortunate to secure the lower prices for our order.** Don't miss these bargains. Place your order now! Orders and payments are due by **tomorrow, Friday 29th May.**

WANTED FROM FARMERS

Donation of hay for sheep/calves. Small squares/round bales gratefully accepted. Can be delivered any time. Contact Keith or Les 5565 1266 mobile 0428651661.

FOR SALE

Full Drum Kit \$150.00 Good starters kit. Contact Sue Gardiner, phone 5561 7300.

SWINE FLU INFORMATION

Early Childhood Services wish to provide parents with the following information: As parents would be aware there are currently a number of confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in Victoria. Appropriate measures are being taken in relation to these cases. Specific concerns from parents about H1N1 Influenza can be referred to any of the following:

- • Call the Swine Influenza Hotline Tel. 180 2007
- • Call Nurse-on-Call Tel. 1300 606 024 – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)
- • Call your doctor (GP) – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.

Families should continue with standard good general health hygiene practices, such as ensuring your children undertake regular hand washing and cover nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing.

The practice is being reinforced with your children while at our facility.

If your children are unwell, you should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others.

Following are some timely words from Grade 4/5 class on...

Viruses and Bacteria

Viruses and bacteria have some similarities and some differences. If you have a virus medicines won't help. It's hard to control a virus but if you rest, your body will fight a virus. With bacteria you can use medicine and it's easier to control. Doctors can treat bacteria and antibiotics clear up the infection. They are both contagious, and can be spread so you should cover your mouth with a hankey or tissue when sneezing or coughing. They can both be kept under control by doing what was formerly mentioned. No one wants to get them and we should do our best to avoid them.

Lyndon Hurley

Viruses and Bacteria have some similarities and some differences. One similarity is that no-one wants them! If you have a virus, you can't do anything to stop it. You can't have medicine or be treated. You have to let your body cure it. A virus is hard to control and is contagious. If you have a bacteria infection you can take antibiotics to cure it. Bacteria infections are easier to control but are contagious. To stop the spread of viruses and bacteria, you should use a tissue and cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough. Viruses and bacteria are both sicknesses.

Sean Evans

Viruses and bacteria have some similarities and some differences. If you have got a virus, you can't do much at all. But if you rest, just hope for the best if you have a virus. Are you sick and got bacteria? It's ok, take medicine, have a rest and you'll be just fine. The annoying thing about viruses and bacteria is that no-one wants them and they are both contagious through winter. The most annoying thing is you feel weak with both. With both, make sure you use a hanky.

Bill McIvor

Viruses and bacteria have some similarities and some differences. With viruses you can't take anything to help you get better. When you get a virus your body fights the virus to get rid of it. With bacteria doctors can give you medicine to help get rid of it. Bacteria is easier to control. But there are some things that viruses have the same as bacteria and that is they are both contagious. Also no-one wants them.

Jenna McKenzie

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EISTEDDFOD PARTICIPANTS

We have had some very pleasing results in this year's Eisteddfod Speech and Drama competition. We will print a full list of results in next week's newsletter. Congratulations to all of our Grade 6 students who competed for their first time, we hope that their experience was enjoyable. A big thank you to Mrs Katy Jeans for all of her coaching and encouragement to the Grade 6 students, and to the Secondary students who have participated.

YOUTH ALLOWANCE FORUM

Youth Allowance Forum

Are you a student, or parent of a student, who deferred a university place in 2009 to earn the \$19,500 required to gain independent status in 2010?

Are you a current student who will have to live away from home in the future to study the course of your choice?


We invite students and parents who may be affected by the recently announced changes to the Independent Youth Allowance to find out more by attending the forum.

Wednesday, June 3
Civic Hall Warrnambool
7.00 – 8.30pm



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Preschool Open Day & Evening

Monday 1st June 2009

9:00am – 12:00pm

Tuesday 2nd June 2009

7:00pm – 8:00pm

An alternative time can be arranged,
please contact the office.

Enrolment Applications:

Should be lodged by
Friday 31st July 2009

**For further information please
contact Mrs Susan Hurley,
Preschool Director**

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7:30pm – 8:30pm

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Enrolment Interviews:

Are by appointment with the Principal
during Term 3.