

KING'S COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

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Dear Parents and Friends

A distinctive part of the College programme is “Heritage”, where we build up students’ appreciation of great aspects of our Western Christian inheritance as a nation and as individuals. Our freedoms and human rights, our parliamentary and representative government, the rule of law, and the marvels of our art, music, science and so many benefits, flow to us from the past. A great many of these strengths can be traced directly to the inspiration and sacrifice of Christian men and women. Through stories, films, and class activities we pass on the adventure of freedom and faith.

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of one of the greatest Christian leaders of all time. Born in the same year as King Henry VIII of England, this reformer suffered numerous trials and yet became one of the most influential people in the ‘modern era’. King Henry is famous for his glories and his women. The Reformer, John Calvin is famous for his personal sacrifice, his brilliance and his tremendous spiritual contribution to the world. He claimed no glory but the glory of Christ, he accumulated no wealth, and insisted on being buried in an unmarked grave. No one can visit his tomb today.

John Calvin was born in France, and by the time he was university student studying law to please his father, the Reformation teaching was challenging the old medieval church and its teaching. Calvin was converted to the New Testament faith as a student, and had to flee from France for his life. As a scholar he mastered Greek and Hebrew as well as Latin, and was encyclopaedic in his knowledge of all the earlier scholars of the Church from Paul to those of his own time. No other scholars could match his arguments about the truth of Protestantism from the earlier times.

As Bible teacher, he completely changed the way much of Europe understood the Bible, rescuing Christian thinking from Medieval superstition and ignorance. He wrote commentaries on most books of the Bible, and sets of these are found on countless ministers’ shelves today. He is the founder of modern Biblical understanding and scholarship. His many books of theology are published and read with as much stimulation and challenge as ever as they were when they changed nation after nation.

From his centre in Geneva, with a population less than Warrnambool at around 20,000, he attracted preachers and scholars from all across Europe for study. Many reformers of the English Church gained their inspiration from Geneva. John Knox the father of modern Scotland, and reformers from Poland, Holland, Bohemia and France all voluntarily congregated under his leadership. As a church planter, Calvin founded several churches in Geneva itself and in many other parts of the Swiss Cantons. He trained and sent 2000 missionaries into his beloved France. Their work involved educating boys and girls. In France in the following years we know that there were 2000 Christian schools operating, before the terrible persecution of the Huguenots (French Protestants) began. Today there are perhaps 20! Poor France.

The English Puritans, and the Founding Puritan Fathers of America traced their spiritual heritage through Calvin. So do all Presbyterian and Reformed churches throughout the world today. Mighty gospel preachers such as George Whitefield and Charles Spurgeon acknowledged Calvin's inspiration. So did William Carey, the founder of the modern missionary movement. Countless missionaries, preachers, pastors, scientists and scholars acknowledge their debt to Calvin today.

His teaching broke the back of the tyranny of Kings, and brought the Bible based rule of law to Europe and America. We owe him, under God an enormous debt. Yet this man's work, as with his grave, is unknown by many, and deliberately misunderstood by more. To read Calvin is to be in touch with one of the Faiths' greatest ever hearts and minds. He is truly a treasure of our heritage.

Yours sincerely
Neil Benfell.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Let us now praise God for great Christian leaders.
- Thank God for the rain.
- Pray we'll be able to do our building work in spite of the rain!
- Pray for the good growth of all our children and young people.

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS TOMORROW

REPORT WRITING DAY

TERM 2 PAYMENTS DUE

A reminder that Term 2 account payments were due 4th June. If you are not making pre-arranged instalments, it is requested that you please attend to settling your account or advise Melinda in the accounts office when payment can be expected. Terms of the accounts are 30 days, unless an arrangement has been made to pay regular instalments. The College accepts payments by cash, cheque, debit/credit card or internet banking. Bank account details for internet banking are:

Bank:

National Australia Bank

Account Name:

King's College General Account

BSB:

083-957

Account Number:

02518-6411

(Please be sure to identify yourself by surname and initials with any payments made this way)

MERIT AWARDS FROM LAST FRIDAY

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| Prep | Mitzi Adamson Lexie Madden | For having an amazing week! Being very observant and thoughtful of others |
| Gr 1 | Bronnie Delaney Bohan Houston | Lovely manners and beautiful work Being a very cooperative member of the class |
| Gr 2 | Laura Hodgens Caity Symons | Being a great listener Doing her 5 X tables very quickly |
| Gr 3 | Louis Martinovic Noah Keane | Excellent reading skills Excellent reading skills |
| Gr 3/4 | Lily Weise Sophie Fraser | Excellent test results Excellent test results |
| Gr 4/5 | Elizabeth Rycken Laura Martin | Achieving 95% for Maths this semester A neat 20 for her Maths test |
| Gr 5/6 | Joshua Rauert Demi Giannes | Wonderful research work on his project about Saturn Great project work on stars and the Eureka Rebellion |
| Gr 6 | Nikki Nuske Dainah McMinn | An excellent French result A very creative science project |

**NEW ZIP UP POLAR FLEECE
SPORTS TOP
TO REPLACE PRIMARY
WINDCHEATER**

**NOW AVAILABLE AT UNIFORM
SHOP – ALL SIZES \$22.00**

LOST

**Sports jumper named Chloe Purcell –
Size 8. Please check your child’s
clothing.**

FOR SALE

Five piece black Mapex drum kit –Hi
Hat, cymbal and cow bell included.
Hardly used,
\$450.00. Contact Shannon on
0407055445.

FRENCH DAY

Friday 24th July will be a special
celebration of all things French at King’s
College. All students, from Prep through
to Year 12, are invited to take part in the
many special activities and events
planned for the day. Students are invited
to dress up as a famous French person or
character for that day and a special
French menu will replace the usual menu
at the canteen. Order forms for our
French canteen menu will be sent out on
the first day back of Term 3.

GRAB A BARGAIN

USED UNIFORM SHOP

**DISCOUNT RACK – Red spot specials
continue**

One spot is 20% discount
Two spots – 30 – 40% discount
Open Monday 3:00-3:30 pm &
Thursday 8:30-9:00am

STUCK ON YOU LABELS

Preschool is offering school families the
opportunity to purchase a range of *Stuck
On You* labels which are an easy and
cost-effective way of naming clothes,
drink bottles, lunch boxes etc. Order
forms are available from the Front Office.
Completed order forms, together with
payment via credit card or cheque/money
order (payable to Stuck on You) may be
left at the office by **June 25th**.

A DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY AUGUST 8 TRIVIA NIGHT

Tables of 8 - 10.
\$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Come and join in the fun!

How many stars on the Australian flag?

For further information please contact
Ondrea Middleton (5562 1823)
or Chris Tobias (5565 7975).

Answer to last weeks question: 6

CHAPLAIN NEEDED

West Warrnambool Primary School

There is a vacancy for this 2 day a week position. If you know of someone who may be interested please encourage them to contact Adrian Irwin at ACCESS Ministries.

FUNDRAISER FOR SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY.

MARY AND MAX

Thursday 25th June
7.30pm at Capitol Cinema.

This witty and deeply moving film is about the innate human need to connect. It follows the pen-friendship between an 8 year old girl and a New Yorker with Asperger`s Syndrome. Claymation by Adam Elliot of Harvey Crumpet fame. Tickets \$20, concession \$15, includes supper.

Phone Helen Chenoweth 5562 7535

CANTEEN ROSTER

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE

No Canteen – Pupil Free Day

MONDAY 15TH JUNE

9.00am N McIvor, L Sparrow, C Knight

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

WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE

9.00am R Samrai, A Hannah **11.15am** P

Armstrong **12.15pm** K Barnes, T Brown

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

9.00am S Speak N Greene-Kelson **11.15am** C

O'Donnell **12.15pm** C O'Donnell, M Burleigh

HEADLICE BACK IN SCHOOL

Please be diligent in checking your children's hair regularly for lice and nits to avoid the spread of these little pests. Eggs are not easy to detect and can be seen best in strong light. If found, the lice or eggs must be treated promptly. Eggs must be physically scraped off the hair. Failure to do this always seems to result in re-infection. Your chemist may be able to advise on the best method of eradication. If everyone carefully attends to effective treatment and regular hair checks, we should be able to eliminate this problem

HAMPDEN CUP FOOTBALL

Our Hampden Cup football team competed last Thursday against the other local schools in Warrnambool. The boys played admirably and tried their best, representing King's College with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. Our better players for the day were Tom Pike, Nathan Diack, Kurtly Wallace, Jonty Tobias, Joe McIvor and Ben McLeod. Thankyou to our Year 12 boys who came and helped to boost our ranks for part of the day and Chloe Jones, Ellie Gorringe, Maddi Tobias and Mr Davey need to be congratulated on fine umpiring efforts.

LIVING WITH TEENAGERS

Thursday 11th June

1-3pm

Contact Carol or Madeleine on
5561 5922

SECONDARY CHOIR COMPETING IN HAMILTON

Last Thursday the King's College Secondary choir travelled to Hamilton to perform in the Eisteddfod. The Choir was entered into two sections. In the first section they sang *Day By Day* and *Jesus Good Above All Other*. They were granted second place in this section. In the next section they sang *The Lord is My Shepherd* and *Break Away*. Unfortunately they did not place in this section, but gained great experience by competing. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Stow for their assistance in coaching the choir; Mrs Van Leerdam and Mrs Gorringer, who gave up their free time to accompany the choir to the Eisteddfod.

Renee Arms

MID-YEAR REPORTS

The Mid Year 'reporting to parents' season is an important aspect of each child's school year. We aim for King's reports to be comprehensive and informative, and staff put a lot of time and detailed effort into assessment and constructing the report.

After the report is sent home, parents are asked to meet their children's teachers to ensure good understanding and communication between home and school, and to ensure we are doing the best we can for each student.

Reports will be sent home tomorrow, Friday 19th June. Parent teacher interviews take place the following week.

Please phone or call at the office to arrange an appointment time for Primary Interviews only.

PARENT/TEACHER

INTERVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

Parent-teacher interviews take place next week and it is a **compulsory requirement** that all families are represented at their children's interviews. Please be punctual in arriving and ensuring interviews are kept to the allotted 10 minutes, to avoid delays in appointment times for other families. If extra time is needed, a further appointment should be made at a mutually agreed time.

Thank you for your cooperation in the interests of your child.

Primary Interviews – in your child's classroom

Tuesday 23rd June 3.40 – 5.30pm

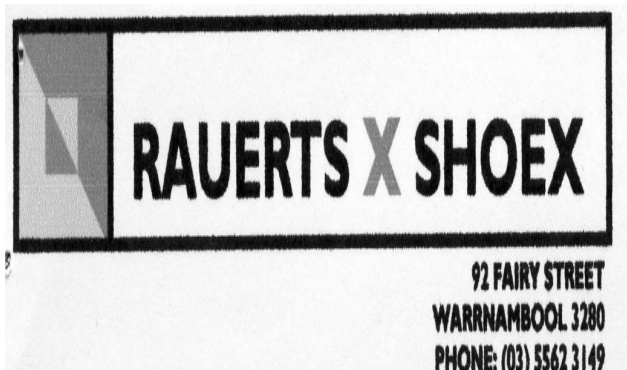
Wednesday 24th June 5:00-8:00pm

Secondary Interviews – in Pentagon

Wednesday 24th June 3:40 – 9:00pm

A slip to arrange times to see secondary subject teachers and Year Level Coordinators will be included with the secondary reports.

Please send this back to school on MONDAY June 22nd to avoid the need for follow-up phone calls. Students will be allowed time to book interview times with teachers during Monday morning, and will bring home the confirmed bookings on Monday afternoon.



POSITION AVAILABLE

ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT

A full time position of Administration & Communications Assistant is being created at the school, commencing in Term 3, 2009.

Key responsibilities and duties will include coordinating the Parent Involvement Program, creating the newsletter on a weekly basis, maintaining the school website, promoting school events to the community through a variety of media, and general administrative assistance.

Applicants must:

- Demonstrate excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Possess well developed computer skills using a variety of packages (Word, Excel, Publisher). Experience in PageMaker would be an advantage.
- Have a knowledge of website management.
- Previous experience in advertising and marketing would be an advantage.
- Support King's College guidelines and conduct themselves in a which is consistent with the ethos of King's College

A full job description and application forms are available from the Office from Monday 15th June.

Applications close on Wednesday 24th June.