



KING'S COLLEGE

*Creating foundations for a lifetime...
Academically, spiritually & personally*

Newsletter

February 4, 2010

Offering...

Kinder (3yo)
Kinder (4yo) Preschool
Pre Prep
Primary
Secondary

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome back, and we trust the week has gone well for your children settling in to their new class. I wonder if you are one of the millions of Australian parents who have accessed the government's new MySchool website in the last few days. The level of interest shows what a great need there is for better information about education.

No doubt the new system is not perfect. But it is a whole lot better than parents not being adequately informed about their local schools. For schools too, the information is useful, confirming, and hopefully, challenging to a school's view of itself.

There is little new information that the site adds that is not already available through a careful reading of the NAPLAN test results that are supplied to every child. The result sheets supplied each year score students in relation to the State norms. The new site extends that to make national comparisons possible. The main advance is that schools can now compare themselves with others, and parents likewise can see where their local schools sit in relation to each other.

The basis of the comparisons has been described by critics as inaccurate and misleading. Certainly the comparisons are only on the basis of NAPLAN test achievements on a single test. However similar processes are used at VCE and at university to determine educational outcomes! It may not be a perfect system but it usefully serves functional purposes.

Like other schools, we are aware that there are many more factors

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involved in good schooling than just numeracy and literacy. But the performance of students in these vital areas must say something substantial about what is happening in a school.

The website shows King's performing pleasingly well in our district, and that is as it should be. But we are also aware that there are areas needing attention, and we can be better. It is the attitude of our staff that we will do even better for our students. We are fairly confident that most parents making local and Western District comparisons would feel confirmed in their decision to make King's their school, on the basis of these revealed results.

We have already recognised areas for improvement partly through NAPLAN, and partly through our own internal assessments, and have been working steadily for improvement. Progress has been achieved as the results show, and there is more to be done which we are addressing. There are curriculum improvements to be made in a few areas, and teacher skills to strengthen. Our commitment is to be working at these all the time, and not resting on our laurels. Every year of a child's schooling must be challenging, and for them, an expanding and improving experience. After all, neither parents nor teachers are too interested in "averages" or statistics. What counts is "my child" and "our students", and their progress. For each student, moving them on to reach their best potential is the spirit that drives the best teachers. We believe it also drives our school. Always feel free to discuss your children's progress, work and happiness with their teacher or a senior member of the staff. We wish you and your family a growth year in 2010.

Yours sincerely

Neil Benfell

Prayer and Praise

- Give thanks for our full quota of well qualified staff for 2010.
- Rejoice in all the buildings and improvements for this year's students.
- Pray for new students and families getting to know their school.
- Pray for the struggling little French Christian school we have contact with, La Nouvelle Covenant, with its voluntary teachers and financial struggles.

Changes to Playground

Exciting as it is to see our new buildings take shape, inevitably modifications are needed to ensure optimal safety conditions for building and learning! The junior primary playground has been considerably altered to allow building equipment, trucks and machinery access to building sites. Our prep, grade 1 and 2 building is strategically located in the middle of two sites, making it necessary to divide the junior playground into two sections to ensure safety. Access to the Prep, Prep/1 and Grade 1/2 class is through the main building. Students, families and visitors need to pass the front office, turn left at the first exiting passage way, follow the passageway past the uniform room, turn left and pass the Home Economics room to exit through a single doorway that leads outside to the Prep-2 wing. This walkway also accommodates the older primary playground, the stage area and the sand pit. Access to the toilet block and the newer primary playground is through the main primary building. This interim phase may be inconvenient, but is a constant reminder of the good things ahead! An amazing new library facility, extra classrooms, office and storage space all connecting the junior primary wing with the main building. Can't wait!

Have You Returned Your Forms?

Each student has been issued with an **Emergency/Information form** and a **Permission form** through the post. We ask that parents read these forms carefully make changes and additions as necessary and return them to the office immediately. The permission form must be returned before students are permitted to attend excursions. If you have lost either of these forms, please contact the office for a replacement. Thank you for your cooperation.

Calendar of events

February

- 5 7pm - Commencement Service
St John's Presbyterian Church
- 9 Info Evening.
7pm - Grades Prep & Prep/1
7.30pm - Grades 1/2 & 2/3
- 10 Info Evening.
7pm - Grades 3/4 & 4
7.30pm - Grades 5 & 6
- 12 King's Interhouse Swim Secondary Carnival
- 16 Info Evening.
7.30pm - Years 7 & 8.
8.15pm - Years 11 & 12.
- 16 6.30pm - Parents Club BBQ.
- 19 WDSSA Swim Carnival
- 23 Preschool Parent Curriculum Evening - 7pm
- 23 Pastor's Luncheon
- 23 Parents' Club Meeting #1

Please
note
changes!

Prayer Meeting

We invite you to join with us on Monday mornings at our school prayer meeting in the Conference Room near the Front Office. Feel free to come and go as you are able between 9.00 and 9.30am, as we commit our school, students, staff and families to God in prayer. This time may be used for F I P hours.



Year Level Co-ordinators for 2010

- 12 Michael Tucker
- 11 Jo Van Leerdam
- 10 Kath Haworth
- 9 Fraser Diack
- 8 Nicky Gale
- 7 Melody Keath
- 6 Judith Beasy & Bronwyn Bennett
- 5 Daryl Davey
- 4 Joan Petering
- 3/4 Marilyn Woodward
- 2/3 Gail Zeunert
- 1/2 Carin Hooke & Lisa Duggan
- P/1 Lorraine Willett
- P Kerry Snook
- Preschool Susan Hurley

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Please
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changes!

PRESCHOOL

Tuesday 23rd February
Curriculum Evening 7pm

PRIMARY

Information sessions will be held in the student's classroom, where homeroom teachers will present an overview of the curriculum and discuss what the expectations are for the students.

Dates:

Tuesday 9th February
Grades Prep & Prep/1 7pm
Grades 1/2 & 2/3, 7.30pm

Wednesday 10th February
Grades 3/4 & 4 7pm
Grades 5 & 6 7.30pm

SECONDARY

Parent information evenings will be conducted on the following dates.

Tuesday 16th February
Year 7 & 8 7.30pm
Year 11 & 12 8.15pm

Please
SLOW DOWN
when entering the school
grounds. speed limit 10km/h



Primary Parents
Please ensure your child
has a Library Bag.

Uniforms

Year 10 Blazers are ready to be picked up from the Uniform Shop. \$160 - \$165.

Art Smocks

The Foster Care Opportunity Shop has handmade art smocks for sale from \$4.50

Be Sunsmart

A school hat is part of the school summer uniform for boys and girls. In the interests of student health and safety, we are strictly enforcing the wearing of hats in the school-ground. Students will be given a 'hat detention' if they are in the playground without a hat on their head. Three hat detentions will incur a school detention.

Please Help Us Reduce Our

Lost & Found!

Last year our Lost and Found box was overflowing! We ask that all parents take the time at the beginning of the year to name ALL items of clothing, including school shoes and runners. We also get a large number of lunch box containers in the lost and found. It would be helpful if these items could also be named.

Thankyou to **Jonathan Rodd**, marketing co-ordinator of **Hard Yakka**. Material was donated from Hard Yakka so heavy duty aprons could be made for our Woodwork and Metalwork classrooms.

2010 UNIFORM SHOP opening times

NEW Uniform Shop

The New Uniform Shop will be open on

Fridays 3-4pm

USED Uniform Shop

The Used Uniform Shop will be open on;

Monday 3-3.30pm

Thursdays 8.30-9am

Uniform Rules Reminder

Parents please be diligent in ensuring that these rules are followed.

All Students

- Girls' hair, shoulder length or longer, must be tied back. Boys' hair must be worn above the collar.
- Hair, including fringe, must not obscure the face. Hair must be worn in a neat and tidy state and unusual styles are not acceptable.
- No Jewellery is to be worn. Girls may wear **one** small plain silver or gold stud (uncoloured) or sleeper in each earlobe only. No decorative hair clips, necklaces, wristlets, etc are permissible. Boys are not permitted to have ear decoration.

Primary

- Make up is not permitted in primary school.
- Primary girls are permitted to have blue or black hair elastics. Bands to retain girls' hair are to be narrow ribbing in royal Blue only, however, thin blue plastic headbands are permitted in primary. Ribbons are permitted but must be thin, plain royal blue only. No other hair ornaments are permitted.

Secondary

- Make up: Secondary students may wear **clear** lip gloss, concealer and clear mascara, but **tinted** lip gloss, eye shadow, foundation and mascara are not acceptable.
- Secondary girls are permitted to have royal blue, maroon, or black hair elastics. Ribbons are permitted but must be thin, plain, royal blue or maroon. Bands to retain girls' hair are to be narrow ribbing in blue or maroon. No other hair ornaments are permitted.

Assistance & Allowances

Education Maintenance Allowance 1st Semester, 2010

This year the Education Maintenance Allowance has been increased to \$225 per year for eligible primary students and \$450 per year for secondary students under 16 years of age. It's payable to parents or guardians who held a valid Centrelink Pension, Concession or Health Care Benefit Card on 27 January, 2010. Application forms are available from the school office, and must be completed and returned to the office with your card to be sighted by 26 February. Please note that late applications will not be accepted by the Education Department. Parents are able to have the 50% 'parent portion' of the EMA allowance paid directly into a nominated bank account, or receive it as a cheque. This can be indicated on the application form.

Conveyance Allowance Claims 1st Semester

A conveyance allowance is available to any family whose child must travel more than 4.8km to school where there is no free school bus service available, or more than 4.8km to the nearest bus stop to join a free school bus service. Application forms, which are available from the school office, should be completed and returned by Friday, 26 February. If you received the allowance last year, there is no need to submit another application, unless your address or other details have changed. If you received the allowance last year, but are no longer eligible, please phone the school office on 5562 0147 to let us know.

Bursaries / Fees Assistance

The school provides a limited number of fees bursaries to assist low-income families to provide a Christian education for their children. Fees assistance is reviewed annually, so if you are in receipt of fee reduction assistance, you are reminded that you need to re-apply. Bursary applications, available from the school office, must be returned by 26 February, 2010.

Achievements & News!



There are so many talented students at King's and so many who also work hard to achieve and attain great results. This new section in the newsletter is set aside for highlighting and celebrating these great achievements.

Sometimes we miss exciting student news and it doesn't receive the coverage it deserves. If there is a student, representing King's College, that has won an award or trophy or attained great results but it hasn't been recognised, please contact me on 5562 0147.

Carey Isaacson

It would be great to include the whole King's community in celebrating these students!

Chloe Jones

We celebrate the achievement of Chloe Jones (Year 11) who participated in the Australian Pool National Lifesaving Championships. The three days of competition were held at the Australian Institute of Sport pool in Canberra on Jan 20-22. Unfortunately Chloe hurt her knee and could not compete on days 1 and 2. Day 3, competing against a large contingent in each group, Chloe achieved her personal best in all areas of her participation. Well Done Chloe!

Koroit Music Lessons for Kids

Great Value \$\$\$, Great Fun.

Phone Judi on 5565 8258





King's Equestrian

We would like an indication of any students interested in participating in equestrian school competition events, representing King's College, during 2010. Please contact Kim Smith on (03) 5593 9274 for more information.

Upcoming event: Hamilton Alexandra College, Interschool Equestrian Championships, Saturday, February 27, 2010. Entries close February 18, but please contact Kim *before* Feb 12 as she will be away the following week.

King's Secondary Sport House Captains 2010

LOCH ARD

Captains



**Kurtly
Wallace**



**Kellie
McLeod**

Vice captains



**Lachlan
Knight**



**Maddison
Snook**

NAPIER

Captains



**Jesse
Arms**



**Esther
McIvor**

Vice captains



**Tom
Pike**



**Natasha
Hodgens**

King's College Secondary

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year's annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held next **Friday, 12th February at Aquazone**. The first event is scheduled to start at 10am with the presentations to be held at the conclusion of the events. The students will be bussed back to school at approximately 3 pm.

All parents are welcome to attend and enjoy the carnival atmosphere and don't forget to bring your bathers if you would like to participate in the student vs parents vs staff relay!!

Students may come in their sports uniform with bathers underneath if they wish and should **bring their lunch, a drink, sunscreen, hat and towel to the pool**. Students will be transported to and from the pool and will return to school in plenty of time to change and get organized to go home.

Parents are welcome to collect their child/ children from the pool at the conclusion of the sports as long as their home room teacher is notified. All students will be receiving a program of events early next week

Want To Try Gymnastics?

Warrnambool City Council & Warrnambool Springers Gymnastic Inc Offer Classes For All Ages & Abilities. More details on the noticeboard near the front office.

Warrnambool Gymnastic Centre Hyland Street (Warrnambool Showgrounds.)

For All Enquiries Contact Pam on 55625114 or 0417104708

Warrnambool City Netball Assoc.

Venue: Warrnambool Netball Stadium, Caramut Road, Warrnambool.

Netta Program is a structured modified program, which enables children to learn and develop the skills of netball in a non-competitive environment with maximum participation and fun. Age: 8-11years. Monday nights at 4.15pm. Registration and information night: Mon, Feb 16 at 4pm. Program begins Mon Feb 23. Info: Noreen, ph 5562 1814.

Junior Netball Team Registration

Tue Feb 9, Wed Feb 10. 4 - 6pm. Single entries accepted. Info: Chris Van Kempen, ph 0409 851 982.

Japanese Exchange 2010 10th - 22nd March

Three students still need host families. Can you help?

Families would be required to offer accommodation, meals and transport to the exchange student during this period.

However, costs to the host family are well covered.

Please contact Corinne Dickinson on (03) 5562 0147 to register your interest.



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Traffic Reminders

We remind all drivers that the speed limit in the school grounds is strictly **10kph** at all times.

Parents are advised that a 'Give Way' sign is in operation *at both the 'in' and 'out' approaches to the big car park.*

All vehicles are required to stop and give way to students waiting to cross the road, at all times.

The safety of
all students is in
everyone's greatest
interest!

Car Parking Arrangements

All families are asked to park in the main car park. Two sets of parking bays have been created in the main car park, with a pedestrian island up the centre of each bay, for children to access their parent's vehicles.

No child is allowed to walk on the car park unaccompanied by an adult.

A large number of parents have been parking on the nature strip outside the top car park and allowing their children to cross the car park to get to their cars. This is extremely dangerous and we ask that parents please use the car parking spaces provided within the school boundaries.

Working with Children Checks

The Victorian Government has a mandatory minimum standard of checks for a range of child-related industries. The Working With Children (WWC) Check helps to protect children from sexual or physical harm by checking a person's criminal history for serious sexual, violence or drug offences and from certain professional disciplinary bodies such as the Victorian Institute of Teaching.

Volunteers may be required to have a WWC Check depending on the nature of their involvement with children.

If you require a WWC check, please contact Corinne Dickinson for an application form or to provide evidence of your WWC check. The WWC Check is free for volunteers and costs approximately \$70 for paid employees.



Pastoral Care @ King's

King's College is concerned for the individual welfare of each of its students and families. Teachers throughout the school work hard to ensure each child is provided with the best possible environment in which to learn, grow, develop and interact.

Sometimes however, there are issues that arise which require that little bit of extra attention.

In an attempt to address some of these issues Mrs Kath Haworth is working in conjunction with her teaching, in the capacity as Pastoral Care coordinator. Students are encouraged to see Mrs Haworth if they have concerns about

school, friendship groups, stresses in areas of their lives or if they just need someone to talk to. Parents are also invited to contact Kath if they have any concerns regarding their student's wellbeing which extend beyond the classroom teacher's area of expertise.

The aim of this role is to provide additional support to staff, students and parents in ensuring each child is being looked after.

An appointment can be made with Kath through the front office - ph 5562 0147.

Parents' Club

Fellowship Committee

Would you like an opportunity to meet new people in the school community?

Here's your chance!

The Fellowship Committee assists the school with catering for special events throughout the school year, including the Family BBQ (February), Welcome Morning Teas (February/March), Grandparent's Day (May), School Production (September) and the Secondary Speech Night (December).

Duties include setting up and serving teas and barbecue, baking, meeting new families and making them welcome to the school.

Some functions are held during the evening and may be suited to those families who work during the day.

Please contact Marlene Baker on 5565 4407 if you would like to help.

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING!

The first PARENTS' Club Meeting for 2010 will be held on Tuesday 23rd February at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.
Learn more about what you can do to contribute to the school!

All families are welcome to attend.

F I P

Family
Involvement
Opportunity!

HELP WANTED:

Family Bbq - Feb 16

Helpers are urgently sought to prepare food, cook the BBQ and offer general help on the night. Anyone interested please call Marlene Baker on 5565 4407.



KING'S COLLEGE

Commencement Church Service

will be held at

St John's Presbyterian Church,
Manifold Street, Warrnambool.

on Friday, February 5th at 7pm (tomorrow night)

Followed by supper
kindly provided
by St John's church.



This night is the formal beginning
of the school year and a time of
thanksgiving and commitment to the
Lord together.

All students are required to be present, in summer uniform.

Please arrange for your children to attend with another family if you are
unable to come yourself.

KING'S COLLEGE
Parents' Club annual

Family BBQ & Picnic

Tuesday

February 16, 6.30pm
King's College Quadrangle

Come and enjoy a meal together. It's a great way to meet new and old friends and catch up after the summer holidays.



***BYO food or buy from
the FELLOWSHIP BBQ.***

Hamburgers \$2ea
Sausages \$1.50ea
includes coleslaw, onions, hot
drinks and cordial.
Ice creams and icy poles will
be on sale on the night

Please BYO picnic rugs & chairs.



***Come & meet
our new
families and
catch up with
old friends!***



We would love to see you there!

KING'S COLLEGE Canteen



Working in the canteen is an easy way to chip away at your Family Involvement hours and a really nice way to get to know other members of the school community.

*The Canteen is
open on Mondays,
Wednesdays &
Fridays.*

*Menu & Prices are listed
on the back of this sheet.*

Help Needed Urgently!

*There are spaces in the roster below marked with *****, showing where help is needed. Please contact Theresa Brown if you can help fill these vacancies.*

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.

Canteen Roster Term 1, 2010

Monday Canteen Roster

Date	9.00am
1/2/10	N Mclvor, C Knight
8/2/10	J Ballinger, M Matthew, S Cressall
15/2/10`	K Steel, M Brough
22/2/10	C Knight, P Armstrong, T Brown

11.15am	12.15pm
G. Couch	G Couch, M Killeen, T Brown
J Ballinger	L Wallace, L Campbell
J Dilley	J Dilley, M Killeen
T Brown	D Bellman, T Brown

Wednesday Canteen Roster

Date	9.00am
3/2/10	A Hannah, T Brown
10/2/10	J Spencer, T Brown
17/2/10	N Mclvor, D Hodgens
24/2/10	N Kelson, T Brown

11.15am	12.15pm
P Armstrong	K Barnes, T Brown
K McNaughton	L Fraser, D Bellman
E Kerr	C McLeod, K Barnes
T. Brown	T Brown, *****

Friday Canteen Roster

Date	9.00am
5/2/10	S Speak, N Greene-Kelson, T Brown
12/2/10	P Keane, ***** , T Brown
19/2/10	J Threlfall, T Brown, *****
26/2/10	D Madden, T Brown, *****

11.15am	12.15pm
C O'Donnell	C O'Donnell, M Burleigh
J Drake	K Stow, T Brown
B Green	B Green, ***** , L Greig
T Brown	M Burleigh, *****

KING'S COLLEGE CANTEN PRICE LIST AS OF FEBRUARY, 2010

Canteen Operates Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Sandwiches (20c extra for roll)

Ham, beef or tuna	\$3.50
with cheese	\$3.80
with salad	\$4.80
Salad only – no meat	\$3.70
Chicken	\$4.00
Chicken and salad	\$4.80
Egg	\$3.00
Egg & Lettuce	\$3.70
Vegetemite	\$2.50
Cheese	\$2.60
Cheese and Vegetemite	\$3.00

Wholemeal or multi-grain bread available.

Salad includes cheese, but no beetroot or onion unless specified.

Salad pack	\$3.75
Meat and salad pack	\$4.40

Hot Food (Sauce is **not** included in price)

Tomato Sauce	.10c
Blasta Pasta – Lasagne	\$2.90
Blasta Pasta – Bolognaise	\$2.90
Potato Pie	\$2.70
Vegetarian Pastie Roll	\$2.50
Meat Pie	\$2.50
Nibble Pie	\$1.00
Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Mini sausage roll	\$1.00
Mini Quiche	\$1.00
Pizza (Ham & Pineapple)	\$2.50
Fried Rice	\$2.90

Cakes

Apple Slice	\$1.80
Vanilla Slice	\$1.80
Muffin Choc chunk	\$2.00
Muffin – Blueberry	\$2.00
Donuts	\$1.00
Fruit Smash	\$1.00
Fruit Salad in tub	\$1.00
K Time Bars	\$1.00

Rice Wheels	.50
Rice Rounds	.50

Drinks

Bottled water (600ml)	\$1.00
Focus Water	\$1.20
Plain milk (300ml)	\$1.20
Big M Milk (300ml)	\$1.60
Big M Milk (600ml)	\$2.70
(choc, strawberry, coffee)	
Orange Juice Drink small	\$1.20
Orange Juice Drink large	\$1.60

Icecreams

Rocket Icy Poles	.90
Cruncha	.75
Dixie Cups	\$1.40
Yoghurt Cups	\$1.50
Frozen fruit on sticks (terms 1 &4)	.20
Frozen Yoghurt on sticks	.50

Red Rock Chips 27g–85c

Honey Soy & Chicken	
Sea Salt	
French Fries	

Bags (paper)

.10c

If the lunch order does not come with a bag there will be a charge of 10c added to your order

Healthier snack lines can be purchased over the counter at lunchtime by all students

Drinks can be purchased over the counter at lunchtime.

Order lunches by writing name, grade and order on a paper bag.

(Not envelope or plastic bag)

Credit is not an option.

Late orders will be supplied with food left after completing orders