



# KING'S COLLEGE

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

## Newsletter

March 4, 2010

### Offering...

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

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends

The latest big change announced for Australian schools is the National Curriculum. Every State currently differs in what is taught and when. Now a National Curriculum is being agreed by the States and will bring uniformity across the country. English, maths, science and history are the first four areas to be covered, to be brought in during 2011. At the moment, consultation is going on about content and approaches.

A nationwide curriculum has a lot to commend it. Families moving interstate will have fewer problems with children adjusting to different levels. Instead of lots of resources and text books to suit different states, a bigger market nationally may mean improved materials - though I wouldn't hold out any hope for reduced costs!

Yet there are concerns. Independent schools are concerned at the degree of independence to be lost. Independent schools have to earn their living by their wits and hard work. The quality of what they do has to measure up to expectations, to survive in a tough market. This has bred a spirit of entrepreneurial excellence in most of these schools, and that independence is vital to their spirit and ethos. It would be tragic if this spirit was damaged. We ought not to depend on government bureaucracies to provide excellent curriculum and resources for us. A lot that the Commonwealth wants to change in Australia has been dictated by teacher unions, and is not necessarily based on good research or best practice.

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## From the Principal

The new Curriculum will require schools to teach literacy from a phonics base, of sound-letter relationships. Research shows this is the most successful way for all students to learn to read but there is still strong resistance against this method. Here in our own town we still sometimes hear that phonics based literacy is not the way children learn to read! There is a lot of irrational and emotive ideology-based propaganda, that flies in the face of the evidence. Thankfully the Commonwealth is ignoring this, and the Federal Minister Julia Gillard has personally gone in to bat for structured learning. Great! Julia knows the best schools teach this way.

Yet there are serious concerns in some areas, and as the details are studied and known these will come into focus. One is in history. History will now be a separate subject, set free from the mishmash SOSE (Studies of Society and the Environment) era, which effectively destroyed all the structured knowledge base of both history and geography. In itself, re-instating history as a subject should be an advance for our children. King's has never taught the State SOSE curriculum as such, opting instead to keep both geography and history. Once again, Australia is following our lead at King's! In a sense this vindicates the stand we have taken over the years, for which we have been criticised from time to time.

Yet the National History Curriculum is seriously defective because it doesn't provide enough knowledge about our nation's origins of political and religious freedom. To maintain a strong base of freedom and human rights, our people desperately need to know the struggles and sacrifices our forebears made to get us where we are today! Aussies are losing this awareness. We'll have more to say about this another time.

Yours sincerely,  
Neil Benfell

## Prayer and Praise

- Give thanks for a great heritage of freedom in Australia.
- Pray for wisdom for the National Curriculum designers.
- Pray for a successful visit from Shibuyu High School students.
- Pray for new students getting used to higher expectations.

## School Banking

School Banking began this week for current members. All Prep students were issued with membership kits last week. We have plenty of extra kits at the office if there are any other students wishing to join the program.

The program is an easy-to-use coupon savings account with some little extras to make banking fun and educational. It is an excellent way for your child to learn the basics of saving and money management at an early age. These bank accounts are free of account keeping charges and the bank pays Government duty on deposits. Deposits are made on banking day (Tuesday) at school. For every child that signs up to Student Banking, the School receives \$5.00. For every deposit that's made at school, the school receives a commission. The money can be used for computers, books, sports equipment or anything else the school may need.

## Tax File Numbers for Students (Easy Application through school)

The Tax Office, with the cooperation of schools, offers students aged 13 and over the opportunity to apply for a tax file number (TFN) through school. This is a voluntary program and makes it easier for students to obtain a TFN.

Students need a TFN for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits, opening a bank account or deferring university fees.

Information has been sent home with students in Years 9-12.

# Calendar of events

## March

- 5 School Photo Day
- 10 Immunisation (Yrs 7 & 10)
- 10-22 Shibuya Japanese Exchange
- 16 King's Secondary Athletics Carnival
- 17 Nexus Arts Prep - 10. Train of thought:Mime
- 19 CSSN State Swim Championship Melb MSAC
- 22-24 Secondary Camps - Halls Gap
- 25 Primary Interschool Aths
- 26 TERM 1 ENDS

## April

- 13 TERM 2 BEGINS
- 14 WDSSA Aths Carnival
- 15-16 King's Yr 8 visit to Heathdale
- 15 Gr 3/4 & 4 Enterprize Tall Ship tour
- 22 King's Cross Country Primary & Secondary
- 22 Fun Run Fundraising
- 22 Regional Tennis
- 23 Primary Zone Aths - Brauerander
- 27 Uniform changeover date
- 27 Parents' Club Meeting 7.30pm
- 29 WCSSA Autumn Sports, Bendigo

## Term Dates

- Term 1: Monday, February 1 - Friday, March 26
- Term 2: Tuesday, April 13 - Friday, June 25
- Term 3: Wednesday, July 14 - Friday, September 17
- Term 4: Monday, October 4 - Wednesday, December 15

## Student Safety in the Car Park

Traffic on pathways leading to the carpark is busier than ever! Drivers, please take care to enter the school grounds and approach the car park slowly. Speed limits must be obeyed for the sake of safety. Parents are asked to refrain from crossing the carpark outside of the yellow line areas. If all pedestrians obey the procedure of walking on pathways between the yellow lines, we can ensure greater protection at these busy times.

## 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!*

## Sheridyn Speed

Sheridyn, Grade 5, plays basketball for the Warrnambool U12 Squad. Recently they played in the Hamilton Basketball Tournament and won! Congratulations on your part in your team's success. Well done Sheridyn.



## Emma Askew

Emma, Grade 6, competed successfully on Saturday at the Hamilton Alexander Interschools Equestrian Competition. Emma came 1st in the Best Rider, 3rd in her Showjumping and came 5th placing Overall in her age group. Congratulations to Emma.



## School Photo Day Tomorrow

School Photo Day will be tomorrow. Full summer school uniform, including jumpers and blazers, must be worn. If you are paying for your photos on the day, please ensure you bring the **correct amount of money**.

**Our Year 12 VCE Textiles and Fashion** students are planning to create fashion from recycled materials. If you have a dressmakers model which you are not using and would be happy lend or donate, please bring it to the front office or contact Jenny Arms ph 5562 0147. Thankyou.



## Headlice are Back

A few cases of head lice have been reported again! We strongly recommend a close inspection of your child's hair for lice or eggs (nits). Eggs are stuck on the hair, and can be seen best in a strong light, such as direct sunlight, or the bathroom heat lights. If lice or eggs are found, treatment is required to kill the active lice, but this will not kill the eggs. Eggs have to be found and physically scraped off the hair. Failure to do this always seems to result in re-infection. Your doctor or chemist may be able to advise on the best method of eradication. This is a tedious task, frustrating to the parent doing the searching, and the child sitting patiently whilst a thorough search is made, but is vital in ensuring complete eradication of head lice. If everyone carefully attends to effective treatment and regular hair checks, we should be able to eliminate this problem.



## 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**  
**Friday 8.30-9am**

**From last week the Used Uniform Shop will be open on Friday mornings instead of Thursday Mornings. Please allow sufficient time for trying on uniforms before school starts.**

**Please note change of day!**



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

## 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.

## New Uniform Shop WINTER UNIFORM ORDERS

With 4 weeks remaining until the end of term, now is the time to order Winter Uniforms. Parents of Prep and Year 7 students and any other year level requiring new winter uniform are asked to

**please finalise their orders by Friday March 19.**

All orders must be completed by this date.

**Please note: the shop will be closed on Friday March 26. It will be open instead on Thursday March 25, 3-4pm.**

Thankyou

## 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.

# 2010 student leaders

*Congratulations to these students and we look forward to them providing good leadership throughout the year*

## Secondary

### Captains

Kurt Wallace & Maddison Snook

### Vice Captains

Tom Pike & Kellie McLeod

### Sports Captains

#### Loch Ard (Blue)

Jesse Arms & Esther McIvor

#### Napier (Yellow)

Kurtly Wallace & Kellie McLeod

### Sports Vice Captains

#### Loch Ard (Blue)

Tom Pike & Natasha Hodgens

#### Napier (Yellow)

Lachlan Knight & Maddison Snook

## Primary

### School Captains

Max Hannah & Cassie Mischkulnig

### School Vice Captains

Lars Ralph & Demi Giannes

### House Captains

#### Loch Ard (Blue)

Emily Mance & Jerome Speed

#### Napier (Yellow)

Stephanie Spinks & Ben Cressall

## SLC

**Yr7** Ashley Body & Luke Robertson

**Yr8** Henry Jeffers & Stephanie Middleton

**Yr9** Josh Hodgens & Madeline Winzar

**Yr10** Jonty Tobias & Jacqueline Wallace

**Yr11** Lil Williams, Benjamin Spencer, Greta Nuske & Lachlan Knight

**Yr12** Maddison Snook, Kurtly Wallace, Kellie McLeod & Tom Pike.

## Primary Interschool Tennis

*On Wednesday, February 24, four of our primary students represented our school at the WPSSA Tennis Tournament.*

Each of our students placed second in their group of four on the day. Our team was Lucy Fletcher, Madeline Farley, Jordan Walters and Max Hannah.

*Congratulations to each of them!*



## Merit Awards - Friday, February 26

<b>Grade</b>	Nathan Spinks	Always doing his best.
<b>Prep</b>	Yolanda Passlow	For knowing her sounds.
<b>Grade</b>	Brendan Gibbs	For joining in every sporting activity.
<b>P/1</b>	Judah Greene	For doing his work very carefully.
<b>Grade</b>	Jessica Harding	Making a fantastic effort with her reading.
<b>1/2</b>	Sam Kelly	Working hard in class.
<b>Grade</b>	Anne-Marie Mikail	Always listening carefully and being a delight in class.
<b>2/3</b>	Taylor Carlin	Trying hard and learning how to be a Grade 3 student.
<b>Grade</b>	Abbey Greene	Great enthusiasm and excellent work.
<b>3/4</b>	Susan Malikoff	Very creative story writing.
<b>Grade</b>	Pippa Gan, Micah Drake, Justin Spinks and Hannah Vestey	For 25 nights reading.
<b>4</b>		
<b>Grade</b>	Jenna McKenzie	Staying positive and being very helpful, in spite of her injury.
<b>5</b>	Sophie Fraser	Excellent knowledge of her multiplication tables.
<b>Grade</b>	Laura Martin	Responsible with homework.
<b>6</b>	Keziah Houston	Reliable conduct in class.

## King's Equestrian News

*Emma Askew* Grade 6, achieved great results on the weekend. See the Achievements and News section on page 3.

### Forthcoming Events



**Mortlake Interschool Showjumping Competition.** Friday 26 March. Entries Close March 10

**Emu Creek Pony Club Interschool Dressage Challenge.** Friday April 16. Entries Close April 1.

**Heywood Interschool Equestrian Games,** Friday 30th April at Heywood: Entries Close 23rd April

*More information, please ring Kim Smith ph 03 5593 9274 or 0407 041 686*

*If any riders interested, contact Kim so entries can be completed and sent off.*

*Programs have been distributed for above events, If anyone has been missed, Please contact Kim. You can also ask her for information on going to watch these events.*

## ⊕ Old Sunglasses & prescription glasses can change a life!

Donated glasses will be taken to the YWAM Medical Ship in Portland in April, where they are collecting old prescription and sun glasses for people in Papua New Guinea. By donating your glasses, you could help a child read, an adult succeed in their job or a senior to maintain independence. This gives a community more opportunities to grow and thrive. **Donations can be taken to the front office until the end of March.** [www.ywamships.org](http://www.ywamships.org)

## ⊕ Gospel Concert

The Australia West Papua Association presents internationally acclaimed act 'Sons of Korah' performing their moving interpretations of The Psalms at Warrnambool Uniting Church, Friday March 19 from 7.45pm. Tickets from Folded Hands and Collins Booksellers. \$20/\$15 conc. The concert will also include a performance by West Papuan singers Heine Arumisore, Ronnie Kareni and Leah Rumwaropen, plus local act 'Flying East'. For information contact Don Stewart ph 5562 0633.

# FIP!

Family  
Involvement  
Opportunity!

Wherever you see this symbol,  
there will be great opportunities  
for you to get involved, meet  
new people and chip away at  
your Family Involvement hours!

## Family Involvement Opportunities

### Art & Craft

- The Year 8 Geography class are going to make a model of Uluru. Are you available to help on Wednesday March 10, from 12.05-



12.50pm? Please ring Christine Boyer-McQueen or Carey Isaacson on 5562 0147.

### Parents' Club

- Would you consider being the Vice President of the Parents' Club. Why not come along to a meeting and find out what's involved.
- Next Parents' Club meeting is on Tuesday, April 26. This is an FIP opportunity too!

### Prayer Meeting

Come and 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 and 9.30am, as we commit our school, students, staff and families to God in prayer.

### Fundraising

- Sunblock Australia Fundraiser. We need someone to pack products ready for sale.
- People to help with fundraising for 2010 (or taking over if anyone interested!).

*Anyone interested in helping with fundraisers please contact Kate McNaughton on 5561 5246.*

### Canteen

- Regular thorough cleaning of the canteen. More people on this roster means each person needs to do it less often. Ring Carey Isaacson on 5562 0147 to include your name on the list and to work out when it would suit to do your shift.

*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.*

### King's College Fair

- Is anyone interested in taking over as Convener of the school Fair? Either on your own or as part of a committee. *Anyone interested please contact Judy Rauert on 5561 5523.*

*If you wish to discuss the FIP and how you may be able to contribute, please feel free to contact Carey Isaacson, Program Co-ordinator on 5562 0147.*

### Warrnambool Gymnastics Centre Holiday Program

⊕  
Thursdays, April 1 & 8, 2010  
10am to 12noon at Warrnambool Gymnastics Centre, Hyland Street, Warrnambool

**Enjoy a fun filled 2 hours gymnastic session with qualified coaches.**

Primary school aged children 5-12 years.  
Maximum of 40 children per session.  
\$12 per session if pre booked.  
\$15 per session casual.

Pam Davis Gymnastic Coordinator  
55625114 / 0417104708.



# KING'S COLLEGE Canteen



**Thank you** to those who have already offered to help on Canteen this year.

If you have not already received a follow up phone call from our Canteen Coordinator, Theresa Brown, please contact the school office. We have received a few volunteer forms without names and are very keen to know the names of those who have so generously offered to help.

## Canteen Roster Term 1, 2010

\*\*\*\* Help needed



### Monday Canteen Roster

**Date 9.00am**  
 8/3/10 **Labour Day**  
 15/3/10 K Petry, M Brough, V Smith  
 22/3/10 C Knight, P Armstrong, K Hassard

**11.15am**  
 J Dille  
 A Calloway

**12.15pm**  
 J Dille, \*\*\*\*  
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### Wednesday Canteen Roster

**Date 9.00am**  
 10/3/10 J Spencer, R Rae  
 17/3/10 N McIvor, D Hodgens  
 24/3/10 N Greene-Kelson, E Kerr

**11.15am**  
 K McNaughton  
 E Kerr  
 C Jeffers

**12.15pm**  
 L Fraser, \*\*\*\*  
 C McLeod, K Barnes  
 \*\*\*\*, \*\*\*\*

### Friday Canteen Roster

**Date 9.00am**  
 5/3/10 S Speak, N Greene-Kelson, A Van Zyl  
 12/3/10 P Keane, J Williams, \*\*\*\*  
 19/3/10 K Steel, \*\*\*\*  
 26/3/10 D Madden, A Horsfall, \*\*\*\*

**11.15am**  
 C O'Donnell  
 J Drake  
 B Green  
 R Draffen

**12.15pm**  
 C O'Donnell, M Burleigh, \*\*\*\*  
 K Stow, A Wiesner-Ellix, \*\*\*\*  
 B Green, L Greig, \*\*\*\*  
 M Burleigh, J Tracey, \*\*\*\*

**There are still plenty of gaps in the roster!!!**

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.

Due to popular demand we continue to run the

## Sunblock Australia fundraiser



Sunscreen tubes 100ml - \$6  
 Sunscreen roll ons 50ml - \$5  
 After Sun Gel 100ml - \$6

It is our aim to have a sunsmart school with every child wearing sunscreen and having a tube in their bags to re-apply at lunchtime (peak heat).

*Brochures have been sent home with your children. Sunscreen tubes and rolls are also available to purchase at the front office.*

See the Family Involvement section for FIP opportunity!

