



KING'S SCHOOL

Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 3 - 2012

VIRTUS POLLET

From the Headmaster

As you will see, the Astroturf area has now been prepared, ready for the laying of the top surface for the new hockey pitch and nine new tennis courts. The good news is that the top surface, which was made in Australia, has been made; the bad news is that this consignment is currently sitting on the wharf. We are ever hopeful that the wharf dispute will end shortly so that the work can be completed - this we are looking to do by the end of February.

Work on the artificial turf for Field No. 2 will begin next week and we expect to be fully operational for the start of the Winter programme.

In the past we have been hampered by the fields being out of action during winter months. With a considerable increase in artificial playing surfaces, boys will have greater access to play activities during their breaks.

I would like to thank parents for their feedback on my "Values" letter. There is clear support from the wider community on this increased focus. I will look to finalise our direction and communicate this in the next newsletter. Please continue to feel free to add your thoughts as we work together to help the boys develop positive values which we hope they will embrace for the rest of their lives.

I am aware that parents and boys have a significant influence when promoting the school to the general public. I have been delighted with the way the boys have been behaving and the way they are wearing their uniforms to and from school this year. We will continue to have an emphasis on this, so thank you for your assistance.

You also influence the general public when suggesting to your friends that they should consider attending our "Open Day", as this gives them a real opportunity to see the school in action. During this morning we continue to have a normal day (if there is such a thing). At this time I would like to thank the Friends' Committee for assisting on this day. (This day is being held on Thursday, 15th March from 9.00am - 10.30am)

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Race Day this Saturday and thank the parents, sponsors and Friends who have made this day possible.

Tony Sissons
HEADMASTER



Summer Sports Trials

Trials for summer sports teams are coming to an end. Most teams are starting to take shape and I must admit that the coaches have found it very difficult finalising teams due to the quality of boys' trialling. I commend the boys for their commitment and attitude towards the trials.

At this stage, all boys in the Middle and Senior schools that have trialled for cricket, tennis, touch and softball representative teams will make a side or be involved in some capacity. We are running development teams for boys that are not involved in the representative side.

All boys have been told that there will be movement amongst teams. If boys are not performing to their potential they will be moved to the team below. Boys who are performing well will replace them.

Maroon polo shirts must be worn by all boys in summer representative teams. These can be purchased from the Uniform Shop.

If your son feels he has not had enough of a trial I am more than happy to have another look at him. So please feel free to contact me.

Also, if you have any other queries please contact me.

Carl Gooding

Director of Physical Education

WANTED : BABY SITTING / TUTORING WORK
My name is **Anish Sharma** and I am a GAP student working in the PE Department. I am available for any after-school baby-sitting/tutoring or any general nanny work. I am here for the rest of Term 1.
Please contact me on Phone: 022 0955 323

Congratulations to:
Francesco Hazelwood who came 2nd in the Under 16yr Auckland Open Wakeboarding Championships during the holidays.
Benjamin Rooney who achieved Grade 4 in Clarinet
Oliver Cook who achieved Grade 2 in Clarinet with Merit
Maxwell Caddie who achieved Grade 2 in Clarinet
Christian Withy and **Liam Elley** who both achieved Grade 3 in Guitar with Merit
William Hadden who achieved Grade 1 in Guitar with Merit
Karan Nalam (8E1) who was selected to play for Central Districts Development team in the Primary School boys competition run by Auckland Cricket Association during the Xmas holidays. At the PSB competition Kalam got 5 wickets for 15 runs against North Harbour and was the only Central Districts Player who was on the ACA's Honours list for 5 wickets, receiving a trophy for his efforts.

Music Notes



“SUPERMAN” AUDITIONS

Boys from Years 6, 7 and 8 are invited to sign up for an audition for our annual musical production being put on in Term 2. This year we are staging the musical “*Superman*” so are looking for villains, heroes, reporters, singers, band, and the all important Lois Lane..... Audition packs will be given out to boys who sign up - (these sign up sheets are in the band corridor on the first floor of the LightHouse)



MUSIC GROUP AUDITIONS

These auditions continue during lunch and before school - any boy wanting to try out for one of our many music groups can find a sign-up form in the band corridor - first floor of the LightHouse.

INSTRUMENTS

All instruments have now been given out for the school year so please ensure these come to school on days your son has music lessons in the timetable and that he uses the back of his prep book to record practice at home.

Emma Featherstone

Director of Music

THINK OF US AS WE WALK THROUGH THE NIGHT!

Thank you to all who have helped donate to the Cancer Society through our “Relay for Life” team. The boys (and staff) are really looking forward to the event this weekend.

Our fund-raising total stands at \$2,900 and there is still time to help the cause. Please go to <http://www.relayforlife.org.nz/> and follow the prompts - our team is King's.

Fr John
CHAPLAIN



DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 18 February

12noon King's School Race Day
“Relay for Life”

Tuesday 21 February

7.30pm Friends' AGM following by meeting of new committee

Wednesday 22 February

Senior School House Games - Round 2

Monday 27 February

Years 5, 6 & 7 School camps leave in the morning

Friday 2 March

Years 5, 6 & 7 return from Camp

Leadership Day

Last Friday was the Year 8 Leadership day held at Cornwall Park. It was a glorious day where sunscreen was liberally applied and the King's hats came into their own. Nearly 120 boys took part in various team activities to find out who our leaders are going to be for 2012.

A much needed refreshment and rehydration at morning tea was capped off with an impromptu game of rugby, Mr Clouston and Mr Webb showing their old school-honed skills. One of the highlights of the day was a sausage sizzle superbly organised by a number of 8E1 parents.

It was a thoroughly well organised day which resulted in a large number of boys showing us that King's has an abundance of leaders to choose from.

Andrew Elvidge
Y8 TEACHER



Henry Hayden-Smart (1Po)
with a Valentine's Day gift.



King's College Information Evening

An invitation to parents of prospective King's College students to learn more about King's College.

Wednesday 7 March at 7.00 pm

King's College Lecture Theatre, King's College

A presentation will be made by King's College Headmaster, Mr Bradley Fenner, and an opportunity will be given to parents to talk to other senior College staff.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP Mark Kennelly, Admissions Director, 276 0677 or m.kennelly@kingscollege.school.nz



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Would parents please advise the Centre by email if there are any changes to your son's activities this term. We also need to know if your son is being collected from his activity or returning to ASC. We would like to remind you that your son can only be released to those people you have nominated on your enrolment form, unless you have advised us otherwise.

For all enquiries, please contact Dianne Tingey d.tingey@kings.school.nz or telephone 520 7794.