



King's Week

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Building Men for Life

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FROM THE RECTOR'S OFFICE - KING'S MEN'S CLUB

I was delighted to be a part of the inaugural King's Men's Club that met on Monday evening at Forbury Park. This is a new and, from my perspective, exciting initiative for fathers and significant adult males in the lives of King's students.

On Monday I wore two hats, one as the Rector and the other as the Father of a Year 9 boy. The evening was invaluable. Our guest speaker was informative and insightful but it was the dialogue between fathers at the table I was seated at that was of greatest value to me personally. Instead of talking about the Cricket World Cup and the progress of the Highlanders we spoke extensively about our sons, the challenges we face in raising them as well as the joy and richness of fatherhood. There were competing and complementing views but the discussion was vibrant. None of us claim to have the magic recipe for perfect parenting and it was refreshing to speak candidly with others in the same position as me. I left the evening encouraged and look forward to our next meeting.

We are intending to hold this Men's Club meeting every term and I am hoping for the sake of our community and our boys that we will build on the thirty-five fathers who attended, creating something truly unique and potentially life changing. The consensus was that our guest speaker for the next evening will focus on the digital world that our sons are engaged in. Many of us are mystified by this digital world and the potential threats that lurk there. I suspect this will be both an interesting and scary dialogue as we explore the unknown together. I am looking forward to the company and conversation that will no doubt accompany that evening. Keep an eye out for the invitation to our next meeting. All fathers and significant males are welcome. I must also extend my thanks to Mr Alderton for his co-ordination of the evening.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Nathaniel Otley (left) and Harry Smith who have both recently been selected for National Music groups. Nathaniel is now a member of the National Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra and the National Secondary Students' Choir. Harry was selected for the National Youth Brass Band and the National Secondary Schools' Brass Band.



BRINGING HOME THE MEDALS

ATHLETICS

Last weekend our top performing athletes went to the New Zealand Age Group Champs in Wellington.

Felix McDonald (below left) and Jacob Granger both had an incredibly successful time as can be seen from the photo below.

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| Felix: | 110m Hurdles | 1 st | 14.3sec |
| | 300m Hurdles | 2 nd | 39.96sec |
| | Long Jump | 1 st | 6.78m |
| | Member 4 x 100m Relay | 2 nd | |
| | Member 4 x 400m Relay | 1 st | |

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| Jacob | Member 4 x 100m Relay | 2 nd | |
| | Member 4 x 400m Relay | 1 st | |
| | Long Jump | 7 th | 5.90m |



ROWING

Last weekend, the Boys' U16 Coxed Quadruple Sculls (pictured below) placed 3rd in the A Final at the South Island Secondary Schools Rowing Regatta. A full report is on page two.

Below from left; Gray Gibson, Michael Freeman, Hamish Wallace, Jack Laney, Mitchell Anderson.



ROWING CREWS IMPRESS

The South Island Secondary Schools Rowing Regatta was held at Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel last Saturday and Sunday. King's Rowing entered 9 crews into events and the boys showed that the hard work that they and Coach Kelvin Maker have been putting over recent months was worthwhile as they were rewarded with some very good results. Competition at this Regatta is always fierce as it is the Penultimate event before Maadi Cup week so the fact that we got seven of the nine crews into the finals is impressive. Three crews made B Finals with 6th and 8th placings and, sadly, the other crew's final was cancelled due to bad weather. Four crews made A finals of which the U16 coxed Quadruple finished 3rd, a magnificent result especially considering the fact that the boys had to row four races on Saturday. This crew is our sole representative at this years Maadi Cup at Lake Karapiro and we wish them and the Coaching and Parent support all the best and look forward to hearing more good news .

I must also thank the Parents/Caregivers for the support that they have given the boys; they certainly wouldn't have got these results if it weren't for you good folk.

Results

Tony Lock & Joshua Purcell U15 Double Sculls 6th B Final
Mitchell Anderson, Jack Laney, Mike Freeman, Hamish Wallace + Gray Gibson (cox) Boys U16 Coxed quadruple Sculls 3rd A Final

Tony Lock, Taylor Stewart, Joshua Parcell, Quinn Hawthorne +Josh Dungey (cox) Boys U16 Coxed Quadruple Sculls 8th B Final

Mitchell Anderson, Jack Laney Boys U16 Double Sculls 2nd Heat (A Final cancelled weather)

Mike Freeman, Hamish Wallace Boys U18 Lightweight Double Sculls 2nd Heat A (Final cancelled weather)

Mitchell Booth, Kyle Hughes 3rd Heat B (Final cancelled weather)

Mitchell Anderson, Jack Laney, Mike Freeman, Hamish Wallace, Tony Lock, Taylor Stewart, Joshua Parcell, Quinn Hawthorne, + Gray Gibson (cox) Boys' U16 Coxed Eight 7th Heat A Final (cancelled weather)

WAR GAMES

As part of their unit on WW1 Trench Warfare, 9Ha staged a mock battle today on the tennis courts where they used paper weapons and a carefully marked out battle zone to bring home some of the realities of fighting in the trenches during WW1.

Masters of Teaching student, Mr Tamua along with teacher, Sam Fielding monitored the event. They gave the students "rations" and a daily schedule and afterwards the boys reflected on the conditions endured by soldiers in the army during this time.



INTRODUCING DIRECTOR OF SPORT, DAVE CONRAD.

My Name is Dave Conrad and I have been appointed as the Director of Sport for King's High School.

I previously worked in the Dairy Industry for 37 years as a Distribution Centre Manager for Fonterra. I am married to Trish and have five children and four Grandchildren. My two son's attended King's and three daughters attended Queen's where they were heavily involved in school activities, especially sport, which meant that like most parents we were either; Coaches , Managers , camp Mums / Dad's or fundraisers.

I was lucky enough to coach rugby at King's for a number of years including Coaching the First XV. I have been involved in the Dunedin Rugby Club since 1977 as a player, Manager, Coach and Administrator in both the Junior and Senior Club and was honoured to be made a life member in 1999. I have been involved in Otago Representative Rugby sides over the years including Otago Secondary Schools, Otago Under 18 and Otago Colts.

Until recently, I attempted to play Cricket for the Cavaleirs Club which, I have been involved with since 1988. I have also been involved with Rowing, Rugby, Cricket, Touch, Basketball, Volleyball and Netball as a supportive parent and have done my fair share of Cheese Rolls.

I am passionate about people in Sport and, in particular, young people in sport as they are our future. I believe we need to make their experience in whatever activity they choose one they want to continue with once they have left school.

The one thing that has amazed me at King's, apart from the pupils and staff, is the amount of talented young men King's has and the great things that they achieve in all walks of King's Life. Hopefully, I can play a part in helping them to continue achieving, especially in their sporting endeavours. I look forward to working with the wider King's community.



AN OLD FRIEND DROPS IN

Jake Cropley popped in to the Music Department this week after a busy few weeks overseas performing at this year's Celtic Connections Festival in Glasgow, as part of a showcase of New Zealand musical talent.

Jake, a former student of King's High School and member of the iconic King's band 'The Sleeves' is back in Dunedin now and spending the year writing, performing and also just "chilling for a year" before deciding on his next move!! We look forward to having Jake entertain at an assembly soon. It was good to have him back in the Music Room.

Mrs Dryden



YEAR 12 PE COACH BATHGATE STUDENTS

Over the last four weeks, Mr. Corkhill's Year 12 Physical Education class has been coaching over 60 students from Bathgate Primary School. The King's students have been working towards Achievement Standard 2.6 where they are required to plan, conduct and evaluate their sessions and also their leadership skills in the process. Each session has gone for an hour and over the weeks have covered a wide range of sports from touch rugby to tennis. They boys involved have done a fantastic job and have impressed staff from both schools with their dedication and creativeness in their sessions.



SCIENCE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Year 12 Biology Trip

Last Thursday we took the Yr. 12 Biology classes to Blueskin Bay to gather data on the diversity of the marine life, which will help to determine the Zonation pattern. This is part of one of their internal assessments.



"Experiencing Marine Reserves"

We also have several boys involved in the "Experiencing Marine Reserves" programme. We spent last Friday at Dive Otago getting instructions on snorkeling in preparation for our dives this weekend.

This Saturday we will go snorkeling either at Mapoutahi or the Mole off Tairoa Heads. The boys are each putting together a proposal or creating artwork that promotes the need for a Marine Reserve in Otago. There will be two winners – one from the proposals and one from the artwork - who will both win a trip to Poor Knights Island to snorkel around the Marine Reserve.

Mrs Jopson



NOTICES

CHANGE TO CALENDAR

Change to the school calendar - Teacher Only Day now Friday 27th March not Tuesday 24th March. Students are not expected to be at school on the Friday.

KING'S RUGBY TRIALS & PRESEASON DATES 2015

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| Wednesday 18 th March | U15 Trial, 3:15pm @ Bathgate Park |
| Thursday 19 th March | U14 Trial, 3:15pm @ Bathgate Park |
| Sunday 22 nd March | U14 Trial, 2pm @ Bathgate Park |
| Friday 20 th March | Senior & U15's Rugby Trial, 3:15pm @ Bathgate Park |
| Wednesday 25 th March | 1 st XV Squad & U15 Squad Vs Timaru Boys' High School, @ Oamaru |
| Saturday 28 th March & Sunday 29 th March | U14 Preseason Quad Tournament, more details to follow. |
| Saturday 4 th April | 1 st XV Squad Vs Burnside HS 1 st XV, 12pm @ King's No.1 |
| Thursday 9 th April | 1 st XV & 2 nd XV Squad Vs Waverley College, Sydney, 1pm @ King's No.1 |
| Saturday 18 th April | 1 st XV Vs Taieri College 1 st XV, 1pm @ King's No.1 |

SHIP OPEN DAY

Saturday 14th March from 10am – 12noon.

The sea education association and the sailing school vessel *Robert C. Seamans* will be making a return visit to Dunedin and holding an 'open day' aboard the vessel at the Harbour Basin, (Birch St Warf) in Dunedin on 14th March.

All are welcome to tour the vessel, learn more about their programmes and research activities and meet the crew. The *Robert C. Seamans* is a 134-foot steel brigantine and is the most sophisticated research/sailing school vessel ever built in the United States. This voyage is part of the SEA Semester's Global Ocean NZ study abroad programme.

For more details of the ship and programme see; <http://www.sea.edu/>.

Local contact = NZ Marine Studies Centre, marine-studies@otago.ac.nz

TAIERI GORGE RAIL WALK

Sunday 3rd May

Departs Dunedin Railway Station at 8:30am, returns approximately 3pm.

The trip involves around 2.5 hours of walking and features four bridges and two tunnels. The cost is \$59 per person including sausage sizzle.

Organised by the Lions Club of Dunedin South

CRICKET

All games were cancelled last week due to rain early on Saturday morning which was disappointing, because we had organised a BBQ and had five of our teams playing at King's or Tonga.

It is, however, an exciting time for Cricket at King's and on Sunday a trial was held to select 12 Junior Cricketers to represent the School in the upcoming NZCT Year 10 National Tournament in late March in Palmerston. Our New Director of Sport and Coach of the team (Dave Conrad and Tim Belcher respectively), selected two competitive teams to play on King's 1 under threatening skies and chilly conditions on a grass surface that the boys were unfamiliar with.

I'm sure all the boys were appreciative of the opportunity to display their skills in front of the 1st XI Coach Simon Cushen, who asked to assist with the selection of a squad of 15, which will be reduced after the interschool next week.

A special thanks to Manager and parent, Andrew Booth who cooked the BBQ which the boys enjoyed at the break between innings. We'd also like to thank parents and family members who turned out to support the players.

On Monday and Tuesday both the 1st XI and our Junior XI take on Shirley Boys' in Christchurch and we wish both teams all the best.

On Thursday the 1st XI take on Waitaki in Oamaru in a Quarter Final of the Gillette Cup. The winner of this game will progress to a Semi Final on Sunday and again the winner of that game will play a Final of the Provincial Gillette Cup on the following Monday.

On that same Monday our Junior XI will create history by playing their first game in what is the equivalent of the Gillette Cup for Year 9/10 players, in Palmerston North we wish them all the best.

It's a very busy time for all of our top Cricketers at both Senior and Junior level and an indication that our Cricket is heading in the right direction.

TOUCH WEEK 7

Taieri Open Men's (Mon 9th March)

Open Men's Final

King's 1st Touch Team beat In and Out, 9-4

Touchdowns: J. Duff (2), S. Rowe, I. Jamieson, T. Hume, T. Haugh, J. Sutherland, J. Hand, M. Horne

Metro Secondary Schools Touch (8th March)

Whiorepaku Kingi beat JMC 9Blue, 4-0

Mohao Kingi lost to JMC 10Blue, 4-2

Whatitiri Kingi beat OB Jnr Red, 7-2

Hukarere Kingi beat OB Jnr Gold, 7-3

Tiaki-hā Kingi beat TAIC Y10 Blue, 6-0

Bishopcourt Open Men's (Thurs 5th March)

King's 1st Touch Team beat In and Out in their Semi-Final, 6-5

IMPORTANT TOUCH DATES

- South Island Secondary Schools Touch Tournament in Chch – 27th-29th March
- Waitaki Boys Interschool -31st March