



King's Week

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Building Men for Life

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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

As the second week of this term draws to a conclusion the boys and staff have settled back into the routines and expectations associated with King's life. Those young men who have joined us in Year 9 have adjusted superbly to the pace of school life and, the at times, heightened requirements of High School. As I reflected on the transition of these Year 9 students to King's over the holiday period, my son included, I couldn't help but be encouraged by the opportunities they are being offered and the experiences they are embracing. The larger number of new entrant students in recent years, resulting in a moderate size school on a national scale, has actually generated significant benefits for our students. Among these benefits are:

- (1) More Specialised Staff – we are in the enviable position where we have subject specialists teaching in their areas of expertise rather than having to fill gaps with non-subject specialists. The boys are clearly the benefactors here.
- (2) Junior Class numbers – the class numbers remain relatively small. The increased staffing resources make this possible. In Year 9 there are 220 students and nine Year 9 classes. My calculator tells me that is an average class size of 24. That makes for some great learning opportunities and the Year 9 classes I have taught so far this year from right across the spectrum of abilities have been fantastic. That might of course also be due to the nature of the Economics course I am teaching them. Economics is surely one of the most naturally engaging subjects!!
- (3) Senior Option choices – the number of courses now offered in the senior school is the envy of other schools. This year alone we have added six new courses or extended those courses into other year levels. The stand-alone scholarship classes are a great addition and multiple classes in many subjects means almost all students preferences are able to be accommodated.
- (4) New roles – of course the greater availability of funding through a variety of channels has allowed the appointment of some positions to accentuate areas of strength and ensure boys can fulfil their potential. Some of the key appointments have been an Academic Dean (focusing on the accelerated students and individualising their programmes), a Values Co-ordinator (running the King's Men Society and other arms of our Values programme), and a Director of Sport (to ensure the structure is in place to enable students to both excel and participate).

While all these benefits are accruing we will not and do not compromise the key elements that have made us successful. Every student is cared about and monitored through our extensive pastoral care system. The standards and expectations around behaviour and conduct have not been relaxed.

The student/staff relationships, which have always been such a strong part of the King's culture, simply go from strength to strength. We know our boys. We care about our boys. We are completely invested in our boys. It is an investment that they are benefiting from and that we are committed to.

A reminder that junior exams are fast approaching. Your son should have his study plan almost set. For our Senior students this is the term for internal assessment focus and completion.

I am excited about what lies ahead in term 2 for each of our young men and the school collectively. I look forward to sharing in your son's successes in the weeks to follow.

Mr Reddiex.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

With the resignation of Tim Black as the Board of Trustees Chairman, due to his appointment as a Judge and subsequent shift to Palmerston North, the board has duly elected a new Chairman. The successful nominee is David Booth. David is a partner with OCTA and Associates and currently has two sons at King's. He has already made a significant contribution to the Board as the Chairman of the Property Committee. The King's community is very fortunate to have such strong leadership to help drive the school forward.



KING'S HIGH SCHOOL ROWING AWARDS

Rower of the Year

Mitchell Anderson – Total aggregate for season over all regattas was 41 points with NERC associated regattas 21 points. This involved 7 firsts, 7 seconds and 6 third placings.

Most Improved Rower

Jack Laney - Jack started out this season as a novice, almost taking a swim on his first row, but once the mechanics of the rowing action were understood he took off. A very athletic boy, only 3 days shy of qualifying for the U15 age group, he acquitted himself well with the U16 squad. Steady progress saw him elevated to the No 1 Quad and then, a month later into the No 1 Double. We will never know if he could have captured the No 1 spot in the single as the "Head of the Harbour" showdown never eventuated between Jack and Mitch due to officials starting the race early and both boys missing the chance to compete. Jack was the first to break the 7 minute barrier for the erg with a 6.56 time. He has a fine attitude to training and we look forward to seeing his development in the seasons to come.

Best Junior

Tony Locke - Tony picked up the technique almost immediately and quietly went about his business throughout the season. His temperament saw him moved into the stroke seat and towards the end of the season make the line-up into the No 1 U16 eight. He stroked the Junior 4 to 2nd place at the Term 1 Regatta and then 3rd place in the Head of the Harbour regatta. Tony has shown the right attitude and we look forward to seeing this develop over the coming seasons.

Coxswain of the Year

Gray Gibson – Gray was a new member of the squad this season and took up the challenge of coxswain. He grew into the role quickly and made it his own. His positive manner and great vocals were linked directly to the crew's success and, particularly when there were close races, it was the emotive calling and encouragement from Gray that pushed the crew through to success. A bright future is ahead of this young man.

Highest Men's Ergometer Score 2K

Mike Freeman

Below from left; Gray Gibson, Mike Freeman, Mitchell Anderson, Jack Laney, Tony Locke.



FELIX McDONALD MEMBER OF "PATHWAYS TO PODIUM".

We were delighted to find out this week that Felix McDonald has been included in the "Pathway to Podium", Athletics NZ High Performance Squad. This is a wonderful achievement by Felix and in talking with him this morning he was very humble about this recent achievement.

This selection means that the obvious potential that Felix's coach and the school have seen and nurtured is starting to bear its fruits and that he is seen as a potential Olympian and Commonwealth Games prospect for New Zealand. Felix was especially delighted for his Mum and Dad as this recognition means that the majority of his costs will be met by Athletics NZ to obtain the desired competition suitable for his development. Congratulations Felix.



EXCELLING IN SCIENCE

We have three boys who have been accepted into the Yr. 10 GATE Marine Reserves programme:

Alex Brown
Riley Smith
Reuben Morrison

Also the winners of the Experiencing Marine Reserves programme are Arlo Munro (proposal) and Oliver Niblock (artwork). They will be going to Auckland on an all expenses paid trip in order to snorkel around the Poor Knights Island Marine Reserve.

ART IN THE FOYER

Currently in the foyer, we have a self-portrait from James Hanereats in 9Cy.



KING'S HIGH SCHOOL VS. SHIRLEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

29TH APRIL 2015

RESULTS AND PHOTOS

| Sport | King's | Shirley | Winner |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Rugby 1 st XV | 17 | 31 | Shirley |
| Rugby U14 | 20 | 10 | King's |
| Basketball Jnr 1 st | 51 | 78 | Shirley |
| Basketball Snr 1 st | 27 | 74 | Shirley |
| Football Jnr 1 st | 4 | 0 | King's |
| Hockey Snr 1 st | 1 | 2 | Shirley |
| Surfing | 111 | 67 | King's |



JUNIOR RUGBY COACHING CLINIC WITH THE HIGHLANDERS

The U14 and U15 Rugby teams took part in a coaching clinic with members of the Highlanders – including King's Old Boy Ben Smith - on Thursday. The boys were taken through various drills aimed at improving their game.

Below; Highlanders Joe Latta (left) and Liam Coltman work with the junior players.



TIMETABLE

WAITAKI BOYS' vs KING'S HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2015

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Badminton Jnr | Badminton Hall | 11am |
| Badminton Snr | Badminton Hall | 11am |
| Basketball 1 st | Waitaki REC Centre | 11:30am |
| Basketball Jnr | Waitaki REC Centre | 10am |
| Debating Jnr | WBHS Hall of Memories | 10:30am |
| Debating Snr | WBHS Hall of Memories | 12pm |
| Football Jnr | WBHS Milner | 11am |
| Football Snr | WBHS Milner | 12:30pm |
| Hockey 1 st | Oamaru Turf | 12:30pm |
| Hockey Jnr | Oamaru Turf | 11am |
| Rugby 1 st XV | WBHS Milner 1 | 1pm |
| Rugby U16 | WBHS Milner 2 | 11am |
| Rugby U15 | WBHS Don Field | 11am |
| Rugby U14 | WBHS Don 2 | 11am |
| Smallbore | Oamaru Smallbore range | 11am |
| Trapshooting | Waitaki Boys' | 10:30am |

Oamaru Turf – opposite Centennial Park (Whitestone contracting stadium)

Oamaru Smallbore – Ribble St, Oamaru

Waitaki Rec Centre – Orwell St, Oamaru

Afternoon tea will be served from 2:30pm in the WBHS social centre.

NOTICES

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NEW YORK CITY TRIP FUNDRAISER

"IMPRESS FOR LESS"

FOOD FOR ENTERTAINING

A FOODIES' EVENING WITH
MICHAEL COUGHLIN
(BELL PEPPER BLUES, PIER 24)

MAY 26TH 2015, 7PM

KING'S AND QUEEN'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
\$15

COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF WINE AND TASTING
TO ORDER TICKETS CONTACT; JO HARFORD
hf@kingshigh.school.nz

YEAR 10 CAMPS

All Year 10 students who have yet to sign up for a Camp in Term 4 must do so as soon as practically possible.

All forms must be filled out and returned to the school office with a \$50 deposit.

If there are any questions please contact Mr Smith at King's (ds@kingshigh.school.nz or 455-7547).

SUMMER SPORTS' PHOTOS

For parents wanting to order Summer Sports team photos link to the photo on the McRobie's website.

You can also order directly from the site as well.

TAIERI GORGE RAIL WALK

Sunday 3rd May

Departs Dunedin Railway station @ 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.

All funds are going towards the purchase of a new school van.

Please support us by encouraging friends, family and workmates to take part.

Bookings reserve@dunedinrailways.co.nz

KING'S RUGBY DRAW 2ND MAY

Saturday 2nd May

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| KING'S 1 ST XV | V | OBHS @ Littlebourne, 2:45pm |
| KING'S 2 ND XV | V | OBHS 3 RD XV @ Bishops court 1 (KAIKORAI RFC), 11:15am |
| KING'S 3 RD XV | V | OBHS SENIOR BLUE @ Bishops court 3 (KAIKORAI RFC), 11:15am |
| KING'S U16 COLTS | V | TAIERI COLLEGE COLTS @ Taieri College, 11:15am |
| KING'S U15 PANTHERS | V | DUNSTAN HIGH SCHOOL U15 @ Kings No.1, 12pm |
| KING'S U15 TIGERS | V | OBHS U15 WHITE @ Bathgate Park 2, 11:15am |
| KING'S U15 WILDCATS | V | OBHS COLTS @ Bathgate Park 3, 11:15am |
| KING'S U14 PANTHERS | V | DUNSTAN HIGH SCHOOL U14 @ Kings No.2, 12pm |
| KING'S U14 TIGERS | V | OBHS U14 WHITE @ Kensington Oval 1, 11:15am |
| KING'S U14 WILDCATS | V | KAVANAGH COLLEGE / KAIKORAI COLLEGE U14 COMBINED @ Kensington Oval 2, 11:15am |

PLEASE CHECK GROUNDS & TIMES CAREFULLY, ANY ISSUES OR
DOUBTS SEE MR BELCHER.

The Draw can also be found on the King's Rugby website:

<http://www.sportsground.co.nz/kingshigh>

Please save to your favorites.

DONATIONS FOR THE HATHERLY

The King's Outdoor Education Department is looking for Indoor Games for the Classroom by the Sea, The Hatherly out in Warrington. This is for when the weather is poor and the students will need to be entertained indoors. Anything will be considered, but it has to be in working order and PG or below.

Games like Monopoly, Playing Cards, Jenga, Connect Four, Draughts or Chess will be greatly accepted.

Thanks for your time, Mark Davis