



King's Week

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Building Men for Life

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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

I am writing this King's Week article from my motel unit in Nelson after a very satisfying first day at the National Football Championships. Naturally the tone of this column will be positive after two very good wins today. This term is passing in a blur and very soon it will have concluded leaving just a short window of time before NCEA examinations and end of year preparations are upon us again. Senior exam week was largely successful and served the purpose of giving students a gauge of where they are at and the level of work that needs to be done for them to achieve to their potential in the November examinations. With approximately nine weeks remaining before the commencement of examinations it is important that the boys react now to feedback and act now to address deficiencies and begin preparation. The staff are willing to provide all the direction and assistance that is needed but the effort really needs to come from within each young man. Please take the time to encourage your sons to embark now on their study programme and make sure they are utilising the term break. Sacrificing a proportion of this two week break can reap significant rewards when the results are posted early next year.

I want to express my thanks to the school community for their support of our interaction with the Ministry of Education pertaining to the proposed enrolment scheme. The letters from parents, students and supporters of the school were hugely influential in signalling the discontent of the community at large to this scheme. As you may have seen in the newspaper we arrived at the following agreement with the Ministry of Education:

(1) There will be no enrolment scheme for 2016. This means that all students wishing to come to King's next year are able to do so. This was important as there was not sufficient time to construct or communicate clearly what an enrolment scheme might entail.

(2) There will be an enrolment scheme from 2017. We will be targeting to maintain our roll at 1035 students. This was a positive outcome as the initial intent was to reduce our roll numbers. We are confident that very few, if any, students will be prevented from attending King's at this number.

I have started the enrolment interviews with our prospective Year 9 students for 2016. This is an incredibly enjoyable and rewarding process. I am delighted to report that the calibre of the young men I have interviewed thus far has been superb. They will continue the growth and development of King's as we continue to invest in the growth and development of these young men. It is time for me to sign off now before fatigue starts to impact on my coherence.

Thank you all for your continued support of your sons and the school. Together we are part of something very special.

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY HEAD TO THE BEACH

As part of their internal assessment, the Year 11 Geographers headed down to St Clair beach to study the erosion occurring there and to listen to two experts discussing recent developments.

The students are required to find possible solutions to the problem of erosion as part of the assessment.

Speaking to the boys in the photo below is Nicola Reeves from the "Save Ocean Beach" blog and standing to the side is Peter Standing the DCC Chief Engineer who also addressed the class.



2015 ROYAL SOCIETY RUTHERFORD LECTURE

Talented Chemistry students Skye Grut (below left), Michael Hatton (below right), Josiah Davidson and Sam van der Weerden had the opportunity last week to attend the 2015 Rutherford Lecture: *Going super heavy - the end of the periodic table of elements*, by distinguished Professor Peter Schwerdtfeger of Massey University. It was a great opportunity to hear a scientist working in New Zealand, in collaboration with teams from the USA and Russia, who is at the cutting edge of fundamental science, speaking with passion about his work to both create, and investigate the chemistry of elements beyond those found naturally on Earth.



NOTICES

King's High School
Presents...



The
**Festival
of
Arts
&
Culture**

An evening showcasing the best KHS Arts and Cultural students, including an Art Exhibition and Performances by Drama, Music, Kapa Haka, Pasifika and Spoken Word students.

Thursday the 10th
of September at 6:30pm
King's & Queens
Performing Arts Centre
Tickets are \$5 from the
KHS Office



Next week we are holding a festival celebrating the diverse range of Artistic and Cultural talent we have here at King's. Tickets go on sale on Monday – See you there.

Poster design by Paul Whiley and Mr Waters.

ROWING

The month of September (starting Sat 5th) will be for new aspiring rowers to have a go together with the help of experienced rowers. Saturday mornings 8am at NERC (Sunday if Saturday's weather is no good).

From October the squad will be selected and training times organised.

We are looking for 1-2 assistants who can help me manage/coach the squad this year. Please let me know if you are interested in developing this area, which can be very rewarding. It can be part time and also work in with your own rowing goals.

Contact Mr K Maker (Coach) or Mr Conrad(TIC)

Friday 18th September

School will be finishing on this date at 1.25 following Period 4 as Staff are undertaking a P.D. session. Buses will be running at the normal times. If boys are unable to make alternative transport arrangements the Library will be open and supervision provided.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...Nico Mueller who recently went to the NZ Wrestling Nationals and came away with four Gold medals. He won one for each of Senior Freestyle, Senior Greco-Roman, U20 Freestyle and U20 Greco-Roman.



...The Year 10 Science quiz team who placed 3rd out of 11 schools in a recent competition. The team was made up of; Alex Brown, Asher Quin, Max Petre and Liam Hewson.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR FAMILIES TO HOST OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Would you like the chance to give one of our International students a warm and friendly Dunedin welcome into your home? If so please contact Helen Rietveld, our Homestay Coordinator, on 4557547 ext 8850.

Your commitment:

- *A warm room with a desk
- *3 meals per day, 7 days per week
- *A caring environment
- *Patience and understanding

*And most of all a willingness to be interested in his life whilst he is in New Zealand

In return you will be able to enjoy the experience of a different culture, make new acquaintances in our homestay family network and receive remuneration to cover their living costs.

If you would like to know more – Please give Helen a call.