



King's Week

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Building Men for Life

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I find myself writing this King's Week column with a sense of frustration. I am lying horizontally in my armchair trying to alleviate the pain my fractured ribs and collapsed lung are creating.

I am paying the price for the folly associated with playing sport like a young man when I am clearly not.

My frustration is borne out of the fact that I have only just started getting back into the rhythm of school after my sojourn overseas and I find myself once again absent. The beauty of our technological age is that I can at least engage in some communication. So this is it.

Having shared with you details of my school visits in the UK and Ireland several weeks ago, with a specific focus on improving academic achievement, I thought in this column I would progress to the part of my trip where the focus fell heavily on Values. On an annual basis there is an International Boys' Schools Coalition (IBSC) conference in some part of the world. I seldom attend these simply because of the cost associated with the travel and accommodation. So when I was awarded the Woolf Fisher one of my first priorities was to find out if the IBSC conference could be included in my itinerary. I was delighted to find that the dates fitted perfectly. I left my family in Los Angeles and headed for Nashville, Tennessee. The conference was hosted at Montgomery Bell Academy a private boys' school. The school was spectacular. It was founded on the kinds of Values that we embrace at King's and there was evidence of these Values everywhere in the school. The focus of the conference was "Building Boys into Good Men". It sounds awfully familiar doesn't it?

I was right in my element on two counts. Firstly, I was raised on country music and I found myself in the home of country music. I actually spent a night at the Grand Ole Opry. It was fantastic. Secondly, I am passionate about the role that we have to play in developing our boys into good men. It was a blissful week.

I could spend an extended period of time outlining all the things I learned and all the things that we are doing, pertaining to the development of character, that were reaffirmed. I thought for the sake of brevity I would leave with you the two things that struck me. Both were statements made by presenters that resonated with me. The first one was, *Our boys will be what they see*. In the absence of men in their lives many young men have had to define what they think a man is, alternatively some have had men in their lives who are anything but positive role models. Part of our charge and challenge is to provide our young men with positive mentors and examples of what it means to be a man. If we do not, then it will be impossible for these young men to imagine beyond what they have seen or formulated in their own minds.

The second statement really moved me. It was simply, *It is easier to build boys than it is to repair broken men*. This sums it all up for me. This is what my job is about. I stopped and reflected on this statement for some time. I meet many broken men. I guess we are all broken men on one level or another. However if we can help our young men embrace good character then we will reduce the fissures and the cracks in their lives that invariably come from destructive decisions. They will also inflict less damage on those around them and our families and society as a whole will be stronger.

It is easier to build boys than it is to repair broken men. That is our focus. That is our privilege. To help build boys so they don't become broken men. No wonder I am frustrated about not being at school to be part of such an important task.

Dan Reddix
Rector

DRAMA DEVSING – LEVEL 2

This term, the Year 12 Drama class have been working on their devised performances. The standard requires students to write their own scripts, design costumes and lighting, block and direct their own work.

Below: One group points out the pointless nature of war and terrorism based around events in NYC on Sept 11, 2001.



Another group (below) explore the dangers of celebrity status.



NOTICES

NCEA FEES – SENIOR STUDENTS

Must be paid by the 29th of August (next Friday)

Financial Assistance forms are available from the office.

Please pay before you incur a LATE FEE of \$50.00

MĀORI WHĀNAU HUI

For all whānau of Māori students and whānau interested in the Māori department at King's
Wednesday September 3, 5-7pm, Library.

“THE ROYALS” FUNDRAISER

Tonight at 7pm in the King's and Queen's Performing Arts Centre.
\$5 entry for high school students and \$3 for intermediate students.
Help raise funds for the King's and Queen's Pacifica Group as they prepare for Polyfest in September.



Items for Chocolate Wheel, Tombola and Silent Auction can be dropped off at the school office at any time now. We are looking for anything from wine, signed memorabilia, gift basket of food or garden items, trailer load of firewood, vouchers, artwork to chocolate bars, drinks, small toys.
Many thanks from the King3s High School PTSA Christiane 0274761552 or email kingsptsa@gmail.com

King's and Queen's High School Japan trip 2014 Fundraising

All proceeds to go to support travel costs for the King's and Queen's students studying Japanese for their cultural and language trip to Japan in December 2014

Gluten Free cook book selling for \$15 if you wish to purchase please contact Paula Watt on paulaandchris@xtra.co.nz

YEAR 10 CAMP - 2014

Each year during Term 4 King's High School runs a Camp Week where all Year 10 students are engaged in a range of activities both in Dunedin and around the South Island during Week .8. of Term 4. (Monday the 1st to Friday 5th of December)

Your son is now placed in one of the following Year 10 camps. You will have paid the deposit of \$50 and now the rest of the money needs to be paid for by the November the 1st.

Camp Option

Windsurfing Dunedin	(\$75)
Golf - Dunedin/Central Otago	(\$300)
Music	(\$100)
Milford	(\$340)
Hollyford Track	(\$345)
Surfing Dunedin	(\$50)
Surf Camp - Camp	(\$280)
Stewart Island Experience	(\$345)
Mountain Biking - Otago Rail Trail	(\$275)
Man Camp Hell on Wheels	(\$390)
Waiiau Fishing Camp	(\$280)
Manapouri Sea Kayaking	(\$510)
Mason's Bay Stewart Island	(\$425)
Humpridge Tramp	(\$375)
Extreme Downhill MTB	(\$260)

There is a facility available for you to make automatic payments towards your son's Camp. Please contact the school office to find out more.

This is a good time to start thinking about accessing the gear needed for your son's trip at the end of the year. If you have any issues with getting the correct gear for your son's camp please advise the teacher in charge of your camp, so that they can acquire it.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact King's High School on 455-7547 to clarify any queries that you may have.

BRING THE PINK BAG TO SCHOOL PROJECT KING'S HIGH SCHOOL

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU.

Thank you to all those families who supported our Bring the Pink Bag to school project. What an amazing sight it was to see the boys coming into school carrying their pink bags.

The total collected was an amazing 2019kg

The funds raised amount to \$2,833.75 for 2014.

Congratulations to Sjp who returned the most pink bags and enjoyed a pizza lunch thanks to Independent Welding.

Thanks King's High School PTSA

King's High School Sports Council Golf Tournament - Friday 10th October St Clair Golf Club

Donated prizes are welcomed.

All money raised goes back into Sport at King's.