



# King's Week

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*Building Men for Life*

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## BOOKGANG FOLDS UP FOR THE YEAR.

The Bookgang had their final gathering yesterday in the library. Along with devouring Ms Schaumann's famous 'xmas glitter cookies' the boys got to rifle through piles of books and stock up on reading material for the summer holidays. The BookGang meet once a week and are the avid readers of the school, devouring not just cookies but also masses of books throughout the year. New members are always welcome. Seniors have the opportunity to attend The Gentlemen Readers Society which meets occasionally after school for coffee and book chat.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO HEAD BOY JOSH AITCHESON

Following on from Josh's huge success and contribution to King's Basketball for the last five years, he was named in the Junior Tall Blacks and is currently in Fiji at the U18 FIBA Oceania Tournament.

We wish him all the best for the Tournament and look forward to hearing updates of the games.

Below; Josh (third from left in back row) with the team that he captained at this year's national tournament.



## SOUTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS' JUNIOR WATER POLO TOURNAMENT 2016

Last Thursday the King's Junior Water Polo team traveled North with Mr. Graham, Mrs Jopson and Mr. Belcher to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools' Junior Water Polo Tournament held at Jellie Park. This was the first time we have participated in this tournament and the boys were eagerly anticipating the competition.

On Friday morning, on our way to the pool, we stopped at the airport to collect our brand new King's togs and Water Polo caps which had been flown all the way from Sofia, Bulgaria!

Day 1 Results - St Bede's lost 5-15, Burnside HS won 15-3

Day 2 Results - OBHS Lost 6-16, James Hargest College Won 13-3

Day 3 Result - Combined Boys lost 8-14

## Finished 5th overall

The boys played really well over the three days and it was pleasing to see how much they improved over this time. Mr. Graham, who was the Coach for the tournament, commented in particular on their team work. We were also certainly the best dressed and presented at the tournament.

A massive thank you must go to our sponsors, without their generous support we would not have been able to make this happen.

Thank you to the following businesses and if you can support them please do: Nichol's Landscaping, CrossFit Dunedin Rx for Life, Capers Café, Compete Auto Repairs, Otago Polytechnic, Warehouse Stationery South Dunedin, NavCom Electronics Ltd, Graeme Pennell Nidd Realty, Dunedin, Show Boat Online Video - Nathan Martin.

Finally a massive thank you to both Mr. Graham and Mrs. Jopson for taking the time to support these boys, without your support this trip would not have been possible. Well done to all the boys involved, it was an enjoyable weekend away.

Mr. Tim Belcher  
TIC Water Polo



## SOUTH ISLAND SUNBURST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four sailors represented the school in the South Island Sunburst Championships held at Vauxhall last weekend. The boys all sailed incredibly well in predominantly strong gusty winds and challenging conditions. They had some exhilarating downwind runs, recovered quickly from spills and capsizes, and came ashore with huge grins and plenty of adrenaline.

For Rueben Towers, Adam Masaki and Riley Symon it was their first regatta and they quickly got the hang of the intricacies of racing. Ryker drew on all of his experience and displayed superb sailing skills as he skippered his boat through a particularly wild and windy hailstorm. It was a great weekend on the water and the boys are looking forward to a full sailing season ahead.



## CRICKET

Last Friday the King's Y9 Cricket Team played John McGlashan College Y9 in the Otago/Southland semi-final of the NZCT Competition at Bayfield Park. King's won the toss and batted first. They were in trouble early after losing Jacob Gilbert when the score was on five. Beckham Wheeler-Greenall joined Zeke Buschl at the wicket and the pair combined in a record second wicket partnership of 225 runs. Beckham ended up unbeaten on 128 not out and Zeke finished on 60 not out, with the team total after 40 overs 230 for one wicket.

A pretty competitive John McGlashan came in to bat and struggled against some very good bowling spearheaded by Ryan Watterston who took 4 for 16 and Lewis Wall who claimed 4 for 20 bundling out John McGlashan College for 78.

There was a piece of individual brilliance shown by Adam Greenfield who took a spectacular catch in the field. The team now plays Otago Boys' High School Y9 in the Otago/Southland final on 2nd December at the University Oval (hopefully), the winner of which then heads to the National Finals to be held next year in Palmerston North from 27th to 31st March.

We wish them well.

# NOTICES

## YEAR 9 & YEAR 10 JUNIOR PRIZEGIVINGS

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

A reminder to all parents and caregivers that on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December we will be celebrating the academic successes of all Year 9 & Year 10 students for 2016.

- Year 10 Prizegiving starts at 9.15am in the PAC. Parents/Caregivers are asked to be seated by 9.10am.
- Year 9 Prizegiving starts at 11.30am. Parents/Caregivers are asked to be seated by 11.25am.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at King's at [ds@kingshigh.school.nz](mailto:ds@kingshigh.school.nz) or on 455-7547.

Darin Smith

## KING'S HIGH SCHOOL PTSA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Our Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 10am-12pm and again in January, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January from 4-5pm and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 5-6pm.

If you have uniform pieces to donate, please bring them down to our shop (beside the tennis courts) during these hours, or phone Ros Stroud-McAdam on 021 157-5574.

## BLAZER SALE

Owing to the change to new blazers this year, we have excess stock of the old-style blazers which are on sale for \$100. These can only be worn by Year 13 students in 2017. Stocks are limited so first in first served. Available from the school office.

## GUIDANCE COUNSELLING AT KING'S

This term we farewelled Guidance Counsellor Mr Jim Muir. There will be a period of 4-6 weeks where we do not have a fulltime Counsellor based at the school and I would like you to be aware of plans for the provision of counselling services over this period.

Ms Leigh Gillespie, Counsellor, works on Fridays and is known to many boys. We also have two professional counsellors, external to the school that we can call upon to assist when required. To access counselling services, boys in Years 9 and 10 can speak with Mr Darin Smith.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries, please ring the office on 455 7547.

## PTSA FUNDRAISER

### "COOKING FOR CHANGE"

If you are looking for an inspired Christmas gift, look no further. "Cooking for Change" has over 100 Recipes contributed by well-known New Zealand sportspeople, politicians, musicians, actors etc. – and includes contributions from our own ex boy Graham Sydney. It is the brainchild of NZ artist Dick Frizzell and profits from sales of the cookbook will be donated to four charities – Starship Hospital, Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand, Auckland City Mission and Paw Justice. The cookbook sells for \$49.99 (RRP) in bookstores but will be made available to purchase through King's High School for only \$40.00 - for each book sold, our School receives \$13.00.

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