



The King's School • Tudor House

# School Newsletter

Term 4 2019

## Important Information

6 December 2019

### School Notices

📅 **SCHOOL CALENDAR:** go to  
<http://www.tudorhouse.nsw.edu.au/calendar>

✉️ **BRAESIDE** please contact by email:  
[braesideshop@kings.edu.au](mailto:braesideshop@kings.edu.au)

### Upcoming Events

Fri 6 Dec: Christmas Carols 6pm

Sat 7 Dec: Prize Giving & Speech Day 10am – 12pm

**Uniform Donations to the Clothing Pool are very welcome. Please drop-off your unwanted uniform items that are clean (Blazers dry-cleaned) and in good repair, to the Office (open until Wed. 18 Dec.)**

## Head of School's News

I am delighted to share with you the 2020 Staff List:

2020 The King's School, Tudor House Staff	
Position	2020
Pre-Kindergarten	Mrs Annie Whitehead
Kindergarten	Mrs Alison Lawson
Year 1	Miss Kim Dixon
Year 2	Miss Juliana Horton
Year 3 White Colour Housemaster	Miss Penny Coleman
Year 4	Miss Abby Porter-Shaw
Year 5G	Miss Samantha Griffiths
Year 5G	Ms Emma Johnson
Year 6J	Mr Timothy Jenkinson Mr Sam Goodfellow
Year 6B	Mr Lachlan Blue
Art	Mrs Meredith Todd
Biblical Studies / STEM Red Colour Housemaster	Mr Richard Deck
French	Miss Annabelle West

Music	Mrs Sophie Richter, Mrs Jarmila Martinek
Woodwork Blue Colour Housemaster and MIC Kahiba	Mr David Petrola
Physical Education	Mr David Petrola - <i>Upper School</i> Mr Sam Goodfellow - <i>Lower school</i>
Sportsmaster	Mr Sam Goodfellow
Teacher Librarian	Mrs Janine McPherson
Educational Support Services Teacher	Ms Elizabeth Davis
ESS Teacher	TBC
ESS Teacher's Assistant	Mrs Sharon Johnson
ESS Teacher's Assistant	Mrs Eugenie Vertzayias
ESS Teacher's Assistant	Ms Therese Smith
ESS Pre-Kindergarten Teacher's Assistant	Ms Kim McCallum
Boarding Assistants	Mr Richard Deck Mr Sam Goodfellow Mr Jamie Everingham
Head of Boarding	Mr Timothy Jenkinson
Director of Academics	Mrs Caitlin Hayman
Director of Co-curricular	Mr Sam Goodfellow
Director of Students and Community	Mr Richard Deck
Head of School	Mrs Anni Sandwell
Operations Manager	Mrs Lindy Lenarduzzi
School Secretary and EA to the Head of School	Mrs Sue Trudeau
Preparatory and Regional Registrar	Mrs Jo Grinham
Enrolments and Community Relations Officer	Mrs Anna Massey
Catering Team	Mr Jamie Everingham; Mrs Ingrid Gaynor; Mrs Kelly Bizjak; Mrs Jenny Henry, Mrs Brigitte Cutajar, Mrs Joy Darragh
Boarding House Matron	Mrs Tiffany Jenkinson
GAP students (Boarding House Assistants)	Miss Lara Batten (until June, 2020) and Miss Melissa Lourenco (until December, 2020)
Bus drivers	Mr Frank Cutajar and Mr John Darragh

We welcome new members of staff in 2020:

**Mrs Annie Whitehead** (Pre-Kindergarten) joins us from Mittagong Public School. Annie is familiar with our School, as a mum. Her son Angus was in the Tudor House Class of 2017 (and is now at The King's School in Year 8). Annie has extensive experience in predominantly Early Childhood education both at regional and city schools, in Australia and overseas.

**Miss Juliana Horton** (Year 2) comes to us from Cranbrook School. She is an experienced Primary Years Programme (PYP) educator. Originally from Nyngan, Juliana is looking forward to making the Southern Highlands, her home.

**Mrs Janine McPherson** (Teacher Librarian), is also an experienced educator as a classroom teacher and most recently, a passionate school and public library, teacher librarian. Mrs McPherson has worked in local, regional, interstate and UK schools.

**Ms Therese Smith** (ESS Teacher's Assistant) has worked in School Support since 2012 at Oran Park and previous to this, locally in Childcare.

I look forward to introducing you to our new members of staff, who all come with wonderful references, in 2020.

I take this opportunity to thank **Miss Samantha Griffiths** who will move from her position as **Year 2 teacher and Director of Lower School to a new role.** Fortunately for us all, still at Tudor House, as a Year 5 teacher from 2020. Thanks to Miss Griffiths for her outstanding contribution to Tudor House as Lower School Director. Many PK - 2 children have performed in the most magnificent Nativity Plays due to her creativity and direction. Lovely traditions have been started and maintained, and countless children have loved being in her classroom, as part of their early childhood education. Miss Griffiths' passion for all things equine, led to the establishment of the successful Tudor House Equestrian Programme, an initiative well-received by lots of Tudorians. This co-curricular activity will continue to be coordinated by Miss Griffiths.

At the end of 2019, we say farewell to some very valued members of our School staff. Our adored **Kindergarten teacher, Mrs Julia Abbey** won't be working full-time at Tudor House from 2020. However, she has assured us that she will return as a casual teacher at our School, covering classes when the need arises. Thank you, Mrs Abbey, for your gentle guidance and excellent teaching with the young members of our School community, and for being such a wonderful colleague. We'll look forward to seeing you as often as possible. **Mr Cameron and Mrs Courtney Williams, Boarding House Assistants since 2017**, leave Tudor House at the end of Term Four as they prepare to move into their brand new home. We wish Cameron, Courtney and baby Reuben every happiness and success in the future and thank them for their outstanding service in Medley House. They've touched many lives with their kindness and care. We also wish **Ms Samantha Clarkson** all the best in the future and thank her for building lovely relationships with Tudor House students she's worked closely with, this year. It seems such a short time since **Miss Yolisa Jali** arrived from South Africa as a **GAP student** in January, 2019. She's brought such happiness and fun to our lives and shown us the importance of giving new experiences a go - whether at School or on her extraordinary holiday adventures during the year. We're delighted that Yolisa will study Education at University when she returns to South Africa. We're so grateful that Yolisa chose to spend a year with us at Tudor House and will always remember her with gratitude and fondness. Good luck, Yolisa!

We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and skilled team of teachers at Tudor House. On behalf of our School community, I thank them all for their tireless devotion to our students.

Last week we delighted in the sparkle and joy of the Lower School Play, **"Wombat's First Nativity."** Congratulations to the Lower School students, teachers and parents. What a fabulous team effort to 'pull off' such magical performances.

We also enjoyed a very successful **Triathlon** event last week and the last cricket match in the **Ashes series** (Day students v Boarders).

Thank you to the Year 6 students/families, teachers and catering team for a wonderful **Year 6 Leavers' Weekend**. The cricket, softball and tennis games were fabulous. We all enjoyed the Bush Dance and excellent food over the weekend. The Leavers' Chapel Service led by Mr Deck and The Reverend Dr Hobba marked such an important milestone in the lives of the Class of 2019.

This week we've acknowledged the Lower School students' achievements at a **Recognition Assembly**. Much to the children's delight, a special red and white clothed gentleman, with a beard, bell and Mrs Claus, arrived for a visit, gave out presents and stayed for a festive lunch!

Although I expect your family will enjoy many exciting outdoor activities during the holiday period, just sometimes during holidays, computer-use goes up! May I draw your attention to the eSafety Commissioner's excellent new website at the link below. This is a very useful resource.

[https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Gift%20guide%20eDM&utm\\_content=Gift%20guide%20eDM+CID\\_deff1a718e397fc5c76ae79e4a47f1ea&utm\\_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm\\_term=Orange%20arrow](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Gift%20guide%20eDM&utm_content=Gift%20guide%20eDM+CID_deff1a718e397fc5c76ae79e4a47f1ea&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Orange%20arrow)

Early in the New Year, I look forward to sharing plans for a **new Cricket Pavilion on RB Darke** we'd like to build, in 2020. With your support, money donated to the voluntary Building Fund will be used for this project. It is anticipated that when the softball field (almost finished) is complete and the cricket pitches have been spruced up, that RB Darke will be used for all summer sport fixtures. It will be wonderful to have a more functional pavilion (with toilets) close to the summertime games. Thank you to Mrs Susie Fuller for the architectural plans.

Over the summer break, the School will be developing a new **School intranet** which will greatly enhance communication for parents/carers and students. The intranet will enable convenient access through a mobile app. It will provide access to current information from across all campuses of The King's School.

Other features include:

- Integrated School calendar
- Online forms to replace paper forms
- Specific communication (School, academic, sporting, co-curricular) will be sent via Notices
- News will be updated throughout the week, as it happens.

Parents will receive further information about the intranet and opportunities (presentations) where parents can learn more about it.

As the year draws to a close, I express my gratitude to the Tudor House parents/carers for your generous support for our School. Thank you for assisting with and attending the many School activities we organise.

Grateful thanks to the Tudor Rose Auxiliary for organising community events. Thank you to the Parent Representatives from each class for encouraging families to get involved and therefore getting to know each other. We are so grateful to you for sharing with other families, what makes your child's school so unique and for encouraging others, to *'take a look at us now!'*

### **Carol Service at 6pm on Friday, 6 December**

We look forward to seeing the students in Years 2 - 6, families and friends at the **Carol Service at 6pm on Friday Dec 6 in the War Memorial Hall**. Students in PK - Year 1 may of course attend. This event is not compulsory for

the PK - Yr 1 students. The students must wear impeccable Full Blues uniform. Students are expected to report to their classrooms by 5.45pm so they can be taken to the Hall and seated, ready for a prompt start.

### Prize Giving and Speech Day at 10:00am Saturday, 7 December

**Prize Giving and Speech Day** (compulsory for prize winners in Kindergarten to Year 2) and for all students in Years 3 - 6, commences at **10am on Saturday December 7**. The students must wear Full Blues uniform. All students are expected to be seated by 9.45am. Prize Winners, please be at the hall at 9:30am. Year 6 reserved seating for two family members will be allocated and labelled.

We have had such a busy year, filled with many highlights. Thank you all for the support you show to our staff. We look forward to seeing the students in 2020. **Boarders return on Tuesday January 28, 2020. Kindergarten to Year 6 students begin classes on Wednesday January 29, 2020.** Pre-Kindergarten students return on Monday February 3, 2020.

Listen out for the Tudor House festive greeting recording on 2ST Radio over the holidays.

To the **graduating class of 2019**, I wish you every happiness and success in the future. Thank you for being such a vital part of the Tudor House story. Stay in touch and visit when you can!

I wish you a safe and happy Christmas holiday with your family and friends.

**Anni Sandwell**  
**Head of School**  
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## Director of Teaching & Learning News

### Our Library

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies.....The man who never reads lives only one”.  
George R.R. Martin

An extraordinary year in our Library, 2019 has brought change and updating to the learning hub of our School. With the generous support of our School community, we have added over \$10,000 worth of quality literature to our Library. This influx of exciting books, has changed the students' attitude and engagement with their School Library. The introduction of Birthday Books has allowed the students to access brand new releases and beautiful tried and tested favourite books. We have purchased books specifically to align with class Units of Inquiry and to support investigations into various concepts.

We sourced literature reflecting international-mindedness – world literature, mother-tongue, countries and culture – a ‘window on the world’. It is a spectacular setting with an affective domain – a place for our students to think, reflect, be calm and balanced. We have responded to student interests and requests, ensuring the Library supports literacy and reading development across all ages.

There is no doubt, the variety and quality of literature available for Primary aged students now is extensive. We have shared many fabulous stories this year. Our Library engenders a love of stories, creative narratives and reading, often reflecting a multi-cultural and multi-lingual environment. We met local best-selling author Rachel Spratt and her entertaining visit resulted in students from Year 2 through to Year 6 reading her *Nanny Piggins*, *Peski Kids* and *Friday Barnes* series. We now have every one of her titles in our Library.



We encourage the students to choose books outside their comfort zone and challenge their preferred genres when reading. We know that representation matters across all curriculum areas. We have deliberately chosen titles that affirm and include all children and their story, supporting our global mindedness.

Mrs Vertzayias and I have delighted in reading new titles and engaging students with new series. Bookclub is a very popular weekly attraction in the Library. We are looking into eBooks for our collection. With over 500 new books in our Library this year, there has been a LOT of contact stuck to Mrs Vertzayias' fingers! We are so lucky to have such a passionate Librarian. The Library Witches live on!!

Please keep your children reading over the holidays and if you need any suggestions, please email me at [chayman@kings.edu.au](mailto:chayman@kings.edu.au)

**Caitlin Hayman**  
Director of Teaching and Learning and PYP Coordinator



## 2019 Tudor House Triathlon



As we are coming to the end of another jam-packed year and the Tudor House boys and girls demonstrated the amazing Tudor Spirit once again. On Thursday 28 November, it was the School Triathlon.

Students were able to compete as a team or as an individual. All were encouraged to participate and pleasingly, the majority of the Upper School competed. Encouragement, perseverance and determination are all qualities that the Tudor students demonstrate every day, but were highlighted on a cold, wet morning.



Students were to swim 8 laps of War Memorial Pool, ride their bike around the grounds for 2.5km and then run 2km. There

were 13 teams and 30 individual competitors.

Some outstanding results from all students. Finishing is the main aim and all did this. Well done!

The Musgrove Trophy (Stage 2 Individual winner) was awarded to Tristan McGorman for the second year in a row. The Penman Cup (Stage 3 Individual winner) was awarded to Alfie Clark.

I was very proud of all who braved the weather and cheered on, participated and tried their best. It is a great finish to the sporting year for Tudor House.

**Sam Goodfellow**  
Sportmaster  
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# Equestrian News

## News Stable-side

And here we are, Term Four has cantered by! This term has been our busiest so far, with some new riders joining and some returning after a break over the winter. Due to this popularity, a Saturday group was added to the programme.

Following on from the success of the gymkhana at the end of Term Three, our riders continued to grow and develop in their horsemanship and riding. Many are now competently cantering and jumping. We are now hoping to work towards having an Interschools team in the near future.

The team at Rosthwaite Farm are delighted to watch our students grow and develop into accomplished horsemen and horsewomen. We are all constantly surprised by how quickly new skills are learned and consolidated. A special mention must go to Charlie Barlow who has come on in leaps and bounds this year. He is now riding many of the bigger and more challenging horses, as well as confidently jumping 75cm. Charlie Barlow was this year's recipient of the Del Throsby Horse Riding Award (awarded at the Tudor House Summer Sports Luncheon in Week 7). This award goes to a student in the horse riding programme who in the opinion of the instructor/s, has the best attitude and/or ability in classes. This award is named after a past riding instructor, Del Throsby (Throsby Park).

2020 is looking exciting for the Tudor House equestrian programme, as two gymkhanas are set to take place to showcase our young riders' skills. We are also looking forward to seeing how our riders continue to set new goals and work towards being the best they can be.

## Summer Holiday Camps – Book Now to ensure you don't miss out

Rosthwaite Farm are also holding a number of day camps during the school holidays. Camps will run on the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th December & 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th January. Each camp consists of two riding lessons per day to ensure plenty of riding time, as well as learning about practical aspects of caring for your horse/ pony, and plenty of fun and games! Camp runs from 9am - 3pm. If you would like to make a booking please contact Shelley.

## 2020 Term One Tudor House Equestrian Programme Enrolments

We will be sending out our 2020 Term One Enrolments in January, so check your inbox. Existing riders should contact Shelley now, to ensure your place is secured. Looking forward to seeing you all next term.

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