

Middle School News

Message from the Head of Middle School

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I pray that the holidays have been refreshing for families. Students are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to grow this term. Growth is inevitable during their adolescent years, with growth in character, faith and wisdom requiring intentional effort on the part of students, with guidance and support from parents and teachers.

This term the key questions in learning are: Year 7: We are designed with a purpose. How can we use our God given abilities and talents to fulfil that purpose? Year 8: Which leaders do we follow and what impact does their leadership have? Year 9: How do we as Christians reflect and shape a culture today? These questions are pertinent to the ongoing growth of our students because they essentially ask them to think critically about their context. This is extended to thinking reflectively about themselves and how they will chose to act and live.

The impact and power of making wise decisions cannot be understated. We take encouragement that our students have purpose in God's economy. *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."* Ephesians 2:10. As a school we endeavour to see our students engaging in all the good works God has prepared for them. In this we seek growth in our students.

This term we welcome 36 Kwangsung Dream School (KSD) students from South Korea into Year 9 for the term. We look forward to the new opportunities KingsWay students and KDS students will have in learning from each other. Mrs Aimee Fitzgerald joins the Year 9 team as a teacher for this term. Year 9 students will also engage in a Careers Onsite Day and a Careers Expo and Option Evening this term. All students will be able to test their stamina capability in the Cross Country Event to be held at the scenic Shakespear Park. Opportunity to extend learning outside the classroom is being promoted with the Year group trips; Year 7 to The Mind Lab and Year 8 to Navy Museum in week 9 and Year 9 to Carey Park trip in week 10. These are rich learning activities that we encourage parents to attend and support. Parents are also invited to attend the Being Emotionally Strong evening.

I trust and pray that all students will have the opportunity to grow during the third term.

Regards,

Mr Michael Moimoi



Middle School Service Day at Wenderholm

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Events this Term

- Parent Teacher Conferences
31 July
Bookings can be made on PTO
- Cross Country
16 August
- Years 9-12 Careers Expo (6pm)
and Options Evening (7pm)
21 August
- Relationship Evening (7pm)
6 September
Being Emotionally Strong
(Years 7-9 Parents/Caregivers)
- Year Group Trips
21 September (Years 7-8)
25 September (Year 9)

YEAR 7 : Term 3 Overview

Worldview question:

“We are designed for a purpose. How can we use our God given abilities and talents to fulfil that purpose?”

English:

Written Language

Students will focus largely on narrative writing. They will write narratives to hook their reader in to the world of the Roman Empire! Students will share their narratives with peers as well as read narratives others have written. Students will then choose different genres of writing to go with their Roman project.

Reading

Tying in nicely with Written Language, students will read narratives. Students will continue to develop their skills of inferencing, evaluating and synthesising information. In reading the narratives students will develop their vocabulary and depth of comprehension while also being inspired to use new skills in their own narratives. Research skills of locating information and summarizing will be developed in our research on our Roman inquiries.

Oral and Visual Language

As part of our Social Studies unit, students will design their own invention to fit a given set of criteria. Students will decide how to present these visually in a variety of ways. They will then share these at their Roman Expo.

Mathematics:

Mathematics has foci on decimals, fractions, ratios and proportions. This will be followed by learning more about Measurement as we build on our skills from Term 1. During the term students will continue with their Personalised Plans and Maths Buddy. We will also provide regular opportunities for students to apply their learning through solving real life word problems.

Biblical Studies and Social Studies:

These two subjects will be studied in an integrated manner.

We will explore how God is our designer, as we are designed with a purpose in mind, created specifically and loved. Continuing on the theme of the Kingdom of God, we will look at the purpose God has for us in His kingdom. As we look at the Roman Empire we will find out about inventions of their time and the impact these had on people then and now.

We are looking forward to seeing students go on to choose a specific area of interest to explore further. Examples of these may include gladiators, architecture or the Olympics. A significant driver for the student inquiry will be a project whereby they design inventions that would have an impact on the people of that time. This aspect of the unit will begin half way into the term. Parents will receive plenty of information on this nearer the time. We can't wait to dress up in togas and see what the students have created at the Year 7 Roman Project Expo!



Year 7 Trip to the Maritime Museum

Mrs Lisa Lambert, Head of Year 7

*“We are designed for a purpose.
How can we use our God given abilities and talents to fulfil that purpose?”*

Year 7 Term 3 Trip: The Mind Lab

Friday, 21 September

Year 7 will be visiting the The Mind Lab as part of their focus on inventions and design. Students enjoy the creative environment, groovy presenters and getting engaged in hands on activities.

Students should bring a packed lunch and drink bottle on the trip.

We do need parent help to make this trip a success. If you can help, please indicate your availability on the reply form.

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YEAR 8 : Term 3 Overview

Worldview question:

“Which leaders do we follow and what impact does their leadership have?”

English:

Written Language:

Students will study the genre of narrative writing with a focus on using powerful, descriptive words (adjectives, verbs, adverbs) and figures of speech (e.g. simile, hyperbole, personification, etc).

Reading:

Students will read a novel (based on their reading ability group) and will do activities based on this novel. The reading focus will be centred on visualising what has been read and the use of descriptive and figurative language.

Oral & Visual Language:

Students will prepare a poster about a chosen leader and will explain to the class why they chose that leader plus sharing quotes that have inspired them. In the first two weeks of term 3, the students will design a tract in pairs and give an oral presentation (evangelism unit).

Mathematics:

Topics for this term are: Area & Volume, Measurement, Geometry and Angles. Students will be taught in groups to ensure we effectively meet the needs of all students.

Biblical Studies:

We will look at what it means to follow Jesus and discipleship. This will entail looking at what it means to trust His leadership in our personal lives and how we can impact others with His truth.

Social Studies:

The topic this term is Leadership. The focus will be on the consequences of leadership and the impact of leadership styles around the world. The students have a close look at their own personality and leadership styles and how this relates to working with others.

Mr Colin Gray, Head of Year 8



Japanese Food Experience

“Which leaders do we follow and what impact does their leadership have?”

Year 8 Term 3 Trip: Navy Museum, Devonport

Friday, 21 September

Students will attend a class that focuses on World War II. The class will highlight aspects of leadership and how New Zealand coped when the men went off to war. They will also have the opportunity to see the displays in the museum as well as exploring the North Head tunnels.

Students should bring a packed lunch and drink bottle on the trip.

We do need parent help to make this trip a success. If you can help, please indicate your availability on the reply form.

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YEAR 9 : Term 3 Overview

Worldview question:

“How do we as Christians reflect and shape a culture today? “

English:

Written Language

Students will write a critical and reflective essay based on the movie ‘Remember the Titans’. They will explore themes of friendship, integration, discrimination and working as a team.

Reading

Students will have an individual reading programme to encourage reading volume and to further develop comprehension.

Oral Language

Students will be acting in their films and will be involved in group and class discussions. They will also present their Social Studies inquiry to their class.

Visual Language

Visual Language is a major focus this term. Students will engage in a film study, camera analysis and story board writing. We will tie the topics together with the filming and production of students’ own movies and are looking forward to an Oscars ceremony at camp in Term 4.

Mathematics:

The topics covered will be Algebra and Statistics.

Biblical Studies:

The Psalms – ‘Getting Real with God’ – aiming to give students a better understanding of the character of God, and how they can and should respond to Him. This understanding comes by studying the expressions of a relationship with God that are found in the Psalms. We also aim to equip students to engage directly with the Bible through the development of textual analysis skills.

Social Studies:

Our topic for the term is the Renaissance-a period of time where peoples’ understanding of God, culture and art changed dramatically. We will look at the background to the Renaissance, the city of Florence and key leaders and artists of the era. The emphasis will be on ‘Culture Shapers-Then and Now.’ We will look at those who have shaped culture in the past and how they have influenced the present. We will also explore how we can be culture shapers as Christians in our community.

Mr Pierre Barnard, Head of Year 9



Year 9 Museum Trip

“How do we as Christians reflect and shape a culture today? “

Year 9 Term 3 Trip: Carey Park, Henderson

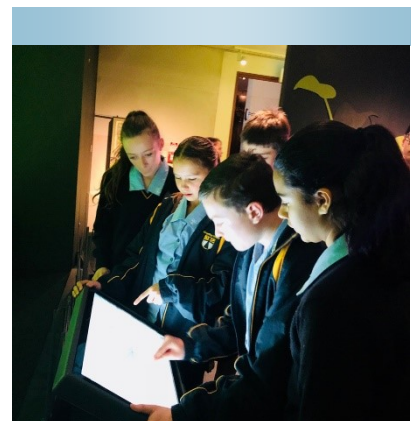
Tuesday, 25 September

Year 9 students will be going to Carey Park in Henderson for their end of term outing. Students will be involved in many exciting indoor and outdoor activities which promote team building and problem solving. They will also have the opportunity to practise their archery, air rifle and rock climbing skills.

We do need parent help for this event, some activities will be dependent on the number of adults available for supervision. If you can help, please indicate your availability on the reply form.

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Specialist Classes

Health:

Year 7: Taking the Reins Together is a unit based around the theme Living a Victorious Life. Exploring the theme of what it is to be Above the Line with our thoughts, actions and behaviour and owning this when we don't quite get it right. Ownership, accountability and responsibility will be the key focus areas of this unit. The Key Competencies promoted will be Managing Self and Participating and Contributing.

Year 8: Attitude, Grit and Resilience is our unit foci for Term 3. We will explore what is Grit and how do we get it! Students will unpack and discuss how to be a resilient teenager in what is a tricky time in their adolescent life. Research shows effort is a great predictor of success so students will be encouraged to focus on Managing Self and reflecting upon the tools and gifting's that help them persevere and give their best in all circumstances. The Key Competencies promoted will be Managing Self and Participating and Contributing.

Year 9: Shaping Culture Through our Choices – Drugs and Alcohol.

How does culture shape us and how do we influence culture with our decisions and choices as young people? We will explore how we can use our talents and abilities to positively influence culture and those who are closest to us. Students will look at this through the lens of Drugs and Alcohol – rights, responsibilities and laws, care and safety of others and our wider community. Our school value Personal Faith and Character will underpin all teaching and learning activities with a focus on a personal relationship with Jesus at the forefront of this topic.

A small group project/problem based inquiry of their choice will be the major focus of work towards the end of the term and into Term 4. The Key Competencies promoted will be Thinking and Relating to Others.

Physical Education:

Year 7 and 8: Do Hard Things

We will be building up our strength and stamina with a variety of long distance running activities and games as we prepare for the Middle School Cross Country. Of particular interest will be our interclass competition to see which class can "clock" up the most kilometres over the 4 weeks. Which class will hold bragging rights for this challenge! The Beep test (a cardio vascular running test) will be offered to those students who wish to challenge themselves and perhaps set themselves a personal fitness goal for the term. This is optional and the PE teachers will let the students know when this is taking place. Team games based around Relating to others, Participating and Contributing and exploring leadership roles will also be offered. **Please note ALL students require SHOES at school for PE this term** as we will be out training on the estuary pathways and surrounding area. This helps protect their feet and eliminate the chances of any long term foot injuries.

Year 9: Have a Go

All Year 9 students will be immersed in Australian Football, a fun, fast paced game that caters for all genders and skill levels. AFL North Harbour will present a series of skill sessions starting in week 1 and 2. The finale will be a 4 week House competition played in PE lessons. Please note your child may need a change of clothing and a towel at school as if the weather is wet these lessons may still go ahead. Please ask them to manage this themselves so that they can still take part in this fantastic opportunity.

Cross Country

Thursday, 16 August

Venue: Shakespear Park

Once again Middle and Primary School will combine for the Cross Country at Shakespear Park.

We do need parent help to make this event a success. If you can help, please indicate your availability on the reply slip.

Please complete the online permission form on the school website:

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Relationship Evening

Thursday, 6 September @ 7pm

Who: Years 7-9 Parents/Caregivers

Topic: **Being Emotionally Strong**

Building emotionally strong teenagers. Middle School will present the framework of a programme that will be built into the curriculum. Themes include developing worth, strength and purpose for girls and significance, resilience and courage for boys.

Welcome to Kwangsung Dream Students

This term Middle School is privileged to have 36 students from a South Korean Christian school. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn from others and to share their schooling experience.

Term 3 Permission Reply Forms

Please complete online reply forms by Tuesday, 31 July.

Note: you will need your child's ID Number to complete these forms - please refer to the email from Angela Andrew with the subject line: "Your child's KingsWay ID Number"

All permission forms for the following events can be accessed from the School Website under Middle School Parent Information:

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Year 7 - 9 Cross Country — Training Route and Event

*23 July to 15 August: Training Route outside the school grounds on the estuary walkway:
Thursday, 16 August: Cross Country at Shakespear Park*

Year 7 Trip to MindLab

Friday, 21 September

Year 8 Trip to the Navy Museum

Friday, 21 September

Year 9 Trip to Carey Park

Tuesday, 25 September

Relationship Evening RSVP

Thursday, 6 September: Years 7-9 Parents/Caregivers

CALENDAR: Middle School Term 3 2018

Please be aware these dates may change. Refer to the KAMAR Parent Portal for most up to date information: <http://kamar.kingsway.school.nz/index.php/calendar>

Tuesday	31 July	ICAS English 2pm School Finish (Years 7-13) - Buses will run at normal times Years 7-13 Parent Teacher Conferences
Friday	10 August	Family Movie Night
Tuesday	14 August	ICAS Mathematics Year 9 Sports Studies Option: Snow Planet
Wednesday	15 August	Year 9 Careers Day (at school)
Thursday	16 August	Cross Country
Tuesday	21 August	Years 9-12 Careers Expo (6pm) Years 9-12 Options Evening (7pm)
Wednesday	22 August	Cross Country Saver Day
Thursday	23 August	Years 9-10 Auckland Mathex
Friday	24 August	Years 7-8 Auckland Mathex
Tuesday	28 August	Years 7-13 Winter Sport Photos
Thursday	6 September	Years 7-9 Relationship Evening - Parents/Caregivers (7pm)
Friday	7 September	Mufti Day (Cambodia Mission)
Saturday	8 September	Craft Fair
Monday	10 September	Foundation Day Assembly
Tuesday	11 September	Year 7 Hearing and Vision Testing
Monday—Friday	17-21 September	E-asTTle Testing Week
Tuesday	18 September	Auckland Christian Schools Cross Country
Friday	21 September	Year 7 Trip: MindLab Year 8 Trip: Navy Museum
Monday—Friday	24—28 September	PAT Testing Week
Tuesday	25 September	Year 9 Trip: Carey Park
Friday	28 September	Last day of Term—3:15pm finish

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