

Middle School News

Message from the Head of Middle School

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I trust students have transitioned into the start of the new term after a refreshing school holiday. It is evident in many of our students that growth has taken place, especially physically, and after three terms of learning and growth students have one last term left of opportunity.

This term the key questions in learning are:

Year 7: "How does your life show what you believe?"

Year 8: "What is our Christian responsibility for making a difference in this world?"

Year 9: "What is made and sustained by God?"

Given the plethora of messages and ideas from differing perspectives, being relayed to our young people, the questions challenge our students to think critically about what they actually value. It starts with understanding God's perspective from His Word and how these contrast and compare to their own thoughts and those of society. As values and beliefs find their greatest expression in actions. Students will be challenged to respond according to what they believe.

This term the Year 6-9 Parents Meeting, 23 October at 7:00pm, is essential attendance in preparing students to transition successfully into the next school year. If your child is not returning to KingsWay next year please let the school know as soon as possible.

Students will have an opportunity to test their physical abilities with Athletics Day on 5 November. The Year 7-13 Sports Prize Giving on 26 October is an opportunity acknowledge our students. Year 9 students will be particularly challenged with a Careers Day on 19 November and Taupo camp from 26-30 November. Water safety sessions for each year 7 and 8 group will occur in December. Students will be involved in Service Day activities at each year level on 7 December.

The term includes trips to celebrate the year on 12 December: Year 7 to Activ Zone and Glenfield Pools, Year 8 to Parakai Springs Hot Pools and Year 9 with an ice skating and beach trip. Parent support and help for these trips are encouraged and necessary for their success.

To recognise the ability, work and effort of students the Middle School Prize Giving will be held on 12 December at 7:00pm. Students will be recognised for their efforts and achievement during a Distinction Assembly held during the day whereas the evening Prize Giving is for the major Middle School awards.

A reminder to inform the school of any absence, whether for a day or part of the school. The school is required to have formal explanations for the absence of students. Please ring the school or email. A signed physical note is also appropriate.

The term concludes with reports being issued electronically on Friday 14 December. As partners with you in your child's education we thank you for your support and prayers. We look forward to a great final term of school.

Regards,

Mr Michael Moimoi



Kwang Sung Dream Students in Year 9 Classes

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Events this Term

- Parent Meeting
Tuesday, 23 October @ 7pm
- Athletics Day
Wednesday, 5 December
- Service Day
Friday, 7 December
- Distinction Assembly
Monday, 10 December @ 1pm
- Year Group Trips
Wednesday 12 December
- Middle School Prize Giving
Wednesday 12 December @ 7pm
- Last Day of Term 4
Friday, 14 December
Finish at 12pm

YEAR 7 : Term 4 Overview

Worldview question:

“How does your life show what you believe?”

English:

Written Language

Students will focus largely on writing the genre of persuasive arguments. They will adopt a position on various issues and seek to convince the reader that their view is correct by using a range of techniques. Students will also write in preparation for our annual inter class debate competition.

Reading

The focus in Reading for Term 4 is on developing effective comprehension and application skills by reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. Students will participate in our Read the Classics Challenge and various activities along with this also.

Oral Language

Students will develop their debating skills by persuading their audience of their position on a given moot, for example, “Material gifts are the best to give and receive at Christmas”.

Visual Language

Students will create a visual static image advertisement using various techniques. They will then record a radio version of this ad to accompany it.

Mathematics:

Our focus strand is Statistics. Students will use the cycle of identifying a problem, planning, collecting data, analysing and forming conclusions. We will apply our statistical skills to our Christmas and consumerism focus. This will be followed by our termly focus on Number skills that are identified as next learning steps for the students.

Biblical Studies and Social Studies:

These two subjects will be studied in an integrated manner.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Students will look at different world views and how the actions of people come out of what they value. We will explore how our actions are the evidence of what we believe. Students will discover that God is truth and His Word can be depended on as being truth.

As we approach the Christmas season we will identify what consumerism looks like at this time of year and ways that it can affect us. We will discover ways to act on what we believe is most important at Christmas. A focus will be on looking outward and work together to identifying ways that we can bless others in the season of celebrating the birth of Jesus. We look forward to putting our ideas into practice.

Mrs Lisa Lambert, Head of Year 7



Trip to MOTAT and MindLab

“How does your life show what you believe?”

Year 7 Term 4 Trip: Glenfield Pools and Activ Zone

Wednesday, 12 December

Let's celebrate! Year 7s have had a wonderful year of growing, learning and sharing the year with each other as a team. Students will skate, swim, dive and enjoy the hydro slides.

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.

Please complete the online permission form on the school website:

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YEAR 8 : Term 4 Overview

Worldview question:

"What is our Christian responsibility for making a difference in this world?"

English:

Written Language

Students will study exposition texts and learn the art of persuasive writing. The students will apply these skills to use information that can be used in formal debates.

Reading

Students will be reading persuasive texts (exposition) where the author has a strong opinion or point of view e.g. in a newspaper, magazine, website.

Oral Language

In oral language, debating skills will be practised, culminating in a debating final in the middle of the term.

Visual Language

Students will create a visual presentation in a lesson about an environmental issue. They will teach this lesson to the rest of the class.

Mathematics:

Topics for this term are Statistics and Probability & Chance. Some revision of previous units will be done. Students will also be designing board games.

Biblical Studies:

Students will focus on mission, studying the Great Commission and what it means to spread the word and love of Jesus locally and internationally.

Social Studies:

The unit of study this term is Environmental Issues. The focus is on finding out the causes and effects of local, national and global environmental issues and how communities respond. Students will explore topics like the global food crisis, sustainability, fragile ecosystems and recycling. The intention is for students to begin taking some responsibility towards becoming good stewards of the earth. Towards the end of the term, students will have an opportunity to work collaboratively on a project that will benefit their school community (Design Week).

Mr Colin Gray, Head of Year 8



Year 8 Market Day

"What is our Christian responsibility for making a difference in this world?"

Year 8 Term 4 Trip: Parakai Springs Hot Pools

Wednesday, 12 December

For their End of Year Picnic the Year 8 students will go to Parakai Springs hot pools. Students should wear mufti and girls' swimsuits need to be one piece only (i.e. no bikinis). Students should bring a packed lunch, drink bottle and sunscreen 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 4 Overview

Worldview question:

“What is made and sustained by God?”

English:

Written Language

Students will be writing expository texts and will produce a brochure for Social Studies.

Reading

Students will be reading material related to their debating topics. They will also read brochures in preparation for creating their own.

Oral Language

We will be practicing the skills of debating which will culminate in a debating final during the last week of term.

Visual Language

The visual presentation of brochures will be studied and students will then incorporate these features into their own publication.

Mathematics:

Year 9 students will continue with Algebra and Statistics and Probability.

Biblical Studies:

Year 9 will be continuing with the topic ‘The Psalms – Getting Real with God’.

Social Studies:

Our topic for the term is ‘Conservation of Valuable Places’ focusing on the Tongariro National Park. We are looking at why different groups value land in different ways and how this impacts the care of the land.

Mr Pierre Barnard, Head of Year 9

Year 9 Career Exploration Day

In Week 6 all Year 9 students will have an opportunity to spend a day thinking about and exploring future careers.

Monday, 19 November:

Work Experience Day (offsite)

As part of our ongoing work in careers, students will begin to explore and make inquiries about an offsite work placement day for Monday 19 November (Week 6). More information will follow but students and parents are asked to start inquiring now so that a suitable work place can be secured well in advance. This does not need to link to a planned career pathway but is an opportunity for students to experience being in the work force and to gain understanding and insight in a day of work.

“What is made and sustained by God?”

Year 9 Term 4 Trip: Paradise Ice Skating & Manly Beach Trip

Wednesday, 12 December

To celebrate an excellent year and a wonderful group of students, we are going to Paradise Ice Skating Rink in Avondale for our end of year trip. Following this, we will go to Manly Beach where students and parents can swim, play sport and hopefully enjoy the sunshine. Students should wear mufti and girls' swimsuits need to be one piece only (i.e. no bikinis). Students should bring a packed lunch, drink bottle and sunscreen on the trip.

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.

Please complete the online permission form on the school website:

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Health and Physical Education

Term 4 sees us focus on our Key Competencies in Health and Physical Education and celebrating how the students have grown in these and are applying them in a physical setting. Middle School Athletics Day and the Water Wise activities are fun events for the students to look forward too. Parent help will be needed at these events so if you are able to offer your time this would be greatly appreciated. Please fill in the electronic form as usual.

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.

Year 8: Valuing All People and Relationships with Others. This unit will focus on what we value, how we value and why we value. Bullying and misunderstandings will be themes woven into the units activities and class discussions.

Please note that the film, Wonder (Nov 2017), will be shown to help explore the themes of kindness, acceptance, light bearers, loving others and accepting them as God sees them. The film is rated PG and on common sense media it is deemed "suitable for families and years 8+) Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDPEKXx_IAI

Year 9: Shaping Culture Through our Choices – Drugs and Alcohol. Students will investigate and present a question of their choice (individually or in pairs) based on the topic on Drugs and Alcohol and how it may shape our culture. Class lesson time will be used to help scaffold and facilitate their inquiry but the bulk of their work will need to be completed at home on a computer. Presentation of their inquiry will be in the form of a Power Point or a Prezzy and will be due Week 4.

Careers: As part of our ongoing work in careers, students will begin to explore and make inquiries about an offsite work placement day for Monday 19 November (Week 6). More information will follow but students and parents are asked to start inquiring now so that a suitable work place can be secured well in advance. This does not need to link to a planned career pathway but is an opportunity for students to experience being in the work force and to gain understanding and insight in a day of work.

Physical Education:

Year 7: Striking and Fielding games with a focus on Participating and Contributing. Athletics preparation.

Year 8: Unusual games with a focus on Relating to Others while taking part. Athletics preparation.

Year 9: Games of choice and Create a Game for camp. Athletics preparation.



Service Day

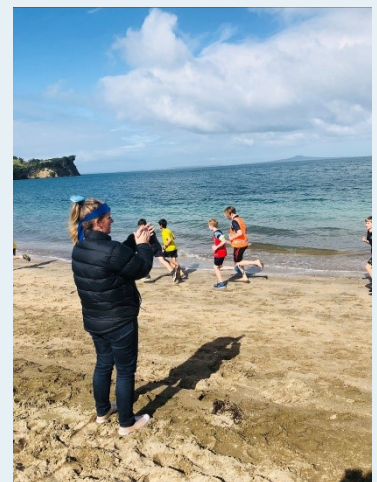
Friday, 7 December

All Middle School students will be involved in a Service Day in our local community.

Year 7: Will be cleaning up areas around the Orewa Estuary.

Year 8: Will have the choice to visit a retirement village or lead Junior School students in a programme for the day .

Year 9: Will remove rubbish on Orewa Beach as well as having a session with a water care expert on caring for our waterways.



Mufti Dress Code Expectations

Mufti Day Expectations

- Mufti days allow students to present in clothing that supports modesty, non-offensive language and symbols, without restricting participation in everyday school activities (example PE)
- Low cut tops, shoestring singlets and indiscreet* shorts and trousers are inappropriate clothing for school
- Standard uniform hair and jewellery rules apply

**Note: Definition of indiscreet - where modesty falls below standards set with normal uniform wear*

House Day Expectations

- ALL House colours only: Tshirt and or dress up items in house colours otherwise PE gear if competing (no jeans)
- Leggings may be worn UNDER shorts

School Sports Days Expectations (Athletics / Cross Country / Swimming)

- KingsWay School PE shirt OR House coloured T shirt and school PE shorts for competing
 - Leggings may be worn UNDER the school PE shorts when competing
- *Dress up in house colours also permitted (eg tutu, socks, capes, wings)*

Swimming:

- Girls: wear one-piece swimming costume (alternatively a rash shirt must be worn)
** Rash shirt optional with one-piece swimming costume*
- Boys: swimming trunks or board shorts – no day wear shorts (e.g. PE shorts or cut-off jeans)
** Rash shirt optional*



Term 4 Permission Reply Forms

Please complete online reply forms for the following events by Friday, 26 October.

Note: you will need your child's ID Number to complete these forms - this is a 5 or 8 digit number which you can find on the KAMAR Parent Portal, at the top right underneath your child's name.

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

<http://www.kingsway.school.nz/our-school/middle-school/parent-information/permission-and-registration-forms>

Year 7 Water Wise Programme (Northern Arena)

Monday, 3 December (7LLA, 7MWE & 7TCO)

Tuesday, 4 December (7JGR & 7ZDE)

Year 8 Water Wise Programme (Mairangi Bay Surf Club)

Thursday, 29 November (8VGA & 8GFL)

Friday, 30 November (8CGR & 8PDA)

Year 7 - 9 Athletics Day (Onewa Domain)

Wednesday, 5 December

Year 9 Water Fun Day (Stanmore Bay Leisure Centre)

Thursday, 6 December

Year 7 - 9 Service Day

Friday, 7 December

Year 7: Orewa Estuary

Year 8: Retirement Village or KingsWay Junior School

Year 9: Orewa Beach

Year 7 Trip Glenfield Pools and Activ Zone

Wednesday, 12 December

Year 8 Trip to Parakai Springs Hot Pools

Wednesday, 12 December

Year 9 Trip to Paradise Ice Skating & Manly Beach Trip

Wednesday, 12 December

CALENDAR: Middle School Term 4 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>

Friday	19 October	2pm Finish
Monday	22 October	Labour Day
Tuesday	23 October	Year 6-9 Parent Meeting (7pm—Event Centre)
Wednesday	24 October	Year 8 HPV2 Immunisations
Friday	26 October	Sports Prize Giving
Monday—Friday	5—9 November	E-asTTle Testing Week
Wednesday	14 November	Year 7 Market Day
Friday	16 November	North Harbour Athletics
Monday	19 November	Year 9 Careers Day (Offsite)
Monday—Friday	26—30 November	Year 9 Camp
Thursday	29 November	Year 8 Water Wise Programme (8VGA & 8GFL)
Friday	30 November	Year 8 Water Wise Programme (8CGR & 8PDA)
Monday	3 December	Year 7 Water Wise Programme (7LLA, 7MWE & 7TCO)
Tuesday	4 December	Year 7 Water Wise Programme (7JGR & 7ZDE)
Wednesday	5 December	Athletics Day
Thursday	6 December	Year 9 Water Fun Day
Friday	7 December	Year 7—9 Service Day
Monday	10 December	Middle School Distinction Assembly (1pm) <i>Parents welcome</i>
Tuesday	11 December	Year 9 Sports Studies Option: Surfing
Wednesday	12 December	Year 7—9 End of Year Outings Middle School Prize Giving (7pm)
Friday	14 December	Reports published in KAMAR Parent Portal Last day of Term 4 (12pm Finish)

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