



KINGSWORTH  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## WELCOME TO KINGSWORTH NEWS

Dear Parents,

May I take this opportunity – being as it is, the last newsletter of the year – to wish you all the very best for the coming year. We have had a great couple of terms and I think – with the winter school fair – we finished on a high. I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to 3 students and of course wish them all the very best, too – Aidan, Dune, and Tom from the primary school. Both Aidan and Tom will be going back to Australia, while Dune is going to Barcelona in Spain.

We have also witnessed on the last day of the term the new creation of the students' Newsletter – a joyful play on words as it is called *Kings Words*. Despite a couple of spelling errors (see if you can spot them!) which I have to put down in part to my fault as I should have proofread the newsletter but was unable to

find time, the newsletter is a great achievement and I wish to thank all of the following – Managing editor: Rina - Year 13; Main editor: Annabel - Year 9; Comic creator : Alex - Year 12; Graphic Designers- template creators: Rina - Year 13, Luka - Year 11 and Jade-Year 12; Photographers : Filipa - Year 13, Luka - Year 11, Troy - Year 12; Reporter: Eleanor- Year 12, Official note taker: Scarlett - Year 9; Staff members: Zoe, Scout and Chloe -Year 9; Copy editor: Ms Quigley; Editor in Chief: our Art teacher, Ms Ghanem.

I would like to finish the present newsletter (I'm afraid I cannot help but by always coming back to education!) with a few thoughts on what it is that really underpins our way of trying to teach and trying to get children to think, here at Kingsworth. We want all the students here to reflect on what we can call the higher level thinking skills as opposed to the mechanical, factory processed style of thinking, i.e. the way students regurgitate or use memorisation and rote learning. What I have personally seen in the past couple of weeks, in both the secondary and primary schools and particularly in the spheres of music and theatre – so a big thanks to Ms Cameron as well as Ms Thubron and Ms Benhenna – and which is exemplified with the creation of our newsletter, is to get children interested in the creation and development of those thinking skills, being able to develop their own programs and own ideas not just within the academic framework but throughout the whole school and life. But more of this another time ...

Once again let me wish you all a great break and happy New Year. I'll be back in January... Promise!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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