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Newsletter Term Four 2011



HEAD OF HOUSE REPORT

As the year comes to a close there are all sorts of mixed emotions for the Year 13 leavers – fear, excitement and sadness. As we all go our separate ways, we say goodbye to what has been an amazing two years at King's and open a new chapter in our lives.

For the Year 12 girls, the exciting and challenging prospect of leading the school in 2012 lies ahead. Congratulations to those who have gained leadership positions. Take to your new role with modesty and integrity, as there will be many who are disappointed. Girls, it is important to remember that every member of Taylor has a significant role to play around the house whether it is presence or enthusiasm in the mentoring programme. It shows great strength in character to rise up from disappointment and to give your best for the year ahead.

I want to thank all the girls of Taylor house – leavers and returners. I congratulate everyone on their enthusiasm throughout the year, which has made 2011 such a success. I will forever cherish the memories and laughs we have had together and will never forget the people I grew so close to over my time at King's. I hope we all stay in contact and I wish everyone the best of luck for what ever lies ahead.

I hope everyone has a lovely holiday and a Merry Christmas!

Potens Pollensque
Powerful and Capable

- ***Taylor Head of House 2011***
Emma Sherratt

A WORD FROM THE HOUSEMASTER

It has been a busy end of term concluding with a successful House Supper last week where we celebrated the Year 13 girls as they head off to exciting places. I thank Emma and Lucy in particular for their excellent speeches and MC duties respectively - as well as Latafale's mum for her great piano playing! As I type this we are getting ready for the final prize giving. This time of year is one that is always filled with mixed emotions as we say farewell to many members of the House but we also look forward to our current Year 12 girls taking on new roles and responsibilities. I thank you all for your assistance in keeping this House running smoothly in 2011 and wish you a safe, relaxing Christmas break.

HEAD OF HOUSE 2012

Hiya!

I'm Alex and I'm the Head of Taylor for 2012!

I'm really excited about next year! I hope it brings a lot of laughs, but most of all I hope it brings a lot of great memories for the Year 12s and Year 13s.

It truly has been a tough year for all of us. Making that transition into Kings is always hard, and having to put up with the boys' antics in class for those first few days certainly didn't make it any easier! But the year only got better and with the support from some incredibly inspiring Year 13s, we became so close as a house and definitely showed Middlemore we were a force to be reckoned with! After some mixed emotions about Term One order grades, everyone's focus turned to House Music – and honestly I had no idea about the immensity of the event! So much involvement was shown from the Year 12s and 13s, and I hope that the same passion and dedication can be continued on to next year! But I can assure everyone we are in safe hands with Cultural Captain **Indi Leishman** leading the pack for 2012, and hopefully we can strive for the same results.

But it was back into the Taylor vs. Middlemore interhouse competitions, and through sporting events including Netball and Touch Rugby, we were able to show the Middlemore girls just how much talent our house is made of! Unfortunately we just missed out snatching the Taylor Middlemore Sports Trophy, but I'm sure this is certainly a goal for our Sporting Captain **Victoria Cole**. We've got some great talent coming in and I hope that it shows through.

An overwhelming number of Taylor Girls were congratulated in an assembly for their outstanding dedication to community service throughout the year. I hope this continues through next year as these sorts of activities are so unique to Kings. House Sacristan **Olivia Nadan** and Senior Sacristan **Lucy Stevens** will be more than willing to answer any questions you may have regarding this.

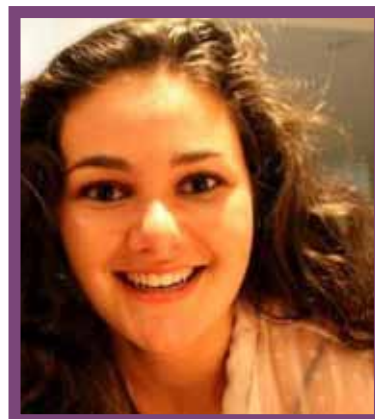
Exams came up in Term 3 and 4, and Taylor felt empty as students disappeared on study leave. I know there were some mixed results from the mocks – mine included – and so I wish everyone luck for the upcoming results release in mid-January. I also wish those students luck that sat Music Theory and Trinity exams recently and hope that you find your results pleasing. However, it was great to be able to regroup at the recent Taylor House supper, where trophies were awarded to many deserving students from both year levels. I was staggered to find that on that same night it was discovered that two Taylor girls have been accepted into the Scholars Common Room for 2012 – I'm sure our Academic Captain **Lacey Fulford** will be pleased with this success.

So it is on to 2012, the final year of our schooling. I don't think anyone can believe it is finally here, and now that it is I bet that none of you will ever want it to end. So enjoy every moment of it, because Deputy Head of School **Charlie Wilkinson**, Deputy Head of House **Amelia Brittain** and I are so excited to be there with you on our final adventure.

Feel free to talk to me at any time – if you need to catch me urgently just flick me a text or Facebook message. Have a great holiday, stay safe, and I cannot wait you see you all next year!

Potens Pollensque.

Lots of love,
Alex Tapper.



CULTURAL REPORT

On the 4th of December the Chapel Choir, Kings Voices and the Chamber Choir came together for two carol services. As the biggest event on the calendar for the choir, and for many year 13s their final choir experience, it was a wonderful way to end the year. Especially given all of the hard work that went in to making it the best it could possibly be. Many of our Taylor girls sang, including **Libby MacCulloch, Sakura Aoki-Danielson, Alex Tapper, Preya Regunathan, Anna Garrett** and **Lucy Parker** from Year 12 and **Latafale Auva'a, Mackenzie Hewett, Claire Gorinas** and **Ashling Doyle** from Year 13. Special mention goes out to

Latafale who had an absolutely beautiful solo in 'In the Bleak Midwinter'. A huge thank you must also go out to Mr West, Mr Artley, Nicholas Forbes and Ed Picton-Turbervill for their incredible work in leading us this year.

Another great cultural event this term was the History of Rock concert, which was held on the 6th of December. The performers enjoyed a wonderful picnic with their families before the event. Mr Burton put on an awesome show that was inclusive of all year groups and incorporated a wide variety of periods of rock music. All in all a thoroughly enjoyable evening for all involved.



TAYLOR HOUSE SUPPER

The evening of December 2nd was the final Taylor house event of the year, the annual House supper. The Taylor house members were celebrated in the presence of the year 13's parents, house tutors, Ms Kerr and Mr Fenner. Everybody enjoyed a three course meal in the dining hall whilst honoring the events and achievements of the past year, and farewelling the year 13's. Lucy Humphreys hosted the evening as MC and did a fantastic job of informing and entertaining everybody for the duration of the night.

The year 13's were presented with gifts of flowers and cards from their year twelve mentees. Soon after Latafale Auva'a, accompanied by her mother on piano, had everybody in the room close to tears when she sang 'That's what friends are for', 'Dancing in the moonlight' and 'Lean on me', all songs she felt held a sense of what Taylor house is all about.

A number of speeches that were given included those by

Emma Sherratt, Head of House, who spoke heartwarmingly of her experience at King's and Taylor house, and also ones by Julia Davenport and Nupur Shukla giving a farewell to the year 13's and wishing the remaining year 12's all the best for their last year at King's.

Ms Kerr then gave her Housemaster's report of the year and provided wonderful advice to the girls venturing out into the world next year. Soon after, trophies were awarded to individuals in years 12 and 13 alike, ranging from academics, sporting and cultural. At the conclusion of the evening, the year 13's were presented with leaver's rings, a small memento of their time at King's and as a member of Taylor house.

The night was thoroughly enjoyable and provided a great opportunity for the girls to farewell each other for the holidays and also for those leaving. Without doubt the year 13's will be greatly missed but we wish them all the best for the future.

-Kelly Blyth

THANK YOU...

A huge thank you to Kelly, Alex and Emma for submitting articles for this issue, it was so helpful!

2011 has been an absolutely incredible year in Taylor, and there are some people that definitely need to be acknowledged for this. Firstly, Ms Kerr and her wonderful team of tutors - Mrs Adams, Mrs Chester, Mrs Delport, Mrs Harter and Mrs Law. Your support has been incredible and so greatly appreciated. Next would have to be our incredible House leader Emma, her deputy Lucy and the whole prefect team. Your dedication has been a huge part of what has made this year run so well. In addition to this, all the year 13 leavers, who have each in their own way contributed to the running of our Taylor home. I know I speak for all of the year 12 group when I say that we will miss your friendship and guidance immensely. I wish you all the best for next year.

However, as the year 13s are preparing to leave, the year 12s are moving in to take on new roles and responsibilities. Here is a list of the Taylor prefects for 2012:

Head of house	Alex Tapper	Eva Cunninghame
Deputy H.O.H	Amelia Brittain	Julia Davenport
Sacristan	Olivia Nadan	Sophie Kember
Sports Prefect	Victoria Cole	Libby MacCulloch
Cultural Prefect	India Leishman	Olivia Miller
Academic Prefect	Lacey Fulford	Lucy Parker
		Lucy Stevens
		Kate Stiasny
		Ashley Varney
		Brooke Wakefield
		Charlie Wilkinson
		Timena Apa
		Kelly Blyth

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! To those girls that are leaving us this year, good luck for your future endeavors. To the girls returning, have a great holiday, and be ready for a wonderful 2012!

-Lucy Parker
Editor