



KENT STREET SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Aviation Newsletter June 2014



Term 2, 2014

The Aviation Support Group (ASG) Chairperson's Report

Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting on Tuesday 6 May. All aviation parents and students are welcome to attend. Our guest speaker was Captain Paul Alexander (father of Harry and Oscar who are students in the Kent Street Specialist Aviation program) and Check and Training Captain with Virgin Australia Airlines. He gave us an interesting speech about life as a pilot, from his early days in General Aviation with various small companies to his current position. His presentation was well received and KB presented him with two bottles of our ASG wine as a token of our appreciation. Thank you very much Paul.

Pizza Incentive

The ASG has endorsed the concept of a "pizza night" at future ASG meetings. To improve attendance at the meetings, it was decided that after the next meeting has concluded, the ASG will purchase pizzas for parents and students in attendance. It was also decided to provide a complimentary flight for two students who are present on the night. We hope this is a suitable incentive to see as many people as possible at the next ASG meeting.

ASG Meeting Notice – Important!

**The next ASG meeting will be on Tuesday
August 12, commencing at 7.00pm.**

**Guest Speaker: Australian Defence Force
(ADF) Recruiting**

Defence Force Recruiting

Personnel from the Australian Defence Force Recruiting will attend the next ASG meeting to give an accurate account of career options available to our students upon graduation. During this presentation, it is envisaged that entry requirements, entry age and pathways within the Defence Force will be discussed.

The presentation will commence at 7.00pm in the Aviation Lecture Theatre on Tuesday, August 12th. Please note this is the third Tuesday of Term 3, not the customary second Tuesday.

Defence Industry and School Pathways Program Scholarships



Four students in Kent Street's specialist Aviation course were recently awarded \$250 scholarships from the School Pathways Program. The program had been allocated funds by the Defence Industry to promote careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and obviously Aviation encompasses those fields.

Students were invited to write a brief essay explaining how the scholarship will be used to motivate/encourage their study in STEM fields, and also to write about themselves, their achievements and goals, and what interests them about a career in Aviation or allied industries. The best four submissions were approved by the School Pathways Program and the winners were: Liam Haringsma, Harrison Elkins and Paul Solomon from Year 9, and Louis Mallatratt from Year 8.

Aviation Tour – Oshkosh 2014

All is in readiness for our month long tour of the US and Canada, commencing on Sunday, July 6th, 2014.

The tour includes a helicopter flight over the Grand Canyon, visiting the Boeing Factory in Seattle, spending two days at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, visiting the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida and spending two days at the world's largest airshow, at Oshkosh in Wisconsin. It promises to be an unbelievable cultural and educational experience.

Avalon 2015

Kent Street Aviation students have the opportunity to attend the Avalon Airshow, departing on Wednesday 25 February 2015 and returning to Perth on Monday 2 March.

The Avalon Airshow, the largest airshow in the southern hemisphere, will run from 27 February to Sunday 1 March 2015. This airshow will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ANZACs and will pay homage to a century of service by Australians in defence of the nation. It is anticipated there will be a good number of "warbirds" (that is, ex-military aircraft) some of which date back many years. Of course there will also be plenty of modern aircraft as well, though the list of aircraft has not been published yet.



Keep an eye on the Avalon Airshow website: www.airshow.com.au

During the time in Melbourne, students will visit Air Traffic Control facilities at Melbourne Tullamarine, the Airways museum in Essendon, the RAAF Museum at Point Cook, the Shrine of Remembrance and the Queen Victoria markets as well as experiencing two days at the Avalon Airshow itself.

Students interested in attending the Avalon 2015 excursion are asked to complete the attached form and return to Mr McKenzie by Friday 8 August.

Student Achievements

A number of students enrolled in the Aviation Specialist course at Kent Street have achieved some significant milestones through their participation in the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC). Further to Year 11 Aviation students Rohan Khanna and Sandon Dutt achieving Dux and runner-up in their Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Course held at RAAF Base Pearce over the January school holidays,



Alex Hazell, a Year 11 Aviation student, successfully completed his first solo in a powered aircraft on the Elementary Flying Training Course, an 8-day course held by the AAFC in April and September of each year at Murrayfield Airport near Mandurah. The course involves 7 days of intensive flying training in the Cessna 152 type aircraft to get cadets up to first solo stage. The training includes straight and level flight, stalls, emergencies and much more. He was the first cadet on the course to go solo with only six days flying training and just over 10 hours experience, and was awarded overall Dux of the Course at a graduation parade held on the 20th of April 2014. The Dux is awarded to the cadet that scores the highest mark on their assessments and who shows a high standard of flying skill, so well done Alex! He is continuing

his flying training at the Royal Aero Club WA at Jandakot.



Aidan Hellmrich, a Year 10 Aviation student, went solo in a Puchatek glider with the AAFC during their 6-day camp at Narrogin during the April school holidays. Aidan achieved his first solo on 25 April.



Another student, Shivangi, is presently too junior in the cadets to go solo, but showing great commitment to her dreams she went solo with the Gliding Club of WA in an IS28 glider at Cunderdin on 3rd May! Congratulations to all of our "high fliers"!

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

A number of Kent Street Aviation students have gained significant benefit from their membership in the AAFC. The AAFC is a youth oriented organisation that is administered and actively supported by the Royal Australian Air Force. The AAFC teaches valuable life skills and helps develop qualities including leadership, self reliance, confidence, teamwork and communication. Some activities undertaken by the AAFC include flying, fieldcraft, adventure training, firearms safety training, drill and ceremonial, service knowledge, aeromodelling, navigation and gliding. If students are interested in joining this organization please refer to the AAFC website at www.aafc.org.au for further information.

Aviation Visitors

Heliwest helicopter instructor David Dicks "dropped in" on the school oval in a R-22 helicopter on Monday 16 June. He then gave an interesting lesson to the students on helicopter aerodynamics.



Another recent visitor was ex-student Shannon McGuckin, Class of 2000 who visited Kent Street on Friday 13 June. Shannon initially flew F111 strike bombers for the RAAF and is now flying FA-18 jet fighters. He showed us some pretty cool videos of the FA-18 and spoke to the students about his life in the RAAF and what they could expect if they joined.



Projects

We are now nearing the end of Term 2 at Kent Street, so lower school students have submitted their major projects for the semester.



There have been some outstanding efforts in Aircraft Controls (Year 8), 50 Photos (Year 8), Aircraft Engines (Year 9) and Aircraft at War Dioramas (Year 10).



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