

# THE WHALE'S TALE



*Frances Kelsey Secondary's  
latest breaking news and views*

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## Moving On

**By Al MacLeod, Principal**

During the past year we have had several visits from former students or spouses of staff proud to show off the latest additions to the family. The visits have occurred at various times, but teachers, secretaries and students materialized from all over the school, drawn by the joy of a newborn.

In eighteen years, these bouncing bundles of joy and their parents will be experiencing what our parents and their graduating students are feeling now – a range of emotions and concerns as the final two months of grade twelve rush to an end. They will soon be “moving on”.

Although four years ago when our students entered grade nine, graduation seemed a long way off, it has become obvious that reality has set in. There is a rush to consider options, complete resumes, fill in forms, pour over various post-secondary calendars, and become increasingly anxious over whether or not “I will make it”. There is also a dawning of the fact that some things are coming to an end – the last game has been played; there is only one more school dance; and long time schoolmates are beginning to

realize that next September they will no longer be together. There is a mixture of fear, anticipation, happiness, confidence (or a lack of) and there are the signposts – grad pictures, dry grad, grad banquet and walk-up.

As parents, you have watched and supported your children as they faced and dealt with all the trials, tribulations, successes and joys of growing up. At times you have “popped your buttons” with smiles that would not erase and at others felt fear and sometimes even anger. Now as your young adults prepare to move on, you share what they are experiencing.

I have known this year’s grads for varying lengths of time, most for four years, and some for less. I have absolutely no doubt about their ability to deal with the future. They are mature and competent. They will deal with whatever comes their way and you will be there to support them.

“Moving on” from grade twelve is a milestone for all of us.

**For complete information about the school, visit our web site at [fkss.ca](http://fkss.ca).**



## Kelsey Calendar

**Mon. May 3, 2004**

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

**Fri. May 7, 2004**

Pro-D Day, no school

**Mon. May 10, 2004**

Dress for Success & Job Interview Day

**Tues. May 11, 2004**

Dry Grad Parents Meeting in Library

**Wed. May 12, 2004**

Worker's Compensation Board presentation

**Tues. May 18, 2004**

Seminar for Women and Daughters in Library: Smart Women Finish Rich

**Fri. May 21, 2004**

Day in lieu, no school

**Mon. May 24, 2004**

Victoria Day, no school

**Wed. May 26, 2004**

7:00 pm PAC Meeting in Library

**Sat. May 29, 2004**

Grad Banquet

**Mon. May 31, 2004**

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

**Tues. June 8, 2004**

Dry Grad Parents Meeting in Library

**Wed. June 16, 2004**

Last day of mandatory classes

**Fri. June 18, 2004**

Last day to hand in work for final report card

**June 21 - 29, 2004**

Government Exams

**Wed. June 23, 2004**

7:00 pm PAC Meeting in Library

**Mon. June 28, 2004**

7:00 pm Awards Night

**Tues. June 29, 2004**

Report cards issued at 8:00 am (Buses return at 9:00 am)

**Wed. June 30, 2004**

6:30 pm Walk Up Ceremonies

# Scholarships and Bursaries

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by Marilyn Sandford, Vice Principal

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We are very pleased with the excellent quality of the local Scholarship and Bursary packages produced by students who are graduating in June, 2004. Approximately half of the graduating class submitted applications to our local Scholarship and Bursary donors.

For more information about any scholarship or bursary, please see Ms. Sandford. All dates should be checked at the sources' site. Some of the scholarships with deadlines in May are: (information provided from <http://bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca>)

Association of BC Drama Educators Scholarships  
BC Arts Council Scholarship Awards Program  
BC Athletics - Harry Jerome Scholarship Award  
BC High School Boys Volleyball Scholarships  
BC School Sports Commission Scholarships - Badminton Scholarships  
BC Secondary School Cross Country and Track & Field Association Coca Cola Scholarships  
British Columbia Shorthorn Association Bursaries  
Canadian College of Teachers Greater Vancouver Chapter Scholarships  
Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers National Scholarship Program  
Certified General Accountants Association of BC - Adult Secondary Completion Scholarship  
Colin DeMacedo Memorial Bursary  
Cowichan Creamery Agricultural Scholarships and Bursaries  
Dubrulle International Culinary and Hotel Institute Scholarship  
Evening Optimist Club of Victoria Vocational Bursaries  
First Citizens Fund Student Bursary Program  
Greyhound Canada "Travel is Educational, Too!" Scholarship Program  
Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia (GOABC) Scholarship Program  
Harry Jerome Scholarships  
Ian Ford Trust Fund Bursary  
IWA Canada, Local 1-80 Jack Mumm Memorial Bursary  
Jerry Gosley Musical Theatre Scholarship  
Judy Bourne First Nations Memorial Scholarships  
Lisa Huus Memorial Fund  
Masonic Bursary Fund of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon  
McDonald's Employee Scholarship Program  
National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF) Aboriginal Health Careers Scholarships and Bursaries  
North Island College Foundation Bursaries and Entrance Awards  
Okanagan University College Entrance Awards  
Petro-Canada Olympic Torch Athletic Scholarship Fund  
Phi Delta Theta Fraternity Scholarships  
RBC Royal Bank Financial Lifeskills Scholarships  
School Plant Officials Association of BC (SPOABC) Bursaries  
Sprott-Shaw Community College Diploma Program Scholarships  
Sprott-Shaw Community College Legion Diploma Program Scholarships  
Teamsters Women's Caucus Scholarship Program  
Teletoon Animation Scholarship Award Competition  
Trinidad & Tobago Cultural Society of BC - Music Scholarship  
Trinidad & Tobago Cultural Society of BC - Post Secondary Scholarships  
Victoria Epilepsy Award for Further Education  
Waikiki Aekai Uniona Scholarship in Agricultural Sciences

## Web Sites:

Canadian Universities and Colleges:  
[www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)  
Online applications in BC: [www.pas.bc.ca](http://www.pas.bc.ca)  
BC Colleges/Universities scholarships:  
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[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)  
[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)  
[www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca)  
*Further websites can be found through  
the Library Homepage.*

# Grad Year-End Activities

## "Who's in Charge?"

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by **Al MacLeod, Principal**

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### **Walk-up and Reception**

The most formal *and* the final grad event is organized exclusively by the administration with staff assistance.

### **Dry Grad Evening**

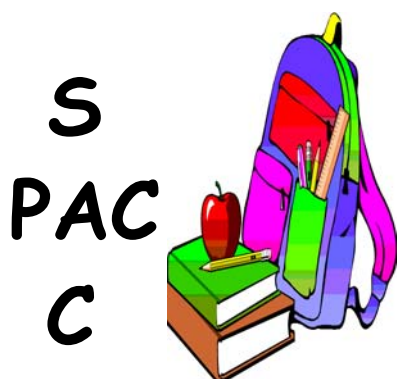
Over the course of the year, a hard working committee of parents plans and prepares this activity which follows the walk up. The committee liaises very closely with the administration and individual staff members as required.

### **Grad Banquet**

This is organized by the student grad committee which works with its sponsors including an administrator. Teachers are invited by the grads and several volunteers to act as chaperones.

*The above are the only activities associated with the school. Any other activities take place without sanction or permission from either the administration or staff.*

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by **Trisha Daniell, President  
FKPAC**

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During April, next year's Grade 9 students came with their parents to have a look at Kelsey. The kids were wide-eyed at the size of the building and the grown-up atmosphere, yet strutting along Looking Cool and pretending to have seen it all before, to be unimpressed, and to have been raised without parents. After my four years here, with a Grade 12 student about to move on, it was quite nostalgic. What a lot of growth takes place in those four years! For the kids who stick it out, they have probably been through the stages so many parents see - kids zipping ahead in the first Learning Guides, and

then relaxing, only to find they've fallen behind and have to choose between racing to get done, going to summer school, or carrying subjects through to the next year. Others made the choice (or had it made for them!) to transfer to a more traditional system, and yet others excelled with grades beyond their wildest dreams. Some discovered the opposite sex, the chance to fail and be helped up, the option to slack off and have to make good.

As a parent, I see students learning from their choices and those of their friends. They watch and notice the consequences of laziness, of planning ahead, of being responsible or irresponsible. And now reaching the end of high school, they may be a lot wiser and more experienced than we their parents were at the same age, knowing a lot about how adults behave, what maturity looks like and what attitudes lead to success. (I don't necessarily think they're all using this information yet, but it's stored away in there somewhere!)

On behalf of all of us parents, I went to the introductory evenings to welcome our new families and children, wanting to tell them

what a wonderful and rapid few years this will be, how very many great opportunities will come their way, and how very fortunate they are to come to a school with such a staff, such warmth, such commitment to the individual. But I looked at the youngsters busy being Cool, and the parents feeling apprehensive, and knew it's something they would have to experience for themselves. Welcome, all of you, to Kelsey.

## **FKPAC**

**Please come and  
join us at our next  
meeting on:  
Wednesday  
May 26, 2004  
at 7:00 pm  
in the school  
library**



## **NEWS FLASH!! BOW MEL CHRYSLER DONATES CAR TO DRY GRAD!!**

We are thrilled to announce that Bow Mel Chrysler has donated a 1992 Z24 Cavalier car to this year's Dry Grad celebration. Every grad has an opportunity to win this car by selling raffle tickets until May 16th. For every raffle ticket a grad sells, his/her name goes into the car draw which will take place at the very end of the dry grad evening. Tickets sell for \$2 each or 3 for \$5 with 1st prize being 2 return Hawk Air tickets to Vancouver and a night hotel at Accent Inn, 2nd prize being 2 nights in Parksville sponsored by Tigh-Na-Mara Resort and Thomas Cook Travel, and 3rd prize being a beautiful gold watch and bracelet courtesy of

# **Dry Grad**

Anthony's Fine Jewellers. Draw date for the raffle prizes will be May 25 at the awards night at Kelsey School. Buy a ticket to win one of these great prizes and increase your grad's chance at winning the grand prize car.

**ATTENTION GRADS:** Please turn in your tickets and cash as soon as you sell them. We collect raffle tickets and money and hand out more tickets to sell every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in front of the library at 7:45am until 8am. Remember, the more tickets you sell, the better chance you have of winning the car!! If you are only able to sell a partial book, that's okay. Just bring back the partially sold book of tickets and cash you have collected and we will get your name into the draw.

We are more or less finished fundraising for Dry Grad. Any parents interested in decorating, or helping out with the Dry Grad evening, June 30, please call Kelly Slade at 743-4747 or come to our meetings in the library on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Next meeting is May 11.

**GRADS -** We will be selling Dry Grad tickets sometime over the next month for \$10 each. Don't miss this fun-filled evening – there will be food, music, lots of fun events, prizes, and a professional hypnotist show – a great way to end 13 years of schooling!

## **DRY GRAD MEETING**

Tuesday, May 11  
7:00 pm in the Kelsey  
Library

Everyone Welcome

## **Library Resource Centre Update**

Bookmark the Library home page. It has a large number of links with curricular connections. It can be accessed from the school homepage: <http://www.fkss.ca>

All the encyclopedias we subscribe to have home access. Students can pick up the passwords at the library circulation desk.

The database BigChalk is now accessible from home. These are all valuable research tools. Encourage your sons and daughters to start their research using the Library home page, especially if they are at a loss where to start their searching. This page has been developed with the students' needs in mind.

## **Hit and Run**

Sometime during school hours on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, a silver Honda parked in the lower student parking lot was hit by another vehicle. Anyone having any information regarding this damage is asked to call an administrator at the school.

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# Career Centre Corner – MAY, 2004

## CAPP Credit Activities:

- May 5 Tour of **Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics** (also known as “The Centre of the Universe”) in Victoria. This is a job-shadow/field trip to see all the different careers related to astrophysics.
- May 10 **Dress for Success & Job Interview Day** – All students will come to school dressed for a job interview, and be ready to have an interview with their advisors in Block W

## Spotlight Presentations:

- April 23 Thank you to Mr. Paul Ceretti who came to Kelsey to talk about careers in **Dental Hygiene**.
- May 12 **Worker’s Compensation Board presentation** in Block H on safety in the workplace for all students who are interested.
- May 17 University of Victoria’s “Go West” presentation on **Engineering Careers**.
- May 26 David Quist, Executive Assistant to a Member of Parliament for Federal Government will present **career paths and opportunities in Politics**

## Work Experience Opportunities:

- **Counsellor-in Training positions for any student who is 17 this year.** Spend your summer on Canoe Lake in Algonquin Park, in northern Ontario. See the posting in the Career Centre or go to [www.taylorstattencamps.com](http://www.taylorstattencamps.com)
- **UBC Connect** – Grade 10 and 11 students can experience University life by spending a week on campus in Vancouver at the end of June. Application deadline is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please see Mrs. Munday if interested.
- **Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre Open House** May 21-24. Be a marine biologist for the weekend. Excellent agenda for the whole family. Go on-line at [www.bms.bc.ca](http://www.bms.bc.ca) or see Mrs. Munday.
- **Encounters with Canada:** Regional Representative, will meet with students in grades 10 and 11, on Tues. May 11 at 11:15 in the Career Centre, who want to apply for this week-long trip to Ottawa next year. Applications will distributed at that meeting.

## What’s available in the Career Resources?

### Helpful web sites:

- [www.bcsap.bc.ca](http://www.bcsap.bc.ca)
- [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)
- [www.bccat.bc.ca](http://www.bccat.bc.ca)
- [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)
- [www.openingdoorsbc.com](http://www.openingdoorsbc.com)
- [www.pas.bc.ca](http://www.pas.bc.ca)
- [www.campusstarter.com](http://www.campusstarter.com)

### Comments:

student loans site  
student awards & scholarships  
BC transfer Guide to BC public post secondary schools  
educational resources – find the right program and school  
post secondary educational planning tool (recommended)  
apply to most post secondary schools online  
online resource for students for education & career plan

**FKSS subscribes to the following sites and access can be obtained through the Career Centre or your student:**

- [echoices.com](http://echoices.com) skills assessment, occupations, personal planning
- [cx.bridges.com](http://cx.bridges.com) employment trends, detailed career descriptions
- [careers.typefocus.com](http://careers.typefocus.com) personality and learning style to suit a career
- [studentcounsellor.com](http://studentcounsellor.com) career and academic planner

## Career Program Placements:

**Recent placements have been made for students in the following areas:**

- Inukton Services – Robotics company in Nanaimo
- H. B. Electric Limited
- Hayes Forest Services – trades tour & machinist placement
- GT Collision – autobody technician
- Cowichan District Hospital
- S.P.C.A.
- BC Cancer Agency, Deeley Research Centre
- Field trip to Camosun College Open House at Lansdowne Campus
- Dinter Nurseries

**University of Victoria**  
**Academic Advisor** for  
Humanities, Science &  
Social Sciences will be  
here on Tues. May 25 to  
help students plan their  
first year. Make an  
appointment in the Career  
Centre.



# FKSS RED CROSS CLUB: Cancer Research Fundraising

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**By Zak Workman, Student**

April is Cancer Research Month. As a result of this, the FKSS Red Cross Club along with Mission Possible (a student organised club, which is dedicated to Cancer Research) held a number of fundraising events. These included a bake sale (which, sold many delicious items very quickly) and raffle ticket sales. The tickets went towards winning an Easter Gift Basket, which contained toys,

chocolates, candies, and several other gift items. The winner of the Easter Gift Basket draw was Kelsey Burns.

The Red Cross Club and Mission Possible would like to thank everyone for their support and generous donations. In total, \$120.00 was raised for Cancer Research. The Red Cross Club has been very successful this year

and without the support from the staff and students, none of this success would have been accomplished.

If you would like to make any further donations to the Canadian Cancer Society then you can reach them at their website, which is <http://www.cancer.ca>

## **MUNCHIES**

How about shopping at Munchies for some great gifts for your kids.

**Blue or white hoodies with**

Kelsey

Kelsey Athletics or

Kelsey Music

\$40.00

**Sweatpants with**

Kelsey on the butt

**Shorts**

**MAKES A GREAT  
BIRTHDAY GIFT!**

\$33.00

\$20.00

Available on order:

**Crewnecks**

**Long Sleeved**

\$33.00

# France - Italy 2004

By Jaymi Zurek and Katrina Thompson, Students

We were among eleven lucky Kelsey students who enjoyed a whirlwind ten-day tour of France and Italy over spring break, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Foster. After months of preparation, language practice and tons of excited planning, our trip began 5:15am March 12 when we met at the Victoria Airport. After travelling for hours via Vancouver and Montreal we arrived in Paris. The first day in Paris was spent taking in some of the local culture while exploring outdoor markets in the outskirts and the beautiful historical city, which included a guided tour of the highlights of the masterpieces of the Louvre. We gazed in awe at the *Mona Lisa*, the *Venus de Milo* and the *Winged Victory* to name a few. Dinner was in a Parisian café and then we walked along the streets of Paris.

The next day included a bus tour of the city. Highlights included the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, and Mrs. Foster had organized entry for us into the Musée D'Orsay where we saw many of the most famous impressionist paintings of Van Gogh, Monet, Manet, and Degas. After the Musée we traveled by Paris Metro to Sacre Coeur and the Montmartre area. What an incredible view of the city of Paris lay below us! Many of us had our portraits drawn in the Place du Tertre where there are many artists painting in the square. What a special souvenir to take home.

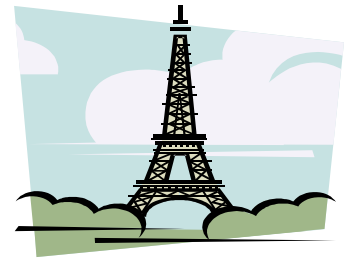
Our exploration of Paris concluded that evening with a night time cruise down the Seine River under sparkling white lights and a trip to the top of the Eiffel tower with a night time

view of all of Paris.

Our next stop was Nice, via the TGV, the fastest train in Europe. We traveled through the centre of France at 180KPH to the beautiful Mediterranean. The weather was a fabulous 28 degrees as we explored Nice and surrounding areas, which included the medieval village of Eze, Monaco, and Monte Carlo. In Monte Carlo as some of us were drooling over expensive cars: Ferraris, Rolls Royce, Mercedes, BMW, Maseratis, others were shopping. At designer shops such as Gucci and Valentino, a dress was seen with the price tag reading 6489 Euro, which is equivalent to over \$10 000 Canadian!!!!

After visiting Nice and the Cote D'Azur, the next day we hopped on a bus, which was equipped with its own espresso machine, and made our way into Italy. We stopped in Pisa for lunch and saw the Leaning Tower. Of course Darien Slater had to have her picture taken, trying to hold up the lean. From there we continued traveling south to Florence. In Florence we visited the famous pink, green and white marble Duomo, the Uffizi gallery, and the Academia. We were lucky enough to see the Botticelli paintings, *The Birth of Venus* and the *Primavera* as well as Michelangelo's amazing marble statue *David*.

The sites, however, couldn't keep us too long from the markets of Florence. We had some free time to do some shopping and explored this amazing city. Many of us bartered for leather items, jewelry and souvenirs. Our visit in Florence was much



too short as the next day we were once again on the road, our destination - Rome, the eternal city.

We made a quick stop in Assisi, where we toured St. Francis of Assisi Basilica (St. Francis is the patron saint of animals) and the beautiful medieval walled village of Assisi. On arrival in Rome, we went for a night walk to the Spanish Steps, Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain. A coin was thrown over each of our left shoulders into the Trevi Fountain, as a promise that one day we would return to Rome.

Our next and final day in Rome started early with a guided visit to the Vatican Museum, Michelangelo's amazing Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Church and Square. If that wasn't enough to take our breaths away, we also strolled through the ruins of the old Forum of Rome and entered the Colosseum and saw the ruins of Ancient Rome. Our visit to the Colosseum was cut short due to a growing crowd congregating for an international peace demonstration. The rest of the day was spent exploring Rome in threes and fours. We all enjoyed sampling the many wonderful flavours of gelato, Italian ice cream. Favourites included classics such as vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, as well as others: pistachio, lemon, blackberry and mango.

After our busy day we all squished onto the metro to return to the hotel. That night was spent packing and saying good-bye to Matteo - our incredible Italian-

French tour director, who had made our tour so much fun over the 10 days, and to our friends from Orangeville, Ontario and Oak Bay High school in Victoria who had been with us throughout the tour. The lights had barely been turned out when we had to turn them on again. Our flight home began early. We had to wake up at 3:00 am Rome time and be on the bus to the airport by 4:00. Over 24 hours later we were finally back home,

sleepy, but filled with memories, stories and a desire to one day definitely return to all the places we visited. The trip was an amazing experience and we have lots of wonderful memories and photographs to share. Students on the tour were: Cara Genier, Karoline Ploeger, Bridget Washbern, Jasmin Parmar, Madeline Gierc, Ashley McKay, Darien Slater, Tara Mortley, Jaymi Zurek and Katrina Thompson.



## Parents/Students - - - HELP! HELP! HELP! RE: Textbooks and Library Books

*This article appeared last month but we still urgently require your assistance.*

Parents, we need your help! When you are doing your annual spring cleaning, painting, turning out of cupboards, drawers, sweeping out from under the beds and yearly major cleanup and upheaval, can you please check for any **school textbooks and library books**. Many of these go missing every year and the amount adds up to thousands of dollars.




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*Did you know that the average costs of textbooks for students are:*

Grade 9	\$500.00
Grade 10	850.00
Grade 11	1000.00
Grade 12	1200.00

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If a student at the senior level is taking senior sciences, math, English, Spanish and literature, the cost could be as high as \$1800.00. Each student will possibly use a total of up to 50 different textbooks whilst they are at Kelsey. This does not include the cost of any resource books, library books or videos etc. As you can imagine having 1200 students in the school taking up to nine courses a year out of the 350 courses offered, the number of textbooks and resources we have is stupendous.

The cost of most of our textbooks now averages

\$100.00 per text with some of the senior science and humanities texts being as high as \$200.00 for the course. As well many students require a graphing calculator in the Principals of Math courses at the grades 10, 11 and 12 levels at the cost of \$150.00 each. The small deposit of \$25.00 per student for textbooks does not start to cover the recovery replacement of lost texts.

If you already have students at the post secondary level you will know the very high cost of textbooks for this education. Please help us find as many of our lost textbooks as you can. **Drop them into the front office at any time from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily or send them with your students.**

Also, if you know of any parents of students that have left Kelsey, could you please ask them to do a thorough check of their home for any textbooks or other resources. It is **never too late to return them**. Thank you in advance for any help you can give this urgent request.

