



# The Crown

*by the students, for the students*



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# Editor's Note

This term has brought many opportunities for KDS students: opportunities for stress and for fun, for making memories and for remembering. As we farewell the Class of 2016, we also farewell Southwick Campus; a personal favourite for me as it has been my second home from 2005, and will continue to be a cherished place for me for a long time. Along with exams, new captains and the launch of A Chorus Line as the 2017 School Musical, these events have caused much excitement for all. As The Crown continues to develop, you will notice that we are experimenting with A5 size in the hope to give the publication a more zine-like feel. This creates a more natural use of our space, something that we endeavour to continue in the future.

The third edition of The Crown includes thought stimulating ideas about spaces and evolution, the importance of empathy and some very interesting science discoveries. While this edition may be small, it has all the goodness of the past two editions and shows the continuing potential that this publication has, for communicating students' ideas and showing off their work in a new light.

Enjoy!  
xx Noa and the team

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# Inter-Year Level Relations: School Captain Edition

## School Captain

**Full Name:** Ellie

**Spirit Animal:** A blind mole and if I'm feeling myself, maybe a dolphin

**Colour of toothbrush:** Pink and blue

**Years at KDS:** 14 years, BEAT THAT!

**A memorable/funny moment at KDS:**

Birthday smacks from Sandie in prep - bottom still hurts today!

**What are you looking forward to most for next year?**

So excited for all our roles as captains next year! Really looking forward to Formal, getting closer as a year level and getting stressed about VCE with my friends (hehehe ;) Also Yesh was the best 3 weeks ever!!! I mean who wouldn't love going away with friends to the holy land?

**Recess or Lunch:** Lunch, are you kidding me?

## School Captain

**Full Name:** Benjamin

**Spirit Animal:** The wise monkey in The Lion King, or a lion

**Colour of toothbrush:** Black and blue. One of those new charcoal ones because they look groovy

**Years at KDS:** 14, HAHA Ellie

**Recess or Lunch:** Lunch! Everyday I look forward to it.

## Jewish Life

**Full Name:** Serena Meltzer

**Spirit Animal:** Elephant.. always

**Colour of toothbrush:** GREEN LIKE EARTH

**Years at KDS:** 5 years

**A memorable/funny moment at KDS:** opening night of Hairspray.. ALL WENT WRONG

**What are you looking forward to most for next year?** Making change!.. And the Musical :)

**Recess or Lunch:** BOTH!

## Jewish Life

**Full Name:** Hannah Cohen

**Spirit Animal:** My friends say I look like an owl but a quiz said that I'm a deer so I'd have a bit of inner conflict happening

**Colour of toothbrush:** A nice blend of purple and green which should ALWAYS be seen!

**Years at KDS:** 7 years going strong

**A memorable/funny moment at KDS:** YESH!! And grooving with the English faculty at formz

**What are you looking forward to most for next year?** Back to School Service, mifgash, puzza... anything #JLIFE YOU NAME IT! (and MUSICAL hehe)

**Recess or Lunch:** lunch duh

## Kehillah (Community)

**Full Name:** Mia Moses

**Spirit Animal:** Monkey

**Colour of toothbrush:** Blue

**Years at KDS:** 13

**A memorable/funny moment at KDS:** on year 8 camp, Tamsin told Hannah who gossip girl was and she came running to Tash Serry and I crying.

**What are you looking forward to most for next year?** The musical and all the year twelve themed events!

**Recess or Lunch:** lunch

## Kehillah (Community)

**Full Name:** Jordan 'White Lightning' Bloumis

**Spirit Animal:** Blob Fish

**Colour of toothbrush:** N/A

**Years at KDS:** 5

**A memorable/funny moment at KDS:** Who could forget prep?!

**What are you looking forward to most for next year?** Lunch

**Recess or Lunch:** See above

## Tarbut (Culture)

**Full Name:** Jamie Fink

**Spirit Animal:** Atlas (my dog)

**Colour of toothbrush:** Pink!

**Years at KDS:** 4 of the best years ever :)))

**A memorable/funny moment at KDS:** Our YESH experience was the most incredible three weeks! So many amazing and hilarious memories with all the Yeshlings that I won't forget.

**What are you looking forward to most for next year?** Purim, bonding with the year level, the musical!!!

**Recess or Lunch:** Definitely lunch

## Keshet (Communications)

**Full Name:** Tomer (T-Bone) Opat

**Spirit Animal:** A Pitbull

**Colour of toothbrush:** A Turquoise/Magenta shank with a cream head and a gripped handle. It's also decked out with red tufts and a smooth brushing plane. In addition, my orthodontist has asked me to floss every single night.

**Years at KDS:** "Started from the bottom now we're here" (16 years)

**A memorable/funny moment at KDS:** Good question! I guess a memorable moment would be when I made my first ever friend in Year 5 (Shout out to @nibspotter). It was a journey comprising of trials and tribulations on end but we got there, didn't we?

**What are you looking forward to most for next year?** Finding what I'm looking for.

**Recess or Lunch?** I don't eat at these decreed meal times. I actually consume thousands of 'micro-meals' daily as it saves a great deal of time.

## Galil House

**Full Name:** Aaron Segal

**Spirit Animal:** LIONESS

**Colour of toothbrush:** The main colour is white however it features blue speed stripes down the sides so that I can brush extra fast.

**Years at KDS:** 5

**A memorable/funny moment at KDS:** YESH

**What are you looking forward to most for next year?** Finishing school.

**Recess or Lunch:** Brunch

## Negev House

**Full Name:** Jayden Dean Casselson

**Spirit Animal:** Bear

**Colour of toothbrush:** Depends what week :)

**Years at KDS:** 6

**A memorable/funny moment at KDS:** Great Vic 2012

**What are you looking forward to most for next year?** Good vibes

**Recess or Lunch:** Obviously lunch

## Kinneret House

**Full Name:** Jake Liberman

**Spirit Animal:** A Screaming Hairy Armadillo

**Colour of toothbrush:** All the colours of the rainbow except red, because I'm scared of the colour red. Don't ask why, it's personal.

**Years at KDS:** 5

**A memorable/funny moment at KDS:** One of Morry Hayman's Gags, not the memorable but quite amusing

**What are you looking forward to most for next year?** Definitely the sports carnival, spread the word "BBQ IS A GO."

**Recess or Lunch:** Using basic algebra one can easily assume the lunch is better.

## Arava House

**Full Name:** Jordan (Melly) Meltzer

**Spirit Animal:** Lizard

**Colour of toothbrush:** Depends what day of the week xx

**Years at KDS:** 13

**A memorable/funny moment at KDS:** I have no memorable experiences here

**What are you looking forward to most for next year?** Year 12 dances

**Recess or Lunch:** Lunch :)

Dinosaurs: huge, hulking masses of muscle and teeth that lived millions of years ago. So far archeologists (people who study artifacts) have only found fossils in the form of bones and teeth from dinosaurs, with a few rare exceptions. This is because soft tissue, like skin, degrades very fast, and dinosaurs have been dead for over 100 million years, at the earliest, leaving little chance of remains being preserved.

But on October 27, a piece of dinosaur tissue was handed in to an English museum by an amateur archeologist from Sussex. The tissue, was a dinosaur brain. The brain most likely came from a species of large, plant-eating dinosaurs called an Iguanodon. The brain was preserved because it was essentially pickled. The dinosaur died near a body of water and its head was partially buried in sediment (soft sand and dirt on the floor of the lake). The water had all the necessary components to preserve the brain before it was buried in the sediment. Scientists scanned it using a SEM (scanning electron microscope) and discovered that it was not too unlike the brain of a modern day crocodilian. The Iguanodon lived in the Cretaceous Period, about 133 million years ago. The brain is unusually small, about the size of a pebble, however this is the case with most reptiles. The brain usually fills half of the skull, while blood cells take up the rest.

This finding is a huge leap in the field of archeology and will help us understand not only what dinosaurs looked like, but we are now on the way to knowing how they think. This study was dedicated to Martin Brasier, who died in 2014.

See more at:

<http://www.livescience.com/56665-fossilized-dinosaur-brain-tissue.html>

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By Alex Cowen



# Evolution

 by joel pastor | illustrations by chelsea mofsowitz

## The Stealthy

Stalking through the night  
Following a scent  
On a relentless journey  
Driven by unflinching hunger  
It sees its quarry  
It pounces across the night sky  
Deadly weapons poised  
And its prey is no more

## The Strong

Charging through the plains  
Undivided from its journey  
Unified by instinct  
Charging down its victim  
Trampling the trampers  
It charges into the sea of prey  
Crushing and killing those  
who don't move  
As it settles down to eat

## The Runner

Outrunning the outrunner  
Running from gnashing jaws  
Fleeing from death itself  
Darting through the trees  
Not stopping for an instant  
As the relentless hunter chases  
Jumping over rocks  
Slowly losing the killer  
Until finally its ravenous calls  
recede from the sky

## The Fighter

Battle cries fill the air  
Some start running  
Others choose to stay  
Fighting for survival  
Fighting for life  
Crushing deadly stalkers  
underfoot  
Will not ever waver, will not  
ever flinch

I will instead fight the reaper  
The screams of pain are now  
not mine  
Instead they are of my dying  
enemy

## The Swarmer

A black mass blocks out the  
sun  
Organic plasma  
My brothers and sisters side  
by side

Going on the treacherous  
journey  
As the land is blanketed in  
shadow below us  
A deadly enemy flies  
But soon it overwhelmed  
As we continue our journey

## The Loner

Soaring through the midst  
Radiating savage precision  
As I scan the sky  
There is no escape  
You can't run you can't hide  
As this deadly ace circles the  
skies  
As I dive at my target  
It doesn't have time to scream  
Before it is vanquished

## The Smart

Eyes darting from side to  
side  
Scanning the indefinite  
blue  
Eyes filled with something  
more than survival  
For what may seem weak  
at first sight

Isn't always the case  
Evaluating each threat  
Determining a course of  
action  
And then he strikes with  
power

With intelligence, with  
intent  
The enemy than sinks  
silently to the ocean floor

## The Ignorant

Cruising lazily through the  
blue expanse  
Blocking out the sun  
Thick hide and blubber  
glistening  
The closest thing to  
invulnerability  
Nothing dares to challenge  
Not even the sinister  
leviathans that lurk below  
An attack would simply be  
a waste of time  
Drifting across the big blue  
world  
The unrivalled King of the  
sea

# A New Discovery

by ruby leibowitz | illustrations  
by chelsea mofsowitz

*Dear Captain Andy*

*You have been invited to go on an expedition in a scientific submarine to find out new kinds of life forms in the Pacific Ocean with a crew of six scientists.*

*This has been funded by the RAENKL: the Royal Association of Expeditions for New Kinds of Life.*

*The expedition is on the 31st of March. It will be cold so be sure to pack warm clothes.*

*Signed: Professor Dennis Rugbee.*

I assembled my crew in preparation for a most exciting sea voyage deep down into the ocean. Our mission was to plunge as far below as our submarine could take us, in an effort to discover new marine life never before seen by the human eye. The submarine was known as 'The Anna Maria' and it was my first mission as the captain.

The Anna Maria was four hundred metres long and thirty metres wide. I was worried she wouldn't fit through the many caves and caverns we would have to go through on our journey.

We were to board the submarine in fifteen minutes. It would be very cold and dark. I was glad that I had warm clothes.

After boarding I entered my cabin. It was wonderful with plush curtains, rich and colourful carpets and luxurious wooden paneling on the floor.

**DING DONG! DING DONG!**

That was the bell announcing our departure. The trip had begun!

As we set off I saw lots of beautiful fish. But as we descended it became scary. The fish didn't seem quite as pretty now as we approached the midnight zone of the ocean.

"AAAGH! What's that slimy thing dangling from that beastly fish's head?"

A scientist approached me and calmly said "That's an Angler fish. And that is his light. Calm down!".

"Oh!" I said. I felt a little bit stupid among all these clever scientists. I must have accidentally said that aloud because another scientist came up to me. "Don't worry", he said to me, "they always do that".

**DING! DING! DING!**

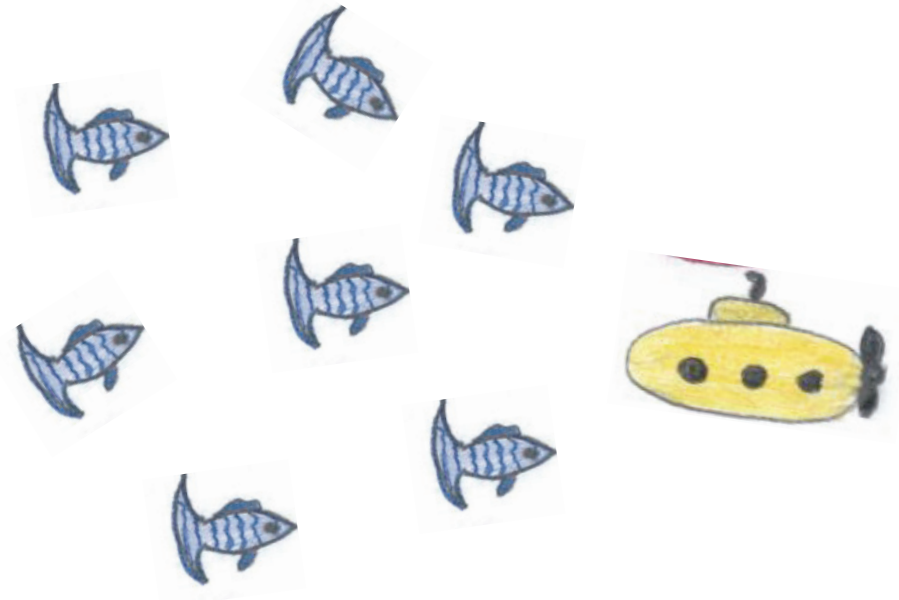
"We have arrived at our destination," said a computerised voice.

I looked out the window to observe some forms of life. Possible new forms of life. Suddenly I saw an AMAZING fish swim by. It was approximately one metre long and had five huge colourful fins each in a different colour. More amazingly each fin had an eye hanging from the end of it. It also had an incredible backbone made of muscle.

I then shouted out "I think I have discovered a new type of species"!

A scientist came rushing up to me. He was ready to accuse me of being wrong, but then he finally admitted "Yes! You *have* found a new species. We have never seen such a fish before!

"I'm going to name this fish after me. I think I'll call it Androminus. All of us cheered with happiness at the new discovery.





# Normal, Natural, Necessary

by natasha kane



The title of this artwork is in reference to the three N's of justification, in defence of the concept of Carnism. Carnism is the invisible belief system that conditions us to eat certain animals and not others. The belief explains that it is normal, natural and necessary to eat a certain animal (a cow, a pig, a chicken), due to the fact that we have been raised and conditioned to be hidden from the truth. The truth is that every minute 124,000 farmed animals are slaughtered globally, and we are all apart of and unfortunately contribute to that truth. Carnism also uses a set of defences that distort our perceptions of meat therefore explaining why we feel so comfortable to eat them. We view farmed animals as objects and put them under the category in our mind labelled 'to eat'. We view a chicken as SOMETHING rather than SOMEONE- who has feelings, a personality and a life that matters to them. Carnism explains why we choose to eat and wear a cow's flesh however decide that it is disgusting to eat and wear a dog's flesh.

Lizzie, Mixie and Snuffles were all rescued and now live at Edgar's Mission, a sanctuary that allows animals to live a fulfilling life. Lizzie, Mixie and Snuffles all have a personality and have lives that matter. I want to emphasise that all animals share the same ability to suffer and the same need and desire to experience a life of joy, meaning and purpose- not only the animals that we have been conditioned to put under the category of 'friends'.

Furthermore, the aim of this artwork is to create awareness of why we eat certain animals and save others. Every single day when we wake up, we can make choices that reflect what we truly think and feel rather than what we have been taught to think and feel. I am a passionate vegan basing my beliefs off compassion, empathy and justice; the opposition of Carnism. I believe that I am making a difference to myself, others, the environment and most importantly animals lives. Awareness is a strong threat to Carnism and together we can beat it.