Dear Parents

Congratulations to the five students who attended the NSW Science Teachers’ Association Awards in Sydney on Friday night. Will Hannelly, Ethan Teber-Rossi, Molly Knight-Hannan, Hannah Solari and Amelia Rawson were nominated for their investigative tasks from our Scientia programme. Molly was named the Best Young Scientist (K-2) and the Preparatory School won an award for the most number of nominations from a school. A great achievement and well done to students, parents and staff.

For the next week the Life Education Van is attending our School and all students from Pre-Prep to Year 6 will be attending a session in the van. Topics range from nutrition to the dangers of tobacco and alcohol.

Our K-2 students are certainly very busy at present as they move towards their musical called ‘Prep School Musical XXIII’. All students are involved in what will be another great show. A reminder that tickets (no charge) for the evening performance need to be booked through Cathy in the office (only three tickets per family).

Another reminder that this year has seen full enrolments in Pre-Prep and the same applies already for 2011. For those parents who wish to enrol in Pre-Prep for 2012 you need to do so immediately. Places are filling very quickly and you need to act now to avoid disappointment. Please contact Cathy (63920316) for further details.

This week’s reading from Michael Grose is titled ‘What would you do as a parent?’ It talks about making children responsible which is a stepping stone to independence. An interesting read.

Enjoy your week.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

After School Care

A number of concerns have been raised regarding the movement of Preparatory School students at the school after class and after sport. Therefore the following will be enforced.

- On non sport days the following applies:
  - Should children have swimming from the 4.00 pm timeslot they are to attend ASC until closer to the time.
  - If swimming before that time they do not need to go to ASC
  - No child is to go to the library after school unless they have been in ASC and sought permission.
- On sport days the following applies:
  - those who have swimming (5 pm) may go straight to the pool
  - if students are in a later class they are to attend ASC
  - Students who travel on the late buses (5.15 pm to Molong, Bathurst, Blayney etc) are to go to ASC till 5.00 pm from where they will be dismissed to their buses.

These measures are taken to ensure your child is safe at all times whilst at school. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Rob McLean - Head of the Preparatory School
What would you do as a parent?

“When a parent is more worried about a responsibility than their child, then the responsibility becomes theirs. Kids don’t have to worry about these things when their parents do all the worrying for them.” by Michael Grose

Miranda usually makes her two children’s lunches each morning and places them on the kitchen bench for them to put in their schoolbags as they dash off to school. This is smart parenting.

She makes the lunches which is her job, but her kids take over and pack them ready for school. Sometimes though she is tested!

Ben, her eight-year-old and youngest, sometimes forgets to pack his lunch. Sometimes Miranda notices, and reminds him to pack his lunch before he races out the front door. More often than not, Miranda sees the forgotten lunch sitting forlornly on the bench when Ben is well and truly at school.

It’s these times that she’s sorely tested.

One side of her knows that her son will survive without his lunch. In fact, deep down she knows that he will beg, borrow or swap something at school to get a feed. She knows from past experience that he is resourceful.

Another side of her says that she doesn’t want her son to be inconvenienced or to go hungry. She fears that going without lunch could impact on her son’s behaviour or learning.

This is the classic battle between the Good Parent and the Responsible Parent within most parents. It plays out every day in homes around the country in many different ways.

The Good Parent is well-meaning, but can take on too much responsibility for kids’ welfare. The Responsible Parent, tends to take a harder line and gives more responsibility to kids for their welfare.

Who wins?

In Miranda’s case, the Good Parent usually wins out. She usually ends up taking Ben’s lunchbox to school before recess, so that her son has his morning snack as well as his lunch. She feels embarrassed knocking on the classroom door and passing it over to Ben’s teacher, but she also feels that she is doing her job as a parent.

This is a parenting mistake. Well-meaning Miranda is making Ben’s problem, her problem. Ben will never have to worry about packing his lunch when his mum will bring it up for him, if he forgets.

Miranda’s job is to make it easy for Ben to remember to pack his lunch but not to become responsible for it. Yes, she can remind him or put it somewhere so obvious that he can’t help but notice it. But her job needs to stop at this point.

Make their problems, their problems.

When a parent is more worried about a responsibility than their child, then the responsibility becomes theirs. The same principle applies with a range of everyday issues such as getting up in the morning, eating dinner, putting washing in the washing basket. Kids don’t have to worry about these things when their parents do all the worrying for them.

If you want your kids to be responsible then give them responsibility. That’s a BIG FAMILY STRATEGY that you can put in place regardless of the size of your family.

What would you do if you were Miranda?

Would you be the Good Parent, the Responsible Parent or be somewhere in between?


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P&F Newsletter available on our Website

We all enjoy the School Fair and the Art Exhibition and now the P&F have produced an informative Newsletter to help explain some of its many functions and how you can use your P&F to support the education of our students. The P&F Newsletter is available in PDF format in the Bulletins and Newsletters section of our web site.

Twitter on the KWS website

As many of you may already know, a new feature has now been added to the KWS website. The top right-hand corner of the main page now has a ‘Twitter’ feature which will be regularly (and relatively instantly) updated with short messages. The Twitter feature is called “kwsalerts” and the messages will relate to important happenings and achievements at KWS, or perhaps wet-weather cancellations or excursion notices.
While there is no need to be a Twitter ‘follower’ to take advantage of these Tweets via the KWS website, the option also exists to subscribe to Twitter and be given the updates via your Twitter account or mobile phone. To join as a ‘follower’, simply click on the “Follow Kinross Wolaroi On Twitter” icon, and the rest is easy!
We hope you find this service a useful addition to information provided by KWS.

VACATION CARE BOOKINGS FOR JANUARY 2011

Bookings for Orange City Council’s January 2011 Vacation Care program and Pupil Free Day will be open from Monday 6 December to Friday 10 December during the hours of 9.00 am – 12.00 pm and Monday 13 December to Friday 17 December 2010 during the hours of 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm each day, at the Community Information and Services Centre, 79-81 Kite Street, Orange. Bookings will only be accepted during these dates and times and a member of staff will be available at these times to assist you with your booking. Payment will be required at the time of booking.

If your child has not attended a Council Vacation Care service before, please contact the Out Of School Hours Care service office on 6393 8616 or email ndowney@orange.nsw.gov.au to obtain an information package prior to the booking dates. A list of planned activities and excursions for the holiday period is available.

Please contact the Family Assistance Office (FAO) on 131650 to test your eligibility to receive Child Care Benefit. You will be required to show your letter from the FAO at the time of booking.

KINROSS WOLAROI SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER - November 2010

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Important Dates for Term 4, 2010

Thursday 18 November – Pre-Prep Disco
Tuesday 23 November – Year 6 Council Dinner
Monday 29 November to Wednesday 1 December – K-2 Drama Production
Monday 29 November to Thursday 2 December – Year 3 & 4 Outdoor Education
Friday 3 December – Celebration Assembly, Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Year 6 Parents Dinner
Monday 6 to Friday 10 December – K-2 & 5-6 Outdoor Education
Friday 10 December – Carol Service
Saturday 11 December – Speech Day

Term Dates for 2011 & 2012
Please note the term dates below have been altered from earlier published documents for the end of 2011 & 2012.

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The KWS shop will be closed on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 December for stock taking.

LOST
Jock Pryse Jones has lost his Size 10 Green Jumper, possibly changing for sport. Could everyone please check their labels. If found please return to Jock.
Chelsea Shrimpton has lost her School hat if found please return to Chelsea or the office.
Sport News 15 November

SPORT DATES

Wednesday 24th November: Final round game of Town Touch Competition
Saturday 27th November: Final round of Inter-House Competition
Saturday 4th December: Final round of Internal Touch Football

SUMMER SPORT 2010-11

Please be reminded that all of our Internal Competitions require compulsory attendance at all trainings and games. Parental support in this matter is absolutely vital in maintaining the integrity and competitiveness of our Summer Sport programme.

Absence from Summer Sport

If you would like to request leave from either training or a Saturday commitment please submit a letter requesting leave to your Team Coach as soon as possible. Any request for leave must be lodged at least two days prior to give the Co-ordinators and coaches enough notice to ensure that your child’s team will not be compromised or disadvantaged.

Over the course of the season, 2 weekends of leave may be granted by the Team Coach. Any subsequent requests must then go to the Prep Sports Co-ordinator and the Head of Prep for approval.

Unexpected absences also require a note to the coach on the following Monday. Unexplained absences will be followed up by the Team Coach with the Sports Coordinator. After 3 unexplained absences a letter will be sent home from the Prep Sports Co-ordinator and any further unexplained absences will be referred to the Head of Prep for further action.

SPORTS DRAW

SUNDAY 20 NOV

Please ensure that all players arrive at allotted venues for Saturday games at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the match. This allows the Coach time to organise and equip the team before the game begins.

Should you arise on Saturday morning and the weather is less than kind, please listen to Radio 2GZ FM 105.1 for any cancellations. Announcements are made from 7 a.m. onwards. It is of little use ringing the coaches, as they will find out through the same avenue.

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Last week’s Sport Reports

Internal Touch Football

Thunderbolts - The Thunderbolts had two games to play on Saturday morning. First we were up against the Polar-Bears. We all tried hard and played a good team game. We won 4-0! Our next game we versus the BBBs. Once again we all worked as a team and we were thrilled that we had another win for the day. The score was 3-1. Well done to everyone for playing exceptionally well! Juliet Sharpe

Cricket

U10’s – On a sort of sunny warm Thursday afternoon the Under 10 Pontings went up against Orange City. Bradman hit a six and Will and Chris hit fours. Orange City won. Well done to our boys!! It was a close match and thanks to Mrs Houston. Louisa Gilmore

U12’s - On an overcast Saturday morning, the U12 Lees played a great game at PLC oval. We won the toss and elected to field. Cavaliers then went on to score 125 runs. When it was our chance to bat we put on our best performance of the year so far, but came up short scoring only 121 runs. Great performances from everyone especially Hamish and Sam H. Thanks to Mr Harbison for coaching us on Saturday. Fletcher Rose

U13’s – On Saturday KWS played SJS Mary Jane at Kinross. We won the toss and chose to bat because it was looking like rain. After a slow start by our top order we were 47 after 14 overs. The next 14 overs were much better and in the end we set a great score of 133 with our top scorer being Louis on 29. The rain had held off with everyone bowling well and taking some great catches in the field. In the end Mary Jane were all out for 47 before the end of their 28 overs. Thanks also to Mr Mac for coaching. Hughie Britton