Dear Parents

Congratulations to our Year 5 students for their organisation of the ‘Carnivale’ event last Thursday.

The students, in small groups, devised novelty games for the students and staff to try their luck or skill. Games such as carrying an orange in a spoon, golfing trails, guessing games, busting balloons, eating snakes from a suspended string using only your mouth were just some of the clever ideas for the games.

Each group had a charity to support with $317 being raised over the lunchtime. Well done to all the students and to their teachers Mrs Emerson and Mr May.

A reminder that our Celebration Assembly will be held this Friday from 10 am to approximately 11:45 am to reward students for effort and achievements throughout the year. Our students will all be performing whether in choirs or musical groups. I look forward to you joining us on Friday.

Over the past week Years 4-6 have voted for students to represent their school as Prefect and House Captains in 2011. The elected students will be announced at Friday’s Assembly.

Over the last few weeks a reminder to enrol your younger children in Pre-Pep for 2012 was made. Vacancies are at a premium and as far away as it might seem if you have a child to enrol in 2013 please complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. Contact Cathy Hancock (6920316) for further information.

Our final reading for 2010 from Michael Grose gives a few ideas to help your child concentrate on tasks for that little bit longer!

Enjoy your week.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

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**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 time slot 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
Prep School Celebration Ceremony
10.00 am, Derek Pigot Auditorium
Friday 3 December 2010

All parents, family members and other supporters of the Preparatory School are warmly invited to our Annual Celebration Ceremony. Details are as follows:

Uniform is to be neat, tidy, clean and complete. No hats are necessary for the girls.

The Celebration Ceremony begins promptly at 10.00 am and will finish at approximately 11.45 am. It is traditional that students travel home with their family at the conclusion of the ceremony.

School Care is provided by ASC staff for children who are not able to leave from the Derek Pigot Auditorium. Please book in with Cathy Hancock on 6392 0316.

KWS Speech Day
10.00 am, Derek Pigot Auditorium
Saturday 11 December, 2010

All students and parents of the Prep School are welcome to attend Speech Day but it is only compulsory for special prize winners to be there. All special prize winners are to meet Mr Pritchard and Mrs Emerson at the round garden at 9:30 am from where they will walk up to the auditorium.

The prize winners will be announced at our Celebration Assembly on Friday 3 December, Summer uniform is required for Prep students. Parking is available on the school grounds.

A Carol Service, scheduled for Friday 10 December, will not be taking place this year. The Orange City Council Carols Service is taking place the same night, and given other factors that have unexpectedly occurred there will be no Carol Service.

Year 5 Carnivale

Year 5 raised $317 at Carnivale on Friday. It was a great day where Year 5 enthusiastically ran their stalls and all other years cheerfully participated in the activities. Money raised will go to charities including Ronald McDonald House, McGrath Foundation, Movember, RSPCA, Cancer Council, Relay for Life and the Salvation Army.

Year 5 Parent Dinner

Who: Year 5 Parents
Where: Meeting at the Parkview Hotel Beer Garden
When: While the kids are at the Year 6 Farewell on Friday 3rd December.
RSVP Annabel Pittman - 0417 440 601
Heidi Crossing - 0427855502
The 2010 version of the My School website (www.myschool.edu.au) will be released on Friday 3 December. There are a number of significant changes and some new data on school performance. To assist parents understand these changes I have outlined the following brief points that may be of assistance.

Interpreting NAPLAN
The NAPLAN scores provide an indication of students’ achievements, but they provide only one snapshot of selected aspects of what students know and can do. While the NAPLAN results KWS students achieve are outstanding, Kinross Wolaroi prides itself on providing an all-round education which includes many activities within and beyond the classroom which are not included in the NAPLAN testing.

In interpreting the school’s results, there are three important considerations:

1. In comparing the performance of schools, it is important to take into account differences in their student intakes. The My School website uses Australian Bureau of Statistics data and parent background information to compare the performance of each school with other schools that are said to be statistically similar in terms of student backgrounds. Comparisons of schools that are not statistically similar can lead to misleading conclusions about their performance.

2. NAPLAN tests sample only a part of what students learn during the year. For this reason, it is important to find out more about the whole curriculum of the school and the school’s performance across a range of areas.

3. No test is able to perfectly measure a student’s level of achievement and all tests are subject to a certain amount of measurement error. This means that there will always be a margin of error surrounding a school’s average score.

What is ICSEA?
The Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) aims to enable meaningful and fair comparisons to be made between schools. It measures key factors that correlate with educational outcomes, as indicated by NAPLAN. These factors include:

- the socio-economic characteristics of the geographical areas where students live (being the ABS census collection district);
- the location of the school with particular consideration for rural and remote areas;
- the level of parent education and type of parental occupations of the student body; and
- the proportion of Indigenous students and students from a language background other than English enrolled at the school.

In 2009, the average ICSEA value was 1,000. Most schools had an ICSEA score between 900 and 1,100 with Kinross Wolaroi at 1077. In 2010 different methods are being used to calculate ICSEA scores from that used in 2009. For a large proportion of schools, parental background information from NAPLAN has been used. For other schools, ABS Census data is being used. Many independent schools’ ICSEA scores have increased in 2010 even though there has been no change in the student population. For example the ICSEA score for Kinross Wolaroi has increased to 1177, a 100 point improvement on 2009. While this result may appear flattering for us, we need to be mindful that by and large we have the same student cohort as that from last year and therefore there should be minimal real difference.

Financial Data - Key Points
This will be the first time school financial data will be included on the My School website for government and non-government schools. ACARA aimed to make the financial data from all schools comparable; however it is important to know that the measures are calculated differently for government and non-government schools. Therefore you need to be cautious in undertaking comparisons of financial data.

- The financial data is from the 2009 calendar year.
- Funding amounts are calculated differently for government and non-government schools.
- It uses a different collection methodology from other reports that the school is required to provide to governments and that you may have seen, e.g. the school’s Annual Report.
- Independent schools have very different financial commitments to government schools.
- Analysing school performance using income/expenditure and NAPLAN results cannot adequately reflect a school’s contribution to your child’s education.
- Any valid comparison of schools should use comparable data.

Brian Kennelly
Principal
Improve your child’s concentration at home

Like any skill, concentration can be improved and made automatic. by Michael Grose

To accomplish any task you need to be able to concentrate your attention for a time. It is a requirement for learning. Kids not only need to be able to focus on tasks but to stay in one place long enough so they can listen to and follow instructions.

Most kids, from time to time, will experience some concentration or focusing difficulties. This is particularly true when they are over-tired, over-stimulated or over-loaded. However some children due to either their physiology or psychology have greater difficulty focusing on tasks and on people than others. Either they find settling into or starting a task a problem or they lose focus easily and leave tasks half done.

There are many things you can do at home to impact on children' concentration levels. Like any skill, concentration can be enhanced and made automatic. The trick to effective concentration is to know what to concentrate on and what to filter out.

Here are five ideas you can use to help kids to concentrate better:

1. **Attend to their physiological needs:**
   Most children and teenagers concentrate best after nine hours sleep so make sure they get sufficient sleep. Reduce sugar intake and increase protein levels with lean meat, almonds and eggs. This stimulates their dopamine levels which make concentration easier, particularly for lethargic kids. Frequent breaks for exercise have a similar effect.

2. **Remove distractions at home:**
   List the distractions at home that may prevent your child from concentrating. These include; noise, people, lighting, fighting, fatigue and hunger. List ways to eliminate or reduce, and work at them systematically.

3. **Create the mood for concentration:**
   Calming background music, placing a fish tank (with fish) in a place of work and removal of fluorescent lights are some simple ways to make the environment more amenable for concentration. These strategies have been used successfully in overcoming concentration problems in many 'boy-friendly' schools.

4. **Introduce sequencing and organisation activities:**
   The link between sequencing and concentration is a strong one. Following recipes, setting the table and putting things in alphabetical order are great activities for kids who have concentration difficulties. Board and card games promote children's ability to focus on tasks as well.

5. **Figure out what activities your child focuses on best:**
   Some kids concentrate better when they are involved in hands-on activities, while others focus better when there are plenty of visual cues to help them. That's why teachers use hand signals such as ‘hands on heads', and ‘fingers on lips' to indicate quiet. Look for activities that your child gets lost in; and those activities that they can spend literally spend hours in. These activities enhance children's concentration levels. Like any skill, concentration can be improved and made automatic. Anyone who has learned to drive a car will have had the experience of thinking, "How will I concentrate on all these things?" Extensive practice allows for the pathways of concentration. It helps before you begin to assist kids to concentrate better if you pay close attention to their pattern of concentration and see if there are links between diet, their energy pattern, sleep and your own behaviour.

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**School Holiday Craft 'n' Care**

**When:** Each Mon, Wed and Friday (in January)

**Time:** 12.00 pm to 5.00 pm

**Where:** 59 Sale St Orange

**Cost:** $10 per child

**To book:** Call Terry Findlay on 63601133 or 0458603186

Courtesy Awards: Ben Chai, Sam Harris, Ryan Furness, Emily Abiassaf, Saxon Buckley. All of 2P, Milla Niven, Alexander Mirrington, Mindy Khin.

Citizenship Awards: Kate Murray, Alexandra Strutt, Logan Usher, Johie McLachlan, Jimmy Lin, Mia Taylor, Dempsey Bryant, Lachlan Priest, Chelsea Shrimpton, Emerson Miller, Bella Foster, Rebecca Crisp.

House Awards:
Brown: William Rawson x 2, Olivia Mirrington, Lachlan Gregory, Kate Hall, Harry Brunner, Alex Mirrington, Bella Foster x 2, Maree-Lauren Vazouras, Eva Bloomfield, Trent Russell x 2, Jemima McCalman, Sterling Graham, Samuel Harris, Juliet Sharpe, Sebastian Smith x 2, Yoshi Gounden, Charlie Greer, Emma Crossing, Ruby Greer, Ethan Buesnel, Myra Lim-Hurt, Mindy Khin, Kate Hall x 2, Elizabeth Silvester, Dylan Swain x 2, Olivia Trethowan x 4, Caitlyn Jones, Chelsea Foster x 2

Douglas: Kate Murray, Tracey Kasjan x 2, Tanner Marjoram, Maddie Smith x 2, Niamh McPhee x 2, Gabrielle Eade, Amanda Gee, Lochie Hazelton, Megan McClare, Emily Saran x 2, Angus Crossing x 2, Oscar Tierney, Niamh McPhee, Jack Saran x 2, Daniel Shepherd, Oscar Savage, Angus Lewis-Minogue, Peter Saran, Sophie Fenton, Rebecca Crisp, Johannah Collins, Milla Niven x 2, Georgia Lewis-Minogue, Sally Crossing, Mia Marjoram, Mitchell Strike x 2, Emma Hazelton, Ailish Seedsman

Gordon: Jack Pengilly, Toby Jeffress, Stanley Zhang, Grace Szrzh, Anna Thompson x 2, Sam Aylward, Samantha Syme, Annabel Pengilly, Angus Cumming, Brooke Barrett, Toby Jeffress, James Crockett, Siokapese Faiva, William Smith x 2, Rosario Catalan, Sameeka L’Estrange, Jack Smith, Sam Mac Smith x 3, Charlie Hodges, Saxon Buckley, Tupou Faiva, Harry Rees, Matt Bromage, Brooke Halloway, Bella Hoyle Davies, Jack Smith, Harry Houghton, Maggie Smith

McLachlan: Molly Knight-Hannan, Will Hannelly x 2, Benjamin Chai, Fiona Hill x 2, Will Rouse, Haidee Watson, Emily Shields, Ella Worsley, Oscar Tierney, Harry Wheelhouse, Annabelle Tierney, Brianna Chu, Canada Gavin x 2, Kelsey Gray, Florence Conway x 3, Zali Thomas x 2, Cameron Pasquali, Stephen Dalzell

Important Dates for Term 4, 2010
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
Saturday 11 December – Speech Day

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

New Clothing Pool Hours for Term 4
Tuesday 10.30 am to 2:00 pm
Wednesday 8.30 am to 12 noon
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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The highest wicket takers of the week for each House were:
- Brown: Jesse Swain, Mitchell Harris (3)
- Douglas: Bailey Mannix (6)
- Gordon: Zac Condon (8)
- McLachlan: Jock Pryse Jones, Ollie Steele-Park (7)

**Star Player of the Week:** Scott Sullivan (Gordon House)

Highest scoring team: Brown Hurricanes
Season highest scoring team: Gordon Sharks (273)

**Season CHAMPION team:** Gordon Sharks!

**Cricket**

- **U13s:** It was the second day for the U13s match against Molong and our team had a bit of an advantage from the scores the previous week. Harry Rees and Louis Lockwood started the batting because they didn’t get out and did a great job. Harry was outstanding on getting 60 runs not out and Charlie Mortimer close behind on 44 runs. That had got us 196 runs altogether and a good lead. Next we just had to hold Molong off, but they were all out because of great bowling and catching by Drew Weber, Lachlan Gregory and Alex Mirrington. Thanks Mr Mac for being supporting and coaching us. Toby Condon

**Town Touch Football**

- **Silver Bullets:** The Silver Bullets walked on to the field. We scored a try, then another, then another and another and another and another AND another! Thanks to Harry Rees for scoring 3 tries, Charlie Steele-Park for scoring 2 and Hughie Britton, Toby Condon and Josh Priest for scoring 1 each. We won 8-0. Special thanks to Mr H for coaching us. Matt Bromage

- **Dolphins:** We were passing the ball left and passing it right; before we knew it Jemima had scored the first try of the match. Of course miracles don’t last forever and the opposition scored 2 tries making the score 2-1. But super Sammie soon came to the rescue and scored a brilliant try. But of course the other team just kept them coming and before we could blink an eye the score was 4-2. Finally we started getting pumped and Belle broke through the defence and sprinted up to field 3 and scored. When she finally came back to field 7 we scored another 2 from Jemima and 1 from Belle. Congratulations Belle for scoring on the right field this time. Thanks Miss Holmes for being a great coach! Let’s go out and win the semies girls!

**Team of the week:**

**U13s Cricket**

**Last week’s Sport Reports**

**Interhouse Summer Sport Competition**

**Sport:** Cricket

Week 3: Game 7, Final and Grandfinal

The high scorers of the week for each House were:
- Brown: Jesse Swain (37)
- Douglas: Bailey Mannix (36)
- Gordon: Zac Condon (35)
- McLachlan: Stephen Dalzell (45)
School Fair- 2011

Saturday 5 March

Start collecting and filling those bottles/ jars for our School Fair next March.

Each year the Prep students collect and fill as many bottles and jars as they can to sell on the Bottle Stall to raise money for our school to purchase more equipment for our children.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Jars filled with lollies in papers
- Jars filled with hair bands & clips
- Jars of jam/Vegemite/honey
- Bottles of wine
- Jars with pens/pencils etc
- Use your imagination !!!!

Please note all Jars/Bottles must be to the value of at least $2 dollars or more. If you send in junk less than $2 value per Bottle /Jar, they will be returned to you.

How many jars can you do?? 1, 5, 10 or more.............

NOTE: Please make sure the jars are clean, especially with lollies!!

BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN!
KWS P & F conduct the Secondhand Book Sales as a voluntary service to parents. At the end of the school year, students currently in Years 7-12 will be able to sell some of the books they no longer require to students who will be entering Years 7-12 in 2011.

N.B. Please read the procedure for purchasing day as set out on KWS P&F webpage. Changes have been made in an attempt to significantly speed up the procedure however, please allow plenty of time if purchasing during the busiest times, 8:30-9am and 1-2pm.

**Dates…**

**Text Book Drop Off:**

*Wed. 8th December, 8:30-3:45pm*  
*Room 71*  
*(ONE day only, no exceptions)*

**Book Sale:**

*Fri. 10th December - (8:30 - 3:45pm)*  
*$10 per book!*

**Money/Books pickup:**

*Fri. 10th December 2010*

*Unsold books collection & books sold envelopes pickup 2:15-3:45pm (as per book sale procedure, books/money not collected in this time will be considered a donation).*

**Volunteers Needed!**

If you are available to assist during the Book Sale period, please contact: Janelle Brunner - 0411 139 848 (phone/text) or email brunnerj9@hotmail.com.  
Thank you.