A message from the Principal:

I take this opportunity to welcome the Staff, Students and Parents to the beginning of the 2010 school year. I trust you have all had a restful and relaxing holiday break and are ready to face the challenges of another school year.

As we begin this School year I am extremely proud of the outstanding results of the 2009 Year 12 cohort. In brief, the results for the students were exceptional. Alexander Calder and Alison Goddard achieved top ranking ATAR Scores of 99.95. Alexander and Alison were two of 47 students in NSW who achieved the highest possible ranking.

In addition, there were a number of other outstanding results with 17% of the students’ subject achievement being at Band 6 level. Using this as a guide Kinross Wolaroi School was ranked 79th in the State to equal the placing of the 2008 cohort. The School also achieved the status of having over 30% of the year group achieving an ATAR Score of 90 or above.

My congratulations go to all students, and in particular those students who have achieved results well beyond what they were expecting.

Over the holidays the Senior Management Team has been working hard in putting together a new Strategic Direction for Kinross Wolaroi School. This new Strategic Direction will be published over the coming months and it will set the direction for the next 5 years. This is an exciting time for the School and I certainly look forward to working with staff, students and parents in moving the school into a new era with a focus on seeking further improvements in the educational outcomes for students.

Brian Kennelly
Principal - Kinross Wolaroi School

Accessing the Family Bulletin

This year we will not be emailing the family bulletin to parents. The Kinross Wolaroi Family Bulletin can be downloaded every Wednesday from the school website (http://www.kws.nsw.edu.au). If parents have any difficulties with this process please advise the school.
KWS P and F meeting

- The next KWS P and F meeting will be held **next Wednesday evening (10th February)**, commencing at 7.30 in the Anderson Centre.
- For those new to our school - The agenda and previous minutes are placed on the KWS website – just click on ‘communities’ and then ‘P and F’.
- P and F meetings generally attract 20 to 30 attendees (it would be great to have more) and we always welcome new parents – the meetings run for strictly 2 hours (7.30 to 9.30).
- At our next meeting we will be finalising our plans for the 2010 school Fair – to be held on Saturday 27th Feb. This is our major fundraiser and it is a great opportunity to get involved and to meet other parents... *it doesn’t commit you to any other P and F activities* – so please consider becoming involved.
- There will also be discussion about the My School website and information it contains.
- Our Principal, Head of Boarding and Head of Prep attend all P and F meetings and this is an ideal time for you to get to know them better and be able to ask questions regarding the school.
- **IMPORTANT:** I still need someone to assist in the running of the Calcutta for 2010. Tim Burfitt will oversee this – however it will be his last year and he has requested that there be someone who might be interested in taking this on in future years to work with him on the event this year. If you can assist, please leave your contact details for me at the school office (63920300). I have been advertising this throughout term 4 and still no takers – could I ask you to please consider this role.

I do hope to see you on Wednesday (10th Feb) evening.

Richard Cheney, President P and F

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**Clothing Pool**

**The Clothing Pool is in urgent need of uniforms.**

*Please bring in all your surplus uniforms.*

Reminder: Only clothing and goods purchased from the school shop can be resold at the Clothing Pool.

The Clothing Pool is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10.30am to 2.00pm.

Clothes may be dropped off at the main office outside these hours. Clothing to be sold must be *washed or dry-cleaned and in good condition*. Any clothing left in dirty, stained or torn will be disposed of.

Enquiries 6392 0328

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**2nd Hand Book Sale**

All unsold 2nd Hand Text Books are currently at the Clothing Pool and are still available for sale. All books are priced at $10.

If you have unsold books and would like them returned, please collect them from the Clothing Pool by the end of Week 2, Friday 12 February.

All remaining books after this date will be posted to George Brown High School in PNG.

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**Library News**

**OVERDUE ENGLISH TEXTS**

Many students have English texts outstanding from 2009. These books need to be returned to the KWS Library as soon as possible to avoid being charged. It would be appreciated if parents could look at home for texts and send them in. Students will be told through their Tutors the titles of the texts still on loan.

**SYDNEY MORNING HERALD SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Students are once again able to subscribe to the Herald via the KWS Library. The yearly cost for the Herald, Monday to Friday during term time, is $66.00. (Year 12 students are charged $49.50 for the 3 terms.) The paper is recommended for students requiring a media file and particularly for Business Studies students. Any students wishing to subscribe please collect a form from the Library. Any enquiries please contact Amanda Foster on 6392 0360.
Pacific Island
KWS school fair

Saturday 27 February 2010
9.30am to 3pm

traditional hungi - rides - dunk tank - basket weaving
white elephant - arts and craft market - coconut shy
New Staff Appointments – 2010

**Huon Barrett - Head of PDHPE**  - Huon was the Head of Senior School at St Lukes Grammar School in Sydney. Prior to this Huon held the position of Head of PDHPE and Sports Co-ordinator at St Lukes. Huon is currently studying his Masters of Education and he has a Graduate Diploma of Education from Deakin University and a Bachelor of Physical Education. Huon has a love for all sports, but in particular Rugby. Huon will be joined by his wife Louise and 3 children, Jemma, Brooke and Bailey.

**Renee Taylor – Religious Education/English – Acting HOD History and RE – Terms 1 and 2**  - Renee has recently been married; she has a Bachelor of Arts from ANU, majoring in Theatre Studies and History. In addition, Renee has a Graduate Diploma of Education. Renee was working at McKillop Catholic College in the ACT where she was the SOS Co-ordinator. Renee has an extensive and varied background; she has taught a range of subjects including Religious Education, English and Drama to senior levels. Renee has been heavily involved in School Musicals and Rock Eisteddfod’s, Debating, as well as coaching a junior Netball team, both in the ACT and NSW competitions.

**Chris Oldham – Head of LOTE**  - Chris has an extensive background as a teacher of French, German, Japanese and English with over 20 years experience. Chris has predominately taught overseas, particularly in France and Japan. Prior to this Chris taught at Geelong Grammar and the Kings School in Sydney. Chris has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Sydney in French, German and English with a Diploma of Education specialising in the teaching of Foreign Languages and a certificate in English Language teaching to adults.

**Anthony Le Couteur – House Master – Wolaroi House – PDHPE/Junior Mathematics**  - Anthony is married with two young children and has a Bachelor of Physical Education from the Australian College of Physical Education. Anthony has taught extensively overseas in England where he taught a variety of subjects including PDHPE. In addition, he has extensive boarding experience as a resident Boarding House Master at Trinity School in the UK. Most recently Anthony was teaching at Rouse Hill Anglican College, where he was the Year 11 Advisor. Anthony has a background in many sports including cricket, rugby and soccer and he has competed in a number of Ironman Triathlons.

**Trent Chapman – IST & SDD**  - Trent has two degrees from the University of New England, a Bachelor of Teaching and a Bachelor of Education in Computing. Trent has spent the last 9 years working at Scots College in Sydney, where he held a number of positions including Day Housemaster and assistant Boarding Housemaster. In addition, Trent has a year’s overseas teaching experience in the UK. Trent is a former MIC of Rugby and has also been involved in Cricket and Cadets at Scots.

**Rosemarie Crossing – Mathematics.**  - Rosemarie has a Bachelor of Engineering and a Diploma of Education in Mathematics and has been teaching at James Sheahan. In 2010 Rosemarie will be a new parent with a son entering Year 7. Rosemarie has a varied work background including working as a Mining Engineer for many years before transferring to teaching. Rosemarie was first employed as a Music Teacher before furthering her studies and pursuing Mathematics teaching.

**Patricia Daniel – Mathematics teacher**  - Patricia was teaching at John Edmonds High School in Sydney. Patricia has a Bachelor of Science Honours from the University of Sydney. In addition, Patricia has a Bachelor of Education from the University of Western Sydney in Mathematics and Science methods. Patricia was the Year 10 Maths Coordinator at John Edmonds.

**Carolyn Bennett – Business Studies/Commerce/History/Geography.**  - Carolyn has a Bachelor of Business in Marketing and Human Resources Management, and a Graduate Diploma of Education. Carolyn began her teaching career at St John’s College in Dubbo where she was the assistant coordinator of HSIE since 2006. In addition Carolyn brings to the position a good deal of work experience in business, along with a passion for Commerce and Business Studies. Carolyn lists her personal interests as horses, agriculture, water and snow skiing.

**Astrid Lepelaar – Learning Support.**  - Astrid has been appointed to the recently advertised position of Learning Support position. Astrid is well qualified with a Bachelor of Applied Science, a Graduate Diploma of Teaching, a Graduate Certificate of Gifted Education and a Master of Arts and Special Education. Astrid has taught in a variety of schools as a classroom teacher and of late in a learning support capacity. Astrid is married to Michael Gray and has three children at KWS, Mikhallia, Liesl and Kelsey.

**Anthony Roohan - Prep School Sports Co-ordinator**  - Anthony has been teaching Year 6 at Cathedral School in Bathurst and has over 10 years experience in Primary School teaching. In addition, Anthony has been an Acting Assistant Principal for 12 months and is a highly qualified and well credentialed educator. Anthony will replace Hayley King who is on Maternity Leave for 2010.

**Glenys Ramage - Prep School Music Teacher.**  - Glenys is replacing Annie McRae who is currently on Maternity Leave. Glenys will be in charge of the Prep School choirs and comes to us with an extensive background in music, in a range of schools across NSW. Glenys has a Diploma of Music Education and Department of Education Teaching Certificate. In recent years Glenys has worked in Guernsey for 5 years as a music teacher and was the secondary schools representative on the Guernsey’s Music Advisory Liaison Group. Following this Glenys taught at Newtown International Secondary School in Qatar.
Trent Critchley – Science – Term 1. With Matthew Healey on Long Service Leave, Trent will be teaching a range of Science classes from Year 7 to 11. Trent has a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Physics, and a Diploma of Education from Macquarie University. Trent has previous teaching experience at Cumberland High School and Model Farms High School.

Kate Stehr – Visual Arts – It is my pleasure to advise that Kate Stehr has been appointed to the permanent staff of KWS and will team teach with Helen Cochrane. Kate has been in a part-time/casual position covering for Helen in 2009. It is wonderful to have Kate with her expertise and experience as a permanent member of staff from 2010 onwards.

Haimish Karrasc - Head Rowing Coach Haimish has worked extensively with crews from KWS since 2007. Haimish is a highly credentialed rower with 10 years of international rowing experience spanning 2 Olympic Games in 1996 and 2000. During his rowing career Haimish was ranked 2nd in the World on 2 occasions in 1997 and 1999. He is a former holder of an Australian Institute of Sports Scholarship and has worked extensively with a range of coaches and mentors throughout the international arena of rowing. Haimish, with his experience from the banking sector, will take on a dual role in the school offering support within the accounts office as well as overseeing the rowing programme. Haimish is married to Alison Bennett and they have one child.

Vanessa Hannan – Public Relations and Publications Coordinator Vanessa has extensive media and marketing experience from running her own consultancy business, through to working extensively in Website production and as the Production Supervisor of Aus Email Media Network. Vanessa has broad experience, working across all mediums including print, radio, short films, commercial TV, corporate video and the Internet. Vanessa is the mother of Molly currently in Year 1 in the Prep School.

Haidee Priest – Head of Miller House Haidee is married to Joe Priest who is on the PDHPE Staff at KWS. Haidee has 12 years teaching experience in various primary schools throughout NSW. Haidee has taught all year levels in Primary School and has a Bachelor of Teaching from Charles Sturt University. In addition, Haidee has qualifications in Netball and Hockey coaching and has coached Open Girls’ Softball and Netball teams at a high level. Haidee, Joe and the children will be moved into Miller House over the holiday break.

Debbie Orrock – Head of Stuart Douglas House Debbie has had a long association with the school as a parent – mother of Kayla – Y12 2009 and also in a variety of roles within Boarding, the co-curricular programme and Administration. Debbie undertook work last year with the Indigenous students offering informal support outside the classroom. Debbie will continue her good work in this area in 2010 as well as taking on the role of House of Stuart Douglas.

New Positions in 2010 for current staff:
Suellen Young – Director of Staff Development
Sue-Ann Gavin – Head of Social Sciences
Jason Smith - Head of Brown House
Bill Tink – Year 7 Co-ordinator
Catherine Litchfield – Acting Head of Science – term 1
Dianne Chapel – Head of History and Religious Education – Term 3 onwards

Annual General Meeting of the Kinross Wolaroi Ex-Students Association
Board Room, Wolaroi House, Kinross Wolaroi School
10am, Saturday February 27th, 2010
Please go to the KWS website and follow the links to the Ex-Students’ Association for agenda and last AGM minutes
A new year, some new resolutions!
Welcome to the start of a new school year! As with most new years, we make resolutions, determined to make changes for the betterment of our lives. We are familiar with the common New Year's resolutions about weight loss, exercise, and stopping to smoke. Also popular are resolutions dealing with better money management /debt reduction etc. Whilst some of these are relevant for children, resolutions revolving around School life are just as helpful.

I encourage students to take some time with their families and set some resolutions (changes/goals) for better learning outcomes this year. Some suggestions include:

- Being more organised (using the diary, packing the school bag the night before etc)
- Asking more questions in class
- Aim to complete assignments before the due date
- Write more drafts, seek feedback
- Better interaction with peers/teacher in class
- Achieving higher results
- Read more books
- Completing homework effectively
- Develop and stick to a homework/study programme

Other relevant resolutions include:

- Exercising and eating more healthily
- Making new friends
- Attempting a new co-curricular activity
- Gaining rank in cadets and so forth

While a lot of people who make New Year's resolutions do break them, some research shows that making resolutions is useful. People who explicitly make resolutions are more likely to attain their goals than people who don't explicitly make resolutions. This makes sense, by explicitly stating the resolutions; we make ourselves accountable and set targets to achieve. Let’s put this theory to the test this new year!

My School.edu.au
For those of us who have followed the news recently, you may have heard a lot of media attention surrounding the Federal Government’s ‘myschool.edu.au’ website. Some of you may have already explored this site and perused the information available. Whilst there is some controversy around the published NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) results, it is important to consider a few aspects of the published information to give a more complete picture. Some considerations include; the results give averages of whole year groups and are not based on individual results or how well the student progresses throughout the years; the Numeracy score is an average of average scores (combines number, patterns & algebra and measurement, data, space & geometry), some papers such as the Reading paper is solely multiple choice, the papers are not compulsory and so forth. The main consideration is that the website uses averages and attempts to rank schools against the state and against what they consider as ‘statistically similar’ schools.

As you can appreciate, there are many issues which arise and do not take into account the individual, their progress from year to year and presents an unhealthy perspective on ranking and results.

Whilst the School maintains strong results (statistically often well above both the State and ‘statistically similar schools’ as well as amongst the local schools), the teaching and learning at Kinross Wolaroi School will continue to focus on educating the whole child rather than achievement in these tests alone. The emphasis on literacy and numeracy education continues to be embedded across all subject areas, and emphasis will be on how well the student progresses according to their individual ability not as a whole year group and how well the School is ranked. The School encourages parents to consider using the NAPLAN results for diagnostic purposes and to gauge individual student levels of achievement according to their own ability.

Learning Enrichment Programme
Part of the Learning Enrichment Programme is the School’s commitment in supporting students with learning difficulties. To help us in this regard, the School welcomes Astrid Lepelaar who joins us this year. Astrid is well qualified and has extensive experience in supporting student learning. We look forward to another productive year in learning support and as always encourage parents to contact the School via Robyne Ridge if you require any assistance or you can give us any information which will assist us in supporting your child in the classroom.

All the best for a productive and enjoyable year ahead

Mr Yooie Choi
Director of Learning
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**ATTENTION YEAR 12 BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS STUDENTS**

Wednesday afternoons will never be the same again. Starting on Wednesday 10th February (Week B) in room 85 you will have the opportunity to develop and refine your essay and report writing skills on a regular basis. You will be given a question based on the previous two weeks theory as well as tuition on how best to respond to the question.

We would love to see as many students as possible each week.

**Business Studies – Week A**
**Economics – Week B**

Any questions speak to Mrs Gavin

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**Swimming carnivals 2010.**

For the 2010 swimming season we will be introducing a new Kinross Wolaroi carnival concept. Whilst swimming trials will remain the same, there is a change to the tradition carnival format. This year there will be 2 carnivals a Championship carnival on Tuesday the 16th of February and a House Carnival on Friday the 12th February. Students can participate at both carnivals.

The Championship carnival will be held at the Eric Solling pool at KWS and will commence at 5pm. This carnival will still be based on the swim trial times conducted in week 1 of term and names of successful swimmers will be posted outside of the sports office – all students named are expected to attend. Age champions and the KWS representative swim team will be determined at the championship evening. Students will only have the opportunity to break records at this carnival. There will be no relays or house based events. Spectators are welcome on the evening – however attendance of students as spectators is not compulsory.

The House carnival will be a full day carnival (9am - 3pm) to be held at the town pool on Friday the 12th of February. All students are expected to attend. Students will have allocated house areas in which to sit and are expected to remain in these areas and provide support for the house swimmers. Each house will have a student in every race as determined by the Head Tutors based on swim trial results and all race results on the day will contribute to the house championship trophy. There will be no individual age championships determined at this carnival and no opportunity to break existing KWS records. All swimmers will be swimming for the glory of their house and will be competing in year groups rather than the traditional age groups.

At lunch time there will be a variation of the mega relay. Each house will have a lane for the break and students have the opportunity to swim as many laps as possible during this time – every lap swum will contribute to the accumulative house total. There is no reason not to get wet on the day – students have the opportunity to provide house points in numerous ways. House races, the mega relay. House relays and the house Beach Volley ball carnival that will be running throughout the day.

Students may wear House colours on the day but must be mindful that we will be in public and all clothing must be appropriate – sports uniform is to be worn on all buses at all times. No stereos or footballs will be allowed at the carnival.

There will be a canteen available at the carnival and all boarders will be provided lunch and recess.

If you any questions regarding the carnivals please contact the Director of Sport - Matt Winslade on 0419478832.