Debutante Ball 2010

I am writing to advise parents and students that we are currently undertaking a full review of the Kinross Wolaroi Debautante Ball.

The Debautante Ball originally began as a parent initiative and was largely run by a supportive and enthusiastic parent committee. Over the years, the role of the parents has diminished to the point where the school has taken sole responsibility for the considerable amount of organisation involved. Over the last few years in particular, this has placed a considerable burden of time and organisation on staff which is well above their normal workload.

In saying this, I acknowledge that the Debautante Ball serves as a wonderful opportunity for Year 11 girls to be a debautante with their friends from school. For the parents and students who choose to be involved, it is a memorable occasion.

However there are concerns and serious implications for the school particularly regarding the management of this event. The school has allowed a policy of relatively open entry to the debautante ball. Those who are prepared to pay may attend which means there are a large number attending who are not directly linked to the school. With alcohol being served in this environment and the lack of direct oversight of young people attending without parents, the onus is very much on hoping everyone abides by the required regulations. In the review process this was raised as a major issue. If the ball was restricted in numbers to those directly related to the school and with appropriate supervision then it would be far too costly to run.

Therefore as a part of this review process I am seeking feedback from parents as to the viability of the Debautante Ball continuing. In particular I am seeking expressions of interest from parents who are willing to join a committee to assist with the organising and running of this event, including oversight of the training of the debautantes and their partners. Please forward your expression of interest and details through to the school by Friday 30 April. Emails should be directed to Jenny Kostoglou at kwannan@kws.nsw.edu.au

Brian Kennelly
Principal

KWS P & F
ART FAIR

Meeting this Wednesday evening (28th April at 7.30)

Planning has commenced for the 2010 Art Fair – however we really need your help.

The dates we have set down for this year are the 30th, 31st July and 1st August.

We have now just 2 months to plan this event.

This year the event will have a ‘new look’ with the inclusion of garden sculpture, glass sculpture, ceramics and many new artists being approached.

We really need your assistance to work with us over the next 2 months to make this event a huge success. If you have wanted to be more involved in our school community – this is an opportunity to ‘not get involved in meetings’ – but rather involved in a practical way (PLUS your involvement is time limited- only 2 months). If you can’t make this meeting but would like to be involved and volunteer ‘for a job’ - please let me know through the school office (63920300)

Thank you for considering this – Richard Cheney, P&F president 2010.
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Noumea Trip 2010

Thank you to those parents who were able to come to the information evening at the end of Term 1. Can I remind everyone that I need a photocopy of the front photo page of your child’s passport, plus the completed medical and dietary forms issued already. If you do not have the forms I am referring to, please contact me at the school on 63 920 302. This information is urgently required by the travel agents. I will be contacting the parents who offered to help with fundraising (for which I am really grateful!) in the first week of May.

Mrs Bev West

KWS student wins inaugural F.O.O.D Master Cooking Competition

Congratulations to Year 12 Hospitality student Meagan Rees for winning the inaugural F.O.O.D Master Cooking Competition held recently as part of F.O.O.D week in Orange. Meagan competed against a number of other local entrants and was awarded first prize of $1,500.
Well done Meagan!

We welcome Juliet to the School for a 1 term contract, teaching Year 7 and 8 Music. Juliet has a Bachelor of Teaching from CSU and has 8 years teaching experience at Wenona in Sydney. Juliet will be covering Sue Langbein’s former classes until a permanent replacement is finalised for the beginning of Term 3.

Brian J Kennelly
Principal _ Kinross Wolaroi School

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award:
Tom Brodie, Georgie Hazelton, Peter Brooker, Lauren Cope, Lucy Aylward, Matilda McKenzie, Molly McLaughlin and Lillian Sims.

Silver Awards have been awarded to:
Alexander Proudford, and Heather Wythes.
Well done to all these students on their commitment to this activity.
Please come and collect your certificates and badges from me when convenient.
Learning Matters

General Notice
Some parents may be interested in the following workshop for parents. The Australian Autism Education and Training Consortium (AAETC) in conjunction with the AIS, is holding a workshop for parents of students with autism. The dates of this workshop is on the 12 & 13 May 2010 to be held in the Orange Ex-Services Club. The information session and workshops are part of the Positive Partnerships and national programme. For more information and for a registration form, please contact me.

The School is aware that students with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) require special attention and care. Whilst we recognise that this is a sensitive area, in terms of misconceptions and often misdiagnosis, I encourage parents who are aware or suspect that their child is ASD, to seek confirmation from a medical perspective and inform the School. The information is very helpful to us, as we can aim to better support and cater more specifically to your child’s need. It goes without saying, that earlier the diagnosis, the earlier intervention strategies can be put in place and hopefully better outcomes and just as important, if we are unaware of your child’s ASD, we have limited ability to support your child.

Learning Support Update
This term we welcome back Robyne Ridge who after some time recovering from an injury is back this term. She has been greatly missed and we look forward to her continuing in her recovery and working with our students who require learning support. To assist Robyne in her transition we also welcome, Brigitte Ward who after teaching at Kinross Wolaroi School some time ago is back and has extensive experience as the former Coordinator of Learning Support from The Armidale School.

Enrichment Honours Programme Update
The Philosophy 137 cohort, who are part of the Macquarie University Gifted and Talented Programme are eagerly awaiting their 2nd visit to the University to be held on Saturday 1st of May. The students thoroughly enjoyed their first visit, staying in a University campus and listening and participating in University lectures and tutorials. I also encourage students to take advantage of the upcoming Senior Science workshops. Opportunities to ask and challenge your understanding are often rare, so stay tuned for the upcoming time slots for Chemistry, Biology and Physics.

NAPLAN Update
Just a quick follow up from letter to parents in Years 7 and 9 regarding NAPLAN, that NAPLAN tests for Yr7 and 9 students will be occurring on the 11th to 13th May. If parents can ensure that their child is available and ready in terms of equipment, the tests should run smoothly.

Whilst there is some media attention surrounding the NAPLAN tests and in particular the MySchool website, the School will continue to focus on literacy and numeracy development as part of the normal school curriculum and focus on NAPLAN results for qualitative (individual strengths and weaknesses) as opposed to purely quantitative (comparison against the norm) reasons. For more information regarding NAPLAN, MySchool website, Past Papers and the like, please check out the NAPLAN website (http://www.naplan.edu.au/) for more information or do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,
Yooie Choi

Ski Trip
Please note that there are still places available for two GIRLS on the KWS Snow Trip to be held over the July School Holidays on the 11th – 16th July.

Please contact Mrs Amos ASAP if you are interested in reserving one of these places.

YEAR 12 PREFECT DINNER –
Friday 14 May 2010
A reminder to Year 12 Prefects and parents - the final RSVP date for the Prefect Dinner is
Monday 3 May.
Please RSVP to Sally Rattray-Wood before this date.
Ph 6392 0325
srattray@kws.nsw.edu.au
Music Matters

It is now just three weeks until the Combined Schools Music Festival. To date we have received applications from 155 students; 43 from KWS and 112 from interstate schools. This is an outstanding response and a festival which combines liberal amounts of excellence and fun is strongly indicated. The Gala Concert will be held in the Derek Pigot Auditorium on Saturday 22nd May from 7.00pm, and promises to be an exciting night of music.

More billets are needed for our visitors, and if you are able to assist please contact either the writer or Mrs Sue Baker as soon as possible.

Our first Camerata Concert for 2010 will be held in the KWS Chapel on Friday 7th May at 7.30pm. This concert will feature Sandra, Sarah and Mr Laith Ismail, Rachael Kwa, Rebekah Kwa, Luke Moxey, Koristers and our Mendelssohn Octet. In addition to enjoying the fine music on offer you will be assisting the fund raising efforts of the Friends of Music.

Thanks to the members of the Marching Band who represented the School in such a wonderful fashion in the ANZAC Day March last Sunday. Impeccably turned out, the students led a large contingent of cadets and other students in a highly successful march on a sparkling day. Drum Major Joel Watkins was an exemplary leader and deserves high praise for his work.

Have a musical week!

William Moxey
Co-ordinator of Music Performance

Dates for your Diary 2010

May
7 – Camerata Concert – Chapel 7.30pm
8 – Scholarship Day
20 – 22 – Combined Schools Music Festival

June
2 – Australian Chamber Orchestra Workshop –
18 – Cadet Dinner
24 – Proms Concert DPA – 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

July
12 – 17 Pirates of Penzance Camp Week
19 – 21 Pirates of Penzance final rehearsals
22 – 24 Pirates of Penzance Performances

August
16 – 29 Orange Eisteddfod Music Sections

September
10 – Camerata Concert – Chapel 7.30pm

October
17 – 18 – Music Camp TBC
20 OR 21 – SSO Meet the Music – Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No.1 – SOH 6.30pm TBC

November
5 – Grandparents’ Day
6 – Open Day
12 – Music Festival

December
10 – Carols Service
11 – Speech Day

Science News

The information below outlines a number of external Science events, which interested students could become involved in.

The University of Newcastle Summer School for Year 9 Girls
This school is held on the University of Newcastle Campus for five days, commencing the 5th of December, 2010. The school is designed to allow Year 9 girls to investigate career options in Science and Math’s based subjects. Visit www.newcastle.edu.au/aimhigh to find out further information.

The Science Experience – Years 9 and 10
This three day hands-on practical Science program is available for all students in Years 9 and 10. It operates at 36 Australian Universities during the spring and summer holidays. The cost is $110. Applications are available from your local rotary club or The Science Experience office on (03) 8288 1001. Further information can be found by visiting www.scienceexperience.com.au

Forensic Science Camp - Year 8
Year 8 students wishing to be involved in solving a complex crime scenario might like to apply for this camp. This camp is held at The Armidale School during the winter school holidays (29th June to the 3rd July 2010). The total cost of the camp is $550, although this does not include the cost of getting to and from Armidale. Further information can be gained by visiting http://www.as.edu.au/forensics
KWS Rugby News

2010 Rugby Season Launch
Friday 7th May 2010

Save the Date!
Details will follow in further Newsletters

RUGBY JERSEYS
We are desperately short of the “Two Blue” Rugby jerseys in sizes 30-40. I’m sure there are many that are in the bottom of drawers at home. Why not bring them into the clothing pool?

Rugby Club

2010 Rugby Season Launch
Friday 7th May 2010, 7-30 to 9-30 pm

Upstairs at the Parkview Hotel, Orange
(Canape’s provided, purchase own drinks)

$20 per person - players no charge.

RSVP: Tuesday 4th May, 2010 to:
Rosemarie Amos, KWS Rugby Club, Locked Bag 4, Orange, NSW, 2800
Ph: 02 6392 0313; Fax: 02 6392 0410; Email: ramos@kws.nsw.edu.au

Please complete and sign below:
Player’s Name..................................................................................................................................................
Parents Names..................................................................................................................................................
Preferred MOBILE PHONE No.................................................................
Preferred EMAIL.............................................................................................................................

( ) I would like to attend the 2010 Rugby Season Launch @ $20 per person
No. of persons attending:....................

( ) Charge School account   ( ) Cheque payable to KWS Rugby Club
Parent(s) Signature.................................................................................................................................

Please return to the School or Fax to: 02 6392 0381
Netball

KWS Netball Gala Day

Aim: To give KWS players, coaches and parents the opportunity to “up-skill” their umpiring and also to get the KWS Netball Club community together for the first social event for the season.

When: Sunday 16th May

Where: KWS

Times: 9 am until 12 noon - umpiring clinic
12 noon until 1 pm – BBQ lunch
1 pm until 3 pm – round robin games

Interested (players, coaches or parents) in attending the umpiring clinic and/or BBQ lunch should contact Mrs Brideoake by Friday 7th May.

bbrideoake@kws.nsw.edu.au

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WAS Netball

Congratulations to the following girls for their Selection in WAS netball teams to contest the AICES competition:

Under 16
Mandy Colless
Alanna Condon
Maddy Hawthorne
Arabella Jorgensen Hull
Rebekah Kwa
Kirby Russell
Tegan Selmes
AICES 10th May

Opens
Steph Coote
Kate Gullifer
Mikhaila Gray
Sam Johnson
Maryanne Ferguson (shadow)
Caitlin Hawthorne (shadow)
AICES 23rd June

Captain of Netball

Congratulations to Sam Johnson for being selected as the 2010 Captain of KWS Netball.

Round 1 Results

Senior Competition

1st v KWS The Exchange  Won 37-33

What a great way to start the 2010 season. With a new team and new coaches the KWS 1st were looking to make a statement on Saturday that this is not a development year and we did that with our first win. We started the game a little rocky but great shooting by Steph, Caitlin and Lilian kept us in the lead. As the game continued we began to feel more comfortable playing with each other and this was shown by the ball flowing down the court from defence to attack quite easily. Our new defence recruit Maryanne had an outstanding game in the circle as did to WD Mikhaila with countless intercepts. The red faces at the end of the game showed that we need to put more effort into our fitness and I know the girls are looking forward to this at training.

KWS 2nds  Bye

KWS 3rds vs OHS Pumas
A great start to the season for the girls with a 50 to 5 win over Orange High School Pumas. The girls dominated from the start and never looked threatened by the opposition at anytime during the game. The girls defensive skills were fantastic and special mention goes to Grace Murray and Mikaela Cato, who both seem to have arms that extend forever. Liz Whitely and Annelise Corey, in wing attack and centre respectively, never stopped running and the opposition simply could not match their fitness. Well done to the team.

KWS Gossip Girls vs Cudals Cobras
The first game of our 2010 season brought rain! Playing without our GS, our girls worked hard, gaining fairly even possession overall, playing the very strong Cudal team. The heavens opened just after half time, and players were drenched within 20 seconds. To their credit, even though a win was well out of our reach, the girls ‘lifted’ and played in great spirit, opting to play out the game rather than take the option offered by Cudal of abandoning the game due to the pounding rain. A promising start to the season!

KWS Scrubs  Bye
KWS Futuramas vs RH JD Kitchens

The Futuramas lost the game 21 – 26. However, for the first half of the game we were well ahead, sometimes twice as many points ahead. We had a bad 3rd quarter where the girls were battling a ferocious wind and the passes were just not accurate enough. They improved in the last quarter despite torrential rain which made the ball die on the bounce!

The girls played well but were probably lacking match fitness. In addition, the opposition had 2 or 3 extra players to draw from, whereas we had a neat 7 who played the whole game. The girls showed excellent spirit in spite of the terrible playing conditions!

Junior Competition

KWS 13As vs OHS Phoenix

Won 24-8 (That was the score that I had; I didn't get to see the official score board sorry). MVP; 3 points: Bronie Condon 2 points: Bridget Cooper 1 point: Sarah Spina. The Kinross 13A's team had a great start to the season with a win over OHS Phoenix 24-8. All team members showed plenty of potential and together will be a hard team to beat in the competition. Bridget Cooper had a great game at C, never giving up and always making herself an option. Bronie Condon (GS) scored 16 of our 24 goals displaying precision and some impressive splits to get closer to the goal. Sarah Spina worked hard in defence with plenty of intercepts. At training we will now continue to work on our game fitness, creating space and coming forward for the ball. Well done girls on the win!

KWS 13B vs RH Outlaws

The 13 Blues dusted off the cobwebs against a tough opponent, the Outlaws, in round one. Showing the true Kinross spirit, they rallied together, tightened their defence and fought back in the second half. The Outlaws defeated our 13 Blues 17 goals to 9. A good game was had by all with Bronte Gosper named player of the match.

KWS Family Gals v OHS Purple Penguins

After a scoreless first quarter, the KWS Family Gals were able to three goals in the second quarter, two in the third and two in the final quarter. They were able to secure victory against OHS by two goals with the score at the final hooter being KWS 7, OHS 5. The second quarter was where the Family Gals were able to work well together as a team, talk and get the ball out and into our half. Adelaide Patterson scored all seven goals and was ably supported by the rest of the team in getting the ball to her. Each player performed exceptionally well and this is a team to watch for this winter season! Well done to all the Gals for their fine performance.

KWS 14As v OHS Paparazzi

The 14As made a promising start to the season with a solid win over OHS. The game was a true team effort with all players contributing to this fine result. Well done girls.

KWS 14Bs v OHS Panthers

Lost

We played a pretty good game for our first of the season with two players having this game as their first. After testing out different positions and combinations we found a good one but unfortunately it wasn't enough. Hopefully next week we can pull off a win.

KWS Junior A v CYMS Zanussi

Lost 17 / 27

A pretty good start to the season. The defence did a mighty job and although the shooters were defended heavily, they managed some good goals. Once the girls created some space in the mid-court, the ball progressed well. Maddy Hawthorne had a fantastic game. As goal defence, she limited her opponents attacking options but she also formed a vital link with the shooters. Alanna Condon showed great foresight and anticipation and her passes were always strong and accurate. Teamwork and positioning should improve after a couple of weeks of training.

KWS 15As vs Canobolas 15A

With a few boarders away for the long weekend, we were fortunate to have Pru Eccleston and Talor Hamilton from the 14s to fill key positions for us. The 15As started strongly with a 4-1 first quarter. Bea Patterson and Pru Eccleston were shooting well and were receiving good quality ball from Eloise Mirrington and Talor Hamilton. At the other end, Karli Moloney, Shelby Archer and Lauryn Wilson were doing a great job of shutting down the Canobolas A team. The second and fourth quarters were close contests, but a 12-3 third quarter won by the Canobolas team was the difference in the end. Overall, a positive start to the season. Result KWS lost 8-21 to Canobolas 15A.

KWS 15Bs v CYMS Transformers

The first game of the season was a challenging one with only one training session behind us. The girls were keen to try new positions and in particular the Goal Shooter position. Sarah Elarf showed a new skill in shooting and she was supported very well by Sam Lloyd as goal attack. Milly Inder moved quickly in the centre court and she was able to keep the game flowing well along with Piper Thatcher, Sasha Hall and Sara Naylor. Sammy Chary was determined both as a Wing in the first half and in defence for one quarter. Erin Smith and Kaylie Yule kept the opposition from scoring on many occasions. Some great skills were shown on the weekend.

TOUCH FOOTBALL.

Congratulations to Mitch Green and Kane Gardner who competed in the AICES opens touch football carnival. The boys representing KWS formed a part of the “Barbarians” side who won the opens (under 18) carnival in Penrith. Both Boys went on to be selected in the AICES open side to compete at the CIS carnival later in April.
Hockey

Congratulations to Georgie Mutton and Kate Wilson who were selected in the CIS U16 team. They will now attend trials to select the NSW U16 All schools team at the end of May.

U13 Sapphires v U13 Diamonds
Well done girls on the first win of the season! A commendable effort was shown by all and the team worked well together – let’s strive to keep it up! I’m looking forward to having some fun and being your coach this year.

U13 Diamonds v U13 Sapphires
Well done girls, and excellent first game. Good effort and perseverance. Keep your heads held high no matter what happens. I am very proud of you.

U15 Falcons v Cyms 1-6
Very impressed with the talent I have to work with, First game great effort.

U15 Kookaburras v Canobolas Drew 3-3
The first game of the season got off to a bit of a slow start with the opposition scoring within the first 15 minutes.

Football

Under 15 v Waratahs 3 all draw
This was a great result for the first game of the season; the boys had only had one training session and there were no reserves available so they all had to work very hard.

At half time the score was even with no goals scored despite lots of excitement around both goal mouths. The heavens opened and the field became a muddy, water-covered pitch very quickly. Waratahs scored three goals without reply but KWS kept pressing. Eventually Nick’s Persistence and strength paid off and he ended up with a famous hat-trick which he thoroughly deserved.

Fletcher was fabulous in defence as were Nick Price, Nat Cisco and Will Proudford. Their efforts were critical to the final result.

Nicola Thomas made up for it scoring 2 goals off some great passing and team work before half-time. Kellie O’Connor, Lucy Koconda and Maddi Dowling had a great game up in the forwards and halves and Emma Crockett stopped some potentially dangerous attack from Canobolas.

U17 Sharks v Moling Won 8-0
A fantastic start to the season with all the girls playing well. Team work was a feature and resulted in most of our goals. Claire Alexander, Stephanie Dwyer, Lucy Harris, Erica Johnson, Rosie McClymont and Sarah Tilley scored the goals.

U17 Crocodiles 2-1
The Crocodiles played a very close match with Orange City to win 1 - 0 with a first half goal by Georgie Hazelton being the decider. The defence was very strong led by the two fullbacks Elen Smart and Rianna Finn whose tackling was outstanding. Fast movement of the ball into attack relieved the defensive pressure and could easily have led to further scores.

A very pleasing for the first match of the season.

KWS 1 v Ex-services Drew 1-1
This match was a replay of last year’s grand final so the girls were very happy with their performance.

KWS 2 v Molong lost 1-6
This was a pleasing start to the season. There is plenty to work on especially fitness as our aim is to out run the opposition in future games

KWS 3 won 2-1 with Emily Madge scoring both their goals.

The 14’s started the season off well with some promising signs of good things to come. A 2-0 loss to Molong was not the ideal score but the improvements that took place on the football field over the length of the match were amazing. Some hard attacking play from Molong had us down a goal in the first 20 minutes and defensive mix up had us down by 2 at half time. The team listened well at the break and were able to apply some of the basics such as maintaining possession and finding feet throughout the second half. A great game was had by keeper Thomas Glastonbury – both teams supporters were heard oohing and aahing on many occasions as he saved many a scoring opportunity.

James Pansini was also impressive particularly in the second half when he returned to his preferred defensive role. A name to watch for this season will be James Mitchell, a very impressive display of commitment was seen by him. Thanks to all the parents for your support and I look forward to it continuing over the season.