Speech Day 2010
On Saturday 11 December we are holding our 124th Annual Speech Day. It is a requirement for all students from Year 7 to 11 to attend this event. I am seeking the full support of parents to assist the school in ensuring their sons or daughters are present. As you are aware our guest speaker this year is Li Cunxin, the author of Mao’s Last Dancer. As is customary on Speech Day we are anticipating a large audience. Please be mindful that Speech Day is a special day on the KWS calendar and as a result we must limit our audience to staff, students and parents of KWS and specially invited guests. If you are aware of any other members of the Orange Community, or from elsewhere, who are considering attending our Speech Day, please note that they must apply for seating through the Principal. Please contact the Principal’s PA for further details on 63920301 or kwannan@kws.nsw.edu.au

Li Cunxin
Best Selling Author and Public Speaker will be our Guest Speaker at Speech Day 2010
Li has kindly offered to make available for purchase, signed copies of his books and DVD’s, both in hard copy and paper back. These must be ordered prior to Speech Day. Purchases will be billed to your school account. Prices are as follows:
- $55 for the hardcover – Mao’s Last Dancer
- $35 for the paperback – Mao’s Last Dancer
- $35 for the picture book - The Peasant Prince
- $25 for Young Readers Edition (teenager edition) – Mao’s Last Dancer
- $25 for the DVD - Mao’s Last Dancer
These costs include postage and handling.
Please phone Sally Rattray-Wood on 6392 0325 or email srrattray@kws.nsw.edu.au to place your order. All order requests must be submitted by 1st December to ensure delivery of signed copies. Books and DVD’s will be available for collection directly after Speech Day from Sally in the foyer of the DPA.
Please Note:- There will be no signing of previously purchased books following Speech Day, nor will any merchandise be available for sale on the day.
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
Cadets can now pick up their certificates from Promotion Camp from the Cadet store. These include ones from 2009 as well as 2010.

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

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.

A set of Honda car keys were found at the PLC site on Saturday afternoon (20 November), at the Year 10 formal. If these are yours, or if you know who they might belong to, please contact Karen Tyrrell, Assistant to Head of Senior School, on 6392 0302.
Academic Awards for Excellence, Class Achievement and Effort - P&F Tutor House Challenge Shield - Term 4, Week 1, 2010

Congratulations to the following students for their high standard of work and effort in previous weeks

**Academic Excellence Points**

**Year 11; SOR** - Angus Rogers
**Year 9; VA** - Dominic Wu, Ben Hogendyk, Gemma Plunkett

**Academic Achievement Points**

**Year 11; SOR** - Ruby Walker, Olivia Kerr, Lauren Cope, Madeleine Rosser, Bryce Yule
**Year 10; Ma** - David Crombie, Hayden Davidson, James Sullivan, Sam D’Aquino, Sam Cook, Emily Ellis, Emily Bennett, Alex Boyd
**Year 9; VA** - Tim Jarrett, Bethany Ovenden, Sarah Elfar, Elizabeth Denison
**Year 7; La** - Cameron Williams

**Academic Effort**

**Year 11; SOR** - Gabriella Fisher
**Year 9; VA** - Edmund O’Brien, Fr - Meg Coles x2, Kirstie Fitzpatrick x2, Hannah Foster x2, Karlie Maloney x2, Ebony Press, Ag - Sam Pratten, Sci - Alexandra Hall
**Year 8; Sci** - Philippa Sharpe, Olivia Brooks, Geo - Isabella Hazelton
**Year 7; Eng** - Rachelle Stubberfield, Fr - Bree Smith x4, Clare Gavin x4, Cody Swadling x5, Arkie Pickering x5, Nicola Kermode x5, Siobhan Herbert x5, Mia Hull, Annabel Mutton, Sarah Coupland, VA - Emily Small

**Conversations to the following students for their good citizenship shown towards others**

**Tutor House Points** –

**DEAN** - Dean Phillips
**BROWN** - Krysten Hood, Jess Inder, Brandon Straney, Sam Green, Andrew Johnson
**GORDON** - India Dixon

**Music Matters**

Our musicians have remained very busy since the Music Festival. Last Saturday the Paix Quartet performed at a private function, and then later at the Farewell Dinner of the Member for Orange, Russell Turner MP. This coming Thursday the Stage Band will perform in Robertson Park at Orange’s 150th Anniversary Community BBQ and Christmas Festival launch. This follows their fantastic performance at the School Assembly on Tuesday. On Friday the Chamber Choir will perform at the Orange Day View Club’s Christmas luncheon.

Soloists Rebekah Kwa and Luke Moxey as well as the Orchestra are putting the finishing touches on their pieces to be performed at Speech Day.

Our You Tube clip of the week features a breathtakingly powerful concert performance of a section of ‘Sweeney Todd’ sung by Brynn Terfel. www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GH7I0TxILg&feature=search

Have a musical week!

**William Moxey**

Co-ordinator of Music Performance

**Dates for Your Diary**

**DECEMBER**

10 – Carols Service
11 – Speech Day

**BOARDERS’ BITZ**

Welcome to “Boarders’ Bitz”, a column designed to keep parents abreast of developments in Boarding.

➡️ A reminder to all students and parents that no medication should be kept in the boarding houses by any student. If a student is unwell, they are to present to the Health Centre or Boarding Staff so proper medical attention can be given or arranged. At no time should students in boarding be self-assessing their medical condition and self-administering medication. The medication that they take could have a masking effect on other medical conditions such as concussion or even appendicitis. Your support on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

➡️ **Survey Reminder** - Please go online and ensure that you fill in your Boarding Parents Survey. All surveys for parents will be coming off the website for computation on the 29th of November. Your views are very important to us and the feedback that you provide allows us to evaluate our position and try to improve the service we provide. Please note that there is a smaller secondary survey for Wolaroi Site parents and that is also on the website.

➡️ Thursday 9 December will be a secondary Pupil Free Day, and as a result boarders will be accommodated with a Movie morning at the Odeon Cinema, and other activities or town leave as required in the afternoon.

➡️ Speech Day will commence at 10.00am on Saturday 11 December. Parents and students are asked to be seated in the Derek Pigot Auditorium by 9.30am to ensure a smooth start to proceedings. At the conclusion of Speech Day, parents are reminded that boarders and their belongings must be collected from all boarding houses by 12.30pm, unless prior arrangements are made with the Head of the Boarding House. Students must be in full school uniform, with tams for girls.

**Simon Shepherd** - Director of Boarding
Basketball

KWS Boys 1st In their most physical encounter of the year the KWS Firsts got off to a slow start against the seasoned veterans who make up the Parkview Falcons. Coach Curran was absent from his post as he tried to rally his Falcon’s team to inflict a victory over the KWS Firsts in an effort to claim first round bragging rights. At quarter time KWS were up 11-6 and it was obvious there would be no record scores tonight. By half time the lead was only 7 but then the boys, guided by mentor Mr Casbier, started to make their firing opponents work hard. By three quarter time you could see defeat in Coach Curran’s eyes as the boys skipped away to 32-23 lead and by full time the opposition had nothing left with the final score seeing KWS Firsts victorious 42-25. Despite the whole team playing well the boys are not looking forward to Coach Curran’s revenge on the training court this week. Special thanks to Mr Casbier for helping out on the night.

KWS Girls 1sts v JS Opals Won 6/7 Last Monday night the lsts secured another convincing win against James Sheahan Opals, which kept us undefeated and on top of the ladder. We started off strong with an early basket that resulted from the jump ball. The points didn’t stop rolling onto the scoreboard and as the game progressed, so did our performance and knowledge of tactics, teamwork and tenacity. Stand-out performances for the match were: Megan Hunt and Lexi McCann for their incredible ball handling skills and overall control of the ball; Amy Kennedy and Pip Johnson for their quick thinking and perfectly timed passes and Sarah Burns for her numerous successful cuts to the basket which continually led to scoring points. Congratulations girls on a well deserved win! Mikaela Cata Captain of KWS Girls Basketball

Girls 2nds v Spinners Won 29 – 19 The signs were ominous early on, with quick turnovers spoiling sustained possession. To their credit Spinners played with considerable passion and determination. The transition down the court was rushed and led to numerous mistakes. Despite a considerable number of shots our scoring percentage would have been less than 10%. Overall the team played well as the game wore on we never reached the heights of last week. The best on court were Nataya, Katie and Sarah, who showed tactical nous and good court position. With a bye next week we have time to sort out the mistakes that proliferated with impatient attack.

Cricket

KWS 1st XI v CYMS Royal Bank Cup Kinross Wolaroi moved a step closer to a second consecutive Royal Hotel Cup final appearance with a seven-wicket drubbing of CYMS on Friday night. CYMS won the toss and elected to bat, a decision which did not work in their favour at Wade Park. Opener John Warrington (18) was the only batsman to make double figures with the rest scoring eight runs or less. The Kinross bowlers were economical and accurate and the CYMS batsmen paid the price as the green and gold’s were removed for 63. "I think we had them at about 5-40 after 20 overs. When we changed tactics and went straight to spin," Kinross coach Mark Gardner explained.

This tactic worked, with Tom Harbison ripping through the CYMS attack to take 5-7 off his five overs. At one point Harbison took three wickets in four balls. Joel Taylor was also excellent, claiming 3-7 off six overs, while Jason Date (1-8) and Jack Rogers (1-11) each grabbed wickets.

The students didn’t have the best start with the bat, losing opener Kane Gardner for nine and Chris Kostoglou for two to be 2-16. Harbison contributed with 14 but it was Jason Date (24 no) and Lewis Freeth (7 no) who pushed the side to 3-65 and the win. Sam Dwyer bowled well for CYMS, taking 2-15 off his four overs while Hamish Finlayson grabbed 1-11. Mark Gardner was happy with the students’ performance which has them unbeaten in the day-night competition after their opening two matches.

Kinross are scheduled to play their next RHC game on January 8 against Cavaliers. “I think if we win one more we’re basically guaranteed a place in the final.” Gardner said.

KWS 1st XI v Orange City Following the great Friday evening performance the team faced up against Orange City on Day 1 of the 76 over match. City were dismissed for 277 after some fine batting on a good wicket. Lewis Freeth, Jack Rogers and Nick Shillington all bowled well and it was great to see Nick get two wickets in his first game in first grade. The boys will have to concentrate and bat well next week when we resume at 1-12. Congratulations to Paul groundsmen on his preparation of an excellent pitch. The opposition and umpire both commented on the dramatic improvement in the main wicket this season.

KWS 15’s v Orange City Orange City made 9/216 from their 55 overs in the first day of a two day match to be completed next Saturday. KWS – being led by Tom Rogers for the first time – bowled well but were let down by some poor catching at times. However, the boys should be proud of the way that they looked to maintain pressure on the Orange City batsman throughout the day. Indeed, there were some excellent bowling performances from Shaun Labuschagne (2 for 24 from 7 overs), Charlie Harris (2 for 28 from 9 overs) Peter Crisp (1 for 8 from 6 overs) and Bill McLaughlin (1 for 27 from 7 overs). Scott McKellar and Cameron Robinson also impressed with their ever improving off spin bowling and were unlucky not to pick up wickets. Thanks to all parents and supporters who turned up to watch and assist with duties on the day - we look forward to seeing you there next week as we knock off the target and take first innings points.

KWS U14 v Orange City (2 day game) The game is evenly poised after the first day. Neither team excelled in their efforts but both teams played sensibly and consistently. Angus Gilmore worked very hard for his 24 runs while Will Olsen was against the pick of our bowlers securing 2 wickets for 6 runs off his 4 overs. At the end of 25 overs, Orange City had scored 59 runs while KWS, at the same point had a total of 67 runs. Next week’s game will be very interesting and it should be a good contest so please come along to Moulder Park for the morning, and support KWS Under 14 cricket.