Dear Parents

This week at Monday’s assembly the focus was on the music talents of the students within our School.

Our Prep Strings and Prep Band played as did the Senior School’s orchestra. As you know Mrs Annie McRae, our music teacher is initiating a band programme this year and has been overwhelmed by the number of students interested in taking up the challenge. Now the fun begins – practice!!

Our music leaders were also announced and congratulations to the following students.

**Prep String** – Rebecca Cunial-Ibsbester
**Prep Band** – India Kermode
**Choir leaders** – Alice Litchfield and Charlie Greer.

This week our Prefects and House Captains visited Blue Mountains Grammar School along with student leaders from other HICES schools to learn about leadership within our schools. This is an excellent programme and one our students gain a great deal from.

Thank you to all the families who have sent along bottles for the P&F Fair this Saturday. There are some great ideas and certainly worth winning. Also there are many parents who have been working tirelessly over the last few months in preparation for the Fair and deserve our thanks. The Fair commences at 10.00 am and students are to wear casuals. The Calcutta at the end of the day is always a highlight and many thanks to Mr David Harbison who is representing the parents in the great race.

This week’s reading is titled ‘When things go wrong at School’ from Michael Grose, one of Australia’s leading parent educators.

Enjoy your week.

Regards

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

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**REVIEW OF THE OPERATION and MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE of the KINROSS WOLAROI SWIMMING POOL and RECREATION CENTRE**

The Recreational Centre and associated heated pool has now been a facility in use at Kinross Wolaroi for over 12 years. As part of a whole school Audit of Operations and Procedures, with the associated Risk Management of these facilities, the School Council is undertaking a review. The review will encompass all aspects of the use of the pool such as Squad Swimming, the Learn to Swim Programme and use by the school for other co-curricular activities. In addition the internal and external use of the Rec Centre will be reviewed.

An external consultant, Mr Denis Pontin, will undertake this review. His initial visit to the school will occur on 7 and 8 March. The predicted timeline for this review will take approximately one month to complete. The review will include interviews with staff and all other stake holders. In addition an invitation is extended to the parent body, staff and any external users or interested parties to liaise via email with the reviewing consultant.

For those people interested in the review process who believe they can add value to our programme, we suggest they contact Mr Denis Pontin at the following email address:

denis@rmp.com.au

Thank you for your assistance.

Brian Kennelly – Principal
When things go wrong at school

“If your child is having trouble with other kids or a teacher, how you approach the problem can make all the difference. Taking a long-term, reflective view is often the best approach.”

Every parent wants the best for their children, especially at school. Schools are generally safe places, staffed by teachers who have the best interests of their students at heart.

But things can go wrong. Most kids experience learning difficulties at times. Conflict and peer rejection are a normal part of school life.

There will always be some turbulence during key transition ages, such as the start of adolescence. At these times young people often experience relationship difficulties and a dip in learning and sometimes call on their parents for help.

Your approach makes a huge difference to their resilience and future relationships with teachers and peers. Anecdotal evidence suggests that there’s been a significant increase in aggressive incidents at schools involving parents reacting to their children’s grievances.

Here’s how to react effectively.

1. **Stay calm and rational.** It’s natural as a parent to protect or defend your children, particularly when you think that they’ve been treated unfairly. But acting when you are full of emotion is not smart. Take your time to think about how you can help your child.

2. **Get all the facts.** Kids are faulty observers and often only see one side of a story. They sometimes can’t see that they may have contributed to a dispute or said something that may have upset a teacher. It’s the parent’s job to help kids process what happened so that they understand their role in a situation. Ask good questions to help the full story emerge.

3. **Assess whether to go to school or not.** Kids, like adults, benefit from telling their story to a trusted source. Problems can often be dealt with by talking through an issue, and giving kids some coping tips. If your child has a problem that they can’t solve themselves or you think adult intervention may be needed consider meeting with your child’s teacher or year level coordinator.

4. **Go through the right channels.** Approach the school calmly, going through the school office, or directly to your child’s teacher if that is the correct protocol.

5. **Look for solutions rather than blame.** Parent-teacher meetings get nowhere when one party blames the other. State the problem as you see it and view your child’s teacher as an ally, not a foe. Keep the discussion focused on what’s best for your child. Listen to your teacher’s viewpoint and value their perspective.

6. **Stay in touch.** Be realistic and remember that some problems can’t be solved to your satisfaction and won’t be resolved straight away. Be prepared to work with your child’s teacher for the long-term. Parenting is easy when things are going well, but testing when children experience difficulty. Taking a long-term, reflective view is often the best approach when your child experiences difficulty at school.

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Gordon House invites you to make a donation during its second half lunch Mini Relay for Life next Wednesday, 9 March. Children from Gordon will jog or walk around Sally Kennett Oval for 20 minutes to raise money for the Cancer Council Relay for Life campaign. House members will carry cups for you to fill. Be a part of this worthy cause—bring your coins to help!

**Merit Awards:** Saxon Buckley, Ryan Furness, Charlie Hodges, Yoshide Gounden, Will Hannelly, Taylah Caro Peter Saran, Gidgette Pratten, Emma Choi, Campbell Gilmore, Lizzie Kwa, William Rawson, Phoebe Litchfield, Maddy Srzich, Sally Crossing, Harry Houghton, Caden Wilkin, Sameeka L’Estrange, Jack Smith, Annie Pattinson, Rosario Catalan, Brooke Barrett, Ziggy Jackson Le-Couteur, Jack Weeks, Jimmy Lin, Dempsey Bryant, Fiona Hill, Catriona Denholm, Bradman Gavin, Lachie Smith, Max Summers, Olivia Mirrington x 2, Megan Murray, Billie Brownlow x 2, Chris McClare, Rhett Wheelhouse, Ethan Buesnel, Mitchell Harris, Will Smith, Hannah Solari x 2, William Cheney x 2, Jamie Abiassaf x 2, Henry Carter, Emma Holman, Jock Pryse Jones, Jess Amos x 2, Louisa Gilmore, Hamish MacSmith, Saskia Smith, Ailish Seedsman x 2, Kelsea Bellamy, Elizabeth McKenzie, Mary Munro, Charlie Pittman, Emma Pryse Jones, Parham Raoof, Amelia Rawson, Zali Thomas, Angus Wright x 2, Jack Bilton, Francesca Casti, Angus Crossing, Amanda Gee, Charlie Greer, Sam Haribson, Lachie Hazelton, Nicholas Pasquali, Lara Pearce, Seb Samodol, Emily Saran, Chelsea Shrimpton, Georgia Staniforth x 2, Nathanael Vazouras and Henry Welsh.

**Courtesy Points:**
**Great Manners:** Logan Usher, Lizzie Kwa, Emma Choi, Saxon Buckley, Annie Pattinson, Brooke Barrett, Lachlan Priest, Niamh McPhee, Lachie Sullivan, Catriona Denholm, Megan Murray, Rosie Flatau, Sarah Davies, Dempsey Bryant, Hannah Solari, Samantha Syme, Trent Russell, Charlie Pittman and Amelia Rawson
**Helpful in Class:** Maddie Stone, Bailey Mannix, Jamie Abiassaf, Charlie Greer and Francesca Casti
**Being a good friend and classmate:** Sterling Graham, Billie Brownlow and Gidgette Pratten

**Citizenship Points:**
**Uniform:** Rosario Catalan and Jack Weeks

**Helpful in Class:** Annabelle Binnie, Sarah Davies, Ward Strutt, Harry May, Siobhan Finn x 2, Mia Taylor, Jack Pengilly, Nick Pasquali, Zali Thomas, Tupou Faiva, Logan Buckley, Charlotte May, Angus Cumming, Jemima McPhee, Ollie Steele-Park, Zac Condon, Meg Crossing, Mary Munro, Jackson Essex, Phillipa Mannix, Ethan Teber-Rossi and Arabella McLeay
**Manners:** Elise Foster, Hattie Usher, Lachlan Priest and Hamish Mac Smith
**Gardeners:** Brianna Priest, Chelsea Foster, Jemima Barrett and Kyle Furness

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**PREP BAND!**

**Tuesday afternoons**

3:30 - 4:30pm in room 68  
(Music Centre)

Any student learning a band instrument can join!  
See Mrs McRae if you are interested
PREP GUITAR ENSEMBLE

If you are interested in having your child join a Prep Guitar Ensemble which will be run on Wednesday mornings before school please email Mr Moxey wmoxey@kws.nsw.edu.au or phone 63920341.

From the Health Clinic

If you have not returned your child’s medical history can you please do so asap. This paper work is vital in the clinic caring for your child.

KWS CANTEEN - VOLUNTEERS ROSTER - MARCH 2011

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Festa Italiana

Arts And Craft, Market, Dunk Tank, Rides, violin Maker, Dodgem Cars, Mechanical Bull, Face Painting, Animal Corner, Gelato, Kites, Toffee Apples, Jumping Castle, Prep Bottle Stall, Chocolate Strawberries, A Vespa And A Ferrari Just some of the things to see and do this year at the Kinross Wolaroi School Fair Saturday 5 March 2011 10.00 am – 3.00 pm All money raised this year will go towards the new bus shelter

Remember your Raffle tickets***

Fair Co-ordinators
Mim Pratten: 0428 652234 mimpratten@bigpond.com
Sally Wilson: scarrs@ix.net.au
**KWS FAIR – Bottle Stall**

**Bottles/Jars**
Please bring along all your bottles or jars to school any morning starting Monday 28 February until Friday 4 March between 8.30am to 9am - Our school fair is Saturday 5 March.
Please bring them to the parent helpers in the old undercover area. If you require empty bottles we do have them available at the school.

**Helpers Required....** We need Prep parents to volunteer some time on the day of the fair. Half an hour or more would be great if you could help out. Please put your name down on the roster at the Prep office or call Jean Condon Ph 0488168595 if you can help out anytime.

**Thank you** to all the wonderful families who generously donate bottles every year to our stall. Our children do benefit from our fundraising.

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**KWS Fair Raffle Prizes 2011**

To be drawn at the School Fair - 5 March 2011 at 2.30pm

1st Prize: Dinner for 6 at Lolli Redini – donated by Simonn & Leah
   2 courses each, 1 glass of champagne each on arrival and 1 bottle of local wine for the table.

2nd Prize: Peppers Palm Bay, Whitsunday Getaway for 2 adults
   Donated by Michael & Mandy Hartnig (Parigi Furniture & Homewares Store, Orange)
   A Flight Centre card to the value of $500 - donated by Pybar

3rd Prize: $250 Voucher for Harris Farmers Markets - donated by Harris Farm Markets

4th Prize: 2 night’s accommodation at Keronga Park self-contained cottage
   Donated by Keronga Park Pty Ltd

5th Prize: Dinner for 2 at Racine Restaurant at La Colline Wines donated by Racine Restaurant

6th Prize: 1 Griddle pan from Chefs Toolbox donated by Lisa Wettenhal
   2 bottles of Jarretts wine donated by Pip and Justin Jarrett
   Wood chopping board from Zylem donated by Richard Hoskin
   1 bottle of Straniero extra virgin olive oil donated by Anna & Sam Stranger

7th Prize: $150 gift Voucher from Hansen optometrists to use with any frame selection donated by Hansen Optometrists

8th Prize: $100 Voucher from Hawkes General Store donated by Hawkes General Store

9th Prize: $50 gift voucher from Bobbie McGee’s donated by Bobbie McGee’s

Please send monies and tickets to: KWS Locked Bag, 4 Orange NSW 2800, or drop them in to the school office or deliver to the Raffle table near the steps in the Quadrangle before midday on the day of the fair

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**Rugby**
This year we will be fielding teams in the 9 years, 11 years and 12 years various competitions. If there are any parents who would like to be involved please contact me on 63920316. To coach or manage requires some accreditation and courses will be run over the next four weeks. It is a prerequisite to attend the Smart Rugby course and there are also some rule changes being implemented in 2011.

**Swimming**
Congratulations to all the students who competed at the WAS Carnival last Thursday. The Carnival was very successful and gave our students extra practice before the HICES Swimming Carnival in Homebush next Tuesday. Thank you to all the staff who helped run this event – Mr McLean, Mrs Essex, Mr May and our wonderful Gappies Alex and Emily.

We have 36 students representing us at the HICES Swimming Carnival, larger than last year! The Carnival is next week on Tuesday 8th at Sydney Olympic Swimming Pool. Our HICES team will leave school on Monday 7th at 11am. A reminder that all HICES permission notes should have been returned by today.
A programme for the HICES Carnival is available from Mrs Hancock in the office. We congratulate all our students who are representing KWS at this event and are certain they will be swimming to the best of their ability.

Our HICES Swimming Team consists of the following students:
Sport for this week

Please remember to email all sport reports to Mrs Hancock – ch Hancock@kws.nsw.edu.au

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FOR SPORT CANCELLATIONS

LISTEN TO 105.1 OR LOG ON TO THE KWS WEBSITE WHERE YOU WILL FIND UP TO THE MINUTE SPORTING CANCELLATIONS AND YOU CAN JOIN TO RECEIVE INSTANT TWITTER ALERTS.

Winter Sport.

Term 2 will see the start of Winter Sport. Please see or email Mrs King if you have any questions. Notes will be sent home in Week 6 requesting the following, please be prompt in your return of notes:

- All girls from Years 3 – 6 to choose either Netball (full new uniform required) or Hockey.
- K-2 students will be given the option of playing modified Netball, Hockey or Soccer. Teams will depend on numbers and coaches.
- Volunteer coaches will be requested, primarily for the younger teams.

Note: All Year 3 – 6 boys will play Soccer with the option of Rugby as an extra (this option has already been organised).

Netball: The Orange Netball Association requires KWS to grade all teams where we have two teams in the same age group. Trials will be held during Term 1.

Please see Mrs King or Mrs Whiteley if you are unable to attend the appropriate day.

Trials

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Soccer Tops:

Unfortunately many students have not returned their Soccer tops from last year we now only have 2 complete sets. PLEASE LOOK FOR SOCCER TOPS AT HOME AND RETURN THEM ASAP.
## Proposed stalls for the Kinross Wolaroi School Fair 5th March 2011

If you can help out on any of these or supply goods please contact the person in charge or:
Melanie Pratten: mimpratten@bigpond.com.au OR Sally Wilson: scarrs@ix.net.au

### Tutor Houses

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### General Stalls

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P&F 2011 AGM
(can you believe it has been a year!!!)
The P&F AGM will be held on 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th March 2011 (please mark this in your diary) upstairs in room 81 of the Anderson Centre, to be followed by P&F general meeting.

POSITIONS TO BE VOTED ON:
- President
- Secretary
- Vice Presidents x 2
- Treasurer
- Canteen Treasurer
- Appointment of Auditor
- NSW Parent Council Representative/ Publicity Officer
- Preparatory School Representative
- Visiting Speakers Coordinator

Subcommittees:
- Fair Committee - Fair Coordinator/s 2012
- Art Fair Committee - Art Fair Co-ordinator 2011
- Canteen Committee
- Careers Evening Committee – Careers Coordinators/s 2011
- Second Hand Book Sale – Coordinator/s
- Social event - 125 year celebrations coordinator
- Day Commuters representative

If you are interested in taking on a position or being a part of a subcommittee or would just like some more information please contact Richard Cheney on 0428699015

Notice of Motion:
CHANGE TO MEMBERSHIP FEE

MOTION
That the constitution of the Kinross Wolaroi School Parents’ and Friends’ Association amend clause 4. Membership to: “Any parent,...........Shall be a minimum of $30.00 per family........”

BACKGROUND
This motion is to formally update the constitution to reflect the motion resolved at the 2008 AGM where membership fees were set at $30.00 per family per annum.

Notice of Motion:
EXTENSION OF TENURE OF OFFICE FOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS.

MOTION
That the tenure of office for executive positions of the Kinross Wolaroi School Parents’ and Friends’ Association be extended from two years to three years.

BACKGROUND
The current constitution states that the tenure of office of President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be limited to two years, unless extended by resolution at the AGM. It has been foreshadowed that this situation could occur at the 2011 AGM and so it was resolved at the P&F general meeting on 9th February 2011 that a notice of motion would be advertised to reflect this situation.