Dear Parents

Our first week for 2011 was a great start to what is shaping up as a very exciting year. The students have returned motivated and ready to be involved in learning and developing friendships.

The new students to our school have been warmly welcomed by our returning students who are always eager to ‘show off’ their school.

The Preparatory School have a number of students who suffer allergies. These allergies cause anaphylactic reactions which are life threatening. The students concerned are allergic to: nuts, fish, eggs & kiwi fruit

**Hence we urge all students to have nut, egg and fish free lunchboxes.** The allergies can be caught through breath and by touching hands that have touched nuts, egg and fish.

The students were all made aware at Monday’s assembly. I thank you for your support in this matter.

For those new to the school, formal school assemblies are held each Monday in the Performance Theatre from 12.05 – 12.55 pm. Each class has a turn to run the assembly and feature work they have completed. Parents are always most welcome to attend.

A reminder that Parent/Teacher interviews will be held next Wednesday afternoon 16 February from 3.40 to 7.00 pm. These have been arranged so you have the opportunity to meet your child’s new teacher and outline your expectations for the year ahead.

This week our Peer Support programme begins. Our Year 6 Peer Support Leaders are currently preparing their activities to present to their groups this Friday. The theme for this year is Anti-Bullying. Groups are organised in their Houses in groups of about 12 children from Kindergarten to Year 5. This is an outstanding peer programme with great activities giving a chance for students to interact across the years and also providing leadership training for our Year 6’s.

Each week this semester an article will be in the bulletin prepared by Michael Grose one of Australia’s leading parent educators. His articles have a common-sense approach and remind us how important education is. This week’s article is called ‘Make the most of this school year’.

Enjoy your week.

Regards

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

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**Protect our students who have severe allergies by not packing nuts, eggs, fish or kiwi fruit in lunch boxes**

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**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

*Wednesday 16 February - 3.40 pm to 7.00 pm*

*Bookings available from Thursday 10 February by calling Cathy on 63920316*
Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning and their school in particular. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

Parental withdrawal from children’s education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities. But the message for parents is clear – become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child’s education. Their chances of success are better when kids see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning. Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning and their school in particular. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

Make the most of the opportunities that schools offer to assist in the classroom including, hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories. Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. Hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep are important aids to learning.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

- **Make sure your kids start each day well.** That means they should get a good night’s sleep, have a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time with all their learning requirements as well as a healthy lunch.

- **Attend school activities** such as open days, concerts, parent evenings, sports events and celebrations. Read the school newsletter and other forms of communication so you can stay in the loop with what’s happening at your child’s school.

- **Consult with your child’s teacher** about homework expectations and practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school. Each teacher has his or her own expectations about how you can help so make sure you work within their guidelines.

- **Find out** what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R’s. School discipline is always more effective when it’s supported by parents so be supportive of their attempts to promote good behaviour in your child.

- **Direct any problems or constructive criticism through the correct channels** such as your child’s teacher, the principal or the school’s governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school’s reputation.

- **Become an advocate** for your child’s school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school-life.
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Merit Awards – Ruby Meehan, Emma Choi, Louisa Gilmore, Kyle Furness, Sam Harbison, Nathanael Vazouras

Courtehy Points –
For good manners - Annalise Emmi, Ben Chai, Ella Worsley, Bailie-Rose Miller, Brooke Barrett, Meyhar Chawla, Olivia Mirrington, Lachie Smith, Haidee Watson, Jack Saran, Tupou Faiva, Meg Crossing, Amelia Rawson, Lochie Hazelton

Citizenship Points –
Being helpful with new students and in the classroom - Grace Srzich, Saxon Buckley, Emma Choi, Bradman Gavin, Ollie Steele-Park, Ethan Rutherford, Georgia Lewis-Minogue, Phillipa Mannix, Chelsea Foster, Fletcher Rose, Maggie Smith, Zac Condon, Jesse Swain, Mitchell Strike, Ailish Seedsman, Ruby Niven, Sosaia Faiva, Campbell Gilmore, Emerson Miller

Fantastic work with their Kindergarten buddies - all Year 6

CLOTHING POOL
School children can purchase items from the Clothing Pool with a signature and items will be charged to your school account. Prep Students can visit the clothing pool at lunch time with teachers approval. Opens Tues & Wed 10.30am - 2pm (School Days).
Many thanks to all those who have kindly offered to volunteer. The response has been great!😊

A proposed roster for Term 1 will be sent by email to the volunteers shortly to review.

There is still a need for more volunteers as parent’s schedules are always changing.

For offers and enquiries, please contact:
Kim Rossi – kimr11@bigpond.com or Ph: 63 65 3929.

(L) = Lunch; (R) = Recess

### PREP BAND!

This year Mrs McRae will be taking Prep Band. Prep Band will begin in Week 2 on

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

Any student learning a band instrument is invited to join!

Welcome back to all of those families who were apart of the KWS Community last year and a very warm welcome to the school for all of the new families; I hope that you and your children are settling into the school.

**Our next meeting of the KWS Parents and Friends will be held TONIGHT at 7.30pm and will finish at 9.30pm promptly.**

Preceding this meeting (6.30 – 7.30) there is a meeting for those organising the 2011 FAIR….if you arrive and there is a meeting still going – just come on in!

Both meetings are to be held in **Room 81 of the Anderson Centre**. This room is upstairs – however we also have ramp access available – please phone me (0428699015) and I will arrange for the relevant door to be opened.

I would also like to say a huge Thank You to the 40 new canteen Volunteers – we are so encouraged by your support. If you haven’t yet responded, please consider supporting our Canteen by completing your registration form (sent home in the holidays with the fabulous ‘new look’ Canteen Menu) and sending it into the school or by emailing Kim Rossi (kimr11@bigpond.com), or contact me directly. I hope to see many of you at our meeting this evening

Richard Cheney
KWS P&F President (0428699015)
**Netball**

Term 2 will see the start of Winter Sport. 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. HICES Netball team will be competing on Wednesday 16th March. Trials will be open to all Year 5 and 6 girls.

**Trials**

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**Outside of School Sporting Achievements:**

Remember to tell Mrs King all about your out of school sporting achievements on Monday mornings!!

**SWIMMING** – Mountains to Plains Carnival Cowra
Bailie-Rose Miller – Champion Swimmer for her age across the region, First in Butterfly, Backstroke and Freestyle and Second in Breaststroke. An outstanding achievement!
Lochie Hazelton – First in Freestyle and Medley, Second in Butterfly
Stephen Dalzell – First in 50m Freestyle
Mitch Strike – 4th Freestyle, 5th Backstroke and 7th Breaststroke
Beau Meehan – Results in next week’s Bulletin

**Athletics**
The following students competed at Zone and have made it through to Regional:
Jemma Barrett, Brooke Barrett, Jemima McCalman, Mitch Strike, Emma Holman,
If there are other students please let Mrs King know.

**SWIMMING TRIALS on Monday.**

Just a reminder that Swimming trials will continue next week during Monday Sport time from 2pm – 4.30pm.

These Trials are for 100m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Butterfly. **Please note** that as in previous years, the 100m Freestyle and the Individual Medley races are run as timed finals on the trial dates. Full sports uniform including hat and KWS swimmers, goggles and towel will be required. If anyone else is available to help at either the trials or carnivals then simply come and see me on or before the day.

At the conclusion of the trials, races for the day of the Carnival will be published and displayed on the sport notice board so that students will know which races they are to swim in. Carnival day will consist of 25m races, 50m Finals and Championship Finals in each of the strokes, finishing with relays.

The Prep School Swimming Carnival will be held next week on Friday 18th Feb. A note will come home with more information regarding the running of the day. Programs for the Carnival will be available the day before the carnival from Mrs Hancock. Louise Barrett

**Sport for this week**

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

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**Sport reports**

**Interhouse Summer Sport Competition**

**Sport: T-Ball**

Week 1: Games 1 - 3
The high scorers of the week for each House were:
Brown: Jesse Swain
Douglas: Jack Saran
Gordon: Scott Sullivan and Jemma Barrett
McLachlan: William Cheney

**Star Player of the Week**: Chelsea Foster (Brown House) – 2 magnificent catches!
Highest scoring team: Douglas Force

**Cricket**

**U12 Lees**: After a long week at school, the U12 Lees were ready to rumble with Orange City Haddens. Everyone batted well, top scorers were Louie-13, Charlie-11 and Toby-10 not out with a total score of 120-4. The bowling was just as good with Nat ‘on fire’ taking 2-0. Orange City were all out for 69. Great work boys and thanks Mr Pritchard and Mr Brunner. Hugh Britton
School Fair
Saturday 5 March 2011.

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

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 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!