From the Principal

I am writing to Parents and Families to thank you for your wonderful support of the school during the 2011 school year. We have witnessed outstanding achievements from our students across all Year levels and from the diverse areas within the school. I am convinced the varied educational opportunities that we provide to students allow each individual the chance to develop in so many ways. I remind you of our aspiration statement from the 2010-2014 Strategic Directions – to deliver a dynamic teaching and learning environment, through dedicated staff and diverse co-curricular programs so that students are socially responsible, spiritually aware and fully engaged in life. I have witnessed countless examples of students who are making the most of the opportunities here and are fully engaged in life.

As an example, this term I have had the opportunity to visit many classes in the school to observe student learning in action. My objective has been to determine the level of engagement of the students in the learning process. I have been impressed by the willingness of students to work with teachers and to improve their understanding and level of knowledge. What came through clearly from these visits was the unquestionable commitment of staff to provide the best possible learning environment for students and in turn the obvious enjoyment students experience in this process. We are indeed very fortunate to have highly skilled and dedicated teachers who set and demand high expectations of our students.

I am grateful to the staff, students and parents who through a shared partnership ensure that Kinross Wolaroi provides a wonderful, engaging, learning environment for all. I look forward to you joining me to celebrate the 2011 school year this Saturday at our Speech Day Ceremony.

Brian Kennelly - Principal – Kinross Wolaroi School
Staff Appointments 2012

Music – Amy Coad – Amy has been a temporary staff member in the Performing Arts Faculty since Term 3, 2011. We are now pleased to appoint Amy to a permanent full time position within this faculty. Amy has a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Education from Queensland University of Technology. She has teaching experience at Murgon State High School and St Rita’s College, Clayfield both in Queensland. Amy will be an asset to the Performing Arts Faculty as she has wide abilities in Music, with a particular interest in teaching Brass and her main instrument being trumpet. We welcome Amy to a permanent position within the Performing Arts Faculty.

Music – Heidi Anthony joins us in the Performing Arts Faculty next year as the Co-ordinator of Ensembles. Heidi is currently the Acting Head of Music at Radford College in Canberra. Before being appointed in this Acting position she was the Director of Choirs at Radford. Heidi has a Bachelor of Music (Performance) from Australian National University, Canberra and Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) from the University of Canberra, ACT. Heidi comes to us with exceptional references and wide support from her current school community.

English – Kylie Mulholland will be replacing Robyn Ridge in the Learning Support Faculty. Kylie has 17 years’ experience working within special education, teaching English, History, Maths, Science and Art. She comes to us from Scots Bellevue Hill where she has worked at the Glengarry Campus as well as in the main school. Kylie has a Bachelor of Education (Art/Special Education) from the University of Newcastle

Learning Support – Astrid Lepelaar is appointed to the position of full time teacher of Learning Support. Astrid has been a part time member of staff at Kinross Wolairo School within the Learning Support Faculty and is highly qualified. Astrid has a Bachelor of App.Sc (Biomedical) at the New South Wales Institute of Technology, Graduate Diploma in Education from UTS, Cert.Gifted Ed (UTS) and a Master of Arts (Special Ed) Macquarie University.

Textiles – Megan Coombes will replace Robyn Youll while she is on Maternity Leave. Megan comes to us from Redlands, Sydney where she taught Design and Technology and Textiles. Megan has a First Class Honors Degree from Massey University, Wellington, NZ and completed her Post Graduate Diploma Teaching (Secondary) at Waikato University, Hamilton NZ. Before training as a teacher, Megan has worked in the Design, Fashion and Merchandising field.

Director of Sport – Joe Priest has been permanently appointed to the Director of Sport position. Joe has undertaken this role in an acting capacity in 2010 and 2011. This appointment has resulted from the resignation of Matt Winslade, former Director of Sport. Matt has accepted a position as a lecturer at Charles Sturt University, Bathurst, in the Health and PE area.

English – Adam Thompson has been part of the English staff on a temporary basis since 2008. He has now been appointed to a full time permanent position in the English Faculty. We congratulate Adam on this appointment.

PDHPE, History/RE - Claire Goodall has completed a 1 year contract and with Matt Winslade leaving, we are fortunate to appoint Claire to teach in these areas for 2012.

Allen Grant – following the completion of a 12 month contract position, Allen is re-employed for 2012 and will teach in the Science and Mathematics Faculty.

Prep School – Jodie Allen will be replacing Richelle Dwyer in the Prep School, who is taking 12 months leave. Jodie has been with us this year, having replaced Sue Houston. We are pleased that we are able to offer Jodie a position in 2012.

Job Shares – following the success of the job share program in 2011 we have a number of additional job share arrangements in 2012. These meet the needs of both the school and the valued staff involved in the program, many of whom have commitments to young families. These job share positions also assist us to meet our industrial obligations to assist family carers and help fulfil our obligations under Fair Work Australia.

English/HSIE/RE- Rachel Budden/Angela Hammond

English/English Foundations/HSIE/RE - Claudia McCalman/Renee Taylor

Mathematics – Jacolette van Rensburg/Anna Fehlberg

Prep School - Rebecca Essex/Gemma Seedsman

Prep School – Lisa Pengilly/Gemma Seedsman

Leaving Staff – As advised earlier Graham Jaques and Robyne Ridge are retiring after over 60 years of outstanding service to the school.

In addition I am grateful to the following staff that are finishing their contract positions at the end of this year:

HSIE – Bryce McNair, Textiles and Design Technology - Penny Chandler, English and HSIE - David Verdejo, Music – Liz Hawryluk

Brian Kennelly - Principal - KWS
Following consultation with the Staff Working Group, please see below the Term Dates for 2013 and 2014.

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**Brian J Kennelly - Principal - Kinross Wolaroi School**

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**SUNDAY SERVICES for 2012**

St John’s Uniting Church, cnr Kite & Sale Streets, 10:00am.

In-House boarders will be attending a Sunday service on the dates listed below. However, these services are not exclusively for boarders. All are welcome.

**Term 1**
- Sunday 29th July
- Sunday 19th February
- Sunday 4th March
- Sunday 18th March (with Communion)

**Term 2**
- Sunday 12th August
- Sunday 2nd September
- Sunday 16th September (with Communion)

**Term 4**
- Sunday 21st October
- Sunday 4th November
- Sunday 18th November (with Communion)

**Term 3**
Canteen news

There has been a great deal of activity in the canteen over the last term and I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary support and work of Rebecca Cutajar and Jenny Iffland – our 2 P and F Canteen staff members. Both of these women have provided a high level canteen service to our community.
Rebecca has recently announced that her family will be leaving Orange and she has resigned from the role – A huge thank you Bec for all that you have done for the KWS school community – you will be missed.

Term One of 2012 will see Pre Prep and Prep moving to an ON LINE lunch ordering system
(i.e NO LUNCH BAGS and MONEY – all orders will be on line) – so over the holidays ,
please register –
just follow the links from the front page of the school website.

We will also be introducing a new ‘Point of Sale’ system for the senior school and be moving the whole canteen to a cashless system.
If you would like to be more involved in the management and decisions regarding the school canteen, the P&F would welcome your input – just give me a call on 0428699015

Richard Cheney
KWS P&F President 2011

Dear Students/Parents,

This is a quick note from Campion Education that your booklist order for Year 7-11 can be completed online at www.campion.com.au

All orders can be handed in by the return date due or you can place your order online.

Orders can still be placed online after the return date.

Wishing all students the best!

The Team at Campion Education

Speed Limit

I am seeking the assistance of all parents, staff and student drivers. Please be aware of the speed limits within the school grounds. As a community we have families with young children who live within the school grounds as well as over 1000 students from Pre Prep upwards. Please drive with caution within the school grounds at all times.

Brian Kennelly - Principal – KWS

The Clothing Pool will be open normal hours on Tuesday 29th November, Wednesday 30th November and will be open an additional day, Friday 2nd December

Clothing Pool

Please be advised that in the interest of keeping up a good standard of appearance of Kinross Wolaroi students, the Clothing Pool will no longer accept uniforms in poor condition. All items handed to the Clothing Pool must be washed and ironed. Blazers, kilts and winter tunics must be dry cleaned.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Jasmina - 02 6392 0328
Second Hand Textbook Sale
Bring in your BOOKS

Textbook Drop Off: New Venue - Anderson Centre, the area near Squash Courts

Wed. 30th November 2011, *8:30am-2:00pm
Books must be in good condition with named envelope taped to front cover. Refer KWS P&F webpage for procedure details. Book sale will commence 8:30am; Friday 2nd December ~ sorry NO books can be accepted on Sale day!

Book Sale: Fri. 2nd December 2011, *8:30am–1:15pm
$10 per book!

Money/Books pickup: Fri. 2nd December 2011, *1:15pm-2:00pm
Pickup - Unsold books collection & books sold envelopes, as per book sale procedure, books/money not collected in this time will be considered a donation.
*If you CAN’T come in these times - organise a friend to do it for you.

For more information and a Textbook sign in form please see the KWS website and go to ‘Communities’, ‘Parents and Friends’ then ‘Useful Links and Information’

Book sale information or volunteers please contact Janelle Brunner 0411 139848

Academic Awards for Excellence, Class Achievement and Effort

P&F Tutor House Challenge Shield - Term 4 Week 7, 2011

Year 8: Ma - Zoe Press, Alex Webster, Rachelle Stubberfield
Year 10: Ma - Jack Yeomans, Hugh Davidson, Hannah Foster, Karli Maloney, Breanna Selwood
Year 11: Ma - Elin Williams, Mikaela Cato, Declan Cooper, Toby Doyle, Georgia Mutton

Congratulations to the following students for their good citizenship shown towards others
Tutor House Points – McLACHLAN Stan Alston, Sam D’Aquino

“Aussie Outback”
KWS School Fair Saturday 3rd March 2012

Calling all ‘Rockers’ Next year’s fair will feature budding rock bands, drummers, country & music artists, groups, air guitarists and talented performers. If you have a band waiting to be heard, are you a country or music artist or have a great talent or group – register with Mrs Alloway.

Calling all ‘Volunteers’ Seeking willing volunteers to assist with planning of the fair and help on the day – We are new at this and need all the help we can get. Everyone welcome!!

Calling all ‘stall holders’ We need repeat stalls, plus new and exciting stalls relevant to our theme - bush tucker, boomerangs and billy tea.

Gillian Coleman
gillian@hotondobathurst.com.au

Kim Bryant
kimb@ssfs.com.au
Music Matters
Prep Celebration Assembly
On Friday morning, our Prep Music Students did a spectacular job in their performances in the Celebration Assembly. The Prep Senior Band conducted by Mrs McRae has improved so much since the first half of the year and the Prep Strings were beautiful. The coming together of Prep Senior Band and Prep Strings for Prep Orchestra was spectacular and all the performers are to be congratulated on performing so well as an orchestra for the first time! The finale, “That Dixieland Sound”, was a brilliant ending to the proceedings. Well done performers, Mrs McRae, Mrs Moxey and Ms Innes!

125 Years Concert DVD and compilation CDs
Copies of the DVD are now available at the cost of $20.00. Our Compilation CD will be ready by the end of this week for $15.00. Please see Mrs Libby Chapman in the Music Centre Supervisor’s Office if you wish to purchase a copy of the DVD or the CD. She is available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week.

Marching Band Uniforms – OVERDUE
ALL students must return their Marching Band uniforms by the end of this week. We will be having them cleaned over the school holidays ready to redistribute in 2012.

May you have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and restful holiday. See you for another exciting and action-packed year in 2012!

Anneliese Alloway - Head of Performing Arts

Dates for Your Diary
DECEMBER: 3 – Speech Day

BUSTING THE MYTH: MUSIC AND CADETS? YES YOU CAN!!!!

There seems to be some doubt amongst the student and parent body about the possibility of being involved in the Co-curricular Music Programme and the Cadet Programme at the same time. I can tell you definitively that there is nothing to worry about! As Head of Performing Arts, I am fully supportive of all Co-curricular activity at KWS, not just Music. I do not want to put students in a position whereby they have to choose between 2 activities that they are equally passionate about.

While some Music and Cadet activities run at the same time, most of the Music Programme does not run against Cadet time. Mrs Vernon is Head of Cadets and we negotiate the Cadet Day for a student in a particular Music group so it is possible to be in both. The only real clash for a Musician and a Cadet is each of the Camps Weeks in Terms 1 and 4. However, if a music student desperately wants to go on Cadet Camp instead of Music Camp, then that’s fine. Mrs Vernon and I work together to make sure the best interest of each individual student is looked after. In the past, Mrs Vernon has offered to bring some Cadets back early so they can be part of the last day or 2 of Music Camp. Then the students get the best of both worlds.

Of course, as student progress through the Senior School reaching Year 9 or 10 level, they may find it challenging to balance Cadets, Music, Sport and their schoolwork. It is usually by then that students are clear as to where their passion lies and can choose the appropriate pathway. However, it is best to try everything on offer in the first few years of the Senior School to ensure all options are open.

Please contact me on 6392 0364 if you have any questions about your child’s particular circumstances.

Anneliese Alloway - Head of Performing Arts

GRAND CONCERT DVDS/CDS NOW AVAILABLE
The DVD recording of the 125 Years Celebration Concert is now available for purchase from the Music Centre Supervisor Office in the Music Centre.
Copies are $20.00 each and can be billed to your account. CDs will be ready for the end of the week for $15.00 each. Please contact Mrs Libby Chapman on 6292 0347 to reserve a copy or go directly to her office to get your copy.
Learning Matters

What should I do in the holidays?
The holidays are a fantastic time to unwind and ‘re-charge the batteries’. Of course, students should spend time with family and friends but also consolidate the past school year and discuss the ‘good and the bad’ as feedback to improve upon for next year. Reports will be a good starting point with teacher comments and results as a guide.

I also encourage students to READ. The Number 1 strategy to improve writing, is to read. As they say, reading precedes writing. The holidays is a great time to catch up on reading for enjoyment. I encourage parents to set an example and foster an enjoyment for reading. There is no doubt that there is a strong correlation that students who enjoy reading come from homes where reading is prevalent. Why not visit the local library as a family and take out some books to read over the break. There is no better way to unwind and at the same time develop valuable literacy skills such as a vocabulary and expression.

HSC Preparation Workshops

Over the last few weeks, Yr12, 2012 students have had the opportunity to attend HSC Preparation workshops to discuss the ‘ins and outs’ of their final schooling year. In essence, the workshops were designed to bring to the student’s attention the importance of learning, not for the sake of marks, but for the lifelong benefit. Students were challenged to consider their purpose at school and to set goals in each subject area. Among the many topics explored, the central issue revolved around time management and organisation as well as looking at effective note-taking and conquering procrastination were discussed at length.

I encourage all Yr12, 2012 students to consider the upcoming break as an opportunity to ‘re-charge the batteries’ and consider the following as a guideline:

- For December – students should complete all Term 4 notes. Summaries should be completed in separate study workbooks. This will prepare students for the Half-Yearly’s. This may take 1-2 weeks.
- For January – students should be working on their Term 1 Assessment Tasks. By working ahead, it should alleviate time pressures and ensure that the final product is the students best work.

Students should fill out a study program and year planner. For copies or for more information, students should come and see me before their holiday break.

Tertiary University Courses

Last Thursday, I invited students and parents of highly abled students in Yr10 to consider the opportunity to attempt a University Course whilst still at High School next year. As part of the Honours Enrichment Program, the School offers two University courses to further develop the academic learning skills of Yr11, 2012 students. On offer are Phil 137: Critical Thinking and new this year, Lit221: Creative Writing.

Phil 137, is offered by Macquarie University and the School has been running this program for 3 years. The students who have participated in the course have found it extremely useful and have appreciated the opportunity to ‘taste’ university life. Out of the 32 students who have participated, we have achieved excellent results including 7 HDs and 15 Distinctions.

The Lit221 is a new course offered to the School from CSU. As part of their literature major, Lit221 encourages students to write creatively by exploring the techniques in prose and poetry. Students who are successful in being part of this course will also be part of the School’s ‘Writing for publication program’ and enter the SMH Young Writer of the Year competition.

No doubt these opportunities will provide excellent learning opportunities and I look forward to the classes that will be selected (by the University) next year.

I take this opportunity to wish all students a safe and enjoyable break

Best wishes,

Yooie Choi

Director of Learning
BOARDERS’ BITZ

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

► A Christmas social will be held on the evening of Wednesday 30 November. Please note that there will be no leave for boarders after the social except leave that has been requested and approved prior to the social. All leave requests will need to be directed to your Boarding House Leader. Boarders will need to see the respective MODs in their boarding house and be signed out by their host’s parents after the social.

► Thursday 1 December will be a secondary Pupil Free Day, and our boarders will be accommodated with a Movie morning at the Odeon Cinema, and other activities in the Gym or town leave as required in the afternoon.

► While boarders are enjoying their Pupil Free Day, their school uniforms will be laundered at the dry cleaners in preparation for Speech Day on Saturday 3 December.

► Speech Day will commence at 10.00am on Saturday 3 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.

► As our last Boarders Bitz for 2011, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous 2012. It has been an exciting and busy two terms for me, and my family, and I look forward to working with you all in the KWS boarding community during 2012.

Alistair Miller
Director of Boarding

Basketball

KWS 1sts v Rep Team

Last night, the KWS girls 1sts took the court against the Orange Rep team. Thinking it would be an easy win, we went out without much of a plan. Due to a reoccurring slow start, in the first few minutes we fell behind and struggled to keep up. Once our minds kicked into gear, we began to creep back up on the scoreboard.

Megan, our pocket rocket, was incredibly advantageous with her quick and agile dribbling that left the opposition trying to catch up to her each time. Katie played strongly under the hole with a killer post move and some sneaky passes that led to baskets. Pip had some great intercepts and played a tough all round game, taking a few nice hits from the opposition.

Both Sarah Burns and Sarah MacIntyre had a great game. The score didn’t differ more than 4 points through the entire game, making for a very stressful last few minutes. Good job to Niki who landed a neat 3 point shot right when we needed it. It was basket for basket, until in the last 10 seconds we proved the better team (on the night) and scored, giving us the lead in the final score of 32-31.

KWS v Spinners lost 16 - 22

We did not rise to the heights of last week. Was it the end of term excitement or was it examination distractions? Whatever it was we did not find our way until the third quarter. It was during this period that we were outrunning our opponents. In the final quarter the one on one defense was undone by a couple who lost sight of their players.

Most of our points came from Rosie and Abbie, with the latter scoring two sizzling three pointers. Aleisha and Gretel worked hard to pick off intercepts and turn possession over.

The Recreation Centre and Eric Solling Pool will be closed for the duration of the Christmas School Holidays due to renovations.