Dear Parents

We were certainly blessed with the best of weather conditions for last Friday’s Inter-house Athletics Carnival. It was fabulous to see so many students having a go on the track and doing their best in the field event finals. Congratulations to Gordon House on winning the Inter-house trophy. A full report can be found in the Sports section of the bulletin. Our sincere thanks to Mrs Louise Barrett for her organisation and preparation of the carnival. Organising such an event is a momentous task and brings with it many challenges. Her energy and effort in allowing as many students as possible an opportunity to make a final on the day was greatly appreciated. We must also thank the parent helpers who assisted with the field events and timing system on the day. Without your assistance the carnival would not be possible.

The running of the Prep Calcutta at the conclusion of the Carnival was a wonderful spectacle. We thank Miss Muriel Holmes for her co-ordination of the Calcutta and for her initiative in changing the format this year to involve more runners. Thank you to all those that ran on the day and those who were our winning bidders helping to raise a further $1900 for the P and F.

This week we will be conducting the NAPLAN tests for Year 3 and Year 5. Best of luck to all students completing the tests this week. All we ask is that you have a go and do the best that you can.

Year 4 are spending Wednesday and Thursday touring Sydney as part of their study into the colonisation of Australia. We trust they enjoy the trip and come away having learned a great deal more than can be experienced from within the classroom. Our sincere thanks to Mr Pritchard and Miss Holmes for organising the excursion.

The State Government has mandated new and much more stringent procedures for leave from school. All schools, state and independent, have to follow these procedures. These are in place now at KWS. The main implication for parents is that you must apply for such leave with much greater notice – it will require at least three weeks for all the required paperwork to be completed, and a longer period would be appreciated. If a request comes in to the Prep Office via email or letter, we will send to you an Application for Exemption from Attendance at School form that must be filled in and returned to us. Forms are also available from the School’s website and on the counter of the Prep office. This is then reviewed by the Principal, Mr Kennelly, and if it meets the guidelines, he will sign it and issue a Certificate of Exemption, together with a copy of the original application. These two documents must be retained by parents, and we keep a copy of them here in your child’s file. If you are travelling overseas, the documents should be carried with you, as you could be requested to show them at Customs. While the changes to the leave policy may appear heavy-handed, we must follow such directives to ensure a smooth process when the school is inspected for Registration and Accreditation next year, as this is part of what is checked by the Board of Studies inspectors.

Enjoy your week.

Mr Tim May
Acting Head of Preparatory
Uniform Changes – Prep Boys Long Trousers

Over the years we have had numerous concerns expressed over the winter uniform and the wearing of long trousers by the boys in the Prep School. As a school we are mindful of the need to present our School in a uniform that is formal, neat, functional and cost sensitive. It is also important that our uniform remain as its name suggests - uniform.

The reasoning behind the long trousers for boys has centred on warmth and presentation. However, after several years of wearing long trousers it has become perpetually apparent that the functionality and durability of long trousers does not allow our “boys to be boys” in the playground without causing costly replacement within one winter season.

Boys will be required to wear shorts during the winter, Terms 2 and 3 as of 2013. A change over period during Term 3 2012 will take place. We welcome your feedback and ideas on uniforms in writing. Please do so by Monday 21 May to the Acting Head of Preparatory.


Courtesy Points: Beautiful Manners: Max Munro, Tom Sainsbury, Lucia Varian, Blake Jones, Ollie Wong, Harry Bylsma, Elise Davies, Elliot Hannelly, Kate Murray, Ben Jones, Jodie McLachlan, Jeremy L’Estrange, Emily McLachlan, Phoebe Litchfield, Freya Hill, Dempsey Bryant, Hunter Rose, Bell Hoyle Davies, Liza Lysova, Scott Sullivan, Mitchell Harris, Sosia Faiva, Kyle Furness, Amy Britton.


LOST

Jemima McPhee has lost her brand new Tam and her track pants all named. If you find these items please return them to Jemima or to the office.

Sam Harris has lost his named track pants, if found please return to Sam or the office.

Caitlyn Jones has lost her Blazer it is a size 10, if found return to Caitlyn or the office.
KWS Swimming

With the new Head Swim Coach, Gary Hollywood, starting in his position at the beginning of Term 3, the following arrangements have been made to cater for our swimmers for the remainder of Term 2. Melissa Ashton Garard will be supervising and coaching Squad training sessions at the following times, commencing on Monday 14 May.

- Monday – Senior Squad 5.15pm – 6.45pm
- Tuesday – Junior Squad and Triathlon Squad 4.00pm – 5.00pm
  Senior Squad 5.00pm – 6.30pm
- Thursday – Senior Squad 5.15pm – 6.45pm

Melissa has an extensive background in Triathlon and is known as a high achieving athlete and a development coach for Triathlon NSW. I encourage our swimmers to take advantage of Melissa’s expertise and ensure they maintain their fitness. Should you have any queries regarding this please contact the Director of Co-curricular Activities, Mr Geoff Hull.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Kinross Wolaroi School Swim Program.

Prep Music News

COLLECTING YOUR CHILD AFTER PREP STRINGS AND SENIOR BAND

As of next Tuesday 22nd May, parents are not permitted to collect their students from the Music Centre car park after Senior Band or Strings. For duty of care reasons all students must be collected from the Prep School pick up zone at 4:30 pm. If your child is not collected by 4:40 pm they will be sent to after school care.

YEAR 3 BEGINNER BAND

Could I please remind students to bring their instrument and band books every Monday for the band rehearsals. Students are also reminded to remember their instrument, band book and lesson diaries to their lessons each week as well. Please continue to practice your instrument regularly so that you keep improving and enjoying your instrument.

WELL DONE WILL HANNELLY, LUKE HOUGHTON AND WILL CHENEY FOR YOUR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCES AT PREP ASSEMBLY!

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PREP STUDENTS LEARNING AN INSTRUMENT OR SPEECH AND DRAMA

Prep Students have a number of opportunities to perform in front of their peers throughout the term. Please see the below:

Prep Assemblies – please see Mrs McRae if interested. There are 2 to 3 spots available each week.
Friday Lunchtime Workshops with Mrs Moxey in the Performance Theatre - students need to sign up to perform. There are 8 spots each week.
Class Music Concerts – in the last week of term students who learn an instrument are encouraged to perform in front of their class.

We encourage students to participate in as many of these performance opportunities as they can as it improves their playing and gives them more motivation to keep practicing!

YEAR 2 RECORDERS:

Year 2 students are reminded to bring their recorders and recorder books to Music class every Monday.

DRUM CORPS

Students interested in joining Drum Corps should turn up to rehearsals on Tuesday 7:50am in the performance theatre. There is no cost to be part of the group. Please see Mrs McRae if you have any further questions.
Our Concerto Competition entrants all performed to an outstanding level last Friday night in the Camerata Concert. As usual, the Friends of Music provided a lovely supper so thank you to all the parents involved in this association and to Heidi Anthony who organised and ran the concert.

**Year 11 Music Leaders**

This year will see a restructuring of music leaders in our school. With the extensive growth of ensembles in the past 12 months, having a leader for every ensemble is no longer viable or productive. The new group of leaders will form a Music Committee who will meet with myself and Ms Anthony on a regular basis. Music Leaders will be asked to choose particular events they would like to manage or contribute to in various ways. We will have a Music Captain, a Music Vice Captain, 2 Band Leaders, 2 Choir Leaders, 2 String Leaders and the Drum Major for Marching Band. All Year 11 students in co-curricular music ensembles will have received an application form on which they must outline their musical experience, leadership skills and the details of any initiative they would like to bring to their potential role as a Music Leader. Application forms are due by 25 May, 2012. Please see Mrs Chapman or myself if extra forms are needed.

**String Workshops with Mr Aubrey Murphy**

All students learning a string instrument should have received a letter by mail advising of our incursion on Friday 25 May. Prep Students are invited to attend in Period 3 and Senior Students in Period 4 that day. Any student wishing to perform should indicate so on their permission slip. It will be a valuable learning experience for our string players so please hand in your forms as soon as possible.

**Speech and Drama**

Last Saturday, Annelise Corey and Bradyn Mirrabelle were awarded their Diploma in Speech in Drama at the IMEB Graduation at the Australian International Conservatorium in Sydney. Congratulations to you both.
ASC – Important Changes and Reminders to Policy

For the safety of our students we have a need for parents and students to be aware of the tightening of procedures in using After School Care and attending activities at school after normal classes. Students registered to attend ASC through permanent bookings or single bookings made through the Prep Office must attend the roll call upon arrival and ensure that they are signed in. Students who do not have their names marked off will have parents contacted to enquire of their whereabouts, just as it is done each morning in classes. It is most important that parents contact the office if regular bookings will be missed or afternoon arrangements changed.

Further to this, Year 6 students using the Library after school must first register at ASC on the roll with the staff member on duty. Students who attend after school activities beginning after 3.40pm must register with ASC until their activity commences. This includes, gymnastics, swimming and music lessons. It is not acceptable for students to be wandering school grounds “waiting” for their activities to begin for extended periods unsupervised.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in assisting us to provide the safest environment after school each day.

Will independent schools keep their Funding?

The New South Wales Parent Council is holding an “Independent School Parent Funding Facts Forum” in Orange at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 16 May. Our P&F is hosting this important event titled “Gonski and Beyond” which will look at how the changes to school funding proposed in the Gonski report might affect our school choices. A panel of high profile visitors will be with us to put their points of view. Hon Christopher Pyne MP, Shadow Minister for Education and Training; Dr Geoff Newcombe, Director of the Association of Independent Schools of NSW and Anne Crabb, Executive Officer of the NSW Parent Council are confirmed guests and we are hopeful that the Federal Minister for Schools, and our local members of Parliament will be able to attend. This is the first time that the parent Council of NSW has hosted one of these information events outside Sydney. It will be of interest to all parents with children at Independent schools across the Central West - feel free to invite your friends from other schools.

Please see the notice below for full details and how to reserve your seats at this free event. Light refreshments will be served.

Sarah Passey

P&F Prep School Representative.
The Orange Emu’s Rugby Gala Day has been moved to the 27 May. It was originally on 20 May – hence there is no Rugby this weekend. Training will still occur this Friday 18 May.

PREP CALCUTTA 2012

The Prep Calcutta was run at the conclusion of the Athletics Carnival on Friday 11th May. It was a very exciting finish to the athletic proceedings, involving students, staff and parents. A huge thank you to all of the competitors - especially the staff and parents who agreed to do a “quick hundred” for a good cause. Thank you also to all of the people who put bids on the relay teams. The raffle for the iPod shuffle was won by Peter Strike.

The race was riveting with a constant battle for positions in each leg. Final results were:
1st – Team Niven: bought by The Niven Family
2nd – Team Seedsman: bought by the Seedsman Family
3rd – Team Rose: bought by Lou Rose & Huon Barrett

Next year we will continue the relay format but the Prep Calcutta will resume its place in the P & F Fair Day proceedings. Any eager parents out there, it’s never too early to express your interest in being a runner in one of the relays! Book early by contacting Miss Holmes.

Athletics Carnival Friday

What a fantastic day at Friday’s Athletics Carnival. The weather was warm and beautiful and the competition fierce. Students competed with house pride and excelled with 2 records being broken on the day. Ollie Steele-Park in 11 yrs 800m and Phoebe Litchfield in junior 200m. Congratulations to Gordon House taking out the Athletics shield with McLachlan, Douglas and Brown not far behind. Many thanks must go to staff, parents, canteen and groundsmen for helping and ensuring such a successful day. There are fabulous photos on the KWS website of the day by Vanessa Hannan and Paul Tierney.

Junior Champions:
Girls: 1st Phoebe Litchfield; 2nd Maddie Smith; 3rd Niamh McPhee
Boys: 1st Jack Pengilly; 2nd Lachlan Brown; 3rd Hunter Rose

11 Years Champions:
Girls: 1st Emma Crossing; 2nd Aneka Graham; 3rd Ruby Greer
Boys: 1st Mitchell Strike; 2nd Ollie Steele-Park; 3rd Ben Bellamy

Senior Champions:
Girls: 1st Jemma Barrett; 2nd Emma Holman; 3rd Jessica Amos
Boys: 1st William Cheney; 2nd Hamish MacSmith; 3rd Fletcher Rose

This makes Jemma and William our Athletics Captains for this season.

WAS & HICES Cross Country

Our WAS / HICES Team start their competitions with WAS Cross Country Wednesday 23rd May and HICES Cross Country 31st May ,Thursday the following week. Notes with information and parental permission will be giving to the team this week. Our Cross Country Captains are Emma Holman and William Cheney.

Outside Sport

On the weekend Annabelle Binnie competed at the Cudal Gymkhana on her horse “JR”. She was successful in her events gaining 3rd place in Fours, 6th place in Rider and 4th in Pairs. Well done Annabelle.
**Winter Sport Absence**

On Saturday, there were many teams who were missing players. These players were sick, no-shows and players not travelling to away venues etc. Please make sure in an event of not being able to attend matches, to advise another team member to pass onto coaches and follow this up on Mondays with a note explaining reason of absence.

A general reminder that winter sport trainings occurs every week on Mondays and Wednesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm. The U6 Bears Football team will train Monday afternoons whilst the remainder of K-2 students training Wednesday afternoons. These trainings are compulsory to all students involved in winter sport. **Sports uniform must be worn with full tracksuit (top & pants) when going home.** Please remember to pack gear required for training including boots, shin pads, hockey sticks and mouth guards etc. Non-attendance must be accompanied with a note from home.

**Teams of the Week**

Well done to the following teams for their selection for Team of the Week: U9 Fury, U12 Mariners, U12 United, Mods Hockey, Netball umpires – Jessica Amos, Monique Worsley, Saskia Smith, Myriam Kwa, Charlotte Anderson.

**Dates to Remember**

**WAS Cross Country** – Wed 23rd May.
**HICES Cross Country** – Thurs 31st May.

**Webpage information for Sports Draws & Rules**


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### CANCELLATION OF SPORT TRAINING

The decision to cancel sport training is not made until **2:30 pm**. A message will be placed on the sport line EVERY sports day. This decision is the final decision and if it rains after the call sport will be held as per usual in the gym and classrooms.

**No child** will be excused from sport until 4.30 pm in this instance.

**PLEASE call the sport line on 63920450 from 2.30 pm, NOT THE OFFICE.**

**ENSURE** you have made wet weather plans with your child so they are aware of alternative arrangements when sport is called off.

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### SPORTS DRAW

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Sport Reports

Could all sports reports be emailed to chancock@kws.nsw.edu.au by Monday afternoon

Football
U6 Bears: It was a beautiful crisp sunny day at Jack Brabham Park on Saturday for the soccer game against Cyms. All the Bears players are beginning to find their feet and positions on the field. They are all improving on their ball skills and passing the ball to each other. The bears scored well and came out on top. Well done to all the players and we look forward to the next match. Charlie Hansen

U7 Tigers: On the weekend the Tigers played Molong Kookaburras at Molong. I like it best when we had finished playing soccer because we were very tired from lots of running. We had fun. Nicholas Brown.

U8 Tiapans: At soccer we played Ex-services Panthers. They were a good attacking team. The player of the week was Gagan. He was a good defender. Saxon was good in attack. Ben and Kinin were great goalies. All thanks to Miss K. Remy Niven

U9 Fury: On a freezing Saturday morning KWS U9 Fury played Blayney at the Blayney Showground. Jack Weeks got the team off to a great start with an early goal. The wind was against us in the first half and we defended brilliantly. Campbell Gilmore stopped a certain goal with his trademark slide tackle. Yoshi Gounden saved some great shots from Blayney and we went to half time leading 1-0. The second half was dominated by Kinross. Jack Smith and Will Rawson combining beautifully and helped Max Bylsma score a hat trick. We won the game 4-0. Ziggy Jackson-Le Couteur

Netball
U9 Pulse: On a lovely Saturday morning the under 9 Pulse met up against a very good opponent, BNC All Stars, who have been playing and training together for at least 3 years. And didn’t it show! It didn’t help that the NBC All Stars had a uniform that is almost identical to our uniform. Good to see our netball fashion sense is quite up there. The Kinross girls tried our best and made some good passes. We really enjoyed a lovely fruit salad at the quarter time breaks. Catie scored our solitary goal after some super lead up passing by our team. Thanks to the NBC all stars for a good lesson, thanks to our parents for cheering us along and special BIG thanks to Mrs McClare for encouraging us and teaching us about Netball. We really enjoy it! Mia Marjoram

U10 Steel: It was a typical orange morning and every one played well. We have improved in netball it was a very fun game and I hope we will have one like that again. Thank you Mrs Whiteley for being a great coach and also thank you to the Under 10s for training with us on Wednesday. Ella Worsley

Hockey
Minkey: It was a sunny day with a chill in the air on Saturday but there was lots of enthusiasm shown by all in our game against Orange City. Amelia, Cohan & Hattie scored goals and everyones skills are improving more and more each week thanks to Mrs Key. Player of the week was Amelia and Best & Fairest was Lucia. Hattie Usher

U9 Mods: On Saturday we played a brilliant game of hockey against Molong. We did some good passes and hits. We scored many great goals by Logan, Phoebe, Brooke and Bailie-rose. Everybody seemed to enjoy the match. Thank you Mrs Emerson for coaching us. Brooke Barrett

U11 Blacks: This weekend the KWS U11 Blacks competed against the confederates. It was a very tough game. The ball was even on both sides but we were unlucky that we didn’t score a goal. The confederates were the better team on the day and scored 2 goals which made it 2-nil their way. All the girls tried their hardest and it was a good game. Although we lost we all had a great time. Emma Crossing