Dear Parents

The term has begun with great excitement, with new friendships being formed and our returning students happy to see their friends after the break.

Class work has begun and learning is well under way in what promises to be another great year in the Preparatory School.

This year the Preparatory School will be NUTS FREE. We have a number of children who are anaphylactic (severe allergic reaction to different foods). I therefore ask that no food containing nuts is sent to school. The children will be notified and at assembly next Monday a demonstration of ‘what to do’ if you are near someone who may suffer a reaction will be shown. I thank you for your support in this matter.

Each class will send home an information sheet outlining the expectations and routines for the year. Please take time to read these notes. Also please take note of the change of canteen procedures for the year as we go fully on-line. An explanation is within the newsletter.

A term planner will be sent home in the next few days outlining the various activities for Term 1.

I wish you all the best for a busy and exciting year.

Enjoy your week.

Regards

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

Whooping cough (pertussis)
Please be aware that there has been an increase in the number of school aged children diagnosed with whooping cough.

What is pertussis?
Pertussis is an infection of the throat that can cause bouts of coughing, and sometimes breathing difficulties and vomiting. It can be a very serious infection in small children. The illness can last for many weeks. It usually starts with a snuffle or a cold.

What should people sick with pertussis do?
If your child develops symptoms, please take your child to your local doctor as soon as possible. Your doctor can advise whether pertussis is likely and arrange for early treatment if needed. Treating people who have pertussis with antibiotics can stop the infection spreading, but is more effective if started early. To help prevent his infection spreading people who have been diagnosed with pertussis should not attend School until they have completed the first 5 days of a course of the recommended antibiotics. If antibiotics cannot be taken then they must stay away for 3 weeks after onset of the cough.
Peer Support “Taking Opportunities”

Our whole school will be starting Peer Support sessions on Friday of Week 2. Over the next week our Yr 6 leaders will be preparing their first session following the 2012 theme Taking Opportunities which focuses on resilience. The experiences presented in the module help children develop skills to identify their strengths, celebrate their achievements and seek assistance when faced with challenges. In the first session each group will establish their own group agreements so they can work well together. Children will share some of their favourite things and learn about the other members of their group. You might like to discuss with your child what they can do this week to help them take an active role in Peer Support. We wish our leaders the best of luck as they busily prepare for their first session as leaders.

Tim May
Deputy Principal

Congratulations to Hannah Solari who has been selected as one of the Primary Prize winners in the 2011 BHP Bilton Science Awards. Hannah’s entry was one of only four projects in Australia to win this award.

Her project, her Scientia work for Science, was called “The Effect of Wind Speed and Blade Angle on a Turbine”.

Hannah was complimented on her enthusiasm for scientific research, initiative in finding an original topic and an understanding of good scientific procedure. A wonderful achievement. Well done Hannah!

Last year our Year 5/6 musical production was called ‘Best Shot in the West’. Yet again the show has been nominated for a number of awards through the Canberra Area Theatre. Congratulations to the students, staff and especially Mr Romko Hordynsky. The nominations are:

1. Best Youth Actress in a Leading role in a musical – Alice Litchfield
2. Best Youth Actor in a Leading role in a musical – Tanner Marjoram
3. Best Ensemble in a Musical – Braxton Brothers: Angus Cumming, Charlie Pittman, Angus Wright, Nathanael Vazouras, Sam Harbison
4. Best Original work for a school or Youth Production – Romko Hordynsky

Good luck at the Awards night on the 25 February 2012.

Parents are reminded that our P&F Canteen now only accepts lunch orders online.

“Flexischools Online Ordering” allows parents to place orders and pay for them online, from home or work, before 10.00 am each morning. Orders can be placed each day, for the week, or even for the entire term in advance, and payments made via a secure system using credit or debit cards. Flexischools Online Ordering is already in use in many independent and public schools across Australia and has been well received. Many Kinross families used the system here in Term 4 of last year.

This system is very convenient for Prep school families who will no longer have to find brown paper bags and change for lunches. It has benefits in the canteen as well, with less cash handling and administration required there. The order process is more streamlined and our canteen manager spends less time on counting change and more time on preparing fresh food for our children.
Families will find a short demonstration video of the Flexischools system on YouTube. Enter “Flexischools online ordering” in the YouTube search box. A more detailed explanation of the system and an ordering demonstration is available on their website, [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

If you family is new to KWS or you did not use the system last term, and you would like your child to have lunch orders, please register for Flexischools on line via the Kinross school website [www.kws.nsw.edu.au](http://www.kws.nsw.edu.au). Look under "Quick links" on the home page to find "Online Canteen orders". Cash orders in brown paper bags will no longer be accepted.

Flexischools provide a 24hour, 7 days a week Helpdesk which you can contact on 1300 361 769 or via their website should you have any difficulties using the system. There is also help available at school - in school hours you can contact Darryn Marjoram (Director Information Services at Kinross) via the main switchboard.

Richard Cheney - KWS P&F President

Please note - the online ordering system can only be used at the moment to order lunch for your Prep school or Pre-Prep children. If you have Senior school children in the family, they should continue to buy their lunch with cash, from the Canteen Grab and Go menu, as last term.

## Prep Music News

### Prep Music Ensembles

All prep ensembles will start rehearsals in Week 2. Below is a list of the various ensembles on offer. Please contact Mrs McRae via the front office if you have any queries. Please note our new woodwind, brass and saxophone ensembles. Students interested in joining these ensembles should attend rehearsals next week.

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### Learning an instrument at KWS

Any student who would like to learn an instrument can collect an instrument form from the front office or from Mrs McRae. We have excellent tutors at the School and offer a wide range of instruments.

### Assembly performances

Each week at assembly is an opportunity for students learning an instrument to perform in front of their peers. Please see Mrs McRae if you are interested in performing at an assembly. Prep Assemblies are held every Monday from 12:05pm.

### Friday Lunchtime Performance Workshops with Mrs Moxey

Every Friday lunchtime students have a wonderful opportunity to perform at a performance workshop which is run by our fantastic string teacher, Mrs Moxey. A sign-up sheet is put up each week in the Music Centre and 8 spots are available each week. The workshop will commence on Friday in week 2. Make sure you remember to sign up!

### Prep Music Camp – Week 5

This term we will be having a Prep Music Camp on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th February. The camp will be for students involved in Junior Band, Senior Band and Prep Strings and will be held at school in the Music Centre. More information about the camp will be handed out in a few weeks.
Aussie Outback Fair

Saturday 3rd March 2012
10am to 3pm

We've got rides to thrill you, we've got stalls and fashion to show,
we've got talent and live bands too.
We've got Aussie tucker, lamingtons, billy tea and sheep
– now all we need is you!

The P&F, House Tutors, teachers and volunteers are working hard to make the Aussie Outback Fair beaut. Be a mate! Help us out on the day by volunteering or just participating to make this year’s P&F Fair a huge success!

We are fundraising to make our school bonza, with the construction of a new bus shelter at the school’s Allenby Road entrance.

Raffle tickets will be sent out this week, please do your best to sell them all and return the books asap. Please note that it is essential that books are returned and names are marked off. If you do not wish to receive a raffle book please email us.

Gillian Coleman  
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Kim Bryant  
kimb@ssfs.com.au

We need to speak about the “Elephant in the room”
....actually it will be at the FAIR

That’s right – please go through your cupboards / bookshelves / wardrobes – the 2012 KWS White Elephant store will be bigger and better than ever.

If you are new to the school, the stall is a great source of quality pre owned books / toys / clothes / household items and generally ‘good stuff’.

I will provide information in the next few weeks about dropping these items to school...in the meantime - grab a box and start filling it !!!!

If anyone would like to help out on the stall – I would love to hear from you – you don’t have to be there for the whole time – if you can spare an hour that would be wonderful

Thanks – Joanne Cheney (0263682080)
Welcome everyone to the new school year. I will be looking after Prep Sport this year whilst Mrs King is on maternity leave. Term 1 is shaping up to be a busy sporting term with **Year 3-6 Summer Sport training starting this Wednesday 2 February** and Saturday Sport competition also commencing. There is a revised Summer Sport note that your children will receive this week detailing sport, times, venue, uniform and absentees. Please ensure you read these requirements. This can also be found on the Sports Noticeboard.

**K-2 Swimming Programme**
Next week, the **K-2 Swimming Programme** commences. This will run every day except Wednesdays (rest day) for 2 weeks, culminating with the **Swimming Carnival Friday 17 February**. School swimming costumes are to be worn. Parental help is required to ensure smaller groups and a successful programme, so if you are able to assist, please let Mrs Hancock or myself know.

**Swimming Trials & Carnival information**
There will be Swimming Trials for all age groups next **Wednesday 8 February** 3pm – 4.30pm. Events are 100m Freestyle final and Junior & Senior Medley final. This is not compulsory for all students but races will be timed finals. School swimming costumes only are to be worn. There will be NO trials for all other strokes this year. These races will be completed on the day. Parent help will be required at the Carnival, please let Mrs Hancock know if you are able to assist [ch Hancock@kws.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ch Hancock@kws.nsw.edu.au)

**Dates for the diary**
**Swimming trials** for 100m Freestyle & Junior / Senior Medley – Wed 8 Feb. 3pm – 4.30pm. Optional.
**Swimming Carnival @ KWS** – Friday 17 Feb

**WAS Swimming Carnival – Wed 22 Feb**
**HICES Swimming Carnival – Thurs 1 March**
**CIS Swimming Carnival – Thurs 22 March**
**KWS Cross Country Carnival @ PLC – Thurs 5 April**

**Holiday Sporting Achievements**
Congratulations to the following children who competed at Zone Little Athletics on 10 – 11th December in Bathurst.
Nicholas Brown, Lachlan Brown, Annabelle Pengilly, Jack Pengilly, William Cheney, Emma Holman. All of these students have qualified for the Regional Little Athletics in Kiama on Sat 18th February. Well done!

Belated congratulations to Bailie-Rose Miller who competed at Homebush in Term 4 at the State Gymnastics Championships winning a blue ribbon 1st place for overall points in Level 1. Well done Bailie-Rose!

Please feel free to contact me with any enquiries or your child’s sporting achievements at [ch Hancock@kws.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ch Hancock@kws.nsw.edu.au)

**Kindly**
**Mrs Louise Barrett**
Prep PE / Sport Co-ordinator

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