Dear Parents

The children and staff have made a great start to the year. With the weather a little cooler it made the start of the year much more settled. We even had boys leave their blazers on all day!

This week out swim school begins for our K-2 students. Many parents have volunteered to assist which is greatly appreciated.

Next Wednesday night (15 February) the Parent/Teacher Information night will be held. We are returning to the previous format where K-2 parents will meet in their child’s classroom from 6.00 - 6.45 pm followed by all parents (K-6) meeting in the Performance Theatre to have a whole school meeting before 3-6 parents meet with their child’s teacher to 8.00 pm. The purpose of the night is to be informed of the expectations and routines for the year and to meet your child’s teacher.

Last week I mentioned that we are a ‘nut-free’ school due to the increasing number of children who are anaphylactic. The children have been informed at this week’s assembly.

Last week you would have received the Parent Handbook which explains many of the rules and routines of the Prep School. Please read the document to gain a better understanding of the Prep.

Thank you for all your efforts in making such a positive contribution to the beginning of the school year.

Enjoy your week.

Regards

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

Peer Support

Peer Support begins this Friday. All students have been placed in a group of approximately 12 students from within their House. The groups have a range of ages from K-Yr6. Year 6 leaders have spent much of their week preparing their first week of activities.

In peer groups this week students will begin the unit “Taking Opportunities” by discussing what makes a group work well together. Students will meet new students and learn a little bit about the other students in their group.

All the peer groups have been posted on the windows of Yr 5 classrooms advising students of their meeting place and supervising teacher. We wish our Year 6 leaders the best of luck in running their first session and thank them for putting in such a great effort to make it fun for everyone in their group.

Tim May
Deputy Principal

Please come into the old undercover area and check the lost property from last year. There are many items in great condition (ranging from a grey Rip Curl jacket to a pair of Pumpkin Patch (size 8) shorts. There are the odd KWS beanies, gloves and the like. Any items that are not collected by this Friday will be given to charity.
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Merit Awards: Ollie Wong, Cohan Mastrangeli, Nick de Bruyn, Annalise Emmi, Simone Chawla, Grace Srizich, Olivia Carmody, Elise Davies, Sally Crossing, Max Bylsma, Emma Choi, Gidgette Pratten, Ethan Buesnel,

Courtesy Points:

Citizenship Points:

flexischools.com.au  P&F Canteen - online ordering only.

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

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. 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 Ensembles

All prep ensembles start this week. 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 this 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

Well done to Ailish and Alanah Seedsman who performed outstandingly well at this week’s Assembly! 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.

PREP SENIOR BAND PERFORMING AT FAIR DAY 3rd MARCH

Students involved in Prep Senior Band will be performing a couple of items at the Fair Day on Saturday 3rd March between 11:30 and 12pm. A note will be going home to parents with more details. Please let Mrs McRae know if there will be any problems with your child attending by the end of Week 3.

KWS Friends of Music

KWS Friends of Music will meet at 7pm in the Music Centre on Wednesday 15 February 2012. (Parking is available in the Allenby Rd staff car park).

KWS Friends of Music provide practical support to the KWS Department of Performing Arts, Students and Staff. Come along and be part of the exciting events for 2012! The 2012 AGM will be held in March.
Have you been to a P&F meeting yet?

The P&F is the "Parents and Friends" association of Kinross. It is a voluntary group made up of parents from the Prep and Senior schools, which provides a forum for parent discussion, organises fund raising activities and arranges social and educational occasions for parents. The P&F also runs the second hand book sale at the end of each academic year and manages the school canteen. The P&F organises wonderful events during the year, such as the annual KWS Fair which takes place this year on March 3, and the bi-annual Art Fair. In 2011, we raised $40,000 to pay for the new covered bus shelter.

P&F meetings are not just about fund raising. Every meeting is attended by members of the school’s senior management team, who report to the P&F on events of recent weeks and take questions. It’s a wonderful opportunity for parents to get to know our senior team, and P&F meetings provide our best route for discussion with them.

P&F meetings are expertly chaired by Richard Cheney and take place at 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the Anderson Centre (up above the pool). Refreshments are provided and new KWS Prep school parents will be particularly welcomed. Meetings run strictly to time, so you don't have to worry about being stuck in a meeting till well past your bedtime.

More details available on the school website www.kws.nsw.edu.au and follow the links via "KWS Communities" to "Parents and Friends".

Dates for your diary. P&F Fair March 4th, P&F meetings February 9th, March 14th.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me, Sarah Passey 0432 834 193, Prep school P+F representative. Next meeting is TONIGHT - 9th February, 7.30pm, Room 81, in the Anderson Centre (above the swimming pool).

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**P&F UPDATE**

Our first meeting of the year will be held THIS WEDNESDAY evening – and we hope to see many parents at 7.30. (the meeting runs for 2 hours only – and will close at 9.30). We meet in the Anderson Centre – first floor.

**BOOK FAIR** – this event was a huge success and you can find a report in last week’s bulletin. Our thanks go to Janelle Brunner – for her outstanding job in the coordination of this event. Planning starts many months in advance and Janelle worked tirelessly on this project – thanks so much Janelle.

**Canteen Manager** – over the holidays we have been very lucky to secure Justine Peters as our new Canteen manager. Jenny Iffland is continuing on as the Canteen Assistant and together they have already established a great working relationship. Welcome Justine !!!

**Canteen Volunteers** – yes, I know you know – we need more … Justine will soon be in contact with information regarding how you can sign up to help out in the canteen in 2012 – or else – just give her a call on 63920387 (canteen number).

The **KWS fair** is held on Saturday the 3rd March – I would like to thanks the extraordinary work of Gillian Coleman and Kym Bryant for their organisation of this HUGE event. The money raised from this year’s FAIR is being directed to the construction of a student bus shelter for Allenby Road.

At the P&F meeting this week – we will be discussing the Fair in detail – as we finalise the events and the volunteers needed. Please consider becoming actively involved in this year’s FAIR!!!

**WHITE ELEPHANT** Stall – please start collecting quality items for this stall – we ‘need your stuff’….please contact Joanne Cheney on her email jotcheney@bigpond.com if you can help her in running this stall.

I hope to see many of you at Wednesday evenings meeting, please phone me with any late agenda items or apologies for the meeting (0428699015)

Richard Cheney
President KWS P&F
School Fair
Saturday 3 March 2012
Have Fun 😊

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. (Last year we collected & sold over 1200 jars) 😊

SUGGESTIONS:
* Jars filled with wrapped lollies
* 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.

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!

Drop all jars to the Old Under Cover Area.

Thank You to Raffle Helpers!

A huge THANK YOU must go to all the students and siblings, parents and grandparents who generously gave of their time to organise and sort the raffle books, ready for posting. This job was completed in one morning due to these wonderful helpers. Thank you again.

Raffle Reminder
All raffle books whether sold/unsold are due back at school by the end of February or anytime before then. Thank you in anticipation of your assistance with the selling of tickets which will help to make our ‘Aussie Outback’ Fair a real success. Proceeds from the fair will go towards construction of a much-needed new bus shelter on Allenby Road. The P&F
**Aussie Outback Fair**

**Saturday 3\(^{rd}\) March 2012**

10am to 3pm

**Help!**

**What’s On**

We have loads of exiting new and repeat stalls, entertainment, sumo wrestling, thrilling rides, great Aussie food, demonstrations, KWS cricket on the oval and the Calcutta.

**Calcutta**

For those who have not experienced the fun of the Calcutta, make sure you are at the central stage area at lunch time to bid for and cheer on your school leaders as they are auctioned off as runners in a race held at the end of the day. Who will be the Fair Champion?

**Calling all Talent**

If you have a band waiting to be heard, are a country or jazz artist, musician, singer, drummer, air guitarist or have a great talent– please register with Mrs Alloway to entertain the crowd at the Fair.

**Calling for Volunteers**

All new parents and parents of year 7 students – this is a great opportunity to get to know other parents and become a valuable member of the school community. We need people to help out on House stalls and general stalls. Please send us an email to let us know if you are available.

**Hamilton Island Holiday Raffle**

Fancy a family holiday on Hamilton Island? Raffle tickets have been 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 are unable to sell your book please return it to the school asap – so someone else can.

**Gillian Coleman**

gillian@hotondobathurst.com.au

**Kim Bryant**

kimb@ssfs.com.au

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**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)
Last week, we got off to a flying start with Sport commencing. This week is no different, although we will be holding Swimming carnival trials on Wednesday instead of sport.

K-2 Swimming Programme
This week the K-2 Swimming Programme has begun. This is huge effort for all swimmers, staff and parent helpers to run this valuable programme. This will run every day except Wednesdays (rest day) for 2 weeks, culminating with the Swimming Carnival Friday 17th February. Just a reminder that School swimming costumes are to be worn. Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled to assist with no lost property.

Swimming Trials & Carnival information
There will be Swimming Trials for all age groups this Wednesday 8th February 2.30pm – 4.30pm. (Please note start time change). Events are 100m Freestyle final and Junior & Senior Medley final. This is not compulsory for all students. School swimming costumes & caps only are to be worn. There will be NO trials for all other strokes this year. Students NOT participating in these races will go home normal time. These races will be completed on the day. Timing help will be required at the Carnival, please let Mrs Hancock know if you are able to assist. chancock@kws.nsw.edu.au

Sport Draw for Saturday

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Extra Sport
Congratulations to the following students who competed in Bathurst over the weekend in Swimming, Max Waddell, Lucy Waddell, Mitchell Strike, Logan Buckley, Saxon Buckley, Bailie-Rose Miller, Joshua Chai and Ben Chai. Amongst these students, many attained Personal Bests and places gained. Well done!

Dates for the diary
Swimming trials for 100m Freestyle & Junior / Senior Medley – Wed 8th Feb. 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Optional.
Swimming Carnival @ KWS – Friday 17th Feb
WAS Swimming Carnival – Wed 22nd Feb
HICES Swimming Carnival – Thurs 1st March
CIS Swimming Carnival – Thurs 22nd March
KWS Cross Country Carnival @ PLC – Thurs 5th April

Saturday Sport
Just a reminder that KWS Sport is compulsory for all students in Year 3-6. If you are unable to attend either the training sessions or Saturday, a note must be sent to the co-ordinating teacher asking for leave prior to that session. We had a number of students absent on Saturday with no explanations. Please make sure school sport is the priority over other events. Thank you.