Dear Parents

Congratulations to our Prefects, House Captains and Year 6 Peer Support Leaders who were all presented with their respective badges at this week’s assembly. All these students have undertaken to accept the challenges and this was clearly evident with the tutoring of the students in last week’s Peer Support session. Well done Year 6!

Our younger students have been involved in the swim school over the past week in readiness for the week’s Interhouse Swimming Carnival. A big thank to the staff and the many parents who have assisted. Your help is greatly appreciated. All parents are welcome to attend the carnival on Friday with the March Past starting at 8.55 am.

A reminder that our Parent/Teacher Information night is on the Wednesday 15 February commencing at 6.00 pm for K-2 parents and 6.45 pm for 3-6 parents. No appointments are necessary.

Enjoy your week.

Regards

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

Our Parent/Teacher Information night is on this Wednesday 15 February. The purpose is to meet your child’s teacher and other parents from the grade.

There are no appointments necessary as there are no individual interviews. The programme is as follows:

6.00 pm – K-2 to meet in your child’s classroom
6.45 pm – All K-6 parents move to the Performance Theatre for general school matters
7.15 pm – 3-6 to meet in your child’s classroom
8.00 pm – Conclusion

Peer Support

After a great start to Peer Support Groups last week we will have a slight change to our meeting time this week due to the Swimming Carnival, and we will be meeting in groups on Thursday instead. This week the children will learn about the importance of having a go! The activities help them to identify what they have already learned to do and what things they would still like to learn. The children will also explore their feelings when faced with difficulties and identify the need for courage when they try something new.

During the week encourage your child to be aware of the importance of learning from their mistakes and trying new experiences. Our Swimming Carnival on Friday is a great opportunity to 'have a go'.

Congratulations to our Year 6 leaders for the care, encouragement and support of the younger students and their awesome organisation.

Mr Tim May


Citizenship Points:

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Prep Music News

PREP JUNIOR BAND STUDENTS ARE NOW IN PREP SENIOR

BAND!
Please note that Prep Junior Band will no longer run on Thursday afternoons. All students involved in Junior Band have moved up to Senior Band which rehearses on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:30 in the Performance Theatre. We look forward to seeing everyone at band on Tuesdays.

Prep Music Ensembles

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NB: Kori Sters will start rehearsing in Week 4 after final auditions this week. Students will be notified if they made it into the group.

**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 Sarah Davis who performed brilliantly on the piano 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 have a Prep Music Camp on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th February. The camp will be for students involved in Prep 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.

**Oboe Half-Scholarship - Bassoon Half-Scholarship**  
Students in Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 are invited to apply for a half-scholarship on oboe or bassoon. The school will pay half the tuition fees for one year as well as the full cost of instrument hire. Please see Mrs Libby Chapman in the Music Centre Supervisor’s Office or email echapman@kws.nsw.edu.au to register your interest by Friday 24 February 2012.

**KWS Friends of Music**  
KWS Friends of Music will meet at 7pm in the Music Centre on Wednesday 15 February 2012. 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.

**Library News**  
All the children have been to the library now and have had the opportunity to borrow books to read at home. Thank you to all the children who have remembered to bring library bags. Using library bags help to protect the books between school and home and also gives you somewhere to put them when you have finished reading them. Remember to bring books back to the library on your library day. If you want to keep reading a book it can always be renewed for another week.

Our Kids’ Lit Quiz teams are coming together with Year 5 and 6 children interested in being part of the two teams ‘training’ in the library at lunch time on Tuesdays. Those children who are interested also have the opportunity to watch a movie from a book in the library after school on a Thursday afternoon.

We will be choosing our two teams of four in the next week, but the children who miss out this time will have the opportunity to come to the Quiz as ‘runners’ and spectators on Friday 2nd March from 1 lam to 2pm at the Orange Function Centre. Parents are invited to come along also.

If you have any questions regarding the library or Kids’ Lit Quiz please do not hesitate in contacting me.  
Nicole Deans - Teacher Librarian (Tues, Wed, Thurs) 6392 0361
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 undercover area from Monday 27 February.

Position Vacant
Prep Bottle Stall co-ordinator for KWS Fair in 2013
• Free on the job training this year
• Rewards include enjoying the company of parents and the smiles of the children
Please contact Jean Condon if you are interested
0488168595
Volunteers Needed.....

We urgently need willing parents to help out on the day for approximately 2 hours.

Cake Stall - Liz Rogers is looking for parents to help with baking and selling.

Sumo Wrestling - Referees required

House stalls - Volunteers

Raffle - receiving and folding raffle tickets for the draw

House stalls - parents to help on their house stall

All new parents - this is a great opportunity to get to know other parents and become a valuable member of the school community.

We are waiting for your emails.....

Hamilton Island Holiday Raffle

Please start returning your raffle books asap.

Please remember that it is essential that all books are returned sold or not 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

KWS Raffle

Thank you to families for your assistance in selling the raffle-tickets sent out last week. Your effort is very much appreciated and will help make our fair a success. Thank you to those who are already returning their tickets; the money raised from the sale of tickets going towards the construction of the new bus shelter. Raffle books need to be returned on or before the end of February, sold/unsold. We will be having a Raffle Table at the fair for the selling of tickets and are looking for any parent/guardian who could give an hour of their time that day to help us out. If you would like to help, please email Gabrielle Pearce at sage@bigpond.com with your ‘am-early pm’ preferred time.
KWS CANTEEN
VOLUNTEERS ROSTER – FEBRUARY 2012

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Manager: Justine Peters
Ph: 63 92 0387

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED for TERM ONE

For more information, please contact Kim on 63 653929 or
kimr11@bigpond.com

Equestrian
There are some upcoming interschool events for our riders
- 2012 State Interschool Championships - 1st – 4th March
- Evans Crown Horse Sports Day – 19th March 2012 (Entries Close 9 March)

If you would like to receive a copy of the programmes and entry forms for these events please give me a call.
I am also keen to create an email & contact list for all interested parties so I can forward out all relevant equestrian information on a regular basis. If you would like to be part of this group please email your details to mprysejones@kws.nsw.edu.au or contact Michelle Pryse Jones on 02 6392 0403 or 0427 683 751.

Sports News

Swimming Carnival Friday 17th Feb.
This week is the KWS Prep School Swimming Carnival. The day will commence with the “March Past” in the Gym at 8.55am. Races will start at 9.30am for 8 – 12 year olds. K-2 students will race at midday, with the Relays & Presentation taking place at the end of the day. Programmes will be available from Mrs Hancock on Thursday.

Students need to come to school dressed in their sports uniforms including joggers and swimmers on underneath. Track suits tops are required but need to be left in school bags for the March Past.

Race nominations are to be done on the day, with the Freestyle Race compulsory for all 8-12 year old students. Finals will be held on the day for all events. This is for the 8 fastest swimmers per division. Swimming caps in House colours are also required.

There is an invitational 25m race of each stroke for weak and less confident swimmers. Please see me if you wish to be included for this distance.

Timing help will be required on the day, please let Mrs Hancock know or myself on the day when help is called.

Thank you and looking forward to a great day.

DATES TO REMEMBER
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

Sports Draw

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The University of Sydney needs young people
Are you a parent of a young person in school year 5, year 6 or year 7?

Would they like to participate in this important longitudinal research study?

This project is a major long term rural study of adolescent health and wellbeing. ARCHER stands for Adolescent Rural Cohort – Hormones, Health, Education, Environment and Relationships.

This study is funded by the NHMRC National Health and Medical Research Council and will investigate the role of hormones and the affect on the behaviour, physical and mental wellbeing of rural Australian teenagers.

The research will be conducted in Dubbo and Orange and is recruiting now.

If you would like to be involved or would like to know more about the study, please contact us at the Research Office.

Research Volunteers needed….Years 5, 6 & 7.

The ARCHER Study is a local medical research study of international significance that is investigating adolescent behaviour, health and hormones.

Students will be given a poster and expression of interest form with details about how to join this exciting three year study.

The ARCHER team is delighted that there are now over 160 participants from Orange and Dubbo and would very much like to thank students and their families already in the study for their support. However, the study needs more families in both cities to reach their target of 400 families.

Participation in the study involves just 2 hours and a brief pathology visit once a year. Students already in the study are very enthusiastic about participating and feel as though they are part of something important which could help others. They also receive a ‘thank you’ gift voucher each year. Data collection for the study is after school hours or in the holidays by appointment.

If you are interested in joining the study and/or would like the ARCHER team to contact you with more information, please complete the expression of interest form and return it in the reply-paid envelope to the ARCHER study before the end of February Or contact the Orange Research Assistant, Ashleigh Pasculli on 5310 4105 or 0408 196 083.