Dear Parents

This week is one of the highlights of the school year.

Grandparents Day on Friday has attracted 220 visitors to our School. Grandparents are playing an ever increasing role in the development of our students. Whether it be attending school assemblies, sport, pick up, drop off or assisting with homework our Grandparents are an integral part in the lives of our students. Many will travel great distances and we certainly appreciate their attendance this Friday.

On Saturday our Open Day will be held from 9-12 midday. Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend to browse through the classrooms and see the engagement in learning of your child. The staff and students have worked together all year in many enriching learning experiences and the evidence of that learning will be clearly demonstrated when you visit this Saturday.

Also take the time to visit the other rooms to see the progression of learning at KWS. Students are expected to wear full school uniform other than those involved in cricket and the ‘Night of Notables’.

Mrs Jenny Emerson who has been at the school since 1989 has announced her retirement from full-time teaching to take effect at the end of 2012. Mrs Emerson has been an outstanding educator and made an enormous contribution to the Preparatory School.

Her understanding and delivering of the curriculum has ensured her students have been challenged and motivated to learn. Her compassion, humour and willingness to go the ‘extra mile’ have endeared her to students, parents and staff. We will all miss her warm and friendly manner and wish her the very best as she enjoys her retirement with her husband, Rob.

Thank you for being such a valuable member of the Kinross Wolaroi School.

Enjoy your week.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

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Dates for Term 4, 2012

- Wednesday 31 October – IPad Information Night 6.00 pm PT
- Friday 2 November – Grandparents Day
- Saturday 3 November – Open Day
- Tuesday 6 November – Kindergarten Orientation Day for 2013
- Monday 12 November – Music Assembly 12.05 pm
- Tuesday 13 November – 1-6 Orientation Day for 2013
- Wednesday 14 November - P&F Meeting
- Monday 26 to Friday 30 November – Outdoor Education Week
- Tuesday 4 December – Celebration Assembly 10.00 am
- Tuesday 4 December – Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- Wednesday 5 December – Speech Day
Applications are now open to KWS students who wish to learn one of the following instruments: Viola, Cello, Trombone, Tuba, French Horn, Percussion, Male Voice, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone (Alto/Tenor). There will be full and half scholarships available. Please note that these scholarships are not for students who are currently undertaking lessons on one of these instruments. Students who currently learn are more than welcome to apply for an instrumental tuition scholarship on a different instrument. There will be try-out days for any students who wish to be considered during the week of 12th to the 16th November.

For more details please see Mrs Sinclair in the Prep Department or Heidi Anthony in the Music Centre (Ph: 63920341 or email hanthony@kws.nsw.edu.au). Letters will be going home to interested students this week. Application closes Wednesday 7th November.

Music Festival – This Friday 2 November – 6:30 pm
We are all ready to go for what is turning out to be a wonderful celebration of Music at KWS. This Festival will feature a Cadet and KWS Marching Band display as well as wonderful repertoire from all our Secondary School Music Ensembles. Entry is by donation to the Friends of Music who are working towards the purchase of a new PA system and a set of tubular bells for the Music Department. Collectively, these items are worth well over $12,000. The Friends of Music are also organising light refreshments for interval.

Grandparents’ Day – Friday 2 November
Our annual Grandparents’ Day celebration is shaping up to be a wonderful event. Our Prep Ensembles including Prep Senior and Junior Bands, Prep String Quartet and some of our talented soloists will be presenting a wide variety of repertoire for all to enjoy.

Prep Open Day – Saturday 3 November
Thank you to all the students who have signed up to perform during Prep Open Day. We will have lots of small ensembles performing in the undercover area and outside the Prep Music Room on the day. Please come along to enjoy.

Australian Music and Drama Excursion
Ms Anthony and I took a group of Year 10 and 11 students to Sydney last weekend for a feast of Australian Music and Drama experiences. The Drama students attended the matinee of Sydney Theatre Company’s comedic production of Australia Day and the evening performance of the Bell Shakespeare production of The School of Wives. Music students had a seminar with Australian composer, Richard Charlton, followed by their attendance at the concert Songs of the Southern Skies at Angel Place. Mr Charlton had written and arranged much of the music for this concert and his discussion about composing and arranging techniques prepared students. On the Sunday, we all enjoyed a fascinating Sydney Opera House tour in which we learnt about the history and current uses for the most active Performing Arts venue in Australia. A huge thank you to Mr Graham who gave up his weekend to come along and help us on the excursion.

Friends of Music News
A reminder that the Friends of Music will be selling cold/hot drinks and supper during interval at the Secondary School’s Music Festival this Friday night in the DPA, starting at 6.30 pm. We look forward to another enjoyable evening of quality KWS music from our very own students. Friends of Music Membership Forms for 2013 will be available on the night for anyone wishing to renew their membership/join FOM.

Congratulations to the following students for their results in the Speech and Drama exams:

- Freya Hill – Honours A
- Catriona Denholm – Honours A
- Will Rouse – Honours A
- Ailish Seedsman – Honours A
- Emily McLachlan – Honours – A
- Dempsey Bryant – Credit – B
Prep Open Day

Saturday 3 November
9am to 12pm

KWS Prep is throwing open its classroom doors to showcase the School’s outstanding facilities, delightful students and talented teachers.

There will be lots to do and see on the day:
• Musical and Speech and Drama performances
• Guided tours by students
• All Prep and Pre-Prep classrooms will be open with wonderful displays of students’ work
• Our Prep and Pre-Prep teachers will be on hand to answer queries and chat to visitors

Everyone is welcome: whether you’re a current KWS family or just want to look through the classroom and wander around School’s stunning grounds.

Call Cathy in the Prep Office on 6392 0316
or visit the KWS website for all the details
www.kws.nsw.edu.au
**KWS CANTEEN VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

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If you are interested in helping in the canteen next year please contact Justine.

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**Sports News**

**Sports Assembly on Monday**

Congratulations to all our Prep students who received certificates, awards and medallions at our Sports Assembly on Monday. We had a guest speaker Jeremy Rolleston, 2 times Olympic representative in Bobsleigh speak of his experiences with sport and overcoming disappointments. His message of believing in yourself and trying hard was inspirational. If you missed him speak, he has a website Jeremyrolleston.com

**Sports Draw**

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**Sports Reports**

**Year 5/6 Touch Football** - Competition leaders Hawks were outclassed by the reborn Wabbits who played a simple game. Taking the ball up strongly caused the Hawks to scramble in defence and strong defence from the red and white Wabbits prevented the Hawks from gaining momentum in attack. Too many unforced errors saw the Wabbits win 2 – 1. The Hawks and Squirrels played an entertaining game with a score of 4-2. Unfortunately the Squirrels lost 2 points due to missing items of uniform and the final score was 4 – 2. Great defence from both teams extinguished promising attacking raids.

**Year 3 - 4 Super 5 Touch Football:**

Another fantastic week of Touch Football was played by all teams. Everyone has shown vast improvement in all areas of the game. Last week in the drill sessions the emphasis was on marking up on your player and not leaving gaps in the defence. The competition was fast and furious with all teams coming up with impressive plays. Reds and Brumbies are still the teams to beat. Waratahs, Force and Rebels are making ground on the competition ladder with some good wins last week.

Please remember hats, drink bottles and shirts every sport day. Special mention this week to Jeremy who volunteered with the packing up of equipment.

**Swimming in PE lessons continue Years 3 – 6.**

A reminder that students in Year 3 – 6 will be in the pool for PE lessons participating in the “Swim & Survive” programme. School swimmers, cap, towel and goggles will be required. Students are to come to school in their PE uniform and will be given the opportunity to change at the beginning and conclusion of their lessons. A note from home is required if students are unable to swim.

**Hats and PE / Sport**

As the weather is getting warmer, it is a timely reminder that all students need to bring their hats – sport or bucket hats to all PE lessons and Sport training sessions. Water bottles are also recommended.