From the Head of Senior School…

I hope that all of you have had a restful and relaxing holiday with your children. This term shapes up to be a short but very busy one, with all students in the Senior School having exams at some point. These should be seen as a chance to show what has been learnt and to diagnose what hasn’t so that it can be addressed later by teachers and students together. I ask that parents ensure their children are having adequate sleep in the lead-up to exams (no mobile phones or computers in bedrooms would be helpful here!) so that stress is reduced. I also need to inform you of two very important procedures that are required by the school:

**Visitors** (and this includes you as parents)

Any person who comes to the school must come via the front office. This includes “strangers” such as tradesmen and delivery people but it also applies to parents and family members. We are happy for you to drop in to see either staff or your children but you must check in at the front desk. This is a duty-of-care responsibility which the school takes very seriously. Parents should not enter the Music Centre, the Anderson Centre or any other school buildings without first having come via the front desk. There are only two exceptions to this – direct visits to the Accounts area in the old Wolari House building and direct visits to the KWS Shop. Any other visit to the school must follow the procedure outlined above.

**Leave for Sporting Representation, Overseas Trips and other Non-Medical Blocks of Leave**

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 me 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. This is then reviewed by the Principal, 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 you, 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 both of the above policies may appear heavy-handed, I’m sure you will understand that we have to ensure that all required procedures and documentation are carried out. When the school is inspected for Registration and Accreditation next year, these are part of what is checked very assiduously by the Board of Studies inspectors.

**Bev West**

Head of Senior School

**Parent Forum for Gonski review – Wednesday 16 May, 6.30pm.**

I am writing to extend an invitation to all parents to attend a free Independent School Parents Funding Facts Forum-‘Gonski and beyond’. This is an opportunity to hear from the experts just how the proposed recommendations might affect our schooling choices. We are able to confirm a number of high profile Panel Members including: Dr Geoff Newcombe, Director of AISNSW and Hon. Christopher Pyne MP, Shadow Minister for Education and Training, Professor Scott Passer, Executive Director, Public Policy Institute, Australian Catholics University and Mrs Anne Crabb, Executive Officer of the NSW Parents’ Council. We are hopeful that Members of Local Government are also able to attend.

**Brian Kennelly**

Principal
Parent / Teacher Interviews
Term 2, 2012

You will soon receive your Login and PIN in the mail and will be able to access the PTO service for bookings from 9am on Wednesday 4 April.

1. Go to the KWS Home Page www.kws.nsw.edu.au
2. Under ‘KWS Quick Links’, click on ‘PTOnline’
3. Enter your LOGIN and PIN

Parent Teacher Interview times and dates are as follows:

Monday 23 April (Boarders only): 1.30pm – 7.30pm
Monday 30 April (Day students & Boarders): 4.00pm – 8.00pm
Tuesday 8 May (Day students & Boarders): 4.00pm – 8.00pm

Interviews are held in the Anderson Centre

If you have not received a PIN in the mail by 4 April please call 6392 0300

Notice to all parents with children in Years 7 & 9.
All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the NAPLAN tests. The tests will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to the School about the relative achievement level of each student, what students can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will also receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.
I ask all parents with students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 to avail themselves for the tests by noting the dates below.

Dates:
Tuesday 15 May: Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test
Wednesday 16 May: Reading test
Thursday 17 May: Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern, Chance and data, Measurement and Space)

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. Student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.
Please ensure that your child remembers to bring a working calculator on Thursday 17th May.
Any students who seek exemptions and special provisions are required to fill out the form that will be posted to all parents in Years 7 & 9.

For additional information feel free to contact me or visit the following websites:
http://www.naplanforparentsnsw.com.au

Best wishes,
Yooie Choi
Director of Learning
Music Matters

Senior Music Camp 2012 - Our 2012 Music Camp was a huge success. We ran two in-house days on 30 March and 5 April and were away at Vision Valley from 2-4 April. Vision Valley was a fantastic venue. It was a bush setting in which our students did activities such as rock climbing and archery. Our Marching Band enjoyed marching and playing up and down the hills in the beautiful surroundings and our smaller ensembles were able to rehearse in the beautiful Chapel. Orchestra, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Chamber Strings and Chamber Choir were all involved in intensive rehearsals all week, which was capped off by a concert on 4 April at Vision Valley. It was clear that all the ensembles had improved enormously over the camp week and the satisfaction on the faces of all the students proved what a valuable time our camp week had been. Thank you to all the Music Staff, Zac Temaki, and in particular, David Budden for all his thoughtfulness, helpfulness and excellence in looking after our students.

2012 Concerto Competition Results - On Monday 26 March, Mr Paul Terracini and Ms Nicola Snekker Seymour adjudicated our 2012 Concerto Competition. All the entrants performed extremely well and our adjudicators said how much they enjoyed the day. Congratulations to the following performers:

**Junior Division:** Winner – Cecelia Carter (clarinet), Runner-up – Brianna Chu (viola)

**Senior Division:** Winner – Annabelle Carter (violin), Runner-up – Laura Auberson (violin)

**Elin Williams, Year 12 student, Concerto Soloist** - On Friday 30 March, one of our HSC students, Elin Williams debuted as a featured soloist accompanied by a full symphony orchestra at the Orange Regional Conservatorium. Wearing a beautiful red dress, Elin performed the Butterfly Lover’s Concerto with real finesse and achieved an excellent variety of tone colours on her violin. Lujia Zhang, a piano teacher from our school, performed the harp part on grand piano. Following Elin’s performance, as the orchestra softly played a reprise of part of the concerto, Lujia was proposed to on stage. It was such a special moment as the couple is Chinese and this concerto had special meaning for them. There was hardly a dry eye in the audience! The audience thoroughly enjoyed Elin’s performance and she was returned to the stage for applause twice. Well done, Elin.

**Drama News – Belvoir Theatre Incursion** - On Wednesday 28 March we were very fortunate to have the opportunity to host a playwright from Belvoir Drama as part of their rural workshops season. The year 10 Drama Class undertook a Playwriting workshop lead by Tahli Corin, winner of the 2009 Phillip Parson’s award. During this workshop our students explored ways of writing to find an idea, were stimulated to question their concept of what a play is, how to create active and surprising characters and how to create and build dramatic tension through dialogue. It was so wonderful for our students to work with someone as enthusiastic and knowledgeable as Tahli, and I am sure they will be implementing the skills and dramatic conventions they have learnt about in future writing tasks.

**HICES Music Festival – 12-15 August 2012 – AUDITIONS** - Over 300 musicians in years 7-12 from various schools will be involved in this wonderful event. We are offering this festival to our music students in years 7 – 10. The amazing Australian vocal ensemble, “The Idea of North” will be on site for workshopping and performance during the camp. Students may audition for placement in some of the following ensembles: Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Stage Band, String Ensemble, Honour Choir (SATB) and Vocal Ensemble (SA). The festival camp will be held at Merroo Christian Centre, Kurrajong and will end with a Grand Concert at Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday 15 May. I strongly encourage all Music students in Years 7 to 10 to audition for what will be an enriching and exhilarating experience. Please return your application forms by the end of this week (Friday 27 April 2012).

AUDITIONS: These will run on Tuesday 1 May, 2012 during the school day in Room 68. Instrumental students are to present ONE piece representing technical ability. There is no need for accompaniment. Vocal students are to sing “Advance Australia Fair” with piano accompaniment (provided). Both instrumental and vocal students will be given a sight-reading exercise as part of the audition.

Have a wonderful week!

Anneliese Alloway
Head of Performing Arts
**Dates for Your Diary**

**APRIL**
25 – KWS Marching Band in Anzac Day Parade
27 – The Australian Voices – Workshop and Performance 1:30pm

**MAY**
11 – Camerata Concert, 6:30pm, Chapel in DPA
23 – 26 – Combined Schools Music Festival, Canberra (Yrs 11 and 12 only)
25 – Aubrey Murphy String Workshops
25 – Rowing Dinner (various musical items, Aubrey Murphy performs)

**JUNE**
5 – Prep Music Concert, 5:30pm, DPA
21 – Prom Concert, 6:30pm, DPA
23 – Holidays begin

**JULY**
9 - 14 – Musical Camp (KWS)
17 – Term 3 begins
17 – 19 - Musical rehearsals
19 – 21 – Musical performances
25 – Music Photos 1:00pm onwards
30 – AMEB Practical Examinations commence

**AUGUST**
10 – Secondary House Spectacular
12 – 15 – HICES Secondary Music Camp
20 – AMEB Written Examinations commence
26 – HSC Composition Recording Day

**SEPTEMBER**
3 - 4 – HSC Recital evenings
14 – HSC Performance Examinations
3 – Orange Eisteddfod String Day (TBC)
5 – Orange Eisteddfod Band Day (TBC)
6 – 7 – Orange Eisteddfod Choir Days (TBC)
8 – Orange Eisteddfod Open Choir Evening (TBC)
14 – Camerata Concert, 6:30pm, Chapel in DPA
19 – Co-curricular Music Afternoon Tea, 3:45pm, Performance Theatre
21 – Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
22 – Holidays begin

**OCTOBER**
8 – Term 4 begins
15 – HSC starts
15 - 16 – Music Camp (KWS)
23 – 25 – Australian National Field Days

**NOVEMBER**
2 – Grandparents Day, Music Festival Rehearsal Day, Music Festival Concert, 6:30pm, DPA
3 – Open Day
12 – Prep Music Assembly
15 – Elective Music Concert, 5:30pm, Performance Theatre

**DECEMBER**
4 – Prep Celebration Assembly
5 – Speech Day
6 – Holidays begin

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**KWS SHOP OPENING HOURS**

The KWS Shop is open for business from 8.30am and the door closes at 2.30pm. The KWS shop is not staffed after these hours.

If you need to come to the shop it is a good idea to be here by **2.15 pm** at the latest to avoid missing out. Students, please try to put these times in your diaries to avoid frustration when you arrive at the shop to find it is closed.

We do try to do the best we can to make things easier for parents and students. If you have any problems please ring the shop on **63920385** and speak to Janelle or Gail and we will help you to the best of our ability.

**New hair accessories have arrived.**
Good quality snag free elastics that keep their shape, good quality snap free clips as well as a few different pretty bows clips etc.
YOU are going to be a part of a WORLD RECORD attempt!!

As part of the Year 10 Community Service program, on Tuesday May 15th, KWS will be making an attempt on the world record for the Three Legged Race!! Laura Lewis-Minogue, Natasha Mitchell and Alex Coates are the driving forces behind this attempt, and are planning to raise a large amount of money for charity. The record attempt will require every student at KWS to take part in order to be a world-record number … and a sausage sizzle will occur for all those involved afterwards. Officials from the Guinness Book of World Records will be present. Stay tuned for more details after the holidays – this is going to be one very special day in the life of Kinross Wolaroi!

BOARDERS’ BITZ
Welcome to “Boarders’ Bitz”, a column designed to keep parents abreast of developments in Boarding.

⇒ Our boarders will be involved in the ANZAC Day march on Wednesday morning, marching as a cadet, band member or as a member of the School community. At the conclusion of the ANZAC service in Robertson Park, the boarders will return to their boarding houses to change and have lunch before we attend a special premiere screening of ‘The Avengers” at the Odeon Cinema in Orange.

⇒ The School Health Clinic has advised that there are a number of outstanding Boarders Medical History Forms. If you have not yet returned a completed form, you can now access the Health Clinic Medical History Form on the school web site. The form can be printed off and returned by fax to the Health Centre on 6392 0423, or post back to school with attention Health Clinic. Sister Radford will be sending reminder letters out in the next fortnight to those parents who have not yet returned forms.

⇒ Can I remind you that all electrical appliances brought into the boarding houses, including hairdryers and straighteners, phone chargers and computer equipment all require electrical safety tagging before they can be used in the boarding houses. This is an OH&S requirement which we require for the safety of all our boarding staff and students. All electrical appliances that boarders have in the Houses should be tagged.

⇒ Final preparations are now being made to enable us to launch our Boarders’ Library in coming weeks. If you still have some pre-loved books that you would like to donate, could you please drop them off at your boarding house, or the main school office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Alistair Miller  
Director of Boarding

KWS CANTEEN  
VOLUNTEERS ROSTER – April & May 2012

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Manager: Justine Peters  
Ph: 63 92 0387
Rugby - The season commenced this week with trial fixtures being held this weekend for all players. The senior players have been in a very successful pre-season training camp over the last three days of the holidays. This involved training session, games, study sessions and team meetings. The on field performances were solid and should provide a good platform to build on in upcoming trial fixtures. Thanks to Mr Barrett, Mr Smith, and Mr Miller for giving up their holidays to run the camp. The boys I have spoken certainly enjoyed the camp and feel it will greatly assist fitness and team culture. See the match reports below.

Coaching staff for each of the teams are listed below. The other good news is that the school is close to finalizing the appointment of an MIC for this season. Details will be announced later this week.

This weekend the three senior teams have secured fixtures in Canberra and a 17A fixture against Orange City. This weekend will further assist development of senior teams. All other teams will be involved in trials at school as peer the program below. Players will need full KWS rugby gear for trials this weekend. This includes mouth guards. **Players without mouth-guards will not be allowed to play in trials.**

The full rugby programme for 2012 will issued to all players by coaches when all fixtures are locked in. We look forward to a wonderful season and you all can assist by supporting the KWS Rugby Club. Congratulations to Max Cowperthwaite and Tom Harbison who is the co-captains of Rugby in 2012.

**Mr Geoff Hull - Acting MIC**

**KWS Opens Rugby v Long Bay College NZ** Long Bay College Auckland NZ visited KWS on the last day of term 1. This game allowed many senior players to get ready for the upcoming 2012 & to test themselves against the touring Kiwis. Many players rushed back from Cadets, wiped of the dirt & grime to take part in the fixture!

Previous to the KWS visit the tourists had secured 2 wins in Sydney. From the opening whistle it was evident that the 2 Blues were more than able to take it to the visitors with many glimpses of running rugby & solid defence. Star of the game was Lucas Ferrari who was a handful for the Kiwis every time he got the ball. His success was reflected by his 3 tries & Long Bay awarding him the MVP award. Billy Freeman also had a blinder with 2 tries, many pilfers & strong defence. Brendan Jarrett, Louis Kostaglou & Matt Haeg all scored tries in what was a dominant performance across the park. Worthy mentions must go to Sam & Matt Haege all scored tries in what was a dominant performance across the park. Worthy mentions must go to Sam & Matt Haege all scored tries in what was a dominant performance across the park. Worthy mentions must go to Sam & Matt Haege all scored tries in what was a dominant performance across the park. Worthy mentions must go to Sam & Matt Haege all scored tries in what was a dominant performance across the park. Worthy mentions must go to Sam & Matt Haege all scored tries in what was a dominant performance across the park. Worthy mentions must go to Sam & Matt Haege all scored tries in what was a dominant performance across the park. Worthy mentions must go to Sam & Matt Haege all scored tries in what was a dominant performance across the park. Worthy mentions must go to Sam & Matt Haege all scored tries in what was a dominant performance across the park.

Will Korff came up with the tackle of the day which saw the opposition come to its feet late in the game. The game kick started off too little too late for our defensive.”...
The NSW Parents’ Council, in conjunction with Kinross Wolaroi School and the Association of Independent Schools of NSW (AISNSW) invite you to a parent forum,

Regional Independent School Parent Funding Facts Forum – 'Gonski and Beyond'

Confirmed panel members

Professor Scott Prasser, Executive Director,
Public Policy Institute, Australian Catholic University

Richard Cheney President
Kinross Wolaroi Parents and Friends Association

Other Invited panel members

The Hon. Christopher Pyne MP
Shadow Minister for Education Apprenticeships and Training

The Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP
NSW Minister for Education and Communities

Dr Geoff Newcombe, Executive Director,
AISNSW

The Hon. Peter Garrett AM, MP
Federal Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth

Mr Brian Kennelly, Principal,
Kinross Wolaroi School

The Hon. John Cobb MP
Federal Member for Calare

Mrs Anne Crabb, Executive Officer,
NSW Parents’ Council

The Hon. Andrew Gee, MP
Member for Orange

Date: Wednesday May 16 2012  Time: 6.30pm. The Forum will conclude by 8.00pm
Venue: Kinross Wolaroi School 59-67 Bathurst Road ORANGE 2800

To reserve seats please go to www.parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au and click on the link called “Free Independent School Parent Funding Facts Forum in Orange – ‘Gonski and Beyond’ RSVP now!”