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 ‘PTOOnline’
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

ATTENTION – ALL KINROSS FAMILIES

Many of you will know the Kittichaiwong family. Joey & Jeffrey have both been wonderful members of our school family. Their cousins Nisha & Shanon (twins) are soon to arrive in Australia and will be spending the 1st few weeks of next term as Boarders at Kinross. We need a family or families to Billet them both during the last week of school holidays from Tuesday 17th April until Monday 23rd April.

A great opportunity to share your family with theirs and show them what a wonderful part of the world we live in.

If you can help, even if only for a couple of days please contact Michelle Pryse Jones (Registrar) on 6392 0403 or mobile 0427 683 751.
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

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

Dr Geoff Newcombe, Executive Director,
AISNSW

The Hon. John Cobb MP
Federal Member for Calare

Mr Brian Kennelly, Principal,
Kinross Wolaroi School

The Hon. Andrew Gee, MP
Member for Orange

Mrs Anne Crabb, Executive Officer,
NSW Parents’ Council

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.parentsncouncil.nsw.edu.au and click on the link called “Free Independent School Parent Funding Facts Forum in Orange – ‘Gonski and Beyond’ RSVP now!”
Use of Emails to communicate between home and School

From time to time we receive inappropriate emails which can have major ramifications for us. The following outline may be useful to parents as a reminder of the importance of following appropriate protocols when sending emails.

Communication is a good thing. The more communication the better, provided the communication is positive or constructive and appreciated by the other party. When staff and parents use emails to communicate we all need to observe some common sense protocols that allow us to maximise benefits and avoid the collateral! The advantage of an email’s speed is also its shortcoming. Friendships can be lost by too much haste and too little thought before pressing ‘send’.

Common sense guidelines for emails

The following guidelines serve well. Many are standard etiquette for email communication. Parents may wish to adopt them in guiding children in use of electronic messaging in all its forms.

1. Greet your recipient by name - it’s polite.
2. Emails are at their best with content that is informative. Avoid emails that have emotional overlay. Avoid negative emails. Pick up the phone instead.
3. Group emails have the potential to waste many people’s time if they are not pertinent
4. Avoid emails for topics in the least confrontational, and for any issue that could at all possibly be taken the wrong way. Pick up the phone instead.
5. We must never email words we wouldn’t say to a recipient’s face.
6. We must not write about third parties using emotion-charged words they would be uncomfortable to read about themselves.
7. If an email is received that is contentious. Neither staff nor parents should ever reply to such emails. A face to face discussion is needed.
8. Emails of any sensitivity must not be forwarded to a third party without permission of the sender. This is obviously all the more important if there is distribution to a group.
9. Brevity is the strength of email but it can be all too easily mistaken for impoliteness. Before pressing ‘send’, if it is not an email response, recheck the text and add some niceties.
10. Sign off with your name and contact details - it’s helpful.
11. CC the Tutor/Head Tutor/Head of Boarding House in all communications touching on the welfare of a child.

Source: One school’s approach to building a positive email culture.

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**Academic Awards for Excellence, Class Achievement and Effort**

**P&F Tutor House Challenge Shield - Term I Week 9, 2012**

Congratulations to the following students for their high standard of work and effort in previous weeks

**Academic Excellence Points**

**Year 8**: Fr - Lucy Hickman  
**Year 9**: Ma - Jack Thompson  
**Year 12**: Ma - Elin Williams

**Academic Achievement Points**

**Year 9**: Ma - Kate Orange, Sophie Aylward, Sophia Tanos, Katie Rice  
**Year 10**: Ma - Max Peterson, Jaylin Collett, Tom Eyeington, Edward McKellar, Elizabeth Morice  
**Year 12**: Ma - Gretel Bailey-Preston, Alice Haigh, Declan Cooper, Toby Doyle

**Academic Effort**

**Year 7**: Fr - Lochie Hazelton, Sam Harbison, Hist - Zali Thoma, Henry Welsh, Sophie Hay-McKenzie, Eloise Coleman, Sarah Byrne, Michaela O’Neill, Barbara King-Christopher, Scarlett Hamblin, Lara Pearce  
**Year 8**: Ma - Ally Thurn, Charlie Steele-Park, Amber Smith, Emily Shields x2, Hamish Sheehan, Milla Niven, Sarah Hagarty, Emma Haeg, Siokapesi Faiva, Hamish Ellis-Peck, Claudia Campbell, Robert Bragg x2  
**Year 10**: Sci - Andrew Wass, William Rice, Georgie Rutherford

Congratulations to the following students for their good citizenship shown towards others

**Tutor House Points –**

**DEAN** Ian Crossing  
**BROWN** Sam Brand, Jack Brand  
**DOUGLAS** Ashley Snare  
**MCLACHLAN** Joshua Cheney
CAREER NOTES TERM I
APPLYING FOR MEDICINE?
As you know applicants for undergraduate medicine are required to sit the UMAT on 25 July 2012, registrations open early April and close Friday June 1. To register please visit http://umat.acer.edu.au. The result in UMAT forms 1/3 of your application process together with your ATAR and an interview. You may be considering undertaking a UMAT preparation course and if so there are many available but it must be noted that neither ACER nor the UMAT Consortium has any involvement in the development or any commercial interest in these courses. They do not recommend or endorse any commercially available courses and warn that it is possible that some preparation courses might provide misleading information or advice to candidates.

- MedEntry offers 2 day workshops, simulated practice exams with fully worked solutions and percentile rankings, thousands of practice questions, UMAT and interview skill development guides, 1-on-1 tutoring services, personalised interview training sessions, university admissions advice and more. MedEntry offers numerous scholarships, for more information please visit www.MedEntry.edu.au
- NIE (National Institute of Education) has their 2012 program ready to go. They provide 8 books with over 700 pages as well as over 1500 quality practice questions which are researched and updated each year. They also conduct workshops and in NSW it will be held at UNSW on June 24. Please collect a brochure or visit nie.edu.au or email enquiries@nie.edu.au
- ACER runs the testing and they currently have 2 practice tests available online for $35 each bit UMAT Practice Test 1 comes with your registration so you may be interested in UMAT Practice Test 2

1. Bond University is a private university on the Gold Coast offering a range of courses. Students are often fast-tracked with 3 semesters / year and it is possible to graduate up to a year earlier than from other universities. Their undergraduate guide containing information about the uni and a full list of courses is available. Bond is offering full or part tuition scholarships for 2013. Applications open April 1 and close July 31, brochures are available from the careers office and the full list including application criteria is available at www.bond.edu.au/scholarships
2. GAPBREAK? Antipodeans offers a wide range of opportunities to work helping others in countries on the continents of Africa, North and South America, Asia and Europe. For more information call 9413 1522 or email explore@antipodeans.com.au
3. Professional cadetships provide an opportunity to combine work and university study whilst being paid. Depending on the requirement of the company and your uni degree the structure of the cadetship could be: full time work with part time study; full time study with part time work; full time study integrated with periods of full time work; or an alternative structure to be determined. The advantage is that when you have completed your degree you have invaluable work experience. Whilst these cadetships are largely aimed at students wishing to study business, this can be combined with a range of other courses as well. For more information please visit www.businesscadetships.com.au/bc_studywork.asp
4. Sport NSWW is running a series of “Careers in Sport workshops”. Most are during term time but the final workshop is on Tuesday 26th June and so falls in our vacation period. The workshop is aimed at Year 11 & 12 students, parents and teachers and aims to give an insight into the sports industry, examples of jobs available, advice on where to study as well as maximising your chances of getting a job. The workshop is followed by a free guided tour of ANZ Stadium to provide an insight into the workings of the sporting event industry. Cost is $30 pp and the venue is Sydney Olympic Park starting off at Sports House, 6A Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park then going over to the stadium. Time is 10.15am – 2.30pm. To make a booking please visit www.sportnsw.com.au or email Julie.stafford@sportnsw.com.au
5. University of Wollongong is changing their Early Entry Program, it will now become UOW Selective Entry: the students select UOW and UOW selects them. Key features include:
• The availability of the majority of undergraduate degrees
• The offering of UOW flagship/elite courses for high performing students
• Eligibility criteria determined by published minimum criteria
• Students will be assessed according to their academic performance &/or interview, or other selection criteria.
  Students will not be informed of their outcome until just before the HSC exam commences (10 – 12 October 2012). For more information please visit www.selective.uow.edu.au Applications open July 1 and closing date is August 15 and so the July break is the time to go online and make your application as you will be too busy once you return to school. Interviews will be held late September. Mrs Byrnes has a list of the courses included and the minimum criteria required available in her office.

6. Marcus Oldham College, Geelong offers courses in Farm Management, Agribusiness or Horse Business Management with curriculum relevant to the needs of modern industry. They are currently promoting their 2013 scholarship program which offers a range of opportunities. Please visit www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au and go to the scholarship and awards section for this information.

7. Are you interested in learning to become a pilot? If so why not consider the Mission Aviation Camp 2-6 July 2012 at Coldstream Airport, 96 Killara Rd, Coldstream Victoria. This camp is run by Australian Centre for Mission Aviation and costs $395 including accommodation, meals, familiarisation flight, excursions and all activities. For more details and an application form phone (03) 9739 0612 or email camp12@acma.vic.edu.au

8. Pilot aptitude Training Systems offers courses to prepare students for ADF selection tests: YOU session; and the Pilot Specific Test. They particularly target Year 11 students with a view to them completing their aptitude testing before the pressures of Year 12 begin. Please collect a brochure or visit www.pilotaptitude.com

9. Australian Catholic University is open to all school leavers and they have sent their latest course guide. They also run an Early Achiever’s program allowing students who can demonstrate a commitment to their communities as well as their studies to gain early acceptance into ACU. This program recognises the achievements and contributions made by prospective students to their communities through school, church, sport or cultural organisations. For more information on this program please visit www.acu.edu.au/eap

10. CSU reminds students of their “Every day is Open Day” policy which means that you can contact any of their campuses and arrange to talk to current students and staff and have a tour of facilities and accommodation. CSU is also running a series of “My Day” experiences throughout the school year. Each day focuses on courses in a particular faculty of the university and provides information. Interested students can check dates and venues and register at www.csu.edu.au/myday Through their NSW HSC Online site students are able to access information and resources for 51 subjects and 81 courses. This website hsc.csu.edu.au provides access to forums, virtual field trips, links to knowledge sites, study and exam techniques and information about life beyond the HSC. CSU also offers alternative pathways to university study for any student who does not meet the ATAR requirement. Pathways normally involve successful completion of alternative courses which then provides entry into the normal degree programs. For more information on Pathways please call 1800 334 733 or visit www.csu.edu.au/pathways

11. International College of Management, Sydney offers courses with a range of specialisations: Business Management; Property Services management; Event management; Hospitality management; and Sports management. They are holding their Open Day on 19 August 2012 from 10am- 2pm. Interested students can collect a course guide or pamphlet from Mrs Byrnes ICMS will be awarding 3 national scholarships commencing 2013 valued at over $50,000 each Application forms are now available at http://www.icms.edu.au/apply/scholarships.html
The Animals of our region needs your help!!!

Winter is approaching and soon it will be very cold in Orange. The animals at the RSPCA and the Wildlife that are rescued need your help. You can assist them by donating old blankets, towels, pillowcases, sheets, tea towels, bathmats and beanies. All of these items can be used to keep the animals warm. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Please send the items to school with your child before Friday 30 March 2012. They can drop it off in their Tutor House area.

Thank you for your support. It is greatly appreciated.

The Children’s Ward at Orange Base Hospital needs our help.

Children from all over the region are admitted to the ward and in many cases those children are in need of a few basic items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, face washers and combs. Some children even come to the Hospital without pyjamas or underwear.

Will you please assist us by sending one or more of the following items to school before Friday 30 March 2012.

- Toothbrushes,
- Toothpaste,
- Bars of Soap,
- New Face washers and
- Hair combs or brushes.
- You can also send packets of underwear in various sizes

We will make up parcels for the ward which they can give to the children in need.

The Community Service Team

THE KWS SHOP WILL CLOSE FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS
from
2.30PM THURSDAY 5TH APRIL
and will RE-OPEN
8.30AM THURSDAY 19TH APRIL

KWS CANTEEN
VOLUNTEERS ROSTER – March 2012

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'Applying for your first job'

with OCTEC Trainer - Sue Evans

Would you like to work part-time job while you are still at school?

Come along and access valuable information on the do and don’ts when applying for your first job

Thursday 12 April 2012
10:30 - 11:30am

Local Studies Room, Orange City Library
Bookings essential – 63938132
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.

Countrylink timetables have now arrived for boarders who are travelling on Countrylink services booked for the end of term. Boarders who are attending Cadet Camp or Year 7 camp will be transported back to their boarding house on Wednesday 4 April so they are ready to travel on Thursday 5 April. Students will be given their tickets as they board the bus. Please note the time table change for students travelling to Sydney.

Thursday 5 April
9.10am CLK0572 Orange Railway Station – 11.05am Lithgow
Change at Lithgow for CTY 506 11.32am Lithgow - 2.25pm Sydney Central
10.20am C181B Kinross – 11.30pm Wellington – 1.05pm Dubbo - 1.35pm Narromine – 2.00pm Trangie – 2.45pm Warren – 3.30pm Nyngan
Change at Dubbo for :-
2.15pm CLK515 Dubbo – 5.45pm Cobar
2.16pm CLK511 Dubbo – 7.00pm Brewarrina
C101N Dubbo – 6.10pm Bourke
10.40am C183W Kinross – 2.00pm Gilgandra – 2.30pm Gulargambone - 3.10pm Coonamble – 4.30pm Walgett
10.45pm C485 Kinross – 12.00pm Parkes – 12.50pm Forbes – 2.45pm Condobolin – 4.00pm Lake Cargelligo – 5.15pm Hillston
11.00am C183D Kinross – 12.15pm Wellington - 1.00pm Dubbo
I am sure that you are aware that we commemorate ANZAC Day, Wednesday 25 April, on the second day of Term 2. This day will be a public holiday, and 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. They will attend the ANZAC Day march in full school uniform. 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.

Alistair Miller
Director of Boarding
Swimming Squads Term 2

The KWS Swim Coach position is currently being advertised. During Week 1 Term 2 students will be preparing for CIS. Students who have qualified for CIS will have squads sessions in week 1 to prepare for this event. All other squad swimming will resume when the swim coach is appointed. We are hopefully this process will be completed early Term 2.

Netball

WAS Netball
At the recent WAS Netball trials held at the KWS girls were once again very dominant on the day. Congratulations to all who trialed but especially for their selection:

15 and Under – AICES carnival at Castle Hill, Friday 11th May
Greta Allen
Nikki Collins
Sophia Cassimatis
Sarah McIntyre
Sarah Spina
Bridget Cooper

Opens – AICES carnival at Castle Hill – Thursday 21st June
Talor Hamilton
Lilian Sims
Tegan Selmes
Jess Simpson
Annelise Corey
Maddy Hawthorne
( Abbie Russell - shadow)

AICES Cup
The inaugural AICES Cup for Netball will be held on Thursday 19th July.
KWS will be sending an Open team to this carnival where we will compete against other schools in our AICES Association.
The first training session for all netball teams will be the first Tuesday of next term. The first round of competition games starts on Saturday 28th April.
Week 2 will see the implementation of the new initiatives for the 2012 season. On Tuesdays, all players will choose between fitness or umpiring sessions. Without fitness, even the most talented players will not reach their potential in games. Without confident and competent umpires, netball would not exist!

The aims of the umpiring sessions are:  
- to learn the basic rules of netball  
- to develop a real understanding of the more intricate rules  
- to develop confidence to be able to implement the rules in games  
- Fitness will also be incorporated into the umpiring sessions.
In the second half of the season if they so desire, aspiring young umpires will then be able to proceed to the next level to gain a National C Umpiring badge.
Also on Tuesdays, KWS coaches will be involved in developing their coaching knowledge and skills by attending coaching sessions. These sessions will start with practice drills for the basics of netball followed by the more advanced aspects of coaching netball. Coaches will be able to learn from each other by sharing their knowledge, skills and training session programmes via practical coaching clinics.
Every year, ONA finds it difficult to fill committee positions. Without volunteers willing to help, Orange netball will not continue to grow.
KWS has no representative on the committee and we would like our parents to become more involved in Saturday netball.
A meeting of interested parents will be held early next term.
In conclusion, I would like to wish all players, coaches and parents a great season!
Mrs Bridie Brideoake, bbrideoake@kws.nsw.edu.au, 63920324 (school)
Basketball
The Junior Girls basketball Grand Final played on Tuesday 27th March was inspirational! Two KWS teams showed their love of the game and an amazing level commitment. The score was fairly even for most of the match but with only 4 players, KWS 2 were totally exhausted by the last quarter giving KWS 2 the opportunity to score valuable points. For KWS 2, Moe Prescott, Kath Booth, Sophie Gullifer and Gabby Eade did everything that their coach asked, and more. Great dribbling skills and superb defence were witness by the parents and friends lining the sideline in support. KWS 2 went in as under-dogs but Kate Orange, Anna Towers, Cecilia Carter, Elish Holmes, Hannah Jaques and Ellie Tidswell acceptingly took the advantage offered. They too were totally worn out by the end of the amazingly fast paced game. Well done to all of the girls – it was a fine display of sportsmanship and determination! Due to Seniors exams in the first two weeks of next term, the Basketball Presentation will be held at a lunch time in week 3.

Hockey Training Week 1 Term 2:
On Tuesday 24th April (first day back next term) only KWS 1 will be required for training. Full training will commence for the U13’s, U15’s, U18’s, KWS 2 and KWS 3 Thursday 26th April. Team’s lists will be posted on the noticeboard outside the Brown locker area at the start of next term. Games will start Friday 27th April for U15’s and U18’s; Saturday 28th April for U13’s; Saturday 28th April or Sunday 29th April for the Open teams.

Social Tennis 2011 / 2012 Season
2012 Social Tennis Awards
Ladder Competition – amendment

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The Recreation Centre and Pool will be closed for the duration of the April School Holidays.