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

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

Dr Geoff Newcombe, Executive Director, AISNSW

Mr Brian Kennelly, Principal, Kinross Wolaroi School

Mrs Anne Crabb, Executive Officer, NSW Parents’ Council

Richard Cheney President Kinross Wolaroi Parents and Friends Association

**Other invited panel members**

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

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

The Hon. John Cobb MP
Federal Member for Calare

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](http://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!”
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.

K.R. Mangalam Visit

I am grateful to the parents who have offered to billet the students from the K.R. Mangalam School. We have had a good response and parents will be notified by a follow up letter with more details. This delegation from India will be with us for the first two weeks of the term with the students being billeted for 5 nights. I am delighted that we are able to host K.R Mangalam School at KWS and I am hopeful that we will have enough interest to select a delegation of students and staff to visit India later this year.

Brian Kennelly - Principal

KWS Swimming Coach

We are currently searching for a Swim Coach. The position has been advertised on a number of websites including the Australian Swim Coaches and Teachers Association www.ascta.com and on the Sportspeople Website; www.sportspeople.com. Further information is also available on the school website www.kws.nsw.edu.au

Applications for this position close on Friday 30th March, 2012.

The school is hoping to appoint a person to this position for commencement in Term 2, 2012.

The success of students at the recent HICES and ISA carnival suggest the successful applicant will have a keen and enthusiastic squad of swimmers to work with into the future.
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**.

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

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**Dianne Chapel** - I am writing to advise that Dianne Chappel has sought a further 6 months Maternity Leave. This has been formally approved, with Dianne returning to her position of Head of History/Religious Education in Term 1, 2013. I am grateful to Bruce Kerridge, for agreeing to a 6 month extension as the Acting Head of History/Religious Education Faculty until the end of this year.

**David Gregory** – with Dianne Chapel extending her Maternity Leave until the beginning of Term 1 2013, David’s contract has been extended a further 6 months. David will continue teaching his current classes until the end of 2012.

**Brian J Kennelly** - Principal

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**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 & Shannon (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.

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**Cadet Q Store** has the following items for sale for the upcoming annual camp

- **Camo T-Shirts**
- **Socks**
- **Hoochie Cord x 5 metres**
- **Tent Pegs x 8**
- **Enamel Plates and Mugs**
- **Cutlery Sets**
- **Camo Hydration Packs inc 2litre bladder**
- **Q store will be open Mon and Wed 1pm-5pm**
- **Open every day the week prior to camp from 11am-2pm**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Q STORE WILL NOT BE OPEN DURING ISSUING OF EQUIPMENT OR THE DAY OF DEPARTURE TO CAMP
Elin Williams, Year 12 student, Concerto Soloist  On Friday 30 March, one of our very own HSC students, Elin Williams will debut as a featured soloist accompanied by a full Symphony Orchestra at the Orange Regional Conservatorium. Elin won the Orange Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition in 2011, earning this opportunity to perform with the Orange Symphony Orchestra in front of what is anticipated to be a packed audience. Elin will perform the beautiful ‘Butterfly Lovers Concerto’ with the Orange Symphony Orchestra at the Orange Regional Conservatorium Auditorium at 7:30 pm, Friday 30 March. Several other KWS staff and parents will also be performing in this concert that will also include well-known works by Brahms, Mendelssohn and Gershwin. Tickets are available at the door: Adults $25, Concession $20, Family of four $70, students of the ORC under 16 years of age are free. I encourage all our music students to go along and support Elin on this important performance experience.

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 workshoping 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. This concert will be attended by our Principal, Mr Brian Kennelly.

I strongly encourage all Music students in Years 7 to 10 to audition for what will be an enriching and exhilarating experience.

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. Both instrumental and vocal students will also be given a sight-reading exercise as part of the audition.

Please look out for the letter in the mail regarding this fantastic opportunity. The letter will be accompanied by application forms. These must be submitted as soon as possible so as to enable an audition timetable to be drawn up and circulated ready for 1st May 2012.

This is my last entry for this term. I look forward to telling you all about our Music Camp when we return in Term 2. Have a wonderful week and a lovely holiday!

Anneliese Alloway - Head of Performing Arts

Dates for Your Diary

MARCH  30 – Music Camp (KWS)
APRIL  2 – 4 – Music Camp at Vision Valley
5 – Music Camp (KWS)
6 – Holidays begin
24 – Term 2 begins
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 Workshop
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
3 – 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 11 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
As the outgoing president of Kinross Wolaroi School Friends of Music, I welcome you all tonight to our AGM for 2012.

As many of you will know, the KWS Friends of Music was reformed in March 2006 to support the music program of the school and all members of the KWS music community, to provide help and assistance as required, to form a link between the parents and the music department, to promote and enable music performance and to nurture musical excellence. The Friends of Music is administered by an elected executive and is affiliated with the Kinross Wolaroi School P&F.

In 2011, The Friends of Music has been actively involved in many aspects of the KWS music program. We hosted two camerata concerts, in conjunction with the music department and assisted with events such as the “proms” and elective music concerts, HSC performances and the Gil Sullivan recital. Fundraising in 2011 has provided a bass clarinet, a drum kit and music folders for all music ensembles and the school musical was supported both practically and financially.

2012 is shaping up to be an exciting year with plans for a return of the Supper Club, amongst other things. To enable the Friends of Music to continue to support the KWS music program, it is essential that we have a committed group of members who are willing to contribute throughout the year. With a number of the current executive team ineligible for re-election to their current positions in 2012, I encourage all of you to consider an executive role for 2012. If executive or committee roles are not for you, your assistance and support throughout the year would be sincerely appreciated. As the saying goes, “many hands make light work” and together we can achieve great things for KWS music.

Tonight, we farewell two long-standing Friends of Music members and tireless workers, Don and Jean Hayman, from our executive. With their youngest son now in year 12, the time has come for them to “pass the baton.” On behalf of the Friends of Music and the Performing Arts Department, I extend a huge thank you to the two of you for all of your work over the years. Jean, we will forever remember the scones that have become a trade mark of the Camerata evenings, amongst your other contributions. Don, your contribution to the executive in the position of treasurer over the past two years has been sincerely appreciated. To the rest of the FOM executive from 2011 and to everyone who has contributed in any way during the year, I also extend a huge thank you to all of you.

I look forward to a continued partnership between the Friends of Music and the Performing Arts Department in 2012.

Pauline Solari - President, Kinross Wolaroi School Friends of Music, 2011

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### Treasurer's Report Income and Expenditure Report - Period Ended 1 March 2012

#### FRIENDS OF MUSIC GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT

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<td>• Gill Sullivan float – used for expenses</td>
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<td>• Postage (AGM notice)</td>
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<td>• Drum Kit</td>
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<td>• Donation to “Beauty and the Beast” costs</td>
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<td>• Music Folders</td>
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<td>• Years 9-11 elective concerts</td>
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Dear Parents

The Science department will run an enrichment programme again this year for junior and senior students. All members of the Science staff will assist with the programme throughout the year. Mrs Astrid Lepelaar is now a full time teacher in Learning Support. She will continue to work with students and staff, developing individual and class programmes to enhance Science literacy across all year groups.

**Junior Science Enrichment Programme**

It is anticipated that for the top class in each year, we will compact the curriculum and have selected students working on extension projects and topics. There will be at least one extension activity per semester according to the grid below. Some of the programmes will be running in parallel and some will be “stand alone” topics.

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<td>Identification of students for Science Olympiads</td>
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In addition to these programmes, students will participate in the National Chemistry Quiz ($5.06) (26th July) and the UNSW Science competition ($7.70)(6th June). There will also be an opportunity for a group of secondary students to make a short film to be entered into the Eureka Sleek Geeks Short film competition (entries close 6th May). Sleek Geek video preparation time will be various Monday/Wednesday afternoons 3.30-5.00 in room 64, to be arranged with the group. Music and cadet commitments are to be met as a priority.

**Senior Sciences Enrichment Programme**

The essential philosophy behind the senior Science enrichment is to empower the students to strive for excellence in senior Science. Whilst in classroom Science the emphasis is on learning the curriculum, the enrichment sessions will focus on maximising HSC marks in exams. We want to encourage the students to work as a team and help each other to gain the best possible marks in the HSC exam. There is an extra-curricular opportunity for senior Chemistry students to participate in the National Titration Competition.

**Preliminary programme (Year 11):**

*Skills programme:*
A programme will be run to enhance senior Science students’ skills in Biology, Chemistry, EES and Physics. Emphasis will be in developing skills in first-hand and secondary-source investigations, such as understanding the scientific method and drawing and graphing.

*Science Olympiads:*
Students have the opportunity to study and sit for the Biology, Physics and Chemistry Olympiad exams to be held in August. Students have access to the text books from the library and some have already made some progress over the holiday period.

**HSC programme (Year 12):**

*HSC “Reaching your Potential” seminars:* There will be a series of enrichment seminars in Terms 1, 2 and 3 for students undertaking the Senior Science courses. They will take place on weekday evenings. There will be four sessions per subject. Specific dates and times are attached on the following page. These sessions will involve revision of difficult knowledge and concepts in each topic. There will be an emphasis on how to answer HSC questions and maximise marks in the longer-response questions. For best results, the students should revise the specific topic before attending each seminar. Boarders should remember to arrange a late meal on the specific dates.
In addition, there will be a STANSW “Meet the Markers’ HSC Study day in Term 3 (12th August). This session will involve HSC markers visiting the school and spending a day with the senior Science students from KWS and other schools in the district to discuss the HSC exams, how to write answers, maximise marks and how to avoid common problems. There will also be the opportunity for students to sit another trial paper in exam conditions in Term 3. In addition, during the study vacation in September, senior Science teachers will send out a “Question-of-the-Day” to all HSC Chemistry and Biology students via email. Replies will be marked and feedback given. We ask that you encourage your son/daughter to participate in the enrichment seminars and question-of-the-day. Evidence shows that students participating in the seminars and Question-of-the-day programme performed better than students who did not participate. Indeed, over the last few years the senior Science results have been very encouraging and among the best in the state. If you have any questions regarding the programme please contact me on 63920321 or email clitchfield@kws.nsw.edu.au

Yours faithfully,
Catherine Litchfield

Dates for the diary:

Mrs Litchfield is available Wednesday lunch times in room 61 for ‘drop in’ senior Biology and Chemistry students. Bring along your lunch/ questions/ problems for extra help.

Preliminary Skills enrichment programme

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<td>C Litchfield</td>
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<td>C Litchfield</td>
<td>Monday 13/8 5.00-6.30</td>
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<td>Analysing Secondary Sources (all)</td>
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HSC Enrichment programme

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<td>S Young</td>
<td>Monday 19/3 5.00-6.30</td>
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<td>9.2 Maintaining a Balance</td>
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<td>9.4 Blueprint of Life</td>
<td>S Young</td>
<td>Wednesday 1/8 3.30-5.00</td>
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<td>9.7 Genetics: The Code Broken?</td>
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<td>Trial HSC II</td>
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Chemistry Schedule

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STANSW HSC Study day (Biology, Chemistry, Physics and EES)

Sunday 12th August (time TBA) Venue: KWS Music Centre
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 Achievement Points**

**Year 7**: EF - Makayla Clark, Sebastian Samodol, Genevieve Gill x2, Zoe Petraglia, Kaleesha Cain, Samuel Jeffrey, Jess Arthur, Tom Hall

**Year 8**: EF - Claudia Campbell, Stephanie Coates, Savannah Coddington, Harry Hamilton, Tom Rice, Sci - Toby Condon, Siokapesi Faiva

**Year 9**: Geo - Emily Wright

**Academic Effort**

**Year 7**: Sci - Samuel Jeffrey, Kaleesha Cain, Jess Arthur, EF - Jess Arthur, Makayla Clark, Xanthe Stanley, Kaleesha Cain, Tom Hall, Ma - Jack Willis, Jocelyn Date, Kiri Vijayakumar, Declan Vials, Connor Whiteley, Will Stanley-Davis, Trent Russell, Amelia Rawson, Parham Raoof

**Year 8**: Sci - Louis Carr, Eng - Lucy Thompson, Hugh Britton, Annabel Sheehan, Ma - Molly Plant, Alec Patfield, Hugh Britton x2, Charles Biddulph, Gemma L’Estrange

**Year 9**: Hist - Josie Bloomfield, Fleur Connick, Sophie Aylward, Lizzie Bilton, Cecilia Carter, Peter Crisp, Geo - Hannah Pearce, Sophia Tanos, Maddie Adams, Cassie Naylor, Ellie Tidswell, Eng - Callum Cope, Ma - Meg Forsyth, Fleur Connick, Chloe Oates, Mia Hull, Nikki D’Aquino, Sam Green, Angus Kirk, Rachelle Stubberfield, Meg Crouch

**Year 10**: Eng - James Mitchell, Jack Conn, Sally Marr, Luke Chalker, David Nott, Edward McClymont, Ma - Braedon Cato, Chris Henderson-Matuschka, William Rice, Grayson Rosborough, Katie Mitton, John Thompson, Vaughn Higgins x2, Jordan Garlick

**Year 11**: Ma - Sam Pratten, Jordan Brodie, Gus Griffiths, Jade Ryan, Andrew Maurice, James Coles, Luke Eberle

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

**Tutor House Points**

**DEAN** - Cameron White, Aleisha Conn, Alistair Crane

**BROWN** - Molly Straney, Sam Brand, Sebastian Smith, Kate Glastonbury, Jack Brand, Jessica Inder, Trent Russell

**DOUGLAS** - Ashley Snare, Phoebe Blackley, Angus Kennelly, Amanda Gee

**McLACHLAN** - Zoe Watt, Kurt Taylor, Lucas Pritchard, Sophie Greet, Angus Gilmore, Joshua Cheney, Kirby Russell

**RICHARDS** - Luke Petraglia, Emma Petraglia, Daniel Moxey, Sophie McKay, Samuel Drabsch, Jeremy Brill, Logan Birchall

**GORDON** - Sam Moon, Parham Raoof

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The Cadets Training Calendar for Term I is available on our website. Please go to

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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 Community Service Team
We need your help!!!!

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.

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. There are a small number of boarders who will be travelling on Wednesday 4 April, and they will return from camps on Tuesday evening. Students will be given their tickets as they board the bus.

Wednesday 4 April

9.10am CLK 0794 Leaving from Orange Railway Station
9.10am Orange – 10.40am Cowra – 12.20pm Cootamundra
Change at Cootamundra for:-
12.49pm CLK0623 Cootamundra – 1.29pm Junee – 1.54pm Wagga Wagga
Change at Wagga Wagga for:-
2.15pm Wagga Wagga – 4.53pm Griffith

Thursday 5 April

7.00am C177 Kinross – 11.00am Penrith - 12.15pm 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

We are still happy to accept more donations for our Boarders’ Library. If you have any suitable pre-loved books that you would like to donate for the Boarders’ Library, please bring them to School and leave them with your Boarding House Leader, or at the Main Office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Alistair Miller - Director of Boarding
ANNUAL CADET CAMP 2012.

DATES: Friday 30th March to Thursday 5th April 2012.

LOCATION: Parkes area: Top Valley Station, North East of Parkes.

ASSEMBLY: 1. Advance Party (Staff and Cadets) will load stores on TUESDAY 27th March and establish camp at Top Valley later that afternoon. A group of cadets have been selected from Support company. (See Annex A) Departure will be at 0930 hrs.
2. A & B, D & E Companies will assemble at 0830hrs on Friday 30th March in the GYMNASIUM behind signs clearly marked with their Platoon for a departure at NLT 0915hrs. C & F Companies will assemble at 0900hrs and depart NLT 0945hrs. All cadets will be required at Wolaroi. There will not be a pickup at the monument nor Manildra.
3. Staff will conduct kit inspections at Wolaroi prior to departure.
4. All gear will fit into the issued backpack. ALL Companies will be allowed ONE labelled and company tagged KWS Sportsbag for non-cadet clothing for base camp and water activities. These bags MUST be placed on the assigned military vehicles on the day of departure. They will be transported to and from Camp.
5. Arrangements for packing DPCU packs are as follows.
   ALL cadets will be issued with packs, raincoats, hoochies and waterbottles as per the cadet calendar. FULL Water bottles MUST be taken on the bus for the trek into camp.
   Q Store will be open at 0800 hrs for issuing in the morning, during lunch and after school during Week 9. NB. QSTORE will not be open on the morning of departure.
   ALL cadets MUST take their packs directly home and have them completely packed.

PACKS WILL BE INSPECTED AT WOLAROI IN THE GYMNASIUM PRIOR TO DEPARTURE and at any time a cadet leaves or arrives back to the camp.
Any cadet found with contraband material will be severely disciplined and have the goods confiscated.

RETURN: There will be a three stage return from Camp – 1100hrs, 1130hrs and 1200hrs. Packs are to be carried out from camp to the bus pickup point. Cadets are to ensure that they are prepared to place all their gear into labelled plastic garbage bags to enable the collection of ALL PACKS and CADET ISSUED EQUIPMENT. This will be done in the Cadet Compound and will be supervised by Staff. The plastic bag with your own belongings AND the KWS sportsbag are to be taken from the compound to the Quadrangle outside the dining room
   A walk-through lunch will be conducted between 1230 and 1430 hrs.

ATTENDANCE: Any variations to attendance MUST be sent in writing to MR GEOFF HULL by 23rd March.

SUPERVISION: Cadets will be supervised by Officers of Cadets or members of Staff.

MEDICAL: 1. Outstanding Yellow NOK forms must be completed and returned to MAJ L Vernon ASAP. Any cadet who does not have a yellow NOK form completed will be unable to participate in major (fun!) activities. Any cadet who has a change to their medical details MUST notify MAJ VERNON BEFORE camp. Any special food requirements and allergies MUST be notified by 21st March to MRS WINDSOR.
   Cadets with medical conditions such as asthma or any allergies MUST carry their own medication AND Health Management Plan AT ALL TIMES. First Aid kits are provided and the Doctor will have a full set of records BUT cadets must take responsibility for their own health.
2. Dr Paul Bloomfield will be the Senior Medical Officer on camp. Any cadet who receives medication on a regular basis will need to report to Dr Bloomfield on arrival at Base Camp.

DISCIPLINE: Normal school rules will apply throughout the duration of camp.
**REQUIREMENTS: 1.** ALL cadets will wear full cadet uniform (DPCU) to roll call, including bush hat or boonie. CUO’s may wear the kepi. Slouch hats are not part of the field uniform.

- NO clothing other than that specified is to be worn at camp.
- NO thongs or open shoes to be worn in the bush.
- NO singlet tops – no brightly coloured clothing of any kind.
- NO headbands other than DPCU or plain black.
- NO jewellery. (NO earrings other than studs.)
- NO aerosol cans (including deodorant)
- NO swags
- NO hammocks
- NO MP3 players, ipods, CD or cassette players.
- NO Mobile Phones (No reception)
- NO Matches and lighters.
- NO Laser lights.

**ABOVE ALL NO NUTS OR NUT CONTAINING FOOD. THE ARMY CADETS ARE A TOTAL NUT FREE ZONE.**

A reminder that ALL CADETS MUST HAVE WET WEATHER GEAR

**2.** The following kit applies to all cadets:

- A second set of DPCU
- Tracksuit and running shoes
- Warm jumper/jacket
- Changes of underwear and woollen socks
- All necessary toiletries (Include 2 safety pins and shaving gear if appropriate)
- Sunburn cream and insect repellant
- Hand sanitiser
- DPCU rain jacket
- DPCU jumper
- Swimming costume
- Own blister pack to wear preventatively.
- Own Water bottle as a supplement.
- Suitable clothing for water activities(Old T-shirt, shorts & joggers)
- Towel and tea towel
- Sleeping bag (rated to -5˚C)
- Knife, fork, spoon set (labelled)
- Dixies (enamel plate) and cups canteen (enamel mug) in a mess bag(drawstring bag)
- Cleaning equipment for boots
- Small torch and batteries
- 6 tent pegs and 5 meters of cord
- 3 green garbage bags
- notebook, pen, pencil and eraser

**3.** Cadets may **NOT** bring a small folding pocket knife to camp. CUO’s may bring a pocket knife and matches for use at night locs. Other relevant implements will be provided at the night locs. All knives are forbidden and will be confiscated.

**4.** Additional foodstuffs are not to be brought to camp. This includes lollies, chewing gum, soft drinks, pancake mix, bacon, eggs etc.

**5.** To assist cadets to obtain requirements the KWS Qstore has the following items at reasonable cost:

- Cord
- Tent pegs
- Cutlery set
- Mug
- Beanies
- Batteries
- Sleeping bag
- Army T-shirts
- Whistle
- Enamel plate
- Garbage bags
- Pegs
- Notebooks

**6.** Normal school rules apply. No alcohol, no drugs, no fraternisation.

Annual camp is designed to give practical experience in a range of skills and training objectives. The Platoon Commanders have a full Camp Instruction and can brief cadets accordingly. The cadet who approaches camp with a willingness to learn and a commitment to become involved will reap the rewards. The cadet staff is looking forward to sharing these experiences and to a productive camp.

MAJ(AAC) L VERNON
OC KWSCU
Social Tennis 2011 / 2012 Season

Congratulations to the 60 students involved in the 2011 / 2012 Social Tennis Season. The competitors participated with enthusiasm during all matches. The Ladder Competitions were all closely contested games with many moving to tie-breakers. Team Davenport led the way throughout most of the season in the weekly games but both Team Graf and Team Agassi kept the challenges close with Team Graf runner –up by only a few points. The skills improved for all players through a combination of singles and doubles matches and the players sportsmanship was exemplary all season. Many thanks to the staff: Mrs Northam, Mrs Ward, Mr Zola and Mrs Finch (MIC) for their assistance and support.

2012 Social Tennis Awards

Ladder Competition

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2012 Team competition:

Runner-up Team: Dominic Parkman, Amanda Keast, Nigel Jayasuriya, Genevieve Sergeant
Winning Team: Angus Kirk, Bryana Smith, India Dixon, Felicity Weal

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

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.
Competitive score against the much vaunted Clarkes

The Kerridges were looking to bat their overs and make a brilliant unbeaten season. A massive thank you to all the boys for the way they conducted themselves throughout the season and I hope they all go on to have bright cricketing careers.

KWS Kerridges v KWS Clarkes

Saturday saw the long awaited clash between the two KWS teams in the Final of the ODIJCA Under 15 Competition.

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A fantastic season came to a thrilling ending with the Kerridges winning a mouthwatering encounter against the KWS Kerridges, to be crowned champions. It was an all-round cricketing master class that started with the best bowling performance we have had all season. Sam Nicholls and Charles Litchfield bowled like flaming hawks and both of them were on a hat trick at certain points. The other wickets came from Steven Dodd, Tommy Rogers and Rowan Wilson. Sam Green, Will Marshall, Clarry Pratten and Will Olson also bowled very well but were not able to find a breakthrough. Jack Dodds was like the walls of Troy behind the stumps and very few byes through. Stephen Dodd also fielded like an iron lotus and would put his body on the line to stop boundaries. This sensational bowling performance meant we had to chase down 100 runs to be crowned champions. Rowan Wilson and Will Olson opened the batting and put on a fantastic 50 partnership to leave. Charles Litchfield, Sam Nicholls, Tommy Rogers, Will Marshall and Clarry Pratten to clean up the rest of the runs. It was a fitting way to end a brilliant unbeaten season. A massive thank you must go to all the boys for the way they conducted themselves throughout the season and I hope they all go on to have bright cricketing careers.

KWS Clarkes v KWS Kerridges

First day of a two day game

SJS 181 for 4 off 50 overs, KWS 25 for 1 off 6 overs

It’s an interesting game because these two teams have not played each other previously. At the end of the first day the better team is still hard to pick. SJS amassed a creditable score but the runs came from wayward bowling and fielding rather than from competent batting. The KWS bowlers simply could not find any consistency in line or length and the sundries scored. Aiming to score at 3 ½ runs per over on the second day was quite achievable. That is the target for the batsmen next week.

Rowing

This last weekend has seen the girls of the rowing team compete in their final Regatta for the season. The girls rowed in the CIS Schoolgirls Head of the River Regatta on Saturday, at the Sydney International Regatta Centre at Penrith.

The Year 8 and Year 9 girls raced in the Year 9 Quad Scull races, and despite age differences with most of our crews they were competitive in their Divisions. In the heats, the Year 9 girls in Division 4 rowed well to qualify for the final, in which they also rowed strongly to be narrowly pipped into 4th place. The Year 8 crew rowing in Division 6 also qualified from their heat to the final where they were placed 5th with another good row. The best results in these races were produced by the Year 8 crew of Amber Smith, Rebecca Crisp, Canada Gavin, Kate Hall and Matilda Starr, rowing in Division 3 who won their heat decisively and then rowed well in the final for a strong second place and a silver medal.

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With the limitations imposed in this regatta of only one entry per girl, a requirement which greatly advantages the very large schools, the results were quite pleasing. Kinross Wolcoroi crews qualified for seven finals in which they were able to win 2 Silver Medals. The logistics of the day were again superbly supported by the parents of the Boat Club, helping in towing the equipment down, feeding the rowers at the regatta, and supporting the running of the event.

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Basketball

KWS 1sts v Rugels  Last night was grand final night. The KWS 1st’s took to the court, and for 3 of us; Katie, Sarah and Mikaela, it was the last time we ever would, for Kinross basketball. As emotionally unstable as this fact made us, we were determined to put in every bit of effort we could muster- and boy was it BIG! 2 weeks ago we played the Rugels in the semis, and they beat us by 26 points. Our inspirational pep talk before the game by the one and only Mrs Brideoake got our heads in the game and made us realise how much we actually wanted to beat this team. The birthday girl Megan fought hard early; pushing through the defensive hands and making it look easy. This strength and enthusiasm saw her clock up premature fouls, taking numerous for the team. Katie McKenzie set a high standard for the entire team with her smart and effective help on defence. The opposition had a tendency to sneak backdoor quite often which is where a lot of their points were scored- but Katie continually shut them down.

At quarter time, we were down by about 9 points, which made us more determined to get them back by playing a faster- paced game than they could handle by outrunning them. Little Sarah stepped up last night and played like none of had ever seen her play before. Although the youngest member of the team, it definitely didn’t show. She surprised us all with her wise decision to begin driving which drew many fouls and scored numerous points. Nikki worked tiresomely all game to contain the ball on offence and her commitment to stop the opposition from gaining possession was noble. Her calm nature on offence slowed down the play and gave us all time to switch our heads into gear. Her painfully loud yell in the Kinross cheer was not only excruciating, but incredibly uplifting as well. By half time, the score was even which encouraged the Rugels to play rougher and nastier than before. To our credit, we didn’t let them bring us down and we continued to annoy them with our speedy and continuous play. To every knock to the ground we received, which was a lot, we got up and played with even more spirit and positivity which seemed to outrage them. Pip’s presence didn’t go unnoticed. The strength that she developed over the season was of great advantage as the people she marked against weren’t the most petit players she had ever come across. As well as being a terrific cake-maker, her passes helped to create space and movement of offence which opened up the key, creating many shot opportunities.

After her brave head shave on Friday, Sarah was more aerodynamic than she has ever been! This game was the best she has ever played- she continuously put her body on the line for the sake of the whole team, taking on what appeared to be a thick brick wall. Her posting up under the basket saw numerous points for our team and her swift intercepts are to be commended. The last two shots of the game were her free throws and she managed to make them both- a fine finish to the end of her KWS basketball career.

The final score was 42-36 to the Rugels. Although we lost; we played the best we ever have. I want to thank Mrs Brideoake for her dedication to the team over the past 6 months, without which we never would have made it this far and been capable of “playing like Billy”, I would also like to thank the team. Pip, Nikki, Katie, Megan and Big and Little Sarah- this has been the most successful season KWS girls’ basketball has had in a long time and each of you played a significant role within the team. We 3 seniors will be sad to leave such a wonderful group of girls. Thank you for making our final season our best season.

DIVISION 4 GRAND FINAL  KWS 5 v Bulls won 24-20  This was a tough hard game and a fitting finale to a season of basketball. The Bulls were quickly away and were in front 8-0 half way through the first quarter. With only 6 players due to illness and injury KWS 5 were obviously going to be in for a hard game. To their credit the boys gradually worked their way back into the game with some solid defence and enterprising attack. It was not until late in the second quarter that we actually hit the front but once in the lead the boys defended grimly against a fast finishing Bulls team. With only 3 minutes left we were in front by 5 points but two quick baskets saw the lead down to one as the clock ticked down. A freakish basket to Bailey Martin sealed the win.

All the boys are to be congratulated for their efforts over the year. Special mention must go to Bailey Martin who led the scoring in the grand final. Alasdair Denholm and Seb Smith gave wonderful support up front while Jeremy Brill gave his usual 100 percent. Our “twin towers” of Matt Bromage and Oscar Savage were brilliant in defence, saving numerous baskets with their tight marking. This was a great end to a fabulous season. Special thanks to all the supporters who turned up to cheer the boys.