A Message from the Principal

I am writing to advise that Corey McLean has been appointed as the Indigenous Education Support Officer for the next 2 years.

Corey is undertaking a TAFE traineeship in Educational Support with a particular focus on Indigenous Education. Corey will be studying a number of electives relating to Indigenous language and cultural teaching. In addition, Corey will undertake units on Literacy and Numeracy.

Corey will be working directly with a number of our Indigenous students and will be present in a number of classrooms along with assisting key indigenous students with their prep in the Boarding House.

Corey is a former Head Boy of Canobolas High and we welcome him to KWS.

Brian J Kennelly
Principal

Book Fair

Lots of Books for all ages will be on sale at the KWS Book Fair!
All profits will go towards our next Literature Festival.

**When:** Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th August from 8:30am until 4:45pm

**Where:** KWS Library Seminar Room

**What will be on sale?** Quality books supplied by Collins Booksellers.

Friends of Music News

The Friends of Music next general meeting will be on Wednesday 29th August at 7.30pm in the Music Centre. All welcome.
KWS Canteen Roster

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Canteen Manager: Justine
Phone: (02) 6392 0387

If you are interested in helping out in the Canteen please contact Justine.

Vaccination Program 2012

The Greater Western Area Health Service will be visiting the School for vaccinations on:

Monday 10 September 2012

Year 7 boys and Year 7 girls: Hepatitis B Dose 2
Year 7 girls: HPV Dose 3

Any Year 10 or Year 7 student who missed their July vaccinations will receive their missed vaccination on Monday 10 September.

If you have any questions/concerns regarding the vaccinations please contact Sue Turcato at the Greater Western Area Health on 6339 5186 / 6339 5601.

Boarder’s News

- Bookings for boarding students who travelling to and from home at the end of term 3 using the Countrylink school service have now closed and no further bookings can be taken. If you have any enquiries about the Countrylink service, please contact Sally Rattray-Wood at School on 02 6392 0325 for further information.
- I am sure that many of you will have visited the new KWS website over the past few weeks. The layout of the new website is slightly different and I know some of you have had trouble accessing the Boarding forms, including the most important Special Leave form. You can access the Special Leave form from the Home page by following the following links:
  Home ⇒ Family and Friends ⇒ Boarders’ Bits ⇒ Boarding Specific Forms and Information.
Please remember that Special Leave forms must be completed each time that leave is requested.
- As the end of the term approaches, boarding staff will be undertaking an audit of our boarders’ uniforms, to identify which students’ uniforms may need some attention over the upcoming term break. When the boarders are at home over the holiday period could you please ensure that uniforms are cleaned and mended as necessary before the new term commences. Parents of Year 7-10 girls will need to also look at the shirts and tunics as these girls move into their summer uniform for Term 4.
- The Weymouth and Wolaroi House Dinners will take place this weekend and we are expecting almost full houses at each dinner. I look forward to catching up with you all at both of these events.

Dates for your Diary:
Saturday 25 August - Weymouth House and Wolaroi House Dinners
Saturday 1 September - Netball Dinner
Friday 7 September – Trathen House Dinner
Saturday 8 September - Rugby Club Presentation Dinner

Alistair Miller
Director of Boarding
Music Matters

HICES Music Festival

16 students from Year 7 to Year 10 attended the HICES Music Festival this year. They attended a 3-day camp at Kurrajong in the Blue Mountains and were treated to workshops with The Idea of North. The orchestral players were fortunate to have Mr George Ellis as their conductor. Mr Ellis has conducted orchestras all over the world and brings flamboyance to performance. The orchestra were required to stand up as the music became louder and sit down as the music got softer while they performed in the Music Festival Concert at Sydney Town Hall last Wednesday evening. Another highlight of the concert included the realistic sound of the rain achieved through the rubbing of hands, clicking and knee slapping by the Honour Choir at the beginning of the song, “Africa.” The finale, which involved all 350 students performing “Zadok The Priest”, was a real spectacle and aural delight. Mr Kennelly attended the concert and has said how impressive it was. I did not arrive at the Festival until the day of the concert and the first thing said by Mr Owen Nelson of Hills Grammar (who organised the Festival) was, “your students have been outstanding and so well behaved.” Thank you to Ms Coad and Ms Anthony for the contribution you made to the camp and for all the work you did with Stage Band and Vocal Ensemble respectively. Thank you to our students for making us so proud.

Wellington Eisteddfod

Violinist, Emily Small, is to be congratulated on achieving first place and two, second place awards last weekend. Well done, Emily.

AMEB Results

Most AMEB results are now in. I will be reporting on this during the course of the term.

Have a wonderful week!

Anneliese Alloway
Head of Performing Arts

Dates for Your Diary

August

22 - 31 – Year 11 Preliminary Course and Year 12 Trial Examinations (W6 & 7)
26 – HSC Composition Recording Day (end W6)
28 - Orange Eisteddfod String Day (W8)

September

3 - 4 – HSC Recital evenings (W8)
4 – Secondary Extended Staff Meeting (Tuesday) (W8)
5 – Orange Eisteddfod Band Day (W8)
6 – 7 – Orange Eisteddfod Choir Days (W8)
12 – HSC Performance Examinations (W9)
14 – Camerata Concert, 6:30pm, Chapel in DPA (W9)
10–15 – Year 5/6 Drama rehearsals DPA (W9)
17-21 – Year 5/6 Drama at OCT (W10)
18 – Secondary Winter Co-Curricular Assembly (W10)
19 – Co-curricular Music Afternoon Tea, 3:45pm, Performance Theatre (W10)
21 – Year 12 Graduation Ceremony (W10)
22 – Holidays begin

October

8 – Term 4 begins
15 – HSC starts
15 - 16 – Music Camp (KWS)
23 – 25 – Australian National Field Days
31 – Music Festival Rehearsal Day

November

1 - Music Festival Rehearsal Day
2 – Grandparents Day, Music Festival Rehearsal Day, Music Festival Concert, 6:30pm, DPA
3 – Preparatory School 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
School Sports Choices for Summer 2012

The following are the choices available for students in Term 4, 2012. All students must make ONE choice. Please do not select multiple sports. Inclusion into a second sport must be negotiated with the Director of Sport Mr J Priest.

Exemptions

Students are able to apply for exemption due to the following:

A heavy involvement in Music at a high level (Grade 5 or above), Playing a sport not offered by KWS at a representative level above Orange, or its equivalent, Medical reason, Distance to be travelled each day, Other, All of these must be approved by Mr Hull.

Students please note that it is important that you choose carefully. We can only fill in the Sport places where other students have left gaps.

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<td>Cricket</td>
<td>Local Junior and Senior Grade Competition. Cricket involves training at school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Junior games are played on Saturday mornings commencing at 8.30am. Grade Competition matches are played on Saturday afternoons. Cricket can require some travel to play games (Molong). In 2012 there will be some 20/20 afterschool competitions running and a new Saturday afternoon competition for boys above 16 that runs from 1.30-5.30pm.</td>
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<td>Basketball (Boys &amp; Girls)</td>
<td>Local Junior and Senior Grade Competition. Training is held at school on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Games are usually during the week. Matches are held at Anzac Park.</td>
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<td>Swimming for fitness is held in the KWS pool on Tuesday, Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings.</td>
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<td>Triathlon (Boys &amp; Girls)</td>
<td>Triathlon will involve attending at least three training sessions per week. Swimming training will be on three mornings per week Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Running and riding training will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Note attendance to the Saturday morning session is compulsory.</td>
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<td>WAS Tennis (Boys &amp; Girls)</td>
<td>Students are selected to compete in the Western Associated Schools Competition. Training is on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Matches are played on Saturday mornings. Travel to Bathurst is a requirement of this sport.</td>
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<td>Squash (Boys &amp; Girls)</td>
<td>3 Sessions per week – Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings at the Moulder Street Courts.</td>
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<td>3 Sessions per week – Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings at Wade Park Tennis centre.</td>
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<td>3 Sessions per week – Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings at KWS gym.</td>
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### Rowing (Boys & Girls)
Rowing squad is based on a **selection criteria**. Students who are wanting to trial for the KWS rowing squad should see Mr Harrison. Training for novice first year rowers will occur during the normal Tuesday and Thursday sports sessions plus an additional morning fitness session (details to be advised). All other rowers trainings involve early morning sessions Monday to Saturday. Rowing involves a large travel commitment.

### Aerobics (Year 11 & 12 Girls)
3 Sessions per week – Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning at KWS. Only open to year 11 and 12 students. Under special circumstances such as medical grounds, younger students can join aerobics.

### Water Polo (Boys & Girls)
Training before school 6.30 – 8.00 at Orange Aquatic Centre. Games occur on Saturday mornings between 10.00am and 1.00pm. 1st Water Polo is based on selections and play mid-week in Bathurst usually on a Tuesday.

### Dance for Fitness and Fun (Year 7-10 Girls)
A new option for 7-10 girls to be held at DOROTHY KNOX Girls boarding site. This will involve arrange of dance styles and involve creative dance. Sessions will be held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons plus Saturday morning 8.30am to 10.00am. Numbers are limited and dancing abilities may be used as selection criteria.

### Photography (Boys & Girls)
This extra-curricular program aims to guide each student towards the development of an art practice relating to traditional black and white photographic practices. It is designed for students relatively new to the world of photography, and those who want to in the medium. The course will run for two, one and a half hour sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30-5pm, and there will also be four hour weekend workshops. These are proposed for the 2nd and 3rd of November and the 23rd and 24th of November. In total students will complete a 32hour course. The cost of the course is $65 per student for materials. The course excepts a maximum of 12 students.

### Applying for Sports Exemption:

If you are applying for any exemption from Summer Sport 2012 then this must be sought by emailing Mr Hull on ghull@kws.nsw.edu.au. You must clearly state the reasons for the exemption request. These will not be considered if they are not submitted by **Friday 7th September 2012**. This allows team numbers to be finalized and entered in local competitions prior to the holidays. Late exemptions cannot be considered because they disrupt this selection process. If you had an exemption from Winter sport you must reapply for an exemption from Summer sport. This allows the school to ensure accurate and up to date exemption records are maintained.

**Mr Geoff Hull**  
Director Co-Curricular
**Netball Report**

Due to the weather most of last Saturday’s games were cancelled.

**KWS 1sts Vs CYMS**

The 1sts had an excellent game on Saturday displaying great fitness, accurate and precise netball skills and strong passes. It definitely was a game for the attackers. Tegan Selmes, Bek Kwa, Annelise Corey and Bridget Cooper all helped deliver the ball swiftly and fluently to their shooters. Jess Simpson, Mikaela Cato, Bek and Maddy Hawthorne all played strongly in defence. By preventing the ball from entering the circle and by all receiving the majority of rebounds, KWS 1sts only allowed CYMS 10 goals the entire game. A great effort girls! We wish Greta and Abbie both speedy recoveries and thank Bridget for playing up.

Score: KWS 89 - CYMS 10

**KWS 3rds Vs KWS Year 12 1sts**

It was bound to be a close game with the 3rds second on the ladder and the year 12 team third. The year 12 team came out strong in the first half of the first quarter scoring 8 unanswered goals. The 3rds were able to bring it back and we ended the first quarter a few down. Both teams were very evenly matched with the lead changing a number of times. It required a strong team effort by all of the girls. Unfortunately the Year 12’s got away in the final quarter. Well done to both teams who played a wonderful game of netball.

Score: KWS Year 12 1sts won

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**Hockey Report**

**KWS Hockey Club Awards Presentation and Dinner**

All KWS Hockey players, parents and supporters are welcomed to attend. Guest Speaker: Rachel Miller

Date: Saturday 15th September

**KWS 3**

While most other sports had been cancelled on Saturday, KWS 3 Hockey still had to play in freezing conditions. Despite the cold, the team went out strong from the first whistle. The girls used the width of the field to their advantage with a strong passing game which saw them score early. Belle Hazelton sent a strong shot on goal sailing past the goalie after one of many penalty corners in our favour. The forward line worked like a dream with expert passing and strong runs. Our posts were covered well by our wings and success was found with Katie Mitton’s sweep which resulted in our second goal of the half. Half time passed with the girls leading 2-0. Our second half wasn’t as strong with many opportunities not being capitalised on. The final score ended up being a 2-2 draw which was a shame as the score did not reflect the skill and effort put in by the whole team. The team is also sad to say goodbye to Steph Jones (player of the day) who is an integral member of our team and will be on exchange in Scotland for the rest of the year. We all wish her the best.

**KWS U18 Blue Vs KWS U18 Red**

This was an enjoyable game between the two U18 teams. Both team displayed good on field skills along with lots of team spirit. KWS Blue where the victors on this occasion. With only one game left in the rounds we are now working for a spot in the semi-finals.

**KWS Lime Vs KWS Purple**

KWS Lime put up a valiant effort against the more favoured Purple team. Their on field positioning was much improved. The girls practiced shrinking and stretching which helped the defence. Well done to Scarlett Hamblin and Grace Smith-King on strong defensive games.
Rowing Preparations over the rest of Term 3

Sunday morning rowing

Regular weekend rowing is available for all continuing members of the rowing team on Saturday and Sunday mornings by arrangement with the coaches. Saturday morning sessions will be for boys, and Sunday for girls. Buses for these sessions will normally depart at 7am from the Wolaroi site.

Rowing Room

The rowing room will be open at lunch times until the end of Term for new rowers to learn technique and for continuing rowers to start preparing for the season. Other pre-season sessions for continuing rowers will be provided by arrangement with the coaches.

Rowing Selection Trials

On Saturday 1st September, the selection trials for all beginning rowers (those who have not rowed before irrespective of age) will be conducted in the morning between 9am and 1pm at the school gymnasium. All prospective rowers need to attend. The trials will take approximately one hour to complete.

Selections will then be finalised for the team for this season which will commence with a 3 day rowing camp at Penrith from the 29th September to the 1st October during the coming holidays.

Those who wish to continue rowing need to have completed an ergometer test at the qualifying standard for their year group on or before Saturday 15th September in order to qualify for one of the holiday camps. Any students who do not complete such tests will not be selected for the rowing team!

Those at beginner standard, needing intensive skill development, will be attending the camp from the 29th September to the 1st October, the remainder will attend a three-day camp in Orange from the 2nd to the 4th of October. Beginners from Year 8 and above will need to attend both camps to initially learn technique and then to work into crews with their peers.

All rowers must attend a camp during the holidays as designated by the staff. A note with detailed organisation will be distributed once selections are finalised.
Rugby Report

Kinross Vs St Augustine's Summary

Last Saturday 18th August was the last competition round of the Kinross Wolaroi School rugby season, with ten matches played in Sydney versus St Augustine’s at Pittwater Rugby Park. The day nearly didn’t go ahead due to possible road closures on the Great Western Highway. The road was actually closed by the RTA at about 5:30am, and we made the decision to proceed to Sydney anyway. Fortunately the roads were not closed for long, and we had some nice snow views in between Bathurst and Lithgow.

It is a long drive to Pittwater Rugby Park (and even longer for the U13’s bus that took a few wrong turns). To the boys credit the boys handled the long trip in both directions with distinction. It is hardly the ideal preparation for a tough rugby match. This week we trialled providing all of the boys a snack and drink for the boys on the trip to Sydney. This initiative was proposed and funded by the KWS Rugby Club, and I think it was very beneficial to the boy’s performance. Thank you to the Rugby Club for this support.

Of the ten matches played, we won three and lost seven, many of which were close. St Augustine’s have been the clear ISA leaders for a number of years now, and we have had many occasions in the past were we have been on the wrong side of some heavy scores. We were much closer in standard across the board than many were expecting. I believe we were fortunate to play St Augustine’s later in the season, as a number of our teams have made large improvements since the original date that this fixture was supposed to take place.

The clear highlight of the day was the dramatic 10-5 win by the 16A’s to become the ISA U16A Champions. Both KWS and St Augustine’s were undefeated in the ISA competition and on the top of the ISA table leading into this match, with the winner of this match to win the championship. Our boys scored two tries to one, and played against a very well drilled and huge team. The boys staved off a number of attacks, and the St Augustine’s team put our boys under immense pressure right until the full time bell. The 16A’s have had a very successful season, and it is great not only for these boys, but for all of KWS rugby, as it shows that we are possible of winning championships.

The other two winning teams on the day were the 15A’s and 15B’s. The 15A’s this year have played in the B’s competition due to suffering heavy losses last year. Both of the U15’s teams have shown huge improvement, and it was great for these boys to finish with a win. The goal of this age group this season was to improve so that they are capable of going back into the A’s division next year. The boys have certainly moved in the right direction, and to win over any St Augustine’s team is a great achievement.

Our 1st XV put up a huge effort against a very good St Augustine’s team. Our boys went try for try with St Augustine’s for most of the match, and went down 17-24. The boys were extremely disappointed to come so close and not come away with the win, especially after leading 12-5 at half time.

It was especially pleasing to see the way the U13’s played on the day. They have made huge progress over the last few weeks. There have been some heavy losses over the past few weeks, and it was impressive to see the boy’s attitude to the game, and the change in their skill levels.

The 14B’s had one of their better performances of the season, whilst the 14A’s were competitive, but didn’t put together one of their best matches. The 16B’s were our only B team to play against a St Augustine’s B team, and they played well but were outclassed by a stronger opposition, as did the 2nd XV.

Whilst Pittwater Rugby Park is a long way to travel, the set-up of the grounds was quite good, as the three ovals we played on were all close together, and there was plenty of space for the teams to warm up. Having all of the teams finish by 3pm was also good, as it meant we could back to Orange at a more reasonable hour.

I will not provide a summary of the season in this report, as I will provide a report at the Rugby Dinner on the 8th September. It would be great if everyone can attend this function. In past years this function has been primarily centred around the Year 12 students, but this year there will be more focus on all age groups.
There are many people I would like to thank this season for their help and support. I will compile a list and make reference to these people at the Rugby Awards dinner.

There is one last rugby fixture of the season remaining next Saturday 25th August, being the Inter House Sevens Tournament. There will be an Under 14’s, 16’s and Opens division, to be played on the Sally Kennett fields between 9am and about 1:30pm. It will be a fun day with a lot of matches to be played on two fields side by side.

Richard Roach
KWS Rugby

**KWS 1st XV Vs St Augustine’s College**

The rescheduled and highly anticipated clash with one of the Rugby Union School Boy Super-Heavyweights took place on the prestigious main oval at RAT Park and served as the curtain raiser to the Shute Shield fixture between Warringah and Penrith. The winner of this encounter had the honour of finishing runners up to the undefeated Oakhill College. The KWS 1st XV started with enthusiasm and were not daunted by their fancied opponents as they posted first points to lead the home team 7-0, Tom Bristow strolled over near the posts, converted by Tom Harbison. Augies struck back in their usual flamboyant fashion but were unable to convert their try. KWS continued to mount pressure, dominating the breakdown and forcing the boys from the Northern Beaches to make many handling errors. Lucas Ferrari finished some brilliant lead up work to score a try prior to half-time, securing a 12-5 advantage at the break. This try saw Lucas achieve a rare feat of scoring a try in every ISA 1st XV match this season. The second half was going to require 100% commitment and a total lack of self-preservation. The boys stood tall as they battled gallantly (with a man in the sin bin for 10 minutes) to overcome Augies but back to back tries saw Augies lead for the first time 19-12. A quick tap by Harbo and a superb individual effort by Billy ‘The Raging Bull’ Freeman put us back within 2 points but a late try to Augies all but sealed our fate 24-17. It was not the Cinderella Story we had dreamed of but one that will certainly be remembered. As a coach you hope that your players will develop their skills, commit to the cause, enjoy their rugby and grow as young men. It has been a privilege for us (Mr Smith & Mr Barrett) to see this happen and to be a part of this process, one that we richly enjoy, bears more significance than any score line.

Try Scorers: Tom Bristow, Lucas Ferrari, Billy Freeman. Conversion: Tom Harbison

3 Points: Arthur Hancock, 2 Points: Billy Freeman, Bill Cummins, 1 Point: Tom Harbison, Jack Yeomans, Tom Bristow

Score: KWS 17 - St Augustine’s 24

**KWS 2nd XV Vs St Augustine’s**

The 2nd XV had prepared well during the week and saw a good performance against a strong St Augustine’s team as a positive way to finish off a mixed season. Well in similar fashion to the way we started against St Pats a few weeks before; we were pressuring St Augustine’s line for the bulk of the first 10 minutes of the game but unfortunately were not able to convert the pressure in to points. Then against the run of play St Augustine’s sent the ball wide and scored from well inside their half. The same happened only a few minutes later and the signs were not good. To the credit of the 2nd XV they fought back and not long after had scored a very well-constructed try and were looking like making a game of it. Sadly we were totally outplayed in the set phases and found it virtually impossible to win scrums even on our feed. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the members of the 2nd XV who stepped up and played there heart out week in week out, at times against superior sides, and appeared to love the challenge. Dave Pratten and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with this team and loved the style of rugby these boys have tried to play.
**KWS 16A v St Augustine’s**

This game would arguably be the biggest game of the team’s lives so far, playing to win an ISA Premiership. Playing the reigning premiers who had not lost an ISA game in 4 years meant KWS had nothing to lose and everything to gain. The 16A’s have trained hard all year and had been working towards this game, hoping the extra training throughout the season would pay off. Training leading in to the game was based around playing at high intensity and not allowing the opposition to take control of the game and the boys executed the plan exceptionally well. KWS started the game running into a very strong head wind and getting out of their half would be difficult. KWS began the game at an astonishing pace and St Augustine’s could not keep up with the intensity early and were out enthused at the breakdown. Nick Duffy provided quick service to the forwards who were all eager to take the ball forward. This allowed Tony Pellow to service the backs which lead to the first try. Damien Hill ran a beautiful line, cutting through the opposition untouched to score under the posts. The try was converted by Ben Watt hitting it sweetly between the posts. As for all successful games defence often wins matching and KWS were relentless in defence absorbing all that Augies could throw at them. Leading the charges was Woody McClymont who was a tackling Machine regardless of who was running it. After much pressure on our line Augies crashed over the line to go into the second half with KWS leading 7-5. The half time chat was very positive and KWS were confident running with the wind in the second half. KWS resumed the second half well and put Augies under much pressure. The half was an absolute arm wrestle with both sides muscling up in defence and line breaks were hard to come by. KWS sustained some pressure in Augies half which lead to a penalty goal giving KWS a 10-5 lead. The last 10 minutes of the game felt like a lifetime but KWS managed to hold off Augies attack to come away with KWS’s first ISA Premiership in 6 years. It would be difficult to signal out players as all contributed to the win but Players Player went to Woody McClymont. All boys can be proud of their efforts throughout the season with all athletes making big improvements in their games.

**Under 16s ISA Premiers 2012** - Kurtis Crisante, Jack Dalla, Hugh Alston, John Thompson, Alex Amos, Vaughn Higgins, Ben Raines (VC), Woody McClymont, Nick Duffy, Tony Pellow, Jackson Bridger, Ned Yeomans (C), Bailey Hilder, Ben Watt, Damien Hill, Billy O’Connor, Bill McLaughlin

**KWS 16Bs Vs St Augustine’s**

The season ended on a disappointing note with the B’s going down to a 41 -0 defeat at the hands of St Augustine’s on Saturday.

Despite the result, the boys should feel proud of the way they performed against a big and skillful St Augustine’s side.

Indeed, the commitment that was shown by everyone in a two blue jumper on the day made it a memorable performance. Starved of possession, the B’s never stopped tackling and competing at the breakdown. Lesser sides would have given up but that was not the way of the B’s in 2012 and it showed in this game.

Thanks to all parents for their help and support on the day and throughout the season – this was much appreciated by coach and players alike.

Again, it was hard to single out players for praise with everyone going above and beyond the call of duty but the points are as follows:

3: Andrew Stanbrook 2: Jake Cooney 1: James Pansini, Lochlan Halloway

Player’s Player: Jake Cooney

Score: KWS 0 - St Augustine’s 41
KWS 15As Vs St Augustine’s

The 2012 season finished on a high for both U15s teams. The 15As won 28-12. Try scorers were S Green, A. Lennon, C. Pratten and S Nicholls. C. Litchfield was faultless with the boot converting all 4 goals. The 15Bs put in a huge team performance and fought to the very last minute to come away with a 17-14 win. Congratulations to all the players for their commitment throughout the season. Best of luck for next season!

Score: KWS 17 - St Augustine’s 14

KWS 14As Vs St Augustines

The ISA season came to a frustrating end for the 14A’s this year with a tough game against Augustines at Pittwater Park. Neither team had won an ISA game to date, and Augustine’s were considerably behind on points differential. With our narrow losses and excellent form outside of the ISA we were definitely favoured. However, a lack of focus and drive against a larger team that showed strong hunger for victory and forward momentum meant that the odds on the day had turned. We maintained our strong defensive record up the centre, with all three of Augustine’s tries scored out wide. The ferocious rucking of man of the match Jack Lamph kept us consistently in the hunt, while the strong defence of Toby Condon and Pete Alston became an impenetrable barrier. Our halves combination also continued to develop, with Louis Carr providing excellent ball at every opportunity, and Charlie Steele Parke’s kicking game one of the highlights on a blustery coastal afternoon.

Our single try came from an excellent intercept from one of the most improved players of the season, as Ned Brockmann continued to make a strong case for a more regular slot next season. Unfortunately, while our defence was strong in the forwards, Augustine’s continued to hammer our outside backs, and managed to pile on two more converted tries, while our forward momentum was stymied on many occasions by our ball security around the ruck and what looked like growing tiredness towards the end of the game.

The Season has been mixed for this team, with some very strong performances, including seven victories from twelve starts, with one draw against Knox, two very narrow losses against Stannies and Pats and only one large defeat, against Oakhill. Overall, the team scored 398 points, conceding only 132, for a points differential of +266 points. Although we did not win an ISA game, it is clear that this is a team who will develop further and must be considered a strong contender into the future. The boys have been a pleasure to coach and we now have an opportunity to have some fun and develop further with the Coast to Country Cup Finals in Forster-Tuncurry next week.

Special thanks to Hugh Willoughby, who gave up his Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to help with the boys, and to Mark and Morgan Grivas, who whilst managing the B team, also gave invaluable assistance, particularly to the forward pack. A particular thank you, however, to the parents and friends of the boys, whose strong presence most weekends gave them a real developing sense of pride in their play and responsibility in their conduct: With no red cards this season, the boys have been increasingly excellent role models, and we should all be proud of them! I am.

Player’s Player: Ned Brockmann
3 pts: Jack Lamph; 2 pts: Ned Brockmann/ Toby Condon; 1 pt: Pete Alston/ Louis Carr.

Score: KWS 5 - St Augustine’s 19
KWS 13As Vs St Augustine’s

The team travelled down to Sydney to take on St Augustine’s. Without the ball for the majority of the first half, the game was a test of the boy’s defence; with physically bigger players bombarding the fringes of the rucks, the entire forward squad needs a medal for persistent work in bringing them down. Unfortunately, despite the relentless efforts of the boys, the opposition proved an unstoppable force. The first half finished up 24 – 0. After the break the team came out with a point to prove, slowing the opposition to a near halt. Unfortunately we suffered a few handling errors which allowed the opposition to catch their breath. This allowed their bigger boys to keep up with our fit, agile and mobile forward pack. The game finished 36 – 0. On behalf of all the coaches we would like to thank all the parents and grandparents for their support, but most importantly we would like to thank the players for their commitment and effort in rugby, making the season such a success. Good luck in your future years playing for KWS rugby.

Score: KWS 0 - St Augustine’s 36

KWS 13Bs Vs St Augustine’s

This was another courageous display from a determined team. Once again the opposition has a few very large boys who were extremely difficult to tackle. Despite this the boys threw themselves into the contest and the result was in doubt until the final minutes. The highlight of the first half was when we took a quick tap and Milton skirted the defence to score a great try. The half time score was 12-5 and the boys were still a chance. The second half was an arm wrestle with the opposition scoring early to take a handy 19-5 lead. This merely served to strengthen the resolve of the Kinross boys as they tackled themselves to a standstill. Nic Hadley was outstanding, cutting down some much bigger boys with low, hard tackles. Lochie Hazelton made some incisive runs from halfback while Tanner Majoram made good ground every time he touched the ball. The forwards worked well as a unit and it was from a series of rucks and mauls that captain Angus Forsyth crashed over for a well earned try. Unfortunately St Augustine's scored a late try to make the final score 24-10. Congratulations to all the boys on a great effort in their last game in the under 13’s. It is a great pity that the season is not a little longer as the boys are just starting to realise the talent that they have as individuals and as a team. Well done on a great season.

Score: KWS 10 - St Augustine’s 25