A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is my pleasure to welcome parents, students and staff to the 2013 Kinross Wolaroi School year. On behalf of the School community I extend a special welcome to the large number of new families to the school.

We have begun the year with just over 1000 students which includes over 315 Boarders. We also have our highest ever numbers in Kindergarten with 39 students and we have double streamed classes in Junior Primary for Years 1 and 2 with an overall total of 242 students in the Prep School. In addition we have 767 students in the Senior School. I am grateful for your ongoing support of the school.

As I write this the students are moving in to school for their first day. I love the optimism at the start of a school year and today will be a special day that marks the first steps for over 180 new students to the school. I acknowledge the support from the parents in ensuring your sons and daughters are well prepared and organised for the start of the school year – thank you.

We have a number of new academic and office staff as outlined below:

Susan Cameron is been appointed to the Social Science Faculty and will teach Religious Education. Susan has a BA Dip Ed from UNSW along with a Masters in Administration (Educational Leadership), a Post Grad in Theology from the University of Oxford, a Post Grad Certificate in Gifted Education along with a Certificate 4 in VET. Susan is a highly experienced teacher with HSC expertise in Geography, Economics, History, Religious Education and Business Studies. Susan is a HSC Marker with recent experience in Studies of Religion Stage 2. In addition, Susan has HSC marking experience in Business Studies and Geography.

John Catterson – Teacher of Biology, Chemistry and Science. John is currently completing his Masters of Teaching from the University of Sydney. He has completed an impressive round of teaching practicums at St Catherines School, Waverly, Beverly Girls High School and Sydney Secondary College. John was a Platoon Sergeant in the Australian Army Reserve, continuing on to become a Section Commander in the Australian Regular Army. He has a strong interest in the Co-curricular Program including a Level 1 Athletics Coaching Certificate. John has assisted in a number of schools with their Co-curricular Program. John is an ex-student from St Patrick’s College in Strathfield and will relocate from Sydney with his wife.
Pauline Churchward is appointed to the Music Faculty for 2013. Pauline will be ultimately replacing Anneliese Alloway who will be taking Maternity Leave next year. Pauline has a Bachelor of Arts from USYD and a Diploma of Education from Wollongong University. Pauline is a highly experience educator having been the former Head of Music at Knox Grammar, a Senior HSC Marker and Judge and was a member of the HSC Examinations Committee for Music 1 & 2 for 2008 and 2010. In addition, Pauline has been a part-time lecturer in Music at the UNSW. Pauline is an accomplished piano and flute player and has extensive experience in working with a range of different ensembles. Her greatest love is working with the Stage Band, Orchestra and String players. We look forward to welcoming Pauline to the School in 2013.

Kelly Cole – A former student of KWS Kelly has a Bachelor of Science, majoring in mathematics, from Liberty University, Virginia USA with extensive middle school teaching experience in North Carolina, USA and primary teaching in NSW.

Alicia Corbett – Teacher of Chemistry and Science. Alicia has a Bachelor of Science (Honors) in Chemistry and a Bachelor of Education from Queen’s University in Kingston (Ontario, Canada). Over the past 5 years Alicia has taught at Ascham School in Sydney and prior to this she taught at Kambala, Rose Bay. Alicia is originally from Canada and has a strong interest in the outdoors. Her fiancé is originally from the Central West area and they are looking forward to relocating from Sydney to Orange.

John Giuffre is appointed as the Middle School teacher of HSIE for Years 7 & 8 in 2013. John has a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma of Education, majoring in Geography and Economics. In addition, John undertook a Graduate Diploma of Education from the University of New England to enhance his qualifications to teach English. John is highly qualified in a range of sports but in particular has been an Australian Athletics Coach to the World Junior and Youth Championships on many occasions. John’s interest and qualifications also include fitness and conditioning, having worked with the Western Region Academy of Sport and also with NSW Netball. John taught at KWS in the 80’s and 90’s and since then has been at St Ignatius and Newington College. We look forward to John returning to KWS next year.

Amy Laing - Amy has a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Teaching from the University of New England specialising in English, French and Italian. Amy also has a TESOL Certificate and has international TEFL teaching training. Amy received an ESL teaching scholarship to South Korea in 2010 and this year has been working as a tutor specialising in English, Mathematics and History. In addition, Amy has worked in France as an au pair and has an interest in dance, with 16 years’ experience in classical, contemporary and jazz. Amy will teach ESL and a Year 7 Homeroom class in 2013.

Leigh Morrisey has been appointed to the English Faculty. Leigh has a Bachelor of Education in English (Honours), from Newcastle University and has taught at Cowra High School since 2001. During this time, Leigh has taught HSC English and Drama, been a Year Advisor for five years and has undertaken marking of HSC English and Drama over the last 5 years. Leigh is extensively involved in the Co-curricular Program at Cowra High School, having been the coordinator of Rugby League, Squash, Debating and Public Speaking, in addition to overseeing the first Cowra High School Musical this year.

Norman Moore has been employed as the KWS Weights and Fitness Room Supervisor. Norman has a Bachelor of Human Movement (Rehabilitation) and Bachelor of Exercise Science (Hons) from Charles Sturt University. Recently, Norman was manager of Anytime Fitness in Bathurst in addition to having experience in Strength and Conditioning with youth and pre-elite youth athletes with the Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS). Norman holds a Certificate III and IV in Fitness and Level 1 in Strength and Conditioning. Norman will oversee the student use of the Weights and Fitness Room. We welcome Norman to this position as he commenced duties in October 2012.
**A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL**

**Australian Positive Teacher of the Year Awards**

I have received information about national awards for Positive Teachers. Nominations are invited for teachers who have made a real difference to the wellbeing of students (as opposed to strictly academic matters) by their actions and support. Further information can be obtained from the website [www.positiveschools.com.au](http://www.positiveschools.com.au) and nominations can be made online at that website any time until the 1st of March. I encourage parents to visit the website and make nominations – teachers in our school do an extraordinary amount to support and encourage students and to foster their wellbeing.

*Bev West*

*Head of Senior School*

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**KWS FAIR**

The KWS Fair is on again soon. Now is the time to pot up plants for the KWS fair garden stall. Please contact me if you require pots.

Contact: Linda Seymour 63 669120 / 0418 669120.
BUSH CHILDREN’S EDUCATION FOUNDATION BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Boarding Bursary
- “Thru to Uni Scholarship” for outstanding students in Years 11 & 12
- “Thru to TAFE Scholarship” for students studying TVET courses in Years 10, 11 & 12

Conditions of application

- Students must receive the AIC allowance (Assistance for Isolated Children) and any portion of its supplement and/or State Governments LAFHA (Living Away from Home Allowance)
- Applications must be received by 8th February 2013

Applications can be requested from Caroline Kennaugh on 02 6392 0303 or by email ckennaugh@kws.nsw.edu.au.

Any questions regarding the scholarship should be directed to Mr Paul Mirrington on 02 6392 0405 or by email pmirrington@kws.nsw.edu.au

SCHOLARSHIPS

Registrations for Academic, Music and Particular Achievement Scholarships for entry to Years 4 to 11 in 2014 are open but close very soon!

- Registrations Close: Monday 4 February 2013 (midnight)
- Examination Date: Saturday 23 February 2013

Apply online at our website www.kws.nsw.edu.au or contact our Registrar, Michelle Pryse Jones directly: Office 6392 0403, Mobile 0427 683 751 or registrar@kws.nsw.edu.au

PILGRIMAGE TO ULURU - APRIL 6-19 2013

Are you one of the many who have deep feelings about Australia, our vast outback, the dazzling beauty of a night sky filled with stars? Then you will enjoy joining with other busloads of young people from around the nation for a journey to the heart of our country. With fun and reflection, discover more of our Indigenous heritage and spiritual insights that will enrich your daily life. The camping safari will leave you with friends and memories you will never forget. For more information contact Fusion - Mal or Bev Rankin on 5310 2474 or email centralwestnsw@fusion.org.au or look at the website: fusion.org.au/schoolsinharmony/
MUSIC MATTERS

Welcome back to all our students – get set for another action-packed and exciting year in 2013! A calendar has been provided below featuring the main musical events in 2013. You will note one major change: Music Festival is now at the end of Term 2 and the Prom Concert no longer exists. This is to ensure that our Music Festival is the pinnacle of our year and with the presence of Year 12 in Term 2, this is a far better time than the original Term 4 position, which was during the HSC examinations. We will still have a major musical event in November. It is aptly named “KWS Celebrates Music” and will be held in and around the Music Centre on the afternoon of Saturday 2 November. We will have all musicians from the Preparatory and Secondary Schools involved with several venues operating concurrently. We hope to have a sausage sizzle and coffee van for the afternoon. It should be a wonderful afternoon for families and students to mingle and move between a variety of performances.

Instrumental Music Enrolment Forms

Please note that every student, both new and continuing, must return a 2013 Instrumental Music Lesson Enrolment Form. This form is a contract and contains all the conditions of learning an instrument at KWS. Please return your form by the end of Week 1.

New Instrumental Teachers

We are pleased to welcome Mr Barry Patterson (voice) and Mr Aaron Hooper (guitar) to our expanding group of visiting instrumental teachers. Mr Patterson is a seasoned performer trained in classical singing and with vast experience singing in professional musicals all over the world. Mr Hooper is to be an additional guitar teacher and is passionate about Australian Music. He is also classically trained and will teach a wide range of musical styles and techniques including electronic manipulation of sound. We hope to have Mr Hooper start a guitar ensemble or two in the school to cater for our large number of guitarists.

At the very end of 2012, Ms Katherine Moses, our cello teacher, was accepted into the Bachelor of Music Education Course at Sydney University. Sadly, this means that she is unable to continue teaching cello at KWS. We are, however, on the verge of appointing an excellent new cello teacher and I will report on our progress in this regard next week.

Co-Curricular Music – Secondary Auditions

Auditions will run in the Music Centre this Friday from 3:30pm for the following students:

- those wishing to enter different or new ensembles for 2013
- new students to the school, especially Year 7 students.

Those auditioning should present approximately 1 minute or so of music that best represents your current ability. You will also be required to play a short sight-reading exercise at your level.

All members of 2012 ensembles are assumed to be continuing in 2013 in the same ensembles. Please see the notices in the Music Centre Foyer for further information.

Co-Curricular Music – Preparatory and Secondary

All rehearsals will commence in Week 2. Rehearsals are at the same times and in the same venues as in 2012 with the exception of Senior Percussion Ensemble, which will rehearse on Tuesdays at lunchtime in the Performance Theatre. Note that Wyvern Singers will not continue this year. Please see Mrs Sinclair in the Preparatory School or myself or Mrs Chapman in the Secondary School should you be unsure of any times/venues. Rehearsal times are posted in the Music Centre Foyer for your reference.
Instrumental Music Lessons – Preparatory and Secondary

Most lessons will commence in Week 2, some in Week 3. Your instrumental teacher will contact you with your time, and the timetables for each teacher will be placed on the noticeboard in the Music Centre Foyer. Those students beginning lessons for the first time in 2013 may experience a slight delay. Mrs Chapman will contact parents directly in this case. Please contact Mrs Chapman on 6392 0347 should you have any particular questions.

May you have a wonderful week.

Anneliese Alloway
Head of Performing Arts

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February
1 – Co-Curricular Music Ensemble Auditions 3:30 – 5pm
1 – Musical Auditions 3:30 – 5pm
4 – Co-curricular Music Ensembles begin today (excepting Orchestra which begins Monday of Week 3 at 3:30pm)
18 – Prep Music Camp Period 3 to 4:30pm
19 – Prep Music Camp Period 3 onwards, Concert in DPA at 2:30pm
21 – Drumbeat Music Session (Preparatory School)

March
6 – 7 – SSO Excursion to Sydney
18 – Concerto Competition
28 – Secondary Pupil Free
29 – Good Friday

April
1 – Easter Monday
8 - Music Camp (KWS)
9 – 11 – Music Camp at Vision Valley
12 – Music Camp (KWS)
13 – Holidays begin
30 – Term 2 begins

May
11 – Rowing Dinner
17 - Camerata Concert, 6:30pm, Chapel in DPA
28 – Summer Co-Curricular Assembly

June
4 – Prep Music Concert, 5:30pm, DPA
7 – Secondary Pupil Free Day
10 – Queen’s Birthday Holiday
14 – Cadet Farewell Parade and Dinner
20 – Music Festival, 6:30pm, DPA
22 – Holidays begin

July
8 - 12 – Musical Camp (KWS)
15 – Term 3 begins
15 – 17 - Musical rehearsals
18 – 20 – Musical performances
25 – Music Photos 1:00pm onwards
29 – AMEB Practical Examinations commence

August
9 – Secondary House Spectacular
14 – AMEB Practical Examinations conclude
20 - 21 – AMEB Written Examinations
25 – HSC Composition Recording Day
26 – Orange Eisteddfod String Day (TBC)

September
2 - 3 – HSC Recital evenings
2 – 13 – HSC Performance Examinations
4 – Orange Eisteddfod Band Day (TBC)
5 – 6 – Orange Eisteddfod Choir Days (TBC)
13 – Co-curricular Music Afternoon Tea
17 – Winter Co-curricular Assembly
19 – Year 12 Farewell and Blessing
21 – Holidays begin
October
8 – Term 4 begins
8-9 – Australian Music and Drama Excursion (TBC)
15 – HSC starts
14 - 16 – Music Camp (KWS)
24 – 26 – Australian National Field Days

November
1 – Grandparents Day, Music Festival Rehearsal Day, Music Festival Concert, 6:30pm, DPA
2 – Preparatory School Open Day (am)
2 – KWS Celebrates Music (afternoon)
11 – Prep Music Assembly
14 – Student Music Concert, 5:30pm, Performance Theatre

December
2 – Secondary Pupil Free Day
3 – Prep Celebration Assembly
4 – Speech Day
5 – Holidays begin