Principal

This week from the Principal:

- Year 12 student success
- Speech Day
- Staffing 2014
- Orientation Day

Year 12 Student Success

I am writing to formally advise that we have had some outstanding success with our current Year 12 students with the following nominations for:

‘Encore’
Annabelle Carter
Oliver Fisher
Rebecca Kwa

‘In Tech’
James Coles
Sam Pratten
Jackson Ryan

‘Art Express’
Shelby Archer

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I wish to congratulate the above students for receiving nominations for inclusion in the respective 2014 exhibitions and performances. The final selection process will occur over the coming weeks. I am hopeful that they make the final selection process.

I take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their support in ensuring these students have reached this extraordinary high level.

Speech Day
A reminder to parents that it is compulsory for all students in Years 7 -11 to attend Speech Day on Wednesday, 4 December. There will be no special leave requests considered for this day. Prize winners from the Preparatory School are also required to attend. This is an important celebratory occasion for the School and I seek your support to ensure all students are present. All families are invited to attend as we honour our prize winners, hear fabulous Music, listen to our guest speakers and celebrate the 2013 KWS year.

Staffing 2014

Head Tutor of Douglas:
I am writing to advise that Bill Tink has been appointed to the position of Head Tutor of Douglas from 2014. Bill replaces Catherine Litchfield who has provided 15 years of extraordinary service to the students and parents of Douglas House. Bill will relinquish the Year 7 Coordinator position at the end of 2013. I congratulate Bill on this appointment.

Trathen House Housemother:
Janet Murphy, currently working in the kitchen, has been appointed as the new Housemother of Trathen House. With Bob and Ataua Holmes retiring at the end of this year after significant service to the House, Janet will take on the role from 2014. Janet’s cheerful nature and work ethic will be greatly missed by the kitchen staff.

Orientation Day
We had a wonderful 2 days of orientation last week welcoming new students and parents from Years 8 to 11 and all of Year 7 for next year. I received wonderful feedback on the quality of our current students who assisted with Tours of the school, provided buddies to the new students and generally made the new families welcome. I am grateful to the wonderful support of the P and F who provided lunch for almost 300 people on Saturday. This open friendliness and ability to welcome newcomers is a real strength of the KWS Community. I thank you all for your assistance with this.

Brian J Kennelly
Principal

From the Head of Preparatory

Last week our Kindergarten 2014 Orientation

Wednesday 13th November
Macquarie Marshes excursion

Thursday 14th November
HICES Maths Tournament
Big Night Out - Student Music Concert

Friday 15th November
'Day of Hope' Workshop

Sunday 17th November
Cowra Stingrays Carnival
Year 11 Boy Boarders Canyoning

Monday 18th November
Week 7A
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IN THE MEDIA

Students hunt a place in the finals
11 November, 2013
Central Western Daily
▶ see full story

Girls head indoors to chase championship
9 November, 2013
Central Western Daily
▶ see full story

Unchartered waters for eager students
9 November, 2013
Central Western Daily
▶ see full story
Morning was held. With a little trepidation the new students were soon comforted by their teachers Mrs Key and Miss Dwyer and their Year 5 buddies. The Year 5’s did a wonderful job even making their own Orientation DVD, using their iPads in filming, editing and adding music and other effects under the watchful eyes of Mrs Pengilly, Mrs Savage and Mr May.

Over the last 2½ years our Music Program has gone from strength to strength under the directorship of Mrs Annie McRae and Mrs Katie Sinclair. This week our Music Assembly was held celebrating the achievements of the students involved in Music and Speech and Drama. More and more students are learning music with considerable research demonstrating the benefits relating to improved academic performance. This year we have 8 Ensembles and 6 Choirs illustrating the richness of the Creative Arts Program. It also indicates the willingness of our students to be involved and they deserve our heartiest congratulations.

Last Thursday night the K-2 Disco took over the Performance Theatre. The students enjoyed dressing up as their favourite Rock Stars. ‘Dancing with the Stars’ had nothing compared to the movers and shakers from K-2.

Please be advised of a note which was sent home with your child this week outlining the final week of School including times for our Celebration Assembly and Speech Day (a copy is below).

Enjoy your week.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

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From the Chaplain

*Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. (Luke 20:36)*

What a reassurance! This statement of Jesus’ to his critics assures us that in heaven there are no sociopolitical strata, no comparison of wealth or status and claims to worldly success or celebrity. This is indeed good news. The mystery of the resurrection revealed by Jesus is that heaven is a place where those who have been oppressed will be freed. Those who have been dehumanised will be restored. Those who have been treated as inferior and made low will be raised and called beloved. The most vulnerable in the world – the young, the disabled, the marginalised, the refugee – will be children on God, able to give love and receive love unconditionally. In heaven, those who are children of the resurrection will know the joy and the peace that was kept from them on earth.
In the meantime, our Christian obligation is to further the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth so that these very instances of injustice be blotted from the experience of humankind.

*Creator God, give us awareness of the massive forces threatening our world.*
*Where there is armed conflict, let us stretch out our arms to our brothers and sisters,*
*Where there is abundance, let there be simple lifestyles and sharing,*
*Where there is poverty, let there be dignity and constant striving for justice,*
*Where there is selfish ambition, let there be humble service,*
*Where there is injustice, let there be atonement,*
*Where there is despair, let there be hope in God’s Word.*
*Where there are wounds of division, let there be unity and wholeness.*

*O Divine Master, help us to be committed to the building of the Kingdom,*
*Not seeking to be cared for, but to care;*
*Not expecting to be served, but to serve others,*
*Not desiring material security, but placing our security in You.*
*For it is only in loving imitation of You*
*That we can discover the healing springs of life*
*To bring about a new earth and hope for the world.*

*Amen.*

**Phil Worrad**  
Chaplain

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**End of Year Information**

Monday 2 December 2013, Prep School Celebration Ceremony, KWS Speech Day

**Monday 2 December 2013**

On Monday 2 December, it is a normal class day for the Preparatory School. There will be various class activities during the day to celebrate the year.

**Prep School Celebration Ceremony, 10.00 am, Derek Pigot Auditorium,**

**Tuesday 3 December 2013**

Our Celebration Assembly is the Preparatory School’s final event of the year where acknowledgement of the effort and achievement of the students and staff are celebrated.

Prize winners for Speech Day are announced as well as our Prefects for 2014.
All parents, family members and other supporters of the Preparatory School are warmly invited to our Annual Celebration Ceremony. Details are as follows:

Uniform is to be neat, tidy, clean and complete. No hats are necessary for the girls.

The Celebration Ceremony begins promptly at 10.00 am and will finish at approximately 11.45 am. It is traditional that students travel home with their family at the conclusion of the ceremony.

School Care is provided by ASC staff for children who are not able to leave from the Derek Pigot Auditorium. Please book through the office 6392 0316 by Monday 25 November so suitable arrangements can be made.

KWS Speech Day

10.00 am, Derek Pigot Auditorium

Wednesday 4 December, 2013

All students and parents of the Prep School are welcome to attend Speech Day but it is only compulsory for special prize-winners to be there. All special prize winners are to meet Mr Pritchard and Mrs Essex at the round garden at 9:30 am from where they will walk up to the auditorium.

The prize winners will be announced at our Celebration Assembly on Tuesday 3 December. Summer uniform is required for Prep students.

There is no After School Care offered on this day.

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**Year 5 Carnivale 2013**

**When:** Lunchtime 1:15- 2:00 pm on Friday 22 November

**Where:** Prep Playground

**Cost:** 20c to 50c per game

Year 5 students are currently undergoing Peer Support Leadership Training to become leaders in Year 6 2014. As part of their training they are required to organise a fun sideshow activity for Year 5 Carnivale.

All proceeds will go to the Peer Support Foundation which is a not for profit organisation.

Your child will be able to participate in a range of activities on the day. Each game will cost 20c to 50c and some games will have prizes.

Please send your child to school with some loose change (a few 20c and 50c pieces) on Friday 22 November so they can participate.

Thank you for your support.

Mr May and Mrs Pengilly
Year 5 Teachers
2015 Scholarships Now Open

To acknowledge our diverse student population and encourage excellence, Kinross Wolaroi School will offer a number of scholarships to day and boarding students (both current and future) entering Years 4 to 11.

For 2015 our Scholarship process has changed. Academic Assessment Services will be supporting our scholarship program through the provision and supervision of the scholarship exam. It is an exciting new phase that has allowed us to build a stronger scholarship process and broaden the scholarships available.

Available Scholarships:

- Academic (Years 4 to 11 in 2015)
- Music (Years 7 to 10 in 2015)
- Boarding (Years 7 and 9 in 2015)
- General Excellence (Years 4 to 10 in 2015)
- Ex-students (Year 11 in 2015)
- ICPA (Year 7 in 2015)

To be considered for a Scholarship, all candidates must sit the Scholarship Examination. Applicants must also complete an online application and submit supporting documentation.

If you would like to register please follow the links from the KWS website or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser: www.kws.nsw.edu.au/scholarships-2.

Michelle Pryse Jones
Registrar

Bus Passes for 2014

As the bulk of the ‘Bus Passes’ will be posted out in the January holidays (around the second week in January), it is important that your contact details for posting are up to date with both the bus company and the School so that passes are not sent to incorrect addresses.

To update your contact details with the School please email admin@kws.nsw.edu.au or phone 02 6392 0300 and ask to speak to Caroline.

Michelle Clifford
School Travel Administrator
Orange Buslines

Bushfire Appeal Success

A huge thank you to those members of the KWS community who supported the various aspects of our Bushfire Appeal.

I am very pleased to announce that our funds have risen past $4,000.
and we still have money to be counted from the muffin drive and lolly jar guessing competition.

Once totals are finalised, funds raised will be deposited directly into the Blue Mountains City Council Mayoral Bushfire Appeal trust Account. These amounts will be posted next week.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the many hours and hard work that has gone into these events, has been the role the students themselves have taken in planning, organising and carrying out the projects. The initial meeting called was open to all secondary students and we had a huge response of over 50 students keen to be involved. From here the goodwill spread and at this time, I doubt there is a student in the school who has not contributed in some way to the projects.

The cake stalls on Friday raised $741.80 which is an incredible amount of baked goods which sold for 50c or $1 each! Those students who supplied goods in Mum’s best Tupperware/sealable containers can now collect these from Mrs Byrnes in the Student Support Suite please.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Robyn Marshall who conceived the concept of the muffin drive and then, along with her Year 9 & 10 Food Technology students and other volunteers, baked over 300 muffins which included a 5 hour session last Sunday baking and packaging the orders. What an amazing effort!

Cherie Byrnes

P&F News

In P&F News: Stuck on you fundraiser, Year parents for 2014, Fair Meeting

A reminder about our P&F STUCK ON YOU Fundraiser:

Please order your clothing labels, shoe labels, name stickers and personalised clothing, towels, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc using the following link:

www.stuckyou.com.au/kinrosswolaroischool OR at check out add the fundraiser code “KINROSSWOLAROISCHOOL”

They have some great gift ideas too. For every sale, you will be helping the P&F raise money towards school projects.

Michelle Srzich

YEAR PARENTS FOR 2014

In 2014 KWS will be initiating a “Year Parent” system. This works successfully at many other schools and is a great way of communicating with the parents/carers of children in the same year.

At this stage it will begin in Prep with a view to rolling it out into the senior school as well.
We are asking for two parents from each year to act as Year Parents. They will be responsible for collecting emails and phone contacts of the parents in their year.

This will be made easier by using a form that we will put on the outside door of every classroom on the first day of school next year for parents to fill in their contact details, as well as notices in the newsletter, and at the parents information meeting early in the year.

It will not be compulsory for parents to give their details, but we hope to get the majority to respond positively. Year parents may also like to help organising events such as parents’ nights out or other social functions and end of year teacher's presents.

When new families join the school the Year Parents will try to make contact with them, add them to the email list and offer their phone number to answer their questions about how things work at the school.

As a Year Parent your name, email and contact ph numbers would be published in the handbook that goes out to parents at the beginning of the year.

Year Parents will be given further information about their role, and ideas for social functions, and will be fully supported by the P&F.

If more than two people per year are interested (we hope so!), the extras would be gratefully accepted as volunteers the following year, and as extra helpers for organising social events.

Thanks to those parents that have already offered to act as a Year parent for 2014 as we have nearly all the Year Parents organised.

However we still need people from the 2014 Year 5 class to help out.

Please send me your details if you are interested in being a Year Parent or an extra helper.

Michelle Srzich
(Prep School Representative for P&F)
michellesrzich@bigpond.com Tel 0413748677.

KWS Fair Meeting

SATURDAY 23rd NOV, at 9.30am, at Byng St Cafe.

ALL WELCOME

If you would like to contribute to the school in some way, this is a great opportunity to meet people and help out.

If you can’t make it on the day, but would like to help out please contact Kim or Paula.

Co-ordinators- Kim Bryant 0407965833 and Paula Elbourne
0488119942
P&F News

Year 7 Orientation Day 09/11/2013

A big "Thank-You" to all the willing and enthusiastic volunteers who donated their valuable time and energy to making our First P&F Lunch for incoming Year 7 parents a success.

P&F Meeting Wednesday 13/11/2013 7.30pm (Last Meeting for the Year)

Please note the meeting is again being held in the VC Room in the ground floor of the library/IT building. Entrance is from the grassed area near the pool. Please remember that you can now join us via teleconference. Instructions re same are on the school website under the P & F section. Any queries please email jwpnfssecretary2013@gmail.com.

Please remember this gives you the opportunity to find out what is going on at school and provide feedback and discussion around school and P&F activities. Both the Head of Prep and the Principal attend out meetings. We continue to disseminate information through the KWS website and bulletin. P&F information is continually being improved to give you information about our activities, budget reports, minutes, agendas and links to information that we believe KWS families will find useful. We are also building a P&F contact database so if you would like to be contacted directly, please provide your email contact to Jean Welsh, P&F Secretary. jwpnfssecretary2013@gmail.com.

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Lolly Day

The KWS Canteen is having a Lolly Day this Friday 15th November.

Pop it in your diary and enjoy!

Justine Peters
KWS Canteen Manager

P&F Second Hand Book Sale

The P&F will be holding a Second Hand Book Sale as a non-profit service for students and parents.
All books $10.00!

**Book drop off:**
Friday 29 November from 8.30am – 2.00pm

**Book Sale:**  
Tuesday 3 December from 8.30am

Book drop off and sale will take place in the Anderson Centre Squash Court Foyer (please access via gym stairs only).

**What to Do:**

**For book drop off:**

1. Read procedures/policy on school website for detailed information.
2. Once you have received your book lists for 2014 - sort books for resale – remember only books in good condition will be accepted.
3. Tape an envelope to cover of each book with student name, class & book title.
5. Drop off in Squash Court Foyer between 8.30am and 2.00pm Friday November 29.

**On Sale day:**

1. Sale from 8.30am – 1.00pm in Squash Court Foyer.
2. Remember to bring $10 notes – NO change will be available.
3. Collect money and your un-sold books from 1.15pm.

Please read upcoming newsletters for updates and further information

**Volunteers are needed!**

Volunteers: please call Lisa Chidlow on 0419 424 300  
For further information phone Jill Laurie on 0457 875 977 or email jillianl3005@gmail.com.

Click on the picture below to open a PDF flyer:

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Jill Laurie  
P&F Second Hand Book Sale Coordinator
**Flower Family Fundraiser Night**

As we continue to keep Taylah and her family in our thoughts and prayers, we would like to advise the KWS Community that an external Trivia evening will be held on:

**Saturday 30 November**
**Ophir Tavern, Orange 6.00pm**

You may organise a table of 10, or individual tickets are available for $30. If you would like to attend this Fundraising evening, or would like to assist in any way please contact Jackie Sanders:

Mobile: 0431 337 402
Email: jackiemac@live.com.au

**Invite to Speech Day 2013**

**Speech Day 2013 will be held on Wednesday 4th December.**

This is an important celebratory occasion for the School and all families are invited to attend as we honour our prize winners, hear fabulous Music, listen to our guest speakers and celebrate the 2013 KWS year.

Click on the image below to enlarge or go to the Speech Day page for more information.

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**When:** Saturday 23rd November at 9.30am

**Where:** Byng Street Cafe
All welcome!

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**Music News**

**Prep Music Assembly**

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**Co-curricular Music Ensembles**

Last rehearsal will be next week – WEEK 7. Please note that due to Outdoor Education Week that ALL ensembles and musicianship classes will be cancelled in Week 8.

Students in Prep Senior Band and Prep Strings – please be aware that you will be playing at the Celebration Assembly on Tuesday Week 9 (3rd December). You will be required to bring your instrument for a rehearsal before the assembly on Tuesday morning.

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**Music Matters**

**In Music Matters this week:** Prep Music Assembly, Student Music Concert, Combined Schools Music Festival, Concerto Competition and Dates for your Diary.

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demonstrated the very high standard of Music and Speech and Drama in our Prep School.

**Student Music Concert – Thursday 14 November**

This Thursday we are holding the “Student Music Concert” in the Performance Theatre at 5:30 pm. While it has been traditionally called the “Elective Music Concert”, it really is for any student in the school to play with their band, sing in a group or put together a musical item of some description. The idea of this concert is to allow students to get together in groups and have lots of fun performing music. As such, this is not a venue for solo performance. The sign-up sheet is in the Music Centre foyer and we encourage students from all over the school to perform.

**Combined Schools Music Festival**

Students who are currently in years 10 and 11 are invited to attend the Biennial Combined Schools Music Festival which next year will be hosted by St John’s Anglican College in Brisbane in May. Please come and see Ms Anthony as soon as possible this week if you would like some information about attending.

**Concerto Competition**

Application forms are now available for the 2014 concerto competition. Please come and see Ms Anthony in the Music department if you would like a form.

**Dates for your Diary**

**November:**

14 – Student Music Concert, 5:30 pm, Performance Theatre

**December:**

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

Have a wonderful week!

**Heidi Anthony**
**Acting Head of Performing Arts**

**Sport News**

**PE for Year 3-6**

Swimming will continue in PE classes. Students are reminded they are to come to school in PE uniform, including a tracksuit top. Time will be given to change at the beginning and end of the lessons. Sport hats will be needed at school for sport and play during recess and lunch. School swimmers or swimmers bought from the shop must be worn in lessons. Caps, towels and goggles will also be required. Students needing to be exempt from swimming in classes, must bring a note
from home. Thank you.

Summer Sport Reminders

Raining / Cancellation
Tennis will always be on, even if it raining. If the weather looks ominous but has not rained at 2.30pm, sport will be called ON. Then if it does rain after this time, sport will be on and the children kept at school until 5pm. Please check the Sportsline on 63920450 after 2.30pm.

Full sports uniform including hat and drink bottle are required at all summer sport sessions. A piece of fruit is also recommended to be eaten before / during the afternoon sessions. Absentees must be followed up with a note from home.

Cricket games have commenced with matches being played on Saturdays. All match and information can be found on the Orange Junior Cricket website below:


General Sporting Information
The Orange Running Festival takes place early next year. There is a 5km team event. If you are interested in getting some friends together and entering a team, or want to be included in a team please see Mrs Barrett for more information. The run is on Sunday 23rd February, 2014.

Please contact me with any of your sporting enquiries or about your child’s sporting achievements at: chancock@kws.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Louise Barrett
Prep PE / Sport Co-ordinator

Cancellation of Sport Training
The decision to cancel sport training is not made until 2:30 pm.

A message will be placed on the sport line EVERY sports day. This decision is the final decision and if it rains after the call, sport will be held as per usual in the gym and classrooms. **No child** will be excused from sport until 5.00 pm in this instance.

**PLEASE call the sport line on 63920450 from 2.30 pm. NOT THE OFFICE.**

**ENSURE** you have made wet weather plans with your child so they are aware of alternative arrangements when sport is called off.

Sport Cancellations

Listen to 105.1 or log on to the KWS website where you will find up to the minute sporting cancellations and you can join to receive instant twitter alerts.
KWS LATEST NEWS!

KWS swimmers dig deep in gruelling Skins events
KWS swimmers enjoyed a successful showing in the pool when they competed in the Orana Aquatic Swimming Club meet in Dubbo recently. The senior squad was preparing for the Canberra Classic, so the......read full article

Rowers enjoy success at Loreto regattas
The KWS rowing team has enjoyed its most successful showing in a Loreto Normanhurst Regatta, returning home from the 2013 event with 14 wins, nine seconds and five third places. It was a busy......read full article

New Kinders get a taste of big school
New Kinders get a taste of big school Our newest students enjoyed a taste of big school when KWS Prep hosted Kinder Orientation Day. Donuts and drinks were on the menu and proved a big hit with the......read full article

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