Dear Parents

Welcome to a new year in the Preparatory School which will offer plenty of opportunities and challenges for the students. We have many new families joining us and we extend to them a warm welcome to our school.

An exciting year is ahead both in and out of the classroom with many programs and events planned.

We have a number of students who suffer anaphylactic reactions to nuts. Hence our Preparatory School is NUTS FREE.

A term planner outlining events occurring this term will be sent home within the next week.

I wish you all the best for a busy and exciting year.

Enjoy your week.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

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 – 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
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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

**P & F Fair**

Now is the time to pot up plants for the KWS fair garden stall. Please contact if you require pots. Contact: Linda Seymour 63 669120 / 0418 669120
Lost

- A track top lost last year has the name David Levi inside. If found please return to one of the de Bruyn boys or the office.
- Harry Houghton has lost his size 12 track pants. If found please return to Harry or the office.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Summer Sport and general information**
Welcome everyone to the new school year. I will be looking after Prep Sport and PE this year. Term 1 is shaping up to be a busy sporting term with Year 3-6 Summer Sport training starting Monday 4th February. There was a revised Summer Sport note that you would have received in the mail with your children’s class information. Extra copies will be with Mrs Hancock. All sport information can also be found on the Sports Noticeboard. This is located in the new undercover area.

I will be meeting with students who were swimming in Term 4 and any new students in Year 3-6, to make selections for this term’s summer sport.

**Swimming Trials & Carnival information**
There will be Swimming Trials for all age groups next Wednesday 6th February 3pm – 5.00pm. Events are Junior 100m & Senior 200m Medley Final. This is not compulsory. Any student in Year 3-6 are welcome to trial for this event. Races will be timed finals. School swimming costumes and house coloured swim cap must be worn. There will be NO trials for all other strokes this year. These races will be completed on the day, with only the 50m Freestyle running a Championship Final at the carnival. Parent help will be required at the carnival, please let Mrs Hancock know if you are able to assist with timekeeping on ch Hancock@kws.nsw.edu.au

**Dates for the diary Term 1**
- **Swimming trials**: Junior & Senior Medley – Wed 6th Feb. 3pm – 5.00pm. Optional.
- **K-2 Swim Carnival** : Thursday afternoon 14th Feb Times 5pm. TBC.
- **Swimming Carnival** Years 3-6 @ KWS – Friday 15th Feb 8.55am – 3.20pm
- **WAS Swimming Carnival** – Wed 26th Feb. 11.30-3.00pm
- **HICES Swimming Carnival** – Thurs 7th March
- **CIS Swimming Carnival** – Wed 20th March
- **KWS Cross Country Carnival** @ PLC – Thurs 28th March
- **KWS Athletics Carnival** – Thursday 11th April

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

Kindly
**Mrs Louise Barrett**
Prep PE / Sport Co-ordinator