Dear Parents

A big thank you to our staff and parents who lent assistance at last Saturday’s P&F Fair. Also thank you to all those who contributed whether through donating bottles, plants or other goodies to make it such a success. To those parents and staff who along with our House Captains and Prefects ran in the Calcutta – thank you.

In the classroom there are wonderful learning experiences occurring across all the KLA’s. To see the range of activities prepared by staff and the enthusiasm of the students to take those opportunities is most gratifying. The Year 5 and 6s are using the iPads for the first time and a whole new world is being opened up. As stated many a time they are only part of the learning strategies that take place each day. Be sure to ask your child about the happenings in the classroom. Don’t take ‘nothing’ as an answer!

Our sporting representative season commences this week and we wish our HICES swim team every success as they make their way to Homebush to compete against 16 other schools in the HICES competition.

This week at assembly the Children’s Ward at the Orange Hospital received a cheque for $663.77 to assist the children with games and toys to make their stay a little less anxious. This money was raised by Ailish (Year 7) and Alanah (Year 5) Seedsman through busking during the Christmas holidays. A very generous gift and congratulations to the girls.

Enjoy your week.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

Merit Awards:

 Courtesy Awards:

Citizenship Awards:
Helping Others: Ollie Perkins, Alice Waddell, Ava Tucker, Max Munro, Sophie Martin, Tupou Faiva, Alana Dihel, Hattie Usher, Ollie Steele-Park, Will Smith, Billie Brownlow, Belle Hoyle-Davies, Jock Hazleton, Mia
Marjoram, Brooke Martin, Abhi Popuri, Ethan Buesnel, Simone Chawla, Ruby Greer, James Parfett, Ollie Steele-Park, Tupou Faiva, Alex Wald, Julie McElroy, Luca Wynn, Meeka Sainsbury, Joh McLachlan, Olivia Tudor, Jack Besgrove, Sam Harris. **Being a Good Friend:** Ollie Wong. **Uniform:** Jimmy Lin, Ethan Buesnel, Jeremy Elliot, Emma Crossing, Florence Conway.

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**Prep Music News**

**The Fair**

Thank you to all the students who performed as buskers around the school grounds during the Fair last week. There are too many to mention individually, but we had all sorts of music from the Star Wars Theme on trumpet played by Owen Bloomfield to Nirvana from the Year 10 Rock Band and some ballads from Blake Hansen and Isabelle Kerr. It added a lovely atmosphere to the day and all enjoyed your music.

**Community-minded KWS Music Students**

In the Christmas holidays, sisters Alanah Seedsman (Year 5) and Ailish Seedsman (Year 7) spent hours busking around Orange playing Christmas carols galore. They raised over $600 in all, which they virtuously decided to donate to the Children’s Ward at the Orange Base Hospital. Two representatives from the hospital came to assembly this week to be presented with the cheque and were clearly moved by the generosity and thoughtfulness of the Seedsman girls. It is wonderful to see such selfless community spirit.

**Who Are the Friends of Music?**

Friends of Music are a group of parents/community members interested in supporting music and the performing arts at KWS. We meet about twice a term and fundraise towards a project annually. You can read about what we do on the KWS website under ‘Clubs’. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 20th March at 7 pm in the Performance Theatre in the Music Centre. We usually have a guest speaker on the night to inform and entertain us before the meeting. All executive and committee positions will be vacated and we are calling for nominations to fill those positions. FOM contact details are on the website. If you are interested in supporting music and the performing arts at KWS, come along to our AGM and see what we do. Everyone welcome!

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**CARTOONING CAMPS**

We are very excited for the first time to offer a special weekend cartooning program in Orange – this weekend. … for local children to attend our workshops. Children can come & learn how to draw and gain skills in techniques, the art of cartooning & manga in a fun and unique way. No previous drawing skills are required. All our staff have ‘Working with Children Checks’. Here are the dates & locations:

**ORANGE**

Sat March 9th - Sun March 10th, Bletchington Public School, 139 Matthews Avenue, Orange

Short Day: $30.00 per child per day (9.30am - 3.30pm) Long Day: $35.00 per child per day (8.00am - 6.00pm or part thereof)

Night Camp: $20.00 (6.00pm - 9.00pm) Saturday night

Debating roundup

The topic was not immediately appealing: that the school day should be made longer. Mr Mac and I (Cathy Bloomfield) brainstormed with all the praiseworthy self-selectors for our trial debate. Mr Mac coached the negative team, the affirmative was my domain. “Jump in the deep end and give it your best shot” was pretty much our appeal, as swimming, music camp and lit quiz made meeting times difficult! On a cloudy Thursday lunchtime they argued their cases, chaired cheerfully by Richie. The negative argued most convincingly and I hope Mr Mac noticed my magnanimity in awarding his team the victory (my job may be under threat). A big thank you to Maddy, Olivia, Max, Alana, Belle, Anneka, Owen and Molly for doing so bravely and creditably on their first debate. The HICES team was chosen to debate at Scots the following week. Belle, Max, Owen and Molly. Now they faced the task of trying to win an affirmative case for longer school hours. The team put their impressive research skills to use and built sound points around falling international academic rankings, Chinese school hours, working parents and weight/fitness problems. Our case line was Olympic - that our schools must become smarter, fitter, longer.

Last Thursday we fronted a forceful team from All Saints who told us repeatedly that they were sure they had convinced us all without a doubt! The adjudicator told us the result was very close. Fortunately, the negative’s case did not win out. Much praise should go to a confident 1st speech from Belle, and promising rebuttal from Max (2nd) and Owen (3rd). Molly was a valuable extra brain as team advisor. Thank you team for all your efforts, we appreciate the added workload this involves. Mr Mac was so persuaded that I believe he is now drafting a proposal for more school hours. Isn’t that something we can all look forward to! Meanwhile, straight into preparation for Round 2....

Prep Calcutta

The Prep Calcutta proved to be a very exciting event that had spectators on the edge of their seats and it also raised over $2000 for the P & F. There was a plethora of talent on offer and bidding was fast and furious at the auction, with prospective buyers shooting their hands into the air to try to win their favourite team.

The teams were:
Brownlow: Billie Brownlow, Mitchell Harris, Miss Dwyer & Wayne Harris
Buckley: Florence Conway, Logan Buckley, Mrs Allen & Mick Fabar
Gavin: Ruby Greer, Bradman Gavin, Ali Payne & Mr McLean
Gee: Ali Gee, Richie King-Christopher, Mrs Key & Dave Waddell
Mirrington: Olivia Mirrington, Ollie Steele-Park, Muffy Steele-Park & Mr May
Smith: Maddie Smith, Will Smith, Rebecca Essex & Mr Le Couteur
Tierney: Meg Murray, Oscar Tierney, Genya Cole & Mr Tierney
Wynn: Luca Wynn, Ben Bellamy, Miss Gunther & Phil Tudor

The race was held on a very heavy track, which seemed to suit some competitors with a number of seasoned athletes electing to whip the boots off and run barefoot on the wet ground. Teams tussled for the lead throughout the race but the final placings were:
8th – Gee

A HUGE thank you to all of the runners who competed in the Prep Calcutta – students, staff and parents. Thanks must also go to the Prep Staff who assisted with the organisation and running of the event, Mrs Tyrrell for the program and Mrs Jane Cumming for her work as the P & F representative organising sponsors and the auction.

Miss Holmes - Prep Calcutta Co-ordinator

Prizes for Muffy Steele-Park and Craig Buckley are in the Prep Office to be collected. Thank you to all of those purchasers who paid on the day. If you didn’t pay on the day could you please make a cheque out to “Kinross Wolaroi School P&F Association” and send it to the school or drop it into the Accounts office.

A big thank you to the major sponsor Peter Fisher The Property Shop and the KWS Exstudents’ Association, Torachini Beauty, Jo Robson, Angullong Wines and Woolworths. Your support is greatly appreciated.
A Picnic to Welcome New Families

Given the great number of new families at the school this year, some of the more "seasoned" Kinross Wolaroi parents thought it would be fun to invite ALL FAMILIES to a picnic to allow 'old' and 'new' parents to meet and enjoy a glass of wine together, while the children get a chance to play.

When: Saturday 9 March - 3pm onwards
Where: Orange Botanic Gardens, top of Hill Street, Orange
Bring: blanket, nibbles, drinks, children
No need to RSVP. Meet near the lake (head left past the function centre and down the hill - mind the wedding there at 3pm on your way past!)
Cancelled in wet weather (we will reschedule if needed)
Enquiries: Belinda Quince 0416 217 107 (Mia Yr 4), Sarah Pasey 0432 834 193 (Katie Yr 4), Annie Waddell 0416 243 248 (Max Yr 6, Lucy Yr 3, Alice Yr 1).
Please note this is a social event organised by parents, not a school event.
Hope to see you all there!

KWS CANTEEN
VOLUNTEER ROSTER

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If you would like to help out please contact Justine on the number above.

FRIDAY 15 MARCH is lolly day

After School Care - Important Changes and Reminders to Policy

For the safety of our students we have a need for parents and students to be aware of the tightening of procedures in using After School Care and attending activities at School after normal classes. If you have regular times for your child to attend After School Care, please ask us for a form to fill out and return to the office or Melinda. It is important that you book your child in to After School Care, as there are regulations put in place to keep your children safe. The ratio of adults to children in After School Care is 1 carer for 15 children. When you don’t book your children in to After School Care we run the risk of exceeding this limit. If you are able to let us know that you need to use the After School Care we will try our best to accommodate your needs. I understand that at times there are emergencies, however if you could possibly call Cathy or Julie at the Prep Office on the day to book your children in, it would be much appreciated. The office number is 63920316. I also have an After School Care mobile that you are able to call me on if you have any questions or worries, the number being 0409742398, operating between the hours of 3.00pm until 5.30pm. It is one of my first priorities to make sure that I am aware of every child’s whereabouts who are in my care.

Students registered to attend ASC through permanent bookings or single bookings made through the Prep Office must attend the roll call upon arrival and ensure that they are signed in. Students who do not have their names marked off will have parents contacted to enquire of their whereabouts, just as it is done each morning in classes. It is most important that parents contact the office if regular bookings will be missed or afternoon arrangements changed.

Further to this, Year 6 students using the Library after school must first register at ASC on the roll with the staff member on duty. Students who attend after school activities beginning after 3.40 pm must register with ASC until their activity commences. This includes, gymnastics, swimming and music lessons. It is not acceptable for students to be wandering school grounds “waiting” for their activities to begin for extended periods unsupervised.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in assisting us to provide the safest environment after school each day.

Kind Regards
Melinda Ostini

2013 P&F Meetings

When: 2 Wednesday of the month during school term
Where: Room 81 in the Anderson Centre (above the pool)
Good News!

You don’t have to come to meetings to help out on P&F

There are lots of ways to be involved, meet new friends, get to know the school a bit better and value-add to your child’s time at KWS.

THE 2013 P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH

PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

Executive Positions: President, Vice President x 2, Secretary, Treasurer, Canteen Treasurer

Coordinator Positions: 2014 Fair Coordinator/s, Careers Forum Coordinator/s, 2nd Hand Text Book Sale Coordinator/s, Art Fair Coordinator/s

Committees: Canteen Management Committee, General Committee members; Fair, Careers Forum, Art Fair, 2nd Hand Text Book Sale.

Representatives: NSW Parent Council Representative, KWS P&F Uniform Committee representative, KWS Preparatory School representative

Position sharing is an option. While all positions will be declared vacant, a number of our elected members will be vacating positions due to end of tenure this year. For more information about these positions and P&F please contact: Richard Cheney: Richard.Cheney@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au or Jenny Glastonbury: jennyg@gmcmining.com.au

P&F Prep school Representative - This position will become vacant at the P+F Annual General Meeting next Wednesday March 13th. If you are interested and would like further details of what the position involves, please come along to the meeting, which is held in the Anderson Centre (up above the swimming pool) at 7.30pm. Or you can ring me on 0432 834 193. Sarah Passey.

KWS Fair Raffle

Thank you to all the families who returned their raffle books last week. The response was fantastic and there were more families who returned books on Fair Day. Your giving is very much appreciated and will be a huge financial help to the P&F funds. There have been a few suggestions as to where the raffle funds could go and the P&F will make a final decision soon so watch the bulletin for an announcement. At the end of the day it is our students who benefit from all the fundraising which also relieves the school budget of some funds that would otherwise be tied up, to be spent elsewhere (especially pertinent in this Gonski age). Again, many thanks for your generous support and helping to enhance the life of our students at KWS!
LOST - Freya Hill left her watch on a bench in the gym after her lesson on Friday and has not be able to find it. It has special meaning to Freya and she would love to have it returned. If you have seen it could you please return it to Freya in 5P. the watch is a red "Ice" watch & it was not named.

Sports News

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In the event of wet weather, please check the cricket webpage for cancellations. www.odjca.nsw.cricket.com.au

REP Cricket

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL CRICKET PLAYERS INTENDING TO PLAY ODJCA REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET NEXT SEASON 2013-2014

Rep trial details:
- 2013/14 Season Rep Trials – Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March – 4.30pm to 6.00pm (See below for more details)
- Under 12’s (Selector Nick Cooper) – KWS back nets – Please note – Players will be selected to trial in this age group so as to keep numbers to a manageable level (This selection process is currently being attended to)
- Under 14’s (Selector Scott Larsen) – Perry Oval
- Under 16’s (Selector Steve Ryan) – Riawena Oval

Mr. Geoffrey Hull MIC

WAS Swimming Team

Congratulations to KWS Prep Swimmers for their great performances on Tuesday at the WAS Swimming Carnival. Our swimmers had a good practice in their events ready to swim and compete in Sydney at HICES on Thursday. Our KWS HICES team: Saxon Buckley, Hugo Pearce, Olivia Tudor, Lucy Waddell, Ziggy Jackson-LeCouteur, Annabel Pengilly, Baille-Rose Miller, Lizzie Kwa, Catie Crisp, Jock Hazelton, Max Bylsma, Jonty King-Christopher, Jack Pengilly, Hunter Rose, Scarlett Taragel, Harry Kermode, Maddie Smith, Logan Buckley, Julia McElroy, Megan Murray, Anneka Graham, Billie Brownlow, Emma Crossing, Richie King-Christopher, Max Waddell ©, Alexandra Gee ©, Jeremy Elliot, Luca Wynn & Ollie Steele-Park. We wish the team best of luck for Thursday.

Athletics trials for field events finals

In Week 8 (18 March ) Athletic carnival field event trials will begin. Any student who is playing Cricket or involved in Swimming Squad, will need to attend sport if they want to be considered for these events. As our carnival is this term, we need to have trialled all our students to work out the top 8 finalists for the carnival being held on Thursday 11 April. This will also be discussed in assembly and morning assembly over the next few weeks. There will be details on the sports noticeboard as to what events are being held on each sport training afternoon.

Winter Sport Notes

The winter sport notes have come home with your children. Please read over the note carefully and take consideration of the commitment that is required for your child to play winter sport. Especially for K – 2 students. Teams for these ages will only be fielded if there are enough children and staff to oversee them. Sport is COMPULSORY for all students in Years 3-6. There are 2 training sessions (shorter in duration in winter) and matches on Saturdays. NOTE: there is a NEW Hockey uniform this season that all students wanting to play Hockey must wear. This is in line with the changing of all KWS sporting uniforms to the “two blues”. Please ensure these notes are returned to school no later than Thursday 7th March to Mrs Hancock in the office.

Wet Weather

Please note: Do not ring Mrs Hancock in the office in the event of wet weather. Instead a message will be placed on the Sportsline on 63920450 at 2.30pm advising if sport has been cancelled or not. All sports (except Tennis) will be cancelled if there is wet weather with the decision being made to cancel only at 2.30pm. Tennis is never cancelled as it is played indoors and external coaches are hired for this sport. So, regardless of rain, Tennis will always be on.
the event of sport being cancelled, you will need to arrange wet weather plans with your child.

**Team of the Week**

Congratulations to the following teams on their nomination in assembly for Team of the Week: U12 Cricket team and Year 4 & 5 Tennis players. Well done to these teams.

**Outside Sport**

Congratulations to Lachlan Brown, Phoebe Litchfield, Lucy Waddell, Jack Pengilly and Sam Houghton who competing in the State Little Athletics Multi-Event in Orange over the weekend. Phoebe placed 4th overall, Jack 15th overall and Lachlan 18th overall. Fantastic results!

**Basketball Information**

**– Local comp.**

Any Year 5 and 6 child currently playing Basketball for summer sport, may like to continue playing in the local primary school winter competition on Tuesday afternoons. Games run from 4:30-5pm. Ideally same-sex teams are preferred however, if needed for player numbers, mixed teams are OK. The competition dates are below. Others not playing Basketball for summer sport or from Year 4 are also welcome!

If you are interested and able to commit to Tuesday afternoons, and possibly an hour on another day for training, please let me know by Monday 11th March to allow enough time for registration. Costs involved: player registration $40 annually, weekly court fee $6 and a team shirt.

Please contact Michelle McRae - michelle_mcrae@hotmail.com or 0400544076.

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Kindly,

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

**Sport Reports**

**4-5 Tennis** – This week in 4-5 Tennis we practised volleys, smashes, forehands, backhands and serves. Just before we finished we played a game of girls vs boys. So far the girls are on 5 points and the boys on 4. Everyone is having fun at Tennis and look forward to it.

**Year 4 Basketball** – (last week’s report)

With skills improving and more aggression on the ball developing, the Year 4 basketballers had some terrific games this week. The Taipans recorded 4 wins this week the Hawks 3 and the Kings 2. The highest scorer was Max Bylsm with 20 points on the board. Basket of the week went to Lachlan Brown with a cracker of a shot in Monday’s game.

**U12 Cricket** – The boys were sent into bat in blustery conditions and found it difficult to score against an accurate attack eventually being dismissed for 68 runs with 4 run outs! Cav’s chase began with great gusto and looking to win comfortably. However a couple of wickets tumbled due to some great bowling (Scott Sullivan 2 wickets in 1 over). A very exciting finish saw Cav’s scrape home by 1 wicket. Good recovery boys!

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**Dates for the diary Term 1**

**HICES** Swimming Carnival – Thurs 7th March, depart Wednesday.

**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
SAVE TIME, ORDER LUNCH ONLINE!

The whole school goes to online lunch orders on
Monday 11th March

(The Grab & Go menu will still be available - for year 7 to 12 only)

- Order at a time convenient to you - in the morning, night before, or weeks in advance!
- No searching for cash required - It’s already paid online!
- Order from home or work
- Ipad/Iphone App available from Flexischools website
- Secure payment assured
- Convenient for parents, fun for kids

It’s so easy!
1) Go to www.flexischools.com.au
2) Click “Register Now” to create account
3) Top-up your balance
4) Start ordering immediately

To view a demonstration
go to the www.flexischools.com.au website and in the “Find Your School” box, enter a few letters from our school name and click the name when it appears below.

What Does it Cost? The online menu is the same price as the usual KWS menu. However, there is a 25c fee charged by Flexischools for the online orders to help pay for the labels supplied to KWS and the website system.

What payment methods can I use?
FlexiSchools accepts payment via Visa, Mastercard, Payclick and Bank Transfer. To perform a bank transfer to your FlexiSchools account, click ‘Top up Account’ when logged into the FlexiSchools website and select ‘Bank Transfer’; you will be given your unique EFT code. You can then make a transfer via your bank’s internet facility or at your branch.

How Does It Work?
Go to www.flexischools.com.au and click “Register Now” in the Login Box. Then enter your student’s name, school and Tutor Group, and add funds (say $50) into a pre-paid account. You can log into the website at any time to place orders, up until 10.30am. As purchases are made, the funds are taken from your pre-paid account. The account can be topped up again in the same way, or set to automatically top-up via credit card when the balance falls below a pre-set minimum. Each order is sent automatically to the canteen, where an easy-to-read label is produced with the student’s name, tutor group and order details. At lunch time, students can simply pick up their order without the need for cash.