Principal

Head of English

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Amanda Sheahan as the new Head of English for Kinross Wolaroi School, effective from January, 2014.

Amanda has a Bachelor of Arts from Macquarie University with a double major in English and Critical and Cultural Studies. Amanda is an honorary member of the Golden Key National Honor Society in recognition of her outstanding scholastic achievement. Amanda has extensive experience in positions of responsibility as a Year 11 and 12 Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, a Careers Advisor, a Vocational Education Co-ordinator and Acting Co-ordinator of English on various occasions.

Amanda has taught in a variety of schools mostly within Sydney. Most recently, over the last 8 years, Amanda has worked at Holy Cross College in Ryde. Amanda is a proven professional educator. She has extensive experience as a marker of HSC English in the following areas - Standard, Advanced and Extension 1 & 2.

Amanda has had significant co-curricular experience including, debating, football and basketball coaching. In addition, Amanda has been involved in the Creative and Performing Arts programs including the annual Shakespeare Globe Youth festival with significant success at State, National and International levels.
I congratulate Amanda on this appointment and look forward to welcoming her to the School to begin in 2014.

**Head of Preparatory**

Last Friday evening our Year 3 and 4 students performed their show ‘Fun and Trouble with the Elements’. As Mr Kennelly stated, creativity is the essence to learning and the children certainly demonstrated this. Congratulations to everyone involved – the students, Wendy and Jennie, Mrs Davidson, Mrs Essex and Mr Pritchard. Well Done!

A number of special events take place next week. Our Sports Assembly is on Monday 28 October in the DPA from 2.00 – 3.00 pm. The assembly recognises the students who have achieved in sport whether in results or effort. This includes our School representatives and our students who play on Saturdays. Our guest speaker this year is Mrs Anna Windsor who represented Australia at the 1996 and 2000 Olympics in swimming. All parents and family are welcome to attend.

A reminder that Grandparents’ Day is on Friday week November 1 and a great day is planned. All classrooms will be open for display as well as a concert featuring all students from K-6.

Our Prep Open Day is on Saturday November 2 where again all classrooms are on display and a host of activities to be involved in. All children are expected to attend. The School is open from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm with coffee and food available. I look forward to seeing you on the day.

At present we are advertising for positions in the Preparatory School for 2014. As mentioned in previous bulletins Mrs Jacquie Paix will be leaving us after 28 years of devoted service to the students and so her position as Learning Support is being advertised.

Ms Mariko Kobayashi is also leaving KWS after 18 years of service. As a result Japanese will not be part of our curriculum. French will be taught in Years 5 and 6 with K-4 presently being reviewed.

Mrs Jodie Allen will be on maternity leave in 2014. We congratulate Mrs Allen and her husband on this wonderful news and wish them all the very best. Hence a position is open for a classroom teacher.

All these fine teachers will be formally farewelled at a later day.

Enjoy your week.
Assembly Awards

MERIT AWARDS


6H: Billie Brownlow x 3, Tupou Faiva x 3, Bradman Gavin, Michael Gill, Anneka Graham, Bell Hoyle Davies, James Murray x 2, Megan Murray, William Smith x 2, Scott Sullivan, Max Waddell x 3, Luca Wynn x 4.

COURTESY AWARDS


CITIZENSHIP POINTS

School Photos 2014

I am writing to advise that in 2014 we will be changing school photographers to Cliff Dykes Photography from Cowra. We have chosen Cliff Dykes as, in addition to being local, they offer the latest in photographic processing with the opportunity for parents to be able to image download from the website. In addition, they have an efficient system that offer convenient online ordering, secure payments, direct delivery and a faster turnaround than the current process.

This change of photographer allows the parents to take charge of the ordering process. This change has resulted from discussion at a P & F meeting last year at which there were concerns raised over the number of photos that their children were ordering and the number that were reaching home.

I am hopeful that having a new provider for our photographs will allow a better and more efficient system for parents to access their children’s’ photos.

Brian J Kennelly
Principal – Kinross Wolaroi School

Open Day helpers needed

Parent helpers needed for sausage sizzle at Prep School Open Day Saturday November 2.

Please contact Michelle Srzich 0413 748 677 or michellesrzich@bigpond.com if you can help just for an hour on Open Day (any time between 10am and 1pm)

All proceeds from the stall will go to P&F to fund school projects.

Year 6 Parents: Save the Date

A social get-together has been organised for the parents of Year 6 on the evening of the Year 6 student farewell dinner (Tuesday December 3). The fingerfood event will be held at the Parkview Hotel. A letter will be sent home with your child shortly containing further details. Contacts for this function are Cate Tierney 0423 915 757 and Ros Mirrington 0488 597 210.
Bushfire Appeal Cake Stall and Muffin Fundraiser

Bushfire Appeal Muffin Fundraiser

Under the guidance of Robyn Marshall, KWS Food Technology classes are conducting a Muffin Fundraiser over the next few weeks.

Muffins will be $1 each and sold in batches of 5 with a limit of 10 muffins /family. To ensure that your order is filled, please email cbynes@kws.nsw.edu.au with your name and contact number, the name and tutor group of your eldest child and the number of batches required by Tuesday 5th November. Orders will be filled on Monday 11 & Tuesday 12 November COD. Details on collection of orders to follow.

Bushfire Appeal Cake Stall

In conjunction with the muffin fundraiser, we will be holding cake stalls on Friday 8 November, one stall in the Prep School and another in the Secondary area. We encourage as many families as possible to join in this event, students may contribute by baking goods, helping organise storage and sale of cakes or by making a money donation.

Please deliver cake donations on the day to either the Prep Staffroom or Front Office of the secondary school and please ensure all cakes are clearly labelled and nut free. Please use disposable containers where possible, these will be available from the Secondary and Prep Front Offices.

All funds raised from both activities will go to the Salvation Army Bushfire Appeal.

Cadia Valley Operations Open Day

Sunday 17 November 2013

Experience firsthand the surface mining operations of one of Australia’s largest underground gold mines at the Cadia Valley Operations Open Day.

On the 2.5 hour guided bus tours visitors will see sweeping views of the open cut lookout, get up close to super-sized mining machinery, visit CVO’s ore processing plant and glimpse into the future at the progressive rehabilitation of CVO’s waste rock dumps.

This year, the Open Day will be run exclusively out of Blayney and will be held in conjunction with the inaugural Blayney Festival.

Tickets are a gold coin donation and are available:

- Blayney Visitor Information Centre. Ph: 6368 3534.
- Orange Visitor Information Centre. Ph: 1800 069 466.
For more information, contact 02 6392 2317.

**2015 KWS Scholarships Now Open**

To acknowledge our diverse student population and encourage excellence, Kinross Wolarloi 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:


Michelle Pryse Jones
Registrar

**P&F News**

The P&F meeting was held on Wednesday 16th November. This was the first time we trialled teleconferencing. Technology! We had a bit of a hiccup with the teleconference phone on loan – looks like a compatibility problem and will be sorted out. Fortunately there was a back up phone, and while the sound quality wasn’t good, we managed. I appreciate the perseverance of the 8 people we had on the teleconference. We will have the phone issue ironed out by the next meeting in November.

**Key decisions from the meeting:**

- Each year the P&F gives teachers and staff a small gift in appreciation of the work they put into our kids and the school. This year the P&F will make a donation of $1500 to the Yalari Foundation in lieu of the gift on behalf of the school staff. Yalari is a not-for-profit organisation that offers quality, secondary education scholarships at Australia’s leading boarding schools for indigenous children from
Australia’s leading Quranic Schools for Indigenous children from remote, rural and regional communities. Yalari’s founder is Waverley Stanley and you may recall that he was the guest speaker at last year’s Speech Day. We have a number of students at KWS that have Yalari scholarships.

- **The P&F will host a Meet and Greet in 2014** in conjunction with the KWS Fair on the 28th February. The Sports Clubs and Friends of Music will be invited to link up with the P&F and Kris Battye will make contact with the Presidents of these clubs.

- Whilst the Meet and Greet is for all parents and families, there will also be a welcome event for the Prep School early in the year as well.

- **Parent Liaison.** Donna McIntyre and Michelle Szrich are going to establish a parent liaison “process” at the beginning of 2014. This will include developing a clear “role description” for the Parent Liaisons. Thanks for taking that on.

- Parent liaison is a bit more difficult in the senior school as parents tend to be involved through the various sporting activities and sports clubs. Kris Battye will speak with the club presidents to see if and how the P&F can work with the clubs to streamline and better integrate activities.

- **Second hand sports show and equipment sale.** This will be held as a stall at the KWS Fair. Therefore, any families with sports shoes, boots and equipment that are too small/ no longer used and still in reasonably good condition can be sold at the stall, with the P&F retaining a small commission.

- **Meeting frequency 2014.** Meetings currently occur 2nd Wed of the month, but sometimes this falls on the first week of term. There are usually 2 meetings per term and sometimes 3. The P&F survey indicated preference for 2 meetings per term. Kris Battye will investigate constitution changes required to set meeting times to school terms – probably week 3 and week 7.

**Matters Discussed**

Brian Kennelly and Rob McLean provided reports to the meeting.

**Key points:**

- In the senior school Term 3 finished with Year 12 graduation day and ball. Term 4 started with Bivoac, music camp, community service and peer support training.

- KWS is commencing consultations for the new Strategic Direction. In addition to input from the School Council and teachers, input from parents while be sought in the middle of next year. The focus is on 21st Century learning.

- The Principal will update parents on progress with capital works in the e-bulletin.

- In the prep school, the new playground equipment donated by P&F.
The prep school Open Day is on the 2nd November, and will have numerous interactive activities.

Years 1, 2, 3 will be participating in NAIDOC week in October, this is being facilitated by the Indigenous Officer. KWS is also being applauded for its work with the Indigenous sector.

Next year French will replace Japanese in Years 5 and 6.

The Arrows in the carpark have been re-painted. Options for improving car thoroughfare in this area is under investigation.

**KWS Fair**

Paula Elbourne and Kim Bryant are leading the planning for this. The Fair is on the after school and evening of Friday 28th February. They will be asking for people to nominate for the Fair Committee shortly and will advertise this through the newsletter/e bulletin.

**Prep Open Day**

Michelle Szich, through the P&F will be running a sausage sizzle and is seeking volunteers to help. Jean Welsh contact person, and will forward details to Michelle.

**Year 7 Orientation Day**

This is on Saturday 9th November. The P&F in conjunction with the school will cater for lunch. Seeking volunteers for food preparation for 1-2 hours between 10 am and 1.30 pm. Jean Welsh contact person.

**Careers Forum 2014 – 12th June 2014**

Richard Cheney will take on the coordination of this event again, and build on some of the innovative aspects of this year’s forum, in particular inviting universities and having opportunities for presentations.

**Second Hand Text Book Sale**

Seeking volunteers for book collection, Friday 29th November, and sale day Tuesday 3rd December.

**Promoting P&F projects**

Receiving good feedback on the new BBQ, with plenty of use around the time of the Year 12 finishing up. It was suggested that photos of the new BBQ and Allenby Rd Bus Shelter should be included in the quarterly newsletter.

**Agenda Items for next meeting, 13th November**

- Direct debit payment
- Raffle – will this be held in conjunction with Fair
· Stall holders/ vendors for Fair

*If you have items for the agenda please email to Jean Welsh, P&F secretary.*

Preliminary feedback from people on the teleconference was that it was great to be able to be involved through this medium. We need to make sure the sound quality is good.

Kris Battye P&F President, 0418 787 364, kbattey@kbconsult.com.au

Richard Cheney, Vice President

Jean Welsh P&F Secretary, 0427 669 323 jwpnfssecretary2013@gmail.com

Sandra Jones, Treasurer

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**Autism Workshop & Information Session**

A free two day workshop and information session for parents / carers of school age students on the autism spectrum is being run by Positive Partnerships in Bathurst.

**When:**
Wednesday 20th November:
9.00am – 4.30pm
Thursday 21st November: 9.00am – 3.30pm

**Where:**
Bathurst Convention & Function Centre
Corner Howick & Peel Streets, Bathurst

Click on the flyer or [here](#) for more information about the Workshop & Information Sessions.

Margaret McKay
Director: Student Services

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**KWS Celebrates Music**
Join us for a relaxed family event to celebrate our Music Program & Co-Curricular Ensembles.

**When:** Saturday, 2 November 2013 at 12pm - 2pm.
**Where:** The KWS Amphitheatre (behind the KWS Music Centre)

Bring your picnic blanket & set up on the grassy slope!

*Includes performances by:*

Orchestra
Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Koristers
Senior Woodwind Ensemble
Senior Concert Band
Chamber Strings
Senior Choir
Senior Saxophone Ensemble
Chamber Choir
Stage Band

**PLUS** A special combined choral item to open the program!

Sausage sizzle & drinks available for purchase during the concert.

*For enquiries contact:*

Mrs Libby Chapman
Music Secretary

Phone: 6392 0347
echapman@kws.nsw.edu.au

*Cupcakes for a cure*
Everyone is Welcome at Prep Open Day

Lots of things to do and see at this year’s Prep Open Day PLUS stay a little longer for KWS Celebrates Music...

Click on the image to enlarge or visit http://www.kws.nsw.edu.au/prepopenday2013 for more.

Friends of Music News

The Friends of Music General Meeting will be held tonight at 7 pm in Room 66 of the Music Centre. Some agenda items for discussion will be the amphitheatre Music Concert, Camerata and fundraising. All welcome.

Sport News

Summer Sport Reminders

THERE IS NO SPORT ON MONDAY 28 OCTOBER DUE TO PREP SPORT ASSEMBLY.

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.

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


**K-2 Swim School**

On Wednesday and Thursday of last week, the K-2 classes commenced their swimming program at the KWS pool with Mr Gary Hollywood. These lessons will be Wednesday and Thursday this week and next week. Students are reminded to come to school in their PE / Sports uniform with their school swimming costume on underneath.

**KWS Sporting Photos**

With the Sports Assembly coming up this term, I am asking for any sporting photos that parents may have taken of their children or teams at matches on the weekends. If you have photos that I could use in the photo slideshow, could you please email them to chancok@kws.nsw.edu.au by Thursday this week.

**NSWPSSA Athletics**

Congratulations to Grace McRae who competed in the 10 Years & Under Shot Put at the NSWPSSA Athletics Carnival last week. Grace threw a PB of 8.58m to finish 12th out of 40. Well done Grace!

**Team of the Week**

Year 3 & 4 Tennis group – Mrs Allen & Mrs Pengilly

**Dates for the diary Term 4**

**Prep Sports Assembly** – Monday 28th October 2pm DPA. There will be NO sport on this afternoon.

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

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

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**Cricket Report**

**U12 Cricket:** We lost the toss and were sent into bat. The grass was dewy and the sky was very hazy (due to the Lithgow fires). We started off the first over 2/2 but Ben and Phoebe made a fantastic partnership to rescue us from some early wickets. We had a strong middle order and some brilliant running between the wickets. By the end of our innings, we had posted a decent score of 93 runs. Lachie Smith opened bowling with spin. Their openers held strong from our bowlers. In the 10th over we finally got a wicket. Jack was close to getting a hat trick, but did not succeed. Then Lachie returned with his deceptive spin to pick up a wicket off the glove. With some great bowling by
Tom Tudor, we succeeded in getting another wicket catch at fine leg. Waratahs ended up with 4/67 but we won by 26 runs. Many thanks to Mr Mac, Mr Pengilly (scorer), Mr Kermode, Mr Smith and Mr Cumming for warming up the team. Jack Pengilly

**Lost blazer**

Josh Dominello has lost his Blazer, could all Year 5 students check their blazers to make sure they have not accidently taken the wrong one. If found please return to Josh or the office.

**KWS LATEST NEWS!**

**Students score prizes in languages competition**

There’s nothing like a little healthy competition to encourage students to excel in the classroom. In September this year the online language program, Language Perfect, ran a NSW competition......[read full article]

**Josh goes old-school on classic bike**

Year 5 speedster Josh Dominello swapped his modern wheels for a classic Honda CR80 when he competed in the 2013 Australian Classic Dirt Track Championships at Temora. Josh powered home to finish......[read full article]

**Sweet victory for KWS 3rds**

The mighty KWS 3rds have stormed home to take out the Orange Hockey Women’s 3rd Grade title, capping off an amazing season for the hard-working side. Coming from a distant last place early in......[read full article]
