**Principal**

From the Principal includes:

Staff Appointments for 2014 and Speech Day Guests

**Staff Appointments for 2014**

I am writing to advise of the following staff appointments to positions of responsibility.

**Mathematics 2IC** – Kathryn Northam has been appointed to this position which will offer administration support to the Head of Faculty, Michelle Hill, and assist with overseeing the department.

**Science 2IC** – Catherine Litchfield has been appointed to this position which will offer administration support to the Head of Faculty, Matthew Healey, and assist with overseeing the department. In accepting this position Catherine has resigned from Head Tutor of Douglas. I acknowledge and thank Catherine for her enormous contribution to Douglas House over 15 years.

**Head Tutor Brown House** – Paul McRae, a loyal and dedicated Tutor of Brown House has been appointed to this Head Tutor position taking over from Jason Smith.

**Music Secretary** - Rebecca See has been appointed to the contract Music Centre Secretary position for 2014, replacing Libby Chapman who will be on Maternity Leave.
Rebecca has extensive experience in many areas of office administration and management. Her most recent position is as office Manager at Asquith Public School. Rebecca has qualifications in business studies and accounting. Rebecca is moving to the Orange area with her family at the end of this year.

We look forward to welcoming Rebecca and her family to the KWS community.

I congratulate the staff who have been selected and appointed to the above positions. I thank all staff who have applied and shown interest in these positions.

**Staff Achievements**

David Lee has been awarded a Masters of Information and Communication and Technology from Charles Sturt University.

Robyn Youll, Anthony Begg, Emma Jackson-Le Couteur have all recently accredited as experienced teachers by the Independent Schools Teacher Accreditation Authority. This is an extremely rigorous and thorough process which requires the teachers to demonstrate abilities and collect evidence of their teaching skills.

I offer my congratulations to these 4 staff members for all their efforts in increasing their qualifications and skills.

**Speech Day Guest Speakers**

It is my pleasure to announce the following Guest Speakers for the 127th Kinross Wolaroi Annual Speech Day on Wednesday, December 4, 2013: **Professor Roger Robinson and his wife Kathrine Switzer**.

Professor Robinson has combined a distinguished career as a literary scholar and educator with a sporting life as an international runner and expert writer and commentator in running. He became academic Pro Vice Chancellor of Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand and also led a ground breaking review of New Zealand Schools English Curriculum.

Kathrine Switzer is an iconic athlete, sports and social advocate, author and Emmy Award winning television commentator. Kathrine was the first woman to officially enter and run the Boston Marathon. Sports history changed in 1967 when she officially entered and finished the famous race. At that time it was a men’s only event and in those days Kathrine’s entry created a world-wide uproar when the race director attacked her mid-stride and tried to remove her from the race. In October 2011, Kathrine was inducted into the USA National Women’s Hall of Fame for creating positive global social change.

We look forward to welcoming Professor Robinson and Kathrine Switzer to our 127th Annual Speech Day.

Brian Kennelly
Principal
Head of Preparatory

This week is certainly one of the most anticipated of the whole year where students can show their grandparents, parents and friends all their accomplishments over the year.

Again we have a large number of grandparents attending on Friday and we do hope you all can visit the School on Saturday.

The students are proud of what they achieve in and out of the classroom and love nothing more than sharing their achievements.

Open Day is from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and there are a host of activities to watch and be involved in.

Last week our final unit of Scientia commenced focusing on Philosophy. The students were very excited as was the staff. Full marks to Mr Pritchard for its implementation.

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 students attended the ‘Mighty Minds Muster’ where they engaged in activities such as engineering, problem solving, creative arts and language: all dependent on working together. Both teams were very impressive with our Year 6 team being crowned the winners of the day. Congratulations to all the students representing KWS. I was very proud of them.

It was also terrific to listen to our all girls NAIROC choir at last week’s NAIDOC celebrations. Under Mrs Sinclair’s directorship they sang beautifully. You will be able to listen to them on Saturday at our Open Day.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

Enjoy your week.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

From the Chaplain

The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' (Luke 18:11-13)

Familiarity with the Bible passages leads the reader to identify any reference to a Pharisee as the ‘bad guy’. It’s no surprise then that in
this parable the tax-collector is the hero.

The parable concerns prayer. How do you pray? The Pharisee is a good man and by all accounts his prayer seems fair. In his life he does all the right things and even goes beyond what is expected of him. He thanks God that he is such a wonderful person... and there lies the problem. If there were Australians there listening to Jesus, they’d be saying; “Bit sure of himself, isn’t he?” The Pharisee rests upon the merits of his actions rather than upon the grace of God.

In comparison, the tax-collector, whom all Jews hated on account of the fact that he took money from his own people for the Romans and then extra for himself, repents. In reality he is a man who has simply done what he has had to do. He does not articulate his sins, but they obviously rest heavily upon his heart. Aware of his humanity, he abandons himself to the mercy of God trusting in God’s free grace.

The message from this passage is two-fold. Firstly, there is danger in regarding others with contempt. Further, there is additional risk in thinking I’m glad I am not like the Pharisee – that is exactly what the Pharisee does! We need to avoid trusting in our own ability and instead humbly stand in trust (not comparison) before God. In a culture that values individual achievement so highly, maintaining the balance of achievement and humility can be a challenge.

Secondly, there is no failure in attempting to be a good person and falling short of the mark. I recall reading in a book by Richard Rohr, Falling Upward, that by falling we learn how to get up. The tax-collector has realised that he is less than he should be. He has tried but he has failed. By trusting in God’s mercy and grace, he is “justified” by God (v.14). We do not know the consequences of his repentance. His plea for mercy, in order to be effectual, must issue in right behaviour in so far as he is able.

The two prayers highlight God’s preference for humility over arrogance. The parable concludes; “All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.” In Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, he writes, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”

So, how do you pray? Do you pray? Can I suggest the following: pray first thing in the morning, maybe in the shower when your time is your own. Give thanks for the day that will be and ask God to be with you especially during the challenging moments. Then at the end of the day, sit on your bed before undressing, draw an easy, deep breath, exhale and relax. Give thanks for the day that has been. God knows what happened. Ask forgiveness if there were times you fell short of the mark. Allow yourself to accept his forgiveness and then give thanks again.

*Lord, our ways are not your ways. Our thoughts are not your thoughts. Give us the means to trust in your Will and in your providence. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*
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.

Speech and Drama exam results

All students did well in their speech and drama exams with most gaining an Honour Pass.

The following students gained Distinction Alish Seedsman, Hamish Cameron, Parham Raoof, and Catriona Denholm.

Amelia Rawson gained Honours in her Theatre Performance and Olivia Fisher Distinction.

Katelyn Booth and Olivia Rowlands both gained their Letters
P.Dip.IMEB

Kerry-Anne Callaghan
Speech and Drama Teacher

KWS Bushfire Appeal- Car Wash

This Saturday November 2, 10am – 2 pm
In front of WEYMOUTH HOUSE, ALLENBY ROAD

Under the supervision of staff, senior students will be washing and drying cars for a donation of $10.

Please support this event. All proceeds will go to assist the victims of the Blue Mountains fires.

Thank You from Mr H
Mr Hordynsky would like to thank all the parents for bringing back the costumes so quickly and also to all parents in 3-6 for returning medical forms for the outdoor education week on time.

**Year 6 Parents**

Preparations are under way for the Year 7, 2014 DAT Testing and Orientation Day on Saturday 9 November.

If you have not yet returned your Tutor House Preference form (green), Parent Information Sheet (pink) and Student Information Sheet (mauve) could you please do so as soon as possible. You can return these documents to Mrs Sally Rattray-Wood at the KWS Main Office.

**Grandparents' Day Assembly - Reminder**

Students in Prep Senior Band, Prep Junior Band and Prep Strings will be performing at the Grandparents' Day Assembly this FRIDAY at 10am in the DPA.

Please remember to bring their instrument and music and be dressed in full school uniform. Students will be directed to the DPA at around 9.45am to prepare for their performances.

**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 Muffin Fundraiser**

Have you ordered your muffins yet?

Remember orders close Next Tuesday 5 November and will be filled the following week.

Under the guidance of Robyn Marshall, KWS Food Technology classes are conducting a Muffin Fundraiser over the next few weeks. Muffins will be available in banana, apple & cinnamon or gluten free at a cost of $1 each and sold in batches of 5 with a limit of 10 muffins /family. To ensure that your order is filled, please email bynes@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 monetary 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.

**Cup Cake for a Cure**
Term Planner amendment

On the Term Planner it incorrectly states that classes conclude on 29 November. Children are expected to be at school on 2 and 3 December.

Children who are to receive prizes for Speech Day are required at School on Wednesday 4 December.

2015 KWS 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:

Michelle Pryse Jones
Registrar

P&F News

Prep Open Day

Michelle Szrich, through the P&F will be running a sausage sizzle and is seeking volunteers to help. Jean Welsh contact person 0427669323 or email jwpnfsecretary2013@gmail.com 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 0427669323 or email jwpnfsecretary2013@gmail.com

helpers needed for Open Day

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

Please contact Michelle Szrich 0413 748 677 or michelleszrich@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.

Invite to Speech Day 2013

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

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

Show off your baking skills and raise funds for a cure for childhood cancer.

We're asking students to bring in their cupcakes to sell at morning tea and lunch for a donation to the Kids' Cancer Project.

Cupcakes for a cure will be held at your school on:

Open Day
2 November 2013

Our goal: Cure Kids' Cancer
Music News

KWS Celebrates Music

This Saturday 2 November we will be holding a concert which will showcase the wonderful work of our co-curricular ensembles. This will be a relaxed, family friendly event held in the amphitheatre behind the Performance Theatre. Please bring along a picnic blanket to sit on the grassy slope and enjoy the music. There will be a sausage sizzle and refreshments available for purchase. The concert will begin at 12.00pm. Please contact the Music office if you have any queries.

Instrumental Tuition Scholarships

Forms are now available for students who are interested in an instrumental tuition scholarship for 2014. Instrumental tuition scholarships are available for students who wish to play Percussion, Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn, Tuba, Euphonium, Viola and Cello. Please note these scholarships are not open to students who currently learn one of these instruments. Forms are available from the Music office or Mrs Sinclair in the Prep School.

Friends of Music News

The Friends of Music will be having a sausage sizzle this Saturday at the ‘KWS Celebrates Music’ concert (see Music News for further details). Soft drinks will also be on sale and all proceeds will be donated to the Bushfires Appeal. We look forward to the support of the KWS community for what will be a lovely afternoon of delightful music!

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

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:


K-2 Swim School

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the K-2 classes will have their last swimming lessons with Mr Gary Hollywood. All girls have been asked to wear a swimming cap in the pool by Mr Hollywood. Students are reminded to come to school in their PE / Sports uniform with their school swimming costume on underneath.

General Sporting Information

If any boy or girl is looking to play U8 Twilight Hockey, please come and see Mrs Barrett for more information. There is a competition starting next Monday nights 5-6pm.

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, please see Mrs Barrett for more information. The run is on Sunday 23rd February.

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

Mrs Louise Barrett

Prep PE / Sport Co-ordinator

KWS Cricket Club

The KWS Cricket Club (KWS CC) provides support, development and encouragement to players, coaches, parents and friends associated with Cricket at the school.

We do this by:
• Supporting the schools exciting Cricket Program.
• Assisting in the management of school cricket by organising structured support for school teams.
• Organising season activities to support the schools cricketers eg Barbeque lunches, season launch.
• Providing financial assistance and support to touring KWS teams.
• Providing additional training and safety equipment.
• Assisting coaching staff with KWS CC to provide opportunities for cricketers.
• Working collaboratively with the Cricket Staff of KWS to ensure the smooth running of the season.
• Assistance in operation of the KWS CC My Cricket Website.
• Assisting in management of covers and grounds.
• Family Annual Membership: $25 (charged to your School account Term 4 2013.)
**Cricket Reports**

**U12 Cricket**: On the 25 October KWS U12’s played Orange City U12’s at Wade Park - a curtain raiser for the 1st Grade. KWS batted first and put on a strong total of 93 with some great scores from everyone. The top scorers were Hunter Rose (21) and Harry May (20). The bowling was very tight, keeping Orange City to only 46. Thank you to the scorers and Mr Mac for coaching us. We had a great time as it was the first time playing on Orange’s Premier Cricket Ground. It was an amazing experience. George Cumming

**U12 Cricket**: On Saturday KWS U12 Cricket played Orange City. KWS scored 140 runs and Orange City scored 52 runs. It was a great team effort and a great improvement in the bowling. Fielding was excellent, limiting the run scoring opportunities. Well played boys! Harry Macdougall

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**KWS LATEST NEWS!**

**Olympian inspires our Prep good sports**

KWS Prep School students enjoyed an inspirational address by former Olympian and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Dr Anna Windsor at this year’s Prep Sports Assembly. The former KWS......[read full article]

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**City shares our delight in stunning gardens**

KWS families and visitors often remark on the beauty of our School’s gardens, and it seems they haven’t been the only ones to take notice. Orange mayor John Davis and deputy mayor Chris......[read full article]

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**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]