Principal

From the Principal this week:

• Staff resignation
• Staff appointment
• Year 12 Survey - Student experiences of KWS
• Notification of withdrawal of students

Staff resignation – Cherie Byrnes

I am writing to advise that Cherie Byrnes will be retiring from her position at KWS from the end of 2014. Cherie will return from Long Service Leave at the beginning of Term 4 after a two term break. This time away from KWS has enabled Cherie to reassess her future and she wishes to spend more time with her husband Mark and grandchildren. While it is very sad to receive this news and a huge loss to KWS, I am happy for Cherie to have made this decision.

Cherie has made an enormous contribution to KWS over many years. Cherie arrived for interview at the School in September, 1988. Since this time Cherie has taught mainly in the Social Sciences and has been actively involved in a vast range of co-curricular activities. During this time Cherie has held a variety of roles including the Careers Advisor position which she has developed and expanded. Over recent years
Cherie added the newly created Year 12 Co-ordinator role in addition to Career’s Advisor.

Advertising for a replacement for this position is underway.

**Staff appointment – Carmel Follent**

With Lorraine Moxey taking Long Service Leave in Term 4, Carmel Follent has been appointed as Lorraine’s replacement. Carmel will take over the majority of Lorraine’s music tuition students with a teaching load up to 0.8 which will also include a number of ensemble groups. Carmel is a highly experienced teacher with a Bachelor of Music from University of Queensland. Carmel is currently working at the Orange Conservatorium and before this worked at West Dubbo Primary School and Macquarie Conservatorium of Music.

**Year 12 Survey - Students’ experiences of KWS**

Students largely believe that KWS has helped them achieve their best in academic, sport and co-curricular pursuits. Students mostly agree that they are ready to face future challenges as a result of their time at KWS. Of interest is that Day students are less certain that they are well prepared to face challenges (66% day vs 78% boarders). This may arise from the relative independence that boarders experience being away from home compared to day students.

Students believe we can improve further in the areas of making them more aware of social justice issues and challenging them spiritually.

Students felt that KWS provides them with good career pathways and tertiary study advice. Students are not as convinced as their parents that we have prepared them for life experiences.

Students identify strongly with statements about friendship, relationships and personal support. They also indicate that they enjoy sporting and co-curricular activities at KWS.

They believe that improvement is needed in acknowledging achievements and treating all students fairly.

**Notification of withdrawal of students**

As per the Conditions of Entry to KWS, a reminder that it is a requirement to provide one term’s notice, in writing, to the Principal for the withdrawal of a student from the School. In default of such written notice a full term’s fees are required.

If parents have not yet finalised plans but are thinking of options for 2015 it is best to advise the Principal in writing. This information is vital to the forward planning of the School. We have an enormous number of current enrolment enquires with significant interest for 2015. Providing a term’s notice allows the School to notify families that are awaiting entry to the School. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Brian Kennelly
From the Head of Prep

Dear Parents,

‘Connect to Reading’ was the theme for Bookweek last week and judging by the enthusiasm of students and staff the connection is real and meaningful. The dress up day and the activities demonstrated that despite all the technology in the world, a real life book still has a place in the world for everyone. The Year 6 students, in their Peer Support groups, read their favourite book which was thoroughly enjoyed by the others. Mrs Deans, our librarian, is to be congratulated for all her work in organising all the activities.

Congratulations to our HICES Debating Team who are now in the semi-finals. An outstanding achievement. Well done to: Luc Nelson, Meyhar Chawla, Gidgette Pratten, Will Rawson, Owen Bloomfield, and their coach Mrs Cathy Bloomfield.

A bit thank you to all the parents, staff, students and supporters who made our Rugby Gala Day such a success. The assistance given whether on grounds or at the catering van/canteen was wonderful and again demonstrated what a great connection there is between School and families.

A special thanks to all our referees; staff, students and parents. Charlie Mortimer, Toby Condon and Jack Dodds, three of our Senior Students did a terrific job controlling the 9 Years games. Thanks boys.

This week, four of our students are attending the HICES Gifted and Talented camp along with Mr Bracks, while our School Athletic Team travels to Sydney next Monday to attend the HICES carnival. We wish them every success.

Enjoy your week.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

From the Chaplain

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!”
(Gospel of Luke 2:14)

The Uniting Church in Australia has a particular interest in inter-faith dialogue. As a school of the Uniting Church in Australia, Kinross Wolaroi School, predominantly through its Studies of Religion course, has strong connections with various religious groups and individuals of different faiths. In addition to these, a relationship of trust and of open dialogue continues to grow between the Uniting Church presence of KWS and the Gulenist (Muslim) presence of Amity College, Sydney.
As the Chaplain of KWS, it is my desire for bridges of understanding and of dialogue to continue to grow between our Christian faith and both Islam and Judaism. All three traditions are Abrahamic in origin and it is my conviction that when one transcends the typical tendency to define one’s own faith by discrediting or demonising the other (as did Catholics and Protestants in the old days!), greater commonalities between the variants is discovered.

Furthermore, the significance of establishing a safer and more harmonious society through dialogue, understanding and respect is obvious when we look at our children and consider what sort of world we wish for them. It is in this spirit of improved understanding between faiths that I include below a Media Release issued by the Affinity Intercultural Foundation, a body of the global Gulenist Movement (and friends of KWS), concerning the recent acts of terror in Syria and Iraq. It reads:

Affinity unequivocally condemns IS’ beheading of US journalist James Foley. This inhumane act is deplorable and again shows the IS terrorist group is wreaking devastation to hostages, particularly the international journalists and the local people, who have endured so much suffering already. Affinity echoes the sentiments of Fethullah Gulen below as he says in a press release issued by the Alliance for Shared Values:

“I deplore the brutal atrocities being committed by the ISIS terrorist group hiding behind a false religious rhetoric and join the people of conscience from around the world in calling for these perpetrators to immediately cease their cruel and inhuman acts. Any form of attack, suppression or persecution of minorities or innocent civilians is an act that contradicts the principles of the Qur’an and the tradition of our Prophet upon whom be peace and blessings.

ISIS members are either completely ignorant of the spirit of Islam and its blessed messenger, or their actions are designed to serve their individual interests or those of their political masters. Regardless, their actions represent those of a terrorist group and they should be labelled as such and be brought to justice.

The goal of religion is to establish peace based on universal human rights, rule of law and high human values in the world. Any interpretations to the contrary, including the abuse of religion to help fuel conflicts, are either false or deceitful. In true Islamic thought based on its core principles, every mean to a legitimate end should also be legitimate itself. To think or act otherwise is nothing but Machiavellism.

I send my heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the deceased in Iraq and Syria, and to the family and friends of the slain journalist James Foley. May God give them patience and perseverance, and alleviate their suffering. I pray for the immediate release of other hostages and ask God, the Merciful to lead us all into a world of mutual respect and peace. I invite everybody to join together in this prayer.”

I add to the above release that the Australian National Imams Council
(ANIC) has also condemned the actions of IS’. Islam promulgates a comprehensive code of ethics including issues of military combat. Professor Ibrahim Abu Mohamed, Grand Mufti of Australia has stated that: “It is utterly deplorable for extremists to use Islam as a cover for their crimes and atrocities. Their misguided actions do not represent the overwhelming majority of Muslims who emulate the pure teachings of Islam such as justice, mercy and freedom.”

Peace is central to Christianity, and Christians must surely seek to be peacemakers with all people. As a Christian, I join my prayers with the prayers of all Abrahamic people who desire peace.

*Lord God, you separated light from darkness and have called us to be children of the light. Give us the humanity to value the dignity of each person and the holiness to live as one world governed by Your love. Amen.*

Phil Worrad
Chaplain

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**Assembly Awards**

**Merit Awards:**

**KK:** William Garard, Oliver Glover.

**KD:** Joshua Wheeler, Luca Popa, Lachlan Knight.

**IW:** Oliver Smith, Isaac debruyyn, Mia Essex, Finn O’Toole, Eli Cunningham, Olivia Martin, Cameron Nash.

**1S:** Grace Hansen, Hugh Payne, Hannah Jones, Zac Shannon, Kajan Kandeepan, Olivia Volkfksy, Georgia Miller.

**2A:** Emma Aldersey, Thomas McRae, Helen Suthers, Max Munro, Angus Croft, Harry Munro, Angus Pengilly x 2.

**2H:** Andrew May, Liam McKenzie, Lucia Varian, Charlie Gill, Oliver Perkins x 2, Camilla Crossing.

**3E:** Oscar McLaughlin, Lazo Jalal x 2, Harriette Usher x 2, Lily Murray, Bailey Barrett x 2, Nicholas Brown.

**3/4P:** Harry Býisma, Ollie Wong, Grace Srzich, Kate Murray, Elliot Hannelly, Elise Davies, Lily Anderson, Jaemin Lee, Nick de Bruyn, Cohan Mastrongeli

**4D:** Hayley Breen, Kinin Brown, Saxon Buckley, Ben Chai, Sterling Graham, Sameeka L’Estrange, Annabel Pengilly, Lila Tyrrell, Emily Watt, Ella Worsley.

**5M:** Harry Macdougall, Harry Houghton x 2, Brooke Martin, Lizzie Kwa, Jack Weeks, Brooke Barrett x 2, Lachlan Brown, Zac Lewis, Meyhar Chawla.

**5P:** Sasha Wilson, James Thompson, Emma Choi.
6M: Nabhan Hassan, Luc Nelson x 2, Hunter Rose, Ben Broadley.


**Courtesy Points:**

**Lovely Manners:** Olivia Wilson, Alice Scholte, Samuel Balcomb, Tessa Wong, Olivia Martin, Joshua de Bruyn, Amelia Hill, Tom Sainsbury, Ava Tucker, Sherry Ahmad, Harriette Usher, Luke Dominello, Elliot Hannelly, Hugo Pearce, Ben Chai, Catarina Taragel, Angus Blyde, Bailie-Rose Miller, Keisha Dowsett, Annie Binnie, Jeremy L’Estrange.

**Lovely Greetings:** Kaitlin Smith, Angus Croft, Sally Crossing, Max Bylsm, Adelaide Gavin, Hunter Rose, Callum Wald, Harry Robins.

**Uniform:** Hugh Payne, Archie Fielding.

**Using Initiative:** Charlie Hansen, Emma Aldersey, Helen Suthers, Emma Northam, Mia Taylor.

**Citizenship Points:**

**Uniform:** William Garard, Honor Tyrrell, Lucia Varian, Georgina Bennett, Jameson Tyrrell, Lachlan Smith.


**Role Model:** Simon Livermore, Will Rouse, Gabi Gerber.

**Thinking of Others:** Olivia Volkofsky, Oliver Perkins, Sameeka L’Estrange, Ella Worsley, Emily McLachlan.

**Encouraging Others:** Sam Martin.

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**Debating Report**

It has been a joy to witness this team improving with every debate. Last Friday we travelled to BMG to debate Thomas Hassell Anglican College in the HICES Quarter Finals. With the toss of the coin, we again scored the Negative position. The topic was revealed to be: That school hours should be made longer to allow more learning to occur. It was pleasing to see the positive relish displayed by our team as they entered the preparation room, ready to attack their challenge. Thomas Hassell generously bussed an audience of Year 6s to BMG to support their team, making the debate more of an event. The hour’s preparation raced by and our team was still very buoyant when we reunited to commence the duel. Well done again to Will Rawson for another capable overseeing of the preparation hour. The team has to undertake
a great many tasks within the hour (brainstorming, shaping the definition, identifying their strongest arguments, allocating points to the speakers, deciding on the best caseline, writing their speeches, rehearsing the speeches, brainstorming possible rebuttal), and they are to be commended on how well they are performing here. The team have really learned how to work together and support each other. Just wonderful. A good preparation obviously puts them in a strong position.

The Affirmative team started the debate arguing that education was the most important attainment for children and that school hours should be lengthened by 2 hours to better achieve success. Luc Nelson gave a sensational first speech, finessing all his duties in an articulate and winningly confident manner. He proposed that creativity was the most important quality that should be fostered in children, and that a smarter Australia would not come from longer school hours. He provided relevant examples from the standard hours of the American schooling system, which has produced world changing innovators such as Bill Gates and Steve Jobs. The whole team pulled together to supply Meyhar Chawla with plenty of rebuttal points. She furthered our case well with her points about the importance of learning from family and community. Her manner was also nicely clear and confident. Owen Bloomfield rebutted effectively, and carried out his duties of case comparison and summary well. The team maintained a strong unifying caseline which substantially benefitted them. Thank you to Gidgette Pratten for her able time keeping.

Having awarded the debate to KWS, with clear explanation of how the initiative had been won over each argument, the adjudicator gave each speaker individual feedback with constructive advice for further improvement. It has to be noted that the adjudicator had some difficulty in providing this to Luc as he had done such a strong job overall. So “keep it up” was the main message for him. Will Rawson again made a gallant speech of thanks, and as we were within another French classroom, he again wowed us with some French phrases!

I am very much delighted with the brave and eager efforts and attitude of our debaters and am impressed with their continued improvement. Their strengthening ability to work collaboratively and support each other particularly pleases me. The fun and magic that comes with good team chemistry is what remains with me most from my own debating past, and it’s lovely to see it happen at such an early age with this team.

So, success leads us on to the Semi Finals and I wish you the best of fortune. Keep up your spirits and keep sharpening your smarts.

Thank you again to Mr Bracks for his terrific support and bus driving.

Cathy Bloomfield

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**Ghost of a Chance**

Tickets are now on sale to the public through the Ticketek office at the
Orange Civic Theatre or by phoning 02 6393 8111.

We are in need of some props for the show so if you can help with the items below please let Mr Hordsynsky know:

1. A Chesterfield lounge setting, preferably a 3 seater and 2 singles seats.
2. A suit of armour.

**Daffodil Day 29 August**

This Friday (29/8), the Prep School will celebrate Daffodil Day. We would like everyone to wear predominately yellow. If people don’t have something yellow to wear, come in white and green and add a splash of yellow by wearing a yellow hat or yellow socks etc. Please bring in some gold coins so that we can make a giant daffodil in our playground. Daffodil day is all about finding a cure for cancer. The Cancer Council is a great charity. Please help Gordon House celebrate this charity on Friday.

Lachlan Smith and Annabelle Binnie  
(Gordon House Captains)

**Parent Teacher Interview Bookings**

Parent teacher interviews will be on 4 September from 3:40 pm to 7.00 pm.

Bookings can be made only by ringing the Prep office on 6392 0316 from Thursday 28 August between 9.00 am -5.00 pm.

Strictly no bookings will be made from messages on the voice mail and no bookings will be made prior to open date for bookings.

**P&F News**

**Second hand Text Book Co-ordinator Needed for 2014**

In order for the Second Hand Text Book Sale to take place in Term 4 we need a Co-ordinator.

Please consider carefully if you are able to undertake this role. We have helpers, but no one able to undertake the role of co-ordinator. The Second Hand Text Book Sale is a great service to families as it saves them hundreds of dollars. Without a co-ordinator the sale cannot take place.

**Next Meeting Wednesday August 27th 7:30pm**

This meeting will also focus on assistance with boarding accommodation - holidays / long weekends, Year 7 Orientation Day, Wishlist and P&F budget. We would like to hear your ideas - so please attend in person or on teleconference.
Next Meeting, Wednesday 27th August, 7:30pm with Teleconference Option.

The meeting will be held in the Videoconference Room. The VC room is in the ICT floor inside the Library/ICT building. It is on the lower ground floor underneath the library. Entry is from the eastern side of the Library building, next to the grassed area beside the pool.

The meeting commences at 7:30pm, and we will aim to conclude by 9pm. The agenda is on the website, see: http://www.kws.nsw.edu.au/ff-pfminutes.

We hope you can attend.

Boarder Parents and “Out of Towners” - Opportunity to teleconference into P&F meeting

Since October 2013 P&F meetings have been held by teleconference. We hope it is a mechanism for boarder parents and those living outside Orange to participate.

If you are calling into the teleconference please dial in about 7:25pm using the number linked to the state you are in. Most people will use the Sydney number, but you can also call in if you are interstate.

To join the teleconference:
Dial the appropriate dial in number (see below).
On request, enter the Guest access code. The guest access code is: 19137159#.

Phone Numbers – Local Capital City Numbers:
Sydney - 02 96960774
Adelaide - 08 8220 0836
Melbourne - 03 8779 7440
Brisbane - 07 3811 0988
Canberra - 02 6210 0851
Darwin - 08 8989 0817
Gold Coast - 07 5560 0956
Hobart - 03 6218 0647
Perth - 08 9460 0829

This information is also on the KWS website, Family and Friends Section, P&F: http://www.kws.nsw.edu.au/FF_PFAsco.

The teleconference call is billed to the P&F.

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The 2014 KWS iMovie Festival

All families are warmly invited to attend the 2014 KWS iMovie Festival at
6.00 pm Wednesday 3 September in the Derek Pigot Auditorium. Families are encouraged to bring along a picnic dinner, beanbags, rugs, comfy seats and to dress in casuals for an evening of short stories, movie trailers and music videos all written and produced by Year 5 and Year 6 students.

This year’s theme is “balloon” and the standard of films in both year groups has been exceptional. The level of creativity and the skill of our young directors has made the competition difficult to judge. The finalists, selected by the students, are most impressive and the audience are in for an entertaining evening.

We hope to see you there.

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**Kids Holiday Camp**

For parents wondering what to do with the kids this school holidays, NSW Sport and Recreation have a number of fun and exciting holiday camps for kids aged 5 to 16 years.

Led by qualified instructors, our popular camps get kids outdoors learning new skills while making new friends. There are plenty of activities on offer, including fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, rock climbing and cooking camps.

Click on the flyer for more information:

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**Bollywood Fundraiser**

Three KWS parents, Tonya Graham, Libby McFeeters and Vanessa Connick, are holding a fundraiser to be held at Tonic Restaurant in Millthorpe on Friday 5 September 2014. The fundraiser will include a three-course meal at Tonic, entertainment, an auction, raffles and
prizes. All three ladies are participating in the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse Ride to Conquer Cancer 200km bike ride in October this year, and have pledged to raise $7,500 for the entry fees.

Click on the invitations below for more information:

Under 11 Rugby End of season get together

Attention all U11 rugby players and their families.

Please join the coaches this Sunday 31 August at 11.30am at the Borenore Caves, Forbes Rd.

Please bring drinks and nibbles. The coaches will arrange a BBQ lunch.

We look forward to seeing you there, to finish off a great season of Rugby.

Rugby Gala Day

Orange turned on its best winter's day to provide a great day of running rugby at the KWS Gala Day. With 35 teams from Narromine to Bathurst attending it make for a great team effort from all. Many thanks to our:

Coaches: Joshua Hansen, Huon Barrett, Ross Pearce, Toby Hazelton and Wayne Harris.

Referees: Tim May, Al Miller, David Poole, Jarrod Rose, Jason, Huon Barrett, Jack Dodds, Toby Condon and Charlie Mortimer.

Grounds: Mick Phillips and his team as well as Brendan Curran from the gym.

Rugby Club: under the guidance of Dave Harbison and Jarrod Rose who ran the catering for the day.

All the parents who ensured everyone was well-fed.

All the boys for the spirit in which they played.

Your help was greatly appreciated.
Netball Semi Finals this Saturday 30 August

All three KWS teams are playing on the inside courts at 9.35 am.

U12 Kings 9.35 Court A
U12 Pengillys 9.35 Court C
U11 Whiteleys 9.35 Court D

Good Luck to all Girls.

Sports News

HICES Athletics – Tuesday 2 September

Good luck to the KWS Athletics Team who will be competing on Tuesday 2 September at the HICES Athletics Carnival in Sydney. Kinross will be contesting against 15 other schools at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre. Our team consists of 49 students with the captains: Hunter Rose, Jack Pengilly and Niamh McPhee leading the team.

Year 3 - Bailey Barrett, Jayde Caro, Oscar McLaughlin, Jock Litchfield, Simone Chawla,
Year 4 - Annabel Pengilly, Catarina Taragel, Joey Jones, Kinin Brown, Kate Murray, Lily Anderson, Lucy Waddell, Ben Jones.
Year 6 - Annabelle Binnie, Emily McLachlan, Jack Pengilly (C), Lachlan Smith, Mia Taylor,
Mitchell Reynolds, Siobhan Finn, Sam Houghton, Dempsey Bryant, Grace McRae, Harry May,
Hunter Rose (C), Alanah Seedsman, Jack Wakem, Keisha Dowsett, Niamh McPhee (C), Scarlett Taragel.

Winter Sport conclusion

Once Saturday matches have concluded for the winter season, students are not required to have weekly training sessions. Some Netball teams, both mixed Hockey teams, U9 - U12 Rugby have all finished their competitions. Please check your child’s team draw as to their last match.

Summer Sport Nominations

The Summer Sport information and nominations sheet was distributed to all students in years 3-6. The sports on offer are varied as we are trying to introduce new skills and experiences to the students. Some sports come with additional tuition costs as specialised outside
Coaches will be used. All nominations sheets need to be returned to the front office by Monday 8 September.

**Cricket T20 Blast afternoon**

On Wednesday 3 September, NSW Cricket are coming to Kinross to hold a T20 Blast session before the commencement of the 2014-2015 Cricket season. This is open to all students in years 3-6, boys and girls wanting to try or learn more about cricket. The afternoon will run for 1 hour 3.30-4.30 pm. All students of all ability are welcome.

**Team of the Week Award**

Congratulations on the following teams for their nominations for Team of the Week:

- U9 Rugby
- U9 Seedsman & U10 Davidson netball teams
- U11 Blue mixed hockey team

**Outside Sport**

Congratulations to Brooke Martin and Phoebe Litchfield who competed at the Mudgee Running Festival 10km & 5km run over the weekend. Brooke placed 1st in her category for the 10km race in 58.54mins whilst Phoebe placed 1st in her category for 5km race in 20.48mins. Well done girls.

Over the weekend Tom Tudor and Sophie Martin competed in the ACT State Championships Duathlon. Both competed very well with Tom coming 3rd in the U13 competition and Sophie placing 3rd in the U10 competition.

**Lou Barrett**
Sport Co-ordinator

**Hockey Reports**

**Burras:** On Saturday we played against Molong. 2 of our players helped Molong. Our team scored three goals and had great fun. Everyone played well and a big Thank you to Mrs Savage. Phoebe Poole

**U 12 Arrows:** The U12 Hockey team played very well against Fed’s winning 2-1. So our team will go straight to the grand final. Georgie Poole

**Football Reports**

**U8 Spirit:** Played the Molong Falcons on Saturday. The Score was 5-1. Goals were scored by Angus P 3, Liam 1, and Sam F 1. The Goalies were: Angus M and Ollie P. A good game was enjoyed by all on a lovely day. Angus McPhie

**U9 Rangers:** On Saturday we played CYMS everyone played very well but these people played best; Harry B, Ollie W and Nick. Harry Coady
U10 Roar: Under 10 (Roar) played Waratahs on Saturday at PLC. Waratahs were a good team to play, beating us 6-2. Saxon Buckley and Ben Jones scored exceptional goals. Unfortunately, Waratahs proved to be too good. A great team effort from Kinross all round. Thanks to Mrs Houston for her persistence. Hugo Pearce

Netball Reports

U9 Seedsman: We were all very excited to play netball today, it was our last game of the season. We played against a lovely team called the OPS Superstars. We played very well as a team unfortunately 2 of our players were unable to play due to injuries. Thank you Alice Waddell for playing with us today, you were fantastic. Thank you Mrs Seedsman for coaching us this season. We were all very excited to receive a medal at presentation today. Elise Davies

U10 Davidson: Saturday was a glorious day for Netball. We tried hard across all areas of the game. Our shooting, defence and general court play was superb. Unfortunately we went down in a nail biting finish. This was our last game for 2014, so we shall now rest up and be ready for 2015. Sophie Stratton.

U11 Whiteley: We all had a bit of a sleepy start for the first quarter against the OPS Fire Breathers, but then we came back with some great defending and attacking skills. It was a tight game right up until the end with the ball going from one end to the other continuously. Everyone in the crowd was on the edge of their seats until the final score was announced with OPS winning by just 1 goal. The final score was 9-8. Thank you Mrs Whiteley. Annie Pattinson

U12 Kings: Last Wednesday afternoon we played our Saturday netball game against CYMS Sapphires. We desperately needed to win the game so we could progress to the finals. We started out strong leading the way by a few goals. By the end of the third quarter and some smart positional changes from CYMS we were down by 3 goals. In the final quarter we stayed strong with our defence and with some positive goal shooting ended up winning the game by one goal. Well done girls it was an exciting match. Hopefully we can play another strong game this Saturday against OPS. Bailie-Rose Miller

Rugby Reports

U9s Rugby: The 'Mighty' Under 9s saved their best until last. In their final Gala Day of the season and on home soil the boys played out of their skin. After a first up tough encounter against The Mudgee Wombats the boys went on a try scoring spree in their next 2 games. The Parkes Bears and Bathurst Blue must still be wondering what hit them as the ever improving KWS U9 Juggernaut went into overdrive. Some of the highlights included Joe 'Rampaging' Rouse crossing for a well-earned try. Harry '2 try' Coady getting a real taste for scoring after the Canowindra Gala day and he continued his good form at KWS. Jock
Litchfield was undefeated as he took up the offer to play with Mudgee and then returned to the KWS fold and win two more games. Charlie 'How Good' Hansen made countless tackles and Blake Jones was brimming with confidence as he tapped and ran. Oscar McLaughlin regularly scattered the opposition like ten pins on his way to the try line and Max Bloomfield ran straight and hard to score yet another try. Sam Fabar continued to dodge and weave his way through traffic while Harry Bylsma went straight through the middle to score. Bailey Barrett combined speed and agility to regularly cross the line and Luke Dominello turn defence into attack to score a well-earned try. The try of the day came from Jesse Jones in the final seconds of the final game, Jesse bullocked his way through the Bathurst defence before he was tackled short of the line but in a desperate lunge he managed to reach out and ground the ball, to claim his first try and as the referee awarded the try, the tears of joy streamed.

A special thank you to Mr Mclean for organising the day, Mr Harbison and the Rugby Club for catering and the referees Mr May, Mr Miller, Mr Poole, Mr Rose, Jack Dodds, Toby Condon and Charlie Mortimer.

Mr Huon Barrett

**U11 Rugby:** The U11 rugby boys were all very excited about having their first “home game” of rugby at KWS on Sunday, and they certainly played like they enjoyed being at KWS.

We had 19 players on the day which meant plenty of positional changes so all boys should be congratulated on their ability to play all over the paddock. We had four games and ended up with 2 wins and 2 losses, a great result against some very strong opposition. We played All Saints College (4-1 Win), Forbes (3-2 Loss), Parkes (4-3 Win) and Cowra (2-5 Loss).

It was an exciting end to the season and all boys should be very proud of their efforts, not only this week but throughout the season, the commitment to tackling and improvement in ball skills has been fantastic. Keep fit boys, enjoy the off season and summer sports.

Wayne, Toby and Ross.
KWS LATEST NEWS!

Another win for KWS in design contest
For the second year in a row a KWS student has won the Australia-wide Wool4Skool Student Design Competition. Textiles student Clancy Davies-Etheridge took out the Year 10 section of The Woolmark. …… read full article

Creativity on parade in Book Week
Whether you prefer your bedtime stories digitised or printed on good old-fashioned cellulose fibre, this year’s Book Week has shown books and reading are as popular as ever. Connect to …… read full article

Cadets honour Vietnam veterans
The KWS Cadet Unit was honoured to be asked to form the catafalque party for Orange’s Vietnam Veteran’s Day ceremony. SUO Millie McCormack, 2IC Angus McIntosh, RSM Jack Dodds, HQ CO Maddie …… read full article