From the Principal this week:

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Head of Tower House

It is my pleasure to announce that Nathan Zinga has been appointed as the inaugural Head of Tower House beginning in Term 2, 2015. Nathan has a passion for boarding and has recently completed a residential care course. As a current teacher at KWS, Nathan has a good understanding of the processes and procedures in the School along with those in the Boarding environment. Nathan has extensive experience teaching in other Schools including overseas experience in London. We look forward to welcoming Nathan, his wife and their 3 children into the boarding community in Term 2 next year.

Staffing Changes for 2015

I am writing to advise of the recent resignations and extended leave requests effective as of the end of the 2014 School year:

- Rachel Budden after 9 years of service to KWS is departing with her family to Sydney.
- David Budden after 8 years of service to the School has secured a
teaching job at Scots Sydney.

- Anna Fehlberg began teaching with us in Term 2, 2011 leaves the school to get married in Perth and travel overseas with her future husband.
- Megan Coombes has sought one year’s leave to move to Sydney to undertake a teaching position.
- Claire Spora has sought one year’s leave to study a Master’s degree in Education.
- As announced previously Cherie Byrnes and Georgie Windsor will retire from KWS effective as of the end of this year.

In addition, I acknowledge the outstanding work of Geoff Hull and Suellen Young who are both stepping down from Senior Management to return to the classroom in 2015. On behalf of the KWS Community, I take this opportunity to wish the above staff all the best and thank them for their contribution to the School over many years.

Speech Day

Dr Charles Kemp from the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology, USA, will be our main presenter. Dr Kemp will be broadcast via an internet connection presenting his work in the robotics field, in particular his involvement with Henry Evans. Henry is a Stanford MBA Graduate, who was the Chief Financial Officer of a Silicon Valley Software company. Approximately five years ago, Henry suffered a stroke which resulted in a brainstem disorder leaving his mental faculties fully intact but only able to move his eyes.

Henry Evans is mute and a paraplegic, however Henry has not allowed this disability to restrict him in terms of continuing with an active and involved life. Henry is working on a project called ‘Robots for Humanity’ which will help severely disable people like himself become more self-sufficient in their homes.

I encourage members of the community to attend Speech Day and hear more from Dr Kemp of Henry Evans’ remarkable and courageous story. As a tribute to Henry and his significant achievements, the theme for the 2014 Speech Day will be as follows:

“If you want something, you look for options, if you don’t, you look for excuses”

Henry has certainly lived by this motto and is a shining example of how people can succeed despite the obstacles they may face in life’s journey.

In closing, I seek the support of parents to ensure students present themselves well for the 128th KWS Speech Day. Students are required to wear full school uniform which includes Blazers for boys and girls and Tams for girls. This is the day in which we celebrate the student, staff and overall achievements of KWS in 2014. It has been an exceptional year in every way. Please assist us to ensure we finish off the year on a good note.

Brian Kennelly
Principal
Dear Parents,

All students from K-6 are involved in Outdoor Education week and all left the School with great anticipation.

Our K-2, as part of the week, are involved in a swimming program at school. With holidays nearly upon us it is imperative that all children are water safe. These 3 days are a starting point and we hope you are able to build upon this to ensure your child is safe in the water by enrolling in swimming lessons as soon as possible.

Next week school is as normal on Monday with plenty of activities planned. Tuesday is our Celebration Ceremony Assembly where we celebrate the achievements and efforts of our students and staff with a surprise in store. All are welcome with a 10am start in the DPA. The Assembly should conclude around 11:45am.

Wednesday is our K-12 Speech Day. Students who are to receive awards (which are announced at Tuesday’s assembly) are to attend. There is no compulsion for others to attend. Please read further into the bulletin for more specific details surrounding Celebration Ceremony and Speech Day.

Pre-Prep celebrate their year with a concert and picnic on Sunday. A letter will be sent home with the reports outlining plans for 2015.

To all our families, thank you for your support throughout the year. We have a wonderful School and it is an honour to be part of it.

Enjoy your holiday break.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

Monday 1 December 2014

END OF YEAR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On Monday 1 December, it is a normal class day for the Preparatory School. There will be some various class activities during the day to celebrate the year.

Second Hand Text Book Sale

The second hand text book sale is coming up shortly in the Squash Court Foyer of the Anderson Centre (access via gym stairs).

Book Drop Off Date: Friday 28 November
Book Sale Date: Tuesday 2 December

All books are $20 (this was increased as a result of newer books in circulation following curriculum changes).

Books must be in saleable condition and any workbooks should be unmarked (see policy document for further details).
Please ensure books are relevant editions by referring to the Book List Drop Off Form and the images of books which are both available on the KWS website.

For quick drop off, an envelope should be taped to the front of each book with Student Name, Year and Book Title along with a Book List Drop Off Form.

Specific details including times, procedures and policy, book list drop off form, pictures of relevant books can be found at: http://www.kws.nsw.edu.au/TextbookSale2014

We are seeking volunteers. If you are able to assist on Friday or Tuesday please email Jane Gordon on jane@definewine.com.au or Sue Wright on cargoroad@gmail.com.

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**Year 5 End of Year BBQ**

**Year 5 Families are invited to an ‘End-of-Year BBQ’**

**When:** This Sunday 30th November from 3pm

**Place:** ‘The Woolshed’ – Home of Kirstyn & Brendan Rouse (‘Westwood’ 195 Kangarooie Rd)

**BYO Drinks and:**
- 5P families bring nibbles or salad to share
- 5M families bring dessert to share

We will purchase meat for everyone – please contribute $10 per family to cover costs.

Please RSVP today to: Bec Choi 0416 043 165

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Bec Choi, Liddy Pattinson, Nicole Caro**

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**Prep School Celebration Ceremony**

**10.00 am Derek Pigot Auditorium**

**Tuesday 2 December 2014**

Our Celebration Assembly is the Preparatory School's final event of the year where acknowledgement of the effort and achievement of the students and staff are celebrated.

Prize winners for Speech Day are announced as well as our Prefects for 2015.

All parents, family members and other supporters of the Preparatory School are warmly invited to our Annual Celebration Ceremony. Details are as follows:

Uniform is to be neat, tidy, clean and complete. No hats are necessary for the girls.

The Celebration Ceremony begins promptly at 10.00 am and will finish at approximately 11.45 am. It is traditional that students travel home with their family at the conclusion of the ceremony.

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**Speech Day**
10.00 am, Derek Pigot Auditorium  
Wednesday 3 December, 2014

All students and parents of the Prep School are welcome to attend Speech Day but it is only compulsory for special prize-winners to be there. All special prize winners are to meet Mr Pritchard and Mr May at the round garden at 9:30 am from where they will walk up to the auditorium.

The prize winners will be announced at our Celebration Assembly on Tuesday 2 December. Summer uniform is required for Prep students. **There is no supervision or After School Care offered on this day.**

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**Performing Arts Dates for Your Diary**

**DECEMBER**

2 – Prep Celebration Assembly  
3 – Speech Day  
4 – Holidays begin

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**Triathlon Early in 2015**

The Elite Energy Triathlon to be held at Lake Canobolas on the 7th February 2015.  
There will be Kids events - Miniman triathlon age 7-11 plus Juniors ages 12-13, 14-15 and 16-19  
There will be Adults races and teams events also. Fun run too.  
The first 50 kids from Orange to enter a triathlon will receive $20 off their entry fee (to be refunded on race day).  
When an adult enters the sprint triathlon or the enticer triathlon, you will get a miniman entry for free. Entry online only. For more details go to http://www.eliteenergy.com.au/orange

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**Armidale Rugby Carnival**

**Rugby**

Over the last 10 years we have taken our 12 years Rugby team to Armidale for the TAS Rugby Carnival. We have certainly enjoyed our time at the School but due to a number of circumstances, including our commitment to the Sydney competition, we will not be attending in 2015.  
So the boys have a few games before the season we are currently in contact with some schools to visit Orange on the last weekend of the Easter break (18 & 19 April) to have our own carnival and enjoy the hospitality that only Orange can give!  
Details are still being discussed but we hope to have 5 or 6 schools attend to enjoy the weekend. Early in 2015 we will be in a position to give all the necessary information.  
**Rob McLean**
KWS LATEST NEWS!

Artists' hard work rewarded
Talented Visual Arts students Eleanor Buckley and Nicola Harvey have been rewarded for their tireless commitment to their art-making practice by being shortlisted for the prestigious ARTEXPRESS......▶ read full article

Dream come true for textile artist
Seated in the audience at a ballet concert in 2013, KWS student Emma Rutherford was inspired to create a work of art that has since landed her a spot in the prestigious 2014 Texstyle......▶ read full article

Year 9 Quad crew blitzes field at regatta
The KWS Rowing Club’s female crews have enjoyed their most successful Loreto Kirribilli Regatta ‘by far’, winning 15 races, coming second in nine and third in six, as well as coming......▶ read full article

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