Alcohol use and underage drinking

I am writing to seek your support on the dangers of underage drinking.

Research shows that teenage alcohol use is beginning at a younger age and at riskier levels. The average Australian starts drinking alcohol at 15.5 years and more than a quarter of our 14 – 19 year olds are putting themselves at risk of harm at least once a month from excessive underage drinking. All the latest research tells us how important it is to delay the age at which they first take a drink and the advice is that teenage alcohol use should be avoided at all costs.

As a parent the best thing you can do to educate your children about the dangers of alcohol is to ensure they delay drinking alcohol as long as possible, until at least the age of 18 which is within the legal drinking laws of Australia.
The difficulty that we face as a school is that no two families have the same rules and boundaries for their children for dealing with the issues of alcohol and teenage drinking. Some families will change their point of view regarding alcohol with each child that goes through adolescence.

I want to make it clear that the rules and boundaries as parents that you decide to set are your business. However, whatever your decision, you need to make it on an informed basis not in reaction to pressure from your child, their friends or their friends’ parents.

I strongly suggest that you share your views on alcohol with others. If you do not want your child to drink alcohol at parties make sure the hosts have a clear understanding of your stand on this issue. Let other parents know why it is important for you to take this stand while respecting the rules and boundaries that they choose to set for their own children.

The most important aspect of this letter is to let you know that parents can be prosecuted for holding underage parties involving alcohol. The law in NSW is very clear on stating that a person must not supply liquor to a minor on any premises unless the person is a parent or guardian of the minor. This means that should you be hosting a party at your place and alcohol is consumed by minors then you may be prosecuted.

As you have seen in the news over the last 3 months, alcohol and its link to violence and/or other risk taking behaviour is of great concern to the wider community. I seek your support as a member of our KWS School Community to ensure that our students are well looked after and not at threat through alcohol use or abuse when parties are held.

Later this year, with the assistance of the Parents and Friends, the school will be hosting “Safe Partying” sessions for parents to participate. In the meantime please discuss this important issue with your children while realising that it is OK to hold a very firm line on restricting alcohol for minors.

Mr Robert Buntine

It is with a great deal of sadness that the Kinross Wolaroi School family mourns the loss of the sixth Headmaster of Wolaroi College, Mr Robert Buntine, who passed away last weekend.

Mr Buntine became Headmaster of Wolaroi in the third term of 1973, and served in this role for one more year in 1974. This was at a time just before the amalgamation of Wolaroi College and PLC Orange (Kinross). Mr Buntine made vital contributions to the school during this time of expansion, progress and tumult as two schools became one with Kinross Wolaroi School forming in 1975. When the announcement was made Mr Buntine was quoted as saying:

“What was sought was a union of two schools to make one viable, Independent Church School. This has been achieved and I am sure the
new school (KWS) will prosper and become a leader throughout Australia." This was a visionary statement given at the time Wolaroi had fewer than 200 students with 27 girls in total.

On speaking of his time as Headmaster of Wolaroi, Mr Buntine said: “There was tremendous warmth and vigour among the staff, a kind of volcanic pressure which expressed itself as co-curricular activities of a variety quite extraordinary. The lasting impression I have is not so much of the material things ... it is of the people. The hearts of those who made up the Wolaroi family glowed warmly. One is proud to have known them.”

At this sad time we thank Mr Buntine for his contribution to Wolaroi and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Brian J Kennelly
Principal

From the Head of Prep

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who donated money for the Relay for Life last Friday. The thunderstorms arrived at the end of lunch preventing the actual relay but the Peer Support activities were still held in the classroom. From Pre-Prep to Year 6 a total of $1427.00 was raised to aid Cancer research.

At Assembly this week Mrs Lyn Cantwell from the Orange Health Service gratefully received a cheque for $770.56 from Ailish and Alanah Seedsman and Alice Scholte money raised from busking during the Christmas break. Well done girls.

We wish our HICES Swimming team all the best as they compete at the carnival at Homebush this week.

Music plays an important role in our School. Whether children are in their first term of learning or a leader of our ensembles there is scope for progress. To aid the Music Program the students in the Prep Strings, Junior Concert Band and Intermediate Band will be involved in Tutorials next Tuesday and Wednesday. We wish them every success and look forward to the concert on Wednesday afternoon.

Enjoy your week.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

Assembly Awards

Merit Awards

**Courtesy Points**

**Showing Compassion:** Ella Worsley, Catarina Taragel, Lila Tyrrell.

**Helping Others:** Hannah Jones, Hannah Goodsir, Alex French. **Lovely Manners:** James McRae, Matthew Roper, Lachlan Knight, Joshua Wheeler, Zac Shannon, Olivia Volkmofsky, Amelia Hill, Will Steventon, Lolli-Rose Pasquali, Campbell Miller, Harry Munro, Peter Arantz, Lazo Jalal, Blake Jones, Jackson Essex, Nick de Bruyn, Stanley Zhang, Emma Choi, Ziggy Jackson-Le Couteur, Lizzie Kwa, Keisha Dowsett, Jameson Tyrell, Emily McLachlan, Sarah Davies, Lachlan Roberts. **Cheery Greetings:** Olivia Wilson, Olivia Lee, Maddie Sinclair, Josh Dominello, Crystelle Gooege, Harry Robins, Catriona Denholm, Lachlan Priest. **Peer Support:** Gabi Gerber, Jock Litchfield, Bonnie McPhee.

**Citizenship Points**

**Co-Operation and Helpfulness:** Lucy Reidy, Katie Budden, Logan Usher, Kaitlin Smith, Daniel Lord, Grace Hansen, Georgia Miller, Joshua de Bruyn, Olivier Smith, Isaac de Bruyn, Cameron Nash, Andrew May, William Knight, Sara Gerber, Angus Pengilly, Charlie Hansen, Annalise Emmi, Kate Murray, Emily Abiassaf, Joey Jones, Remy Niven, Logan Usher, Will Rouse, Meyhar Chawla, Harry Macdougal, Grace McRae, Jack Wakem, Jeremy L'Estrange, Alanah Seedsman, Owen Bloomfield. **Immaculate Uniform:** Nicholas Wood.

Work Ethic: Grace McBeath.

Class Pizzas from Dominos

KK will enjoy a pizza lunch this Friday in recognition of being the class to donate the most bottles and jars to the bottle stall.

I would like to acknowledge Domino’s Pizza for donating the pizzas and supporting the Kinross Wolaroi School fundraising effort. I would ask that we all remember the businesses that support our School.

P&F News

AGM – Wednesday 12th March

Reminder that the AGM is on this week, Wednesday 12th March at 7.30pm (please note that the date was incorrect on the agenda that has been distributed). We will start with the general meeting and then head into the AGM. Please come along – you won’t be badgered into a job!

There is also the option for teleconferencing in for people who live out of town and boarder parents. Dial in phone number and guest pin is on the agenda which can be found on the KWS website: http://www.kws.nsw.edu.au/FF_PFAssco

The agenda is on the website and has also been emailed to parents that have opted onto the P&F database.

Meeting by Teleconference

To join the teleconference:

National Toll Free number: 1800 857 029
On request, enter the Guest access code.
The guest access code is: 19137159#.

Opting onto the P&F database

Parents that would like to directly receive P&F meeting agendas, minutes of the meetings and other information we might send out, please provide Jean Welsh, P&F Secretary, with your email address.

Jean’s email is jwpnfsecretary2013@gmail.com.

Have you changed your email address recently? If so, could you update your contacts with Jean.

Office Bearers for 2014/15

Succession planning – I am happy to have another year as president (if no one else wants the job!), however it would be really valuable to have a succession plan for each of the executive positions. So if anyone is
a succession plan for each of the executive positions. So if anyone is interested/thinking about having a role on the P&F committee, it would be ideal to have a year to shadow a position to get a handle on what is involved. There is also the option in the constitution for 2 vice president positions so this could be formalised. Please have a think about it and contact me if you want to discuss it.

Treasurer and Canteen Treasurer

Sandra Jones has held the Treasurer role for 2 years (which is the designated timeframe for an executive position in our constitution) and the Canteen Treasurer role for a year. Sandra is retiring from these positions. Thanks very much to Sandra for taking on the role of Treasurer for both the P&F and the Canteen.

So we are seeking people to take on one (or both) of these positions. Nomination forms are available from Jean Welsh.

Could you please consider whether you would be able to take up a role on the executive of the P&F?

Please contact me if you would like to discuss the role. Sandra has kindly indicated that she is happy support the new Treasurer(s) in their transition into the role.

Kris Battye
President

P&F contacts

Kristine Battye, P&F President, 0418 787 364, kbattye@kbconsult.com.au
Richard Cheney, Vice President
Jean Welsh, P&F Secretary, 0427 669 323 jwpnfssecretary2013@gmail.com
Sandra Jones, Treasurer.

KWS Annual Dinner

The KWS Annual Dinner, supported by the KWS Ex-students' Association, will be held on Saturday Evening March 22nd, 2014 in the Derek Pigot Auditorium.

Tables of 10 will be just $600, or individual tickets for $70pp, including 4 course meal, pre-dinner drinks and a full evening of entertainment. Get a table of friends together and have a great night!

We encourage all members of the Past and Present School Family to support this fantastic evening by attending.

For more information, please call or email Director of Development Paul Tierney on 0419 411 274 or ptiernery@kws.nsw.edu.au. Please note that RSVPs are due by this Friday 14th March.
Experience Day

Experience Day is coming up again on Friday 21st March.

For more information please contact Mr Tierney by phoning 02 6392 0305 or email ptierney@kws.nsw.edu.au.

InTech Exhibition

The outstanding Major Projects from our 2013 Higher School Certificate Industrial Technology students will be on display in the Derek Pigot Auditorium for the InTech Exhibition later in the month.

Opening night will be on Friday 28 March 2014 from 7:30pm. The exhibition will be open on Saturday 29 March and Sunday 30 March from 10am-5pm.

We will even have a Lewis Hamilton Jr. 2008 Australian Formula One Grand Prix Car on display.
David De Bruyn

Friends of Music AGM

A warm invitation to the 2014 AGM is extended to all friends, family and folk interested in Music at Kinross Wolaroi.

The 2014 AGM will be held on Wednesday 26 March, 2014 at the Music Centre (adj. Allenby rd gate) at 7pm.

All nominations for executive positions with FOM may be forwarded to Mrs Rebecca Choi, Secretary to the Performing Arts department.

Jane Silvester
Acting Secretary
Friends of Music

Performing Arts Press

In Performing Arts Press this week: Junior Concert Band rehearsal time change; Kick Start Music Camp; Encore Excursion; Concerto Competition; Senior Music Camp.

Junior Concert Band – change to time to Thursday Afternoon Rehearsals

When we moved the rehearsal from Tuesday afternoon to Tuesday morning, it solved a problem for around 5 swimmers, but created a problem for another 2 students. We have therefore decided to move the rehearsal back to Thursday after school from 3:25 – 4:30pm AS OF WEEK 8 THIS TERM. This should mean that all students are able to be involved. Please note that you will need to pick up your child from the Prep Drop Off Zone by 4:40pm.

Kick Start Music Camp – Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 March Week 8

Parents of students in Intermediate Concert Band, Prep Strings and Junior Concert Band should have received a note regarding this in-house camp being held on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Please read the note carefully as there are different arrangements for
Junior Concert Band. The bowling activity will run from 3-4pm on the Tuesday afternoon so please return the permission slips as soon as possible. Students are permitted to wear mufti to school on the Wednesday so they will only need one change of clothes for Sport that afternoon.

**Encore Excursion**

Students in Elective Music have been invited to attend the excursion to Sydney on Monday and Tuesday, 24-25 March, to see the Board of Studies presentation of the elite musicians from the 2013 HSC. Some students are unable to attend so we are opening the excursion up to Year 8 and 9. Please see Mrs Alloway if you would like to attend.

**Concerto Competition**

Our Concerto Competition will be held in Room 68 next Thursday 20 March. There will be a panel of 3 adjudicators: Mr Graham Sattler (vocal/brass), Mr Andrew Callaghan (strings) and Mrs Cassandra Bennett (woodwind). Mrs Stevens will be accompanying our students. Please see Miss Anthony in the Music Centre to confirm your repertoire choices and length of performance this week.

**Senior Music Camp – Week 11**

The letter and permission slip for our major music camp in Week 11 will be in the mail this week. Please return the permission slip as soon as possible.

May you have a wonderful week.

Anneliese Alloway  
Head of Performing Arts

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**Performing Arts Dates for your Diary**

**March**

13 – Athletics Carnival  
20 – Concerto Competition  
18 – KICKSTART Music Camp Period 3 to 4:30pm  
19 – KICKSTART Music Camp Period 3 onwards, Concert in PT at 2:30pm  
24-25 – Encore Music Excursion

**April**

7 – Senior Music Camp (KWS)  
8 – 10 – Senior Music Camp at Warrambui  
11 – Senior Music Camp (KWS)  
12 – Holidays begin  
18 – Good Friday  
21 – Easter Monday  
29 – Term 2 begins

**May**
June

2 – Return from Combined Schools Festival
6 – Secondary Pupil Free Day
9 – Queen’s Birthday Holiday
10 – Prep Music Concert, 5:30pm, DPA
13 – Cadet Farewell Parade and Dinner
19 – Performing Arts Festival, 7:00pm, DPA
21 – Holidays begin

July

7 - 11 – Musical Camp (KWS)
14 – 16 - Musical rehearsals
15 – Term 3 begins
17 – 19 – Musical performances
28 – AMEB Practical Examinations commence

August

4-10 – Orange Eisteddfod Speech and Drama days at OFC
8 – Secondary House Spectacular
11-22 – Orange Eisteddfod Vocal and Instrumental days at OFC
14-15 - Orange Eisteddfod Choir days at OFC
15 – AMEB Practical Examinations conclude
16-17 Orange Eisteddfod Vocal days at OCT
17 - Orange Eisteddfod String Evening at ORC
18-30 – HSC Drama Performance Examinations
19 - 20 – AMEB Written Examinations
20 - Orange Eisteddfod Band Day at OFC
24 – HSC Composition Recording Day
25 - Orange Eisteddfod Dance days begin at OCT
29-31 - Orange Eisteddfod Dance Groups at OCT

September

1 - 2 – HSC Recital evenings
1 – 12 – HSC Performance Examinations
7- Orange Eisteddfod Dance days conclude
12 – Co-curricular Music Afternoon Tea
18 – Year 12 Farewell and Blessing
19 – Year 12 Graduation
20 – Holidays begin

October

7 – Term 4 begins
13 - 15 – Senior Music Camp (KWS)
31 – Grandparents Day

November
1 – Preparatory School Open Day (am)
1 – KWS Celebrates Music (TBC)
13 – Student Music Concert, 5:30pm, Performance Theatre

December

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

Anneliese Alloway
Head of Performing Arts

Sports News

Summer Sport changes next week

This is the last week for Try Sports, Basketball and Tennis. Next week, all students in years 3-6 will commence trials for the field events in preparation for the Athletics Carnival (week 10, Friday 4 April). Students in the U12 cricket team are invited to attend Monday sessions with “make up” times being made for the Wednesday athletics sessions. Cricketers are still to attend their training sessions on Wednesday afternoons.

A timetable will be placed on the sports noticeboard detailing the events each age group will be involved with per Monday / Wednesday training session. Trainings will continue to be 3.30pm until 5.00pm.

Sport Team of the Week

Congratulations to the U12 Cricket team on their nomination for sport team of the week.

Winter Sport selection K-6 general information

All the Winter Sport permission notes should have been returned. The process of sorting out teams and numbers has begun. Information will be forwarded to parents once finalisations have occurred.

*Please note:* Coach / teacher allocation will be prioritised to the Year 3 - Year 6 teams for the KWS compulsory sport program. This means parental help will be needed to run many of the K-2 teams for the 2014 season. Especially with the Kinder and Year 1 football (soccer) teams as these are small sided teams ie 4-6 players.

Sport Information

Orange Representative Selection Cricket trials for next season

**Monday 17th and Monday 24th March 2014** -  **Time From 5.00pm to 6.30pm.** More information below

**Under 12’s** – Trials will be held at the new KWS nets located near the lower turf field at Kinross. The selectors will be Stuart Middleton, Frank Weymouth and Nick Cooper. In this age group only, players will be
In this age group only, players will be invited to trial and those selected players will be advised in the next couple of weeks. Players will need to play in an ODJCA/ODCA competition next season.

**Under 14’s** – Trials will be held at Perry Oval nets. The Selectors will be Scott Larsen, Luke Bingham and Matt Winslade. All age eligible players who will play in an ODJCA or ODCA competition next season are invited to trial.

**Under 16’s** – Trials will be held at Riawena Oval. The selectors will be Steve Ryan, Gerard Hannelly and Dave Cumming. All age eligible players who will play in an ODJCA or ODCA competition next season are invited to trial.

**Age requirements** – Boys must be under the age as at 31 August 2014, Girls have a two year exemption (i.e. – must be under the age as at 31 August 2012)

**Other requirements** – Rep players must commit to the entire representative season including games and training. Unless your team finds a sleeve sponsor, each player in that team will be levied a $40 fee to assist the ODJCA meet the large costs involved in participating in Mitchell games. It is expected that all boys trialling will have their own gear on the days – please also bring a good condition used ball if possible. In particular, if you are looking to trial as the wicketkeeper, the relevant gear will be required for that player to be considered.

We remind parents and players that only 12 players in each team are selected initially. There is usually a good chance that other players are required through the season, but because of the difficulty in ensuring all players an equal opportunity in these very competitive games, the 13th and 14th players will not be named after trials. The selection process is difficult, so we would appreciate parents not approaching the selectors on the trial days. In all grades, it is very likely that a much smaller number of players will be invited back for the second trial day so that the selectors can have a closer look at each person. Following the naming of the teams, the head selectors, namely the ODJCA executive, will be happy to talk to any player or parent and give feedback.

Mrs Louise Barrett
KWS Prep Sport & PE Co-ordinator

**Rugby News**

Rugby 9’s and 11’s

Thank you to all the boys who have elected to play Rugby in the Gala Days.

In the U11’s we have:

Mr Toby Hazelton, Mr Wayne Harris and Mr Ross Pearce who form a
Mr Toby Hazelton, Mr Wayne Harris and Mr Ross Pearce who form a formidable trio.

However we are in need of some dads (or mums) who can assist with the 9 Years age group. If, like the 11’s we can have 3 it certainly shares the load.

If you are interested please contact me at school on 63920316.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

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Netball From Mrs King

1) Netball registration forms due back ASAP!

2) Netball Trials Year 5 and 6 this Wed 12 March at lunch in the gym bring lunch and joggers.

3) Prep Calcutta will now run at the Athletics Carnival 2.30-3.00 pm Friday 4 April 2014.

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Sport Report

12’s Cricket – This season we have enjoyed great games against Cavaliers. Last Saturday was no exception with a closely fought 7 run win. Batting was difficult with tight bowling and a wet outfield but we managed 82 runs with significant contributions from George Cumming (19) and Harry May (11). The running between wickets from our late order was excellent and proved the difference. The first session of bowling and fielding was outstanding probably our best session this season. After drinks Cavaliers scored freely but some tight bowling at the end ensured a win. A great win team. Mr McLean

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Lost & Found

Lost

One pair of Tortoise shell frame glasses. They were lost in the Gym change rooms last Wednesday before rowing.

Please hand in to the front office, Sophie Allen Yr 9 or Mrs Hill.

Michelle Hill

Lost

Nicholas de Bruyn has lost a sports top. Probably a size 10. Labelled ‘de Bruyn’. Please return to the office or Nicholas if found.

David de Bruyn
Brave shavers raise more than $17,000

The Kinross Wolaroi Shavers have blitzed their World’s Greatest Shave target, raising more than twice their $8000 goal. Putting generosity way ahead of personal vanity, the team went under the......

Record-breaking relay effort

KWS families, students and our own official school team ‘The Muskateers’ were part of a record roll-up at the 2014 Orange Relay for Life. This year’s Cancer Council fundraiser was......

KWS claims Head of the River title

The KWS boys have taken out the prestigious NSW Schoolboys’ Head of the River Regatta, winning the Points Score by an incredible margin of 49 points above second-placed Canberra Grammar......