Principal

Experience Day

This Friday we welcome 20 new families to the school. The aim of this is to enable possible future students and parents to gain a better understanding of KWS. We firmly believe that future students gain a much better understanding of KWS through experiencing the school on a ‘normal’ school day by attending classes, interacting with current students and witnessing firsthand some of the offerings available. Equally parents have the opportunity to be shown around the school by current students and to ask questions of them while also meeting with key staff all of which will assist in providing a more in depth view of the school.

Making an assessment of a school based on National tests or figures on the MySchool websites does not provide an overview of the programs schools offer. In addition the school ethos or culture has a significant impact on student involvement, interaction and achievement and should not be assessed by a visit to a website.

Our advice to parents considering where to educate their children is to look beyond the numbers on the My School site. It is important to get a good fit between the child and the school and a simple number will not give parents that information. Visiting the school, talking with the Principal, teachers and current students are all useful ways to gain an
Brian Kennelly
Principal

The weeks are flying past and Camps Week is coming much closer. If you know that you have not sent in permission or medical information for these yet, please see to this as a matter of urgency. That week is a busy and complex one to organise and manage so timely information is really important so that we can make adequate provision for all students.

A wonderful Athletics Carnival took place on Thursday of last week. We were all very impressed by the level of enthusiasm and participation on the part of students and the beautiful weather helped us all enjoy the day. Tutor House Captains are to be commended for helping younger students in their House be in the right place at the right time to ensure smooth running of the program. Many students who took part in events they had never tried before were pleasantly surprised by their results so I urge them to take this approach into the classroom too! Who knows what they may achieve?

I seek parent support in relation to uniform matters; at this time of term it easy for standards to slip. I have recently confiscated a lot of jewellery from girls and am seeking support from other staff and parents in this area. Please do not permit your daughter to have piercings in her nose or upper ear – this can wait till she has finished school.

Finally, I would like to pass on my thanks and congratulations to the team of students who took part in the Shave for a Cure. This mammoth effort saw over $18 000 raised for what has become a kind of ‘pet cause’ for the students of KWS. Having a brave staff member be part of this year’s efforts also raised awareness. I am grateful to the whole school community for their generosity and seek your support for our next fundraising event on Friday 21 March, the open-air movie night to be held on the main oval. Students have worked really hard to make the event a success so the support of our wider school community is really valuable.

Bev West
Head of Senior School

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NEXT WEEK

Wednesday, 19 March
P/T Interviews Year 7-12, 4-8pm
Kickstart Music Camp

Thursday, 20 March
Concerto Competition

Friday, 21 March
Experience Day
KWS Championship Swimming Carnival

Saturday, 22 March
Blayney Cattle Show
Ex-Students Alumni Dinner

Monday, 24 March
Week 9A
Australian National Rowing Regatta (Penrith)
Student Encore Concert (Sydney)
AICES U16 Girls Hockey

Tuesday, 25 March
Australian National Rowing Regatta (Penrith)
Student Encore Concert (Sydney)
Harmony Day
P/T Interviews Year 7-12, 4-8pm
> Go to School Calendar

Principal, teachers and current students are all useful ways to gain an insight into whether a school is the best choice to meet the unique needs and interests of their child.

This is why our experience days are so important in assisting new families to learn more about KWS.

Brian Kennelly
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Learning Matters

Cross Curricular Literacy Coordinator

It is my pleasure to welcome to our department the newly appointed Cross Curricular Literacy Coordinator, Antonia Suthers. Antonia is highly qualified, experienced educator who is passionate about literacy development within schools. This position is the result of the school’s recognition to foster good communication and writing skills within our students in a more coordinated approach.

We have recognised targeted areas and look to develop a whole school approach to literacy in the follow ways:

· embedding explicit literacy skills and strategies across all subject areas
· implementing effective diagnostic programs to better identify individual learning needs
· strategies to fulfil the requirements of the General Capability of literacy in the National Curriculum
· providing an enriching literacy culture through various competitions and awards
· mapping out pathways for a systematic approach to literacy development
· embedding ICT within literacy programs and much more.

We are excited to be focusing on literacy and learning this year. Students will be encouraged to review the way they write, speak and listen in class. We also ask parents to continue to keep literacy development of their child in the forefront of their academic program.

KWS Writers’ Club

“There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story in you.” Maya Angelou

Do you have an untold story? Or would you simply like to get better at writing? Perhaps you would like a chance to get published!

If your answer to any of these questions is ‘yes’, then you should join the new KWS Writers’ club! There are two writing competitions that we would like to be part of and are seeking committed and passionate writers to join us. The competitions are the Sydney Writers’ Festival WriteNow Competition and the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. If you are interested you must attend a meeting in Room 25 (Bennett Building) on Wednesday 19th March at lunch time. See Mrs Suthers in Student Academic Services for more information.

Yooie Choi

Head of Student Academic Services

Experience Day

Experience Day is coming up again this Friday 21st March.
For more information about Experience Day please contact Mr Tierney by phoning 02 6392 0305 or email ptierney@kws.nsw.edu.au.

Paul Tierney
Director of Development

**Parent / Teacher Interviews**

**Parent / Teacher Interviews Terms 1 & 2, 2014**

You will now have received your Login and PIN in the mail and access to the PTO service for bookings is open now.

2. Click on ‘Family & Friends’
3. Under ‘Quicklinks’, click on ‘Parent-Teacher Online’
4. Enter your LOGIN and PIN

Parent Teacher Interview times and dates for Terms 1 & 2 are as follows:

- **Wednesday 19 March** (Day students & Boarders): 4.00-8.00pm
- **Tuesday 25 March** (Day students & Boarders): 4.00-8.00pm
- **Monday 28 April** (Boarders only): 1.30-7pm

Interviews are held in the Anderson Centre and refreshments are provided.

If you have not received login details please call 6392 0302.

Cate Aitken
Acting Assistant to the Head of Senior School

**KWS Cricket Presentation & Game Day**

**The KWS Cricket Club Presentation & Game Day will be on March 29, 2014.**

Presentations will be in the Staff Common Room.

**BBQ Lunch (on Main)**: From 12noon.

**Junior Presentations**: 12.30pm.

**Games Begin**: 1.30pm.

**Senior Presentations**: 5.00pm.
For further information contact Mr. Hull.

Geoff Hull
MIC Cricket

**Junior Chess Tournament**

**School Holiday Junior Chess Tournament in Orange.**

**Where:**
St Barnabas Anglican Church Parish Hall
Corner Dora and McLachlan Streets
East Orange

**When:**
Thursday 24th April 2014

**Time:**
9:45 am to 3:30 pm

**Entry Fee:**
$10  ($5 for additional family member)

**Prizes:**
Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Under 18 and Under 12

**Registrations:**
Register by 22nd April 2014 latest by contacting the Junior Chess Coordinator:
Alexander Aich
Phone 02 6884 4561
alexander.aich@gmail.com
What to bring:
Your own lunch (soft drinks and bottled water for sale).

You don’t have to be good, this is a fun tournament. But a knowledge of the rules is required. The games will be timed with chess clocks. Don’t worry if you have never played with clocks. You’ll be told how they work. The results will be sent to the NSW Junior Chess League for ratings.

Roz Crossing

Staff News

Acting Head of Mathematics

I wish to advise that Kathryn Northam will be the Acting Head of Mathematics in Term 2 while our current Head of Maths, Michelle Hill, takes Long Service Leave.

Kathryn is the current 2IC of Mathematics and we wish her all the best as she takes on this additional responsibility of leading the faculty in Michelle’s absence.

I am also grateful to Sue Barry for her willingness to take on extra teaching during Term 2. We are fortunate to have someone with Sue’s expertise and experience to cover Michelle’s classes.

Brian Kennelly
Principal

KWS Twitter - 'KWSalerts'

Kinross Wolaroi School has its own Twitter feed. You will notice on the Family and Friends page of the KWS website that a 'Follow KWS on Twitter' icon exists, allowing all members of the school family to take advantage of this service.

The Twitter account to follow is called '@kwsalerts', and will feature important (and brief) instant information on areas such as sporting cancellations, excursion updates, and achievements.

This Twitter feed is a work in progress but works well, particularly for sporting and weather news. You do not need to have a Twitter account to see these alerts on the KWS website, so if sport is cancelled for example, you can read this directly from our website. To join Twitter with your own account, click on the 'Follow KWS on Twitter' icon and then setup your own Twitter account (students and your children may be of a great help here).

For those of you with Twitter access on your mobile phones, you can follow the @kwsalerts directly on your mobile, which is very handy to
have the alerts appear as a mobile message on those rainy and snowy Saturday mornings when sport is off.

Paul Tierney

Canteen Roster

The Canteen Roster for the 19th March through to the 11th April is below.

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Justine Peters
KWS Canteen Manager
Phone: 02 6392 0387

Performing Arts Press

In the Performing Arts Press this week: Anzac Day Marching Band; Stage Band; Encore Excursion; Concerto Competition; Senior Music Camp.

Marching Band – ANZAC DAY

Please note that all members of Symphonic Wind Ensemble are required at school at 8:30am on ANZAC Day, despite the fact that it falls during the holidays this year. We will be marching as usual with the Cadets. A note will be sent home soon.

Stage Band

Please make sure you are at the Music Centre by 6:00pm this Saturday 22 March ready to move equipment to the DPA for your performance at the KWS Annual Dinner. Your performance and packing up should be finished by 7:30pm so please ensure you have a parent to collect you from the Music Centre at that time. Thank you in advance for performing at this event.

Encore Excursion

Students in Elective Music will be attending an 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. Please ensure that you pack clothes that are suitable for concert attendance at the Sydney Opera House.

Concerto Competition
Our Concerto Competition will be held in Room 68 tomorrow, Thursday 20 March. I look forward to announcing the each winner and runner up for the Junior and Senior Divisions next week.

**Senior Music Camp – Week 11**

The letter and permission slip for our major music camp in Week 11 was sent by email last week. Please contact Mrs Choi on 6392 0347 if you have not received the letter so we may send it to you via other means. 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**
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**
16 - Camerata Concert, 6:30pm, Chapel in DPA  
28 – Combined Schools Festival – travel to Forest Lake College, Queensland

**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 - 111 – Musical Camp (KWS)  
14 – 16 - Musical rehearsals  
15 – Term 3 begins
10 – 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

Friends of Music News

A warm invitation to the 2014 AGM is extended to all friends, family and folk interested in Music at Kinross Wolaroi School.
The 2014 AGM will be held on Wednesday 26 March, 2014 in 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 dept.

Jane Silvester
Acting Secretary
KWS Friends of Music

**Hockey Trials**

**Where:** Orange Hockey Centre.
**Dress:** KWS hockey uniform.
**Equipment:** Hockey stick, shin pads and mouth guard.

U13 Trials: No trials the girls will be divided into 2 mixed ability teams.

U15 Trials: Tuesday 18th March 3:45 – 5 pm and Thursday 20th March 3:45 – 5 pm

U18 Trials: No Trials- **U18A’s and B’s will be selected from the Opens trials and then a Yr 10 team and a Year 11 and 12 team.**

Open’s Trials: Saturday 22nd March 9am -11am and Thursday 27th March 3:35-5pm.

Michelle Hill
MIC Hockey

**Tennis News**

**Social Tennis**

The 2014 season of Social Tennis has drawn to a close with some excitingly tight matches in the finals. Congratulations to the students involved throughout the Term 4 2013 / Term 1 2014 season.

The players competed with enthusiasm and improved their skills each week. Many thanks to the staff who assisted me – Mrs Northam, Mrs Crossing and Mr Zola. Also, thank you to Chrissie at the Ex-Services Tennis Complex for her friendly support of the students.

Congratulations to the following students for their various awards (click on the image below to open a PDF version of the document):
This last weekend has seen the girls of the rowing team compete in what for many was their final regatta for the season. The girls rowed in the Rowing NSW Schoolgirl Head of the River Regatta on Sunday, at the Sydney International Regatta Centre at Penrith.

The Year 8 girls performed well in their heats of the Year 8 Coxed Quad Scull with 2 crews qualifying for the finals in divisions 1 and 2. In the finals the Kinross Wolaroi crew won a bronze medal for 3rd place in the third division and a produced a close 5th placing in the second division. In the first division final the Kinross Wolaroi crew rowed superbly to win a gold medal and become the first recipients of the Janet Freeman Trophy.

The Year 9 girls raced in the Year 9 Quad Scull races, and rowed well to progress to their finals in the first, second and third divisions. In the finals Kinross Wolaroi won a bronze medal for 3rd place in the third division race, but were unplaced in very strongly contested races in the first and second divisions.

In the Year 10 Quad Scull division two race, the Kinross Wolaroi crew rowed well for a 5th place, but their compatriots in division one rowed superbly to convincingly win the gold medal and the Margaret Varady Trophy in one of the most competitive events on the program. In the Year 10 Single Scull race Amy Suttor obtained a pleasing 5th place in a strong field.

In the Schoolgirl Double Scull event Meghan Forsyth and Elizabeth Bilton produced an excellent win in their heat and followed this up with a very good 2nd place and thus a silver medal in the final. In the last event of the day for the Kinross Wolaroi team the senior girls crew of Madeline Hawthorne, Meg Crouch, Georgina Uttley, Nicola Thomas and Siobahn Herbert produced an outstanding performance to win by a decisive margin, gaining another gold medal as well as the Union of Boat Race Officials Shield.
With the limitations imposed in this regatta of only one entry per girl, a requirement which greatly advantages the very large schools, the results were extremely pleasing. Kinross Wolaroi crews qualified for 11 finals (from 12 heats contested) in which they were able to win 3 gold medals, 1 silver medals and 2 bronze medals, equaling the best results the school has achieved at this difficult regatta since the rowing program began. In terms of gold medals achieved it was our best ever performance. In our previous 10 years of competition the girls have won a total of 2 of the major trophies from the event - in this one regatta Kinross Wolaroi won 3 of the major trophies!

The logistics of the day were again superbly supported by the parents of the Boat Club, helping in loading, unloading and towing the equipment down, feeding the rowers at the regatta, and supporting the running of the event.

Only those rowers who are competing at the National Regatta from the 23rd to the 30th March will be continuing to train over the next week before the majority of the team depart on Saturday for 8 days at the Nationals at Penrith again.

Bob Holmes
MIC Rowing

**Swim News**

**KWS HICES Swimming Team 2014**

An amazing result for Kinross, finishing 4th in Division 1 as well as winning the aggregate shield and qualifying 9 swimmers for HICES. Qualifiers below:

**4x50m 11-12 Years Relay**
Zac Lewis, Oliver McLaughlin, Jack Wakem, Jack Pengilly

Angus Pengilly: 8 Years 50m Freestyle

Oscar McLaughlin: 9 Years 50m Freestyle

Oliver McLaughlin: 11 Years 50m Freestyle; 11 Years 50m Breaststroke; 11 Years 50m Backstroke

Jack Pengilly: 12 Years 50m Freestyle; 12 Years 50m Breaststroke; 12 Years 50m Backstroke; 12 Years 50m Butterfly; Open 100m Freestyle.

Lucy Waddell: 8-10 Years 50m Breaststroke

Ziggy Jackson-LeCouteur: 8-10 Years 50m Breaststroke

Bailie-Rose Miller: 11 Years 50m Backstroke; 11 Years 50m Butterfly; res: 11 Years 50m Breaststroke

Jack Wakem: Res: 12 Years 50m Backstroke

**National Prep Meet 2014**

KWS Swimmers Maddie Griffiths and Josie Gillham swam at the
KWS Swimmers Maddie Griffiths and Josie Gillham swam at the National Prep Meet at the weekend in readiness for the 2014 Georgina Hope Swimmers Foundation Australian Age Championships Monday 14 - Monday 21 April 2014.

The competition was designed to give NSW Swimmers an opportunity to swim heats and finals at a high level meet prior to Nationals where NSW hopes to challenge Queensland in the overall points table.

Maddie Griffith ranked 6th fastest in the 400m Freestyle took Bronze in a best time and Silver in the 800m Freestyle where she was ranked fourth. Josie Gillham swam consolation finals in the 200 Freestyle and 50m Freestyle which she won in a new best time of 28.11.

Gary Hollywood
KWS Swim Coach
ghollywood@kws.nsw.edu.au

Basketball Report

KWS Bob Vs KWS Mustangs
Junior Boys Basketball Division 4 Semi-Final
11th March 2014

Both teams were a little surprised but excited to have made the semi-finals in Division 4. The boys have played one another lots of times during training and earlier rounds and know one another’s game pretty well. KWS Bob being mainly Yr8 boys, knew they had a hard job up against the Yr 9’s in Mustangs, but were determined to give it their best shot (pardon the pun!). The game was fast paced with the eagerness on both sides leading to lots of changes of possession and some really exciting passages of play. Mustangs led at the first break by 4 points but knew this lead would not be enough. They doubled their lead in the 2nd quarter, thanks to some great team work and shooting by Craig and Angus. Bob continued to work hard and came back time and time again, whenever the Mustangs eased off a little. As the boys became tired in the 3rd quarter, substitutions were vital in giving both teams fresh legs. Lachie Brunner was doing a great job as referee and the game was played in a competitive but friendly spirit. Bob were down by 12 points at the start of the final quarter but the boys never lost heart and kept the Mustangs honest right till the final whistle. Whilst the final score was 30 to 16 Mustangs’ way, the game seemed a lot closer than this. Congratulations to Bob players - Lachie, Doug and Cooper for scoring 2 baskets each and to Luke for scoring his first basket. Well done to all Bob players for making the semi-finals, up against older boys in most of the other teams. All Mustangs players contributed to their win, with Craig, Blake and Angus giving their all in attack, Oskar working the rebounds effectively, Theo and Paddy excelling in defence and Parham playing a vital link role. Thank you to the parents who have supported both teams through the competition.

Mrs Marshall & Miss Sampson
Cricket Reports

KWS Girls Vs SJS

The KWS girls played their last round on Saturday, although they will make an appearance in the finals. They bowled first and did a magnificent job to keep SJS to a score of 135 whilst taking 8 wickets in the process, including two run outs suggesting once more that the girls are really coming to terms with aggressive fielding. Lizzie Silvester bowled well once more following on from her purple patch last week, however she only managed to bag one wicket for her efforts to finish with 1/16 after 5. Lizzie’s economy when bowling is still second to none in the team. Jocelyn Date was back to her best this week taking 2 wickets to finish with 2/11 after her 5 overs, the best for the day. Zoe Watt took her first ever wicket and the celebration from the girls was fantastic. Alice Litchfield fired in a straight one to take out middle stump and Sarah Hagarty chimed in with a wicket as well. A guest appearance from the Hamilton twins in Year 7 was most welcome and Sophie bowled 4 excellent overs and managed to also bag a wicket.

Batting was still ok with our defensive work improving with every delivery. The girls still struggle to find runs, and are still tentative with calling but it should be noted that this innaugural season presented areas to work on and calling and running between wickets will be the focus for the next season. Alice Litchfield was the only batter to get the ball away for a quick fire 4 runs, although it was an unfortunate run out that cost the in form Jocelyn Date her wicket. The Hamilton twins, Sophie and Claudia batted very well showing grace and poise under some fast attack bowling but did not manage to get the ball off the square. It was good to see Sarah Hagarty finally break the duck and get a run, her first for the season but an important one.

In the end the girls lost to SJS but were able to put up a good morning’s cricket.

Leigh Morrisey

KWS U/14s Vs Milthorpe (Day Two)

Unfortunately no miracles eventuated on Saturday and we went down to defeat against Milthorpe who passed our total with 7 wickets and plenty of overs to spare.

Having said that, the boys deserve credit for the way they went about the business of defending a small target. There was some impressive bowling from Fletcher Rose, Lachlan Hunt, Monty Eccelston, Ed Dodds and Charlie Goodsell but the Milthorpe batsmen coped with the early loss of a wicket and battled their way to the finish line.

Thanks to the boys for a memorable season – we didn’t quite get there in the end but it was not for the want of trying and, most importantly, you played the game in the spirit that it should be played. Hopefully, you will use the off season to work on your fitness and improve your skills so you can go one better next year.
Thanks to Mr Rose for his help at training throughout the season as well as umpiring and scoring duties on Saturdays. Thanks also to Mr McIntyre and Mr Dodds for their help in this area.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank all parents and supporters for turning up to watch the boys play on Saturday mornings. This was much appreciated.

Bruce Kerridge

KWS LATEST NEWS!

Three gold, three trophies - a new record for Schoolgirl rowers

The KWS girls have enjoyed their best ever performance at the NSW Schoolgirls Head of the River Regatta, winning three gold medals. Our hard-working crews qualified for 11 finals from 12 heats......➤ read full article

Senior School Athletes show spirit

KWS athletes enjoyed a great day of sportsmanship and House spirit at the annual Senior School Athletics Carnival. Records tumbled and personal bests were achieved in what turned out to be a very......➤ read full article

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......➤ read full article

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