2014 Year 12 Parent and Student Survey

I take this opportunity to thank all the Year 12 Parents and Students for their participation in our recent survey. We have now received the compiled data and final report. Over the coming weeks, I will provide further information by summarising responses with an overview of the feedback we have received.

In all, 84 parents and 118 students completed the survey. This represents an excellent response rate of 64% for parents and 89% for students and is on the high side of MMG’s response rates from other schools.

The data we have received from the survey is extremely useful in continuing to seek improvements in all aspects of KWS. By using research based findings of the views, perceptions, expectations and satisfaction of Year 12 parents and students across all key areas of the School, this assists in planning for the new Strategic Directions. In addition the survey allows us to ‘benchmark’ tables and charts of Year 12 parent and student scores comparing KWS to other schools as well as a comparison to results from previous years.

As an example of the information contained in the survey it is clear of the importance and reliance of current Y12 parents as advocates of KWS now and into the future:
• 45% of parents noted they had another son/daughter at KWS
• 46% of parents noted they had a son/daughter who are alumnus of KWS
• 7% of parents noted they/their partner is an alumnus of KWS
• 6% of parents noted grandparents that were alumnus of KWS
• 20% of parents noted no prior connection with KWS

In summary, a significant response reflecting ‘Overall Satisfaction with the Education at KWS’ over 84% apportioned this as very high which is the highest category of overall level of satisfaction. Stay tuned for more data and feedback over the coming weeks.

Brian J Kennelly
Principal

Head of Senior School

This coming week is a big one for the Senior School. The two main special events will be the visit from the QANTAS Wallabies on Tuesday 5 August and The House Spectacular. Please see information elsewhere in the Family Bulletin for details of the Wallabies’ visit; traffic arrangements in particular should be carefully noted.

The House Spectacular is in the DPA Friday night 8 August 7.00-9.00pm. Rehearsals are happening now during Tutor and will also occur Monday 4th (McLachlan and Douglas); Tuesday 5th (Dean and Richards) Wednesday 6th (Gordon and Brown). These rehearsals happen from 6.00-9.00 pm. All normal sport and Cadet obligations must be met in House Spec week and students have been made very aware of that in both Assembly and through Tutor. I encourage you to come along on Friday evening for a wonderful and very enthusiastic night’s entertainment! It would be helpful if as many parents as possible could park in the Function Centre carpark to enable the buses carrying boarders best access. I thank parents for their tolerance and patience with rehearsal nights; because the Spectacular performances are run entirely by students, particularly Year 11s, things can get a little stressful at home, so we appreciate your understanding and support.

AMEB exams and the Orange and other local eisteddfods are occurring for many of our Music students and ensembles. I wish them all the best for their performances. Some members of Koristers will be performing with Opera Australia when they come to Orange to perform Mozart’s The Magic Flute on 12 August – this is a very exciting opportunity for them. Year 12 Music students are performing at Assembly this term in the lead-up to their HSC performance exams and we are all in awe of the varied and challenging repertoire they perform with such skill. The KWS Music program is dynamic and diverse and we are very proud of the

Thursday, 31 July

Year 12 Geography Productive Activity excursion

Friday, 1 August

HSC Textiles, VA and IT Display
Open Tour Day

Saturday, 2 August

Great Engineering Challenge
KWS vs St Greg’s (home) - Round 6 ISA
New House Dinner
Nyngan Ag Expo

Sunday, 3 August

Sunday Service (St John’s)

Monday, 4 August

Week 4B
New South Wales Bank Holiday
Northern Territory Picnic Day
Orange Eisteddfod - Speech & Drama begins
Yr 12 Advanced English Assessment (9:40am)
Yr 12 Chemistry Seminar (3:30pm)

Tuesday, 5 August

Yr 11 Biology excursion to Mt Tomah
Wallabies Visit - Training (3pm)
Wallabies Function (7pm)

IN THE MEDIA

Bone chalks up 50 games
28 July, 2014
Central Western Daily

School sets stage for valuable life lessons
28 July, 2014
Central Western Daily (Education Week)

Promising start for the Hockeyroos in Glasgow

Go to School Calendar
staff and students who add so much richness to our school throughout the year.

Have a wonderful week and see you at the House Spectacular!

Bev West
Head of Senior School

Boarders’ News

In Boarders’ News this week: Student Drivers and Passengers; Exchange students at KWS; Boarders Parents Committee; House Dinners.

Student Drivers and Passengers

I would like to remind Parents of Year 11 and 12 students about the School’s expectations for student drivers and passengers. To date, many Year 11 and 12 boarder parents have submitted their permission to drive, or be a passenger forms to the Principal’s PA, but there are also many who have not. Please be aware that your child will not be able to drive their car, take passengers or be a passenger unless these forms have been received.

If your child is the student driver they will not be permitted to have a passenger in the car unless you have given your approval. Likewise, the passenger will not be permitted to be in the car with your child as the student driver unless the passenger’s parents have also given their approval.

Each boarding house is regularly issued with updated copies of the approval summary document, to be consulted before any boarders are able to drive, take passengers, or be a passenger in a car driven by a day or boarding student. If there is no approval on the summary document, the arrangement will not be allowed by Boarding House staff and House Leaders.

If you require further information or need to access the Student Driver forms to complete for your child you can download the forms from the School website. The forms can be found on the website by following these Links: KWS Home Page – Family And Friends – Forms, Policies and Procedures – Senior School Specific – Student Driver Permission.

Exchange Students at KWS

This term we welcome six boarding exchange students to the KWS Boarding community and wish them well for their time at KWS.

From Strathallan School, Scotland we welcome Nicola Bell (Year 11 New House) and Nina Meams (Year 11 Loader House).

From Christchurch Girls’ High School, NZ we welcome Madaline Hutchinson and Annabel Bassett (both Year 9 and in Miller House).

From Timaru Boys’ High School, NZ we welcome Charlie Stock (Year 9
KWS Boarders Parents Committee

The next meeting of the KWS Boarders Parents Committee will take place on Saturday 16 August, at 4pm in the Staff Common Room. There are a number of House Dinners planned for this evening so many of you may be in Orange and able to attend. A copy of the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting have been emailed out to all parents. If you did not receive this email and would like a copy of the minutes emailed to you please contact Sally Rattray-Wood on 6392 0325.

House Dinners

Many of you will have received invitations to attend your child’s annual House Dinner this term. To assist our Boarding House Leaders with the planning for these functions, please note the RSVP dates, and ensure that you reply with plenty of time.

Alistair Miller
Director of Boarding

Year 12 University and Careers News

• Alison Farrar from Newcrest Mining has informed me that Cadia Valley Operations is offering two tertiary scholarships and one indigenous scholarship to students commencing university in 2015. The scholarships are open to any discipline and will provide $9,000 per year, for the duration of the degree. Applications are now open via www.cadiavalley.com.au/scholarships and will close on 31 August.

• Alana Chambers from St Andrew’s College at Sydney University has asked that the following info be passed on:
  “I am reaching out to schools to advise that we have up to $1 million available in scholarships, bursaries and prizes for students for 2015. This is more than doubling the amount available to students in previous years, and we’d like to ensure that your senior students are aware of these opportunities.
  Our Scholarships information can be found here: standrewscollege.edu.au/current-students/scholarships-and-prizes/
  Our Bursary Assistance information can be found here: standrewscollege.edu.au/current-students/bursary-assistance/
  Our means-tested bursary assistance include packages up to full fee relief, depending on need.
  We have also launched our St Andrew’s Scholars program. These merit-based scholarships will be awarded to five new students each year, and we are seeking young people with the capacity and commitment to realise their potential to become leaders in the university, the nation and the world. We are looking for the ‘best and brightest’ students in the country, who wish to study at a university in the Sydney metro area.
  More information is available here: standrewscollege.edu.au/st-andrews-scholars/”.
• The University of Sydney also offers some great scholarships to undergraduate students: sydney.edu.au/scholarships/ So... go for it!

• Next week on 6 August UAC online will open. This means the Early Entry applications will open on the same day. The universities offering early entry this year are ANU, CSU, La Trobe, Macquarie, Southern Cross, UC, UNE, UTS and UWS. All of these will be applied for through UAC online. UOW is also offering early entry, but it is done through their website, not through UAC.

• Come and see me if you are interested in an Apprenticeship as a Diesel Technician or a Traineeship as a Parts Interpreter in Agriculture. There is a thriving Warren farm machinery business looking for two keen school-leavers to take up these opportunities. They have sent through info on what each of these roles involves – let’s see if it sounds like you.

• A KWS ex-student who runs a local nannying and childcare agency is willing to come and talk to current students about training and job opportunities in this industry. Please let me know if you would be interested in having me set this up with her.

• The School of Mining Engineering at UNSW is hosting an Information Dinner on Friday August 8 at the Orange Ex-Services Club for high school students, their parents and teachers interested in learning more about studying Mining Engineering. The dinner is an opportunity for students to meet with current UNSW students and staff to increase their awareness of Australia’s minerals industry and its lucrative career opportunities. Space is limited and the RSVP date is Friday 25th July. See me for details if you would like to go.

• As usual, if you would like to follow up on any of the above or items from previous newsletters, please leave a message on 6392 0346, or students may come to the Careers Office, to get further details or pick up brochures.

Ms Spora
Acting Year 12 and Careers Adviser

Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis

National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis (NSDP)

Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls and 25 per thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve. Because in the early stage the condition is mostly without symptoms, screening in the age range 11-13 years is a sound preventive health measure. There is a self-detection brochure which can be downloaded from the Scoliosis Australia home page on their website. On the website you will also find comprehensive information and an online forum. The association offers a strong support base for adolescent patients with scoliosis and their parents. The website is www.scoliosis-australia.org.
Suicide Prevention Training

Wesley LifeForce suicide prevention training

Simple, effective interventions can make a real difference and save lives.

Thanks to the generous donation received from Orange Ex-Services’ Club Wesley LifeForce is able to deliver suicide prevention training to teachers and parents at your school.

Wesley LifeForce will be conducting this suicide prevention workshop at Orange Ex-Services’ Club, 231/243 Anson Street, Orange NSW 2800 on Wednesday 30th July (tonight) from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Supper and registrations will begin at 6:00pm. There is no charge to attend this workshop.

The training is open to participants aged over 18 years.

Please forward this information on to others you feel may benefit from attending the workshop.

Each participant will receive a certificate of attendance as well as support materials.

For more information call 1800 100 024 or email: lifeforce@wesleymission.org.au

The Wallabies will be training at KWS

The Wallabies will be here, training at KWS next Tuesday afternoon!

Tuesday August 5th is rapidly approaching – the day the Wallabies will train at KWS. The Wallabies Bledisloe Cup squad will be holding a training session on the KWS main oval commencing at 3pm, with all members of the Kinross Wolai School family encouraged to be a part of the event. Once the training session has concluded the players and coaching staff will be available for photographs and memorabilia signing, finishing at around 5pm. There will also be plenty of giveaways!

In the Senior School, recess and lunchtime next Tuesday will be shortened to allow the academic day to finish at 3pm, giving students the unique opportunity to partake in the viewing of our national rugby team ‘at work’. Please see the note from Mr McLean in the Prep Bulletin regarding Prep School procedures for the afternoon. If you are able to be at school on this afternoon it should be an amazing couple of hours. Wallabies management, FoxSports TV and other media will be present to see the Wallabies go through their paces. This will be a major event on the KWS calendar, requiring a few rearrangements of procedures for the afternoon. The session is open to the public, so many visitors from around Orange and beyond are expected to be present at KWS for this great event. All visitors to KWS
for the training event (including our own school family) will be required to park across the road at the Orange Function centre, as vehicle access to KWS will be closed for the entire afternoon.

A reminder to all students planning to watch the session next Tuesday that you should be dressed in full school uniform including blazer. Don’t forget to bring your camera or phone for photos, and your Wallabies jersey or rugby ball to get signed.

Please note that places were limited for the evening function and this is now completely sold out.

Paul Tierney

**Farewell Dinner for Joe Donnelly**

The Council and Principal of Kinross Wolaroi School invite you to attend a Farewell Dinner for The Bursar, Mr Joe Donnelly.

Sally Rattray-Wood
Experience Day

Experience Day is coming up again on Friday 5th September 2014. If you know of a family who are considering enrolment at KWS, please encourage them to consider attending our Experience Day.

Please click to open up a PDF version.

For more information about Experience Day please contact Michelle Pryse Jones by phoning 02 6392 0403 or email mprysejones@kws.nsw.edu.au.

Michelle Pryse Jones
Registrar

P&F News

Next Meeting, Wednesday July 30th at 7:30pm with Teleconference Option

The meeting will be held in the Videoconference Room. The VC room is on 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 now on the P&F section of the website: 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 table below). On request, enter the Guest access code. The guest access code is: 19137159#.

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This information is also on the KWS website, Family and Friends Section, P&F.

The teleconference call is billed to the P&F.

Kristine Battye President 0418 787 364
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Academic & Tutor House Points

Tutor House Points

Gordon:
Oliver Jones, Robbie Blatch, Lochlan Halloway.

Richards:
Courtney Currie.

Academic Excellence Points

Bella Hoyle-Davies - Year 7 - History
Eliza Gilbank-Heim - Year 9 - Commerce
Josie Gilham - Year 9 - Commerce
Zoe Ellis-Peck - Year 9 - Commerce
Laura Faulks - Year 11 - Ext English
Johanna Pelley - Year 11 - Ext English
Ma Hull - Year 11 - Ext English
Emily Wright - Year 11 - Ext English
Academic Achievement Points

Luca Wynn - Year 7 - Maths
Maddie Smith - Year 7 - History
Portia Hawke - Year 7 - History
Molly Knight-Hannan - Year 7 - Music
Scott Sullivan - Year 7 - Music
Ali Gee - Year 7 - Music
Charlie Blyde - Year 9 - Commerce
Lucy Wright - Year 9 - Commerce
Juliet Sharpe - Year 9 - Commerce
Molly Straney - Year 10 - English
Jennifer Kennett - Year 10 - English
Emma Haege - Year 10 - English
Tracey Kasjan - Year 10 - English
Charlotte Groves - Year 10 - English
Lilly Whittaker - Year 10 - Maths
Alice Faulks - Year 11 - Ext English
Georgie Nonnenmacher - Year 11 - Ext English
Bree Smith - Year 11 - Ext English
Belle Hazelton - Year 12 - Maths
Toby Polkinghorne - Year 12 - Maths
Nicholas Worrad - Year 12 - Maths
Bailey Hilder - Year 12 - Maths
Emma Harbison - Year 12 - Maths
Isabel Smart - Year 12 - Maths
Tamlyn Hearn - Year 12 - Maths
Brigitta Holland - Year 12 - Maths
Courtney Dutton - Year 12 - Maths
Arizona Savage - Year 12 - Maths
Belle Kerr - Year 12 - Maths
Nicola Thomas - Year 12 - Maths
John Thompson - Year 12 - Maths

Academic Effort Points

Flynn Bowyer - Year 7 - Music
Molly Knight-Hannan - Year 7 - Music
Casey van Elk - Year 7 - Music
Hamish Macdougal - Year 7 - Music
Scott Sullivan - Year 7 - Music
Jasper Mihalich - Year 7 - Music
James Murray - Year 7 - Music
Ethan Buesnel - Year 7 - Music
Charlie Harding - Year 7 - Maths
Hattie O'Brien - Year 7 - Maths
Euan Oliver - Year 7 - Maths
Charlie Edgely - Year 7 - Maths
Michael Gill - Year 7 - Maths
Tupou Faiva - Year 7 - Maths
Harry Thompson - Year 7 - Maths
Douglas Arthur - Year 8 - Maths
Saul Sullivan - Year 8 - Maths
Patrick Keirle - Year 8 - Maths
Ewan McGregor - Year 8 - Maths
Elizabeth Watt - Year 8 - Maths
James Moon - Year 8 - Maths
Milton Smith - Year 9 - Maths
Elijah Gilliott - Year 9 - Maths
Mia McCarren - Year 9 - Maths
Annaliese Stone - Year 9 - Maths
Chloe Wilson - Year 9 - Maths
Samuel McKillop - Year 9 - Maths
Kate Ryan - Year 9 - Maths
Olivia Mulholland - Year 9 - Maths
Daniel Simpson - Year 9 - Maths
Charlie Mitton - Year 9 - Maths
Barbara King-Christopher - Year 9 - Maths
Connor Mealing - Year 9 - Maths
Zoe Petraglia - Year 9 - Maths
Samuel Jeffrey - Year 9 - Maths
Eloise Cope - Year 9 - Maths
Sam Moon - Year 9 - Maths
Morgan Mahlo - Year 9 - Maths
James Elliott - Year 9 - Maths
Tom Hall - Year 9 - Maths
Hannah Engelhardt - Year 9 - Maths
Sebastian Samodol - Year 9 - Maths
Chelsea Shrimpton - Year 9 - Maths
Charlie Greer - Year 9 - Maths
India Connick - Year 9 - Maths
Katie Kildey - Year 9 - Maths
Rhett O'Connor - Year 9 - Maths
Cate Brien - Year 9 - Maths
Emma Petraglia - Year 9 - Maths
Charlotte Groves - Year 10 - Maths
Molly Plant - Year 10 - Maths
Matilda Starr - Year 10 - Maths
Hugh Britton - Year 10 - Maths
Lilly Murray - Year 10 - Maths
Milly Gell - Year 11 - Chemistry
Sophie Aylward - Year 11 - Maths
Megan Kirkness - Year 11 - Maths
Vasee Vyakumar - Year 11 - Maths
Ruby Byrnes - Year 11 - Maths
Molly Hansen - Year 11 - Maths
AMEB Practical Exam Dates

Below is a list of all AMEB Prac Exams scheduled to take place at the Wolaroi site.

Please note the following:

• All exams will take place in Room 66.
• On Sat 9 August, there will be three exam sites – Room 66, 68 and the Performance Theatre.
• If there are any students not sitting their exams, please advise me.
• I will put the schedule up each day on the door of Room 66 with signage in the Music Centre.

Click on table above to open up PDF version.

Rebecca Choi

ICAS Science Competition
In Week 6 of last term most students from Years 7 to 10 and selected students from Year 11 sat the ICAS Science Competition.

This is a national competition run by the University of NSW that examines science skills and scientific literacy skills.

Of the 476 participants; KWS was awarded 4 High Distinctions, 38 Distinctions, 94 Credits and 46 Merits.

The Following students were awarded High Distinctions (top 1% of Australia) and Distinctions (top 10% of Australia)

**High Distinctions**

Alexandra Butcherine (9)
Trent Russell (9)
Alexander Mirrington (10)
Samual Vial (10)

**Distinctions**

Ethan Buesnel (7)
Rachel Chamberlain (7)
Molly Harris (7)
Olivia L Estrange (7)
Olivia Small (7)
Greta Ward (7)
Noah Whiteley (7)
Amy Button (8)
Lachlan Cisco (8)
Rex Crisp (8)
Maggie Noonan (8)
Matthew Staniforth (8)
Lucy Arundell (9)
Maxwell Eastwood (9)
Eliza Gilbank-Heim (9)
Tobias Mathers (9)
William Prince (9)
Amelia Rawson (9)
Pru Schiffmann (9)
Will Stanley-Davies (9)
Jack Willis (9)
Connor Whitely (9)
Travis Bell (10)
Rebecca Crisp (10)
Gemma L’Estrange (10)
Jack Ridley (10)
Sebastian Smith (10)
Matilda Starr (10)
Dylan Swain (10)
Ben Utley (10)
Olivia Wass (10)
Lillian Whittaker (10)
Each student who participated will be presented with a certificate, a letter detailing their result and a copy of the question paper.

You are encouraged to spend time going through the letter with your child.

It gives feedback on their strengths and/or weaknesses with respect to various skills within Science.

John Catterson

Rowing Program Recruitment

Rowing Program Recruitment - Year 9 & 10 Entry

The rowing program is currently looking to recruit a handful of Year 9 and 10 students for a late entry into the rowing program. Last season there were a number of rowers who achieved success at the National rowing championships after only being involved in the rowing program for a short period of time. While our preferred entry into the rowing program is via the Year 7 program, we understand that a number of students do not take up the sport in Year 7 for various reasons. The rowers we are looking for in Year 9 & 10 should have the following characteristics: above average height and strength and a willingness to be involved in challenging yet enjoyable physical training. The KWS Rowing program has an outstanding track record of success and we would like to offer students the opportunity to participate in the program who may have thought they had missed out on their chance. For more information about the program and the entry requirements, please contact Richard Roach on 0402 417 253 or via email rroach@kws.nsw.edu.au or drop into the PE office on Tuesday / Thursday lunchtimes.

Richard Roach
Director of Rowing

Hockeyroo Edwina Bone conquers Scotland

Following on from her starring roles for the Hockeyroos at the recent World Cup, KWS ex-student Edwina Bone ('06) has a couple of photos that will go ‘straight to the pool room’ when she returns from the Commonwealth Games. Edwina recently played her 50th match in the green and gold in Scotland, and brushed shoulders twice with royalty, meeting both the Queen and Prince Harry in her travels. She was also interviewed on ‘the couch’ on the Ten Network following the match against Scotland. Edwina is playing amazing hockey as well, demonstrating her brilliant skills and talents as a member of one of the world’s best teams. Go Edwina!
KWS had a major round of netball this week, with the weekend comp, the Marianne Murphy shield and the play off against the visiting English school, Kings.
school, Kings. Unsure about what they were up against, KWS 1sts and 2nds prepared themselves the best they could for the match against the Kings school. It was great experience for KWS to see a different approach to the game in this friendly match, and provided the whole 1st/2nd squad with good training. Both teams were successful in securing a win on the day; however, it was clear all sides thoroughly enjoyed the matches despite a few injuries. The after-match celebration was a fun experience for the girls as they met the visiting English players.

Maddy Hawthorne

Marianne Murphy Netball Report

The Marianne Murphy Netball Competition is an annual interschool netball competition in Orange. It sees all the high schools come up against each other in a battle for the best netball club. There are three divisions of junior, intermediate and opens.

In the junior competition, KWS played well, winning all but one game in the preliminary rounds to safety secure their place in the final against James Sheahan. It was in their final that they played vigilantly, offering tough competition to their rivals. The game was tight with excellent shooting and solid defence, but unfortunately Sheahan pulled away and won the match.

For the intermediates, a close but decisive win over Orange High by just one point placed them into the final again against James Sheahan, who had beat them in the first round. The final for the intermediates was outstanding. Strong centre play, accurate shooting and tough defence saw this final to be a stressful one from the sideline. Although the girls played an excellent match, time ran out and Sheahan got the better of them by just a single goal. Such a close result shows the skill and effort of all the girls on the day.

The opens team had a strong and swift first game against high school rivals Orange High. Although this team is usually on top, KWS fought hard and secured a draw to them. Following this up, a loss by six to Sheahan and a decisive win over Canobolas left the opens side even with Orange High to qualify for the final against Sheahan, an unfortunate for and against meant the KWS girls failed to make the final but should still be commended for their efforts. Sheahan won three from three in the opens final against Orange High and secured the shield for 2014.

Maddy Hawthorne

KWS 1sts Vs the Hawks - Draw 36-All

The 1sts had their best game of the season this weekend, coming up against one of the competition’s best, the Hawks. With a solid warm up the girls came out firing for a strong first quarter, ending on top by one point. Smooth court work by Greta Allen and Sophia Cassimatis allowed the play to flow with ease and speed. Eddie Kennelly had

Maddy Hawthorne
another fabulous game, shutting down the opposing centre in goal keeper, and pulling in a number of outstanding intercepts that were valuable to the entire team. By half time KWS was one up. The Hawks came back strong in the second half to get a two point lead by the third quarter. However, the 1sts were as determined as ever so get a win over this skilled side. Utilising any turn overs we converted goal after goal. At the sound of the buzzer, the result lay at 36 all. This draw reflected the commitment and efforts of the whole team. The girls should be congratulated on their improvements throughout the season. Well done.

Maddy Hawthorne

KWS 3rds Vs Hawks DM - KWS Lost

A great and intense game played by everyone. Emma Rogers was awesome in both defence and attack, Talor Hamilton again showed her speed as centre and then wing attack. Claudia Campbell, Zoe Watt and Chloe Oates had a great game in shooting, constantly moving to throw the opposition. Canada Gavin and Kate Ponder showed some great defence skills.

Mrs Bylsma also put on a netball skirt and joined the defence team, showing us how it's really done. It was a great game, but the 3rds couldn't quite bring it home. Player of the match was Kate Ponder.

Emma Bylsma

KWS 15B's Vs CYMS Shooting Stars

With the rearrangement of the Netball draw, KWS 15B's were lucky enough to play CYMS Shooting stars again this week. This was brilliant as the 15B's were well aware of their tricks and doubled their score from last week, with goal for goal in the 1st ¼. A great defence in place with Clancy McCauley and Cate Brien as GK and GD who are forever watchful and make many, many intercepts. Great fast centre court play by Sophie Allen and Clare Marshall as WD, Annabel Bassett as C and Makalya Clark as WA who worked very well together, timing play well and making great leads. Well done to Maeve Berthelson, Anna Stone and Rachel Small as shooters who doubled the score from last week and were getting more possessions and balls in hoops. It is looking very positive for the rest of the season. Keep up the good work girls. Thanks to Clancy and Clare who did a brilliant job in umpiring the game before.

Catherine Small

KWS 13A's Vs OHS Titans - KWS Won 43-1

The 13A's continue their fabulous season with another decisive win, increasing their margin over OHS by 20 goals from their last encounter. It's hard to believe this is a group of girls who came together as a team only ten weeks ago. Going into the game as favourites the girls were high in confidence and willing to play out of their regular positions, allowing for some great new combinations to be discovered.
Mabel, Charlotte, Olivia, Jorja and Molly showed their versatility in the goal circle, all excelling in both attack and defence, while Sophie, Flinn and Jema controlled the centre third and moved the ball swiftly down the court time and time again.

Undefeated after ten rounds, the girls are in great shape in the lead up to the business end of the season.

Rebecca Anderson

KWS Gummi Mares Vs CYMS Kumquats - KWS Lost 28-26

What a great game! The two teams traded point for point throughout the entire match and it was only in the last two minutes of the game that the Gummi Mares pulled away to win by 28-26. It was another big-hearted performance by a team packed with backbone – the players just refused to concede.

Congratulations again to Mindy Moe, Rebecca Atkins, Siokapesi Faiva, Millie Rice, Sam Haigh, Myra Lim-Hurt, Amy Suttor and Gemma L’Estrange.

This group of great athletes is yet to be beaten!

Chris Oldham

Rugby Summary & Reports

KWS Rugby vs St Pius 26th July 2014 - Summary Report

Rugby on Saturday 26th July was played against St Pius X College at home. The match results were: 1st XV 34-17, 2nd XV vs Sekei High School, Japan 55-0, 4th XV vs Oakhill 6th XV 46-5, 16A 31-0, 15A 24-5, 15B 0-27, 14A 17-5, 14B 0-57, 14C 34-17, 13A 24-10, 13B 25-22. The 3rd XV and 16B's both had byes. Thank you to the referees on the day - Jack Dodds, Toby Condon, Hamish Sheehan, Tas Leckie, Ian Robertson, David Poole, Al Miller and Andrew Johnson.

There were a couple of noticeable turn around performances from last year. The 14A's beat last year's ISA champs, after having been beaten 55-0 last year. The 15A's also 50 point come back from last year, as did the 15B's. The 13B's notched up their first ISA win for the year and the 13A's continued their good form with another win. The 2nd XV match against the touring team from Japan was an entertaining match to watch and it was a great experience for the boys to play against them.

The matches were characterised by very wet playing fields due to heavy rainfall overnight. The sun came out in the middle of the day and it ended up being a perfect day for playing rugby. Thank you again to the KWS Rugby Club for hosting the players breakfast and running the canteen on the day, as well as Ex-Student Bruce Smith for presenting the 1st XV jerseys prior to their match.

Next Saturday 2nd August KWS will host St Gregory's College for the last home rugby match of the season.
KWS 1st XV Vs St. Pius College - KWS Won 39-17

There is nothing like playing at home. The 1st XV are back in the winner’s circle after an emphatic win against St. Pius, a team that has caused their fair share of headaches for opposition teams. Pius scored early and led the home team. KWS took their time to convert pressure into points managing a narrow lead at halftime (15-10). With the ever reliable Ned Yeomans ruled out with an ankle injury it was time for others to step up. Bailey Hilder reignited his running game to bag 4 try’s in what could only be explained as a dominant performance. The forwards worked tirelessly and regularly over powered their opposition. Cody Walker regularly advanced through the advantage line and Ben Raines caused havoc at the breakdown. The back 3 (Litchfield, Lennon and Sheehan) worked well together and Jakobi Robinson found holes in the midfield defence. Overall the team got better as the game progressed and with 2 games to go the team continues to strive for a top 3 finish.

Try's: Bailey Hilder 4, Billy O'Connor, Bill McLaughlin.
Conversions: Charles Litchfield 3, Penalty: Charles Litchfield.

Points: 3 points - Bailey Hilder, 2 points - Ben Raines, 1 point - Cody Walker, Billy O'Connor and Jakobi Robinson.

KWS 4th XV Vs Oakhill 6th XV - KWS Won 46-5

The team maintained their unbeaten run this season with a scrappy win over the Oakhill 6th XV. The boys notched up a convincing scoreline, but were a bit patchy in a number of areas. It was great that Oakhill were able to send a team up to play the boys, as they would have had a bye otherwise. Michael Brown had a standout performance, making many barnstorming runs and crashing over for three tries. The boys enjoyed their match, but know they have to step it up a notch for the final two matches of the season.

Mr Roach

KWS 16A's Vs St Pius 16A's - KWS Won 31-0

On a very muddy field the 16A played entertaining rugby to completely outplay St Pius. After last minute positional changes due to an injury on Thursday the backline was impressive with Hugh Britton scoring in the corner after some slick passing in the backs. George Jackson repeatedly broke the St Pius attack and scored the try of the year after scooping up a loose ball and then sprinting 60m breaking numerous tackles to score under the posts. Jack Lamph added the conversion and then scored his own amazing try which included some great soccer skills. Joe Yeomans converted to have KWS leading 19-0 at half time. The second half saw KWS continue to dominate, but St Pius were able to slow the play down and soak up time. Will Freeth ran straight
through the Pius forward pack to score a well-deserved try. Jack Lamph then scored his second try showing great pace to skirt around the Pius defence before scoring under the posts. Max Manson added the conversion to see the final score 31-0. This was a great display of running rugby in muddy conditions which the crowd thoroughly enjoyed. Man of the match was birthday boy Max Manson who was involved in everything. George Jackson (2 points) was outstanding in his first match at inside centre, and Jack Lamph (1 point) was unstoppable with 2 tries, a conversion and a huge tackle count.

Paul McRae

KWS 15B’s Vs St Pius 15B’s - Lost 0-27

Following last week’s performance the boys came out and immediately showed signs of improvement. However the opposition broke through in the 7th minute to put the boys 7-0 down, we then dug in with solid defence from Parham Raoof and Harrison Crouch and looked promising with the ball in hand, good organisation from Angus Forsyth and Craig Simpson kept the back line in check and we looked close to scoring with a series of pick and goes close to the half time interval but just came up short!

The half time break gave the lads a chance to catch their breath and prepare to break down the St Pius defence.

However the second half didn’t start as planned as the opposition ran in an early try. The boys kept their heads up and attempted to reduce the deficit but in our attempt to get some points on the board we unfortunately left some gaps that were exploited by St Pius as they ran in a further 3 try’s to leave the final score at 27-0 but without the outstanding full back work of Charlie Blyde could have been much more. The boys can keep their heads high as this was a huge improvement on last week’s performance and another improvement on the 80-0 scoreline from last year!

1st Man of the match – Parham Raoof.  
2nd Man of the match – Harrison Crouch.  
3rd Man of the match – Charlie Blyde.

Mr Raisbeck

KWS 14A vs St Pus 14 A – Won 17-5

The 14A’s had their first win of the ISA competition against last year’s heavy weights St Pius. In what was a tight contest the boys hung tuff in the second half to record a much deserved 17-5 win. KWS had all the ball and territory in the first half only to be denied by some infringements around the ruck. St Pius looked to attack from inside their own 5m line, a brilliant individual effort by one of the St Pius backs saw him skirt our defence out wide and race the rest of the field to score, totally against the run of play. KWS boys kept the pressure on though, and it didn’t take long for Patty Robins to step his way through 3 or 4 defenders to cross under the posts. KWS were able to score two more
tries through a cheeky quick tap by Fraser Robertson, and a good pick
and drive from Donny Freeman. It's a deserved win for the boys after
some narrow losses to strong opposition. My points this week would
go to Ellis Hawker, who didn't let the opposition backs have any clean
ball off a set piece, outclassing his opposite number and setting the
platform for our defence and attack.

Mr Leckie

KWS 13A's Vs St Pius - KWS Won 24-10

Young 2-Blues hooker, James O'Brien was Captain for the game last
weekend and was always going to lead by example. Following the great
win of the 13B's, the young 2-Blues wanted to take control of the game
early and that's what they did with a lovely passage of play to record a
try early in the match. Again, Ben Bellamy was a handful, ably supported
by Rory, James and Ollie.

With a very wet and muddy pitch, the lead was always going to be
important, but St Pius weren't about to give up the game easily. With
some very physical play, Pius managed to get some good field position
and really pressure the 2-Blues pack.

The score of 17-5 in favour of KWS was indicative of the 1st half of play.
The instructions at half time were to get to the breakdown as quickly as
possible to stop turnovers. The talk was also about the aggression
needed at the breakdown to counter St Pius.

In the 2nd stanza Pius lifted again and Hamish, Sam and Sid all had to
play their best defensive games to contain the raids launched by the
Pius backline. Sid also proved very elusive in attack with a few great
runs.

The wet conditions hampered some play, but overall the quality of the
game was 1st rate. The Pack again turned in a dominant display.

Tries: Ben Bellamy (2), Nick Hay-McKenzie and Ben Ryan.
Points: 3 points - Ben Bellamy, 2 points - Hamish Ellis-Peck and Will
Smith, 1 point - Sid, Mitch & Rory.

Next week we look forward to taking on St Gregory's Campbelltown –
which will again be a tough encounter.

Jason Smith

KWS 13B's Vs St Pius - KWS Won 25-22

The now mighty 13B team scored 5 tries to 4 in a match that could have
gone either way (but it didn't - It went our way) 25-22 final score. The 2
teams had very different styles – St Pius were effective out wide and we
dominated punching the ball close to the ruck through the forwards. I
was thrilled to watch the players rally together as fortunes fluctuated in
the second half – but desperation won the day because the KWS men
wanted it just that little bit more than our worthy opposition from the big
smoke. Those who have monitored our progress this season will know
that it has been a long and successful journey – with all credit to the players sticking out the tough times and now able to enjoy the fruits of their labours. Bring on St Greggs!

Points: 3 points - Felix Mitchell, 2 points - Henry Gibson and Max Pearce, 1 point - Luca Wynn.

Al Miller

**KWS 13B’s Vs Oakhill - KWS Lost 10-22**

The 13B XV had probably their best game thus far in Sydney against Oakhill last Saturday. They were unrecognisable from some of their early starts and could have finished on top of the Oakhill 13B’s if it were not for the ‘bounce of the ball’ on a few crucial occasions. The team has successfully addressed their two biggest weaknesses from early days; that of not contesting the breakdown aggressively and some problems with defence – particularly structure through the phases. The team scored 2 terrific tries that involved many players and a number of phases. The entire team played well but notable performances were from Captain Flynn Bowyer, Max Wardell and Peter Sarsfield who received 3, 2 and 1 points for best on field respectively.

Al Miller

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**Hockey Report**

**KWS Strikers Vs KWS Arrows - 2 all draw**

This was a spectacular game of hockey that had the crowd on the edge of their seats until the very end. The Strikers were the first to score when Eloise took advantage of some good work by the midfielders to slot home an early goal. The Arrows replied with their own goal before Eloise gave us a 2-1 lead at half time. The second half was an intense affair as the Strikers defended in a determined fashion against waves of Arrow attacks. The defenders led by Ruby, Isabelle, Zoe, Kiara, Katie, Hannah and Liela put their bodies on the line time after time to keep the opposition out. Sophie was once more outstanding as goalie, saving several desperate situations. Jemma, Millie and Millie worked hard in defence while also creating opportunities in attack. Greta and Porsha pressed hard for a winning goal but it wasn’t to be. In the end a draw was a fair result. Well done to both teams. The game was played in great spirit with hockey the winner on the day.

Gary Bone
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