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
Head of Senior School

The school is quiet with the hushed tones of the exam period! It is obvious that students in Years 7-10 are taking this very seriously and have spent considerable time and energy revising and preparing. I am grateful to parents for their support with these efforts. Staff have also been very conscious of the need to provide structured revision, both in class and for homework.

Year 11, meanwhile, have been very busy with their first HSC assessment tasks. In some cases this has led to a certain degree of stress. I ask that you encourage your child, if showing signs of stress, to speak with Mrs Bylsma or Mrs Anderson about strategies to manage this. Some degree of stress is inevitable, and indeed it can be a spur to good, regular study habits. Nevertheless, heightened stress levels, which may lead to full-blown anxiety, need to be taken seriously.

Teachers will be head down, tail up from now till Speech Day with marking and writing and checking reports – our sense of humour may be missing in action so please be understanding if you need to be speaking with staff!

A reminder about next week: Monday is a pupil-free day, Tuesday is a day for students to come in casual clothes, and Wednesday is Speech Day. Students should come to school on Wednesday at the normal time in full and immaculate uniform (please use the weekend and the Monday and Tuesday to get these cleaned) including blazers and tams. Speech Day itself begins at 10:00 sharp and will finish by 12:00.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday. It has been a full and very busy year but one which has included many highlights here at school. I hope the rain arrives when it should and falls in abundant quantity, and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing many of you on Speech Day!

With my very warmest wishes…

Bev West
Head of Senior School
Boarders’ News

Welcome to “Boarders’ News”, a column designed to keep parents abreast of developments in Boarding.

As this is our last Boarders News column for 2014, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our departing Head of Loader House, Mrs Sue-Ann Gavin. Sue-Ann’s dedication and fine work with the girls in the Loader House will certainly be missed and I wish Sue-Ann and her family all the very best for their future plans. Next year will see Ms Di Chappel as the Head of Loader House. Di and her family are looking forward to getting to know our Loader House families and I look forward to working with her in 2015.

Congratulations to the New House Kangas who were victorious in the recent non-contact 7’s rugby competition held over the last month at PLC on Friday afternoons. All the competitors embraced the game with much enthusiasm and are congratulated on their fine efforts. The completion was conducted under the guidance of Mr Mark De Brincat, the Western Region Rugby Participation Manager and I thank him for his involvement in teaching the girls some new skills and the completion rules and overseeing the competition each week. Thank you also to Year 11 boys Rowan Wilson, Angus Lennon, Jakobi Robinson and Cody Walker who all did a fine job as referees during the competition. The finals were played last Friday afternoon, with all boy and girl boarders in attendance, followed by presentations and a BBQ dinner.

Special congratulations to Girl Senior Boarder Prefect Chloe Smith who organised a Christmas Outdoor Cinema for the PLC girls on Saturday night, complete with a large screen, lantern decorations and glow sticks. She also provided drinks and popcorn for the girls and used the event to raise funds to donate to Wontama Village Nursing Home for Christmas presents.

Saving the Date – Please remember that on Saturday 7 March 2015 the P & F will be hosting a Drinks Function and Welcome to New Parents in the Derek Pigot Auditorium, from 5.00pm – 7.30pm. This will take place on the day after the School Fair, and will be a great opportunity for you to get to know our new parents and welcome them to the School.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our boarding families a very happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year. The Boarding Staff will be looking forward to greeting your children on their return to the boarding houses on Tuesday 27 January 2014. Please note that boarders are expected to arrive at their boarding house before 3.00pm on this day.

Alistair Miller
Director of Boarding
Tax File Number Changes in 2015

Changes to the Secondary Schools TFN Program in 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN. Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’. Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22604’.

The ATO will continue working with teachers to educate students about tax and superannuation. The curriculum resource Tax, Super & You is a free, easy to use, online educational resource aligned to the school curriculum of each state and territory. This resource can be accessed at taxsuperandyou.gov.au. In the coming weeks we will provide more information by email on how students can apply for a TFN and the educational services we can provide. In the meantime if you require any further information you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Steve Vesperman
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation

Boarding Bursaries for Isolated Students 2015

The Bush Children’s Education Foundation Secondary Boarding Bursaries are designed to help needy, remote area families of NSW cover the gap between the accommodation costs at a country boarding school and assistance received from the Federal Government’s AIC Allowance (Assistance for Isolated Children) and/or the NSW Government’s LAFHA (Living Away from Home Allowance).

Value of Bursaries

Bursaries are awarded on the basis of family income and assets, both farm and non-farm, geographical isolation from schools and services and in the case of families dependent on primary-produce income, any exceptional circumstances, including seasonal climatic conditions. A family income means test applies based on the receipt of either the AIC with additional supplement of LAFHA or both.
Bursaries are awarded for one year and are valued at $1,000 payable in two instalments direct to the School.

**Conditions of Application**

- Students must be eligible for Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) and/or Living Away From Home Allowance (LAFHA).
- Parents must consent to the school providing overall performance data at the end of Term 2 to the Board of the BCEF of NSW.
- The number of bursaries is governed by the level of public donations.

*Applications must be received by the Friday 6th February 2015.*

Application forms can be found on the BCEF website at www.bcef.org.au or contact Ruth Edwards on 02 6392 0300.

**Annual Speech Day**

The 128th Annual Speech Day will be held on Wednesday 3 December 2014. Please click here or on the invitation below for more information.

![Invitation](image)

**Scholarships Now Open**

To acknowledge our diverse student population and encourage excellence, Kinross Wolaroi School will offer a number of scholarships to day and boarding students (both current and future) entering Years 4 to 11.

For 2015 our Scholarship process has changed. Academic Assessment Services will be supporting our scholarship program through the provision and supervision of the scholarship exam. It is an exciting new phase that has allowed us to build a stronger scholarship process and broaden the scholarships available.

**Available Scholarships:**

- Academic (Years 4 to 11 in 2015)
- Music (Years 7 to 10 in 2015)
- Boarding (Years 7 and 9 in 2015)
- General Excellence (Years 4 to 10 in 2015)
- Ex-students (Year 11 in 2015)
- ICPA (Year 7 in 2015)

To be considered for a Scholarship, all candidates must sit the Scholarship Examination. Applicants must also complete an online application and submit supporting documentation.

Registrations and Applications must be received by close of business **Wednesday 19th February** 2014. The KWS Scholarship Examination will be held on site on **Friday 28th February** 2014.

If you would like to register please follow the links from the KWS website or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser: www.kws.nsw.edu.au/scholarships-2.

Michelle Pryse Jones
Registrar

**Second Hand Textbook Sale**

For more information on the Second Hand Textbook Sale go to the Second Hand Textbook Sale Page

**Academic and Tutor House Points**

**Tutor House Points**

Douglas
Gabby Eade, Lizzie Bilton, Jemima McPhee

**Academic Achievement Points**

Sandaru Mutukumarama, Year 11, Chemistry
Kate Glastonbury, Year 11, Chemistry
Milly Gell, Year 11, Chemistry
Hugh Elbourne, Year 11, Chemistry
Charlie Cooper, Year 11, Maths
Ruby Byrne, Year 11, Maths
Maddy Dowd, Year 11, Maths
Zac Whitehead, Year 11, Maths
Monique Pasquali, Year 11, Maths

**Academic Effort Points**

Logan Buckley, Year 7, Science
Charlotte Simmons, Year 7, Science
Ben Ballamy, Year 7, Science
Claudia Hamilton, Year 7, Science
Max Waddell, Year 7, Science
Chloe Quigley, Year 7, Science
Charlie Edgley, Year 7, Science
Maddie Smith, Year 7, Science
Sophie Bucknell, Year 8, Music
Sam Bellamy, Year 11, Chemistry
Asher Dixon, Year 11, Chemistry
Zac Haley, Year 11, Chemistry
Kate Orange, Year 11, Chemistry
Sophia Tanos, Year 11, Chemistry

**Cricket News and Reports**

**KWS 14 White vs Cavaliers**

The Whites weren't able to defeat a well-disciplined Cavaliers team in their ODJCA Under 14 Round 7 game on Saturday.

The Whites batted first and began steadily thanks to a good partnership between Hamish McIntyre (43 not out) and Max Pearce (33). Both Hamish and Max played some nice shots and ran well between the wickets but they were unable to dominate the Cavaliers attack completely. There were some nice cameos from Lochie Hunt and Doug Arthur but Cavaliers prevented the Whites from getting away in the latter part of the innings and restricted them to 108.

In reply, Cavaliers passed the Whites total with several overs to spare. Quite simply, the Whites bowled too short and the Cavaliers batsmen were not put under sustained pressure. The highlight for Whites came from Ajay Jeffrey who took his first wicket of the season – a fitting reward for the hard work he has been putting into his game in the last few weeks.

Special mention should also be made of Jack Wake who made his debut for the Whites in this match.

Thanks to all parents and supporters for their help and encouragement on the day.
Bruce Kerridge  
Coach  

**U14 Cricket KWS Blues v CYMS**

On a very warm day, KWS Blues shone a little brighter still with a 102 run win over CYMS. The Blues won the toss and snapped up the chance to bat first. From the very first over Sam Ridley and Fraser Robertson showed their intention with some great hitting and running. Sam fell early but Fraser played a great run a ball innings, retiring on 52. He was supported next by Logan Buckley (21) and Luca Wynn who also retired on 52. It was Luca’s seconds half century for the year and shows how fine a batsman he has become. With 7 fours and a six it helped build a big total. A quick fire unbeaten 28 from Max Powell saw the Blues reach a very formidable 3/217 from their 28 overs. All batters enjoyed the fast run of the large outfield and good shots were well rewarded. The heat also made it a long day for CYMS in the field.

When it came to the Blues being out in the field they started well getting early wickets before the dangerous pairing of Smith and Winslade came together. Kel Smith hit a quick fire 20 with a big six that was well caught by Ellis Hawker but he was unfortunately over the boundary. Once Smith was dismissed, the wickets fell regularly. Unfortunately the heat got to the Blues and after Having CYMS 8/67 they lost focus and bowled and fielded loosely allowing CYMS to reach 115. It was never going to change the outcome and it was clear the heat had affected the Blues but hopefully it won’t happen in a close game. Ellis Hawker and Tom Monroe each took a brace of wickets with the single wicket takers being Max Powell, Fletcher Weber, James Parfett, Sam Ridley and Luca Wynn. James Parfett also helped out with a terrific run out.

The Blues last game for the year is against Cavaliers next week and they will need to be at their best to upstage Cavaliers who beat them at their last outing. The form they have shown the last two weeks suggest it will be an excellent game.

Ewan Powell  
Coach  

**Girls Cricket**

The girls are inching ever closer to a win with yet another close and competitive match against a strong CYMS side at Moulder Park on Saturday. On a very warm and dry morning it was a relief for the girls to be sent into the field early and with 2 substitute fielders it made it easy to rotate the players so they could spend some time in the shade, bad luck for coach Morrisey out there all morning umpiring though, lucky he enjoys it! This was due to the good grace of Maggie Jarret who showed up to field before she had to leave early.

It was a strong start with Mackenzie Carr getting an early caught and bowled and Amy Suttor knocking the middle stump out of the ground. The change bowlers proved their worth again with young Megan Murray getting among the wickets again with a nifty low one and the speed
demon Steph Lennon knocking all three stumps out of the ground. Eventually CYMS settled but the girls kept the scoring to a minimum. Some sharp fielding got a late run out and a final catch off Mackenzie's bowling saw CYMS at 6/89 after their 28 overs. It was good to give a few new bowlers a chance with Rebecca Atkins bowling well and Hannah McCarten bowling two handy overs. As we develop in the nets there will be opportunity for some new bowlers to have their turn.

As the girls went in to bat they started very well with Mackenzie and Lizzie scoring easy and finding the boundary. Lizzie was an early casualty but Steph once more belted the ball to the boundary to keep the scoring rate going. A player who 'does not know how to block' (her words) Steph was soon out and this brought keeper Alice Litchfield to the crease. Alice has really worked on her batting and scored a handy 10 runs in good time. There followed a mini collapse before Sophie Hamilton and Mackenzie Carr settled down to some scoring. A few handy runs from Hannah McCarten, Gabbie Eade and Amy Suttor saw the girls come close but eventually capitulating to all out for 71 in the 27th over.

We can feel a win coming soon and the good news is that our runs off the bat are getting more and more with this week's 71 being our best score yet. Our aim is to get to 85 runs which amounts to about 3 runs per over, something I believe we can achieve.

Leigh Morrisey
Coach

Rowing Report

Last weekend was a very busy one for the Kinross Wolaroi rowing team. 20 rowers participated in the New South Wales Institute of Sport time trials early on Saturday morning, rowing over a 5 km course for the event. The entire team of 95 competed at the Independent Schools Rowing Association Championship Regatta on the Sunday. The time trial was conducted on the Nepean River, while the ISRA Regatta was held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre at Penrith.

In the Time Trials for most of the KWS competitors it was their first experience of just competing against a clock over a much longer distance than they normally race. All found the experience challenging but enjoyable with the highlight being a very strong performance by Kate Hall in the Single Scull.

The ISRA regatta was held at Penrith again, over one day rather than its traditional two days, but still produced some very demanding and exciting competition. The incredible temperatures which developed at Penrith made it a very demanding day and ultimately led to competition being terminated around noon; with quite a lot of racing still to be completed.

The year 10 boys led the way in their Coxed Quad Scull event, coming 2nd in the second division and winning in the first division. The year 8
girls followed this with two 4th places and a win in the 3 divisions of the Schoolgirl Year 8 Coxed Quad Scull that they raced in. The Year 8 boys went well again, winning both the first and second divisions of the Schoolboy Year 8 Coxed Quad Scull.

The girls in the Year11 single and double sculls recorded a 5th place and a 3rd place respectively followed by a 5th place in the Schoolgirl Championship Double Scull. In the Schoolboy Four events, the Kinross Wolaroi crews won in both second and first division.

In the Year 9 Schoolgirl Coxed Quad Scull, the three Kinross Wolaroi crews rowed creditably for two third places and a win in their divisions. Their male compatriots in their corresponding events produced one 3rd place and two 2nd places in their divisions. The Year 10 girls in the Year 10 Coxed Quad Scull events produced two 2nd places and two first places in their races, which included a most impressive win in division one - one of the most hotly contested divisions in Schoolgirl rowing.

In the Schoolgirl Championship Four event the Kinross Wolaroi crew won well. The boys crews in the Schoolboy Championship Quad Scull events came 2nd in division two and won in a most convincing manner in division one.

The year 8 girls quads then had their finals which produced the extremely pleasing results of a 3rd by the KWS crew in the D final, 4th in the C final and an excellent win in the A final, reversing the results of their earlier heat performance. In the A final of the corresponding boys' events the two Kinross Wolaroi crews came 2nd and 4th with pleasing performances.

The final event of the afternoon finished with an excellent performance by the Kinross Wolaroi crew in the Champion Schoolboys Eight event to win after a very hard tussle with Cranbrook, with a crew most of whom had raced and won in at least two previous championship events, unlike their opponents whose rowers were rested from previous Fours events to save them for their performance in the Eights.

After this race the referee cancelled the remainder of the program because of the extreme heat which continued to develop as the Kinross Wolaroi team were busily packing their trailers and equipment away for the trip home a little earlier than expected.

Overall, Kinross Wolaroi crews won 13 events, came second in 7 events, and came third in 5 events from the 49 races completed at the ISRA regatta. In addition the team won the Co-educational Schools Points Score trophy for the regatta. The outstanding performers of the day were undoubtedly the senior boys four who won the Schoolboy Four and the Schoolboy Coxed Quad Scull and then were half of the winning Schoolboy Eights Championship as well!

In what was probably the biggest regatta of the season for the rowing team, the parental support and assistance was, as always, exceptional and freely given, contributing greatly to the successes of the day,
particularly in the packing up in the extreme conditions prevailing at the
time which caused the termination of the regatta!

Bob Holmes
MIC Rowing

Water Polo Report

Piranhas vs Crocosaurus

The Piranhas found their mojo again on Saturday and were able to defeat the Crocosaurus 8-6. At the mid-point we were up by six points so we rested some key players in the third quarter. This enabled the opposition to catch up a little which made the final quarter a much more exciting one. Special congratulations must go to our three goalies, Jess Amos, Jack Griffiths and Angus Forsyth who stopped some really tricky shots from the Crocosaurus. There will be training this week but no game next Saturday and it's nice to have had a win to end the season!

Bev West
Coach

Tennis Report

On Saturday 22nd November, KWS played home games against Stannies 2 and The Scots School. The KWS A teams were up against Scots, while the KWS B teams took on Stannies 2. The A teams won convincingly in all divisions, with each division not even dropping a set. The B teams also came away with a strong win, winning each division with 4 sets to 2. Great work to all players for playing hard and getting great results.

Marnie Grogan
Coach

WAS Tennis Report

Tough weather conditions did not stop the Kinross Wolaroi School WAS tennis team from playing some great tennis. Our KWS 1sts team competed against St Stanislaus College. All players fought hard and special mention must go to Chris Watt in the seniors for his 7-1 win and Annalise and Caitlin in the intermediates for their 7-1 doubles win. Our senior team won 4 sets to 2, our intermediates won 6 sets to 0, unfortunately our juniors were unable to come away with a win but they must all be commended for their hard work as many of the matches were very close. The KWS 2nds team competed against The Scots School and were also unlucky to not come away with a win. There were many tight matches and the scores did not reflect the level of play. Congratulations to Jim Boag, Claudia Campbell and Isabella Kocanda for being victorious in their matches.

Marnie Grogan
Coach
KWS LATEST NEWS!

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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

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