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Welcome back
It is my pleasure to welcome all families to the start of the Kinross Wolaroi 2015 School Year. A very special welcome to new families as you settle into KWS. We are a community that prides itself on our friendliness so please ask questions and seek assistance if needed. Let us look ahead to an exciting 2015 as we remember how we finished with a spectacular and memorable Speech Day. Who will ever forget the moving address from Henry Evans who inspired us all with his message:

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

HSC Results 2014

As a non-selective regional school with a focus on producing well rounded young men and women, we are extremely proud of the students’ achievements in the HSC this year. I congratulate all students on their efforts, thank the staff for their collective efforts in assisting these students through their KWS educational journey and acknowledge the support that parents have offered as part of this process.

One of the best measures for overall performance is the total number of Band 5 or 6 results which equates to HSC marks of 80% or higher. This year the calculation was again very pleasing with 51% of the results at this level.

The total number of Band 6 results including notional Band 6 is 95, which is slightly lower than in 2013. The increased number of students performing at band 5 level more than compensates for this.

As noted in previous years it is pleasing to see the students in the middle to lower cohort achieving well above their expectations.

Exceptionally strong results were achieved in the following subject areas: Ancient History, Chemistry, Drama (first Y12 cohort for 7 years!), English Extension 1, Industrial Technology, General Mathematics and 2 unit Mathematics, Mathematics Extension 1 and 2, Music 1, Textiles, Visual
Arts, French, Visual Arts, Latin.

In addition students excelled in the wide range of Extension subjects offered.

Olivia Brooks, the 2014 Dux of KWS, achieved All Rounder status by gaining Band 6 results in all her subjects.

With regard to Band 5 and 6 results the following subject areas are significantly above the state average:

- Ancient History - 50%
- Drama – 67%
- English Extension 1 – 96%
- French – 89%
- Geography – 52%
- Industrial Technology - 76%
- General mathematics – 34%
- Mathematics 2 unit – 64%
- Music 1 – 100%
- Music 2 – 100%
- Textiles – 100%
- Visual Arts – 55%

**Staffing - 2015**

**New Staff to KWS:**

- Emma Charlton – K-6
- Catherine Dignam – Languages
- Diana Gomes – English
- John Giuffre – English/HSIE
- Kimberley Jones – Mathematics
- Angela Malone – job share with Claudia McCalman
- Daniel Moxey – ICT trainee
- Lyn Gill – Accounts Payable Office
- Grace Patterson – Visual Arts assistant
Welcome back to the following staff:

- Narelle Davidson – LSL
- Robyn Youll – Maternity leave
- Bill Tink – LSL
- Suellen Young – LSL
- Lorraine Moxey – LSL
- Libby Chapman - Maternity leave
- Karen Tyrrell – Maternity Leave

Staff with new positions of responsibility:

- Emma Bylsma – Y12 Coord/Careers
- Mark Pritchard – 3-6 Curriculum Coordinator
- Di Chappel – Head of Loader House
- Peter Whiting – Head Tutor of Richards
- Nathan Zinga – Head of Tower House from T2
- Huon Barrett – MiC Rugby

Resignation:

- Adelie Badman - languages

Mr Brian Kennelly
Principal

Head of Preparatory

Dear Parents,

It has been a great start to our term with the children and staff refreshed and eager to catch up with friends and to start the new content applicable to their year. We have many new families joining us from around the state and we extend a warm welcome and look forward to a long association here at Kinross Wolaroi School.

Next Wednesday evening all staff will be outlining their expectations.
and informing you of the routines of their class. The sessions will be
conducted in the respective classrooms from 6 - 6:45pm then the P&F
will be hosting a “Meet and Greet” session with drinks and nibbles in our
assembly area. **A reminder this is for Parents only.** I look forward to
meeting you at this occasion. NB: there will be **NO sport training on this
day.**

Over the holidays the nominations for the Canberra Area Theatre Awards
were announced and our 5/6 Show from 2014 “Ghost of a Chance” has
received 9 nominations. To all the students, staff, parents involved and to
the Director Mr Hordynsky congratulations on the following:
- Best Set Design for a Musical - Romko Hordynsky
- Magic Moment of Theatre - The Ghost Scene - KWS Preparatory
- Best Ensemble in a Musical - Luc Nelson & Jonathan King-Christopher
- Patricia Nelson Encouragement Award - Lachlan Roberts
- Best Costume Designer for a School or Youth Production - Aileen Priest
- Best Original Work for a School of Youth Production, Script, Lyrics and
  Music - Romko Hordynsky
- Best Youth Actor in a Leading Role in a Musical - William Rawson
- Best Director of a School or Youth Musical - Romko Hordynsky
- Best Production for a School or Youth Musical - Ghost of a Chance

The Awards night is on Saturday 21 February and we wish all those
involved every success.

Ollie McLaughlin (Year 6) has been very successful in the pool at the
NSW State Swimming titles. He won 2 bronze medals in the 100m and
200 backstroke - a terrific achievement. Congratulations Ollie.

Thank you again for choosing Kinross Wolaroi as your school of choice
and we look forward to a year of opportunities, challenges and friendship.

Rob McLean

**Head of the Preparatory School**
Reduction in session pricing for Outside School Hours Care service in 2015.

I am pleased to announce that in 2015 Kinross Wolaroi School will continue to offer our Out of School Hours Care service in partnership with Uniting Care Children's Services (UCCS). The cost per session has been reduced to $23.00 in 2015. The reduction in session price does not include possible additional subsidies which may be available to parents through Centrelink.

This highly competitive fee is the result of many months of consultation, negotiation and agreement with UCCS, one of the largest providers of children's services in NSW, operating under the auspices of the Uniting Church. The agreement demonstrates the commitment of Kinross Wolaroi School to provide our parents and carers with the convenience of an Outside School Hours Care service within the School grounds, while meeting the National Quality Framework and rigorous health and safety regulations.

Please visit the Outside School Hours Care page on the KWS website for more information [www.kws.nsw.edu.au/outside-school-hours](http://www.kws.nsw.edu.au/outside-school-hours)

If you have children who will need outside school hours this year, please contact Robyn Lister, Manager Education and Care, Uniting Care Children's Services on 0477 719 062 or email rlister@unitingcarewswact.org.au for further information and enrolment forms.

Greg Alderson
Business Manager - Kinross Wolaroi School

Uniting Care Children's Services

Arrangements for Outside School Care can be made by contacting:
Vickie Stewart- Centre Coordinator
Email –kinrosswolaroioshc@unitingcarewswact.org.au
Phone 0427290761 from 2.30pm

Dates to Remember

Below are some dates to pencil in for the next 2 weeks.

**Wednesday 28 January**: Classes begin

**Thursday 29 January**: 5.30 pm Performance Theatre for Years 5 and 6. The iPads will be delivered to the
students and parents with information outlined for their proper and correct usage. Please see note enclosed for Year 5 and new students in Year 6.

**Wednesday 4 February:** Parent/Teacher Information evening for all K-6 and P&F Meet and Greet. There will be **NO SPORT** on this day.

**Monday 9 February:** 2015 Prefect and House Captain Induction – 12.05 pm in the Performance Theatre

**Friday 13 February:** 3-6 Swimming Carnival 9.00 am - 3.00 pm at KWS pool.

Wednesday evening is our Parent Information night. This is an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher who will outline the expectations and routines for the year.

This year we are combining the night with a Parent Meet and Greet sponsored by our Parent and Friends Association. In our busy lives opportunities to meet new families or reacquaint, are often missed. The P&F will provide drinks and nibbles in the Prep School area. Therefore the plan for the evening is as follows:

6.00 pm – 6.45 pm: K-6 session with class teachers in their rooms, followed by the ‘Meet and Greet’ to 8.00 pm. We look forward to your attendance.

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**2015 Scholarships - Closing Soon**

To acknowledge our diverse student population and encourage excellence, Kinross Wolai 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:

Michelle Pryse Jones
Registrar

P&F News

Welcome to 2015 Term 1, it is looking like another busy year.

Our First Meeting will be Wednesday 11th February, 7.30 pm with Teleconference Option.
The meeting will be held in the Videoconference Room. The VC room is in 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 7.30 pm, and we will aim to conclude by 9 pm. The agenda will be on the P&F section of the website 2 days prior to
We hope you can attend.

**Boarder Parents and “Out of Towners” - Opportunity to teleconference into P&F meeting**

The P&F meetings are held by teleconference. This is a mechanism for boarder parents and those living outside Orange to participate. If you are calling into the teleconference please dial in about 7.25 pm using 02 96960774. On request, enter the Guest access code. **The guest access code is: 19137159#**.

This information and the phone numbers for other states are available on the KWS website, Family and Friends Section, P&F, http://www.kws.nsw.edu.au/FF_PFAssco. The teleconference call is billed to the P&F.

*Jean Welsh, Secretary P&F.*
Email: jwpnfsecretary2013@gmail.com

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**Lost Property**

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A KWS sports jacket was lost at the end of 2014 it has the name of Kandeepan in it.
Can parents check that this is not in your child’s possession by mistake? It can be bought into the Prep Office if found.

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**KWS LATEST NEWS!**
Swim Captain leads by example
KWS Swimming Captain Maddy Griffths had outstanding performances at the 2015 NSW 13-18 years State Age Championships, finishing with 2 silver medals. Maddy won these medals in the 17-18 years 400m......➤ read full article

Prep School swimmer amongst best in the State
KWS Prep School student Oliver McLaughlin took home two Bronze Medals at the 2015 NSW 10U-12 State Age Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre (SOPAC) on the weekend. The Year 6......➤ read full article

Outstanding results for KWS all-rounders
KWS’s reputation for producing all-rounders has been backed up by our outstanding 2014 HSC results, with students receiving 95 Band 6 results for scores over 90% across a wide range of......➤ read full article