From the Principal

In the Bulletin this week:

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Opening of the Robyne Ridge Centre

Last Tuesday it was a privilege to be a part of the opening of the new
Robyne Ridge Centre at PLC. The opening was attended by a large gathering of Boarding families, girl boarders, staff, KWS Council members, with special guest Robyne Ridge and family at the centre of the opening. After the opening remarks from the Chair of Council, Tony Cheney, Senior Boarding prefect Chloe Smith was given the honour of opening the new building. Robyne responded by speaking passionately about her 32 years in Boarding, explaining how honoured she was to have the centre named after her. The Director of Boarding, Al Miller, is currently inducting the girl boarders into the use of the vast range of equipment in the centre.

On behalf of the KWS Community, I express my thanks to School Council for the support offered in ensuring this top class facility is now available to the girl boarders.

**Staff Appointments**

It is my pleasure to advise of the staff appointments over the holiday period:

**Catherine Dignam** – is appointed as the new teacher of French. Catherine is a highly experienced teacher who studied French, German, English and Education at Macquarie University. Catherine has been a marker for HSC French for many years and has experience teaching extension French. The majority of Catherine’s experience has been within the Independent School sector, most recently at PLC Croydon.

**Diana Gomes** – is appointed on a 1 year full time contract teaching English. Diana is known to the School as she undertook a job share position with Claudia McCalman in Term 4 of this year. Diana comes with an extensive background in teaching, particularly English to Stage 6 along with Studies of Religion. Diana has extensive experience in Pastoral Care being an assistant Year Co-ordinator for many years. Diana has a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Teaching from the Australian Catholic University along with a Certificate of Religious
Education.

**Angela Malone** - returns to KWS in a job share capacity with Claudia McCalman. Angela will also cover an additional teaching load. Angela has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Technology, Sydney and a Master of Arts from Melbourne University. Angela has extensive experience teaching senior classes including Advanced and Extension English.

Huon Barrett – is the new MiC of Rugby for the 2015 season. Huon will continue to coach the 1st XV with the assistance of Anthony Begg. It is wonderful to have the expertise and enthusiasm of Huon in this key role within the School.

**New Strategic Plan 2015-2018**

Families will have received copies of the new Strategic Plan. This is an exciting strategy that will continue to improve the future educational outcomes for students. The plan has resulted from extensive student, staff and School Council consultation. In addition it brings together many aspects of the wonderful opportunity of my sabbatical study leave at Harvard. I returned with a vision for the future of KWS which our new Strategic Plan captures – an irrefutable focus on utilising best practice research for improving:

- Staff and student learning
- Staff performance development
- Student and staff wellbeing
- Community focus
- Resourcing the future

Over the coming weeks I will provide more insight as to the details of the plan.

**Brian Kennelly**  
Principal - KWS
Dear Parents,

The first week of School for 2015 has been very exciting for all concerned. The children have returned full of enthusiasm for the year ahead and very happy to see so many new students. The playground has been a hive of activity especially in the sand pit and equipment area where our Kindergarten students and their Year 6 buddies have been busy at play.

This Wednesday evening at 6pm in the respective classrooms the staff will be outlining their expectations and answering any questions you might have. Following this our Parents and Friends Association will be hosting a 'Meet & Greet' evening where parents have a chance to mingle in a more social environment. This will conclude at 8pm and is for parents only.

We have a number of students who suffer anaphylactic reactions to a variety of foods and as a consequence all nuts are banned from the Prep School because of the danger they pose to some of our students. Thank you for your support.

Our weekly assemblies this year will be held in the Derek Pigot Auditorium (DPA) on Mondays at 12:05pm. Parents are most welcome to attend with the various classes co-ordinating the assembly each week. The timetable is on the Term Planner which will be handed out on Wednesday evening.

Our first assembly for the year is our Prefect and House Captains Induction ceremony.

Sport has commenced as have the various music ensembles. There have been a number of changes to last year so please refer to the
information provided by Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Barrett.

Thank you for your patience in the Pick-up/Drop-off zone in the afternoon. Our prime focus is the safety of the students so please be understanding to the directions of the staff. Your support is and always greatly appreciated.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

**Dates to Remember**

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

**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.

**2015 Scholarships - Closing Soon**
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:


Michelle Pryse Jones
Registrar

Boarding Bursaries for Isolated Students - Closing Soon
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 Assistant to the Registrar on 02 6392 0300.

**Canteen News**

**Volunteers Needed**

The canteen would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in...
helping us out this year.

If you are able to help on any day of the week, just the lunch period or for the day, any help would be appreciated.

Mum, Dad and Grandparents are all welcome to come and help out!

If you are interested, please call the Canteen on 02 6392 0387.

Justine Peters
Canteen Manager

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**Reduction in session pricing for Outside School Hours Care service**

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.

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@unitingcareswact.org.au for further information and enrolment forms.

Greg Alderson
Business Manager

Uniting Care Children's Services

Arrangements for Outside School Care can be made by contacting:

Centre Co-ordinator: Vickie Stewart
Email: kinrosswolaroiosch@unitingcareswact.org.au
Phone: 0427 290 761 from 2.30pm

Vickie Stewart
Co-ordinator

P&F News

Prep Bottle Stall at the KWS Fair

Each year at the KWS Fair, the Prep School coordinates the Bottle Stall. Numbered tickets are sold for $2 each and every bottle/jar has a corresponding number. You receive the bottle/jar that matches the number on your ticket! We are after as many bottles/jars as we can. The more we have, the more money we can raise for the P&F.

Please start collecting empty bottles/jars and think about some
innovative prizes you can place in them. For new parents, contents can be whatever you like. Some examples are: pencils, erasers, hair clips, gardening items eg: seeds, small toys, pair of socks, craft items, candle or lollies. There is a wide range of ages who purchase the bottles. NB: If you are using lollies, please ensure they are wrapped.

You will be asked to bring your bottles in to School, the week before the Fair.

The Fair is on Friday night, 6 March 2015 from 5.00pm – 9.00pm.

P&F Committee

Joining the Equestrian Team

For all new students

If you would like to be part of our Equestrian Team please contact Michelle Pryse Jones in the main administration office on 02 6392 0403 or via email mprysejones@kws.nsw.edu.au to be added to our contact list.

Michelle Pryse Jones
Equestrian Team Manager

KWS Fair

The KWS P&F Fair will be on Friday 6 March 2015 from 5.00pm – 9.00pm. This year the theme is Twilight French Fair. There will be a range of rides and activities on offer with each House contributing to the evening.
The Twilight French Fair encourages families to bring along a rug and picnic on the grounds. A variety of food stalls will be available, as will entertainment by GABEMUSIC.

Please consider volunteering your time this year, some more helpers would be greatly appreciated. For information about how you can help out, please contact Kim Bryant kim@ssfs.com.au or Paula Elbourne phime@bigpond.com

P&F Committee

Co-Curricular Music Groups 2015

As some of you may be aware, there have been a few changes to the groups and timetable this year. If you are unsure where your child should be or what groups are on offer, please do not hesitate to contact me via the School Office.

Junior String Ensemble:  Tuesday 3.30 pm Prep Music Room

This group is open to all string players who have been learning for approximately 1 year up to Grade 2 standard. I look forward to meeting all our new players and having some string-tastic fun every Tuesday!

Intermediate String Ensemble:  Tuesday 7.45-8.45am Room 68 (in the Music Centre)

Open to all string players approximately Grade 2 and above. This group will rehearse with Mrs Moxey on Tuesday mornings.

Junior Concert Band:  Wednesday 7.45-8.45am Performance Theatre

Open to all beginner players to approximately Grade 2 standard. This group will rehearse with Mr Alloway.
Intermediate Concert Band Thursday 7.30-8.45am Performance Theatre

Open to all players from Grade 2 upwards. This group will rehearse on Thursday mornings with Mrs McRae.

Prep Dance: Tuesday 8-8.45am Performance Theatre

Open to all children from K-6. No experience necessary. This group will be directed by Miss Lindsay.

Percussion Group: Tuesday 8 am Prep Music Room

Due to the demand of places for this group and the limited number of instruments available, places will need to be prioritised this year. Priority will be given to those who attended last year and our senior students. Students will be placed on a waiting list and offered places as they become available. Students are very welcome to bring their own Djembe drums if they have them, but please ensure they are named. They can be stored in the Music Room for safe keeping.

It is important that student attend rehearsals each week. If for some reason students cannot attend, please inform Mrs Chapman/Mrs Choi via the Music centre on 63920647 or via the Prep school office phone or email.

Katie Sinclair
Music Teacher

Co-Curricular Performing Arts Ensembles 2015

Click on link here or table below for pdf version.
**Music News**

**Australian Youth Orchestra's National Music Camp**

This year, Year 10 student, Brianna Chu was chosen to participate in this camp on viola. The players at this camp are mainly tertiary aged students so Brianna did outstandingly well to be selected.

She settled in to play brilliantly in four huge concerts that were broadcast over ABC Classic FM Australia-wide. Tutors encouraged her abilities and praised her sound. Rachel Kwa (2011 KWS Graduate) and Annabelle
Carter (2013 KWS Graduate) were also selected to be part of this camp. All three girls are wonderful ambassadors for both Orange and our school as we continue to put Kinross Wolaroi School on the National music stage.

**Instrumental Music Enrolment Forms**

Please note that every student, both new and continuing, must return a 2015 Instrumental Music Lesson Enrolment Form. This form is a contract and contains all the conditions of learning an instrument at KWS. Please return your form by the end of this week.

**Co-curricular Performing Arts Ensembles**

All groups will start this week with the exception of KWS Orchestra, which starts on Monday of Week 3. Please find included in this bulletin a full schedule of all activities available from K-12.

**Secondary School Musical 2015**

AUDITIONS will run from 3:30pm THIS FRIDAY (Friday 6th February) in the Performance Theatre for major roles only. See the Orange noticeboard outside Miss Anthony's office for more information.

May you have a wonderful week.

Anneliese Alloway
Head of Performing Arts

**Performing Arts Dates for Your Diary**

**February**
6 – Musical 2015 Auditions, 3:30 onwards, PT
23 – HSC Drama Sydney Excursion

**MARCH**
5-6 – Secondary Music Excursion – Sydney Symphony Orchestra
17 – Harmony Day
18 - Concerto Competition
19 – Athletics Carnival
23 - 24 – Encore Excursion
27 – Secondary Camps Week begins

APRIL
1 – Final Day Term 1
2 – Staff PD Day
3 – Good Friday
1 – Easter Monday
21 – Term 2 commences
25 – ANZAC DAY – KWS Marching Band required

MAY
15 - Camerata Concert, 6:30pm, Chapel in DPA – Concerto Competition participants
27 – Oz Opera Performance – Preparatory School

JUNE
8 – Queen’s Birthday Holiday
9 – Prep Music Concert, 5:30pm, DPA
12 – Cadet Farewell Parade and Dinner
18 – Performing Arts Festival, 7:00pm, DPA
19 – Final day Term 2

JULY
6 - 10 – Musical Camp (KWS)
12– 17 - Musical production week
14 – Term 3 commences
16 – 18 – Musical performances
16 – Boarders attend musical evening performance / Year 7 attend musical matinee
17 – Musical matinee and Evening Performance
18 – Musical Evening Performance
20 – 23 – Year 3-4 Drama Rehearsals
24 – Year 3-4 Drama performances
27 – AMEB Practical Examinations commence

AUGUST
5 – HSC Drama Recital, Performance Theatre
5 – K-12 Performing Arts Photos
7 – House Spectacular
17-28 – Trial HSC Examinations
17-28 – HSC Drama Performance Examinations
23 – HSC Composition recording Day
31- HSC Music Recital Evening 1
31 – HSC Music Performance Examination Period begins

SEPTEMBER
1 - HSC Recital Evening 2
1 – 11 – HSC Music Performance Examination period
7 – 10 – K-2 Show rehearsals
7 – 11 – Year 5/6 Musical rehearsals
11 – Performing Arts Afternoon Tea
14 – AMEB Practical Examinations conclude
14 – 15 – K-2 Show performances
14 – 17 Year 5/6 Musical performances
17 – Year 12 Farewell and Blessing
18 – Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
18 – Final day Term 3

OCTOBER
6 – Staff PD Day
7 – Term 4 commences
12 – HSC Examinations begin
23 – IMEB Speech and Drama Examinations
26 – Preparatory Music Assembly

NOVEMBER
3 – Year 11 Drama Recital Night
6 – Grandparents Day
7 - Preparatory School Open Day (am)
10 – CAPA Evening, 7:00pm, DPA
12 – Student Music Concert, 5:30pm, Performance Theatre
27 – Preparatory Celebration Assembly K-6
30 – Preparatory Outdoor Education Week begins
DECEMBER
4 – Final day of classes for Term 4
5 – Speech Day (Saturday)

Sports News
There will be NO SPORT on Wednesday 28 January. Summer Sport will begin on the following Monday 3 February, except for the U/12 and U13 Cricket teams who play at their respective matches at 8.30 am on Saturday. Mrs Barrett will meet with all students (Years 3-6) outlining their summer sport.

Prep Inter-House Swimming Carnival
Next Friday 13th February, the Prep Inter-House Swimming Carnival (years 3-6) will take place at the KWS pool. The day starts with the K-6 involved in the House March Past in the gym, followed by the start of the swimming carnival with the 100m freestyle events. All students K-6 are to come to school in their sports uniform. All races at the carnival are 50m races. If your child is a weak or timid swimmer who cannot make 50m, please email me at gkennewell@kws.nsw.edu.au so that I can place your child in the invitational 25m race. This will be an all-age race. Students will need to wear KWS swimmers or approved racing swimmers. No bright or patterned, only navy blue or black. House coloured swim caps must be worn by all swimmers.

As always, I will need the assistance of parents on the day to help run the stop watches (3 parents per lane). If you are able to assist, please let me know either via email, phone call or playground.

A note will come home this week outlining more details about the carnival.

Team of the Week
Congratulations to the U12 Cricket team for their nomination for Team of the week.
Mrs Hunter (coach) wrote: The U12's had a fantastic win on the weekend, not just in their result but the way they performed together as a team after such a long break was excellent. Every single person made a significant contribution, there was superb encouragement for each other and they played the game in great spirit. Best team performance of the season so far.

**Dates for the Diary**
13th February: Prep 3-6 Inter-House Swimming Carnival
26th February: WAS Swimming Carnival, Bathurst
5th March: HICES Swimming Carnival, Sydney
19th March: CIS Swimming, Sydney
1st April: Prep 3-6 Inter-House Athletics Carnival
5th May: KWS Cross Country, PLC
19th May: WAS Cross Country, PLC
29th May: HICES Cross Country, PLC
11th June: CIS Cross Country, Eastern Creek

**Mrs Louise Barrett**
**KWS Prep Sport & PE Co-ordinator**

**Lost Property**
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.

**KWS LATEST NEWS!**
'Love and support' themes of Leaders Induction Service

KWS is in good hands as we head into the 2015 school year, with an outstanding group of young men and women officially inducted into their leadership roles at the Senior School’s Leaders......➤ read full article

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