Principal

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Parents and Friends Meeting

Last week I attended the first meeting of the year for the P&F. The meeting was well supported with a number of new parents. One of the topics for discussion was the misconception that the core purpose of the P&F is seen by many to be fundraising. This view impacts on the manner in which parents become involved and interact with the P&F.

It was agreed that the focus of the P&F should be on offering support to parents, friend-raising and engagement rather than setting specific targets for fundraising. As we approach the 2015 School Fair it is important that we keep this in mind. We seek your involvement and assistance to ensure that the Fair is a collaborative event which pulls parents together. While saying this, I am mindful of the many fully funded projects that the P&F have overseen over the last 10 years, totalling well over $400,000. I am grateful for the contribution of many to this substantial amount which has contributed to many programs across the school. Thank you!

New Parents Function

To promote this new theme of the P&F, there will be a special event held to welcome new parents to KWS on:

Saturday 7 March 2015 from 5 – 7:30pm in the DPA

As the P&F are generously sponsoring this event, I seek the support of all parents to attend with the aim of providing a welcoming environment for new parents.

Brian Kennelly
Principal

Head of Preparatory

Dear Parents

Congratulations to all involved with last week’s
Inter-House Swimming carnival. The house spirit was clearly evident with the cheering and support being loud and enthusiastic all day long. It was terrific to see students rewarded for their efforts in training. While we recognised our winners I must compliment the students who took part in races in which they were ‘out of their comfort zone’! While it would have been easy to swim the 25m they entered the 50m and did their best. That is everything we could ask for, well done. Please see Mrs Barrett’s section for a comprehensive report on the carnival.

A number of extra activities within the school are well underway and being met with great enthusiasm by the students i.e.; Chess, Debating, Kids’ Lit Quiz, Peer Support and the various music ensembles.

At this week’s assembly our Music Leaders were announced. Congratulations to:

Band Leader - Max Bylsma  
Strings Leader - Elizabeth Kwa  
Choir Leaders - Catherine Crisp & Will Rouse

As part of the School’s Strategic Plan we are reviewing many educational practices and using evidence based research to make informed decisions. The staff are currently reviewing homework - our policy, the benefits of and areas that cause concern. During the term we will be sourcing the views of parents. There are always comments in the press relating to homework. Our investigation, however, will focus on what is best for the students at KWS. I look forward to some robust discussion.

On behalf of the school I wish Mr Hordynsky, Luke Nelson, Jonathan King-Christopher, Lachlan Roberts, Aileen Priest, William Rawson and the cast and crew of ‘Ghost of a Chance’ all the very best at the CAT Awards night this Saturday evening.
Enjoy your week.

**Rob McLean**
Head of the Preparatory School

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**Assembly Awards**

**Merit Awards:**

**1S:** Cherry Kaipu, Harriett Sinclair.

**1/2W:** Phoebe Hunter, Olivia Wilson, Alice Scholte, Ava Buesnel, Hannah Jones, Olivia Lee, Spencer Williams, Jack Davies.

**2A:** Matilda Fabar, Jessica Thompson, Alisha Haq, Olivia Volkofsky, Oliver Smith, Mila Srzich, Olivia Martin.

**2H:** Tessa Wong, Sienna Wilkin, Krishan Kandeepan.

**3E:** Cameron Hoskin.

**4D:** Sherry Ahmed, Isaac Birmili, Jayde Caro, Simone Chawla x2, Elise Davies, Nicholas de Bruyn, Hugo Jansen, Blake Jones, Jock Litchfield, Sophie Martin, Cohan Mastrangeli, Lily Robson x2, Joe Rouse, Fletcher Smith, Hugh Thompson, Jackson Wilkin.

**4P:** Jaemin Lee, Phoebe Poole, Ella Buesnel, Harriette Usher, Max Bloomfield, Camryn Adams.

**5M:** Sameeka L'Estrange, Arnie Tancred, Sophia Nelson, Lucy Waddell.

**5P:** Charlotte Coulton, Ben Jones, Joey Jones, Oliver Churcher x2, Sally Carter, Henry Forsyth, Alexander Reid, Lily Anderson, Cameron Horne, Alexander McKenzie.

**6F:** Ziggy Jackson Le Couteur, Zac Lewis, Will Hannelly x2, Sasha Wilson x2, Gabriella Gerber, Ethan Reid, Annie Pattinson, Alice Aldersey, Max Bylsma, Mackenzie Jones, Harry Macdougall, Grace Birmili, Gidgette Pratten, Emma Choi, Bailie-Rose Miller, Caden Wilkin, Will Rouse.

**6H:** Meyhar Chawla, George Cumming, Brooke Martin x2.
**Courteous Points:**

**Lovely Manners:** Aiden Button, Olivia Volkofsky, Bianca Wong, Hannah Jones, Jock Litchfield, Elise Davies, Nicholas de Bruyn, James McRae, Oliver Wong, Koby Bryan, Zac Shannon, Brooke Martin, Abhi Popuri, Logan Usher, Helen Suthers, William Knight, Andrew May.

**Lovely Greetings:** Sam Martin, Alice Scholte, Olivia Lee, Harrison Coady, Georgia Miller, Callum Wald, Meyhar Chawla, Henry Forsyth.

**Thinking of Others:** Mitchell Wheeler, Bridget Horne, Robert Harrison.

**Excellent Behaviour:** Emma Aldersey, Campbell Miller, Taylah Caro, Catherine Crisp.

**Citizenship Points:**

**Uniform:** Grace Hansen, Lucinda Clinton, Alisha Haq, Archer Fielding, Grace McBeath, Charlotte Coulton.

**Sportsmanship:** Isaac Birmili.

**Listening Manners:** Jack Dunworth.

**Trying New Things:** Harriet Sinclair.

**Helpfulness:** Callum Wald, Edward Smith, Mitchell Reynolds, Max Bylsma, Ryan Everett, Elizabeth Kwa, Isaac Birmili, Jayde Caro, Hugh Thompson, Oliver Churcher, William Garard, Ella Buesnel, Oscar McLaughlin, Harriet Stratton, Tessa Wong, George Cumming, Angus Blyde, Sara Gerber, Honor Tyrrell, Sarah Choi, Abbygail Hunt, Caleb Bashara, Liam McKenzie.

**Being Kind:** Camilla Crossing, Harry Munro, Will Rouse, Grace Birmili, Jonathan King-Christopher,

**Honesty:** Elizabeth Kwa.

**Role Model:** Matthew Roper, Oliver Chandler-Sullivan, Charles Gill.

Oliver Perkins, Phoebe Litchfield, Grace McBeath.

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**Car Park & Pick up Zone**

Thank you to the parents who have slipped their name tag onto the sun visor. It makes it so much easier for the staff on duty to identify each car.
One difficulty we are experiencing is the number of parents who arrive at 3pm and wait in the pick up zone. If your child is not at the required place immediately it gridlocks the system. The staff then have to ask you to go around again which causes some frustration.

Please be understanding that if your child is not there you will be asked to move.

I thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mr Rob McLean  
Head of Preparatory

Peer Support

This week in Peer Support children will look at some of the reasons why bullying occurs and what sort of activities could be undertaken instead. Bullying behaviour is often the result of anger, loneliness, boredom or the desire for fun or attention. It is also linked to a lack of empathy by those doing the bullying. If children can encourage one another to engage in more productive activities then the incidence of bullying behaviour in our school may decrease.

Mr Tim May  
Deputy Head of Preparatory

Garden Produce for Sale

Bring in some silver coins on Thursday morning prior to classes if you’d like to buy capsicum, potatoes or strawberries from our veggie garden.

Mrs Lisa Pengilly
Kinross Wolaroi OSHC / Uniting Care Children's Services

Coordinator Vickie Stewart and Educator Meaghan Jefferson.

We have been off to a very busy start for the beginning of Term 1 and places are filling up quickly. If you think you will need to use the service at any time please contact the office or the centre for an enrolment package. Unfortunately if your child attends the service and does not have the enrolment form then we are unable to accept them. Although we are a 45 place centre we cannot accept any more than this at the centre due to regulations so if you are using the centre on a regular casual basis it might be worth looking into changing to a permanent booking so you don't miss out.

Child Care benefits are available to families approved by Centrelink and families are entitled to a 50% rebate.

Contact us on 0427 290 761 or www.unitingcarechildrensservices.org.au

Vickie Stewart
Co-Ordinator Kinross Wolaroi OSHC | UnitingCare Children's Services

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 kimb@ssfs.com.au or Paula Elbourne phime@bigpond.com

P&F Committee

Prep Bottle Stall

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
The School along with the P&F have organised a parent get together on Saturday 7 March 2015. The purpose of the drinks is a social function for ALL KWS parents to welcome in the new school year.

We have scheduled the function the night after the Fair to cater for Boarding parents who may be in Orange for the weekend. Feel free to call in for an hour or stay for the duration. We would love to see you all.

Please rsvp to Sally Rattray-Wood on 02 6392 0325 or srattray@kws.nsw.edu.au by 28 February 2015.

Georgie Hinrichsen
Community Engagement Manager

KWS Fair - White Elephant Stall

It's time to get ready for the 2015 KWS FAIR – Fantastic White Elephant Stall and Sports Boot Sale

Clean out those wardrobes, book shelves and declutter the kitchen and sort through those sports shoes, boots and equipment.

It's time again to prepare for the 2015 KWS Fair - White Elephant stall
It's time again to prepare for the 2015 KWS Fair – White Elephant stall.

Please start to box up all of the ‘great stuff’ you have been collecting over the holidays- books, toys, kitchenalia, clothes, knick knacks and a special area devoted to good quality second hand sports shoes, boots and sporting equipment. Also looking for great books and games for prep families.

DROP OFF details in next week’s BULLETIN – keep a look out

Helpers are desperately needed for set up
and selling on the day – just an hour or two would be a great help
Please contact me, Joanne Cheney
jotcheney@gmail.com / 0263682080

KWS Fair - Cake Stall

We would welcome any donations to the Cake Stall to be held at the Fair on 6th March.

Please deliver cakes, slices, muffins, biscuits, pies, tarts, quiche or other delicious baked goods to the stall on the night. Please ensure they are wrapped, on a disposable plate and with a clear label stating all ingredients.
For deliveries prior, or any questions please call Kate (0419 625 000) or Michelle (0438 202 674).

Michelle Thompson  
Cake Stall Co-ordinator

**Prep Music Leaders Announced**

Congratulations to the 2015 Prep Music Leaders who were announced in Assembly today.

The new leaders are:

Catie Crisp & Will Rouse – Choir Leaders

Max Bylsma – Band Leader

Elizabeth Kwa – Strings Leader

A wonderful team of students to lead the Prep Music in 2015.
Sports News

Prep Inter-House Swimming Carnival Results

On Friday, the Prep School held their Inter-House Swimming Carnival. It was a great day with excitement levels at an all-time high! The students from K-6 assembled in the gym to participate in the house march past. Noise levels were at a premium with Mr Rowe struggling to award an overall winner due to the amazing colour, marching, and cartwheels and cheering from each house. Eventually places were awarded with McLachlan house being victorious. Students then assembled into the pool area for the swimming to get underway. 100m Freestyle events opened the carnival, followed by 25m and 50m Freestyle, Butterfly, Backstroke and Breaststroke. After lunch the 50m Freestyle Championships were held along with the relays.

The over house results were: Gordon 702, Douglas 624, Brown 591 and McLachlan 575. Congratulations to all the students who participated throughout the day, participation levels were at an all-time high and this helped their houses to accumulate their points.

Ollie McLaughlin had a massive day breaking 5 school records: 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle (twice), 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke. Congratulations Ollie.

My thanks and gratitude go to the following people for their assistance with the Prep Swimming Carnival on Friday: to the staff for helping run the carnival so efficiently, Louise Goddard for operating the computer throughout the day, the parents who spent the day timekeeping, Gary Hollywood for officiating, the groundsmen and Brendan Curran for setting up the pool area for the carnival, Justine and Katrina for their canteen at the pool, Donna from Grind coffee and senior school PE classes who assisted with the seating around the pool.

From the results of the carnival, the following students have been selected to represent KWS at the WAS and HICES Swimming Carnivals. Our 2015 Swimming captains are: Ollie McLaughlin and Bailie-Rose
Miller, Alice Waddell, Emma Aldersey, Helen Suthers, Angus Pengilly, Hugh Hinrichsen, Sophie Martin, Oscar McLaughlin, Lily Robson, Arnie Tancred, Henry Wakem, Ben Chai, Lucy Waddell, Annabel Pengilly, Amelia Hinrichsen, Zac Lewis, Catherine Crisp, Jonathan King-Christopher, Ziggy Jackson-Le Couteur.

Congratulations to all these students and we wish them best of luck for next weeks WAS Carnival in Bathurst.

**Outside Sport information**

**Cycling**

Congratulations to Olivia Martin who competed at the NSW Track Cycling Championships at Dubbo on the weekend. She won a silver medal in the final of the U9's scratch race and a silver medal in the final of the Derby Championship race. Well done Olivia.

**Athletics**

Congratulations to the following students who represented Orange and Blayney at the Regional Athletics Championships in Parkes over the weekend. Henry Wakem: 6th 200m final; Jock Litchfield 7th 70m Sprint final; Brooke Martin 1500m final; Sophie Martin: 3rd 1500m final, 7th Long Jump final, 6th 100m final, 2nd 400m final and 2nd Relay; Bailey Barrett 5th Long Jump final; Brooke Barrett 5th High Jump final and 2nd Triple Jump final and Phoebe Litchfield 5th Long Jump final, 2nd 800m final, 2nd 200m final, 1st 400m final, 2nd relay.

Sophie Martin, Phoebe Litchfield and Brooke Barrett have qualified to compete at the NSW State Championships in March.

**Orange Running Festival Schools Team Entries**

The Colour city running festival is offering the School Challenge 5km event on Sunday 1st March at 10.30am. Teams must consist of a minimum 5 members to participate. If you are interested to compete, please see Mrs Barrett for registration information and details. Entries
close 26th February.

**Dates for the Diary**

February 26: WAS Swimming Carnival - Bathurst
March 5: HICES Swimming Carnival - Sydney
March 19: CIS Swimming - Sydney
April 1: Prep 3-6 Inter-House Athletics Carnival
May 5: KWS Cross Country - PLC
May 19: WAS Cross Country - PLC
May 29: HICES Cross Country - PLC
June 11: CIS Cross Country - Eastern Creek

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

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**KWS LATEST NEWS!**

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Records tumble at Prep swim carnival

The students from KWS Prep pulled out all stops for the 2015 Swimming Carnival. The hotly contested March Past was the first event of the day and proved a fun – if slightly deafening – event.

Year 12 student a 'big' hit

KWS First XV prop Cody Walker has shown the infants children he's just as handy with a fitness ball as he is with a rugby ball. The Year 12 student was a special guest at KWS Prep School when......read full article