Principal

In the Bulletin this week:

• Parents and Friends Fair
• Application for Leave

Parents and Friends Fair

What a fabulous night for a School Fair! I am extremely grateful to the Parents and Friends, especially the Fair Coordinator Paula Elbourne and her team of dedicated workers, along with a huge number of volunteers who assisted with the organisation and set up of the Fair. The impressive numbers of people attending the Fair is evidence of the strength of the KWS Community. I am extremely proud to be the Principal of a School where so many people worked together and supported each other to make sure the Fair was such a success. The total takings for the Fair were in excess of $20,000 – thank you to all contributors!

I thank everyone involved for their efforts and for being wonderful supporters of KWS.

Application for Leave

The NSW Government has recently introduced amendments to the legislation relating to leave applications and the Minister for Education...
has instituted changes to the process of the recording of attendance and applying for absence from School.

In brief, Parents and Carers are encouraged not to withdraw their children from school for family holidays.

As of 2015, any family holiday taken during term time will be counted as an absence. Families are requested to holiday or travel during school vacation time only. Certificates of Exemption no longer apply to family holidays/travel taken during term time. Instead, if “in-term holidays” are unavoidable, parents should apply for Leave in writing directly to the Principal providing details as per the form outlined below.

Parents seeking leave for a family holiday during term time need to submit an Application for Extended Leave – Vacation/Travel form to the Principal for approval at least 2 weeks prior to the requested Leave/Exemption period. If approval is not granted, the absences will be recorded as unjustified.

The Policy surrounding leave applications and the associated application forms are available from the KWS website at http://www.kws.nsw.edu.au/ff-PPandforms

Brian Kennelly
Principal

Head of Preparatory

Dear Parents,
A fabulous turn out of parents, students and friends on a beautiful Orange night made for a wonderful Fair.

Thank you to all who contributed bottles to the stall. We had a great number of bottles with some imaginative ones on offer. A big thank you to Mrs Siobhain Harvey and her enthusiastic group of assistants who collected the bottles each morning. Many parents volunteered at the stall and your assistance was greatly appreciated.

It was evident where our Students athletic abilities originate with the parents showing a quick turn of speed in the 100m relay at the Calcutta.

Thank you for volunteering and thanks to the parents who bought the teams, and to Mrs Seedsman and Mrs King for organising the event.

From the Prep School I wish to acknowledge our Fair Co-ordinators, Mrs Kim Bryant and Mrs Paula Elbourne for their outstanding work in putting the whole show together.

While acknowledging people our HICES Swim Team were wonderful ambassadors for our School last week. While the swimming performances were very pleasing, full marks to the team for their behavior, school spirit and support for each other.
Oliver McLaughlin deserves a mention for breaking a 20 year old HICES record - 12 years backstroke. Congratulations.

Our team of Prefects and House Captains attended a HICES Leadership day last week. They fully involved themselves in the day and produced a catchy jingle on their aims for the year - The 3 R's of Leadership:

Gaining RESPECT
Taking RESPONSIBILITIES
Being ROLE MODELS

Well done!

Enjoy your week.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

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**Assembly Awards**

**Merit Awards**

**KK:** Rohan Kotasthane, Oliver Garard, Percy Meates, Thomas Hunt, Lachlan Thomas, Oscar Zielinski.

**KD:** Eva Smedley, David King, Oscar Chandler-Sullivan.

**1S:** Maya French, James McRae, Harriett Sinclair, Lachlan Knight, Caitlin Reid.

**1/2W:** Alice Scholte x2, Bianca Wong, Samuel Martin, Ryan Everett, Oliver Glover, Luca Popa, Phoebe Hunter, Jack Davies, Jack Steventon, Spencer Williams, Kajan Kandeepan, Ava Buesnel, Joshua de Bruyn, Hannah Jones, Finn O'Toole.

**2A:** Aiden Button, Mitchell Wheeler, Lucinda Clinton, Robert Harrison, Mila Srizch, Jessica Thompson, Olivia Martin, Ava Rouse, Jack Dunworth, Alisha Haq, Roger Kircher, Olivia Volkofsky, Charlie Poole.

**2H:** Bonnie McPhee, Isabella Lloyd-George, Hugh Payne.

**3C:** Max Munro, Angus McPhie, Daisy Wilson, Lucia Varian, Thomas McRae, Charlotte Jones, Charles Gill, Camilla Crossing, Harry Munro, Oliver Chandler-Sullivan.

**3E:** Cameron Hoskin, Snigda Kaipu, Lolli-Rose Pasquali.

**4D:** Sherry Ahmad x2, Isaac Birmili, Elise Davies, Lazo Jalal, Hugo Jansen, Blake Jones, Jock Litchfield, Joe Rouse, Fletcher Smith, Gordon Suthers, Hugh Thompson, Jackson Wilkin.

**4P:** Max Reidy, Dion Kircher, Charlotte Raffen, Bailey Barrett, Luke Dominello, Jesse Jones, Max Bloomfield, Ella Buesnel, Oliver Wong x2, Harrison Coady x2.

**5M:** Riley Hall, Harrison Sharpe x3, Johanna McLachlan, Sophie Nelson, Emily Watt, Oliver Charlton, Samuel Harris, Dylan Tucker x2, Catarina Taragel, Henry Wakem, Lila Tyrrell, Lucy Waddell x2, Matthew Adams.

**5P:** Alexander McKenzie, Lily Anderson, Charlotte Coulton x2, Luke Hunter x2, Logan Usher x2, Grace Srizch x2, Henry Forsyth x2, Sally Carter, Saxon Buckley, Hayley Breen, Emily Abiasaff, Ben Jones, Lima Bracks x2, Kinin Brown, Amelia Hinrichsen, Olivia Tudor x2, Alexander Reid, Joey Jones.

**6F:** Sasha Wilson, Gidgette Pratten, Mackenzie Jones, Bailie-Rose
Miller.
6H: Catherine Crisp, George Cumming x2, Charles Fielding x2, Elizabeth Kwa, Mia Marjoram, Brooke Martin x2, Abhi Popuri, Madeleine Srzich, James Thompson.

**Courtesy Points**


**Lovely Greetings:** Benjamin Lee, Hannah Birmili, Willa Paix, Charlotte Raffen,

**Using Initiative:** Lillian Pearce

**Excellent Behaviour:** Amelia Hill, Andrew May, Samuel Fabar, Charles Hansen, Sarah Gerber, Ava Buesnel, Grace Blysma, Jack Davies, Joshua de Bruyn, Ryan Everett, Olive Glover, Phoebe Hunter, Hannah Jones, Kajan Kandeepan, Olivia Lee, Samuel Martin, Cameron Nash, Finn O’Toole, Luca Popa, Alice Scholte, Kaitlin Smith, Jack Steventon, Spencer Williams, Olivia Wilson, Bianca Wong.

**Consideration for Others:** Oliver Smith, Harriett Sinclair, Cherry Kaipu.

**Citizenship Points**

**Uniform:** Charlotte Buckley, Emily Caro, Hugh Payne, Lily Moe, Madeleine Srzich, Oliver McLaughlin, Brooke Barrett, Olivia Volkofsky, Isabella Pearce, Oliver Churcher.

**Sportsmanship:** Will Steventon, Lucia Varian.

**Helpfulness:** Sarah Choi, Neve Jansen, Alexandra French, Snigda Kaipu, Lolli-Rose Pasquali, Niamh Graham, Lenny Shannon, Ava Sutherland, Joe Dunworth, Cooper Martin, Eva Smedley, Will Payne, Madison Jones, Mitchell Wheeler, Mila Srzich, Matilda Fabar, Ava Rouse, Sherry Ahmad, Elise Davies, Nicholas de Bruyn, Jackson Wilkin, Ella Buesnel, Harrison Coady,

**Positive Attitude:** Brooke Martin, William Rawson, Elizabeth Clarke,

**Being Kind:** Harry Munro, Camilla Crossing, Meyhar Chawla, Catherine Crisp, Phoebe Litchfield, Emma Choi, Olive Glover, Jack Davies, Olivia Wilson, Samuel Martin, William Hannelly, Remy Niven, Samuel Balcomb, Maya French, William Garard, Thomas Goodsir, Zoe Harmer, Cherry Kaipu, Lachlan Knight, Daniel Lord, Jazzlyn Nagra, Anjali Popuri, Finn Price, Caitlin Reid, Lucinda Reidy, Matthew Roper, Harriett Sinclair, Hamish Slack-Smith, Joshua Wheeler, Lexi Wilkin, Max Bloomfield,

**Excellent Role Model:** Luke Hunter.

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**Book Club**
**Fancy Hair Day - Friday 13 March**

This Friday the Prep School Prefects will be hosting a Fancy Hair Day for all students in the Prep School. This fundraising event will combine with other events in the high school raising awareness and funds for Leukemia research. For a small gold coin donation students will be permitted to wear their hair in a fancy or unusual style on the day. It can be as simple as wearing your hair out with colourful ribbons for the girls and adding some gel into the boys’ hair.

Colour may be used if it is applied at home before students depart for school but no spray cans may be brought to school. It is important to note that the rest of the school uniform should be worn as normal – it is NOT a mufti Day.

The prefects look forward to having the children support their fundraising initiative.

**Mr Tim May**

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**School Holiday Junior Chess Tournament**

A junior Chess tournament will be held at St Barnabas Anglican Church Parish Hall, Corner Dora and McLachlan Streets, East Orange on Thursday 16th April 2015 from 9:45am to 3:30pm.

The cost will be $10 ($5 for additional family member).

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places in under 18 & under 12 categories. You must register by 14th April at the latest by contacting:

Junior Chess Coordinators:
1. Alexander Aich - 6884 4561 or email alexander.aich@gmail.com
2. Joe Cummins - 6362 6882 or email heather.cummins@optusnet.com.au

Bring your own lunch but there will be soft drinks and bottled water for sale.

You don’t have to be good, this is a fun tournament. But a knowledge of the rules is required. The games will be timed with chess clocks. Don’t worry if you have never played with clocks. You’ll be told how they work.

The results will be sent to the NSW Junior Chess League for ratings.

**Mr Mark Pritchard**
Peer Support

The issue of bullying is just one of a much broader range of issues that contribute to how safe children feel at school and whether our school represents a positive experience for them. This week children have the opportunity to reflect on what a positive school looks like and how they can play a role in creating and maintaining a positive school environment.

Mr Tim May

P&F News

The Twilight French Fair

The French flavoured twilight Fair was a great night and the weather was kind to us this year. Particular thanks to Kim Bryant and Paula Elbourne who did a spectacular job to coordinate the Fair. There were a lot of people who took on key jobs of organising the Calcutta, the great French food and BBQ, the stalls - cake stall, Boarder Parents, P and F, White elephant, the Bottle stall, and the various activities including rowing challenge, Kaboom (or Kazaam??), and the ladies sorting out the finances on the night. We were also very fortunate to have great support from the school to run this event and particular thanks to Geoff Yeo, Brendan Curran, Chris Dyet and Georgie Hinrichsen.

A lot of work went into the preparation for the night, and lots of people helped out in the lead up and on the evening, and the efforts of the children, teachers and tutors, and parents are really appreciated. A great school community event.

Meet and Greet

KWS and the P and F hosted the first "whole of school" Meet and Greet on Saturday evening. We had just over one hundred people attend, and feedback has been that it was a great way to meet new parents as well as catch up with people you already know. We are planning that it will be an annual event.

AGM Change of Date

The AGM is being held on Wednesday 18th March (Not tonight, 11th March) as well as the P&F General Meeting.

Our 2nd Meeting of the year and AGM will commence at 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 7.30pm, and we will aim to conclude by 9.30 pm. The agenda will be on the P&F section of the website 2 days prior to the meeting, see: 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
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 1800 857 029.

To join the teleconference:

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

Interfaith Dialogue

An ecumenical initiative of Kinross Wolaroi School and James Sheahan Catholic High School is pleased to host an evening of interfaith dialogue, "Distinguishing Islam from Daesh (Islamic State).

Keynote speaker: Sami Ismail and colleagues from the Islamic Sciences and Research Academy (ISRA), Sydney.

When: Tuesday 17th March

Where: UCA Parish Centre Hall (behind Wesley Church, Anson Street)

A gold coin donation upon entry is appreciated.

Program

6:00 – 7:00  Islam and its distancing from Daesh
7:00 – 7:30  Q & A for those who would like to stay a bit longer
7:30 – 8:00  Supper

Phil Worrad
Chaplain

Camkids - Outdoor Movie Night

Logistical Details

Thank you for all the support of our Camkids charity movie night.

Times

Gates will open at 6.30 pm with screening to commence around 7.30pm. There will be NO intermission during the movie but food can be purchased throughout the running of the film.

Tickets

Movie wristbands and meal deal tickets will be picked up on the night.
Tables will be set up near the main office administration building. There will be two tables set up for the Preparatory school, and two tables set up for the Secondary school. Tickets will be organised into year groups for the Preparatory school and House groups for the Secondary School.

Food

Meal-deal food will be located near the canteen from clearly signposted tables. Sausage and steak sandwiches, cupcakes, drinks and lollies will be available for purchase on the night.

Bring

You are welcome to bring blankets, cushions, chairs, etc to make the evening more comfortable for you.

Emma Bylsma
Co-ordinator

KWS Fair

Prep Bottle Stall

A big thank you to all families who supported the bottle stall, the generosity and creativity of the contributions was amazing! Thanks also to all the parents who gave their time during the week and on the night to collect, tally, organize and sell the bottles - it was a fantastic effort and we managed to raise approximately $3500!

McLachlan house won the house points, and 3C won the pizza lunch - well done!

Siobhain Harvey
Co-ordinator
Performing Arts Press

Supporting Your Child in Music Practice

A wonderful article by Anthony Mazzocchi called “7 Easy Things Parents Can Do Right Now to Extend Their Child’s Musical Life” was published on March 2nd on the website, “The Music Parent’s Guide”. Some highlights from the article are as follows:

1. Dedicate ten, quiet minutes for practice time daily as part of the regular homework routine;
2. Listen to some beautiful music with them, especially music including the instrument your child learns;
3. Check their posture and consider placing a mirror in their practice space;
4. Learn how to put together and maintain their instrument by seeking advice from their teacher;
5. Buy a Play-a-long CD of music they like, or a jazz backing track for them to improvise to for fun;
6. Know when your child needs a break, do something fun, then come back to practice;
7. Be there. Just being present makes all the difference.

Sometimes parents think they can’t get involved with their child’s music practice, as they think they can’t help due to their limited knowledge of the instrument/reading music. However, just as parents dedicate time to their children’s homework, they can easily participate in music practice in the ways outlined above. The address for the full article is here: http://www.musicparentsguide.com/2015/03/02/7-easy-things-parents-can-do-right-now-to-extend-their-childs-musical-life/clearly possesses extraordinary talent.

Senior Music Camp Report

To say our camp last week was a success is an understatement! From the rehearsal room, the sublime Australian Brandenburg Orchestra with Mrs Moxey performing, a trip to Collaroy Beach in supreme weather conditions, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, James Morrison Concert to all the fun on the bus trips, all students and staff came away inspired and full of new musical energy. A full report by our Music Captains will be published soon.

Intermediate Music Camp – Sunday 22 – Monday 23 March

By now you should have received your permission slip regarding this exciting, overnight camp. Our Intermediate Concert Band, Intermediate String Ensemble and Koristers are attending the camp, during which they will rehearse and partake in activities such as Frisbee Golf and Archery! The permission slip was due back last week so if your slip is not in yet, please drop it into Mrs Chapman and Mrs Choi in the Music Centre this week.

May you have a wonderful week.

Anneliese Alloway
Head of Performing Arts

Performing Arts Dates for Your Diary

**MARCH**
17 – Harmony Day
18 - Concerto Competition
19 – Senior School Athletics Carnival
21 – KWS Annual Dinner – Chamber Strings performing 6:30 – 7:15pm
22 - 23 – Intermediate Music Camp - Warrumbui
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 Performing Arts Concert, 5:30pm, DPA
12 – Cadet Farewell Parade and Dinner
17 – 18 – Performing Arts Festival Dress Rehearsal days
18 – Dry Your Tears, Afrika Dress Rehearsal, 5:30pm, DPA
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
Sports News

HICES Swimming Team

Congratulations to our HICES swimmers who competed in Sydney last week to compete at the HICES swimming Carnival. Our team went exceptionally well with many PB's and places attained. We placed 3rd overall in Division 1 behind Central Coast Grammar School and William Clarke College. Our team was one of the smallest of all the schools making these achievements doubly impressive. Our KWS team was led by our Captains: Ollie McLaughlin and Bailie-Rose Miller. Ollie had a brilliant meet, breaking the HICES record in the 12 years boys 50m Backstroke, which had stood for over 10 years. Our swimmers were: 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, and Ziggy Jackson-Le Couteur. HICES team results & places for the CIS carnival on the 19th are yet to be received.

General Housekeeping

In sport on Monday and Wednesdays, athletics trails will take place. All students in year 3-6 are expected to attend. Only students that are currently involved in swimming squad or U12 cricket are exempt. Please see the timetable for events per age group. Students are to meet at the sports storeroom to be taken to their events. If your child is unable to attend for any reason, a note must be given to the office prior to the session.

Athletics Trials in Sport
KWS Prep Cricket Teams

Good Luck to Mrs Hunter and the U12 Cricketers as they play in the semi-finals this weekend. Congratulations to the U10 T20 Blast team who finished their season last Thursday undefeated.

Dates for the Diary

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

Outside Sport information

Congratulations to Phoebe Litchfield who competed at the NSW Little Athletics Multi-event over the weekend in Homebush. Phoebe competed in the 800m, 200m, Shot Put, Long Jump, Discus and Hurdles events placing 6th overall in her age group. Well done.

Catherine Crisp has been asked to swim Breaststroke for the Mountains and Plains region. This stretches from Glenbrook in the lower Blue Mountains right out to Lake Cargelligo. She represented them last Sunday at the NSW Speedo Sprints final at Homebush, and swam PB in 50m Breaststroke. Congratulations Catherine.

Mrs Louise Barrett
KWS Prep Sport & PE Co-ordinator

KWS LATEST NEWS!

French flair proves a hit at KWS annual fair

Visitors to KWS were filled with a sense of joie de vivre when the P&F hosted the Twilight French Fair. While the children enjoyed activities including carnival rides, henna tattooing, trike…… read full article
KWS boys make it four in a row at Head of the River

For the fourth year in a row KWS has won the prestigious Points Score trophy at the NSW Schoolboys Head of the River event. The KWS team won 13 gold medals, seven silver and eight bronze medals to…..read full article

Prep runners meet the challenge

KWS Prep runners had the honour of taking out the Primary Schools Challenge team event at the hugely popular Orange Colour City Running Festival. The KWS Blue team was made up of 10 Prep students who…..read full article