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Welcome Back

It is my pleasure to welcome the staff and students back for the beginning of Term 2. I trust that families have enjoyed a restful and relaxing Easter break. Following on from an impressive Term 1, we look forward to a fulfilling Term 2.

Staff Changes

I wish to advise of a number of staffing changes:

- Kieth Yap – (Visual Arts Teacher) has tendered his resignation, for family reasons, effective from the beginning of Term 2. Kieth has been on contract with us for three terms. I thank Kieth for his extensive contribution to the Visual Arts Program and for his input into the Co-curricular program. I take this opportunity to wish Kieth all the best in the future.

- Kathryn Johnson – replaces Kieth Yap, undertaking a 3 term contract

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until the end of this year. Kathryn is a highly experienced teacher of Visual Arts in Central NSW most recently teaching at Mudgee High School. Kathryn has a Bachelor of Arts and Science Education along with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Bowling Green State University in the USA. Kathryn has significant experience at Year 12 level with past students achieving selection for Art Express.

• Michelle Thompson, who has previously undertaken Mathematics contracts at KWS, is teaching Bridie Brideoake classes for Term 2, while Bridie takes long service leave.

• Kelly Cole – has accepted the role of Acting Head Tutor of McLachlan House while Bridie is on long service leave. I thank Kelly for her willingness to accept this additional responsibility.

• Jody Haydon - undertakes a short term contract to cover Ian Hatherly, who is on Carer’s Leave for the first 4 weeks of term.

• Nathan Zinga - takes up the new role as the inaugural Head of Tower House. Nathan and his family will be moving into the residence vacated by Ant Le Couteur and his family. We wish Nathan all the best in this key boarding role.

• Anthony Le Couteur and his family move into the residence in the new Wolaroi Boarding House. This is an exciting time for our Boarders as the Year 10 to 12 students from Wolaroi start the term in this wonderful new facility.

• Nathan Eaton has been appointed to the Information Services team as the Print Room Operator commencing in Term 2. Nathan comes to us having completed a printing apprenticeship and, most recently, from a role in the early childhood sector. Nathan’s primary role will be to assist faculty and support staff with the preparation and production of course materials and other school documentation.

• Sue Noonan – is appointed as the House Mother to New House, effective from the beginning of Term 2.

• Liliana Popa – is appointed as the House Mother to Tower House, effective from the beginning of Term 2.

I look forward to the ongoing commitment and contribution from the students throughout this term.

This is a time for major assessment tasks across all year levels with examinations for Years 7 to 12 and academic reports for all students from K to 12. In addition, students begin the winter co-curricular program this week. It is a time where we appreciate the continuing support of parents.

Brian J Kennelly
Principal
Head of Preparatory

A warm welcome back to Term 2. I trust you all enjoyed time with your children over the period. We extend a welcome to another 5 families who have enrolled their children in the Prep and hope you enjoy a long and fruitful association with the school.

This ANZAC Day we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Landing at Gallipoli.

Each year our Year 5 and 6 students take part in the March and Service in Orange at Robertson Park.

The students are required to meet outside the Police Station in Byng St by 10:10am and be in formation for the March. Students who March are expected to remain for the Service which concludes around 12 noon. They can then be collected from staff at that time.

Students are to be in full school uniform (including tam o shanter). Students from other years may participate if desired. All names are to be advised to Mrs Kennewell at the Prep Office by Thursday 23 April.

Our Winter Season Sporting program is already underway with our netball teams playing their first round of matches last weekend. A comprehensive booklet has been emailed home outlining all the details for the upcoming season. A reminder that our

K-2 teams train Mondays
3-6 teams train Wednesdays
12’s Rugby train Monday & Wednesday
9s & 11s Rugby train Fridays

All training for winter sport concludes at 4:30pm (note this different time to Term 1).

We have a great many learning opportunities ready to challenge the students and look forward to another busy and productive term.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

From the Chaplain

Jesus asked; “Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The Samaritan, the one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.” Luke 10: 36-37
The image of the mosaic represents legal justice. The woman on the throne holds a sword to chastise the guilty and a palm to reward the innocent. Her armour signifies the quest for righteousness and wisdom.

This depiction of legal justice has held merit since the inception of Rule of Law in 16th century England. The authority of law constrains behaviour that threatens the rights of the individual, including the behaviour of the government itself. Let’s face it, the threat of being sued or charged with a crime is a strong incentive to proper conduct. However, at this moment, five centuries of Rule of Law is being challenged within our Parliament.

A bill, the Migration Amendment Bill 2015 presently making its way through Federal Parliament. This particular bill will allow those working in detention centres to use whatever force the officer ‘believes is necessary’ to do anything from protect themselves to moving an individual from one place to another. This includes private contractors employed to be ‘immigration officers’ (see image below of ‘immigration officers’ standing with Pauline Hansen, some wearing ‘Australian Infidel’ shirts).
Violence against detainees is not a theoretical issue. Reza Berati and Hamid Hehazaei both died in detention camps under the care of our immigration officers. The United Nations has confirmed that torture has occurred in Australian detention camps. There are now reports surfacing from within the detention camps of women having to engage in sexual acts in exchange for food.

The Migration Amendment Bell 2015 will, in effect, exempt immigration officials from being accountable for their actions before a court of law. The actions of an official will not be judge on its reasonableness but rather on whether the officer reasonably believed the conduct to have been reasonable. Given the absence of any legal education of the officials, and the nature of the type of private contractors working in the capacity of ‘immigration officials’, legal accountability will be negligible at best.

As a Christian, I find this reprehensible and frightening. It subverts the legal system that has protected people for centuries, it flies in the face of every Biblical principle of justice and counters those very qualities that Jesus professed to be Godly.

There is a challenge before us: to be counter-cultural by teaching our students and children in particular virtues of the value of individual human life (irrespective of race or creed), respect, generosity and care.

Phil Worrad
Chaplain

KWS School Shop

Shop Hours Term 2, 2015

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Please note that Saturday trading will commence in Week 2 of Term 2 (following the ANZAC Day weekend)

Greg Alderson
Business Manager

Recording of Student Responses via iPads

Notice to Parents

As some of you may be aware, the school is researching and adopting principles of Prof. John Hattie’s ground breaking research and best practice in his book “Visible Learning”. John Hattie is the current Chair of the Board of the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) and promotes the quality of teachers and school leaders as the most important aspect of student progress. This is the heart of pedagogy, improving the quality of teachers with the focus on “how we teach” not just “what we teach”.

With this in mind, at the end of last year, the Coordinators from the Prep and Senior School agreed to seek feedback from our students to help staff better understand how students were learning in our classes and how they can learn more effectively. To collate this feedback, the Student Academic Services (SAS) Department was selected to gather this feedback due to its K-12 nature and cross-curricular exposure. The primary method will be via iPad (via voice memo or equivalent) to record student responses whilst in class. Students will not be withdrawn, as we want to keep it as natural as possible. The casual ‘walk-through’ by the SAS staff member will approach random students and ask a series of questions about what they are learning in class. By recording their responses electronically, the SAS staff member can move quickly from one student to another thereby collating several responses instead of one or two due to the time it would take to scribe responses. Scribing is also daunting when done in front of a student.

Once the student’s voice is recorded, the responses are then later collated without any reference to the individual student (only their class and subject) and then it is deleted. The collated information is then analysed for feedback back to the K-12 Coordinators and to staff in general. Any feedback back to the school community will not include any individual students and will be general in nature. I know that you agree with me that it is vital that we gather feedback from students to improve what we do as teachers. It is equally important that we enable student’s to have a voice, and have a say about the way they learn. This is their opportunity.

The walk-throughs will be conducted early this term. If you have any
objection to having your child selected for this interview, please contact me (via email ychoi@kws.nsw.edu.au). Any feedback or responses are welcomed.

Yooie Choi
Head of Student Academic Services

Term 2 Planner Updates

Please note these changes on your Term Planner

Tuesday May 5 - Inter House Cross Country at PLC
Friday June 12 - Brown House Fundraiser for Redkite

Friday August 7 - McLachlan House Fundraiser - Jeans for Genes Day
Friday August 28 - Gordon House Fundraiser - Daffodil Day

The Term 2 Planner was sent out with reports last term but copies can also be sourced from the school web site - www.kws.nsw.edu.au/assets/pdf/Prep/Term_2_2015.pdf or by calling into the Prep Office.

Prep School SRC

Congratulations to the children elected for the Prep School SRC Mrs King and Mrs Essex are looking forward to working with the group for the benefit of the Prep School students. The SRC will meet on Mondays of week A in period 5.

SRC 2015
(back) Hugh Thompson 4D, Oscar McLaughlin 4P, Ben Jones 5P, Will Rouse 6F, Meyhar Chawla 6H, Sameeka L'Estrange 5M.
(front) Ava Tucker 3C, Amelia Hill 3E, Georgia Miller 2H, Mila Srzich 2A, Phoebe Hunter 1/2W, Harriet Sinclair 1S.

Performing Arts Press

KWS Marching Band – ANZAC DAY Parade
Please note that all students in Marching Band will be required to arrive at the Music Centre on Saturday 25 April by 8:30 am in their Marching Band uniform with instruments at the ready. Students currently without uniforms will be issued one during our rehearsal on the Friday preceding ANZAC Day. All students must have their own smart, black pants and shiny school shoes to put with their Marching Band Uniforms.

Students will be taken to the parade by bus and returned to the KWS Music Centre by 12pm. Parents should therefore pick up their children from Allenby Road by 12pm on Saturday.

**Camerata Concert, 22 May – Date Change**

Please note that our Camerata Concert, originally scheduled for 15 May has been moved back to Friday 22 May in order to create some breathing space after Year 11 half-yearly examinations. All entrants in the Concerto Competition are welcome to perform. Please see Miss Anthony.

**Year 11 – Music Leadership Applications**

Any Year 11 musician interested in a position as a 2016 Music Leader should see me this week to pick up an application form.

May you have a wonderful week.

Anneliese Alloway

Head of Performing Arts

**Performing Arts Dates for Your Diary**

**APRIL**
- 21 – Term 2 commences
- 25 – ANZAC DAY – KWS Marching Band required

**MAY**
- 12 – Year 12 Drama – ZEAL Workshop in class, P3
- 13 – Year 9 and 10 Drama – ZEAL performance, P5-6, Performance Theatre
- 22 - Camerata Concert, 6:30pm, Chapel in DPA – Concerto Competition participants
- 27 – Oz Opera Performance – Preparatory School
- 31 – Performing Arts Festival Massed Choir/KWS Orchestra rehearsal, Performance Theatre 3-4pm
- 31 – AHISA Conference, DPA, 6-7pm – Chamber Strings and Senior Woodwind Ensemble

**JUNE**
- 8 – Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- 9 – Prep Performing Arts Concert, 5:30pm, DPA
- 12 – Cadet Farewell Parade and Dinner
- 14 – Performing Arts Festival Massed Choir Rehearsal, Performance Theatre 3-4pm
- 17 – 18 – Performing Arts Festival Dress Rehearsal days
- 18 – Performing Arts Festival Massed Choir and Orchestra 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
3 - 9 Orange Eisteddfod Speech and Drama Days begin
5 – HSC Drama Recital, Performance Theatre
5 – K-12 Performing Arts Photos
7 – House Spectacular
8 – 23 - Orange Eisteddfod Dance Days
14 - Orange Eisteddfod School Dance Day
15– 16 - Orange Eisteddfod Groups Dance Weekend
17-28 – Trial HSC Examinations
17-28 – HSC Drama Performance Examinations
21 - Orange Eisteddfod Vocal and Instrumental Days start
23 – HSC Composition recording Day
27 – Orange Eisteddfod Choir Day 1
28 - Orange Eisteddfod Choir Day 2
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
4 – Orange Eisteddfod Band Day (final OE Vocal and Instrumental days)
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
19 – Year 9 and 10 Drama – Commedia dell’Arte excursion
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)
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)

Anneliese Alloway
Head of Performing Arts

Sports News

Winter Sport Training Days for Term 2 & 3.

This term 2, K-2 sporting teams will train on Monday afternoons concentrating on skill development. This will commence next week to be held mainly on Sally Kennett & the school Gym. These sessions will be run by the Prep staff.

All Years 3-6 teams will train on Wednesday afternoons only. Training sessions will run from 3.30-4.30pm. All Years 3-6 Hockey teams (Wednesday afternoon) will train at the Orange Hockey Centre. Teams with matches at 4.30pm will stay at the Hockey Centre. Teams playing at 5.30pm will return to school for normal after sport collection. This commences this Wednesday 22nd April.

U12 Rugby will train on both Monday and Wednesday afternoons, while the 9s and 11s train on Friday s.

Football matches and Joeys / Burras Hockey commence on 2nd May. U12 Mixed Hockey will have their first match on Wednesday 22nd April.

Netball matches have already commenced with a bye weekend due to ANZAC day.

More information about Winter Sport training and the Winter Sports Bulletin has been emailed home at the end of last term.

Please refer to the different sport association websites for extra information.

Colder Weather & Sports Training Cancellation

As we are entering the colder months in Orange, please ensure your children have suitable school layers to wear to training. Coaches will advise their teams of suitable undergarments as tracksuits cannot be worn during matches.

Training cancellations will not be made until 2.30pm. Please contact the sports line 63920450, not Mrs Kennewell. Please have an alternate plan ready that your children know, in the case of cancellations. Mrs Kennewell cannot get messages to your children on how they are to get home.
Dates for the Diary

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

Sports Reports

Netball

First game is Saturday the 18th March however draws have not yet been completed by the ONA. Please look on the ONA website http://orangena.nsw.netball.com.au/ over the next two weeks for court allocation and time of games. U12 may have an umpiring duty I will arrange this during the holidays if required.

Please check your emails for the start of season Netball note.

There are still vacancies in the K and Y1 girls Netball Skills Sessions. They will start from Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm week 2 Term 2 and continue Mondays Term 3. For enquiries or to add your daughter please email Hayley King hking@kws.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Hayley King

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KWS LATEST NEWS!

Warm welcome as Wolaroi House 'opens for business'

The Orange weather was bleak but the welcome was warm when our boy boarders moved into the new Wolaroi Boarding House at the start of Term 2. The boarding house is being built in two stages, with...... read full article

KWS rowers earn national titles

KWS more than held its own among the cream of Australia's rowers at the Sydney International Rowing Regatta recently. A 32-strong KWS team completed a full week of competition at...... read full article
Boarding houses settle rivalry on field

The friendly rivalry between KWS Boarding houses Weymouth and Wolaroi was played out on the cricket pitch recently. The annual match was back on the KWS calendar after a few years’ break, and …... read full article