Principal

In the Bulletin this week:

2014 Benchmarked Survey of Y12 Parents

Reputation compared with MMG database

As we prepare to seek responses to the 2015 Year 12 parent and student cohort, I provide a further summary of key indicators from the data in 2014. This survey data is extremely useful in assisting the planning for the future while allowing us to make adjustments and improvements where required.

The indicators below scored very highly in comparison to 15 leading Co-educational Independent Schools throughout Australia. A total of 3,465 parents were surveyed across these schools.

The parent responses across all categories are compared within the report. This data provides us with a view of how we are tracking in key areas compared with other leading Schools.

Positives – well above benchmark:
•    KWS has higher academic standards - 86%
•    KWS has an outstanding reputation in the wider community - 84%
•    KWS provides a greater balance in its overall education to students – 86%
•    KWS contributes to the quality of life in the wider community – 85%
•    KWS provides high quality pastoral care to students – 82%
•    KWS is a school about which I say good things – 82%
•    KWS is a school which I would highly recommend to others - 84%

Brian Kennelly
Principal

Head of Preparatory

Dear Parents,

Last week was a very busy and positive week in the Prep. Our Year 6 students, along with Mr Hordynsky and Mrs Savage travelled to Canberra as part of their studies on Democracy and Parliament. The students were outstanding in their behavior and attitude earning a great many compliments from the guides and general public.

Congratulations to all of Year 6 on being great role models.
Our Science Scientia Expo was held last Friday and I was thrilled by the presentation and knowledge demonstrated by the students. The Science investigations were very interesting and amazing. Well done to the students, families and to the staff who make these opportunities available to the students.

Homework surveys have all been returned with 102 being read and evaluated. A reminder that results will be presented on Tuesday evening 5:30pm on June 2 in the Performance Theatre. All parents are welcome to attend for further discussion as we collect data and make evidence based discussions on our current practice.

Last week Mrs Bernadette Sharpe was appointed as a Teacher’s Aide to assist the students in our Learning Support program. She brings great knowledge and experience and a welcome addition to our staff.

Over the next week we are hosting:

**HICES Debating**
**WAS Cross Country**
**HICES Cross Country**
**CWA Public Speaking**

As stated earlier a busy but positive time in the Prep.
This Friday is our Year 3 Friendship Day, a wonderful initiative commencing four years ago. The purpose is to assist the students in forming and establishing friendships. It can be a difficult time as students look for different aspects in their relationships with their peers and often change from the group they have been with since Kindergarten or Pre-Prep. Thanks to Mrs Essex and Mrs Charlton for this initiative.

Congratulations to Oliver McLaughlin who has qualified for the Pacific School Games representing NSW in a number of Backstroke events. A fine achievement.

Enjoy your week.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

**Assembly Awards**

**Merit Awards**

**KD:** Charlotte Meiring, David King, Eva Smedley, Hannah Birmili.
**KK:** Ricky Zhang, Lachlan Thomas, Audrey Blyth, Oscar Zielinkski, Madison Jones, Andrew Caskey, Atticus Lee, Oliver Garard, Percy Meates x2, Finn Dwyer, Floriana Jackson-Le Couteur, William Payne.
**1S:** Thomas Goodsr, Daniel Lord, Zoe Harmer, Cherry Kaipu, Lachlan Knight, Anjali Popuri, Lucinda Reidy, Hamish Slack-Smith.
**12W:** Olive Glover x2, Cameron Nash, Alice Scholte,
**2A:** Matilda Fabar, Olivia Martin, Roger Kircher, Lucinda Clinton, Grace Hansen, Aiden Button, Bridget Horne, Elijah Cunningham, Mila Srizich x2.
**2H:** Charlotte Buckley x2, Tessa Wong, Harriett Stratton, Isaac de Bruyn, Olivia Lee, Krishan Kandeepan, Isabella Lloyd-George.
**3C:** Ava Tucker, Charles Gill, Daisy Wilson, Max Munro, Laynee Visser, Peter Arantz.
**3E:** Caleb Bashara, Neve Jansen, Charles Hansen.
**4D:** Sherry Ahmad x2, Isaac Birmili x2, Harry Bylsma, Jayde Caro x2, Simone Chawla, Elise Davies, Nicholas de Bruyn, Daisy Jones, Zimmy Levi, Jock Litchfield, Lily Robson, Joe Rouse, Gordon Suthers.
**4P:** Dion Kircher, William Nutt, Phoebe Poole, Harrison Coady, Ella Buesnel, Luke Dominello x2, Lily Murray, Lucy Searle, Dan Hunter, Oscar McLaughlin, Oliver Wong x2, Jackson Essex.
**5M:** Harrison Sharpe, Annalise Emmi, Henry Wakem, Elliot Hannelly.
**5P:** Luke Hunter x2, Edward Nutt, Liam Bracks, Joey Jones x2.
**6F:** Max Bylsma x2, Emma Choi x2, Ethan Reid x2, Jack Weeks, Will Rouse, Mackenzie Jones, Ziggy Jackson-Le Couteur, Zac Lewis, Will Hannelly x2, Sasha Wilson, Harry Houghton, Grace Birmili x2, Georgina
Poole x2, Gabriella Gerber, Caitlyn Jones, Caden Wilkin, Annie Pattinson, Alice Aldersey.
6H: Brooke Barrett x2, Meyhar Chawla, Catherine Crisp., George Cumming, Charles Fielding, Jock Hazeltion, Jonathan King-Christopher, Phoebe Litchfield, Brooke Martin, Oliver McLaughlin x2, Abhi Popuri, Madeleine Srizich x2, James Thompson x2, Samuel Ward.

**Courtesy Points**

**Lovely Manners:** Lucinda Clinton, Isabella Pearce, Hamish Slack-Smith, Finn Price, Lachlan Knight, Elsie Sutherland, Adu Banlwal, Daisy Wilson, Lily Robson, Fletcher Smith, Hugh Thompson, Daisy Jones, Oliver Garard, Madison Jones, Bianca Wong, Jack Steventon, Simon Livemore, Honor Tyrrell, Oliver Wong, Lenny Shannon, Ella Worsley, Saxon Buckley, Samuel Ward, Koby Bryan, Lily McBeath.

**Lovely Greetings:** Lily Moe, Charlotte Raffen, Brooke Martin.

**Thinking of Others:** Annabel Clinton, Cooper Martin.

**Excellent Behaviour:** Brooke Barrett.

**Citizenship Points**

**Uniform:** Roger Kircher, Matilda Fabar, Lillian Pearce, Ricky Zhang, Hayley Breen, Joey Jones, Catherine Crisp, Rhys Jones, Zac Shannon.

**Sportsmanship:** Oliver Chandler-Sullivan.

**Helpfulness:** Elijah Cunningham, Blake Jones, Sherry Ahmad, Simone Chawla, Sophie Martin, Audrey Blyth, Grace Bylsma, Joshua de Bruyn, Spencer Williams, Oliver Perkins, Loli-Rose Pasquali, Lily Murray, Camryn Adams, Joe Dunworth, David King.

**Using Initiative:** Hannah Jones x2


**Being Kind:** Alice Waddell, Max Munro, Willa Paix, Thomas Hunt, Taylah Caro, Hugh Payne.

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**Winter LitFest**

The fourth KWS Literature Festival will take place on 9th-11th June with author talks, workshops and book signings. The festival provides a wonderful opportunity for students to be exposed to authors and illustrators, to learn about their styles of writing and illustrating and to inspire our students to write creatively.

Our guests this year are:

Lisa Shanahan  James Roy  Freya Blackwood

**Lisa Shanahan** is an established author of children’s literature and has won several awards for her books, which range from early childhood picture books to novels for older readers. Lisa Shanahan trained as an actor at Theatre Nepean, University of Western Sydney after completing a Communications degree at University of Technology Sydney. Whilst studying, she taught drama and wrote plays for children. This is Lisa’s second visit to KWS, having conducted creative writing workshops here in 2005.
James Roy is an award winning author who has written books for children through to young adults. He enjoys talking to young people about writing and hopes to inspire them. James first visited KWS in 2009. For more information about James and his writing, go to http://www.jamesroy.com.au/Home.html

Freya Blackwood is a multi-award winning illustrator of children’s picture books. She completed a design degree (Visual Communications) at the University of Technology, Sydney and then worked for several years in the film industry in Sydney and Wellington, New Zealand. She rediscovered illustration and has had many picture books published since 2003. Freya lives in Orange and this will be her first visit to KWS. For more information go to http://www.freyablackwood.com.au/index.htm

Students in the Prep School and Secondary will be attending sessions with our guests. Copies of the authors’ books will be available for purchase and signing during the festival. Students attending a session will have $8.50 charged to their account.

Any enquiries, please contact Mrs Amanda Foster, Senior Librarian on 6392 0360.

Canteen News

There will be a ‘Lolly Day’ for the Prep students on Friday 29th May. Students can purchase lollies on this special day only.

The Canteen are looking for more volunteers. If you can help out on any day please contact Justine Peters at the Canteen on 6392 387 or email canteen@kws.nsw.edu.au. Ms Justine Peters.

Messages to Students

Parent are reminded to have a wet weather plan in place and that your children are well aware of this for when sport is cancelled. Please ring the sportsline 6392 0450 to check on sport cancellations. It is not possible for staff to relay messages to teachers nor for teachers to conduct their classes with the interruption of messages. The most urgent messages should only be requested to be passed onto any class teacher in regard to a student. Thank you for your co-operation.

Music Centre Carpark

Parents and senior students are reminded that they should not drive into the Music Centre car park at any time. Secondary and Prep parents please be aware that this is not a drop-off or pick-up zone for their children for rehearsals or to come and go from school. There is very high pedestrian use in this area of staff and students who have been dropped off accordingly. For the reasons of safety we must limit prohibited traffic in the car park.

Parent Helpers For HICES Cross Country

Prep School Bulletin Print - Kinross Wolaroi School

Kinross is once again hosting the HICES Cross Country event at the PLC site on Friday 29th May. We will be running a barbecue and selling drinks and donated baked goods, with all proceeds directed back towards an exciting new Prep school fundraiser to be discussed at the P&F meeting this week.

All the students in the HICES team will be asked to bring in a plate of baking (cakes, slices, muffins etc) to sell at the HICES event. We need parents to help run the barbecue and drinks so if your child is selected for the team please contact me to arrange a time slot - if you can only help for one hour that is fine. Help needed approx. 10.30am to 2.30pm at the event. Also if anyone has access to a box of apples that they can donate please let me know. Michelle Srzich - 0413748677.

P&F Trivia Night

Trivia - Save the Date

KWS Secondary and Prep Trivia Night

Friday 4th September - 6.30pm DPA.
$25/ticket, tables of 10.

More details to come!

Rachel Goodisir & Donna McIntyre
P&F Committee

Allenby Road Traffic

Changes to Traffic Conditions

I have been made aware by Orange City Council of their upcoming works in Allenby Road.

The works, which started on Monday 18 May 2015 and should be finished by early next week, include the upgrade of the pedestrian footpath. Council will excavate the existing bitumen footpath and replace it with a 1.2 meter concrete footpath.

These works will inconvenience students and staff regarding parking in the area until these works are completed.

Orange City Council will have measures in place to ensure the safety of our students and the general public.

Brian J Kennelly
Principal

KWS School Shop & Clothing Pool

The KWS School Shop will be closed on Friday 5th June for stock-take and will be re-opening at normal hours on Tuesday 9th June 2015 (after the June long weekend).

A reminder to parents and students that if they need the Clothing Pool they must first come to the School Shop.

Gail Pearce
KWS Shop Manager

Debating HICES Round 3

The round 3 debating topic seemed deceptively straightforward at first glance: that everyone who drives a car should plant a tree. Both KWS 1&2 were assigned the negative. We researched interesting facts about average car emissions, carbon sequestration and the number of mature trees needed to mitigate a car’s CO2 output (over 150). Will Rawson then
had the perceptive brainwave that the debate hinged on what link the affirmative placed between the planting of the tree and the driving of the car. Was the tree to be planted to mitigate the car’s pollution, or just planted as an act of general good for the environment? The teams had to prepare for either possibility and listen hard to the affirmative’s definition, needing to be nimble. As the negative team, we need to be able to accept a reasonable definition from the affirmative, listening carefully for any shortfalls in key terms or scope. If any are detected, we should show our superiority in pointing them out and supplying the more complete terms of engagement. Of course if the affirmative supply an inadequate or unreasonable definition, a negative team must clearly outline the flaws and provide our better definition. I am detailing these mechanics to demonstrate the amount of forethought and preparation that is required by a negative team. The team can do its best guesswork but still be faced with something surprising.

With the Canberra excursion the week before our meet, the last stages of our preparation felt a bit rushed, not an uncommon experience with these busy children’s schedules. KWS1 shuffled itself with Meyhar in 1st, Elliot 2nd, Will Rawson 3rd and Lizzie 4th. KWS2 placed Gidgette in 1st, Will Hannely 2nd, Maddie Srizch 3rd, Abhi 4th.

KWS1 debated Scots and were awarded the debate. Meyhar helped score some tactical advantage by pointing out that the affirmative’s first speaker had neglected to set the scope, and we set it to encompass Australia. This was to prove valuable when their team later tried to introduce international examples and Will could declare it outside the debate’s scope. Very handy. Meyhar’s arguments about the simplistic nature of the affirmative’s proposition, its mismatch to the scale of the environmental problems we face and the danger of false comfort were well presented. Elliot’s points about the better use of pooled funds towards scientific research and development were solid and well-articulated. Well done with gathering some good rebuttal. Will R provided a very convincing case comparison, an impressive feat which he is developing well. Our win should give us entry to the impromptu finals.

KWS2 debated against All Saints College who were awarded the debate. All Saints provided an unanticipated definition, seemingly straying from the topic. This is a difficult situation to deal with on your toes if you haven’t experienced it before. Both teams debated valiantly, with many strong performances. The result was apparently extremely close and unfortunately All Saints got away with their tricky take on the topic. We will debrief the debate’s flow and I’m sure we will gain from the analysis. The lessons we learn when we lose a debate are always the strongest ones. I am sure our debaters will stash it away to be even cannier in their future duels.

Well done all. Mr Bracks and I are very pleased with the efforts of both teams. Onward to round 4.

KWS1 coach, Cathy Bloomfield.

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**Year 6 Family Picnic in the Vineyards**

**Date:** Sunday 24th May

**Time:** From 12 noon

**Venue:** Angullong Vineyards (home of Ben and Heidi Crossing – Sally’s parents)

2723 Four Mile Creek Road, Panuara 2800 NSW (40 mins from Orange)

Bring: BYO picnic lunch and drink (a BBQ will be available), A rug or camp chairs to sit on.

We will build a bonfire to keep warm!

**RSVP:** By Monday 18 May to Bec Choi 0416 043 165 or rjchoi@bigpond.com.

Please rsvp either way so that we can gauge interest for this event and therefore its viability!

Please email Bec Choi if you need directions to the site. This event will only go ahead if the weather is fine. It will be cancelled in the event of wet
or extreme weather. If unsure, please phone or text Bec Choi or Heidi Crossing (0427 855 502) on the Sunday morning. Thank you, Bec Choi.

**Sports News**

**KWS WAS/HICES Cross Country Team**

Good luck to the following students who have been selected for the Kinross WAS & HICES Cross Country team for 2015. Our Captains are: Max Bylsma & Phoebe Litchfield. These students will represent Kinross Prep this week Tuesday 19th May at PLC at the WAS Carnival, then again on Friday 29th May at PLC at the HICES Carnival. Any assistance parents can offer for these carnivals to help the P&F with catering, cooking, BBQ etc. is greatly needed. Please let Mrs Szich know or the Prep Office.

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**Sports Team of the Week**

Congratulations to the following teams on their nominations for Team of the Week:
- U12 Mixed Hockey teams; U11 United Football team; U11 Rugby team; U11 Essex Netball team; U11 Whiteley Netball team.

**NSWPSSA Hockey Championships**

Good Luck to Phoebe Litchfield and Brooke Barrett who travel to Murwillumbah next week as members of the CIS Hockey team to play at the 3 day NSWPSSA Championships. We wish them best of luck.

**Swimming Championships**

Congratulations to Oliver McLaughlin who competed at the NSWPSSA swimming trials in 100m Backstroke and 50m Backstroke. Oliver won the 50m Backstroke at the trials and posted a new PB in the 100m Backstroke 1.12.50 winning him a spot in the team to compete in these events in Adelaide at the Pacific Schools Games in November. Oliver also won the 50m Backstroke at the trials. Well done Oliver.

**Outside Sporting News**

Congratulations to Max Bylsma who has been selected in the Central West AFL side. He will be competing next weekend at the regional carnival.

**Dates for the Diary**

19th May: WAS Cross Country, PLC
26th-28th May: NSWPSSA Hockey, Murwillumbah
29th May: HICES Cross Country, PLC  
11th June: CIS Cross Country, Eastern Creek  
20th August: WAS Athletics, Bathurst  
2nd September: HICES Athletics, Sydney  
9th September: CIS Athletics, Sydney  

Mrs Louise Barrett  
KWS Prep Sport & PE Co-ordinator

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Netball News

This Saturday 23rd May, Round 5 is crazy sock day. Donate for Kids Cancer Research.

Round 7: If you are on an outside court you play as normal however if you are on an inside court you will play on Thursday June 11th from 4pm more details to come. This is due to a double booking through the Orange City Council of the courts.

Mrs H King  
MiC Prep Netball

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Sports Reports

Hockey

Joeys - Everybody liked playing the skill ‘rob the nest’. We did our regular skills and the team have improved. We got zero scores but we had a great time. by Olivia Wilson.

Joey game for Saturday 9th May - It was a cold day. We played against CYMS. We scored 3 goals, the other team scored 2 goals. Lexi scored 1 of our goals, Hamish scored a goal and Zoe scored a goal too. Phoebe got whacked in the face but she came back on. Phoebe was player of the week. Bianca Wong.

Burras White - On Saturday we played Ex-Services and it was 5-0 we played very well. Thank you to Mrs Miller for being a great coach. Grace Hansen.

Burras Blue - Thank you Canobolas for an excellent game. Everybody played well as a team. Laynee scored and we won 1-0. Alex French.

U12 Koalas - We were in very cold conditions for our game last Wednesday luckily no one was hurt. We only scored 1 goal to CYMS 7. We learnt how to pass and then shoot. Thank you Luke and Amelia for replacing Will and Phoebe. Lazo Jalal.

Football

U6 Cubs - The KWS Pups played Millthorpe Tigers Cubs on Saturday. Our great team worked very hard and we scored 6 goals. Millthorpe played very good as well they scored 2 goals. All my friends had lots of fun. Thomas Hunt.

U6 Bears - What a great game! The KWS Bears put in a strong effort against CYMS Maroons with Finn Dwyer as captain this week. Sadly the Bears weren't able to defeat the Maroons this time but despite the score the whole team played really well and were great sports, soaking up the sun, the fun and the football at Jack Brabham Park. Finn Dwyer.

U7 Pumas - We had a great match on Saturday at Blayney against Blayney Glory. Each week we are playing better as a team and really getting into the game. We were lucky enough to score 7 goals which made us all very happy. Congratulations to Ryan for winning player of the week. Tom Goodsir.

U7 Tigers - All Tiger's players worked well together to produce a 2-1 victory. Orange CYMS scored first with Will Garard scoring next for us to make the scores even. Will did an excellent job defending in the second half with Jack Steventon scoring the second and winning goal for Kinross Tigers and earning best player. Daniel Lord.

U8 Tiapans - What a great game and win for the Taipans against Waratah Jets. The score was 4-0 with Hugh and Zac scoring and also
being fantastic goal keepers. It was great to see the team having a go and gaining more confidence. Jack Paix.

U9 Fury - On Saturday the under 9 Fury played CYMS Yellow. Helen and Charlie were the goal keepers and did a wonderful job. Ollie got player of the week for having a great game. We all tried hard and had fun. Thanks to Mr McRae for coaching us. William Knight.

U9 Rangers - We played Waratah Braves and won 6-1. The best part of the game was teamwork to score our 6 goals. It was a great game with good sportsmanship and we congratulated them on the great game. Samuel Fabar.

U10 Thunder - We had a great game against Ex-Services Pumas. By half time our team was thinking we were going to win because neither team had scored. Wings, strikers and midfielders were tackling the entire game. Unfortunately for us, the other team got lucky and kicked to score the first goal, followed by another one. Then in the last minute of the game they scored again. Defenders played so well with the midfielders along with our goalie, Zimmy, who saved heaps of chances. Our wings had a tough job to get the ball up to the strikers to try to score. It was a well-played game and we can’t wait for our next game. Nicholas de Bruyn.

U10 Roar - We had a fabulous game on Saturday. We lost 5-4 in a very close match. We only needed two goals to get the win. Hugh, Will, Fletcher and Harry B passed to each other really well. Cohen saved a few goals and did an excellent job as goalie. Sherry and Harry C also played very well in the backs. Thanks Mr Hordynsky for coaching us and thanks to our parents for their encouragement. Jock Litchfield.

Rugby

U9s - On Sunday we travelled to Cowra to play rugby. We played 3 games and we're undefeated. The boys played like little troopers and their teamwork was excellent. Congratulations boys. Mr Hansen.

U11s - Sixteen Under 11's boys travelled to Cowra for their second Gala Day on Sunday.

Game one saw a loss to a powerful Bathurst side. The boys made a bit of a slow start to the game, but came back strongly in the second half. In the second game the team played much better, running in some nice tries to defeat Forbes.

The final game for the day was a highlight, with KWS defeating a strong Emus White team with some excellent forward play, and strong defence across the park. Remy Niven played particularly well in the forwards, while Luke Dominello’s defensive work in the backs was terrific. The boys are fortunate to have 1st XV coach Mr Barrett to mentor them this year.

Ross Pearce.

U12s - Our first Sydney trip took us to Sydney Grammar at Edgecliff right in the heart to Sydney.

A great game eventuated with the teams evenly matched across all facets. Grammar scored first and converted to go 7-0. As hard as we tried we just could not break their defence. The forwards took it up
relentlessly but Grammar were equal to the task. Finally the ball went wide and some great running and support saw us in their 22 for the last 10 minutes. Time and time again we fell just short until the final minute when Jock weaved, darted and snuck under their defence to score a great try. As cool as a cucumber he slotted the goal to make it 7 all as the referee blew full time. A very committed team effort enjoyed by a number of our families. Well done to all! Mr McLean

Lost Property

Found - A small gold bracelet was found near the Prep Round Garden. It can be collected upon identification from the Prep Office.

Lost - Lily Robson’s blazer went missing on Tuesday 28 March. Can parents please check that your child hasn’t picked up Lily’s from around 4D classroom by mistake? It has her name in it. If found please return it to the Prep Office.

KWS LATEST NEWS!

Enjoyable lesson for budding actors

KWS drama students enjoyed an acting master class when the talented team from Zeal Theatre visited the School. Zeal actors Stefo Nantsou, Tom Lycos and Lindy Sardelic were at KWS to present their...... read full article

Mother’s Day Celebration

Year 3 students hosted a Breakfast this morning to celebrate Mother’s Day. A gorgeous opportunity for the students to spoil their mothers, getting them cups of tea and muffins, whilst also...... read full article

Students part of history at record dawn service

Year 9 and 10 Elective History students enjoyed an amazing experience on their recent excursion to Canberra, joining a record crowd of 120,000 people at the Anzac Day Dawn Service. The students were...... read full article

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