Principal

In the Bulletin this week:

- Staff Professional Learning Day

**Staff Professional Learning Day**

At KWS we are always seeking ways of improving the teaching and learning program for students. As an example, last Friday staff were involved in a series of workshops all linked to progressing the Strategic Plan. Some of the activities included:

- Discussing the feedback and research from the Student Academic Services team with reference to student responses to classroom learning from K to 11.
- Cross Curriculum discussions involving staff from different Faculties sharing ideas to teach topics which are linked to multiple areas.
- Professional reading, recording and sharing reflections with others.
- Utilising the staff professional learning online - completing reflections on these courses in Appretio.
- Reviewing student feedback surveys on classroom learning and teaching, by discussing the data with others.
- Reflections on classroom observations to assist best practice teaching.
- Feedback on Visible Learning walkthroughs and the language of Visible Learning.
- Planning team teaching to deliver with one or more colleagues.

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NEXT WEEK

Thursday 11 June
HICES Debating

Friday 12 June
• Working in Faculty teams to assess and discuss progress with specific Faculty Goals.

Each of these activities is aimed at improving student learning in our classrooms.

We are now well on the journey of embedding Visible Learning into KWS. This is all about continuing to implement those classroom practices that make the greatest difference for improved student learning.

Teachers are using evidence from others and from their own classes to understand the impact on student learning. It is an exciting time to be a student at KWS!

Brian J Kennelly
Principal

Head of Preparatory

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents who attended last Tuesday evening to discuss the results of the homework survey. Despite only having a small number attending the input is greatly valued as we review our homework policy.

The Parents & Friends Association contribute a great deal to our School in a social and financial sense. Over the years they have contributed to the purchasing of equipment for our playground, seating as well as to the bus shelter. At last week’s meeting they approved a contribution of nearly $12,000 to the Preparatory School to purchase Robotics equipment for our students. This equipment will greatly enhance the student’s skills in mathematics, engineering, computer software as well as the vital social skills of teamwork. Thank you.

Last night a large and enthusiastic audience were entertained by all of the students from Kindergarten to Year 6 at the Performing Arts Concert. From choirs to small ensembles, from solos to large bands the Prep students showcased their talent. Congratulations to our Music Co-ordinator Mrs Sinclair for the evening and overseeing the students’ development in this area.

Mention must also be made of the fine work of our Mcees - Head Prefects Elizabeth Kwa and Ziggy Jackson-Le Couteur and our Music Leaders Catherine Crisp, Max Bylsma and Will Rouse.

Next Thursday are the Parent Teacher interviews. These are commencing at 2:30pm in 10 minute slots and can be booked by phoning Mrs Kennewell at the Prep Office from 9am on Thursday 11th June.

Enjoy your week.

Brown House - Redkite

Sunday 14 June
Sunday Service

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Kicking Back
4 June, 2015
Central Western Daily
› see full story

Still a force
3 June, 2015
Fairfax Media
› see full story

Game On
2 June, 2015
Central Western Daily
› see full story
Chaplain

Oh, you’re at Kinross Wolaroi School…. that’s Anglican isn’t it?

If only I had a dollar for every time I heard something like the above.

Grrr!

Kinross Wolaroi School is a school of the Uniting Church in Australia. As a school of the Uniting Church, our school embodies values that are professedly ‘Uniting’. Although the living of the higher values can be a challenge, especially for adolescent youths, the values remain true and they remain key to our identity.

So what are the values of the Uniting Church and thus encouraged within our School? Let me say a few things about the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA).

The UCA was formed in 1977 as a uniting of three denominations: the Congregational Union of Australia, the Methodist Church of Australia and the vast majority of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. This act of uniting had been in discussion since 1901 but was waylaid by a few significant wars and a recession.

The UCA is “Uniting” rather than “united” because there is recognition that Christians coming together is an ongoing process of growth, trust and respect; the ‘one body of Christ’ has yet to be realised in that regard. Ecumenism (collaboration among Christian denominations) remains a vital aspect in all of the church’s life and work.

The Uniting Church’s commitment to love of God and love of neighbour has sometimes drawn it into controversial situations. It has long taken a role in the political arena, encouraging moral, social and ethical integrity. It has taken a strong stand on the protection of the environment. The Uniting Church has been at the forefront of Aboriginal rights issues including the Native Title debate and reconciliation. The UCA works in solidarity with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress.

The UCA supports equality of gender. The current Moderator (the elected leader) of the UCA NSW/ACT is Reverend Myung Hwa Park. Rev. Park was born in South Korea. She was raised in a Buddhist family and she is the fifth woman elected Moderator by the Synod.

The UCA provides a voice to the marginalised such as ethnic minorities, people with disability, and people who are homosexual. It is a multicultural Church, striving to treat people on an equal basis and seeking to give a voice to the vulnerable who are not heard when they stand alone: the poor, the outcast and the needy.

Not all of the UCA’s discipleship is viewed publicly. Much of its role is to stand alongside the individual, inside and outside of the Church. Its
congregations nurture spiritual, social and educational growth. Lay people are encouraged in leadership roles, including preaching, administering the Sacraments (Baptism and Eucharist), youth workers and leading congregations in worship.

The UCA does not have bishops. Nor does it have a 'head' of the Church (other than Christ). The power of 'church' lies with the members of the UCA. Every 18 months a meeting is held with representatives of every part that makes the body that is the UCA of NSW/ACT. This is called a Synod. At Synod decisions are made by the people and the elected Standing Committee are commissioned with the responsibilities of bringing those decisions to reality. At national level, the equivalent meeting is called an Assembly.

How is Kinross Wolaroi a School of the Uniting Church? It's motto is 'Knowledge, Friendship and Integrity'. It seeks to strengthen a culture of involved and engaged learning by ensuring a commitment to continuous improvement and personal best achievement. This applies to all aspects of their 'being' including growing in social awareness of their responsibility to be engaged in life, to fortify Christian values as understood by the UCA and to contribute to building a better community for all.

Ours is a school of the Uniting Church in Australia and we are proud to profess it.

Phil Worrad
Chaplain

KWS School Shop & Clothing Pool

Small Beanies

Now in Stock.

Clothing Pool

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

Term 3 - New Hours

From the beginning of Term 3 the opening hours of the School shop will be amended to:

• Monday to Thursday 8am to 4pm
• Friday 8am to 2pm

This takes effect from 1st week in Term 3.

Greg Alderson
Business Manager
Help for the Nepalese

In March an article appeared in the local publication of News Life that seven of our Year 12 girls are participating in an alternative schoolies by travelling to Nepal thanks to the initiative of Rotary. Since then Nepal has suffered the consequence of earthquakes. The earthquakes killed over 8000 people and destroyed over 800,000 houses.

The girls will still go to Nepal. Indeed, there is more need now than before for international tourists and workers to travel to Nepal. The girls will be taking with them clothing and other donations for the people whom they encounter in Kathmandu. Fundraising continues to take place to assist the girls in their objective to care for the most vulnerable. We wish Elizabeth Bilton, Bronie Condon, Fleur Connick, Mia Hull, Andie Delaney, Maddison Dowd and Georgia Nonnenmacher well in their preparations. If you like to financially support the girls’ initiative, donations can be made to the following account:

Nepal Rotary
BSB: 082774
Account Number: 507354086
Reference: NEPAL...SURNAME

Another initiative taking place in Orange to assist the Nepalese, in particular the reconstruction of a remote village called Himaganga, is being coordinated by Will Parish. Will has organised Australia’s leading adventure cameraman, Michael Dillon, to visit Orange and to screen his multi award winning film ‘Everest Sea to Summit’. The film has won eight Grand Prizes and has been acclaimed as one of the best of its genre.

All proceeds from the screening will go toward the building of Himaganga. All are welcome to attend the film. Tickets are $15 per person and available at Collins Booksellers or from the Year 12 Prefects of Charity, Service and Mission: Hugh Elbourne, Fleur Connick, Chris Watt, Elsa Presslaber, Edward Hogg and Emily Wright. Details of the screening are:

Everest Sea to Summit
Odeon 5 Cinema
William Street Orange
10:30am on Sunday 28th June.

Your support of this local initiative is greatly appreciated.

Philip Worrad
Chaplain

IPad Upgrade
Upgrade your iPad iOS to 8.3

The iOS upgrade to 8.3 fixes a number of WiFi connection issues in iOS8.2 and iOS8. Please upgrade your iPad to iOS 8.3 from the school WiFi at your earliest convenience. Note: this upgrade takes at least 15 minutes.

Darryn Marjoram
Director ICT

Parent Teacher Interview Bookings

Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted on Thursday 18th June from 2:30 - 7pm. Appointments can be made by phoning or emailing Mrs Gail Kennewell from 9am on Thursday 11th June. No appointments will be made before this time and please do not leave messages for appointments or returned calls.

Class 6F interviews will be in Term 3 on Thursday July 16 so Mrs Savage and Mrs Fatai can both be present.

Prep School Musical

2259 A Convenient Lie. (Years 5 & 6)

An unusual request to use in the Prep musical. We are in need of two small car bodies, just the shells, for our musical. If you have one lying around, as you do, and are prepared to lend it to us, could you please contact Mr Hordynsky.

P&F Trivia Night

Trivia - Save the Date

KWS Secondary and Prep Trivia Night
Friday 4th September - 6.30pm DPA.

No Monday Sport

No Monday Training K-2 Term 2.

There will be NO more Monday training sessions for K-2 teams this term due to the Long Weekend and parent teacher evening the next week. Training will re-commence in Term 3. Mrs Barrett.

School Chess Tournament
School Holiday Chess Tournament

**WHERE:**
St Barnabas Anglican Church Parish Hall
Corner Dora and McLachlan Streets
East Orange

**WHEN:**
Thursday 9th July 2015

**TIME:**
9:45 am to 3:30pm

**ENTRY FEE:**
$10 [ $5 for additional family member]

**PRIZES:**
Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Under 18 and Under 12

**REGISTER BY:**
7th July 2015 latest by contacting one of the following Junior Chess Coordinators:

1. Alexander Aich  Ph: 6884 4561   Email: alexander.aich@gmail.com
2. Joe Cummins Ph: 6362 6882 Email: heather.cummins@optusnet.com.au

**WHAT TO BRING:**
Your own lunch   [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 and tournament conditions will be applied. 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.

Ashleigh Hiskens

Sports News

**CiS Cross Country Carnival**

Congratulations to the following students who will be running or made it as reserves for the CiS Cross Country at Eastern Creek this Thursday 11th June. These students will be representing HICES at this carnival. We wish them the best of luck.

8/9 Years Boys - Samuel Fabar.
10 Years Boys - Hugh Thompson. William Nutt (reserve).
10 Years Girls - Sophie Martin.
11 Years Boys - Ziggy Jackson-Le Couteur (Reserve).
11 Years Girls - Lucy Waddell.
12 Years Boys - Max Bylsma.
12 Years Girls - Phoebe Litchfield, Brooke Martin. Bailie-Rose Miller (reserve).

No Monday Training K-2 Term 2

There will be NO more Monday training sessions for K-2 teams this term due to the Long Weekend and parent teacher evening the next week. Training will re-commence in Term 3.
Athletics Training in Term 3

Athletics training will commence in Term 3 from Monday 20th July (week 2) for students in the KWS Athletics team. More information will be distributed at the start of Term 3. Students are to wear school sport uniform for these sessions. Training will be 3.30-4.30pm on the main school oval.

Dates for the Diary

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

Rugby News

Rugby Day

With so many boys involved in Rugby there is an opportunity during the next holidays to be involved in a Rugby day at Mudgee on July 3. It is open to boys from 7 to 13 years of age. Details can be found on the NSW Rugby website under Camp Waratah - http://nswrugby.com.au/Community/Camps/CampWaratah.aspx

Netball News

If you are going to be away the first weekend of the holidays, Saturday 20th June for round 8 please let your coach know ASAP so games can be rescheduled.

Blayney Netball Carnival is on Sunday 14th June. Please see Mrs King if you are a parent of a current KWS team that is wanting to attend.

Representative Trials - Nominations forms are with the ONA, they close on 11th July with observations starting 18th July.

School Holiday Clinic with ONA on Friday 3rd July for ages 5-12 years. $40 rego with ONA closes 26th June.

There has been a some changes to the draws for U8, U10, U12 blue and red. The amended draws are on the ONA website and KWS coaches will inform team parents of the changes where needed.

Round 7 changes to be played Thursday 11 June.
U8 4pm court C, U11 Essex 5pm court B, U9 Seedsmans 4pm court A, Kings umpiring duty 5pm court A.

Mrs H King
MiC Prep Netball
Sports Reports

Hockey

U12 Mixed Wallabies - Last Wednesday the Wallabies played against the KWS Scorpions. It was a close game with the Wallabies winning 2-0. Everybody played well together. There was some great passes and tackles made by both teams. Well done to everyone who is in the Scorpions and Wallabies, a great game on Wednesday. Brooke Barrett.

Football

U10 Roar - On 30th May Roar played against Waratah Braves. It was a tough match and many of our attacks were blocked by an outstanding goalkeeper. Their mid-fielders also did a good job in defending and there was no goal from either side for a long part of the game. However, some good passing enabled us to score two goals to win the match 2-0. Shehryar Ahmad.

KWS LATEST NEWS!

Performing Arts Evening delights audience

The KWS Prep School family came together for a night of entertainment and wonder at the annual Performing Arts Evening. As well as showcasing the talents of students and dedication of teachers, the…… read full article

Role models enjoy lessons in leadership

Thinking about others before ourselves and understanding the responsibility that comes with leadership were two of the themes explored at this year’s Year 11 Leadership Camp. The camp was held…… read full article

KWS Geography producing some of Australia’s best

The accolades are coming thick and fast for our Geography students, with a number of notable achievements in the past few weeks. First up is globetrotting Year 11 student Canada Gavin, who will soon…… read full article