Principal

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Staffing

I am writing to advise staff that I recently received a letter of resignation from Head of Performing Arts, Anneliese Alloway, effective from Friday 18 September.

Anneliese has been appointed to the position of Head of Creative Arts at the Springfield Anglican College in Brisbane, commencing at the beginning of Term 4. I thank Anneliese for her 4 ½ year commitment to KWS and the impact she has had on the Performing Arts throughout the school. In particular we have seen considerable growth in Drama, Dance and Music tuition, during Anneliese’s time with us.

I take this opportunity to wish Anneliese and her family all the best for this move to Brisbane.

End of Term

It has been a busy and highly productive term with outstanding student achievement across the academic and co-curricular program. I am very proud of the student achievements and thank you for your support of the school in assisting with these aspects. This last week will see many highlights with the K-2 Musical Production, the Year 5 and 6 Musical and the Y12 Graduation Ceremony finishing with the Graduation Ball on Friday night. None of these would happen without the support and efforts...
of our hard working, committed staff. I am thankful for all that they do to assist students on the educational journey.

I wish the students, staff and parents all the best for a relaxing, well deserved and enjoyable holiday break. Thank you for making KWS the school it is!

Notification of withdrawal of students

As per the Conditions of Entry to KWS, this is a reminder that it is a requirement to provide one term’s notice, in writing, to the Principal for the withdrawal of a student from Boarding or from the School. In default of such written notice a full term’s fees are required.

If parents have not yet finalised plans but are thinking of options for 2016 it is preferable for you to advise the Principal in writing. This information is vital for the forward planning of the School. We have made the 2016 offers of place and therefore finalised overall numbers for 2016. However we have continued enquiries regarding places for next year and beyond. Providing notice allows the School to notify families that are currently awaiting confirmation of entry to KWS. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Brian Kennelly
Principal

Head of Preparatory

Dear Parents,

A very exciting week sees the end of a busy and productive term 3 in the Preparatory School. Our two shows, ‘The Amazing Race’ (K-2) and ‘2259 A Convenient Lie’ are in full swing with audiences being entertained by the singing, dancing and story lines.

These shows occur as a result of a lot of hard work and passion from the staff, lots of hard work and enthusiasm from the students and lots of hard work and support from the parents.

A group of parents and staff were at school early Sunday morning moving sets and reconstructing them at the theatre. Many thanks.

Please note there is no report sent home this term but a Term Planner and letter will arrive outlining what is occurring in Term 4.

Thank you for all your support this term and on behalf of the staff I wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

Summer Uniform

A reminder to all students to wear their summer uniform on their return in Term 4, 2015.
Friday 18 September

Friday will be a mufti day where students in years K – 6 can come to school in neat casual clothes.

Lunch will be provided consisting of a sausage roll and poppa drink each.

Students with dietary restrictions listed on our database or that have been notified to us have been catered for.

There is no charge for the day.

The Prep School will run to normal school time of 3:20pm. The Secondary School only is finishing at 2pm.

Mr Tim May

Debating

HICES Grand Final

What a wonderful year of debating we have had! Although KWS1 was not victorious on Grand Final day last Thursday, they performed confidently, with flair and chutzpah. They were faced with a big step up in conducting their debate in a large raked theatrette, with a large audience. One could have thought they had been handling these conditions for years, as they performed with such aplomb. All who witnessed them in action were very impressed, including the Opens teams and Mr Kennelly, all their parents and even grandparents.

The given topic area was School Sport. It provided the impetus for interesting discussions including areas of participation versus competition, the benefits of sport: health (overweight and obesity threats, mental health), as enhancement to learning (memory, complex reasoning, problem solving skills, attention and concentration, reduction in stress), gender issues (girls participate less, particularly in teenage years), social skill building and leadership opportunities, and development of character through learning sportsmanship. Elliot showed particular passion about the merits of competition, and we joked that it would be a challenge for him to have to argue the other side of that debate........as indeed proved to be the reality!

It was exciting to travel to the Museum of Applied Arts and Science (whatever was wrong with the Powerhouse name?). We briefly met the Illawarra Grammar team to toss the coin. They lost and we chose the Affirmative side again. As the teams were ushered into their separate preparation rooms the topic was revealed: That when playing school sport having fun is more important than winning. Mr Bracks and I had a chuckle for poor Elliot yet we were glad that it was a very accessible topic and that we had discussed those issues in preparation. The team emerged determinedly from their hour’s preparation. Meyhar spoke clearly and confidently, undertook all her first speaker roles well and set up a solid foundation for their case. Elliot had the audience captivated with his engaging and humorous speaking style, making some excellent
points. Will Rawson shone with another fantastic case comparison and energetic delivery. Many thanks to Lizzie for her disciplined organisation of the team’s preparation and her note taking during the debate. The team has benefitted greatly from her skills. The strength of Illawarra Grammar was in their systematic rebuttal, they too consisted of very impressive speakers. The adjudicator panel was a team of 3 for the grand final and they retired for a very lengthy time. This must indicate that there was much discussion and even difference of opinion. The adjournment time was much lengthier than any other debate we saw that day. When the adjudicators did return, they made some general comments as to the surprisingly high standard of the debate, especially considering their age. They commended KWS1 for their engaging manner, excellent material and structure. They said that our structure was superior to IGS but that their rebuttal was stronger. They would not give us the outcome until the awards ceremony at the end of the day. We were all left hanging with anticipation for hours!

A terrific boon of the Grand Finals day was getting to see the Senior and Open divisions perform. I was amazed and impressed at the clever and articulate students we witnessed. How fantastic for our prep kids to see debating of such high standard. The Senior debate was between Emmanuel College and Wollondilly Anglican College: That the wartime destruction of historical artefacts should be prevented at all costs. WAC won the day with a detailed exploration of the term “at all costs”. The Open debate was a highlight with our two KWS teams competing. The topic was: That philanthropy is the hallmark of a civilized society. The Year 10 team, KWS2, was on the affirmative and included Amelia Rawson, sister of Will (and a fondly remembered past Prep debating student of mine, I believe Will and Amelia have some good debating discussions at home). KWS1 (Canada Gavin, Josh Cheney, Rebecca Crisp and Angus Hall) won the day in a closely contested duel, a wonderful achievement for Kinross and KWS1 especially, as they were runners up at the grand final last year. I feel confident in predicting that KWS2 will get another chance at the grand finals before their schooling years are through. How terrific for KWS to have 3 of their teams in the grand finals. Such courageous and clever and hardworking kids.

Debating does take up quite a lot of time and you need to be a gutsy character to publicly battle under these conditions. Fortunately, if you are that way inclined and you have the skills under your belt, it becomes a lot of fun working as a team to systematically take down an opposition’s case. Sportsmanlike intellectual warfare, with adrenalin! I should note that Will Rawson was awarded the best speaker in the finals rounds of the Junior division, a great achievement. Owen Bloomfield was awarded best speaker of the preliminary rounds of the middle division, Rebecca Crisp was best speaker of the grand final day. There were several runner up best speakers (I think in the preliminary rounds and some finals) for KWS, including India Kermode, Amelia Rawson, Rebecca Crisp and Canada Gavin. My apologies if I lost track a bit there. Altogether, it has been a wonderful year for KWS debating, much to be proud of and lovely to see its growth within the school. Travelling home on the senior’s bus was a delight, listening to them laugh and sing the whole way home (I note that most debaters seem to be musical). Just beautiful kids. I wish you all a well-earned holiday.
With many thanks for the dedicated efforts of Mr Bracks, Mr McLean and our courageous debaters, it has been a pleasure working with you all. Many thanks to our supportive parents also.

Mrs C Bloomfield

Editors note: Mrs Bloomfield is stepping down from coaching our Prep teams after many years. Her enthusiasm and passion is unparalleled and she has been the driving force in establishing debating in the Prep. Many thanks from all her students over the years and the Prep staff.

Sports News

CIS Athletics and NSWPSSA Championships

Congratulations to the KWS Prep students who competed in Sydney in the HICES team at the CIS Athletics Carnival on Wednesday. Our students: James Thompson: 100m 17th/26, 200m 12th/23 PB time 29.78, long jump 7th/24 PB 4.26m and shot put 17th/22; Brooke Barrett: high jump 1st/19 PB 1.41m; Amelia Hinrichsen: 100m 13th/25; Luke Dominello: discus 13th/24; and Sophie Martin: 3rd/19 PB 2.40.88 in 800m and long jump competed exceptionally well against tough competition. Brooke (high jump) Sophie (800m) qualified for the CIS team to compete at the NSWPSSA Athletics Championships in Sydney on 14th and 15th October.

Football Shirts Returned Before End of the Term

As the Football season has now come to an end for the season, could all borrowed shirts please be washed and returned to Mrs Barrett’s office and placed into the green tub. All shirts must be labelled (in a plastic bag or paper attached) with students name to be marked off the rental list. Shirts need to be returned by the end of this school term.

Summer Sport

Group lists have been placed on the sports noticeboard for Years 3-6 students to check before the bulletin is finalised and printed. The bulletin will contain information in regards to uniform, venues, times etc. Please be aware (as stated on the preference selection sheet) that training times in Term 4 and 1 are extended: finishing at 5.00pm. Competitive team selection (cricket) will only train once a week with matches being played on Saturday mornings (T20 cricket will play Thursday afternoons). Please be aware that students will have their first training session on the Wednesday they return to school. This is day one, Term 4. Wednesday 7th October.

Summer Sport Swimming Monday and Wednesday Afternoons Term 4

Any student who has selected to do swimming for their Summer Sport is required to come this Wednesday afternoon (16/9) at 3:30pm until 4:30pm for assessment by Mr Gary Hollywood. This is only for students who are new to the swim school. If your child already has lessons through the KWS Swim School, Mr Hollywood is aware of your level so you will not need to attend this assessment afternoon.

If you do need to be assessed and you are unable to make this
Wednesday, please call Carol Hollywood on 6392 0353 or send an e-mail to kwswimschool@gmail.com

**Outside Sporting Achievements**

Charlie Gill competed in a gymnastics competition on the weekend at Penrith YMCA and placed second (missing out by only 1 point for 1st). As a result of this competition Charlie has qualified to compete at the State Gymnastics Championships. He will also be competing in the Country Championships over the long weekend in Orange. Congratulations Charlie.

Congratulations to Luke Dominello who played in the grand final with his team the U10 Blayney Bears rugby league team on the weekend. Luke captained his team’s side winning 18-6 and received the trophy on behalf of the team.

**General Sport information**

NSW Rugby Development will be conducting various 7s camps across the state during the upcoming school holidays.

Details regarding the Central West location are:
- **Date:** Monday 21 September
- **Time:** 9am to 3pm
- **Location:** Apex Oval Dubbo
- **Age groups:** U7s to U12s
- **Cost:** $69 (all participants receive a bag, water bottle, cap & ball)

For more details and to register please go to; www.nswrugby.com.au/Community/Camps/SizzlingSevensCamp.aspx

**Dates for the Diary**

- **7th October:** Summer sport training commences for Years 3-6. 3:30 - 5pm.
- **9th November:** Sports Assembly

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Mrs Louise Barrett
KWS Prep Sport & PE Co-ordinator

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**Sports Reports**

**Hockey**

**Joeys** - 2015 Marvel Award winner- Phoebe Hunter

**Burras White** - 2015 Marvel Award winner - Ava Buesnel

**Burras Blue** - 2015 Marvel Award winner - Lolli-Rose Pasquali

**U12 Koalas** - It took a golden goal in extra time to split Kinross Koalas and CYMS Green apart. Wednesday night saw two of the best up under 12 mixed teams battle it out in an hour of intense, high quality hockey. CYMS scored the first goal in the first ten minutes but the determined Koalas struck back pretty quickly to lock it up at 1-1. We ran back to the dugouts at halftime. Miss Dwyer gave us our pep talk and snakes and we were ready to take the field again. CYMS took us by surprise at the start and got another goal but...
again they underestimated the Koalas and Lucy Waddell who scored our two goals. So it took it to 2-2 at full time. I’m sure that most players in our team had never played golden goal before, so it was very nerve wracking. Unfortunately CYMS Green came out on top to finish the grand final off. Special thanks to CYMS Green for a wonderful and exciting match and of course to Miss Dwyer for coaching us all year and giving us the opportunity to play our positions and of course have fun. Phoebe Litchfield.

U12 Mixed Wallabies - Congratulations to the Wallabies for making it to the Grand Final. We played City Archers in a close game. Unfortunately we went down 5-3. Well done to Georgie for a great hat-trick. Credit to City for coming back after we defeated them two weeks ago. We had some great saves from Isaac then Jackson as our goalies to keep us in the hunt until full time. By Luke Hunter

KWS LATEST NEWS!

Maddie wins gold at State championships
KWS swimming sensation Maddie Griffiths has been rewarded for her dedication and commitment with a gold medal at the State Open Short Course Championships. Maddie raced away to a gold medal in the...... read full article

Infants students race around the world
The annual K-2 show showcased the talents of both our enthusiastic young actors and our very dedicated teachers. For the 14th time, Muriel Fatai wrote a highly entertaining show that managed to...... read full article

KWS Drama students nominated for OnSTAGE
The KWS Performing Arts faculty has received some fantastic news, with three HSC pieces nominated for the prestigious OnSTAGE showcase. OnSTAGE is the annual exhibition of outstanding HSC Drama...... read full article

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