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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 cooperation is appreciated.

Brian Kennelly
Principal

**Head of Senior School**

It is wonderful to finally see the Spring sunshine and feel some of the bugs and germs moving on! The grounds are beginning to bud and bloom and no doubt when we return next term the shrubs and bulbs will be an absolute picture.

This week has to be all about Year 12 really – their farewell ceremonies and activities are beginning today. Many of them will be recognised at the co-curricular awards assembly and all of them will be part of the Year 12 showcase, which this year promises to be something spectacular! A more solemn mood will be set at the Farewell and Blessing on Thursday, followed by the fun of the Tutor House lunches. The Graduation Ceremony on Friday is an opportunity for the whole school community to acknowledge the contribution of these senior students, who have so ably led the students and been so committed to their own learning. The Grad Ball on Friday evening will round off their very special week. A special thank-you to all the parents of Year 12 students, especially to those whose first child is sitting the HSC. It’s a challenging time for whole families as you try to balance the need for study with the equal need to keep things in perspective (to say nothing of the walking on eggshells at stressful moments!) I wish you all well over the next few months.

As I write this, the country has a new Prime Minister. We live in
interesting times and change is the new normal – how we adapt to that change is a real test of our flexibility, adaptability and creativity. It is also challenging to try to discern how much and in what way we keep honourable and important traditions while embracing the changes that will lead us to a better world for ourselves and our children. Please make the opportunity, over the holidays, to have a chat with your children about some bigger picture things – and above all listen to them non-judgmentally! They may well surprise you with their insights…

I wish you all a relaxing holiday.

Bev West
Head of Senior School

Absence from School
Reminder to Parents and Students

Please refer to the following as a guide for the reporting of an absence from school of your child/ren:

If a student is away due to illness or unexpected absence, please call the Front Office on 6392 0300 before 9 am. Additionally, a note of explanation should be brought to school on the student's return.

Students needing to leave the school grounds at any stage during the school day for medical or dental appointments are to request permission prior to the appointment from the Head of Senior School, Mrs Bev West, preferably via email at bwest@kws.nsw.edu.au, fax 6392 0410 or a note from the student. Parents are to sign students out and the student signs back in on return via the Front Office.

Boarding students must sign out at the SICKBAY for medical/dental appointments or the FRONT OFFICE for all other approved academic leave, remembering to sign back in on their return.

For day and boarding students requiring academic leave for other reasons, eg family commitment, overseas travel, study leave, please apply in writing to the Head of Senior School via bwest@kws.nsw.edu.au at least four weeks in advance.

Leave for extended family travel during term time requires a special form and can be approved only by the Principal. In line with government requirements we are obliged to examine these requests very carefully.

Bev West
Head of Senior School

Summer Uniform

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

Gail Pearce
KWS Shop Manager

National Chemistry Quiz Results

Congratulations to Travis Bell (96th percentile) and Alexander Mirrington (97th percentile) who have been awarded High Distinction Certificates for the National Chemistry Quiz. Alexander Butcherine, Max Eastwood, Trent Russell, Darren Jayasuriya, Samuel Vail and Nigel Jayasuriya all received Distinctions and Lachlan Cisco, William Prince, Brianna Chu and Molly Straney received Credits.

Catherine Litchfield
A/Head of Science

A positive approach to raising teens

Cadet Bivouac 7-9 October 2015

Cadet Notices

Could Parents and Cadets please note that due to the early start of Bivouac there will be NO opportunity to provide
equipment at the beginning of Term 4. All equipment must be organised by the end of Term 3. (Wednesday 16th September)

Click here for Bivouac Instructions

The cadets listed for Advance Party on Tuesday 6th October at 0800 hrs please confirm their availability with Mr Yeo or Mrs Vernon. This is important as boarders are not due to be at school until 1500hrs on Tuesday. It is likely that some accommodation could be made available for Monday night. Day Students would be required to be dropped at Q Store by 0800hrs.

Click here for Advance Party List

Lyn Vernon
MAJ (AAC)
OC KWSCU

Rowing

Notice of AGM and Season Launch BBQ - Saturday 10 October

Notice is hereby given that the AGM for The KWS Boat Club will be held in room 81, the Anderson Centre, Saturday 10th October at 11 am.

We are seeking nominations for committee members. Please contact Fran frances@costinroe.com.au to express interest or for more information.

The Season Launch BBQ will follow at midday, $20.00 per person, please RSVP to frances@costinroe.com.au. Everybody welcome.

Frances Taylor-Wood
President, KWS Rowing Club

Equestrian News

Charlotte Trounson and Steph Lennon (pictured left) both competed in the Warrumbungle CNC 1* at Coonabarabran last weekend. The girls had a great event with Steph (pictured right on Kybie) placing 11th overall in the EVA 80cm and 4th in the juniors. Charlotte placed 5th overall in the EVA 60cm and 2nd in the juniors. Both wonderful results so well done girls.
St Lawrences Horse Sports Day

Thomas Hinman, Hayley Barnard, Jenny Quera and Ben Hinman (pictured below) all represented KWS at the St Lawrences Horse Sports event held in Coonabarabran this week. From all reports they all thoroughly enjoyed the event, were wonderful ambassadors for KWS and had some fabulous results. Well done.

Michelle Pryse Jones
Equestrian Team Manager

Football Report

Under 13 Grand Final

It was a close Grand Final and it came down to one penalty!

Kinross Wolaroi School Under 13s football team came as close as a team can to winning the Grand Final on Saturday after drawing in game time, drawing in extra time and forcing the game to a penalty shoot-out. A successful finals campaign saw the boys take on an undefeated Waratahs team who were the favourites for the game. However, this did not present an issue for the boys as they played a calm and collected first half. With only one reserve against a team with five it was always going to be tough and Waratahs looked like they may streak away as they were able to get to a 2-0 lead. This followed a fantastic play from KWS where it seemed certain that Jeremy L'Estrange had scored only to be denied by being called off-side. The boys maintained their composure and kept Waratahs under control for the rest of the half and kept the scoreline close as Jeremy finally found the net legally and brought the scoreline back to 2-1 at half-time.

The second half has always been a strong and key one for these boys and this time they did not disappoint. They took
the attack to the Waratahs team and Xavier was able to level
the scores early in the second half. This raised the stakes and
the game became one exceptional event to watch from the
sidelines, if a little nerve racking. Parents, staff, Mr Kennelly,
Mr Rowe and others were soon cheering as loudly as they
could as it seemed that KWS would find the breakthrough as
they threatened the goal more often than Waratahs. Some last
minute desperate keeping from the Waratahs prevented the
boys from grabbing that winning goal and into extra time the
game went. Playing positively was the call and the boys were
able to push for goals throughout this 20 minute period but to
no avail. It then came down to a penalty shoot-out.

Things were looking good as the goals were shared by each
team until it seemed luck was falling the KWS way when
Joseph Kocanda blocked a Waratahs attempt. Unfortunately
he was deemed to have moved off the goal line and the goal
was then successfully re-taken. The Waratahs keeper was
able to block our next goal and they claimed the premiership.

A fantastic game and wonderful season was capped off by a
family BBQ for the team and a game of parents vs boys.
Thanks for a wonderful seasons and the gifts that were offered
from the parents. All the boys can hold their heads very high
as they took the Grand-Final to the very edge and with a bit of
luck it may have been a victory.

Leigh Morrissey

Coach

Netball Report

KWS Netball Grand Finals 12th September

Six KWS teams fought for premiership honours last Saturday.
All games were fiercely competitive but only the mighty Junior
As came away with the title. All of the girls displayed team
spirit and sportsmanship and they kept giving their best until
the final whistle was blown. Thanks to the parents and
supporters who came that day and every other day throughout
the season.

Results

KWS 13As Lost 19 - 20
KWS 13Bs Lost 13 - 20
KWS 15 Thwaites Lost 12 - 15
KWS Junior As Won 25 - 11
KWS Y10 Lost 22 - 25
KWS Y12 Getiz Lost 26 - 32

Match Reports

KWS 13As

Grand Finals don't get more exciting than the 13As game on
Saturday against OHS Vixens. It was an extremely hard-fought
and competitive game played in the true spirit of netball. Every
member of the team lifted to play a terrific game and the
improvement in skills over the season was evident with minimal bad passes and silly errors. The girls are to be commended on playing a very sensible game with cool heads. They did not let the occasion worry them. The final score could have gone either way as momentum was with KWS as we fought to come back from a 3 down lead by OHS.

Unfortunately the buzzer beat us and the score was 19-20. One goal separated two great rivals again for the second time in the finals. With one win each throughout the season and two close losses each by a point, the competition could not have been closer. Congratulations to the whole team, playing up a division in the 14s top division and coming runners-up! It was a wonderful end to an enjoyable season with some talented young ladies! Look out junior As and the 15s comp next year!

KWS Junior As – Junior Division 15 Blue
What an amazing end to a superb season for this mighty team of 10. The girls were simply outstanding. It was a pleasure to watch a game that was so near to perfect. The team managed to apply all of the hard-work that they have been fine tuning at training into the game that meant the most. The pressure was certainly on the Junior As to win as they had managed to be undefeated all season. OHS Junior As had on the other hand given the girls their tightest struggle on their last encounter where KWS got up by only 2 goals. After their narrow loss in Div 3 last week the girls knew they needed to start out strong and that is exactly what they did – a 10-2 score line at quarter time put the team in the driving position for the remainder of the game and although there were 2 tight quarters the girls never lost their cool or had any real pressure put on them. The entire team played brilliantly.

Maia continued to feed the ball with variety and precision into the shooters as well as aptly turning over centre court balls with tight defence. Imogen and Emma both had match changing games, as they both worked on shutting down the speedy OHS WA. Their effectiveness almost rendered the WA for OHS useless. Our circle defence was the best it had been all season. Mabel, Gidget and Holly were tireless in putting pressure on the shooters in and out of the circle. To keep the opposition to only 11 goals was an outstanding effort. Our shooters Libby and Maggie took their sisterly connection to a whole new level. Passing the ball between themselves with ease, to ensure that the best possible position for shooting was acquired. Our centre – Charlotte Haling was awarded MVP for the Grand Final. She had a flawless game that allowed her to demonstrate her amazing positional play, agility and passing skills. Congratulations KWS Junior As on the best possible finish to the most amazing season of netball. The future of KWS netball is in very capable hands. Thank you - you've all been an absolute pleasure to coach.

Netball Dinner
The KWS Netball Dinner was a fine culmination for a great
season and, as usual, the girls dressed ‘to the nines’. As MC, Sarah McIntyre did a wonderful job. Alice Litchfield, Jocelyn Date, Lillian Murray and Emma Anderson must also be commended for their reports on the night. A big thank you to all who helped make the night an enjoyable evening. The season’s team and club awards are outlined below:

For the 2015 Netball Awards click here.

Bridie Brideoake
MIC Netball

Orange InterSchools Hockey Day

Winner 'Play the Whistle' Award for Sportsmanship

KWS overall runners-up

An extremely enjoyable and successful Orange InterSchools Hockey day last Tuesday saw KWS narrowly miss out on being crowned overall co-ed champions for the day. The boys team was largely made up of enthusiastic but very inexperienced students from across four year groups. Capably led by hockey veteran Harry Williams, the boys played like men possessed, using every skill they have learned from sports such as rugby, football and athletics and adapting these magnificently to hockey. The gentleman managed to match it with the more experienced players from the other three local schools and can hold their heads high in terms of achievement, dedication and the exponential rate at which their skills improved during the event. The boys team finished in third place, scoring some sensational goals and proving to be the ‘go to’ team for entertainment and enthusiasm.

The girls team were undefeated on the day, showing great dynamism in attack and dogged defense in all four matches. A 2-all draw in the final was probably not an indication of the dominance of the team over the other sides throughout the day. Special mention to Meg, Kate, Ruby and Hannah who ‘took one for the team’ playing goalie against the might of some highly talented premier league players. All players contributed and enjoyed the day enormously.

Highlights of the day were having Toby Condon presented with his award for making an impression as a player with potential, and seeing both KWS boys and girls teams presented with the ‘Play The Whistle’ award for enthusiasm, sportsmanship, fair team play and having fun.

All players would like to thank Miss Goodall for her organization and Mr Marjoram for his advice and efforts in preparation and coaching for the event.

Claire Goodall
MIC Hockey