Principal

It is my pleasure to welcome staff, students and parents to the 2016 school year. Over the break there have been a multitude of activity including the Year 12 HSC results, refurbishment of the Boarding Houses together with preparations for the year ahead. In addition we have a large number of new staff as outlined below. You will note there has been an emphasis on providing additional teachers to further support students with their learning. I am extremely pleased with the high quality of applicants for positions and the subsequent staff appointments that have been made. Clearly the Kinross Wolaroi School community is one that many wish to be a part of.

At the first Senior School assembly, we celebrated Foundation Day – KWS was 130 years old on 27 January. We have a number of occasions throughout this year to continue our celebrations and honour the considerable progress and achievements of KWS.

Staffing – 2016

New Support Staff

• Susan Adams – Admin Assistant – Co-curricular
• Mary Griffiths – Learning Support
• Vicki Lynar – Learning Support
• Zachary Miles – ICT Traineeship
• Vicky Morton – Canteen Assistant
• Kelly Schofield – Canteen Supervisor
• Matthew Showels – ICT AV and application support

New Teachers
• Kate Bracks – RE K-6 (0.3)
• Emily Burton – Prep
• Mark Whitehead – Prep
• Liam Callaghan – Social Sciences
• Priscilla Colgan – Music – 0.8
• Hayden Danks – Science – 7 month contract
• Rebecca Fogarty – Acting Instrumental Music Coordinator
• Annelise Guest – English
• Amy Proudford-Nalder – 2IC English
• Jessica Shanahan – English
• Stephen Thompson – RE Coordinator
• Rebecca Wansey – Visual Arts

Current staff in new positions:
• Heidi Anthony – Head of Performing Arts
• Annie McRae – Acting Coordinator of Prep Music
• Kelly Cole – Head Tutor of Douglas
• Claire Goodall – Year 7 Coordinator
• Kimberley Jones - Head Tutor of Blackman
• Matt Smedley - Head Tutor of Williams
• Georgie Hinrichsen – Manager of Admissions and Marketing
• Victoria Mendl – Admissions Officer
• Susannah Perkins – Community Engagement Coordinator
• Nic Thomas – ICT learning integrator assistant
• Justine Tarleton – Duty Chef

Year 12 HSC results
On behalf of the staff, I congratulate the 2015 Year 12 students for a wonderful set of results. Of the 132 students, 30 received an ATAR over 90, with the highest median ATAR for many years of 76.4. My thanks to the staff and parents for their support of these students. Other significant achievements included:

• 107 Band 6 results
• 291 Band 5 results
• 398 Band 5 and Band 6 results
• 50.4% of subjects sat earned a Band 5 or 6
• In 5 subjects 100% of students received a Band 5 or 6 (Music 1, Music 2, English Extension 2, Music Extension 2 and Latin Extension)
• Codey Swalding received the Premier’s All Rounder Award with Band 6 (or E4) scores in ten or more units
• 18 subjects were above the state average for Band 5 and 6 (out of 33)
• Subjects significantly above the state average were:
  - Biology (18.6%, up from 9.3% in 2014)
Industrial Technology (48.5%, up from 48.1% in 2014)
Modern History (16.9%, down from 24.4% in 2014)
Music 1 (38.2%, down from 40.4% in 2014)
Textiles and Design (27.6%, down from 58.1% in 2014)
Visual Arts (40.7%, up from 6.4% in 2014)
English Extension 2 (17.6%, up from 2.6% in 2014)

• The following subjects have a significant increase in Band 5/6s from 2014:
  - Agriculture – up from 7.7% in 2014 to 21.4% in 2015
  - Biology – up from 37.5% in 2014 to 46.5% in 2015
  - English advanced – up from 36% in 2014 to 46.3% in 2015
  - Geography – up from 52.2% in 2014 to 53.8% in 2015
  - Physics – up from 19% in 2014 to 40.9% in 2015
  - Software Design and Development – up from 12.5% in 2014 to 30% in 2015
  - Visual Arts – up from 55% in 2014 to 94.1% in 2015
  - Latin Continuers – up from 40% in 2014 to 80% in 2015
  - English Extension 2 – up from 80% in 2014 to 100% in 2015
  - Mathematics Extension 1 – up from 77.8% in 2014 to 78.7% in 2015
  - History Extension – up from 57.1% in 2014 to 68.8% in 2015

Brian Kennelly
Principal

Head of Preparatory

Dear Parents,

As mentioned in last week’s letter home the Parents and Friends are holding a ‘Meet and Greet’ on Thursday evening for all our parents from Pre-Prep - Year 6. This is an excellent opportunity to meet staff and parents of the students your child will be associating with. It starts at 5:30 in the Assembly area in the Prep and concludes at 7pm. Thank you to the P&F, yet again, for their continued support of the School.

It is well documented that one of parents’ greatest frustrations is the picking up of their children after school or sport and being in a long queue.

Last week your patience was greatly appreciated and the collection of children went without incident despite the weather on the first day back. Thank you to the parents who displayed their surnames on the sun visor. It makes a difference.

The bus transport system throughout Orange and indeed our own buses, for school children is quite comprehensive. To alleviate congestion in the car park perhaps looking at the bus schedules and having your child catch the bus is an option. Mr May has an incentive scheme! For more details see the note in this bulletin.
Also included in this bulletin is a ‘Storm Policy’ which is enacted if dangerous storms occur at pick up time. Please make yourself aware of our procedures which are designed so the students are safe and accidents are prevented.

I thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

At our assembly next Monday February 8 is the induction of our Prefects and House Captains who were elected last year. Parents are most welcome attend with proceedings commencing at 12:05 in the Derek Pigot Auditorium (DPA)

Enjoy your week.

Rob McLean
Head of the Preparatory School

From the Chaplain

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13 verses 1-13, is our School Reading.

The start of a new school year is exciting because we embark on a host of new beginnings; new classes, new learning, new teaching, new friends. Just as we wonder about what will be this year with elements of excitement and hope, so too we can wonder about what sort of person we each will be this year. Simply put, will my life reflect my faith through what I do and say?

The small Christian community in Corinth to whom Paul wrote were filled with faith and enthusiasm for life. In chapter 12 of Paul’s letter, we read that they had received all manner of gifts from God and it seems that they took every opportunity to express these gifts. In chapter 13, we read of Paul’s need to write about these gifts in the context of love.

There is a right and a wrong way of using God’s gifts be they biblical (prophecy, prayer, etc) or other (generosity, compassion, etc).

The purpose of being blessed with gifts is never for showing off or as keeping for personal gain. Gifts are to be used for the building up of the Other in love, for helping those suffering oppression to find freedom, for those living with guilt to find forgiveness, for those lost and alone to find a home and a family, for those who are broken to find healing and wholeness.

Over the Christmas break, I participated in a tour of Turkiye with a group of senior students. Amidst all the joys and delights that Turkiye has to offer, we also found a world that is in need of new beginnings.
Everyone knows that our world is suffering from oppression and dictatorships. Among our encounters we faced the need for radical love and forgiveness. We also encountered hope and trust in God.

The world is a big place and Turkiye is a long way from home. We are privileged to live in Australia and to be abundantly gifted. Be that as it may, Paul would have something to say if we opted to act selfishly or complacently simply because there’s a bigger problem off-shore. The world can only be changed through the changes we make to our own living; changes that embody forgiveness, hope and trust in God. And let us not fall into the error of the Corinthians and forget the context of love.

Love does not mean we have to agree on everything. Love is about God’s Grace and allowing others a chance for fullness of life. The aim for all people of faith is to know God as love and to reflect that love through our very being.

The start of a new school year is exciting. This year let us better reflect our faith and so make the world a better place.

Phil Worrad
Chaplain

Pick-Up Time Storm Scenario

In the event of a storm or severe wet weather at pick up time the Deputy Principal or delegate will instigate the Storm Scenario Policy for the safe collection of students. Essentially we shall wait for the storm to pass or ease before releasing students from classrooms. Students catching busses will be allowed to go to designated shelters if safe. The following procedures will form the basis of our policy.

Duties and Responsibilities

Parents
Follow the directions of the School staff
Wait in their car for the storm to pass or walk in to collect students from the assembly area or classrooms.

Students
Follow directions of all staff
Students catching the bus move quickly but safely to the bus shelter.
Students needing to be collected form the Pick-Up zone will wait in the assembly area.

Mr T May

Prep Students Catching PLC Buses

PLC Bus Runs - February 19

Due to the Secondary School Swimming Carnival on Friday 19 February the PLC bus runs at 7:45 and 8:00am will not deliver students
to the Wolaroi site.

The only run for Prep students to arrive at Wolaroi will be the 8:15 bus departing from PLC.

There will be no alterations to the afternoon runs from Wolaroi to PLC.

Mrs G Kennewell

Prep Peer Support

We are commencing our Peer Support lessons this week. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Two Peer Leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in their classroom. We are working on a module called Living Positively helping us explore the concept of optimism. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in the group, agreeing on how they will work well together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about what it means to be optimistic.

We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week, as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

Mr T May

Bus Incentive Program

Encouraging Bus Travel 2016

To decrease the amount of traffic within school grounds Prep Students are being encouraged to catch the bus home after school. Students who catch the bus will be given a “Catch the Bus Bonus” card by the teacher on duty at Allenby Rd bus stop and the school bus bay behind the gym. When a student has collected five cards they can exchange them for a Middleton’s Ice block on a Friday lunchtime at the round garden. Only 5 cards can be exchanged at a time.

We thank all parents and students for supporting bus travel and we hope the students enjoy the ice block reward.

All Prep children arriving on buses must obey regulations and safety procedures as set out by the bus companies.

All Prep children must wait for and be supervised by the teacher on duty for afternoon departures.
Children wait at the Allenby Rd gate and are sent to their respective bus by the teacher on duty.

Mr T May

Deputy Head of Preparatory

Donation to Orange Hospital
Kind Donation

Alice Scholte (Yr 2), Alana (Yr 8) and Ailish Seedsman (Yr 10) spent time over the holidays busking on their violins and cellos. The girls raised $647.10 and are donating this amount to the Children’s Ward at Orange Health Service. The girls have been doing this for a number of years and are to be commended for their selfless attitude and generous hearts. A representative from the Health Service will attend our assembly on February 15 to receive the cheque. Well done girls!

Mr R McLean

Upcoming Events

February 8 - Prefects and House Captains Induction 12:05pm DPA
February 15 - Assembly 6H - 12:05pm DPA
February 17 - Photo Day - Class, Individual, Family & Summer Sports
February 26 - CAMKids Movie night - details in the bulletin

Mrs G Kennewell

P&F News

Welcome to 2016!

You're Invited to our first P&F meeting of 2016 on Wednesday 10th February (Week 3) at 7.30pm, Wolaroi Mansion. Everyone is welcome, whether you are new to KWS or just to P&F meetings.

Teleconferencing is available for boarding families and anyone not able to get to the meeting in person (see www.kws.nsw.edu.au/FF_PFAsso for details). If you have any items for the agenda please contact me at the address below. The draft minutes from our November meeting are available at www.kws.nsw.edu.au/ff-pfminutes.

KWS Day is only six weeks away and the P&F Fair committee have been busy planning the P&F components of the day. If you are not already involved but would like to be please email me with your details.

Alison Karbowiak
P&F Secretary
pandfsecretary@kws.nsw.edu.au

Textbook Trading


Alison Karbowiak
P&F Secretary
Fundraising

The main fundraising event for the Camkids charity is the Outdoor Movie Night, which has been running since 2014. This event is the major fundraising event supported and run by the year 12 cohort. This year the Movie Night will be held on Friday, 26 February 2016 and the movie showing will be “Inside Out”. This night is open to the wider Orange community and is the major fundraiser to support the Cambodian Children’s Charity.

We are seeking support from local businesses through sponsorship. There are two options for donations:

1. $100.00 - Still shot of Business Logo
2. $200.00 - DVD advertisement (up to 1 minute)

The business on-screen advertising will occur on the movie night before the film begins.

All profit made from the movie night is donated straight to Camkids and 100% of the money goes directly to the needs of the children. There is no middle-man.

If you would like to support this initiative, please contact either the Mission Prefects, Emma Haege and Jack Ridley, or myself.

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Year 12 Co-ordinator
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Phone: 02 6392 0346

'Inside Out' Outdoor Movie Night

KWS and Camkids present Disney Pixar's "Inside Out"...
Our Co-curricular Performing Arts program will commence in Week 2 except for Prep Beginner Band, Junior Woodwind Ensemble and Koristers, which will begin in Week 3.

Please see the information below regarding each ensemble.

Prep Band and Prep Beginner Band

Prep Band caters for students from years 4-6 who have been learning their instruments for at least one year. Rehearsals will commence on Thursday 4th Feb at 7:45am

The Prep Beginner Band will commence on Tuesday 9th Feb from 3:25-4:30 and caters for beginner band students from years 3-6.

Percussion Group

Percussion Group is for any student from years 3-6. Please see Mrs McRae if you are interested in joining as places are limited. Rehearsals will commence on Monday 2nd Feb at 8am in the Prep Music Room.

Prep Strings

All Prep students learning a string instrument will be invited to join Prep Strings. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday 2nd Feb from 3:25-4:30pm in the Prep Music Room.

Prep Dance

The Prep Dance ensemble will be offered to students from years 1-4 only. Note the change of venue in the Blue Room of the Gym.
Rehearsals will commence on Tuesday 2nd Feb at 8am.

Koristers

Koristers is an auditioned choir for students in years 5-8. Auditions will be held this Friday 5th Feb at 7:45am in the performance theatre and only 24 students will be selected for the choir. Rehearsals will commence on Friday 12th Feb at 7:45am.

Junior String Quartet

Auditions for Junior String Quartet will be held this Friday lunchtime (5th Feb) in the Prep Music Room. Please come prepared with your instrument and a piece of music of your choice to play.

Junior Woodwind Ensemble – New for 2016

Students who play the clarinet, saxophone or flute are invited to join the Junior Woodwind Ensemble with Mr Ismail. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday 10th Feb at 8am in the Prep Music Room. Please see Mrs McRae if you are interested in joining.

Not sure what instrument to play? Come along to our instrument demonstrations this week!

Woodwind demonstration with Mr Ismail (flute, clarinet and saxophone) – Thursday lunchtime (4th Feb) in the Prep Music Room.

Students from years 2-6 who come along will have an opportunity to hear the instruments being played and try them out. Bring your lunch and have some fun!

Musicianship Classes

Musicianship classes are for students who are preparing for an AMEB exam on their instrument or who would like to improve their theory skills in music. Please see the timetable for further information regarding time and place.

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All ensembles will commence rehearsals from week 2 except for Prep Beginner Band, Junior Woodwind Ensemble and Koristers, which will commence in week 3.

Mrs A McRae
Prep Music Co-ordinator

Sports News

Prep Inter-House Swimming Carnival
Next Friday 12th February, the Prep Inter-House Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6) will take place at the KWS pool. The day starts with all K-6 students involved in the House March Past in the gym, followed by the start of the swimming carnival with the 100m freestyle events. All students in K-6 are to come to school in their sports uniform. All races at the carnival are 50m races. If your child is a weak or timid swimmer who struggle to swim 50m, please email me at gkennewell@kws.nsw.edu.au so that I can place your child in the invitational 25m races. This will be an all-age race. Students will need to wear KWS swimmers or approved navy racing swimmers. No bright or patterned swimmers will be allowed, only navy blue. House coloured swim caps must be worn by all swimmers.

As always, I will need the assistance of parents on the day to help run the stop watches (3 parents per lane). If you are able to assist, please let me know either via email, phone call or playground. A note has been emailed home this week outlining more details about the carnival.

**Prep Sport Reminders**

Some general reminders about Summer Sport this term. All students need to bring their sports uniforms on Monday and Wednesday ready for sport training, including tracksuit top. Bucket hats or KWS sport caps must be worn, not the girls school hat. Water bottles and a piece of fruit for afternoon tea should also be packed. Sport finishes at 5pm with students ready for collection at this time.

All summer sports change to athletics commencing Monday 14th March.

**Team of the Week**

Congratulations to the U12 Cricket team for their nomination for team of the week. The U11 Cricket team have been nominated by Mrs Hunter for never giving up and for learning a game is never won until it is actually won. The 11’s quickly went from a very dominant position in the game to losing 8-20 and looking like the game was going to slip out of their grasp. The last 3 batters really took it upon themselves to dig in and steady the ship and see the team home, which they did by an exciting 1 run. Special mention to Zimmy, Blake and Cohan for being so calm under pressure and all the boys for coming together to support their teammates.

**Dates for the Diary**

12 February: Prep 3-6 Inter-House Swimming Carnival
25 February: WAS Swimming Carnival, Bathurst
8 March: HICES Swimming Carnival, Sydney
22 March: CIS Swimming, Sydney
8 April: Prep 3-6 Inter-House Athletics Carnival
3 May: KWS Cross Country, PLC
13 May: WAS Cross Country
26 May: HICES Cross Country
Sports Reports

Cricket

**Under 11s** - KWS won the toss and elected to bowl first. We were excellent in the field with Hugh and Will the best of the bowlers getting three wickets each. We ended up bowling all the batsmen out.

It was finally our turn to bat and we had lost a few early wickets. We needed 16 runs when our last batsmen went in. A sneaky four helped our situation. We needed 1 run to win. The batsman hit the ball, it went past the fielder and the batsmen started running to give us the 1 run we needed to win the game.

Cohan Mastrangeli

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KWS LATEST NEWS!

**KWS Dominant at Sprint Champs**

KWS notched up another Regatta win, taking out the overall pointscore at the NSW Sprint Champs regatta held on Sunday 6 December 2015. KWS is the only school to have ever won the point score at the... [read full article]

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**2016 Senior School Leaders Induction Service**

To celebrate the beginning of our School year, an Induction Service was held to recognise the role of student leaders in our community. Emphasis was placed on our core values of knowledge, friendship... [read full article]

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**Outstanding HSC and ATAR results**

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