It is my pleasure to write a brief report and over view of Kinross Wolaroi at the start of the 2009 school year.

Despite the tough economic conditions, we have maintained enrolments of over 1000 students for 2009. This includes over 230 students in the Prep School, 770 students in the Senior School and over 300 Boarders. The Prep school continues to grow dramatically in numbers. As a result School Council is investigating plans of building 6 new classrooms for occupation in 2010.

We welcome a number of new staff to the school this year. In addition a number of existing staff have taken on new positions of responsibility within the school.

**New Staff:**

- Emma Bylsma – Science and Senior Biology
- Olivia Carroll – French
- Rochelle Marcinkowski – Mathematics
- Dianne Chappel – English and Modern History
- Jacolette van Rensburg – Mathematics
- Ali Mckay – Textiles and Design Technology
- Jill Laurie – Secretary to the Head of Senior School
- Adam Thompson – English and History – maternity leave position for Rachel Budden
- Nina Machielse – Visual Arts – one term contract replacing Helen Cochrane

**New Positions for current staff:**

- Bev West – Head of Senior School
- Graham Jaques – Director of Information Systems (in addition to current responsibilities)
- Paul Tierney – Director of Development
- Chris Howes – Head of Music
- Nathalie O’Carroll – Head of Languages
- David Lee – ICT Staff Support Co-ordinator
- Hayley King (formerly Fitzsimmons) – Prep School Sports Co-ordinator
- Anthony Begg – Head of Weymouth Boarding House

Over the holiday period we have undertaken an enormous amount of work around the school to enhance and improve the wonderful facilities that we have. In brief this included the following:

- Construction of a new front fence
- Renovation of the former Chaplain’s residence for the new Head of Senior School, Bev West
- General painting of classrooms, toilets, bathrooms and the Boarding Houses
- Refurbishment of the Boarding Houses with new furniture, painting and carpet – in particular Wolaroi House and the Anderson Cottage, along with New House and Trathen House
Installation of new computers in the day school and in the Boarding Houses with associated infrastructure totalling over $220,000

A majority of the Capital Works priority list totalling $750,000

Wolaroi Verandha: We continue to seek funds for this very important project. I extend my sincere thanks to all those who have contributed to the $100,000 raised so far. In particular the Ex Students have been strong financial supporters of this appeal as we look to restore Wolaroi to the splendour of old. We are hopeful that, with continued fund raising this year, we will be in a position of having over $200,000 which is needed to begin the work late this year. Should you know of any Ex students who have spent memorable years in Wolaroi please urge them to donate to this very worthy cause.

New School Motto: Ex students will be interested in the new school motto which was announced at Speech Day last year. This motto was a result of over 100 submissions with voting from the whole school community, including staff, students and parents.

Scientia, Amicitia, Integritas

Knowledge, Friendship, Integrity

We will be ensuring this is very much at the forefront of all that we do this year. In brief the school motto stands for the following:

Scientia or Knowledge – is what someone knows, not just information learnt in the classroom but knowledge of self. Self belief comes from knowledge.

Amicitia - involves the act of being a friend, as a helpful, kind and caring person.

Integritas – is being honest to others and above all to yourself. It is holding firmly to your own personal moral principles, what you truly believe in.

In closing I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Ex students for the ongoing support offered to the school. We value highly our connections with the Ex students and ask that you all continue to urge our past students to drop in and look through the school for a nostalgic trip down memory lane! Thank you for your assistance and continued interest in Kinross Wolaroi School.

Brian Kennelly
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