

Kinross Wolaroi Preparatory School

News Bulletin



Term 1 - Week 2, Wednesday 7 February 2018

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From the Head of Preparatory

Dear Parents,

The students and staff have made an excellent start to the 2018 school year. With the cooler weather and air conditioned classrooms the environment is conducive to best practice learning.

With 60 new families commencing the year it is gratifying to see our ongoing students reaching out to welcome their new classmates. Friendships are quickly formed and provide the foundations for an enjoyable year.

Many thanks to the P&F who reached out to our parent body on the first morning for a coffee and a slice at a local café. Another example of the strong sense of community at the school.

While our academic work is well underway our co-curricular programme started this week with sport up and running and our various musical ensembles gearing for another outstanding year.

Already debating, kidslit teams are being organised while entrants to the Banjo Patterson festival have been overwhelming.

As mentioned many a time we ask the students to 'have a go' and already they are taking on the challenges.

Yesterday we held our Prefect and House Captain Induction ceremony where students were presented with their badges along with some wise words from Dr Parry and our secondary leaders Kate Alderman and Donny Freeman.

Over the coming weeks announcements will be made concerning our Music Leaders and our SRC (Student Representative Council) members.

Next week our Pre-Prep Information evening (February 14, 6pm) for our current families will be held. This is a great opportunity to hear of the plans for Pre-Prep in 2018 and the expectations of the centre.

One event which promotes great excitement and energy is our Swimming Carnival for years 3-6 on Friday February 16. Parents are most welcome, and indeed encouraged to attend. Please take heed of Mrs Barrett's notices as there are some time changes for our 100m events.

On February 21 and 27 we will be holding our first set of parent/teacher interviews. The purpose of these early ones is for you to form a relationship with the teacher so the teacher is well informed of the student and you are aware of the expectations of the classes. You need to make an appointment for an allocated time slot and details are further on in the bulletin notices.

The Bulletin will now be available every second week and be on the Frog website www.frog.nsw.edu.au where there will be information to keep you abreast of the news of the school.

May I take the opportunity to thank you all for enabling such a smooth and positive start to the school year.

Enjoy your week.

Mr Rob McLean - Head of the Preparatory School

From the Principal

Welcome back for the new academic year.

It is always fabulous when our students return following the holiday break as they breathe life and energy into the School. Though the quiet time does provide us with the opportunity to refurbish and update facilities and prepare for the New Year ahead.

I hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and return feeling ready for the challenges and opportunities that 2018 will present.

Holidays are important, as they give us the opportunity to rest and reflect, to spend time with family and enjoy some of those activities we may not be able to do during term time.

I know for some of our students they have been a very helpful set of extra hands getting work done at home.

There has been plenty of activity over the summer with a great deal of work being undertaken to improve the fabric of the school, new classrooms under construction and air conditioning installed in the classrooms in the Preparatory School. Many of our students have been busy. At the start of the break, Mr Worrad and Miss Cole took 12 students to Cambodia to see some of the wonderful work being done by CamKids in providing education for our sponsored children. Our Rowers have been in camp. Swimmers have been training and our senior cricketers have had some matches.

Immediately after Speech Day 20 of our staff journeyed to Melbourne to advance their teaching knowledge, visiting schools and observing different approaches and practices. Once again a very productive and generative exercise.

We welcome many new students and several new academic staff to Kinross Wolaroi. We a great reputation for community and friendliness and I know that you will extend them all a warm welcome and assist them as they settle in.

New Academic Staff

I am delighted that we have been able to attract some outstanding educators to join our staff. Our most crucial asset is our human capital, for it is people that lie at the heart of any good school or healthy community. It is our people who will determine our success, who will inspire students and staff, who will support and encourage. It is not bricks and mortar, nor money but skilled, passionate and dedicated people who care and give of themselves because they believe in what they do.

We have made three senior appointments to lead key areas of focus, a Head of Teaching and Learning, Head of Wellbeing – both new roles in the school, and Director of Boarding.

Mrs Emma Bylsma – Head of Wellbeing

Mrs Bylsma is well known to many in the KWS community and has been on our staff since 2009. She has been outstanding in a number of leadership roles at KWS including Year 12 Coordinator, Careers Advisor, Acting Director of Studies and Acting Director of Co-Curricular.

She has over 20 years of teaching experience and possesses a Bachelor of Education (University of Sydney) and a Master's of Science Education (Macquarie University) where she was awarded a Vice Chancellor's Commendation for academic excellence. Mrs Bylsma is also involved in the Advanced Leadership Program (NESLI).

Mrs Bylsma is an innovative, dynamic and passionate educator who possesses the essential qualities to powerfully contribute to the development and promotion of vibrant, safe and supportive learning environment for students.

Mrs Serena Lewis – Head of Teaching and Learning and Teacher - English

Mrs Lewis joins KWS as the Head of Teaching and Learning, and has vast experience as an educational leader and teacher in both the United Kingdom and Australia. Since emigrating to Australia in 2014, Mrs Lewis taught at Knox Grammar School and more recently at The King's School as the Literacy Coordinator K-12 where she was an inspiration to staff across all faculties. Mrs Lewis has a First Class Honours degree in English Literature and Psychology (BSc) and a Certificate in Education from Keele University, UK. In England, Mrs Lewis was Head of English and Languages and Chair of Teaching and Learning at Allertyree Woodlands School in Derbyshire. She has been an educational advisor to the school Principals and Heads in the UK and presenter at educational conferences in the area of Teaching and Learning.

Mr Matthew Curran – Director of Boarding and Teacher - Mathematics

Mr Curran joins the KWS team as the Director of Boarding and also joins the Mathematics department. He has been working in the UK for the past 12 years and most recently has been Head of Boarding at Ardingly College, West Sussex in England where he led a dynamic and innovative co-educational boarding community of over 300 students. Prior to this Mr Curran taught Mathematics and worked in boarding at Lord Wandsworth College in Hampshire, UK and at St Joseph's College in Sydney where he was also Master in Charge of Cricket. Mr Curran has taught HSC Mathematics and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and holds a Bachelor of Science, and Master of Teaching from the University of Sydney.

Mr Ben Ronald – Social Science – Business Studies/Social Sciences teacher

Mr Ronald joins the KWS team as a teacher of Business Studies and Social Studies. He has a Bachelor of Sports Business (Commerce), a Graduate Diploma of Education and has most recently been teaching Business Studies, Commerce and Geography at Shore in Sydney where many of his students produced outstanding HSC results. Mr Ronald has also enjoyed coaching 2nd XV rugby and 2nd XI cricket for the past three years.

Mrs Helena Rollo – TAS teacher

Mrs Rollo joins the Kinross Wolaroi School team as a TAS teacher. She has a Bachelor of Education in Secondary Technological and Applied Studies, and also a Master of Education in Teacher Librarianship. Mrs Rollo comes to us from James Sheahan Catholic High School where she has been teaching Mandatory Technology, Food Technology, Industrial Timber.

Ms Jessie Lawson – SAS - Learning Support Teacher

Ms Lawson comes to KWS from Newington College where she has been the Learning Enhancement Teacher for the past two years. Prior to that Ms Lawson had a similar role at Canobolas Rural Technology High School for over four years. She has a Bachelor of Health Science (Personal Development, Health & Physical Education) and a Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) and has enjoyed being involved in co-curricular programs whilst at Newington College

Mr Nathan Lewis – Science – Science Teacher

Mr Lewis has over twenty years of teaching experience in both the United Kingdom and Australia. He comes to us from Knox Grammar where he was teaching Stage 4 & 5 Science and Stage 6 Physics. He was also second in charge of the Science Faculty. Mr Lewis has an Honours Degree in Physiology (B.Sc Hons) and has extensive experience in the UK as an Advanced Skills Teacher of Science where he completed extensive outreach work across the county.

Mr Walter Prowse - Mathematics

Mr Prowse has been a targeted graduate and has a Bachelor of Teaching and a Bachelor of Mathematics from the University of Newcastle. He has recently completed a year of teaching Mathematics and Extension 1 Mathematics with Buladelah Central School.

Miss Lauren Tubby – TAS teacher

Miss Tubby joins us on a 6 month maternity contract covering Ms Youll. She comes to KWS from Pymble Ladies College where she was employed as a Design and Technology teacher.

Suzie Maslin – Preparatory teacher

Suzie joins KWS in a 0.5 position (working alongside Myrri Fatai who is taking on one of the ICT Learning Integration positions) and has over 20 years teaching experience, including as a casual teacher at Kinross Wolaroi School for the last two years. Prior to that she taught at Millthorpe Public School for two years. Suzie has a Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood) and a Bachelor of Primary Education (Special Education). Suzie coaches the KWS Under 11 cricket team, and is looking forward to teaching Year 4 in 2018. Suzie has four children at the school.

David Hazelton – Preparatory teacher

David will be on the Year 5 class for at least Term 1. He has spent the last 4 years at Newington College teaching a variety of classes and was the Year 6 Mathematics co-ordinator for the last 2 years. Before Newington, David was at Northholm Grammar school for 3 years. David is also an enthusiastic sportsman coaching water polo, rugby and cricket. An ex-student David is married to Ruth and his family are most excited to have him back in Orange before he begins a teaching stint in Japan from August.

Returning Staff

We welcome back the following staff from their well-earned Long Service Leave:

Mrs Bev West, Mr Paul Tink, Mr Paul Tierney, Mr Bruce Paine, Mr Tony Zola and in the Prep School, Mr Romko Hordynsky.

I offer my sincere thanks to Mr Charlie Rowe and Mrs Emma Bylsma for the outstanding way they undertook their extra roles last term. Mr Rowe as Acting Head of Senior School and Mrs Bylsma for Acting Director of Co-Curricular.

New Responsibilities

Mrs Kimberley Jones – Year 12 Coordinator and Careers; Mr Paul Tierney – Head of McLachlan House; and Ms Amy Laing – Head of Blackman House.

2017 HSC Results

Overall a pleasing set of results from last year's Year 12. Particularly pleasing to see the increase in the number of students achieving a Band 5 or better – and this has resulted in the median ATAR for the year group rise from 73 (achieved in 2016) to 77.

We have very strong performances in 18 subjects where they were well above the State average in the number of Band 5 & 6 achieved.

Ten students achieved an ATAR over 95

20% students achieved an ATAR over 90

Over 53% of all individual KWS subject results for the cohort were Band 5 or 6

KWS students received 126 Band 6 results (including E4 in Extension subjects)

KWS students received 468 Band 5 and 6 results (including E3 and E4 results) widely spread across subjects

Congratulations to the following Students:

Amelia Rawson received the Premier's All Rounder award with Band 6 scores in 10 or more units.

Trent Russell was acknowledged as a 2017 Top Achiever for placing 6th in the State in Software Design and Development.

Rebekah Rae achieved a perfect score of 50/50 in Music Extension

Once again, our practical subjects achieved some excellent results resulting in many of our students receiving nominations to have their projects showcased as exemplars of the best work in the State.

Visual Arts - 3 Students had their major works nominated for the Art Express Exhibition, 2 were included in the exhibition.

Drama – 4 students had their group project was nominated for OnSTAGE.

Music– 3 students were nominated for inclusion in Encore.

Design and Technology – 1 student’s design was nominated for Shape 2017.

Textiles and Design - 1 student’s major project was nominated for Shape 2017 and Texstyle.

Industrial Technology - 11 students were nominated for InTech.

Such achievements do not simply happen, they are a result of much dedicated work and perseverance – a commitment to giving their very best – by students and teachers and I congratulate all involved.

Congratulations - Australia Day Citizens Awards

Ailish and Alanah Seedsman have been jointly recognised as Young Citizens of the Year in the Orange City Council Australia Day Awards in recognition of their contribution to charity. Ailish and Alanah have raised their funds through countless hours over many holiday breaks busking in Orange. They are both immensely grateful for the generosity and support of the Orange City Council. Kinross Woleroi is proud of their selfless contribution to others.

Dr Andrew Parry - Principal

Assembly Awards

2H: Mitchell Perizzolo.

4F: Lucinda Nash, Luca Popa, Austin Schaapveld, Olivia Wilson.

Courtesy Points

Lovely Manners: Eliza Lord, Ella Kerdic, Samuel Martin, Alice Scholte.

Cheery Greetings: Olive Quigley, Hamish Slack-Smith.

Citizenship Points

Helpfulness: Alannah Bryan, Jack Steventon, Maya Bracks.

Embracing the KWS Environment: Anoushka de Brito.

Respecting Others: Daniel Lord, Lucinda Nash.

Prep Performing Arts

Co-Curricular

- All our co-curricular ensembles recommence in Week 3
- Try Outs (all in the Prep Music Room)
- Try Outs for Percussion Ensemble – Monday & Friday Lunchtimes (Week 2)
- Try outs for Strings – Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm (Week 2)
- Try outs for Band – Thursday lunchtime (Week 2)
- Try outs for Koristers – Thursday (P2 Week 2) and Monday (Week 3) 7.45am, students will be advised if required on the Monday.

Private Tuition

- Instrumental teachers will be contacting parents over the coming few days to organise lessons. If you any questions about private Tuition, please contact the Performing Arts Office directly 6392 0347.

Musicianship classes will be run on various mornings from 8.00- 8.45am pending student enrolments for 2018. Times for each musicianship grade will be confirmed early Term 1, 2018.

KWS PREP SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CO-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2018

Day	Time	Room	Ensemble	Staff
Monday	7.45 - 8.45am	PT	Koristers	Kate Edwards
Monday	8.00 - 8.45am	Prep Music Rm	Prep Percussion Ensemble	Katie Sinclair
Tuesday	8.00 - 8.45am	Blue Room (Gym)	Prep Dance	Lindsay Punch
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Prep Music Rm	Six Strings	Katie Sinclair
Tuesday	3.25 - 4.30pm	PT	Prep Strings	Lorraine Moxey
Tuesday	3.25 - 4.30pm	Prep Music Rm	Prep Junior Strings	Katie Sinclair
Thursday	7.45 - 8.45am	PT	Prep Band	Annie McRae
Thursday	Lunchtime (Term 1)	Prep Music Rm	Junior Band (Prep)	NA (3.30-4.30pm from Term 2)

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Mrs K Sinclair

Co-ordinator of Preparatory Music

Sports News

Prep Swimming Carnival

Next **Friday 16th February** is the 3-6 KWS Inter-House Swimming Carnival. A letter with all the days' details will be emailed home. All students K-6 are to come to school in their sport uniform as K-2 are also involved in the House March Past that begins the procedures of the Carnival Day.

The letter outlines where students are to bring their bags, clothing and uniform requirements and procedure of the day.

Please note: the 100m Freestyle event will be run as an early event **starting at 7.45am**. This is due to the increase in student numbers in the Prep School this year.

Any student who wishes to compete in 25m races only on the day (due to being a timid or weak swimmer) must give email notification to Mrs Barrett by Wednesday next week (14th Feb).

prepoffice@kws.nsw.edu.au

Prep Summer Sport

Summer sport resumed this week with students participating in AFL, Basketball, Tennis, Swimming, Cricket and Triathlon. All students were reminded that they must bring their hats, drink bottle and a piece of fruit to eat to each training session. Students are to be correctly dressed to travel home in either their full sports uniform or school uniform. Footwear (joggers or school shoes) must be worn, thongs are not correct uniform. Please ensure your child brings the correct uniform and equipment required for their chosen sport. All clothing needs to be labelled so it can be returned to your child if lost or misplaced.

Summer sport training sessions finish with the students being ready for collection at 5pm. When collecting your children, please ensure your child knows where you will be collecting them from. Collection mostly occurs at the pick-up zone or from the swimming pool gate at 4.55pm. All other students waiting for collection will be taken to the pick-up zone as there is no supervision at the Round Garden, Allenby Rd or Pre-Prep fence. No other areas other than pool gate or pick-up zone are to be used.

Sport Dates for the Diary

16 February: Prep Swimming Carnival

1 March: WAS Swimming Carnival, KWS

2 March: Rugby Gala afternoon

7 March: HICES Swimming Carnival, SOPAC

13 April: Prep Athletics Carnival

Mrs Louise Barrett

KWS Prep Sport & PE Co-ordinator

Student Academic Services (SAS) Notice

Do you have some time you might be able to spare?

Would you like to help students to achieve their best?

Can you be available a few times a year?

Are you interested in how learning support works within a school?

If you are interested, then SAS would love to hear from you!

We are looking for some fantastic volunteers to work with Student Academic Services during exams.

You would be helping students doing their exams by acting as a reader or a writer or a supervisor.

You don't need any special training, just a willingness to obtain a Working with Children Check (volunteer) and we can help you with that.

For more information, please contact Yooie Choi, Head of Student Academic Services (ph6392 0330) or email lbrown@kws.nsw.edu.au

Mr Y Choi - Head of Student Academic Services

Notice

Riding for Disabled Donation

Year 5 2017 chose to give all the money raised from Carnivale held last year to Orange Riding for the Disabled. The charity was chosen because they were learning about disabilities. They all agreed that the people involved in organising Riding for the Disabled were doing such a great thing for the community. Representatives from the organisation were presented with the proceeds at morning assembly last week. Our Year 5 students raised \$803.90.

Charlie Hansen & Amelia Hill



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 21 & Tuesday 27 February from 3:30 – 6:45pm.

Each interview is 10 minutes in duration and parents should only book on either of the days, not both. Please stick to the 10 minutes and be prompt with your arrival time so as not to inconvenience booking holders following on from you. It is essential to have a booking to see your child's teacher and no bookings can be taken after 10:30am on the day of the interviews.

Bookings can only be made ON or AFTER 9:00 am on Monday 12 February by ringing Mrs Kennewell at the Prep Office 6392 0316 or emailing prepoffice@kws.nsw.edu.au.

No bookings will be taken prior to this time and day (this also applies to emails). When emailing please ensure your child's name and class is included in the request.

Mrs G Kennewell

Pick up and Drop Off Zone

Parents are reminded **not to park** in the pick-up/drop off zone for morning drop off as well as afternoon pickup. Leaving your car in this area is creating gridlock for other users. For Pre Prep students only there is a designated 5 minute drop off zone and parents of Pre Prep are encouraged to use this area, not the drop off zone.

Late last year students in the Preparatory School assisted by participating in a short film highlighting the "rules of the road" on campus. The video can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/253348293>

Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated by all users at these very busy times of the day.

Mr R McLean - Head of Preparatory

P&F News

1st P&F Meeting for 2018 - Wednesday 21st February, 7pm

The Parents & Friends Association is an integral part of the school community and provides a formal structure for parents and friends, and others interested, to plan and organise activities for the benefit of the KWS community. P&F meetings are held twice a term and we would like to encourage all parents and friends to come along. The more involved, the more we can achieve.

The first P&F meeting for 2018 will be held on Wednesday, 21st February, 7pm, Wolaroi Mansion boardroom. Please mark your diary!

A teleconferencing service is available for anyone not able to attend in person; dial 1800 857 029 and use guest code 19137159#. If you are interested in receiving the agenda, and are not currently on the distribution list, kindly forward me your email address pandfsecretary@kws.nsw.edu.au
Ms Donna McIntyre - P&F Secretary

Changes to Term 1 Planner

One change has been made to the Term 1 Planner since it was sent to parents last week. The date for the presentation of the SRC (Student Representative Council) badges has been changed to 6 March. Please amend your Term Planner or access the new version on Frog.

Mrs G Kennewell

Mobile School Dentist

The Mobile School Dentist will be visiting the Prep School from Wednesday 21 March – Friday 23 March to provide dental check-ups and treatment for students from Pre-Prep through to Year 6. Notes with information were distributed last week with the information and forms for completion. **In order for your child to be seen by one of the Practitioners you must complete and return the Dental Consent Forms to the school signed by a parent or guardian by Friday 28 February 2018 at the latest. Additional forms are available at the Prep School Office.**

Mobile School Dentist cannot see your child if the Dental Consent Forms have not been completed correctly.

Mrs G Kennewell

Dates for Your Diary

- 12 Feb – 9am Bookings open for Parent Teacher Interviews
- 13 Feb – Assembly 6C – DPA
- 14 Feb – Prep School Information Evening
- 16 Feb – Prep 3-6 Swimming Carnival
- 20 Feb – Year 3 & 4 attend 78 Storey Treehouse
- 21 Feb – Parent Teacher Interviews
- 22 Feb – SRC voting day
- 23 Feb – Scholarship Day
- 27 Feb – Assembly 5P
- 27 Feb – HICES Debating Round 1
- 27 Feb – HICES Leadership Day (Prefects & House Captains)
- 1 Mar – WAS Swimming Carnival
- 2 Mar – Prep Rugby Gala Sign on Afternoon
- 6 Mar – Assembly 5W, SRC badge presentation
- 21- 23 Mar – Mobile School Dentist visit

Mrs G Kennewell