

Kinross Wolaroi Preparatory School



News Bulletin

Term 1 - Week 6, Wednesday 7 March 2018

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From the Principal

Boy's and Girl's Head of River

Over the past two weekends I have had the great pleasure of attending the Boy's and Girl's Head of River Rowing Regattas at the Sydney International Regatta Centre.

It was fabulous to see the high standard of our crews, the level of engagement of so many students from Kinross and other schools, and the great tenacity and courage displayed by our rowers. I was also most impressed by the strong community spirit on display as our families all worked together to feed and support our crews. Both events were tremendous occasions held in starkly contrasting conditions – our boys, at times had to battle heavy rain while the girls' event was held in very warm and sunny conditions.

Rowing is a classic sport historically favoured by the great Public Schools of England for the wonderful educational benefits it bestowed upon its participants. As a sport, it demands great teamwork, courage, commitment, endurance and determination – all qualities that can be applied in any field of endeavor to achieve success. It also provides an excellent opportunity to work closely with your peers in striving toward a common goal, a pursuit that often results in the forging of great friendships and a good deal of enjoyment and satisfaction. The commitment to training and discipline required also assists in encouraging effective management of one's time.

I am most grateful to our staff, Mr Sinisa Kosarac, Ms Trin Graham, our coaches Zak Lewis, and Mrs Gemma Crook for their outstanding commitment to our students throughout the season. Congratulations to all our rowers for wearing our colours with such distinction.

NAPLAN

Changes to the HSC Minimum Standard

As you have heard, the NSW Minister for Education, Mr Rob Stokes has recently announced changes to simplify the HSC Minimum Standard requirement, a move warmly welcomed by parents, students and teachers.

The change sees Year 9 NAPLAN tests results no longer being linked to the minimum numeracy and literacy standards requirements for the HSC.

The introduction of a minimum standard to receive the HSC from 2020 has had widespread support as it will ensure that students who receive the HSC have numeracy and literacy skills needed to succeed in life after school.

Pleasingly, it has been recognised that linking this standard to Year 9 NAPLAN tests placed unnecessary pressure on Year 9 students. NAPLAN is an important tool used to assess educational progress, it should not be a high stakes test. NAPLAN does provide us with valuable diagnostic information about our student's literacy and numeracy skills that enables us to better address their learning needs.

Students will be able to show they meet the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests which will be available for them to sit when they are ready in Year 10, 11, 12 and after the HSC. More information about this change and future arrangements will be distributed to families in the near future.

Parent/Teacher Evenings – Request that students accompany parents/guardians to interviews

Parent/Teacher Evenings are an invaluable opportunity for open discussion about how a student is performing and how best a student can achieve their potential. It is vitally important that students themselves are also part of this discussion. To optimise their learning experience, students must take ownership of their learning; recognising the need to develop resilience and persistence as they seek to achieve their personal potential. To this end, it is expected that students will accompany their Parents/Guardians to the Parent/Teacher interviews and are actively involved in these very important discussions.

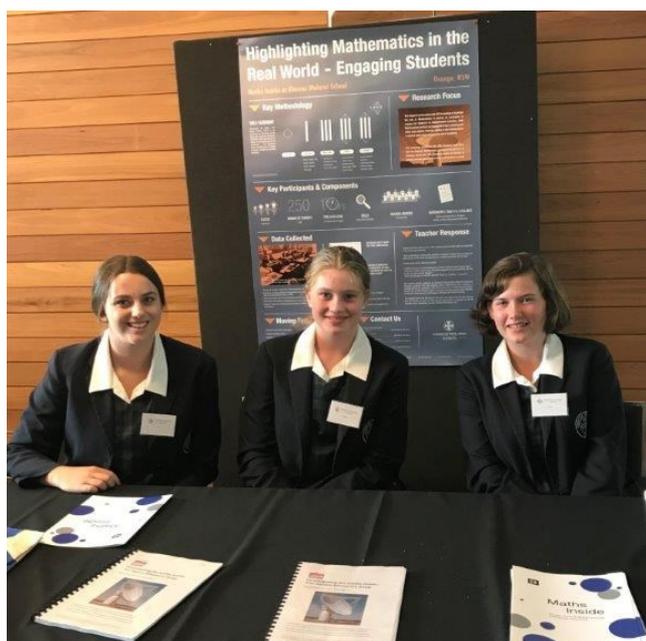
Teacher Professional Learning – Maths inside

For the past 18 months the Mathematics Faculty have been working collaboratively with the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) STEM research and teaching project, 'Maths Inside'. The research project is seeking to highlight the role of mathematics in the real world as motivation to engage our students in mathematical activities. KWS staff are involved in the delivery and evaluation of the learning resources.

On Friday 23 February Mathematics Teachers Tricia Finch and Michelle Thompson, along with Lucy Rackham, Karrah Cisco and Grace McRae attended the launch of the UTS STEM Education Futures Research Centre. The Keynote address was given by Professor Kevin Burden (University of Hull) on "Mobilising STEM Learning – Citizen Science or Citizen Inquiry). Staff and students from 8 schools displayed their STEM projects and were available during the lunch break to answer questions on their project. The KWS students were asked to present their experiences and showcase their learning in relation to Maths Inside at KWS. The students were great ambassadors for KWS and the project. We received this acknowledgment from the co-ordinator.

"Thank you to the students who came along on Friday. It was truly so inspiring to watch their eagerness and enthusiasm as they patiently explained about their STEM projects to everyone. It created such a buzz and a great atmosphere".

KWS have been invited to the project celebration/launch event on 12 June at UTS, as a "star" project school. The KWS staff have been asked to give a key note talk highlighting the school's experience of the project to over 300 teachers and university staff who are expected to attend.



(Lucy Rackham, Grace McRae and Karrah Cisco)

Parents' and Friends' Icebreaker Drinks

I do hope many of our families will be able to join us at the Ice Breaker Drinks that are being held at the **Hotel Canobolas in the Ballroom from 6.00pm this Friday evening, 9th March**. The occasion provides a wonderful opportunity to meet new families and catch up with old friends at what is always a fabulous KWS community evening. Thank you to our Parents' and Friends' Committee who are doing

such a marvellous job to support our community events and build friendship among our families. Jo and I look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Dr Andrew Parry - Principal

From the Head of Preparatory

Last week I travelled to Sydney with our Prefects and House Captains to the HICES Leadership Day at Penrith. There were 120 students in attendance from 11 schools. Our leaders were outstanding ambassadors for the school – they were involved from the moment we walked into the gymnasium taking on the challenge of meeting new people and identifying some things they like or disliked. Their participation in all activities was enthusiastic and they worked well as a team in the afternoon session. Worth mentioning was the bus ride there and return. No iPads or phones delivered conversation, singing and looking out the window to see our world- so refreshing! Thank you to our leaders.

On Friday our Student Representative Council members were announced to the school. Congratulations to:

Year 3R: Thomas Hunt & Billy Roberts

Year 3S Percy Meates & Angelina McRae

Year 4F: Austin Schaapveld & Rose Hedley

Year 4P: Alice Scholte & James McRae

Year 5M: Daisy Wakem & Cameron Nash

Year 5P: Ava Buesnel & Tessa Wong

Year 5W: Isabella Lloyd George & Krishan Kandepan

Year 6C: William Knight & Andrew May

Year 6H: Charlotte Jones, Julian Connan & George Wakem

Our Peer Support program commences this Friday with our Year 6s “teaching” their first lesson on a unit called “Promoting Harmony”. We look forward to watching their progress and the rest of the school implementing the strategies being taught.

We wish our HICES Swimming Team all the best as they compete at Homebush on Wednesday 7 March. Again congratulations to this team who swam at the WAS carnival recently. While their swimming was pleasing their support of each other and general behavior were excellent. Thank you to Siobhain Harvey, Brendan Garard, Scott Williams, Skye O’Hehir, Jarrod Sullivan and Ann O’Neill who worked on the canteen throughout the carnival.

Our HICES Debating team had their first debate of the competition. For all students this was the “first” for all speakers from KWS and Mr Bracks was most impressed with their presentations and, most of all rebuttals. They lost to All Saints but gained valuable experience for their next one in the coming weeks.

Last Friday our rugby season commenced with some skill work, games, sausage sizzle and a special visit from Nick Farr-Jones, former Wallaby captain. A great number of families attended and we look forward to a most enjoyable year with our first 7’s carnival next week. Boys will be notified this week of the details.



(Nick Farr-Jones gives some advice to the boys)

Our P&F continue to provide wonderful support to our school in so many ways. At the recent meeting approval was granted to install bench seating in both our undercover areas which will be greatly utilised by all students. Over \$7000 was approved to install nearly 50 metres of seating. Many thanks to our Parents & Friends Association.

At Assembly we acknowledged the following students:

- **Courtesy Award – Week 5 – Spencer Williams (Year 4), Week 6 – Maddison Lawry (Year 4)**
- **Citizenship Award – Week 5 – Kaydn McLachlan (Year 3), Week 6 – Charlotte O’Hehir-Corones (Year 6)**
- **Principal’s Award – Week 5 – David King (Year 3), Week 6 – Austin Schaapveld (Year 4)**

Enjoy your week.

Mr Rob McLean - Head of the Preparatory School

Assembly Awards

Merit Awards

1C: Week 5 – James Hulme, Zaro Jalal, James Jones, Jack Kenny, Vivian Meates, Janette Proudford-Nalder. **Week 6** – Chrysalide Frecklington, Alby Kimmins, Harry Price, Zaro Jalal, Mia Martin.

1W: Week 5 – Nicholas Balcomb, Elizabeth Croft, Benjamin Knight, Aston Lett. **Week 6** – Charlie Haydon, Luca Kotasathane, Darcie Marshall, Cassandra Philippe, Grace Segger, Ingrid West.

2E: Week 6 – Samuel Commins, Annabelle Maslin, Aurora Everett.

2H: Week 5 – Lucas Choi, Anoushka de Brito, George Nash, Mitchell Perizzolo. **Week 6** – Harrison Chapman, Timothy Edwards, Ella Kerdic, Maya McFarlane, Mitchell Perizzolo, Charlotte Williams.

3R: Week 5 – David King. **Week 6** -

3S: Week 6 – Charles Hail, Floriana Jackson-Le Couteur, Rohan Kotasthane. **Week 6** -

4F: Week 5 – Julia Bligh, Toby Gee, Ava Healey, Lucinda Nash x2, Luca Popa x2, Thomas Robson x2, Olivia Wilson x2. **Week 6** – Julia Bligh, Toby Gee, Ava Healey x2, Varnikaa Kannan, Samuel Martin, Hayden McKenzie, Luca Popa, Finn Price, Thomas Robson, Matthew Roper, Kaitlin Smith, Olivia Wilson.

4P: Week 5 – Zoe Harmer, Samuel Hughes, Spencer Williams. **Week 6** – Grace Bylsma, Jack Carslake, Finn Dwyer, Spencer Johnston, James McRae, Caitlin Reid, Alice Scholte, Olivia Watts, Bianca Wong.

5M: Week 6 – Oliver Smith.

5P: Week 5 – Joshua de Bruyn, Finn O’Toole. **Week 6** – Alice Hansen, Tessa Wong.

5W: Week 5 – Charlotte Buckley, Bonnie McPhee, Lillian Pearce, Sienna Wilkin, Alice Commins, Isabella Lloyd-George, Bridget Horne, Matilda Fabar, Olivia Martin. **Week 6** -

6C: Week 5 – Oliver Chandler-Sullivan, William Knight, Liam McKenzie, Elsie Sutherland, George Wakem. **Week 6** – Sarah Choi, Amelia Hill, Andrew May, Campbell Miller, Lara Wheelhouse.

6H: Week 5 – Julian Connan, Camilla Crossing, Mitchell Fuller, Charli Greatbatch, Charlotte Jones, Oliver Roach. **Week 6** – Emma Aldersey, Angus Croft, Camilla Crossing, Hannah Goodsir, Charli Greatbatch, Charles Hansen x2, Abbygail Hunt, Neve Jansen x2, Charlotte Jones, Simon Livermore, Scarlett MacKenzie x3, Angus McPhie, Thomas McRae, Oliver Mendham, Charlotte O’Hehir-Corones, Matilda Quigley x2, Nina Smedley x2, Helen Suthers.

Courtesy Points

Lovely Manners: Week 5 – Rohan Kotasthane, Percy Meates, Ava Healey, Chrysalide Frecklington, Zaro Jalal, Thomas Hunt, Stella Madigan, Emma Northam, William Knight, Zoe Harmer, Andrew Bell, Cassandra Philippe, Chloe Caro, Timothy Edwards, Charles Jones, Harriet Statton, Xavier Zinga, Alexandra Whitehead. **Week 6** - Oscar Zielinski, Hannah Birmili, Matthew Roper, Cooper Martin, Charles Hansen, Helen Suthers, Samuel Balcomb, Isobella Montagliani, Jessica Thompson, Meckenzie Flowers, Nicholas Balcomb, Sophie Caro, Harrison Fielding, Mia Martin, Janette Proudford-Nalder., Jazmin Marquez, Olivia McBeath.

Lovely Greetings: Week 5 – Luca Popa, Charlotte Jones, Alby Kimmins, Hamish Slack-Smith, Lucinda Reidy, Thomas Goodsir, Alice Commins. **Week 6** – Julia Bligh, Oliver Chandler-Sullivan, Ruby Coulton, Grace Bylsma, Mia Essex, Bridget Horne, Jack Kenny.

Excellent Behaviour: Week 5 – Madeline Sinclair, Lachlan Watts. **Week 6** – Lucinda Nash, Ricky Zhang, Oliver Smith.

Citizenship Points

Wearing Uniform with Pride: Week 5 – Emma Ward-Finn, Matthew Lowther, Amelia Hill. **Week 6** – Thomas O’Connell, Charlotte O’Hehir-Corones.

Helpfulness: Week 5 – Jack Kenny, Vivian Meates, Sarah Choi, Tessa Wong, Jack Paix, Alice Hansen, Aiden Button, Max Kenny, Arad Safeer, Jed Volkofsky, Jazmin Marquez, Xavier Zinga. **Week 6** – Sarah Choi, George Wakem, Jack Carslake, Phoebe Hunter, Maya Bracks, Ingrid West, Aston Lett, Robert Harrison, Chrysalide Frecklington, Harry Price, Lily Dwyer, Daniel Rourke, Vivaan Desai, Daisy Dwyer, Samuel Commins.

Initiative in the Classroom: Week 5 – Julia Bligh. **Week 6** - Oliver Mendham.

Role Model: Week 5 – Ella Kerdic, Eliza Lord. **Week 6** – Austin Schaapveld, Ashton Montagliani, Jamie Adams.

Being Kind: Week 5 – Oliver Roach, Charles Gill, Cooper Martin, Charlie Kimmins, Meckenzie Flowers, Timothy Lowther. **Week 6** – Trevelyan Andrew, Charles Hail, Olivia Wilson, Lillian Pearce, George Nash, Angus Sawtell.

Prep Performing Arts

Prep Band

Members of Prep Band will be involved in the combined rehearsal at Bletchington School THIS Thursday (8th March). Students are required to be at school by 7.45 sharp to meet the bus and will return to school by 9.30. Students are encouraged to practice their parts in preparation for the rehearsal and concert on the 24th March (see note from Mrs McRae for further details)

Junior Band

Now that cricket has finished, please ensure students are attending Junior Band rehearsals on Thursday afternoons in the Performance Theatre. Mr Annett has lots of exciting and fun pieces for them to learn and is looking forward to having as many people there on Thursday as possible.

Prep Performing Arts Group of the Week

Mrs Sinclair has nominated Six Strings this week for their enthusiasm in rehearsal and willingness to gobble down their lunch in order to get started for rehearsal on time. In assembly this week they demonstrated just how far they have come in a short time with their beautiful performance of 'Sunrise at Kakadu' by Stephen Chin.

Mrs K Sinclair
Prep Music Co-ordinator

Sports News

WAS & HICES Swimming Carnivals

The WAS Swimming Carnival was held at KWS last Thursday at KWS. The KWS team swam with enthusiasm and commitment, representing the school with great pride. Many places were gained throughout the day, with our captains: George Wakem and Lottie O'Hehir-Corones leading by example, winning most of their races throughout the competition.

Special thanks must go to the staff: Mrs Savage, Mr McLean and our gap staff Freddie Williams and Connor Grieves for their help throughout the day. Also to Mr Curran and the grounds staff for their assistance with the set up / pack up for the day.

The P& F worked hard cooking the BBQ and running a canteen, to ensure food was available for the visiting schools. Thank you to Siobhan Harvey, Skye O'Hehir-Corones, Scott Williams, Brendan Garard, Ann O'Neill, Jarrod Sullivan for their hard work throughout the day.

The KWS Swim team head to Sydney to compete at the HICES Swimming Carnival. This will be a much tougher competition as 16 schools make up the HICES Association. We wish the team all the best of luck at their Carnival.

Prep Summer Sport & Athletics Events

Summer sport has two more weeks remaining before students participating in AFL, Basketball, Tennis, Swimming, Cricket and Triathlon move to Athletics. (Triathlon students will trial in their field event and then go to Triathlon training for Mon 19th March). 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. Please ensure your child brings the correct uniform and equipment required for their chosen sport.

A reminder, all students are to have a "plan B" in the event that sport is cancelled. Please have a back-up plan sorted with your children in the event sport needs to be cancelled. Please refer to the Sport Bulletin for wet weather cancellations. Mrs Kennewell cannot send messages to students to inform them of going home arrangements. Please ring the Sportsline 6392 0450 or check notices on Frog for updates after 2.35pm.

An Athletics program will be displayed on the Sports noticeboard and Frog to assist children where to meet and what event they will be undertaking in Sport. All events, technique and rules are currently being taught in PE lessons. These events at Sport are heats for the Prep Athletics Carnival with each student attending gaining house points for their house. At the Athletics Carnival, the top 8 students per event make the finals. The finals are held during the day at the Prep Athletics Carnival. All track events are held on the day of the Carnival.

Same rules apply, all students are expected to attend the Athletics trials. Applied written permission is needed for students who do not attend these trials.

Athletics Field event trials timetable 2018

LJ = LONG JUMP, HJ = HIGH JUMP, D = DISCUS, SP = SHOT PUT.

| To be held during Sport time 3:30p.m - 5:00p.m | Monday 19th March Sport Week 8 | Wednesday 21st March Sport Week 8 | Monday 26th March Sport Week 9 | Wednesday 28th March Sport Week 9 |
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| <i>JNR BOYS 8-9yrs & 10 yrs</i> | SP | D | LJ | HJ |
| <i>JNR GIRLS 8-9yrs & 10 yrs</i> | D | SP | HJ | LJ |
| <i>11 YR BOYS</i> | LJ | HJ | SP | D |
| <i>11 YR GIRLS</i> | HJ | LJ | D | SP |
| <i>SNR BOYS</i> | LJ | HJ | SP | D |
| <i>SNR GIRLS</i> | HJ | LJ | D | SP |

Winter Sport Nominations

Training for Winter Sport will commence in Term 2. All training session days and times are currently being looked at and organised. Some sports will need trials prior to pre-season training, which will be undertaken during lunchtimes at school. Students are advised to look at the daily messages found on the whiteboard at morning assembly. This is due to registrations.

All parents will be required to fill in their children's online sport registrations (Hockey, Football, Netball) with various associations. Please wait until you receive instructions and are asked to complete registrations as our school set-up is different to club registrations due to payments etc.

Sport Dates for the Diary

7 March: HICES Swimming Carnival, SOPAC

13 April: Prep Athletics Carnival

Mrs Louise Barrett

KWS Prep Sport & PE Co-ordinator

CELEBRATE PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

KWS DAY

SATURDAY
10 MARCH 2018
12 PM – 6 PM

GARDEN AND MARKET STALLS
GOURMET FOOD
LIVE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN
CADET PARADE
RIDES FOR ALL AGES



KINROSS WOLAROI
SCHOOL

BATHURST ROAD, ORANGE

KWS DAY continued

Pre-Paid Wrist Bands and VIP Parking

Don't forget to purchase your pre-paid wrist bands for this Saturday's KWS Day! This will give your child unlimited ride access throughout the day.

- Senior Wrist Bands \$30 (includes 1 x sausage roll and 1 x drink)
- Junior Wrist bands \$20 (includes 1 x sausage roll and 1 x drink)

They will be available on the day however will be \$5 more per wrist band.

There is also VIP pre-paid car parking available so get in quick.
Please find below the TryBooking link to purchase all pre-paid tickets:
<https://www.trybooking.com/UJGVW>

Cake Stall

Year 6 will be running the Cake Stall this year so if you wish to help out by baking some cakes/slices/biscuits, there will be packaging available to pick up from both the Prep and Senior School Office from Monday 5 March from 8.30am. We need as many homemade goodies as possible so please get on board!

Please feel free to take as many packs as you wish, or alternatively, get your child to pick it up for you from the Office.

With regards to drop off, we have arranged the year 5 classrooms in the Preparatory School for this Friday 9 March, for all goods to be dropped off after School Pickup. Please be mindful not to park/leave your car in the pick-up area.

Garden Stall

The KWS Day Garden Stall was a huge hit last year so we would love your donations again! Succulents, plants, pots and/or containers would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the Senior School Office.

If you have any questions regarding what you can donate or how else you can help out, please contact Coe Tancred on 0400 660 145.

Hay Bales

If anyone has hay bales they would like to lend or donate to the School for KWS Day please contact Victoria Mendl on 6392 0485.

Mrs V Mendl

Student Representative Council 2018

The SRC is the Prep School's Student Representative Council. This group is made up of students who are democratically elected by their fellow students from their class. SRC members represent all the students in the school and organise ways for students to participate and contribute to their school community. It is also important as our school grows that the children have an opportunity to have their ideas heard and make positive changes to our school environment that are driven by students for the students.

Over the last week, the children in Years 3-6 have participated in small group work within their classes to identify qualities in leaders. They also highlighted people from their class that they consider would make a good class representative for SRC.

Last Thursday the Prep School held their election day. With many strong nominations from each class the results have been counted.

I would like to welcome the following students to the SRC for 2018:

Year 3R: Thomas Hunt & Billy Roberts

Year 3S: Percy Meates & Angelina McRae

Year 4F: Austin Schaapveld & Rose Hedley

Year 4P: Alice Scholte & James McRae

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I look forward to the year ahead and working with this fine group of students.

The Prep School family will welcome these elected students during a badge presentation assembly in the coming weeks.

Mrs R Essex

HICES Debating – Round 1

Last Tuesday, 27th February, Kinross hosted the first round of the 2018 HICES Debating Competition. Schools from around the Central West descended on Kinross Wolaroi. This year the Preparatory School will be running one team. From Year 6 – Molly Slack-Smith, Elsie Sutherland, Lara Wheelhouse and from Year 5 – Krishan Kandeepan, Isabella Lloyd-George and Timothy Lowther. With only one returning member from our 2017 teams, we are stacked with fresh talent, full of enthusiasm and looking forward to an exciting year of growth in skills and hopefully some rewarding wins.

Kinross Prep were appointed the affirmative with the debate topic, 'That there should be a tax on household rubbish'. Debating so close to the start of the year left very little time for preparation but members investigated the topic thoroughly, developing a sound understanding of the topic on which to build their arguments.

Isabella was first speaker. For a first attempt she did a wonderful job of introducing and defining the topic and setting forth a model focussing on a user pay arrangement. Trucks were to be fitted with bar scanner, GPS and scales – all commonly found items embedded in society. She put forward arguments focused on the taxes being used for research and development and animal welfare.

Timothy come in as second speaker and started out strong with some very well developed rebuttal, speaking off the cuff, displaying maturity in his delivery but most importantly content – focused on the impact on the poor within communities. Timothy then went on to explain the impact of rubbish on landfill and pollution, using statistics to reinforce the urgent need for action.

Molly rounded out the teams arguments rebutting the negatives points in a systematic manner and comparing them to the 'superior' arguments of the affirmative.

The adjudicator commented on the excellent presentation of models, arguments and rebuttal but in a close decision gave it to the negative as he felt that their rebuttal was more consistent than our affirmative team and that the model proposed by the negative team was merit.

Elsie, playing the role of team advisor, supported well by providing speakers with rebuttal.

All team members are to be commended on their efforts and achievements. In a matter of two weeks they wrote and delivered well researched and planned speeches and engaged in quality rebuttal. They should be proud of the huge gains they have made in such a short time and we look forward to building upon these experiences.

Well done.

Mr L Bracks

Preparatory Debating Coordinator

Library News

Kids' Lit Quiz Australia 2018

Kinross Wolaroi Preparatory School will be taking part in Kids' Lit Quiz, 'The Sport of Reading' on Monday 26th March here at school in the DPA. Kids' Lit Quiz is a Literature competition for students aged from 10 to 13 years and this Year KWS Prep will be putting 3 teams into the quiz.

Approximately 25 students from the Prep School tried out for our 3 teams of 4 students each and the top 12 students were chosen for the teams. The quiz will take place from 10am to 1pm and parents and spectators are welcome to come along to see the children take part. The students who have been chosen will receive a note to be sent home.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge NSW started on Monday 5th March 2018 and runs through to 31st August 2018. All students in the Prep School will be given the opportunity to take part in 2018. Books and reading logs will be available both in the children's classrooms and in the library and the reading log and the list of PRC books are available on the FROG page at Prep Library.

Books in the library that are part of the challenge have coloured stickers indicating the level and the PRC number for ease of identification. Books for K-2 have a blue sticker, Years 3-4 have a green sticker, Years 5-6 have an orange sticker and Years 7-9 have a yellow sticker.

K-2 can have books read to them and with them and they are required to read 30 books in the challenge. If a K-2 would like to read independently they can complete the 3-4 challenge and just read 20 books.

Years 3-6 must read the books themselves and need to read 20 books to complete the challenge.

The challenge can include up to 5 'free choice' books with the remainder of the books being from the PRC list.

Children who complete the challenge will receive a certificate from the NSW Premier at the end of the year.

If you have any questions about either of these please get in touch with Mrs Deans in the Library.

Mrs N Deans – Prep Teacher Librarian

Prohibited Foods at School

Over recent weeks some enquiries have come in regards to prohibited foods at School. Below is the section from the Parents Handbook that is followed in the Preparatory School.

Due to students' allergies within the School we are a nut-free environment. The students who suffer these allergies are anaphylactic which means the reactions are extremely serious. We ask for your support in these matters. Some students are allergic to egg (raw), fish and kiwi fruit but these are not banned within the Preparatory School but caution and education is undertaken.

Mrs G Kennewell

Uniting out of School Hours Care – Vacation Care

For those of you with primary school-aged children, I am pleased to announce that the operators of our After-School Hours program, Uniting, have developed a Vacation Care program for children in Kindergarten to Year 6.

The program will operate for each day of the Term 1 recess period from Monday 16 April to Friday 27 April inclusive between 8AM and 6PM. The service will be closed on ANZAC Day.

The cost of the program is \$55 per day.

Bookings can be made by contacting the Manager of Uniting After-School Care programs, Megan White, on telephone 0427 290 761

Mr G Alderson – KWS Business Manager

P&F NEWS

Wednesday, 14th March, P&F Ordinary Meeting with guest Mrs Emma Blysmá, followed by the AGM

Ordinary Meeting

- The next P&F ordinary meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14th March, commencing at 7pm in the boardroom of Wolaroi Mansion. During this meeting Mrs Emma Blysmá, Head of Wellbeing, will join us to talk about her role in the Prep and Senior school; this will be followed by a brief discussion on how the P&F can support the wellbeing pillar. If you are interested in hearing from Emma, and joining the discussion, please mark your diary and come along.

Annual General Meeting

- The P&F Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held immediately after the ordinary meeting. The agenda and draft minutes, for both meetings, can be accessed from the P&F section in Frog.

The P&F work to plan and organise activities for the benefit of the KWS community. Please come along if you would like to be involved. Please email for any further information to pandfsecretary@kws.nsw.edu.au

Ms D McIntyre P&F Secretary

Dates for Your Diary

13 Mar – Assembly 5M
15 Mar – HICES Debating Round 2
15 Mar – Rugby 7s at Emus Orange
20 Mar – Assembly 4P
21- 23 Mar – Mobile School Dentist visit
26 Mar – KidsLit Quiz
27 Mar – Assembly 4F
29 Mar – Pupil Free Day
30 Mar – Good Friday
2 Apr – Easter Monday
3 Apr – School resumes after Easter break
10 Apr – Assembly Term 1 House Awards
11 Apr – Rugby 7s Final
13 Apr – Inter-House Athletics Carnival
13 Apr – Term 1 conclude 3:20pm

Mrs G Kennewell