Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

**SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS**

Thank you to all the parents and staff who took the time to vote for their representatives on the School Board. Joan Caldwell and I have counted all the votes. Congratulations to the following people who have been elected to represent the school community on the School Board (listed in alphabetical order);

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<td>Roger Crook</td>
<td>Anne Alford (3 years)</td>
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<td>Pernilla Elphick</td>
<td>Natalie Beck (2 years)</td>
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<td>Theresa Harris</td>
<td>Helen Demiris (3 years)</td>
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<td>Matt Jarman</td>
<td>Edward de Ruiter (Principal)</td>
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<td>Nancy McNally</td>
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I would also like to thank Jason Froud and Justin Hahnel for nominating as parent members of the Board. They both served on the final School Council and were very active members of that Council. Rachelle Lorimer nominated for a staff position on the School Board and I would like to extend my thanks to her for doing so. By having more nominations than positions available gave us the opportunity to give greater consideration to who actually represented the two sectors and this was very important to maintain the integrity of the process. As per the Terms of Reference for the School Board I am automatically a member of the Board.

**NEW POLO SHIRTS**

The new polo shirts are beginning to make their mark on the look of the school. While they are darker in colour, the design and presentation of the polo shirts add a degree of ‘smartness’ to the school. The white polo shirts continue to be worn by a number of students and I would like to remind everyone that this is very acceptable. We have a two year phase-in period for the new look shirts, meaning that by the beginning of 2015 they will be the only acceptable polo shirt for wearing as the school uniform.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS

1 March 2013

Year 1 - Ella Burley TA1
Matthew Franke TA1
Joe Holden TA2
Grace Pitchers TA2
Sky Basham TA3
Jacob Stappenbelt TA3
Savannah Raffan TA4
Archer Nichols TA4

Year 2 - Christian Malinovic TA5
Nicholas Phelps TA5
Ben Johnston TA6
Olivia O’Neil TA6
Natasha Williams TA7
Sean Blaver TA7
Sophie Bishop TA8
Chloe Kerr TA8

Year 3 - Jordyn Croft TA10
Cameron Wynd TA10
Laura Clarke TA11
Cara Kerr TA11
Aabed Hamidi TA12

Year 4 - Kalani Marshall TA12
Lydia Arlando TA14
Christian McGonagle TA14
Joshua Hogan TA15
Miranda Jones TA15
Emily Pennings TA16
Kofi Raffan TA16
Lyrik Paki TA17

Year 5 - Asa Ta’ala TA17
Phoebe Byrne TA18
Rahel Arlando TA18
Luke Reilly TA19
Mikayla Mann TA19
Emily Hathaway TA20
Imogen Webb TA20
Keegan Murrell TA21
Allison Mack TA21

Next Assembly TA9—15 March 2013

SURVEYING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The oldest student from each family will be bringing home a survey for parents to complete and return to the school. This survey will enable the school to gauge how the community considers it is going and what areas we can work on to further enhance our relationship with the community. Both parents and members of staff will be asked to complete the survey as this then gives us a comprehensive coverage of all members of the community, enabling us to see similarities and differences in how we are viewed.

The final date for returning the survey will be THURSDAY 28th MARCH 2013, the day before Good Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS USING FACEBOOK

Teachers at Kinross Primary School are committed to doing their best for each student in their class. The very nature of teaching means that we are constantly being judged by parents and other community members. Teachers accept this as part of their profession and are always willing to discuss their work with parents and other concerned parties. However, it is very difficult to have a two-way conversation when comments about our teaching and social mores are distributed via social media such as Facebook. It has been drawn to my attention that some negative comments have been posted in relation to a teacher on the Kinross Primary School staff. I would ask that people refrain from doing this as it is hurtful to the person involved and also does not enable meaningful dialogue to take place. Should you have any concerns regarding what is being taught or how it is being taught please use communication channels that are already established such as seeing the teacher directly, requesting an interview with me or through the School Board representatives.

I am sure that no-one would like their name tarnished through comments being made that they have no way of addressing directly with the person/s making the comments. Please consider the feelings of others when posting comments on Facebook.

Live in such a way, that if someone spoke badly of you no-one would believe it.

Ed de Ruiter
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations goes to Lucy Forsyth who received Champion Girl for her age group, champion girl for senior age group and athlete of the year which was for taking part every Saturday and being the only athlete taking part in every event and having 50 personal bests for the season at Clarkson Little Athletics, well done Lucy.
WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

WISH DAY 2013.

On Friday 22nd March 2013, we will be participating in Wish Day. Wish Day is Make-A-Wish Australia’s national fundraising initiative to help make wishes come true for children and young people with life-threatening medical conditions.

Make-A-Wish Australia started in 1985 in Melbourne and today there are over 1,100 volunteers across 57 branches. Since Make-A-Wish began in Australia, they have granted more than 7,000 wishes to children in Australia. In Western Australia, Make-A-Wish started in 1987 and to date, they have granted close to 950 wishes. It is likely they will grant their 1,000th wish in 2013.

We would like to help make this happen. On Friday 22nd March 2013, we are asking children to bring along a gold coin to donate to our money trail. We are aiming to raise $1,000 to help those who need it most. You can also donate through our online fundraising page http://www.everydayhero.com.au/kinross_primary_school Please see Miss Beck if you would like further information about Wish Day.

FREE DRESS DAY

At our recent free dress day, we raised a grand total of $688 for Princess Margaret Hospital. Well done students.

P&C NEWS

New and improved P&C Newsletter. Please click on the link below to read the latest P&C Newsletter,

http://secure.smilebox.com/ecom/openTheBox?sendevent=4d7a55344d4463334e4452384f4445314d7a67314d7a4d3d0d0a&sb=1

P&C UNIFORM—WINTER UNIFORM

As the evenings get cooler you will be thinking of winter uniform.

From Thursday 14 March to Tuesday 26 March (normal uniform shop opening times and via P&C box) orders can be placed for your winter uniform requirements. Please note there are a number of options for long trousers and warm jackets for both girls and boys but they will not be available unless I have enough orders.

Last year I could not order the school pullover as I did not have enough orders! Get your order in a deposit will hold the order for delivery Term 2.

TIM MULLEN
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN
NEWS

Hello all! I've included some more photos of our school Garden. I'm excited to see so many new things develop - in the photos you can see one of our biggest watermelons yet! They haven't been getting big because they keep getting stolen before they are ripe and this one is about the size of a volleyball. There's also a picture of a watermelon in a sling; which a year 4 student helped me to put together, so that the watermelon is supported while it grows. This is important because it's hanging over the edge of the garden bed. There's also a photo of a flower - this is the male flower of a pumpkin. The bees take pollen from the male flower to the female flower, which turns the female flower into a pumpkin! Speaking of pumpkins, we've now got one that is ready to be eaten, so the moment of truth is coming soon!
### 2013 Term Dates

#### Semester 1

**Term 1**  
Monday 4 February—Friday 19 April

**Break**  
Saturday 20 April—Sunday 5 May

**Term 2**  
Monday 6 May—Friday 5 July

**Break**  
Saturday 6 July—Sunday 21 July

#### Semester 2

**Term 3**  
Monday 22 July—Friday 27 September

**Break**  
Saturday 28 September—Sunday 13 October

**Term 4**  
Monday 14 October—Thursday 19 December

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**EXCELLENT DANCE TRAINING FOR ALL AGES IN:**

- **HIP HOP** *(LYRICAL, VOGUEING, BREAKDANCING, POPPING, TUTTING, LOCKING, WACKING)*
- **FUNK JAZZ** *(FREESTYLE, ROCK&ROLL, HUSTLE, SLOWDANCE)*
- **SOCIAL ADULT LADIES**
- **TINY TOTS**

**AND NOW ALSO:**

- TRAINING IN DRAMA, SINGING AND GUITAR

**ENROL NOW FOR 2013 TO AVOID DISSAPOINTMENT**

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**HILLARYS YACHT CLUB**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**APRIL MAY 2013**

**MONDAY 22nd April to FRIDAY 26th April**

8:30am – 12:30pm  Age: 9 --17  Cost $220

**MONDAY 29th April to FRIDAY 3rd May**

8:30am – 12:30pm  Age: 9 --17  Cost $250

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