FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Welcome to the 2014 school year at Kincoppal – Rose Bay. I hope you have had a wonderful break with your families. I was delighted to welcome our students back last week and to meet many parents at the Welcome Mass on Wednesday. I extend a special welcome to all new families who have joined the KRB community.

We are starting the year in a great place with focussed strategic directions, a committed and dedicated staff, more campus improvements and great cor nunum spirit and energy.

Our Sacred Heart Goal for 2013 is Personal Growth in an Atmosphere of Wise Freedom. We are also celebrating the Centenary of the death of Mother Janet Enskine Stuart rsch who was one of the great thinkers and wisdom figures of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

Encouraging our students to be the best they can be in many areas of school life, is what we do here at KRB. Students understand that learning involves experiences both within and beyond the classroom and that they have many opportunities for the development of critical thinking, creativity and problem solving skills as well as resilience and confidence.

We welcome a number of experienced staff to KRB who have been appointed to leadership positions in the school:

Moira De Domeneghi – Head of Science
Moira joins us from MLC School and will take over from Jonathan Saurine as Head of Science. Moira was Head of House and Science Teacher at MLC, and previously the Year 8 Coordinator at St Scholastic’s College in Glebe. Moira holds a Master of Arts in e-Learning from the University of Technology, and a Diploma of Education / Bachelor of Science from the University of New South Wales.

Donal Menzies – Head of Mathematics
Donal joins us from Mount St Benedict College Pennant Hills where he was Head of Mathematics, and has also taught at Ravenswood and Trinity Grammar. Donal holds a bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Education from Macquarie University, as well as a Master of Arts in Literature.

Paul Mogan – Head of History
Paul was HSIE Coordinator at Mount St Joseph Milperra, and has taught at St Patricks Strathfield and St Johns in Dubbo. Paul holds a Certificate of Religious Education, a Bachelor of Education from Sydney University, a Graduate Certificate of Educational Studies, and a Master of Leadership and Management in Education from Newcastle University. He is currently undertaking a Master of Education at the Australian Catholic University.

Carol Saunders – Head of Student Learning Services
Carol joins us from The Scots College as Head of Student Learning Services.

TWEET OF THE WEEK
@KRBHeadGirl
“How do you plan to grow this year? #yr12retreat #letitgrow #krballhandsondeck #love”
Previously she was the Vice Principal at King George V International School in Hong Kong. Carol holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Hull, a Postgraduate Certificate in Education from the University of Humberside, a Master of Arts from Warwick University, a Graduate Certificate in Education from Sydney University and is currently undertaking a Master of Arts in Counselling and Psychotherapy.

We also welcome other new teachers who are listed on page 3.

Campus Developments

Over the break, KRB undertook many refurbishment projects across the campus. New stainless steel safety bollards have been installed by the pedestrian crossing in the main driveway and extensive works have been undertaken to minimise the damp affecting the Chapel.

Other upgrades to the campus and facilities include:

- Stage I of the Servery refurbishment in the Boarders’ Dining Room
- Mary Agnes O’Neil Library Level 1 refurbishment as a digital, flexible learning centre
- The Senior Boarding House – Sheldon House – total refurbishment including new kitchen
- The Basement Corridor refurbishment including the installation of new lockers
- Synthetic grass repaired in the Junior school
- The Year 4 area foyer repainted.

Our HSC Achievements

The HSC results from the Class of 2013 demonstrated many outstanding individual achievements across the year group. It is significant to note that many of the students who attained excellent results held positions of responsibility as leaders across a variety of areas and were also highly involved in our co-curricular program.

Some of the significant achievements of the Class of 2013 included:

- Philippa Harrison (Dux of the Class of 2013) was 14th in the State for Modern History. Philippa’s ATAR was 99.50
- Mary-Grace Brunker, an All-Round Achiever and Head Girl 2013, achieved an ATAR of 98.6
- Rebecca Ryan, an All-Round Achiever, was 20th in the State for Ancient History and gained an ATAR of 98.15
- 40% of students gained an ATAR over 90
- The KRB Class of 2013 had 2 students on the All-Round Achievers List, scoring 90 or more in at least 10 units
- 4 students were 1 or 2 units from making the All-Round Achievers List
- 41% of our High Achievers were Boarders
- KRB was ranked 49th out of 662 Schools in NSW on the SMH’s ‘Top 100 Schools Rankings’. We were placed 20th in the State for English and 32nd in the State for Mathematics.

Students have also indicated to us how delighted they are to be selected for their first choice tertiary courses. Philippa Harrison and Hannah Ryan have been selected into Australia’s first undergraduate-entry Doctor of Medicine (MD) program at the University of New South Wales. Entry into this degree was based on a variety of factors including application, interview and UMAT exam.

KRB places much emphasis on all of our students becoming involved in every aspect of school life. As I often say to our students, it is so important to take advantage of the many opportunities that are offered to them here at KRB. These opportunities develop confidence and resilience, provide them with challenges and pave the way for tertiary options and future careers.

Connecting with Our Community

During the Christmas break I met with a number of members of the international Sacred Heart community in Hong Kong.

In January 2014, I hosted a luncheon in Hong Kong to connect with our KRB families and past students living in Hong Kong. This was an opportunity for me to present the report on the 2013 School year to our International and expat parents and alumnae. As well, a number of our current and past students did short presentations on the importance of their KRB education and the activities in which they had been involved. Their parents were really delighted to hear speeches from such confident and articulate students.

KRB Portal

Our new online community – the KRB Portal – has now been launched. All parents, students and staff now have an online forum within which to connect and get information. Our new Strategic Plan is now available to read online on the Portal.

Chinese New Year

I was pleased to attend the Chinese New Year Dinner in the Boarders’ Dining Room on Monday 3 February to celebrate the Year of the Horse. The boarders created a vibrant atmosphere and great sense of community and it was wonderful to see our new boarders enjoying themselves and participating with much enthusiasm.

Welcome Mass

All parents are welcome to join us for the Opening School Mass on Wednesday 12 February in the Edwina Taylor Clark Auditorium in the MTC at 9.00am. Please be seated by 8.45am.

Our students have settled quickly back into school and are looking forward to the challenges of the year ahead. Throughout 2014, we will be encouraging our students to challenge themselves, to stretch themselves and to fully utilise their gifts and talents. We are looking forward to a great year at KRB.

With Regards,

Mrs Hilary Johnston-Croke
Principal
NEW STAFF 2014

Caroline Solomon – Junior School Teacher
We welcome Caroline back to KRB for 2014. Not only did she cover for Evelyn Koutsamanis in 2013 but she was a KRB student for 14 years. Caroline is a maternity leave replacement in the Junior School and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Notre Dame, Sydney and a Master of Teaching from the Australian Catholic University.

Caroline Anderson – Junior School Teacher
We welcome Caroline back to KRB for 2014 after her stints of relief teaching in the Junior School in 2013. Caroline is doing a maternity leave cover for 2014 and is originally from the UK. Caroline holds a Bachelor of Music from the University of Ulster and a Postgraduate Certificate in Education from the University of Surrey.

Kylie Latham – Junior School Teacher
Kylie joins us from Mount Carmel College in Tasmania. Kylie also taught in Sydney at St Francis of Assisi Paddington and St Clare’s College. Kylie holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Teaching from the University of Tasmania.

Emily Brownrigg – Science Teacher
Emily will be replacing Talia Gusen while Talia is on maternity leave and joins us from St Clare’s College in the ACT. Emily holds a Bachelor of Applied Science and a Graduate Diploma of Education from the University of Canberra. Although a fairly new teacher, Emily won the Dean’s Excellence Award at university.

Peta Estens – English Teacher
Peta joins us from The King’s School and will be teaching English. Peta holds a Bachelor of Education from the University of Sydney and is currently undertaking a Master of Education.

Lucy Hayward – Maths Teacher
Lucy joins the Mathematics Department and comes to us from Brigidine College, St Ives where she taught Maths and Religion. Prior to this, Lucy taught at Santa Sabina and The Kings School. Lucy holds a Diploma of Education, a Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Chiropractics from Macquarie University.

Amy Lam – Science Teacher
Amy has taught extensively in the UK, with her most recent school being Lady Eleanor Holles School, Hampton. Amy holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Edinburgh, a Master of Science from the University of Aberdeen, a Postgraduate Certificate in Education from the University of Cambridge and a Bachelor of Science Psychology from Open University.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
There is an option to have a photograph taken of family groups within the school. The sibling photographs will be taken on Tuesday 11th February from 7:30-8:30am in the MTC. Parents should be with their children to supervise this. Envelopes to order these special photographs are available from Student and Main reception. There will also be envelopes in the MTC on the day.

TRANSPORT CODE OF CONDUCT 2014
The transport Code of Conduct has been updated and is now available on the Parent Portal (link). If your child/children use the KRB buses or state transit buses, please download, print and sign the parent declaration and return to junior or senior school reception by the 14 February, 2014.

Click here to download
At KRB, the student exchange program is a wonderful opportunity for students to become active global citizens at another Sacred Heart School. Over the summer holidays we have had a number of students participate in various exchange programs at Sacred Heart schools including Boston, New York City, Greenwich, San Francisco, Montreal and Osaka. The student exchange coordinator, Murray Kerstens highlights that the KRB exchange program "enables students to grow in confidence and independence and provides them with an opportunity to live the Sacred Heart goal “personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom”.

Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, Boston, Massachusetts
Arabella Robinson (Yr. 11) and Sophie Kondilios (Yr. 11) visited Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Boston during January 2014. The girls highlight that “exchange was a great experience, like nothing I have ever done before….. the first day at school was really great, it was easy to become settled quickly with the students and staff being so welcoming”. Both Arabella and Sophie felt that through the exchange they made long-lasting friendships, gained independence and confidence and now are looking forward to hosting their exchange sister in March this year.

Obayashi School of the Sacred Heart, Osaka, Japan
Both Lauren Jumikis and Edwina Tyquin (Yr. 12) visited Obayashi Sacred Heart School in Osaka, Japan during December 2013 and felt the student exchange program allowed them to appreciate and connect with the Japanese way of life. Lauren highlights that “going on exchange to Japan has helped me in learning about the culture and traditions of Japan and will be beneficial as I undertake my HSC Japanese later this year.”

Convent of the Sacred Heart 91st Street, New York
Stephanie Dammann, Phoebe Anderson, Kate Filippelis and Isabella Donald (Yr. 11) all visited the Convent of the Sacred Heart, 91st Street in New York City during January 2014. The girls highlight that going on exchange was amazing; “I got to experience one of the greatest cities in the world, make lifelong friends and visit an amazing school.” Kate recommends “everyone should take the opportunity to participate in student exchange….. I spent 3 weeks living the life of a fellow New Yorker and loved it.”

Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich, Connecticut
The Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich, CT hosted 3 KRB girls during November and December 2013, Ainsley Zammit, Antonia McGrath and Annaleis Montgomery (Yr. 11). The girls all highlight the wonderful experience they had, the welcoming and kind Sacred Heart community they were a part of and the opportunity to go to different classes was …… “to sum it up it has been AMAZING!”

The Sacred Heart School of Montreal, Canada
Keira Champion and Frances Ryan (Yr. 11) visited The Sacred Heart School of Montreal during December 2013. Keira highlights that “going on exchange was amazing, I got to experience one of the greatest cities in the world, I connected with my host sister instantly, I feel like we are lifelong friends already.” Frances highlights, “Going to SHS Montreal has allowed me to appreciate a different culture, visit a new school with different committees and different initiatives, it has been an awesome opportunity for me….. the snow is so amazing, I’m like a little kid because it’s only my second time seeing snow, I really loved Montreal.”

Convent of the Sacred Heart, San Francisco
Finally, Francesca Daniel (Yr. 11) visited the Convent of the Sacred Heart in San Francisco. Francesca comments “Convent of the Sacred Heart offers many co-curricular opportunities that are available for the students to take advantage of…… Madrigals, Broadcast, journalism and Mixed Media…. I truly had an incredible time in San Francisco.”

If you are interested in your daughter participating in the student exchange program or if you would like to host an international exchange student for up to 3 weeks during the academic year, contact our Exchange Coordinator:

Murray Kerstens
kerstensm@krb.nsw.edu.au
ANTIPODEANS INDIA EXPEDITION

In December 2013, eleven KRB girls set off for India on the trip of a lifetime. This was KRB’s first Antipodeans India Expedition, an odyssey which provides students with a rich cultural experience, as well as the opportunity to meet and overcome challenges.

Each day presented a new highlight: living within a Buddhist monastery and getting to work with members of the Tibetan diaspora in exile; tea-tasting in the quaint city of Darjeeling; watching the rising sun cast its glow over Mount Everest from our trek in the Himalayan foothills; and perfecting that iconic shot in front of the majestic Taj Mahal.

The real discovery, however, went much deeper than that. Our students have opened their eyes to a fascinating and ancient culture, and come to appreciate diversity and difference. They overcame the challenges of group travel and physical exertion, and whole-heartedly embraced opportunities to explore food, language and customs. They also have a renewed sense of appreciation for their lives and opportunities in Australia.

In all, this was truly a transformative experience and all students are warmly encouraged to keep their ears to the ground for similar opportunities in 2014 and beyond.

From the Director of Development

Welcome back to a new year at KRB. We hope it is a wonderful year for your daughters and sons and one in which they will benefit from all the opportunities available at KRB.

The Development Office is situated in the Senior School upstairs in Claremont. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if we can assist you with questions about class/community/school events that are coming up or if you are uncertain as to the person you need to speak to and would like to be pointed in the right direction!

We will be also organising a number of events during this year including:

1. Nine N’ Dine Golf Day – Friday 4 April, 4.00pm at Woollahra Golf Club
2. KRB Rugby Lunch – Friday 8 August – Doltone House Elizabeth St Sydney
3. A number of events for mothers, fathers and grandparents.
4. Welcome Dinners, hosted by the Principal for all new families to KRB

All details of these are included in the calendar which you would have received in January. Invitations for all events will also be included on the KRB Portal.

We also work to raise funds for capital developments. As many of our families would be aware, the Maureen Tudhope Centre, completed in 2011, is a result of the wonderful generosity and support of our families and past students and parents. The development of the Stuart Centre, for Year 7 students which was opened in 2013, was also well supported financially. As well, we have received much assistance in donations for the KRB Bursary Fund, set up to provide financial support to families who would like their children to have a Sacred Heart education but who are in financial need.

If you would like to find out any details about ways to offer your support, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to meeting many of our new and current parents throughout this year.

Mary Cook | Director of Development
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KRB NEWS BOARDERS BBQ

On 28 January the boarding community came together to enjoy a BBQ on the Harbour Terrace. The evening commenced with the Principal Hilary Johnston-Croke welcoming the families and introducing members of the Leadership Team and the Year Coordinators. The BBQ provided a wonderful opportunity for the new boarders and their families to meet and spend time with our current boarding families.

Our city families also attended and they were able to meet with the new boarders and their parents. It was a wonderful gathering comprised of boarding families, boarding staff, Year Coordinators and the Leadership team. Approximately 250 guests were in attendance and it was a great way to commence the school year for 2014. At 8pm it came time for the final goodbyes; all the girls settled well and were very excited about being back in the boarding community and their first day at school.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Boarding house celebrated Chinese New Year on 3 February with great style. The dining room became a sea of red and gold lanterns, dragons and horses, significant to 2014, the Year of the Horse. The International girls prepared a PowerPoint presentation on Chinese New Year outlining the significance it has for families and the rituals that take place. The girls all enjoyed a fantastic Chinese meal prepared by our chef and dishes of dumplings and pork buns with a variety of spicy sauces were placed on the tables. Special thanks go to Carrie Wang and our International boarders for creating such a wonderful dinner.

We are privileged as it is times such as these that our International girls get to share their wonderful culture and customs with the whole of the boarding community, Happy Chinese New Year (Gong Xi Fa Cai) meaning prosperous New Year to you all.
All KRB sports training sessions have commenced this week with matches commencing this Saturday 8 February (with exception to Badminton starting Saturday 15 February). Draws for all Junior and Senior school sport have been distributed to all students and parents this week.

All KRB students are required to be at their Saturday sports venue at least 30 minutes before their scheduled match time for registration and warm up with their coach. Students must always be wearing correct KRB uniform and have a water bottle and sun protection (where necessary) at all matches.

**NATIONAL SAILING CHAMPIONS**

Congratulations to Jessica Marr and Ruby and Grace Harrison on competing at the Flying 11 National championships at Port Stephens in January.

After an exhaustive 13 races over the week, DISGRACEFUL (crewed by Jessica Marr) finished 15th overall and runner-up in the ALL GIRL CREW CHAMPIONSHIP.

CLASS ACT (skipped by Ruby Harrison) finished 37th overall while THE OLD ONE TWO (skipped by Grace Harrison) finished 42nd and won the HANDICAP section of the Gold Fleet.

Congratulations to Jessica Marr, Ruby Harrison and Grace Harrison on their achievements at National level.

**KRB TENNIS**

The KRB tennis program has a range of programs on offer for adults as well as the students.

**Monday: 8.45 - 10.15 Ladies Tennis Clinics**

Groups of 4 ladies per coach. Monday is a class suitable for beginners to intermediate players. Those who may have played tennis growing up and are starting or wanting to get back into this great sport, or those wanting to continue brushing up on their technique and movement.

**Monday 8.45 - 10.15 Bubs Tennis Classes**

Bubs tennis classes are for children aged 2.5 - 4.5 years of age. These classes use extremely modified tennis equipment, soft tennis balls and many props and exercises to keep the children engaged and focused. These classes focus on motor skill development, basic body movements and helping children understand the space around them. They are fun orientated and not competitive so they are suitable for all levels of coordination.

**Tuesday 9.00 - 10.30 Ladies Coaching And Match Play**

Tuesday mornings will be 30 mins of tennis coaching and 60 mins of doubles play. A good mix for those who want to improve their tennis and get some of their competitive spirit out as well.

**Wednesday 8.30 - 9.30 Cardio Tennis Classes.**

If you are wanting to combine hitting tennis balls as well as improve your fitness at the same time, these classes are for you. Cardio Tennis is a Tennis Australia program that works on movement, fitness and general co-ordination. It does not matter what your tennis ability is, CARDIO TENNIS is suitable for everyone.

**Friday 8.45 - 10.15 Ladies Tennis Clinics**

Groups of 4 ladies per coach. Friday classes will be focusing on technique and movement. Also tactical exercises and court positioning etc. This class is great for those who have played tennis previously and are looking to reintroduce themselves to the sport.

**Private Tennis Lessons**

Private (Individual or group of two) Lessons are available each morning. These are a great way to improve your game and work on specific things that may be bothering your tennis game. Private lessons go for 30 or 60 minutes.

All of these tennis classes are taken by Tennis Australia Club Professional Qualified coaches. For more information or to organise a trial lesson please email tennis@krb.nsw.edu.au or call Jed Gould on 0411 775 945.

**DANCE @ KRB**

Junior classes: Ballet (ELC, Kindy, Yr 1) / Hip Hop Crews / Jazz / Junior Cheer Squad

Senior classes: Jazz / Contemporary / Senior Show Troupe

Final enrolments being accepted: Dale Pope on 0410 320 299 or dale@dalepope.com.au

**SPORTS RESULTS & SPORTS TRAINING BEFORE SCHOOL**

When there is wet weather overnight and your son/daughter has sports training before school, please check the KRB Sports page on twitter to check if the training has been cancelled. This will be updated at 6am. We are also posting results on this KRB sports page.

The link is as follows: https://twitter.com/KRBsports

**K-12 SPORT PHOTOS**

All KRB sports team photos and photos taken at School Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnival are available for purchase online through the following website:

www.akphotos.com.au

USERNAME: krb

PASSWORD: sports

**SPORTS EVENTS**

Sports events coming up in the next two weeks:

**Saturday 8 February:** Touch Football, Water Polo, Tennis, Small Sided Soccer and Basketball matches

**Friday 14 February:** Year 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival KRB

**Saturday 15th February:** Touch Football, Water Polo, Tennis, Small Sided Soccer, Basketball and Badminton matches.

**Saturday 15th February:** Year 7 – 12 Basketball & Football trials at the following times at KRB:

* 12.30pm – 1.30pm Year 10 – 12 students
* 1.45pm – 2.45pm Year 8 – 9 students
* 3.00pm – 3.45pm Year 7 students
## Calendar

**Saturday 8 February**  
Boarding In Weekend  
IGSSA Tennis, Touch, Badminton, Waterpolo  
IPSHA Waterpolo, Basketball, Small-Sided Soccer  

**Sunday 9 February**  
School Musical Rehearsal  

**Monday 10 February**  
Year 7 Vaccinations - Visit 1  
Junior School Parent Information Evening  
Year 11 Parent/Student Information Evening  
TUCKSHOP: Tonya Miller, Sarah Appleyard  

**Tuesday 11 February**  
School Photographs P-12  
Junior School Parent Information Evening  
P&F Meeting  
TUCKSHOP: Gabrielle Carr, Tina Ross-Ekins  

**Wednesday 12 February**  
Opening School Mass  
Junior School Parent Information Evening  
TUCKSHOP: Anita Cusick, Christina Alcala  

**Thursday 13 February**  
K-12 Open Day  
Junior School Parent Information Evening  
TUCKSHOP: Lucinda Christie, Sarah Summerfield  

**Friday 14 February**  
Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival  
TUCKSHOP: Moira Cooper, Adrienne Taylor  

**Saturday 15 February**  
IGSSA Tennis, Touch, Badminton, Water Polo  
IPSHA Waterpolo, Basketball, Small-Sided Soccer  

**Sunday 16 February**  
School Musical Rehearsal  

**Monday 17 February**  
Years 7 & 8 Parent/Student Information Evening  
TUCKSHOP: Jude Cowper, Emma Maynard  

**Tuesday 18 February**  
TUCKSHOP: Edwina Renton, Tracey Parrelli, Marea Coutts  

**Wednesday 19 February**  
Year 5 Camp  
Joigny Parent Information Evening  
TUCKSHOP: Susannah Gordon, Meg Robinson  

**Thursday 20 February**  
Year 5 Camp  
Allwell Testing Year 4  
TUCKSHOP: Chrissy Comino, Kerrie Gibbs  

**Friday 21 February**  
Year 5 Camp  
TUCKSHOP: Janey Anderson, Justine Makeham  
Saturday 22 February  
IGSSA Tennis, Touch, Badminton, Water Polo  
IPSHA Waterpolo, Basketball, Small-Sided Soccer  
P&F Welcome Cocktail Party  
Sunday 23 February  
School Musical Rehearsal  

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**ONCE ON THIS ISLAND**  
3, 4, 5 & 6 April 2014  
Edwina Taylor Clark Auditorium  
Kincoppal–Rose Bay School  
Tickets on Sale 28 February 2014