FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Dear Parents, Students and Staff,
As you would no doubt be aware it has been a very busy start to the year with many activities on the calendar. Over the past two weeks I have enjoyed talking to Parents at the Years 7, 8, 11 and Junior School Parent Information Evenings, speaking to prospective families at a KRB Experience Open Morning and spending time with our year 12 Class at the Year 12 Retreat. The theme of this retreat was “grow into the person you are.” These are just a few of the activities going on in what is always a very busy school program.

As we progress further into the first term, our students are focused and enthusiastic. They are engaged in their learning and are immersing themselves in the many activities on offer. I am also particularly pleased at how our students have been involving themselves in the KRB community – many of them joining in the dancing on the Harbour Terrace on Fridays or racing at the Junior School Swimming Carnival. I was also very impressed with the speeches of the Year 10 students who put themselves forward for leadership positions this week.

Our students are looking ahead to the challenges that the school year will bring and the personal growth that will come from persevering with these challenges, both in and out of the classroom.

Opening School Mass
Last week we came together as a school community in our Opening School Eucharist, celebrated by Father Philip Watkins. A particularly significant moment was during the Offertory Procession, where the students, members of staff, a representative from the Sisters of the Sacred Heart and a parent brought up words, signifying what a Sacred Heart education means to them. At this Eucharist, I asked our school community to bring their dreams, hopes and prayers for the year to the ever loving, gentle heart of our God.

Year 12 Retreat
On February 6 and 7, I had the privilege of attending the Year 12 Retreat in Collaroy. I was particularly impressed by the Liturgy coordinated by the students, one of the most meaningful I have experienced on Retreat. The way the students collaborated, their sense of being connected to each other as a community was also very significant and highlighted the genuine concern they have for each other.

Accelerated Students Results 2013
Each year, we see more students take up the challenging HSC Extension courses. Students in Year 11 2013 also completed Extension courses as accelerated students. Students from Year 11 in 2013 accelerated in both Mathematics and French. Our students achieved exceptional results including:
❤ Madeleine Clunies-Ross, Sarah Gardiner, Eloise Gibbs, Christina Han, Alexandra Powell, Georgina Ringler, Zhenyi Wang and Bronte Wilson who all completed the Advanced Mathematics 2U course with seven of these students achieving a Band 6 – the highest band. Six of these students also achieved the highest level (E4) in Extension 1 Mathematics.
“Through the challenging extension course I feel as though I have a better understanding of the effort required for the years ahead. It has helped me prove to myself that I can gain similar marks across the board by taking advantage of KRB resources such as the excellent teacher who guided us through the course.” – Bronte Wilson, Year 12, 2014

“Receiving the marks I did, in a challenging extension course, was a lot more rewarding for me personally as I understood the hard work and dedication it took to get there.” – Madeleine Clunies-Ross, Year 12, 2014

Marie-Sophie Tanguy achieved the highest band (Band 6) in French Continuers and the highest band (E4) in French Extension. These results reflect the hard work and focus of these students as well as the support from our dedicated teachers. These students who are now in Year 12 have already completed 3 Units of their HSC program. I look forward to the results that the students of the Class of 2014 should achieve this year.

Global Connections
At our last Senior School Assembly, the focus was on Global Connections. Students who recently went on exchange to other Sacred Heart schools in Canada, France, Japan and the USA made presentations on the schools and what they learnt.

The students involved in the Antipodean trip to Northern India gave a very insightful presentation. This trip involved trekking in the foothills of the Himalayas, working and living in at Tibetan monastery and moving around India. It was culturally and physically very challenging for our students. They exhibited the values of compassion and social justice in both their community project work and in their conduct among many people of less fortunate circumstances. India is a challenging country but the experiences the girls had were unique and will help them to become better informed, empathetic global citizens. The school really benefited from hearing about what they had experienced.

You can see a video of the Antipodean India Tour [here](http://youtu.be/znQPh-ArtF8).

Junior School Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to our Junior School students who once again showcased their amazing talents in the pool. The cheers during the races and in the MTC after the carnival were a testament to how much school spirit these students have. Congratulations to Arakoola on winning the overall point score and to Tangara for winning the Spirit Cup.

New Strategic Plan
One of the components of our new Strategic Plan is continuing to develop our communication with parents. The KRB Portal is now live for all parents and students and is now our principal means of communication with you. More information is being added daily and we encourage you to access it regularly for details of events, sporting fixtures, downloads and, most importantly, to see the many wonderful achievements of our students. If you do not have access or are unsure of your login details, please visit the log in page and complete a support request in the section entitled “Can’t login” at portal.krb.nsw.edu.au.

I look forward to connecting with both new and current parents at the annual P&F Cocktail Party this Saturday and at the Years 12, 9 & 10 Parent Information Evening next Monday.

With Regards,

Mrs Hilary Johnston-Croke
Principal
IPAD IMPLEMENTATION IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

This year has seen the exciting introduction of one-to-one iPad use in Years 5 and 6 in the Junior School. iPads do not replace traditional teaching tools or methods but simply enhance the learning process. It has been wonderful to see students collaborating, exploring and connecting their learning through the use of this device. Students have been using a variety of tools and applications to complete learning tasks, including creating advertisements in Integrated Studies, dossiers in English, Poppets in Religion, QR codes in Visual Art, Key Notes in Science and using Explain Everything to consolidate mathematical concepts.

LIBRARY LOVERS DAY

Friday 14 February is National Library Lovers Day. It is a day that we can all celebrate Libraries, their significance in our lives and the many services they provide. Many students from all year levels celebrated this event in the Mary Agnes O’Neil Library with much fun and enjoyment. Mrs Brown prepared a wonderful display to celebrate this annual event, and our entrance was transformed with hearts. At lunchtime, our craft activity proved particularly successful and the students made beautiful red roses to give to a new friend or loved one. Every rose was unique and stunning and they certainly brought great joy to those who made the roses and those who received them.

All staff and students were also invited to visit the Library to pick a ‘blind date’ with a book. The books, wrapped in brown paper, were eager to go on a date, and by reports, everyone enjoyed their read! As an additional celebration, the Library provided love cupcakes to students to finalize our enjoyable Library Lovers Day celebrations.

YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY VISIT TO LUCAS HEIGHTS

On Monday 10 February, Year 12 Chemistry visited ANSTO at Lucas Heights as part of our Nuclear Chemistry topic where we learnt about the production and decay of radioisotopes (radioactive atoms) and their uses in society. It was fascinating to learn about how these radioisotopes are produced by ANSTO through nuclear fission (bombarding atoms with neutrons) and seeing the Open Pool Australian Light-water Reactor (OPAL) which produces widely used radioisotopes such as Yttrium-90 (Used to treat liver cancer) and Molybdenum-99 (used to create Technetium 99M- the most widely used diagnostic isotope around the world) was really exciting. It was extremely useful to see the production of these materials as it really helped to clarify what we had learnt and made Chemistry come alive for us. Overall, it was incredible to see how much of an impact this field of Science has had on our society, in both the medical and production industries. We would like to thank Ms De Domenech for organising and accompanying us on this amazing excursion.

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KRB PORTAL

Want to find out more information on events, sports, etc...head to the KRB Portal

https://portal.krb.nsw.edu.au
YEAR 12 RETREAT

On Thursday 6 February, Year 12 attended their retreat at the Salvation Army Centre at Collaroy. The theme of the retreat, conducted by members of staff, was ‘Grow into the Person You Are.’ The first session presented to the student the film, ‘As it is in Heaven’, and using this as a basis explored what it was to be an authentic daughter of the Sacred Heart in bringing about the Kingdom of God. In the session after lunch, two dancers taught the students certain movements based upon Bollywood. This gave to the students an opportunity to move out of their comfort zones and to enjoy cultural differences. The highlight of the retreat was the Eucharist, which the students prepared. The celebrant was Father Philip Watkins ss. There was a genuine sense of community and support among the student and staff at that celebration. On the Friday, Mrs Hillary Johnston-Croke, who had joined the retreat the evening before and had stayed overnight, spoke to the students about what her journey in life had been and the significant lessons it has taught her. Many students commented upon how significant these insights were for them. In evaluating the retreat the students expressed their gratefulness for this experience and accepted that it was one of the most important events in their final year.

REFLECTION BY ALLY POWELL – YEAR 12

Year 12 retreat was a memorable and rewarding experience that allowed our year to grow together as a cohort and get in touch with our spiritual side. Not only did the retreat offer spiritual fulfilment, it also allowed for time to relax and reflect. The highlight of the retreat was the Bollywood dancing where we were all taught a dance routine and performed the dance in front of each other. During the evening the year co-ordinated a beautiful mass in which everyone was involved. This enabled Year 12 to bond together as a year group. It was a very memorable moment when we all sang, ‘You Raise Me Up’, reflecting the future support that we hope to give each other for the challenges that we may face in our final year. Overall, the retreat was a beautiful experience and two days which we will all remember.

SAINT VALENTINE’S DAY

On Friday 14 February the Senior School students and teachers were mysteriously invited by their secret admirer to meet them on the Harbour Terrace at lunch for a rendezvous. Here, heart shaped chocolates were given to the girls as a token of the love that the school community has for each other. The girls spent the lunchtime’s “Love Song Dedication” cheering and dancing to both love ballads and break up songs. Highlights included ‘Your Song’, ‘Best of My Love’, ‘We Are Never Getting Back Together’, ‘Where Is the Love?’ and Dr O’Neil’s rendition of ‘Single Ladies’.

Sacred Heart spirit was on full display as the girls showed their love not only for each other but for the school. Girls signed a ‘We’ve got the love @KRB’ banner which is now at home in the Sacred Heart Committee room.
YEAR 3-6 INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 14 February, all children in Years 3–6 participated in their annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival in the Blann Family pool. All children competed in at least two swimming races to gain points for their colour house. Our Year 6 Sports committee demonstrated outstanding leadership with the children leading the cheers.

Congratulations to Arakoola on winning the overall point score and Tangara on winning the Spirit Cup.

The championship races for Year 3–6 will take place in the morning of 4 March at the Year 7–12 Swimming Carnival at Homebush. KRB also has a swim team representing the school at the KRB at the IPSHA Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 5 March at Homebush. We wish all these children the best of luck in their upcoming swimming events.

KRB FITNESS PROGRAM

The KRB Fitness community is designed to make all Year 7-12 students feel happy, healthy and fit!

Term 1 will start with a “love your body” fitness class with access to online education and motivation.

Fitness will be held by Rebecca Wilcock (BSp&Sc) & Courtney Watts (Health Coach) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 3:15pm in the MTC Fitness Centre.

For more information: rebeccawilcock@gmail.com

DANCE @ KRB – OPEN WEEK

All KRB parents and students are welcome to come and view dance classes during Week 10, starting Monday 24 March

For class times please contact:

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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 22 February – Touch Football, Water Polo, Tennis, Small Sided Soccer, Badminton and Basketball matches

Saturday 1 March – Touch Football, Water Polo, Tennis, Small Sided Soccer, Basketball and Badminton matches.

Tuesday 4 March – Year 7–12 Swimming Carnival, Homebush

Wednesday 5 March – IPSHA Swimming Carnival, Homebush

Friday 7 March – Term 1 Sports team photo’s – Year 3–12

COMMUNITY

From the Director of Development

All families who are new to KRB this year will soon be invited to one of three Welcome Dinners, hosted by the Principal. These dinners provide new parents with the opportunity to meet the Principal, members of the School Board and the Leadership Team in an informal atmosphere and hear about the strategic direction of the School.

The three dinners will be held during Term 1, 2 and 3 with the first one on Wednesday 2 April.

If you are invited to a welcome dinner but are unable to attend on the specified date, please email events@krb.nsw.edu.au and we can organize an alternative date for you.

We will be holding the Nine & Dine Golf Day at Woollahra Golf Club on 4 April. Please save the date – invitations will go out next week. All golfing levels are welcome to play!

Mary Cook
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## CALENDAR

**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

**MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY**
- Allwell Testing Late Enrolments or Absentees Years 7-11
- Years 9 & 10 Parent/Student Information Evening
- Year 12 Parent/Student Information Evening
- TUCKSHOP: Julie Ringer, Elizabeth Jumikis

**TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY**
- TUCKSHOP: Chiara Brunori Goldman, Jasmin Melvey

**WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY**
- Years 5 & 6 Surf Education
- TUCKSHOP: Emma Nesbitt, Kirsty Marr

**THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY**
- Meet the Music Concert - Elective Music students Years 9-12
- TUCKSHOP: Alison Bradford, Lou Lindsay

**FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY**
- High Achievers’ Assembly
- ISDA Debating Round 1
- Past Parent’s Drinks
- TUCKSHOP: Liz Clunies-Ross, Jo Hunter

**SATURDAY 1 MARCH**
- Month of Janet Erskine Stuart
- IGSSA Tennis, Touch, Badminton, Waterpolo
- IPSHA Waterpolo, Basketball, Small-Sided Soccer

**SUNDAY 2 MARCH**
- School Musical Rehearsal

**MONDAY 3 MARCH**
- TUCKSHOP: Anne O’Neil, Natascha Lien-Milsom

**TUESDAY 4 MARCH**
- Years 7-12 Swimming Carnival
- TUCKSHOP: Heather Hancock, Genevieve Adamo

**WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH**
- Ash Wednesday
- IPSHA Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
- TUCKSHOP: Michelle Banks, Jo Carter

**THURSDAY 6 MARCH**
- TUCKSHOP: Rhonda O’Neil, Michelle Ridgewell

**FRIDAY 7 MARCH**
- Term 1 Years 3-12 Sport Teams Photos
- ISDA Debating Round 2
- TUCKSHOP: May Ong

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**SCHOOL MUSICAL – “ONCE ON THIS ISLAND”**

Once On This Island is a contemporary, Caribbean-flavoured musical by Tony Award-winning songwriting team, Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens. In almost non-stop song and dance, the show tells the story of a peasant girl who rescues and falls in love with a wealthy boy from the other side of her island. When the boy is returned to his people, the fantastical Gods who rule the island guide the peasant girl on a quest to test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred and death.

**BOOKINGS:**

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