Korean Visit: Our very successful inaugural 10 day Korean visit concluded when the 18 visiting students and 3 staff were farewelled at an emotional breakfast last Thursday. They’d experienced all facets of school and community life in Yass, toured the district including a coastal outing and developed close bonds with the host students and their families. Many thanks to those hosts and to Craig Barrett and others who helped with the organisation and stewardship for the visit. The first of a regular exchange pattern will occur with a possible August visit of older students from our new partner school in South Korea followed by a return visit by a group from our school during the September holidays.

Swimming Carnival: Oxley were narrow victors from Hovell in the house competition, records were broken and a great day was had by all at the school Swimming Carnival on 13th February. A strong team went on to represent the school at the district carnival last week. Many thanks to all those who participated and helped with the organisation.

Show Team: The school’s twitter account has been busy over the weekend as our show team made its usual impact at the Canberra Show. Thanks to students and staff for their impressive dedication and efforts!

Year 9 Integrated Learning Project: As a result of detailed cross-faculty cooperation, research and planning, Year 9 students are experiencing an enriching cross-discipline project linking History, Science, Creative Arts, Technology, Geography, Mathematics and English. See the latest InTouch for details

Welcome to Year 7 Parents: An evening to welcome Year 7 parents will be held on Thursday 19th March between 5 and 7pm in the school hall. Interim reports will be handed out and parents will have an opportunity to meet teachers and view student work.

Student Survey: A formal on-line student survey “Tell Them From Me” will be conducted from Wednesday 18th March until 2nd April providing opportunity for our students to reflect on teaching and learning at our school. More information will be sent home with the next InTouch.

Staffing: Students numbers for 2015 have stabilised at 516, providing the basis for some increase in staffing entitlement. Paul Wilkinson was successful in the merit selection process for General Assistant, which will become a full time position later this term. There will also be an increase in SASS time and some possible change in teaching time and/or positions yet to be advised by staffing.

Buildings / Facilities: The two new art rooms formed from the old art room, staff room and storage in B Block will be in use from this week – thanks for the cooperation of those staff affected by the interruption, especially the CaPA teachers. The new building is nearing completion and will be ready to be furnished by the end of the week. The new rooms and facilities will be timetabled for use from the beginning of Term 2.

Other Matters:

Please see InTouch (now out fortnightly thanks to the efforts of Ruth Riach and Natalie Rhodes) as well as the school’s website for full details of recent events and achievements, including those referred to here.