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Tuesday 4 May 2010 Week 1 of Cycle Term 2 Vol 11

Next P&C Meeting—Thursday 20 May 2010 starting at 5:30pm



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a beautiful week of weather last week. We live in a magical part of the world and you can't help but be reminded of this on weeks such as these. The students had a chance to run the Cross Country last week and we were proud of their performance. A number have progressed through to the next level and we wish them well.

Year 11 students are still completing exams and looking forward to their competition. Year 12 Half-Yearly reports will be issued this week.

On Friday last week a huge number of Year 10 students attended the Careers Expo at Lismore. They are already investigating possibilities for their future. Careers that we have never even heard of and careers that are not even invented will be part of their future. For many they may have as many as seven careers in their lifetime.

We also delighted in nominating a number of students for Kids in Community Awards last week and we are hopeful that their excellent community spirit will be acknowledged publicly. We had a large number of students to select from and this is heartening and reflective of the great kids we have in the Kyogle community.

NAPLAN Update – NAPLAN exams may not run for Years 7 and 9

On Friday 28 April teachers at Kyogle High School voted to support a moratorium on the conduct of the NAPLAN exams for 2010.

This matter is currently being heard by the Industrial Commission and there may be further developments over the next week. The Department of Education and Training remains firmly committed to holding the exams but we have not been provided with any details about what this might involve at this stage.

In summary there is broad support for the use of NAPLAN tests as diagnostic tools to inform parents, carers and teachers about individual student progress. There is also broad support for the concept of the MySchool web page with accurate data drawn from a broad cross section of school activity. The issue that represents the point of difference is the creation of league tables, particularly when they are based on results drawn from NAPLAN.

We regret any uncertainty or upset that this issue might create. We will provide regular updated information over the next two weeks.

Have a great week

Janeen Silcock
Principal

COMING EVENTS

- These dates are accurate at this time, any changes will be published in the newsletter

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| 5 May | Yr 10 Excursion to Dreamworld |
| 6 May | School Photos |
| 7 May | Year 12 Reports issued - Panel Interviews |
| 18 May | Year 6 to 7 information night starting at 6pm |

COMMUNITY LIAISING

- ❖ The **Cross Country** last week went very well with many people running their best. Some also walked but showed great team spirit. The **Zone is on 21st May** with the Regional scheduled for 11th June.
- ❖ Yr 11 finished their half yearly exams yesterday and will start getting the results back shortly. **Year 12** will also be starting their **report** interview process this week. The **Parent Teacher** Afternoon for **seniors** will be held on **Tuesday 1st June** starting at 4pm. The booking form for interviews will be out in the next week or so.
- ❖ School **Photographs** will be taken this **Thursday 6th May**. Envelopes have gone home for this. If you missed out please see the front office. Everyone is to be photographed even if they are not ordering a photo. Please wear full school uniform.
- ❖ The entries for the **Maths Competition** close this Thursday, the cost is \$4.50. Entries for the English Competition close on 25th June.
- ❖ On **Saturday 15th May** the P&C Association and Environment Council will be holding a '**Schoolyard Blitz**' from **1-4pm** to give the school a make over after the building work and some recent tree work. All the school community is welcome to join in, please bring some gardening equipment, gloves and water.
- ❖ **Public Education Week** is on the week starting 17th May. To celebrate this we have a busy week planned. The highlights are below.
 - ♦ **Year 6 Information Night:** This is being held on Tuesday 18th May starting at 6pm. All Kyogle and district families are invited to join us for information, a tour of the faculties and talks from students. Kyogle High School is your local school and has a very broad curriculum and many opportunities for students.
 - ♦ **Athletics Carnival:** Wednesday 19th May. Please come dressed in House colours, parents and carers are welcome.
 - ♦ **Open Day:** On Thursday 20th May we will be holding an Open Day at school where we invite parents carers and family to come in and join us in classrooms. There will be performances, interactive workshops, displays and more. There will also be musical items by our senior students for you to enjoy. The program and booking sheet for some activities will be in the newsletter next week.
- ❖ **Congratulations** to Ailsa Anderson who was in Year 10 last year. Ailsa will be part of the Australian team travelling to Poland for the World Championships in Trail-riding for motorbikes. Ailsa has only been doing this challenging riding for 3-4 years, so she has done very well. Good Luck and be safe.

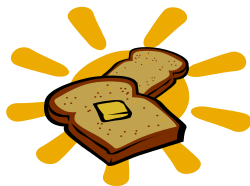
If you have any queries about school you are welcome to contact me at school or on 66339132 ah.

Jan Langfield
Community Liaison Officer



Breakfast Club News

The Breakfast Club is expected to start this Friday 7th May, from 8.30am at the Brolga Centre. For any further information, please see Mr Chris Duley.



The National Songwriting Competition

"Arts and music education provides the basis for a vibrant arts practice that expands the artistic activity of the nation and fosters lifelong involvement and affinity with the arts. The Australian Children's Music Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation with a vision to use the power of music to inspire and enrich the lives of all Australian children and youth. The National Songwriting Competition provides young people with an opportunity to showcase their creativity and talents to the community."

This is a quote from a letter from Julia Gillard, Minister for Education.

Any student interested in submitting a song (lyrics and music / no lyrics / just lyrics) into the National Songwriting Competition, see Mr Landers for an entry form and assistance.

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

What is the smallest positive integer which, when divided by each of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, will give in each case a remainder that is one less than the divisor?



CANTEEN ROSTER



Tues:	K Carter, H Koturaj
Wed: 5/5	G Spreadbury, H Koturaj
Thurs:	L Reilly, L Nicholson
Fri:	V Davis, A O'Neill, S Harrison
Mon:	S Harrison
Tues:	L O'Neile, S Chadburn

The Canteen is always looking for more volunteers. If you can help out please phone Faye Rose (Canteen Supervisor) on 6632 1300.

REMINDER

School Photos to be held on Thursday 6th May.
Please put the correct money in the photo envelope, as the office is unable to give change.

Please remember to keep the school office advised of any change in contact or address details. This is highly important in the case of an incident or accident involving your child should the school need to contact you. Many thanks.

YOUTH ART AWARDS

As a part of Youth Week, the Roxy Gallery has exhibited a large volume of Youth Art from the Kyogle District. The exhibition is open until the 5th of May and is well worth look if you haven't seen it.

Thankyou to the Roxy gallery and Ruth Tsimbinis for hosting an exhibition to promote youth art and especially for giving our students an opportunity to exhibit their work to the wider community.

The overall winner was Mindy Davies with her haunting series on clowns called "Childstar". Mindy was an HSC student at Kyogle High School last year and is now studying Law at Griffith University.

The 3 Dimensional Award went to Tessa Gilmore-Muhling in Year 10 while Patrick Donnelley and Nyree Flower in year 10 took out the 2 Dimensional awards.

We thank the community for supporting this Art Prize and the students are thrilled to be receiving their generous prizes.

Congratulations to all students who entered and a special thankyou to their teachers Mrs O'Meara and Mrs Denley for encouraging and supporting the students to enter and participate.

Mrs J Andrews

SRC NEWS

- Welcome back to Term 2, hope everyone enjoyed their holidays.
- Thanks to everyone who represented our school in the ANZAC DAY March, it was a great success.
- We would like to welcome Thomas Gordon to the SRC as our indigenous representative.
- Congratulations to the Year 11's for completing their exams.
- Well done to all the students who participated in the school cross country last Wednesday.
- Congratulations to our recently elected Year 7 representatives, Jordan Coote-Shortis, Justin Farragher, Matthew Mazzer, Holly Mitchell and Emily Muirhead.



My Library

The Library has set up a blog for you to view our new books, called "New Books and Reviews" for students and staff. We are running a monthly competition for a \$5 Canteen Voucher for the best book review posted onto our blog.

A "Homework Help" blog has also been included to offer you some research tips. Or you can just post a question and we will help you with resources for your homework.

Here is how to get there. Just log on to your portal and click "blogED."



COMMUNITY NEWS

Richmond River Tennis Academy is conducting tennis for juniors at Kyogle Tennis club on Thursday afternoons. We cater for all ages and also conduct private tuition and adult classes.

If you would like more information about coaching or junior competition please contact Trent on 0402 005 290 or email casinotennis@optusnet.com.au

Kyogle Netball Meeting.

All interested people are invited to attend a Kyogle Netball Association meeting on Thursday 6th May at 6pm in the dining room of the Exchange Hotel (Bottom Pub). A sign-on day will be held on Saturday 22nd May starting at 12.30 at the Netball Courts. All ages welcome.

Girls 16 Years and older who would like to make their Debut this year at our Debutante Ball on 14 August at the Italo Club Lismore, contact Janelle at Mary Vidlers Bridal 66216724.

Raising money for LBH Breast Cancer Unit. Hurry in with your name - closing date soon.

Lost and Found

Found: Silver Pendant at the George Street entrance. Please see the Office for more information.

Picture at left: Students participating in the ANZAC Day March in Kyogle on 25th April.