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Tuesday 7 September 2010      Week 2 of Cycle      Term 3 Vol 25

*Next P&C Meeting - Tuesday 21 September 2010 - 6:30pm*



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is great to be back after a break. It was pleasing to see our students looking terrific in uniform and taking pride in being a member of the school community. My thanks go to Mrs Jenny Densely as Relieving Principal, Ms Susan Tulloch as Relieving Deputy Principal and Mr Blair O'Meara for stepping into the Head Teacher TAS role.

I had the pleasure of celebrating the recognition of a number of people from Kyogle High School who gained Public Education Awards last week. Mr Blair O'Meara, Mrs Virginia Phelps, Mrs Jo Springer and Gwen Palmer (Year 11) highlight the enthusiasm, diligence and integrity displayed across the school.

Year 12 are in their final weeks. Interviews will be held to support them in their future directions. Year 11 are also in their final weeks of the Preliminary HSC with exams looming in Week 9. Nominations for School Captain 2011 are underway and this will be announced at the end of Term.

Applications for the new Deputy Principal position at Kyogle High School close this Wednesday with interviews being held the following week. Hopefully, we will be able to make an announcement by the end of Term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Belinda Parker, President of the P&C, and Mr Andrew Johnston (Parent Representative) for their work on panels. It takes a number of their hours to organise ads, read applications, listen to and evaluate referees and we are appreciative of the time they willingly give. The position of a PE teacher will also be advertised in the near future.

Spring is definitely here. The school grounds have flowers blooming, vegetables growing, chooks laying and lambs being born. It is simply a time when life appears to flourish despite lingering colds and flu. Thanks to staff, community and parents who continue to improve the appearance of the school.

Have a great week.

*Janeen Silcock*

### COMING EVENTS

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

7 September	Year 12 Interviews and Reports issued
13 September	Year 11 Yearly Exams commence
17 September	HSC Music Exam
20-21 & 23 September	Trial SC Exams
21 September	Year 12 Farewell Social & P&C Meeting (6:30pm-9:30pm)
22 September	Year 12 Farewell Assembly
23 September	Years 9-10 Music concert in Hall 7pm
24 September	Last day of Term 3

## COMMUNITY LIAISING

### What's on this week

- ◆ Year 12 are doing their panel interviews and receiving reports this week. This is a chance for them to talk to the Careers Adviser and to review their study plans for the final exams.
- ◆ We have a team of 4 students qualifying for the State Athletics Carnival and of these we have Nathan Farragher, Marty Ferguson and Zenon Kosmider travelling to Sydney this week. We wish them luck with their events, which are 100mt Hurdles, High Jump and Discus and Long Jump. The P&C Association was pleased to assist these students with funds to help them with costs for the Carnival.
- ◆ We are very excited to have the author Stephen Herrick visiting us this week to talk to senior students about one of their set texts *'The Simple Gift'*, which he wrote. Thank you to the English Staff for organising this. Accessing an author of a HSC text will certainly place our students at an advantage.
- ◆ At present some school Staff are videoing some of their classes for a staff development program. Most parents and carers have signed the permission notes for videoing and photographing at school so this should not be a concern. Some students have been commenting about this but it is a different and successful way for staff to learn from each other about different teaching methods. Students will be offered the option to participate prior to the event. If you have any concerns about this please contact the Maths Head Teacher, Mr Landers, or Mrs Densley, Relieving Deputy, for more information. School videos are only used for educational training and are not shared outside for any other purpose but learning. Other students also do videoing as a way of creating stories, so the permission notes will cover this. Students are reminded that they should not video anything at school with their mobile phones as this is not covered under the permission notes. If you have any objections to publishing or videoing, please send a note saying that you do not give permission and your child will be removed from the lesson so they are not on the video.
- ◆ The last week of Term is a very busy one with the Year 12 Farewell Social on Tuesday night, 21 September. This will also be the time for the September P&C meeting in the Library. The theme of the Social is what you would like to be after school days are over. The Social starts at 6.30pm and will finish at 9pm.
- ◆ Year 12 have their Farewell Assembly on Wednesday 22 September starting at **10am**. All family and friends of Year 12 are invited to join the school for this special Assembly and Morning Tea afterwards. If you have any concerns about school you are welcome to contact me at school or on 6633 9132 after hours.

Jan Langfield

Community Liaison Officer



## LIBRARY BOOK WEEK

### CANTEEN VOUCHER WINNERS

Josh Turner   Lelani Schut   Katerina Jarrett

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 8/9   K Little, F Kerwin  
Thurs:   A Syre  
Fri:   R Langley, S Harrison, V Ferris  
Mon 13/9: J Bulmer, S Harrison  
Tues:   L O'Neill, S Chadburn  
Wed:   J Duffy, J Flower  
Thurs:   L Reilly, J O'Reilly  
Fri:   M Pederson, P Haydock, S Harrison  
Mon 20/9: C Judd, S Harrison  
Tues:   H Koturaj



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

### CANTEEN MEETING

The Canteen Committee will be holding their Annual General Meeting at the P&C Meeting on Tuesday 21 September. New members are always welcome. Come and share your views on running the Canteen.

### CLOTHING POOL

A large number of students have borrowed uniforms throughout the year and have not returned them. To avoid this happening in the future, students who need to borrow a uniform will be asked to leave their own clothing item as a deposit, which we will keep until the uniform is returned.

All uniforms for borrowing are clearly labelled, so if you have any in your possession, please return them.

Thank you,  
Mrs Kelly, TAS Department

## SRC NEWS

► The SRC has organised a tug-o-war competition. It will be held at lunch time on 7 September. The money raised will go into fixing our speakers around the school so we can enjoy some music during lunch times.

► The Year 12 Farewell Social will be held on Tuesday 21 September. The theme is "When I grow up I want to be ..." We ask that everyone behaves appropriately and has a good time. The Social Permission Letter will be given to students in Roll Call next Monday morning. Have a great week everyone.

## MERIT SYSTEM AND HEAD TEACHER DETENTION

The School Awards System is working very well with many students receiving Bronze and Silver Merit Awards for class work, being involved in discussion, playing well for sport, school and community service and much more. When students receive three Silver Awards they receive a Gold Award. There is a Gold Award winners' Morning Tea each Term. This Term Genevieve Spinks, Blake Lamond and Lilliana Bowen received Gold Awards.

There seems to be some confusion about Head Teacher Detentions. These detentions are given for truancy, disobedience and other issues, such as out-of-bounds. They are given by Head Teachers after a pink slip is sent from a Teacher regarding these behaviour issues. If a student does not attend a Detention, a Warning of Suspension letter will be sent home and another Head Teacher Detention will be given. If a student does not go to the second one, they will receive a one day suspension. In addition, if a student receives three Head Teacher detentions in a Term, they will receive a Warning of Suspension. If they then receive another detention, they will be suspended for a day.

For in-classroom difficulties, problems and misbehaviour, students make the choice on whether to go to the RBC or stay in class and work with the Teacher. Senior students also need to make sure that they sign out at the Office if they are leaving the school, otherwise they are viewed as truanting.

## Australian Alcohol Guideline for Children and young people under 18

Not drinking alcohol is the safest option.

### For children under 15

Parents and carers should be advised that children under 15 years of age are at the greatest risk of harm from drinking and that for this age group, not drinking is especially important.

### For Young people aged 15-18 years

The safest option is to delay the initiation of drinking for as long as possible.

### Adolescent brain development and alcohol

The brain is not fully developed until about 25 years of age. Excessive drinking can affect decision making, problem solving, memory, reasoning and concentration. Permanent brain damage can result in greater risk taking, lack of judgment such as failure to think before acting, impaired visual and spatial skills, learning difficulties and poorer academic outcomes.

### Mental health

Drinking at a young age increases the risk of mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, attention deficit disorder and increased risk of self harm including suicide, delinquent behavior and alcohol dependency in later life.

*Australian Alcohol Guidelines to reduce health risks from drinking alcohol.* National Health and Medical Research Council, 2009 can be found at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/files/nhmrc/file/publications/synopses/ds10-alcohol.pdf>

Look for information about the RRISK Program and risk taking at our website [www.rrisk.com.au](http://www.rrisk.com.au)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**BOXERCISE FOR STUDENTS** - Get toned and fit for Summer! \* Professional instruction \* Straight after school \* All equipment provided \* Bring towel, water & shoes \* Fully insured \* Limited places so book with Sharron on 0432 412058 or turn up at 4pm Tuesday 14 September at Groom Street Church Hall

## COMMUNITY NEWS



Saturday 18 September 2010  
11am to 3pm

BUNDJALUNG GOORIES AND FRIENDS present

**WALK FOR LIFE**

KYOGLA RECREATION RESERVE  
SUMMERLAND WAY  
(NEXT TO CARAVAN PARK)

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF WALKING



AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ALONG WITH FUN AND  
GOOD FOOD

FREE TAI CHI DEMOS AND CLASSES ALL DAY

Walk for Life is a declaration of HOPE

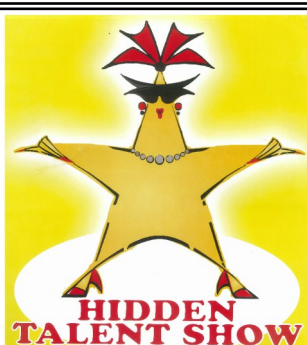
For more info: Patsy NAGAS: 0448 735083  
Or Ruth Haig: 6632 3379

Walk for Life is a Drug and Alcohol Free Event

**VOLUNTEER MARSHALLS NEEDED**

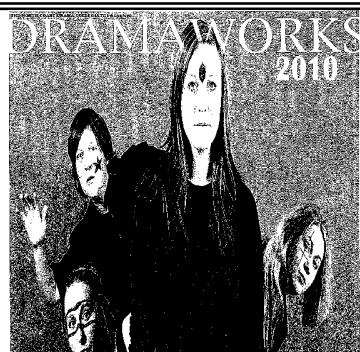
## KYOGLA SWIMMING CLUB 75th REUNION

will be held on Saturday 18 September 2010. A dedication to the late Kay Elliott (nee Heyman) will be held at the pool commencing at 10am for morning tea followed at 11am with the dedication. On Saturday night at the Bowling Club a dinner will be held arriving at 5pm for a 6pm start. Cost is \$30/adult, children 12-15yrs \$18, 12yrs and under \$10 for a children's meal. If you would like to attend and didn't receive an invitation please contact Ted Downes on 6632 1873 or Jack McDonough at raymcdonough@bigpond.com Closing date is 1 September.



## HANGING ROCK HALL 30 October 2010

Young performers, Groups or Individuals. Show us your stuff and win a gig at the Nimbin Hotel, Awards or cash prizes. Music / Dance / Drama / Poetry / Acrobatics / Comedy  
Phone 6689 7597 or  
[frank@dreamspace.com.au](mailto:frank@dreamspace.com.au)  
to register your act.



## STAR COURT THEATRE

Thursday 9 September 2010  
7pm

\$15 evening and party of ten  
\$10 each

\$10 per student

Tickets available from Caddies  
Coffee, Carrington Street,  
Lismore