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*Next P&C Meeting 8 December 2011*

## Official Duties for our School Captains



Captains, Lachlan Crawler and Lylian Kapodistrias and Vice Captains Michael Stevens and Hannah Judd attended a moving ceremony at the Kyogle Cenotaph to commemorate Remembrance Day and lay a wreath.

Mr J McKee and students led the school assembly and highlighted the significance of 11am on the 11th Day of the 11th Month as the final declaration of Armistice to end what was hoped to be the last great war. Students purchased sprigs of rosemary and red pins and poppies and participated in the solemn act of remembrance with respectful silence.

Thanks to Mr McKee for organising this.

## THANKYOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK



On behalf of all 2011 HSC Students and Staff , Michael Stevens and Lilliana Bowen presented Raema Perkins with a gift of appreciation for being the Head Supervisor of the Higher School Certificate and School Certificate Exams. Thanks to Raema and her team, the HSC and SC exams run efficiently and provide a positive environment for KHS students to sit for their external examinations.

APOLOGY: Last weeks Newsletter failed to acknowledge the hard work and dedication Ms Bobbie Sharpe and her Elective Drama class put into last week's Music and Drama Performance Evening.... oops

### COMING EVENTS

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

16 Nov—Year 12 Formal

18 Nov—Year 11 attending RRISK Seminar

21 Nov—Year 10 Excursion to Sydney all week

5 Dec— Year 7 2012 Orientation Day

## CAREERS WATCH

Reminder to Year 11 and Year 10, permission notes for the **Brisbane/Gold Coast Universities' excursion** will need to be returned by the 18 November. Can you please do this ASAP to assist with planning for the day.

**Eagle Boys Pizza** have vacancies for casuals at the new shop to be opened in Kyogle soon. Students can collect application forms from the Careers Room. The completed forms must be returned to Mr Ormond by Friday 25 November to enable return post by the due date. Students are advised to submit the application with their resume.

**Mr Ormond-Careers Adviser.**

## FROM THE DEPUTY'S OFFICE

### Exciting Programs @ KHS in 2012

Today, interested Year 5 and 6 students from partner primary schools are sitting a test as part of the application process for the KEEP program running in 2012.

**KEEP** is a classroom that will operate across the Kyogle Community of Schools to offer activities and interactions for selected gifted and talented students.

Students will develop creative thinking, communication and critical thinking skills through the exploration of thematic concepts in a technologically connected, social environment.

In Semester 1 next year, 12 to 14 Year 9 and Year 10 students will participate in a **Peer Tutoring** program coordinated by TAFE. Students will be trained as peer readers and work with selected students from the primary school as well as have the opportunity to read to the elderly at Kyogle Court. Students will receive formal TAFE qualifications as part of this program.

Stay tuned for more interesting programs to run at KHS next year.

*Mrs Gae Masters  
Deputy Principal*

**PARENTS/CARERS** If your child needs to go to hospital when they are at school— the School Ambulance Cover is used. If you receive a bill, please send it to the school. Do not pay it. The P&C supports this great benefit. Ambulance School Cover is exclusive to enrolled students and does not extend to members of staff and/or visitors to the school. It covers the provision of emergency ambulance services for all students either at school or on an organised school excursion **in NSW**.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Please REMEMBER to inform the school if your details change. Up to date telephone numbers are of utmost importance when contacting parents/carers in an emergency. Up to date addresses are equally important so you can receive correspondence from the school regarding your child or events which are happening at the school.

## Principal's Report

A little bit of Public Education history was farewelled last week with the last the last external exams for the School Certificate being held.

Raema Perkins and her team farewelled Kyogle High School HSC students on Friday with the Hospitality exam. These milestones are made easier for our students by the professionalism, compassion and commitment shown by Raema as Presiding Officer, and her team. Michael Stevens, Vice Captain and Year 10 SRC Representative Lilliana Bowen thanked Raema and presented her with flowers.

Last week the compounds for the Capital Works started being put up— it is happening!

We also held a moving Remembrance Day Ceremony— thanks to Mr Jason McKee for organising this.

This week Year 7 to 9 sit for their end of year exams and we wish them well. Year 10 begin preparation for Year 11/12 with the completion of a mandatory requirement "All My Own Work" and First Aid Training.

Wednesday night, Year 12 will say their goodbyes at their Formal and I am sure a few tears will be shed. Many from the staff have certainly enjoyed watching their journey to young adulthood.

Applications for position of School Administration Manager close this week and we will hold interviews the following Friday.

An Expression of Interest went out for a General Assistant for 2.5 days per week in 2012. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the school.

End of year activities will again be held. Thanks to Brad Rasborsk for his organisation of this. Students need to ensure they are complying with our Student Welfare & Discipline Policy; attendance, behaviour, uniform etc. The students who don't follow policies within the school **may not be allowed to elect activities outside of the school such as Pacific Fair Shopping.**

*Have a great week.  
Mrs Janeen Silcock*

## Whooping Cough (Pertussis) Alert

There has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) amongst school aged children in the Kyogle area.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to any younger brothers and sisters at home. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

- ★ Children with symptoms should see a GP.
- ★ If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- ★ Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it's a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

For further advice, please call the Public Health Unit (02) 66 207 585 or NSW Health website <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/infectious/whoopingcough/index.asp>

## SRC FUNDRAISING TUG-OF-WAR

Teams from all years participated in an SRC fundraising initiative last Friday. The SRC are currently raising funds to replace the speakers in the quad and hope to raise funds to be able to run a lunchtime radio station. SRC Coordinator Ms Felicity Wooltorton says they have around \$1500 still to raise before the speakers become a reality but each fundraising activity adds a little more to the total cost.



## YEAR 7 DRAMA PERFORMANCES

Elanora Davies and Kirra Harrison were just two actors from the Year 7 English Groups who entertained the whole year with Drama Performances last Friday. Students had a wonderful time devising characters and dressing up for the show.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 16/11 S Chadburn  
 Thur 17/11 L Reilly, J O'Reilly  
 Fri 18/11 M Pederson, S Harrison, L Petherbridge  
 Mon 21/11 S Harrison, C Judd  
 Tue 22/11 J Graham, C Howes  
 Wed 23/11 W Ferguson  
 Thur 24/11 K Crawter  
 Fri 25/11 J O'Neill, S Harrison  
 Mon 28/11 S Harrison, S Pederson  
 Tue 29/11 L Matthews



The Canteen Christmas party is 30 November at Kyogle Golf Club at 6.30pm. All welcome to come along.  
 Faye Rose (Canteen Supervisor) on 6632 1300.



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## RRISK Seminar 2011

Year 11 students are invited to attend this year's RRISK seminar. 50 high schools from across the Far and Mid North Coast will be attending RRISK at the following venues and dates.

**Lismore:** Southern Cross University on 15,17 and 18 November

**Port Macquarie:** Panthers Auditorium on 22 November

RRISK (Reduce Risk Increase Student Knowledge) encourages students to:

- Know the facts
- Be aware of the risks
- Make informed decisions
- Look after your friends

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year that the RRISK Program has been running on the Far North Coast and the 5<sup>th</sup> year the program has been offered to schools in the Mid North Coast. If your teenager is in Year 11, please encourage them to attend.

**RRISK is effective in reducing young driver crashes by 44%.**

The largest study ever undertaken into young driver behaviour was conducted by the George Institute of International Health in 2009. RRISK was identified as the first and only program to have resulted in a 44% reduction in road crashes for participants. An earlier comprehensive evaluation conducted between 2002-2005 showed an increase in protective behaviour and a decrease in risk taking for those students who attended the seminars.

Look for information about the RRISK Program including the full evaluation reports at our website

[www.rrisk.com.au](http://www.rrisk.com.au)