

## KHS WELCOMES THE NEW YEAR 12

Last Thursday, Kyogle High School held the Official Induction Assembly for our School Captains, School Leaders and Senior Students. Parents were invited on to the stage to pin the badges onto their sons and daughters in a moving ceremony which welcomed our senior students into becoming the new leaders of our school. Mr Dave Stewart, Year 12 Year Advisor, led the students in the School's Senior Oath. Each student signed the student register accepting the responsibility for becoming a senior role model and to work to the best of their ability towards gaining their HSC. Students left the hall at the end of the ceremony to enthusiastic applause from family, peers and staff. After the ceremony students, parents and staff enjoyed a morning tea in the Common room.



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

14, 15 December—Activities Days

16 December— Last day of school for students.

27 January 2012— School Development Day

30 January 2012—First day for Years 7, 11 and 12

31 January 2012—First day for Years 8,9, and 10

### Principals Report

And so we come to the end of Year 2011 in the schooling calendar. It has been a big year and although I say this at the conclusion of every year, it certainly seems that we have had an increasing number of things to celebrate in 2011.

We have seen the beginnings of the Major Capital Works which will house new TAS and a Trade Training Centre to the value of 6.7 million dollars.

We are very proud of the achievements of our students, who with the support of staff have achieved outstanding results and have accessed amazing opportunities. They have had excursions to GOMA, to the Ekka, the snow, Coffs Harbour and to places such as the Writer's Festival, Brisbane Universities, participation in Rugby and showing cattle. They have represented KHS at State Athletics, at a Science Festival in Thailand and came 4<sup>th</sup> in the State in Boccia. One student has performed at the Opera House while others have represented at Equestrian events and Regional Awards.

In 2012 there are some staff changes. Steve Ormond will be hanging up his School To Work Portfolio and replacing it with a School To Retirement folder. Steve has been with us for 27 years. He has been a leader in School To Work programs and is held in high regard across the State. He was instrumental in the school gaining recognition at State level in Vocational Education and Literacy. Steve has been the tenacious advocate for us finally acquiring the major capital works. He has ensured each year we have the majority of our Year 12 students gaining early entry to UNE and Southern Cross University. Steve is a man who has found possibilities and made possibilities for our students. His legacy is his ability to make the impossible possible. He will be greatly missed not only by the school but by the community, TAFE, the region and the State Careers Teachers Association. We wish Steve well in his retirement.

We will also farewell Tom Llewellyn who has been a member of the school executive for a number of years. Tom is on the move to the coast and will begin as Head Teacher Distance Education at Southern Cross School in Ballina. Tom has been a member of KHS and community for a long time and the adjective best used to describe Tom is gentle. He leads by example demonstrating compassion and commitment to the students of KHS. We wish Tom well at his new position. This year we have also farewelled our SAM, Virginia Phelps to sunny Cairns and welcomed Cassie Moore as the new SAM. Cassie comes to us from Banora Point High School. Ian Judd, Head Teacher Science has been seconded back to the Dorrroughby Field Centre until the end of Term 1, 2012 and is being replaced by Sarah McLeod. We farewelled Vicki Murphy in the front Office last term and welcome Mary Thompson from Casino High. We also farewell a number of temporary teachers but hope to see them again in the future. We had some changes in the P & C and I would like to publicly thank all the members, under the leadership of their president, Michael Donnoley, for their support along with our Canteen and uniform people and our wonderful Cleaners.

**To the Staff students and parents, carers and friends of KHS, I wish you a safe and happy break and look forward to all the possibilities in 2012.**

**Mrs Janeen Silcock  
Principal**



### From the Ag Dept

We have two slashers and 1 rotary hoe for sale by tender. Tenders are to be provided and sent to Mrs Janeen Silcock Principal by 3.30 pm Thursday 15 December 2011.

### QUICKSMART NUMERACY

A successful year for QuickSmart Numeracy—38 students in Years 7 and 8 have completed the QuickSmart Numeracy Program. This is an educational intervention designed to support numeracy skill development. To improve automatic recall of basic numeracy facts e.g: times tables. The aim is to free up working memory to enable students to learn new concepts and solve problems.

We have received some wonderful feedback from students and parents. The general consensus from students is that QuickSmart is "A fun way to learn", "It is easier to complete set work in class". "I can trust my head", "I am more confident in my own ability and will have a go". Students think "if you learn as well as having fun you get a bit smarter", "My behaviour has improved", "I am proud of myself".

Parents agreed that QuickSmart has been beneficial for their children. Some comments: "student now has confidence in their own ability", "student has more confident to have a go", "she is now at the top of her class", "student is willing to be taught", "she looks forward to QuickSmart days", "He is eager to take on new challenges", "Keen to try new things and not give up on more difficult tasks", "she now does Maths online at home". "she enjoys learning maths in a new way that makes sense to her", "I hope quickSmart continues for other students as it has been a great benefit for my child". Thank you to all the QuickSmart students for all your hard work this year.

**Jo Springer and Wendy Alcorn**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS FROM THE ALL THE SASS STAFF AT KYOGLE HIGH SCHOOL!!**



## FAREWELL MR ORMOND

At the end of this term Kyogle High School says farewell to Mr Steve Ormond who has worked as Careers Teacher for 23 years. Mr Ormond will be missed by staff and students and his professionalism, compassion, passion for teaching, experience and determined pursuit of preparing our students for their lives after school will be greatly missed. Mr Ormond's farewell dinner will take place in Kyogle on Thursday evening and any interested parents and community members should contact the school for further details. Mr Ormond has a variety of retirement projects in planning and we know he will keep busy and continue to enjoy being a lifelong learner. We will miss you Steve and appreciate everything you have done for the staff and students of Kyogle High School during your career.



## SRC FUNDRAISING HAMPER

Ms Wooltorton, SRC Coordinator proudly shows the beautiful hamper put together by staff and students to raise money for the radio speakers to be installed in the Quadrangle. SRC students held a number of very successful fundraising events in 2011 raising funds to go toward restabilising the KHS lunchtime radio station. The hamper highlight was the orangutan donated originally by Mr Tony Page to raise money for orangutan preservation and Mr Adam Deseczar who won and generously donated the toy to the SRC hamper. The lucky winner was Mr Behrend.



**End of Year Activities!!!!**

**All students who have not made a selection for end of year activities need to see Mr Rasborsek URGENTLY!!!**

## SRC NEWS

It has been a full and busy year and now it's time to wind down and get ready for the holidays. A big thank you to all the teachers who contributed to the SRC Christmas Hamper. Thank you to all the businesses downtown who bought raffle tickets. We raised \$404.00. Thank you to Mrs Jo Springer who kindly donated the \$50 Scarborough Gift Voucher and animal print purse.

Winners : 1st Prize—Christmas Hamper—Greg Behrend  
2nd Prize— Scarborough Gift Voucher—Jeff McGuinness  
All proceeds will contribute to the restoration of music in the playground, all weather speakers and radio room restoration.

***Have a safe and happy holiday from the Kyogle High School SRC!!!!***

## Uniform Shop 2012

### Opening Times:

Friday 20 January 9am—1pm

Monday 23 January 9am—1pm

Tuesday 24 January 9am—1pm

The uniforms are available from the front office area during these times.

Once school has commenced the uniforms can be purchased from the canteen.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Circus Express presents "Circus Express Spectacular" supported by the Kyogle & District Arts Council. Starting at 7pm on Friday 16 December at the Kyogle Show Ground.

Tickets are Adults \$10

Concession (students under 16, seniors ) \$5

Family (2 adults, 2 kids) \$15

Tickets can be pre-purchased or bought at the door.

For more information contact Mindy on 0413401615.

### Ritchies IGA donates \$1000 to P & C

Ritchies IGA has advised it will donate \$1000 to Kyogle High School P & C at its Christmas party on Wednesday 14 December.

P&C President Michael Donnelly said a use for the money would be considered at the P & C's first meeting for 2012—in February.

IGA has been a great employer of many of our students, giving them work skills and financial independence to help them to further their studies or careers.

**Mr Donnelly thanked Ritchies IGA for its continued support of the school and its pupils.**

### Kyogle High Swimming Carnival

The school swimming carnival will be held on the 2 February 2012. All students are expected to attend. Please come to school first for roll call before making your way to the pool under the supervision of your Start Teachers. The cost is \$2 for entry and a canteen will be operating for the day at your own expense. Please come dressed in your house colours to show support for your team. All parents and carers are welcome to come.