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*Next P&C Meeting - Thursday 17 March 2011 starting at 5:30pm*

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I have always taught in public schools. I have taught throughout NSW and have always been committed to an education that embraces all students regardless of their circumstances, religion, skin colour or economic status. I am very proud to work within such a system.

In 1995/6 my family was given the opportunity to work in the public system in a small village of Japan called Izumizaki. It is in the Fukushima Prefecture. On Friday last week, the Fukushima Prefecture of Japan was devastated by an earthquake and followed by an enormous tsunami. Concerns with nuclear contamination are on the minds of all. As our family continue to try and make contact with colleagues in schools and friends, we are reminded of how fragile life is.

It feels that Mother Nature is on a roll of devastation at the moment; the recent floods of Brisbane, the earthquake in Christchurch on the back of fires and droughts. Amid all this sadness is the spirit of the people that offers solace and allows us to find a way to smile and move into the future.

Over the past few weeks, my pride in public education and specifically in the community that is Kyogle High School has been reminded of what a great place we live and work in. As a community, our hearts went out to Tully State High. We fundraised with a Pyjama Day to help the students resource their school. Our heart and hair were given in support of Leukaemia and our hearts ache for the Japanese people who have a challenging journey ahead of them.

Public schools build resilience and compassion. We have people and students who have lives that face journeys; physical, emotional and economical, that we wish they did not have to face. Communities such as Kyogle, schools such as Kyogle High School, come together to support each student to reach their potential. On a daily basis, students hear stories and listen with compassion, to lives different from theirs. I am proud of our students.

Many communities that undergo tragedies look forward to a return to some sense of normality. While communities such as Grantham, Toowoomba, Brisbane, Christchurch and now, Japan, are in our thoughts, our lives continue. Year 12 exams are being typed, Immunisations will be held this week, Health Surveys are underway and Year 10 are being readied for Work Experience. Our P&C will meet this week to support our school.

*Have a great week. Remember those in our world who are seeking return to normality.*

*Janeen Silcock*

### COMING EVENTS

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

15 March—Yrs 7 & 10 Immunisations

15 March—Year 11—Crossroads

17 March—P & C Meeting AGM

23 March—Year 7 Camp

## COMMUNITY LIAISING



- This week is very busy on the school schedule, with Immunisations and Crossroads for Year 11.
- Last Friday we had a great fundraising 'Shave For a Cure' for Leukemia.** A large group of staff and Year 12 students, as well as some Year 10's did 'sacrifices' including Head shaves, hair colours and some boys did a Leg Wax!. We will publish the total amount raised next week!!
- Last Thursday we had 6 students travel to Banora Point for the **Regional Swimming Carnival**. They were Melanie Pederson and Hayden White in the 17 yrs, Kyle Dunn 16 yrs, Nick Fish and Robert Rose in the 14yrs and Hannah Osborne in the 13yrs. Congratulations to all those swimmers and good luck to Robert Rose and Hayden White who were selected for the **State Swimming Championships** in Sydney at the end of this month.
- Year 12 have the half yearly exams coming up in Week 10.** As this is now Week 8 they need to be working on revising their notes, including the end of last year and asking questions about anything they don't understand.
- Year 7 received their camp information notes** last week. They also received a **permission note for photographing / videoing**. This note gives permission for the school to use your child's photograph in school publications and newsletters, or on screens such as in our foyer. Please return these as soon as possible. This permission covers all their time at Kyogle High School but can be changed by sending in a note.
- The P & C Annual General Meeting will be on this **Thursday night the 17 March**, starting at **5.30 pm**. All new and regular parents and careers are invited to come along and share ideas and be involved.
- The P & C is also doing a fundraising **BBQ at Bunnings on Saturday the 19 March**. If you are able to help out please fill out the table below and return to the office, or contact Belinda on 66362180 or Jan on 66339132. All help is very much appreciated. We will definitely need 4 people in the 11am time slot. If you are only able to come for 1 hour that is fine as well, just let us know. The more the merrier!

**Note: Covered shoes need to be worn by everyone helping at the stall.**

Bunnings	Assistant 1	Assist. 2	Assist. 3	Assist. 4
9am - 11.30am	Jodie little	Brenda Pratt		
11am - 1.30pm	Jan Langfield	Ann Carbery		
1.30pm - 4pm	Louise Petherbridge	Sam Nicholson		

Jan Langfield

Community Liaison Officer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## From the Deputy's Office

### Are your contact details up-to date?

Please make sure you inform the front office if your contact details, including emergency contacts, have changed. In the next newsletter we are including a 'change of student information' sheet – please fill in and return to the front office even if you believe your details have not changed, to allow us to double check all the information we hold is correct.

### Make the school aware of any special family circumstances

Any changes to your child's family situation can impact on their emotional and academic well-being. Inform your student's year adviser, Deputy or Principal about any changed circumstances so that the child can be supported if necessary. Examples of special circumstances include a death in the family, separation, or divorce.

### TWITTER

Twitter is a social networking website that you can sign up for to send out regular updates on what you are doing. The catch is that you need to use not more than 140 characters. Your updates are called 'tweets'. What do you need to keep in mind if your children are tweeting?

Twitter users must be at least 13 years old. Your child needs to be conscious of their choice of screen name— nothing that might provoke the wrong type of person being friends with them.

Anything your child says on a tweet can be seen by anyone else looking at Twitter. Remind your child:

Not to say anything they wouldn't want everyone to know—this includes any personal information about their school name, address, sports teams, etc.

To use the settings section to protect their updates from being viewed by anyone who they haven't approved as a follower. This will also keep your child's updates from appearing on the public timeline.

Never to arrange to meet up with anyone they meet through Twitter unless they speak to you first.

To choose a username (online computer nickname) that doesn't give away their real name or age.

If someone says or does something that makes them feel uncomfortable, they should tell you.

More information about technology at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click)

Gae Masters

Deputy Principal

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 16/3: L Davies  
 Thurs 17/3: L Reilly, J O'Reilly  
 Fri 18/3: M Pederson, L Petherbridge  
 Mon 21/3: S Harrison, C Judd  
 Tues 22/3: J Graham, C Howes  
 Wed 23/3: Help Needed  
 Thurs 24/3: K Crawter  
 Fri 25/3: J O'Neill  
 Mon 28/3: S Pederson, S Harrison  
 Tues 29/3: A Syre



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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Kyogle Soccer Club is looking for additional players turning 12 or 13 this year to fill vacancies in our Sunday Girls team or our Saturday Mixed team. Anyone interested in playing can contact Glenn Rose on 0418264968 or come to training on Wednesday afternoon from 4.30 pm at the High School field to register.

Thanks,

Kerry Jack—Publicity Officer

## P & C News

The P & C Association is hosting a **fundraising Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on Saturday 19 March** from 9am – 4pm—To do this we **need 12 helpers** who are able to help for 2-3 hours on that day. Maybe you are able to get a team of 3 to 4 people together, or just spare some time yourself. If you are only able to help for an hour that would be much appreciated as well. If you would like to be involved and can spare some time please ring either Jan at school or Belinda Parker the P&C President on 66362180.

### ACTIVE KYOGLE SURVEY

Students will be seeking your answers in the Active Kyogle Survey starting on **Wednesday 16 March**. A large number of our students are involved in an exciting community partnership with North Coast Health and Active Kyogle. They are conducting the **'Active Kyogle Community Survey'** with Kyogle and district residents about the town, the positives and drawbacks of living in Kyogle, community services and health. Each student does up to 5 questionnaires with people they know who are aged over 30 years old. They then enter the data into their computers and log it for this large community survey.

**The survey finishes on the 6<sup>th</sup> April.**

If someone asks you to do a survey with them please give your ideas freely, if you enjoy the interview or feel the interviewer went very well, please return the postcard they give you with their name on it as they go into the draw for awards. This is a great opportunity for students to do a hands-on survey and data work and also be involved on the community, so please help them out.

### Woodlawn 10's Rugby Day.

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March our school was represented in the Woodlawn Rugby Union 10's by our U14, U16 and Opens Boys. Despite not having a background in rugby union, all three Kyogle High sides defeated more experienced opponents from much larger schools. Our boys played all games in the true spirit of Rugby and of Kyogle High School. The Opens side finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 5 teams, U16's finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 8 teams and the U14's finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams. It was a pleasure to witness such a great group of well mannered young men representing our school and community in front of over 300 other students. **Chris Duley—Organiser**

## KHS SHAVES FOR A CURE

Kyogle High School Year 12 students organised Shave for a Cure on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of March. Students and staff raised money for the Leukaemia Foundation by participating in Head Shaving, Hair Colouring and "Waxing". Shave for a Cure was generously supported by a large crowd who attended the lunchtime fundraising event.



Mr Behrend



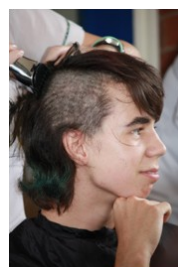
Lara and Gwen



Hannah and Mr Duley



Jarrod Marychurch



Jali Rodriguez



Zenon Kosmider



Gwen and Rick Shaved for a Cure

### Parents/ Carers

Please be aware that it is imperative that the school has up to date contact telephone numbers in the case of emergencies. As you can appreciate, when an emergency arises and we are unable to contact a parent or carer the situation can become more stressful than it needs to be, both for the student and the staff involved. Please contact the school office if you need to change your details.  
 Thank-you—Office Staff