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Tuesday 1 March 2011 Week 2 of Cycle Term 1 Vol 5

Next P&C Meeting - Thursday 17 March 2011 starting at 6:30pm



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Week 6 is underway. We survived the humidity of last week...just! We shone at the Rugby League Trials with eight juniors selected and three, possibly four, seniors selected. We shone in the Regional swimming, coming third overall and have a number of swimmers moving through to Zone Trials.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to the Information Evening on Tuesday Night. It is difficult with your first child doing the HSC. Terms such as units, Preliminary, Mandatory courses etc send our brains into overdrive. Please feel free to contact the Year Advisor, Head Teacher, Steve Ormond, Gae Masters or myself if you don't understand anything associated with the HSC pattern of students. There are lots of opportunities for students to explore options in their future. The Universities Road Show was on today 1 March, 2011 and is part of providing opportunities for students to look towards their future.

We have been reviewing our Student Welfare and Discipline Policy in the last few weeks. We are looking towards making some changes and will be sharing these with the P&C and SRC in the coming weeks.

A huge congratulations to Zenon Kosmider who is certainly establishing a well deserved reputation in the area for Public Speaking.

Last Thursday evening we held a School Social and a P&C meeting. The Social was terrific with all students and staff enjoying the evening. A big thanks to Dave Stewart, Bobbie Sharpe and staff for their help. Thanks also to our local police who ensured the safety of our young people.

We raised funds for Tully State High School on Friday with a Pyjama Day. Tully State High was severely damaged by a cyclone earlier this year. As a small rural school, we wanted to show our support. Thanks to our SRC for organising this event.

Last Friday staff from Kyogle Primary School and Kyogle High School spent a day planning how we can work in partnership to support how students. We spent a great deal of time looking at Transition Programs and teaming approaches. We will certainly be involved in a number of exciting joint projects during the year.

This Thursday we have a Team of Architects, people from Public Works and Assets Management, from Sydney and Lismore, visiting and hopefully finalising plans for our new TAS Centre. We are really looking forward to it all beginning and finishing.

Have a great week.

Janeen Silcock

COMING EVENTS

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

10 March—Regional Swimming Carnival

15 March—Yrs 7 & 10 Immunisations

17 March—P & C Meeting AGM

23 March—Year 7 Camp

COMMUNITY LIAISING



- ◆ This is now Week 6 of term, with only 3 to go before Year 7 go on their Beach Camp. **Final payments for this camp need to be finalised by 12 March 2011.** If you have any concerns please contact Ms Sharpe the Year Adviser.
- ◆ The White card for Occupational Health and Safety is on for Year 10 students and others who need this training for work experience in Week 10 of this term. If you have any questions about this please contact Mr Ormond or Mr Stewart.
- ◆ Today was World Maths Day, with most of our classes having time on the computers to do this world wide maths competition. We have had many people do well in this times tables chase and it is great for improving automatic responses to maths questions.
- ◆ This Friday the Maths Department are hosting 'World of Maths' a visiting show that develops problem solving skills. This interactive show for Years 7 and 8 is a great way for classes to do hands on maths problem solving.
- ◆ The Zone swimming last week was very successful with 7 swimmers now advancing to the Regional at Banora Point next week. Kyogle High also came 3rd overall at the Zone which was a wonderful team effort. If you have any questions about the Regional, please contact Mr Razborsek.
- ◆ There have been many notes going out about sports that teams can travel away to. When these notes come home, could you please send them back as soon as possible so that we have an idea of numbers, otherwise we may not be able to field a team. Excursions need to be paid in full, 2 days before but getting names early ensures we have a team.
- ◆ Last week we had Rugby League players travel to try out for the zone team. In the Opens we had Lachlan Cawter, Ben Studders and Thomas Gordon selected, and in the U15's there were Jeremy Parker, Hayden Pratt, Marty Ferguson, Sam Bulmer, Lochlan Meskill, Nathan Farragher, Aaron Davies.
- ◆ Congratulations to all the footy players and everyone who did their best on the day.
- ◆ Congratulations also go to Zenon Kosmider who last week won the Zone Lions Club Youth of the Year, excelling in the Public speaking and interview segments. He is certainly talented at persuasive speaking and we are pleased to have him representing Kyogle and our school.
- ◆ If you have any questions about school you are welcome to contact me at school or on 66339132 ah.

Jan Langfield
Community Liaison Officer

From the Deputy's Office

Absentee Notes

School Accountability - School staff, as part of their **duty of care** are required to monitor part and whole day absences.

School policies must address attendance issues including truancy. **Procedures** must be put in place to support teachers to address these issues.

Section 22 – Compulsory schooling

It is the duty of the parent/carer of a child of compulsory school age to cause the child: (6 to 17 years).

(a) to be enrolled at a government school or registered non-government school and to attend the school at all times when the school is open for the child's instruction or participation in school activities.

(Symbols used for explanation of student absence)

A - The student's absence is unexplained or unjustified. This symbol is used if no notice has been provided by parents within seven days of the occurrence of the absence. Unjustified may be used for parent condoned absences such as birthdays, shopping, minding other children, interpreting, slept in / late night (parent or child), school events considered unimportant, poor discipline, couldn't be bothered.

L - denotes leave approved by the Principal or delegate who determines if an absence is justified or unjustified. Principals may record up to 15 days in a school year for students of compulsory school age who have provided an explanation of the absence which has been accepted by the principal. Additional days for students not of compulsory school age may be recorded at the principal's discretion. This symbol is recorded where a student's absence is due to reasons accepted by the principal – festivals or ceremonial occasions. These may be due to or include: misadventure or unforeseen event, participation in special events not related to the school, domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member, attendance at funerals or recognised religious ceremony.

M - The student was exempted from attending school. In the case of students of compulsory school age, applications for student leave can be considered as applications for exemption from school attendance. For example domestic necessity – travelling over caregivers must complete an application and approval granted prior to the period of leave. Principals may approve exemptions for school for periods totalling up to 50 days. School Education Directors grant an exemption totalling up to 100 days. Regional Directors must grant an exemption for more than 100 days in a 12 month period

*Be on time,
Be at School,
That's the Rule*

Gae Masters
Deputy Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 2/3: H Koturaj
Thurs 3/3: R Langley
Fri 4/3: V Davis, S Harrison, A O'Neile
Mon 7/3: S Harrison, S Pederson
Tues 8/3: L O'Neill, S Chadburn
Wed 9/3: F Kerwin
Thurs 10/3: N Anderson, K Little
Fri 11/3: S Harrison, V Ferris
Mon 14/3: S Harrison, J Bulmer
Tues 15/3: J Duffy



The Canteen is always looking for more volunteers. If you can help out please phone Faye Rose (Canteen

English Competition

The English Faculty is offering students a \$2.70 discount to enter the English Competition this year. It will be held on the Tuesday 2 August, 2011. This is an Australia wide competition. Students in previous years have received Credits, Distinctions and High Distinctions. We need to get in early and book our places. Open to Yr7, 8, 9 & 10.

See how good your English skills are?

\$5 to the office a.s.a.p.

Head Teacher English
Mrs J Densley

SRC NEWS

During this term the SRC are involved in a Health and Wellbeing survey being undertaken by the Health Department and Active Kyogle. The members of the SRC and other interested students will be interviewing about 5 people in our community, mostly aged over 30. If you are interested in being part of the Survey team please see Ms Woollorton, Mr Llewellyn or Mrs Langfield or any SRC member. The Survey is being done between the 16th March and 6th April. Those surveyed can also make comments about the person who surveyed them, putting them in the running for awards for involvement.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Ann Barlow at Peters Food Hall for the loan of a coffee grinder to assist the Hospitality students in their food & beverage studies. A lot of our students need jobs to support their studies and having good coffee making and customer service skills makes them more employable. Thank you Ann for your generous assistance. **Cheryl Woods –Hospitality Teacher.**

WANTED

Year 7 students interested in learning to play: flute, trumpet, alto sax & tenor sax.

The instruments are available now!!

There are no hire fees.

All that is required is enthusiasm & commitment.

Beginner Band lessons commence this Wednesday.

Please see Ms Wild ASAP to organise your instrument. Parents can ring Ms Wild on 66321300 for more information.

Computer Co-ordinator

Hello, my name is Jennifer Kershaw and my position in the school is the Teacher Librarian. In addition to this role I have taken on the role of Computer Co-ordinator for 2011 from Mr Blair O'Meara.



Smartboards: The school successfully installed Smartboards for each faculty in 2010 and in 2011 we plan to invest in more technology. Staff have worked hard and enthusiastically to complete a number of intensive training sessions throughout 2010 to make use of the Smartboard capabilities and integrate this into their teaching practice. This enhances our Quality Teaching and Learning throughout the school.

Laptops: Year 9 have now received Department of Education Revolution (DER) laptops for 2011. Mr Trent Boyd, our Technical Service Officer for the DER Laptop program prepared these laptops in record time for distribution to our eager Year 9 students. Mr Boyd also offers valuable support for the integration of Laptops in the classroom by visiting and supporting teachers and students during class periods throughout the year.



[Mrs Jennifer Kershaw](#)

Kyogle High School is focussing, using National Partnerships as a platform, on Middle Schooling this year. This program is aimed to ensure that the students in Years Seven and Eight receive the highest quality teaching and learning experience we can provide. Aspects of the middle years that we will be aiming to improve include:

- The transition from Primary to High School
- The connection between the High School and our local Primary Schools
- The classroom experience of Stage 4 students.
- The community's knowledge of the classes in Stage 4.
- Student satisfaction with their learning.

Blair O'Meara

Middle School Co-ordinator

CHOIR

For interested students and staff—On Wednesdays, during lunch, a small group of us are getting together and singing. This will continue every Wednesday, so if you are interested in coming along and having fun.....we'd love to see you there!!!! No Auditions.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KYOGLE NETBALL—the new season is just around the corner. Sign on for all ages is Saturday 5th March at Kyogle Netball Courts from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

All ages welcome—come along and be added to a team or make up your own team. Contact Mel Ingram for any further information on 0418219331.