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Tuesday 22 March 2011 Week 1 of Cycle Term 1 Vol 8

Next P&C Meeting - Thursday 19 May 2011 starting at 5:30pm



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Each week we continue to celebrate the students of Kyogle High School and their achievements. We celebrate the fact that we have students attending National Science Camps, Mini United Nations Assemblies, State SRC Conferences and continually improving on their academic performance.

Last year there was a great deal of controversy about the “My School” websites. In 2011 it shows some interesting information again. What is apparent is that public schools are doing a tremendous job. We need to start focussing on the successes we have. At Kyogle High School in 2011 we have introduced Self Select classes and the work these students are doing is outstanding. They are self motivated, focussed and engaged and responsible for their own levels of learning. We have a Year 11 Advanced English class bursting at the seams. We have one of the largest Physics cohorts in Year 11 that we have seen in a number of years and the same can be said of Business Studies, Community and Family Studies and Visual Arts. Students are active and focussed in their learning. In 2010 thirteen students applied for early entry at Southern Cross University...thirteen achieved early entry. In 2011 we have several applications for our students to attend Stewart House in Sydney. Stewart House is a place funded by NSW Public School teachers and students and parents from public schools. It is about building self esteem, new opportunities and a sense of well-being. Students attend for 12 days at no cost to their family. Kyogle High School staff are justifiably proud of their involvement and support of this unique program.

Sometimes it is easy to be negative when things don't appear to be working ...we need to continually remind ourselves that as a community and a school that belongs to the community, our students, our staff and our P&C are doing great things. The P&C worked tirelessly on the weekend at a Bunnings Barbeque to raise funds for Kyogle High School. Michael Donnelly chopped up 18kg of onions, Jan Langfield gathered implements and Belinda Parker organised all personnel. They are part of our community that we value and celebrate.

This week we got to shine in front of the cameras for school photos . We have many of the Year 7 at a Camp but classes will operate for the rest of Year 7. We have a number of boys at Representative Football and Year 10 & 11 heading off to explore Physics at Dreamworld.

Have a great week.

Janeen Silcock

COMING EVENTS

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

21 March— Year 7 Camp (3 days)

22 March— Love Bites Program (Year 10)

24 March— Year 7 & Family Photos

25 March—Year 10 & 11 Physics Excursion— Dreamworld

28 March— Year 12 Half-Yearly Exams commence

28 March— Year 10 Work Experience all week

COMMUNITY LIAISING



- School photos were taken yesterday, with the photographer returning on Thursday 24 March to take photos of any students who missed out and Year 7 and family photos as well.. If your child was away on Monday please ask them to let Ms Masters know and they will go on the list for Thursday.
- The Year 7 visit to Coffs Coast Beach Camp is on this week returning on Wednesday afternoon. Hopefully they will have a great time and lovely weather.
- Year 11 exams are scheduled for early next term. Year 11 recently went to their 'Crossroads' personal development course which they enjoyed, particularly the discussion groups.
- Year 12 start their half yearly exams next Monday. They should all have their timetable by now, so keep up the study! If parents have concerns about a particular subject that their Year 12 student is doing please contact the teacher and leave a message.
- School reports are due out to parents on Friday 1 April. This term we are having a new format for the reports as we are changing over to a newer statewide school reporting program. There will still be the same information, with this report being on progress only. The main semester report is due at the end of Term 2.
- The Parent Teacher afternoon for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be held on Tuesday the 5 April, from 4-6pm. This year we will be returning to the system of no appointments, just waiting in turn. We will be ringing a bell though, to keep the interviews to 5 minutes per person. If you are not able to arrive before 5pm please ring the front office to make an appointment for the teachers you would like to see. This is a great opportunity to discuss how your child is managing and working at school so please mark it on your calendar.
- The Survey work being done by the SRC and other students is going well, with many people onto their second interview. Please encourage them to keep going with this, and if you are interviewed please return the postcard with the interviewers name so they go in the three prize Draws.
- The Art Department are looking for student work to put in the 'You Own It' art exhibition at the Roxy Gallery. If you have work you would like to put in the school and Youth based display please see Ms Denley, Ms. O'Meara or Mrs. Andrews this week for more information. Works need to be entered by the beginning of next week.
- Good luck wishes go to Hayden White and Robert Rose who travel to the State Swimming carnival at Homebush this week, Hope it all goes well and is a great experience.
- **Enclosed in this newsletter is a form to update your records—please take the time to fill it in even if you think your details are correct—then send it into the school. This way we can check that all the details are correct. Thank you.**

If you have any questions about school please contact me at school or on 66339132 ah. Jan Langfield-Community Liaison Officer

From the Deputy's Office

HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED AT SCHOOL

At Kyogle High School we are trying to make sure that each and every one of our students achieves as well as possible. The following advice is a guide for parents to help support their children's learning. We realise that it is often difficult to understand what students are required to do at high school, but hope that these guidelines will help you to help your student succeed at school.

- Good sleep and a good breakfast. Every day teachers see evidence of the importance of rest and food for students' being ready and able to learn. Sleep specialists recommend that adolescents have 9 hours sleep each night!
- Being organized. Having a school diary, having a pencil case, with blue or black pens, a red pen, a pencil and some coloured pencils.
- Completed bookwork. Ask to see your child's books regularly. Completed bookwork is often a good indicator of the standard of work being done. Is bookwork neat (headings, margins, dates) and is work completed (do sentences have endings? Does it look finished?)
- Assignments and tests. Students with diaries are more likely to remember to complete assignments on time and prepare for tests. Doing their best in EVERY subject. In Years 7 & 8, students are studying the subjects which are compulsory for them to complete satisfactorily to be eligible for a School Certificate at the end of Year 10. All subjects are viewed as equally important at this stage of education. Being positive about students' efforts in all their classes is another way of helping your child achieve to their potential.

Together, we hope that we can make sure that all our students achieve to the best of their ability.

Gae Masters
Deputy Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 23/3: W Ferguson
Thurs 24/3: K Crawter
Fri 25/3: S Harrison, J O'Neill
Mon 28/3: S Pederson, S Harrison
Tues 29/3: A Syre
Wed 30/3: W Ferguson
Thurs 31/3: P Haydock
Fri 01/4: S Harrison, V Davis, A O'Neill
Mon 4/4: S Harrison, A Syre
Tues 5/4: K Carter



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

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\$856.00

Fantastic Effort!!!!

SRC NEWS

Recently in SRC we have been working on several projects. We are continuously doing fundraisers to try and get our speakers up in the quad and around the playground. On 6 May in Term 2 we are running a Multicultural Day to support our sponsor child in India, Depali Imprakesh. We will be holding activities in the quad and serving Indian dishes.

The health survey that SRC is participating in began last Wednesday 16 March. For the next three weeks SRC will be interviewing community members.

We are also partaking in a video conference with SRC students on 31 March to collaborate ideas and stay in touch with regional members.

Good luck to Lowana Davies who will be travelling to Sydney this week as our State Representative.

A big congratulations to the people who participated in the World's Greatest Shave for the Leukaemia Foundation.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos for Years 8,9,10,11 & 12 were on Monday 21 March 2011. Year 7 photos will be done on Thursday due to the camp. Family photos and any students who missed out on Monday will also be done. Please make sure you have the correct money in the envelope and bring it along on Thursday.

Careers Watch

1. School Based Traineeship in Hospitality at a restaurant located at The Risk. Last call for interested Year 11 students. Work is weekends. Students must be prepared to undertake Hospitality training in Food & Beverage at school. Must return their application form by Wednesday 23 March 2011
2. Work Experience Program for Year 10 students is being finalised this week. You may want to contact the employer this week as a reminder you will starting next Monday 28 March 2011.
3. The first careers newsletter for 2011 will be distributed by email later this week. Parents who wish to join the email list can contact the Careers Adviser with their email address. The Newsletters tend to be relevant to Senior students.
4. Upcoming event: Careers & Training Expo— Lismore Town Hall on 6 May 2011 -bus will be provided.

Mr Steve Ormond
Careers Watch

Rugby League News

Last week an enthusiastic group of Footy Players travelled to Ballina last week for the Far North Coast League trials. In the Under 15's we had Marty Ferguson, Nathan Farragher, Sam Bulmer, Jeremy Parker and Aaron Davies qualify to play Lower North Coast at Grafton.

Quentin Olive, Lachlan Crawter, Thomas Gordon and Ben Studders qualified in the Opens.



Congratulations to all who participated. The above students will play Lower North Coast this Wednesday 23 March in Grafton for selection to play for Greater Region then State.

Jason McKee
Organiser

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