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Tuesday 5 April 2011 Week 1 of Cycle Term 1 Vol 10

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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It seems like we scooted quickly through February and March and already Easter is upon us. It has been a huge term and we have been involved in a number of activities.

***"Vision without action is merely a dream
Action without vision just passes the time.
Vision with action can change the world."
Joel A Barker***

Kyogle High School is a school committed to creating futures for our students. We accept that the single greatest in-school influence on student engagement and outcomes is teacher quality. We accept that literacy and numeracy attainment is a cornerstone of schooling. Kyogle High School is developing three key themes that lead our transformation of these beliefs into classroom practices. We have committed to Quality Teaching and Learning and the continuous development of Quality Integrated Technology in our school environment. These three lines lead our decision making processes and future directions. We are committed to making continuous improvements to ensure that all students benefit from the highest quality education.

In Term 1, we celebrated the academic achievements of Year 12 2010 and those students who have achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. We celebrated students attending Zone swimming and our young boys who have continued selection through the ranks in Rugby League. We celebrated Gwen Palmer's attendance at the National Science Camp and Lowena Davies' representation as a State Representative on the SRC. Last week, I was invited to celebrate the success of two Year 10 students from last year; Sonna Clark and Will Tarrant who have been nominated by TAFE NSW for Awards of Excellence. There is not enough space to mention all the achievements of staff and students but congratulations to all who are committed to achieving their personal best.

Through National Partnerships, Kyogle High School is working closely with Kyogle Primary School and our local feeder schools on developing a strong Middle School. We held our first Gifted and Talented Science Workshop for students from Year 4,5,6 last week. This will be followed up by other activities. In Term 1 2011, our first Self Select English class was established in Year 8 and we are looking to increase these throughout the year. We are in partnership with Wiangaree Public School delivering Quick Smart Numeracy and will introduce Quick Smart Literacy next term. Individual Learning Plans have been developed for identified students and we are proud of our Learning Centre. Work has commenced on planning the moving of demountables in readiness for Capital Works to begin next term. Last week Kyogle High School YEC took out the Regional Landcare Award and now move on to State Awards. Congratulations to Ian Judd and his team.

On that note, Mr Judd's passion for the environment has seen him accept a relieving Principal's position for Term 2, 2011 at Dorrroughby Field Centre. He will return to us in Term 3, 2011. The Acting Head Teacher will be announced at the beginning of Term 2, 2011.

We acknowledged the hardships others face and supported Tully State High School and the Leukemia Foundation.

To our delight, we also welcomed three new babies into our community; Zoe Selwood, Matilda and Luka Green.

We have been busy!

Term 1 finishes on Friday 8 April. Students return for Term 2 on Thursday 28 April. Thank you to the staff of Kyogle High School for all your hard work and dedication to our students. Thank you to the students who have applied their best efforts and thank you to parents, carers and the community for your continued support. Have a safe and happy holiday...I love chocolate and so Easter is close to my heart and unfortunately, my waistline...but so worth it! I am travelling to Japan and hoping to catch up with friends who have and still are, trying to survive the devastation. Take care.

Janeen Silcock
Principal

COMING EVENTS

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

28 March- 5 April - Year 12 Half-Yearly Exams

5 April - Year 7-10 Parent / Teacher Evening

8 April - End of Term One

COMMUNITY LIAISING



- The **Parent Teacher interviews** for years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are on this afternoon, 5 April from 4-6 pm. If you get to see this newsletter before then you are very welcome to come and meet with your child's teachers. You do not need appointments, unless you are coming in after 5pm. If you miss out on seeing a particular teacher please ring the school and the teacher will be given a message to contact you.
- Tomorrow, Wednesday **6 April is the final day for the Community Health and Wellbeing survey**. If your student has not uploaded their survey results please remind them to get these done today, as well as any last minute interviews. Thank you very much to everyone who has answered the survey and returned their comment cards this week. The week 2 winner is Emily Muirhead, who has completed and entered 6 surveys, a great effort!
- **Year 10 Work Experience** went very well last week with some students having their turn this week. It was great to see them around the town looking very interested in their jobs. The school really appreciates the generosity of the host employers who assist with Work Experience.
- Last Friday a team of students travelled with Mr. Judd to the regional Land care finals, including the **School Environment Awards** where we were finalists. It was a great achievement to be named **equal 1st in the region** from Taree in the South to Tweed in the north. Congratulations to the school team and the Youth Environment Council (YEC).
- In Week 9 Hayden White and Robert Rose travelled to Sydney to compete in the **State Swimming Championships** at Homebush. Hayden achieved 19th in the 100 metres Breaststroke -17 years and Robert came 4th in his heat in the 50 metres Breaststroke for 15 years.. Congratulations and thank you for representing Kyogle High School and the North Coast.
- Our school Anzac Day service is being held this Thursday. This is a very solemn assembly with students with the Flag raising and walk past. We also invite all our students to march in the **Anzac Day march in Kyogle on Anzac Day. Please assemble at the Swimming pool at around 10am**. Please look in the local paper for march times. Those marching need to wear full school uniform. Every year we are having more students march and it is a very rewarding experience for those who do.
- The **School Cross Country** is on the first day of term so people need to be training over the holidays.
- **Year 11 start their half-yearly exams in week 2 of Term 2** so they need to do some revision and reading over the break. Maybe lying in the sun reading their English text may appeal! Year 12 have just finished their half yearly exams.
- The term will finish on Friday 8 April and restarts for staff on Wednesday 27 April and the whole school returns **Thursday 28 April**. Have a relaxing break, hopefully with some lovely weather.

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

The end of term 1 is finally here and I have taken time to reflect on my time as the 'new DP' at Kyogle High School.

Change is hard for anyone at any age and I was scared about changing to a new school, as I am sure any student who has changed schools can understand. I was worried that staff and students wouldn't like me, that I wouldn't cope in the job, that my own children wouldn't like changing to a new primary school - typical feelings I am sure, but they were real for me.

I am very proud to be part of this school and admire the traditions and attitude that the school has in creating futures for all students. I like the students and have found them to be courteous with a strong sense of social justice and fairness for all. I have enjoyed the challenge of working with students in changing the 'walking out of school' attitude during the school day and working with the few students who don't have school uniform or those who wear inappropriate clothes for the school environment. I have enjoyed the challenge of working with a new staff and am involved in some exciting projects including transition (from primary to high school) and am part of the welfare team. I have met great parents and carers who are willing to work with the school in providing the best educational and welfare outcomes for their student.

I thank the students, staff and the community for making me feel welcome and I am sure that this partnership will be successful for Kyogle High School.

Happy Easter and a safe holiday for all.

Mrs Gae Masters

Deputy Principal



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 6/4: R Langley
 Thurs 7/4: S Harrison, V Ferris
 Fri 8/4: Holidays
 Thurs: 28/4: K Crawter
 Fri 29/4: S Harrison, P Haydock, M Pederson
 Mon 2/5: S Harrison, A Syre
 Tues 3/5: K Carter



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

MIDDLE SCHOOL INITIATIVES AT KHS

Last week Head teacher Science (aka Professor Juddles) came out of retirement to host a group of enthusiastic students from Kyogle Primary School. This middle school initiative aims to break down some of the mysteries about high school and also provides an opportunity for students to work with specialist subject teachers.

The students were hosted to a hands on, one period scientific adventure in geology, biology, magnetism and chemistry. Mr Blair O'Meara, KHS middle school coordinator provided the opportunity for the exchange of skills and knowledge with the primary school and we look forward to many other visits from the local Primary Schools in the future.



KHS Cross Country

The school cross country will be held during sport on Thursday 28th April which is the first school day of Term 2. All students are expected to attend and participate. House points for participation and place getters will be on offer as well as age champion medallions. If students are unable to participate then they are expected to bring a signed permission note excusing them from the activity. Please wear adequate foot wear suitable for running. Students who are unaware of the cross country course can get a map from the PDHPE staff room during recess or lunch. A final sport selection will also run at the completion of the cross country for any students who have not made a selection yet.

CHS State Swimming

Congratulations to Hayden White in Year 11 and Robert Rose in Year 7 on their efforts in Sydney at the NSW State Swimming Championships. Both students achieved excellent results and should be proud of their efforts. They have both been outstanding competitors and excellent representatives of Kyogle High in their chosen sport and are already back at it training hard to make improvements on their results this year.

CHS Boys Soccer

The open boys soccer team is set to play Kadina High next Friday 8 April. All students involved in that team need to ensure that they have their permission note handed in to the front office by Wednesday 6 April. If insufficient notes are received then the game will be cancelled.

Lunch time Inter-house Competition

Next term students of all years will have the opportunity to participate in an inter-house sport competition to win additional points for their overall house point score to contest the Kyogle High School Nunn Shield. Teams will be made up of students from each house group over the various year groups. Each house can nominate a 7/8yrs team for soccer, a 9/10 yrs team for touch football and a senior's basketball team. Only one team can be nominated for each year group and teams can change into clothing of their house colour for the duration of the game. For more information please see Mr. Bonotto this week.

Science Competition

The 2011 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science Competition will be held this year at the school on Wednesday 8 June. The competition is a fun, interesting and challenging way of learning about science and all students receive a certificate along with medals for top achievers. All science students in years 7-12 are invited to compete to challenge their science skills! Notes will be handed out in Science classes and these along with payment need to be returned to the office by Friday 29 April.

Mrs R Rasborek
Organiser

Maths Competition

Invitations have been sent home for the Australian Maths Competition. Could parents please complete and return the note if their student is intending to enter the competition.

Contact Mr Owen Johnsen or Mr Joe Landers for further enquiries.

A friendly reminder from the TSO

Please take care of your laptop, even when the laptop is in its case. Make sure the laptop is charged and ready for each day of school. If you're having problems with your laptop see **Mr Boyd** in the Library, during **recess and lunch**.



Youth Week Art Exhibition

Youth Week is on this week with the theme being "Own it". To celebrate there is an art exhibition at Roxy gallery starting on Tuesday 5 April, with the official opening on Friday 8 April at 4-6 pm. There will be a wonderful display of artworks created by our talented students, both to view and buy. The exhibition runs until the 21st April so pop in and have a look.

KHS Youth Environment Committee Win Prestigious Award



Congratulations to Kyogle High School Youth Environment Council for taking out the Northern Rivers Landcare Award for "Excellence in Environmental Education".

Kyogle High School are now regional winners and a delegation will travel to Parkes later in the year to represent the KHS YEC at the State Awards.

YEC mentor and Head Science teacher Mr Ian Judd travelled to Grafton on Friday with YEC members Aaron McKee, Robbie Judd, Hayden Doolan and Kirra Harrison. The very excited group arrived back at KHS on Friday afternoon proudly displaying their Award and prize.

Kyogle Little Athletics

When : Mondays at 4.30 pm
 Where : Kyogle High School Oval
 Sign-on 2nd and 9th May 2011
 For more info contact Kim on 66321 544.

