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**Tuesday 24 May 2011      Week 1 of Cycle      Term 2      Vol 4**

***Next P&C Meeting - 16 June 2011 starting at 6:00pm***

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## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

It is difficult to imagine that we have had Year 6 into Year 7 2012 Information Night again...it comes so quickly. Congratulations to the staff, students, parents and carers who made the night happen. Particular mention must go to Blair O'Meara, Janet Andrews, Jan Langfield who worked tirelessly to ensure the success. Staff were committed and enthusiastic in sharing the great things we do and can offer to our community.

We are grateful for the support to the school offered by parents and members of the community. However, an apology is in order. Last term, Kyogle High School began the transition to a new reporting system that was free of charge and in line with a number of our feeder schools. In our haste to look at this, we did not allow time to develop a sound interim report. Interim reports go out in Term 1 and Term 3 to let parents know how their child is going. It is not intended as a detailed report as received in Semester 1 and Semester 2. We understand that parents value this interim report. The new reporting system did not allow for this and so we put together, in haste, an interim report that was not up to standard. We are very grateful for the feedback on how we can make this better. As our first document to be in the hands of a number of parents, it was not acceptable and I apologise unreservedly. We are committed to delivering quality communication to our parents and carers.

Last week, a young person died as a result of "planking" and another young life was put on hold. We are in the business of looking after young people and ensuring that they remain safe and have every opportunity to achieve their potential. Students at Kyogle High School are talented, creative, intelligent young people. We want to see them all grow up. All students have been cautioned in Assembly that any behaviour that endangers their life or that of others, that is irresponsible and reflective of poor choices involving this behaviour, will result in a suspension.

Last week the P&C held their AGM. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thanks to the Executive members of 2010. Belinda Parker has held the position of President for the past three terms and has done so with enthusiasm, diligence and with our young people at the forefront of decision making. Michael Donnelly is the new President and I am sure will do a remarkable job. Thanks to Wendy Ferguson for her role as Vice President and congratulations to Sonya Soulsby on gaining this position. Rebecca Langley has been re-elected Secretary along with Jodie Little as Treasurer.

Last Saturday Steve Ormond and I had the pleasure of attending the NSW North Coast TAFE Awards. Congratulations to Will Tarrant and Sonna Clark on their nominations. We were very proud.

On June 23, 2011 the P&C and Kyogle High School will be farewelling a valued member of our staff. Jan Langfield is our Community Liaison Officer and a School Learning Student Officer. She has been an active member of the P and C since 1993 and only missed eight meetings during that time. Jan's farewell is on at the Kyogle Golf Club on Thursday June 23 2011. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be booked through Michael Donnelly P & C President on 66321070 or Mr Tom Llewellyn at the school.

Have a good week  
*Janeen Silcock*

### **COMING EVENTS**

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

25 May - Zone Cross Country

30 May - 3 June - Year 7, 8 and 9 Half Yearly exams

2 June - School Athletics Carnival

7 June—Year 11/12 Parent/Teacher evening

## COMMUNITY LIAISING



- May continues to be a very busy month.
- The Year 6 Information night was held last night with a good attendance by families from the local schools. A huge thank you goes to all the staff and students who willingly came in and proudly showed the positives about our school in displays, learning demonstrations and being there for questions. The Agriculture classes put on a great barbecue.
- The **Zone Cross Country** is on tomorrow at Evans Head, meeting firstly at the Kiosk to walk the track. If parents have any questions about any carnivals, they are very welcome to contact Mr Rasborsek the Sports Coordinator for information. There was a change of date from the date given on the Term 2 calendar due to the weather and unfortunately this may have been a bit confusing. My apologies for this. Generally the notes for attendance at zone carnivals will go out within the week following the school carnival. If any students does not get a note and they think they should have been selected they should see Mr Rasborsek as soon as possible.
- As the colder weather has definitely arrived it is time for uniform reminders. The **school jumper is the green sloppy Joe** that is available at the canteen. There is also a school jacket for sale. The jackets are \$35 and the jumpers are \$28. If you are going to the canteen to buy a jumper, please wait until the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of lunch when it is not as busy at the canteen. **Black Jumpers are not part** of the uniform. If you need to wear any different jumper, this needs to be green or a dark colour with no writing on it. You need to get a note from the Deputy Principal to be out of the set uniform.
- Speaking of Uniform, we have a vacant position for a volunteer to be the uniform coordinator at our Uniform shop. This is located currently in the school canteen. This role would be suited to someone who can do ordering or would like to volunteer to help at school but cannot come to canteen or meetings. There would be training and plenty of support given to learn how to fill this role. If you are interested, please contact Jan or Michael Donnelley, the new P & C President.
- A huge thank you goes to Jill O'Neill who has organised the buying of uniforms for the last 7 + years, Her efforts have been much appreciated and have helped get all of our students into uniform most of the time.
- The **Under 15's Rugby League players** will be playing a match in the next week against Alstonville High. The Opens will be playing against Casino. Please contact Mr McKee for more information.
- We still need **more permission notes for photographing and video permission as well as contact details to set up the email contact list**. Please fill in the note below or send an email to Kyogle-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au with 'email contact list' in the subject heading. We will then put you on the list for newsletters or other contacts and reminders. This will be starting around Week 7.
- The **Senior Parent Information night will be held on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> June from 4pm – 5.30 pm**. There will be a note going out with the details shortly. All parents and carers of senior students are very welcome to come and talk about your students' aims and progress. Senior years can be very challenging and it is important to have everyone know how to manage senior studies.
- Steve Ormond and the Year Advisor, along with Senior Executive will be conducting interviews with all Year 11 students. Times etc will be given out this week. If a parent or carer would like to attend, they are most welcome. They will need to sign in at the front office and will be directed to the venue.

If you have any concerns about school please feel free to contact me at school or on 6633 9132 and I will discuss them with you.

*Jan Langfield*

*Community Liaison Officer*

## From the Deputy's Office

### Student Safety

The roads around schools can become very busy places at the start and end of the day. With the added traffic it is very important that all students cross the road safely. There have been some incidents recently where students have crossed the road at inappropriate and unsafe locations and in a careless manner that has almost resulted in an accident. The safest of all places to cross is the pedestrian crossing between our school and Kyogle Primary school on the Summerland Way. I would ask parents to please assist the school by helping us to reinforce road safety with their student.

### Day Leave

Students are still leaving the school grounds at recess and lunch and going down town without obtaining day leave from me before school. It is important that parents do not support this behaviour by sending in notes after the event explaining they did have permission to leave. For students to leave the school grounds during the school day they must have a note stating their name, grade, time to leave and return, plus the reason day leave is required. Please note that leave cannot be granted for non essential appointments such as the hairdressers.

### Year 6 into 7 Transitions

KHS is hosting a 'Connections Day' on 6 June for year 5 and 6 students from partner primary schools. Students will experience lessons in areas such as design, computing, science, English, PE, and LOTE. If you know of any potential students at non-governments schools considering coming to Kyogle High School in either 2012 or 2013, they are welcome to contact the school and register for the day.

*Mrs Gae Masters*

*Deputy Principal*

# Careers Watch

- Next Monday and Tuesday (30 & 31 May), we will be holding our Year 11 Report interviews. Students will work with the Principal, Year Advisor and Careers Advisor. At the interview each student will be asked to review their academic and training progress and identify areas of improvement for the future. Students will also identify the actions they can undertake, over the next few months, as steps towards achieving the long term career and study goals. Students will be given their interview times on Wednesday this week. Parents are welcome to attend the interview with their student. Could parents please confirm their attendance through the front office or contact the Careers Advisor.
- As follow up from the Year 12 report interviews last week, the HSC Study Day will be held at Southern Cross Uni on 16 June. The day gives good advice to students preparing for HSC examinations in major subject areas. Hopefully, most students will attend the day. Ms Wooltorton will be organising permission notes and tickets this week.
- Next week interested Year 12 students will be attending the Teaching day at Southern Cross Uni and the Health Day at the Rural Health Centre in Lismore. Both are excellent opportunities for students with targeted goals into teaching and health.
- Last week over 20 students attended the Defence Forces talk. The presenters were impressed with the quality of questions and the level of interest shown by our students. Year 12 are reminded that the ADF Gap year applications close 29 May 2011.
- Also last week Year 9 received their School to Work Planning Log Books. Students were shown how to record their employment-related skills in the Log Book. Over the next few weeks all Year 9 students will attend workshops to develop career awareness and research skills.
- Last weekend I attended the TAFE Excellence Awards presentation. It was wonderful to see two of our past students, Sonna Clark and Will Tarrant, receive recognition for their achievement in the General Education, Cert II in Skills for Work & Training. Congratulations to both students.

Steve Ormond  
Careers Advisor

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 25/5: W Ferguson  
Thurs 26/5: K Crawler  
Fri 27/5: J O'Neill  
Mon: 30/5: W Poussart  
Tues 31/5: D Skinner  
Wed 1/6: Held needed  
Thurs 2/6: R Langlely  
Fri 3/6: V Davis, A O'Neill  
Mon 6/6: A Syre  
Tues 7/6: K Carter



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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### OLD BONALBO P&C FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

Saturday 11 June 2011

starting at 5pm at the Bonalbo Showground

Steak Sandwiches, Sausage Sandwiches,  
Hot Chips, Hot Soup, Bacon & Egg Sandwiches,  
Dessert, Music & Raffles

### SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS SET TO MUSIC

Adults & High School ENTRY ONLY \$10  
Primary Children ENTRY ONLY \$5  
Please Note: Meals at own expense  
**Please come for a great night out!**



## WOODENBONG Yowie Country Market

LAST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH

8am-3pm Woodenbong Hall & Grounds  
Free Live Music. Variety of indoor/outdoor stalls.  
Hot food. Face Painting. Children's Playground.  
Wheelchair access & Amenities. W.A.G.  
(Woodenbong Arts Group Inc.) displays & interaction.  
Insured stall site \$12 Contact: Carey 0266351176

**NEXT MARKET SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> May**

### KYOGLE PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C FETE

**FRIDAY 27th May 2011  
6PM TIL 9PM**

Lots of fun to be had by all this year at the fete.  
Come and join us.



**Kyogle Rotary Club** is seeking a family to host a South African exchange student from July until the end of December.

Please contact Peter Clarke on 0401 754 411 or Mrs Silcock for more information.

The **Australian Red Cross Blood Service** is conducting a Mobile Blood Collection in your community. Your help is needed to support this vital service.

**Kyogle Bowling Club  
Larkin Street, Kyogle**

**Monday 30 May 2:00pm - 6:30pm (10 more donors needed)**

**Tuesday 31 May 10:00am - 2:30pm (20 more donors are needed)**

Please call 13 14 95 to make an appointment.

**More blood donors are needed to ensure blood supplies are available through the winter months.**