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Tuesday 6th September 2011    Week 2 of Cycle    Term 3    Vol 15  
*Next P&C Meeting - 8th September 2011 starting at 6:00pm*

## A BUSY TIME FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS



Term 3 is a busy time for Year 12 Students and we are sadly drawing closer to the end of their formal education at Kyogle High School. With most classes finalising content, this is an important few weeks for revision and consolidating skills. The Industrial Arts Practical Works have been marked and the Textiles, English Extension, History Extension, Music Composition and Visual Arts works are packed and making their way to Board of Studies Marking Centres in Sydney. Performance works are being marked by visiting Board of Studies Markers, with Drama in week 7 and Music in Week 8. A huge sigh of relief has been exhaled by Drama teacher, Ms Bobbie Sharpe and Ebony Bail and Nikki Austin who completed their Drama performances on Friday. Both girls performed their monologues and would like to thank Nikki Kenman (Year 11) for working with them and performing in their Group performance. The audience consisted of elective Drama students from years 9,10 and 11 who described the opportunity to be involved as an audience "a really good opportunity." Year 12 are keen perform a progressive Barn Dance on their Formal Night and have been practicing on Mondays with 'mixed results'. We thank Mr and Mrs Densley for helping Year 12 'find their feet'.



### COMING EVENTS

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

7 Sept:    Year 7 Art Excursion - Cancelled.  
8 Sept:    Staff/Teachers Stopwork Meeting  
14 Sept:    Year 11 Yearly exams commence  
15 Sept:    18th Century Italian Street Theatre, SCU Excursion

## From the Principal's desk

### 24hrs Industrial Action Thursday 8 September 2011

The vast majority of teachers and support staff at Kyogle High School have indicated they will be supporting industrial action on Thursday 8 September.

Normal classes will not operate on this day and the Canteen will be closed.

We advise students not to attend school on Thursday as only **very minimal supervision** will be available.

Letters will be sent home with students regarding this matter.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Mrs Janeen Silcock  
Principal

## From the Deputy's Office

At the start of the term a calendar was published and sent home with students highlighting important dates for this term. Two of those dates were the **Year 11 Yearly Exams** and the **Year 10 Trial School Certificate** that were scheduled for the last two weeks of this term. However, due to the HSC music practical exam date only being sent to the school a week ago we have had to push back not only the Year 11 Yearly exams to start on the Wednesday of Week 9 and run into Week 10, but we have needed to completely reschedule the SC trials until Week 1, Term 4. The Yr 10 Trial SC exams will now run Tuesday 11 October, Wednesday 12 October with the computer exam on the morning of Thursday 13 October.

Mrs Gae Masters  
Deputy Principal

## CALCULATORS FOR LIFE

As part of the requirements for Mathematics, Year 7 to 10 students at Kyogle High School, **ALL NEED TO HAVE THEIR OWN CALCULATOR.**

This is specified in the Year 7 Handbook, however many students in Years 7 to 12 are not bringing their own calculators to class. The use of calculators is also required in many other subjects across the school curriculum from Years 7 to 12.

Calculators allow students access to mathematical concepts and experiences otherwise not available to them. As such, they are important tools for competent numeracy that allow students to reach a higher level of mathematical power and understanding.

Alternatives such as **mobile phone applications or computer software are not viable** due to speed of access and disallowance of such in classrooms and exams. Year 10 students will need a calculator for their School Certificate Exams and will need to be familiar with its operations. Borrowing one on the day is therefore not a strategic option.

The Front Office has **CASIO fx-82AU PLUS calculators available for purchase.** This is the optimal choice in calculator for school purposes and for post-school numeracy requirements.



Congratulations to the students representing Kyogle High School at Homebush in State Athletics this week.

**We are collecting the Coles—Schools for Sport Vouchers. If you have any please send them in to the school office or to the PE Staffroom. This is a great way for the school to get some more sporting equipment for free!!!**

## YEAR 11 YEARLY EXAMINATION TIMETABLE WEEK 1 AND 2

	Wednesday 14.9.11	Thursday 15.9.11	Friday 16.9.11	Monday 19.9.11	Tuesday 20.9.11	Wednesday 21.9.11
Students to the Hall by 8.55am for a 9am start	English Advanced 1 ½ hours + 5 min reading English Standard 1 ½ hours + 5 min reading	Mathematics Advanced 2hrs +5 min Mathematics General 2 hrs + 5 min	Biology 2 hrs + 5 min Design & Technology ½ hr + 5 min Chemistry 2 hrs + 5 min Visual Arts 1 ½ hrs + 5 min	PDHPE 2 ½ hrs + 5 min Textiles 1 ½ hrs + 5 min Legal Studies 2 hrs + 10 min Primary Industries 1 ½ hrs + 5 min Society & Culture 2 hrs + 5 min	Community & Family 2 hrs + 5 min Sports, Lifestyle & Recreation 1 hr + 5 min Physics 2 hrs + 5 min	Hospitality Operation VET 3 ½ hrs (Room 28)
Students at the Hall by 12.55pm for a 1pm start			Industrial Tech 1 ½ hrs + 5 min Business Studies 2 hrs + 5 min Drama 1 ½ hrs + 5 min  <i>Music aural exam will be done the week before exam week.</i>	Extension Mathematics 11/2 hrs + 5 min	English Extension 1 hr + 5 min	

Normal classes for Year 11 students resume on Wednesday 21.09.11 except for Hospitality Operations which will have their practical examination in Room 28 starting at 9 am.



## YOUTH SCIENCE FESTIVAL : THAILAND



Gwen Palmer in Year 12, recently travelled to Thailand as part of the Australian delegation to the APEC Youth Science Festival. Countries from Indonesia to the United States, and all APEC countries in between were represented in a gathering of

over 600 students over a week. The Festival focussed on the global nature of science as a field, the embracing of diverse cultures, and looking towards nature for inspiration and guidance as a global community.

Gwen has been involved with environmental groups for a number of years, and it was through her attendance at the Northern Rivers SUSS Forum that she heard of the National Youth Science Forum she attended earlier this year. Attendance at the NYSF gave the opportunity to apply for this unique



international program, and Gwen's teachers helped with putting an application together. Her selection was a result of involvement with opportunities through school, and she urges other students to take all opportunities that come their way. Gwen shared her experiences with students in a Power Point display at Assembly last Thursday.

## SUPPORTING LEGACY AT KHS

Students were involved in the sale of Legacy badges, pens and bands to raise money to support the families of past and present service people on Friday.

Thank you to Mr McKee for promoting school volunteers at KHS. Libby McKee displays the merchandise on sale.



## ENDURANCE RIDING

Hannah McQueen (Year 12) has been competing in the sport of endurance for around 6 years. She competes in 40, 80 and 160 kilometre rides and later this year will travel South Australia to ride in the prestigious Tom Quilty Gold Cup, which is a National event. The sport of endurance requires intense horsemanship and knowledge to ensure the horse is fit enough to complete the event with soundness and fitness. We wish Hannah and Mr Nix the best of luck at this event.



## KYOGLE COUNTRY ENDURANCE RIDERS

**WHEN :** 29th October around 9.30am

**EVENTS:** 20 and 40kms rides

**WHERE:** Wangaree Showground **COST:** \$30—\$50

**CONTACT:** Hannah McQueen to nominate 66 362 448

**HENDRA:** Go to QLD Endurance Riders Association Website.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

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

Wed 7/9: R Langley

Thurs 8/9: N Anderson, K Little

Fri 9/9: S Harrison, V Ferris

Mon 12/9: S Harrison, J Bulmer

Tues 13/9: L O'Neile, S Chadburn

Wed 14/9: "Help Needed"

Thurs 15/9: L Reilly, J O'Reilly

Fri 16/9: M Pederson, L Petherbridge

Mon 19/9: S Harrison, C Judd

Tues 20/9: "Help needed"

**Canteen news:** School jackets and jumpers are available in all sizes at the canteen now. All uniforms can be purchased after the second bell at lunch time.



## 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.

## Curriculum Changes Delayed in NSW

The implementation of national curriculum changes in English, Maths, Science and History for K-10 students will be delayed for NSW schools.

The NSW education minister, Adrian Piccoli said "more time was needed to ensure high standards were maintained". NSW schools can begin the planning phase for the new National Curriculum by 2013, with the curriculum moving to the classroom teaching phase from 2014.

## Guide to leaving school

If your child is finishing school at the end of this year and would like to explore their options, check out the department's leaving school information page at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php). Here you will a host of information about further study and training, apprenticeships, work and taking a gap year. Young people now must be in work or study or a combination of both until the age of 17.

## STRINGED INSTRUMENT LESSONS

Students at our school have the opportunity to learn violin, viola or cello with the very talented performer and teacher Julie Metcalfe. Julie has expressed an interest in teaching at KHS, however she needs a minimum of 4 students - beginners and more experienced players - to start these lessons. There will be a fee involved.

**If you are interested in having your son/daughter join this program would you please return the slip distributed to students in roll call to the Front Office ASAP.**

For further enquiries please contact Deborah Wild at the school on 66321300.