

## A BIG WELCOME TO YEAR 7



First day of High School!!

Highly excited students commenced Year 7 this year. They are all eager and proud to be making the transition to life as a High School student. Comments such as "it's cool", "I love it", "teachers are great" and "yummy canteen" are common talk in the playground. KHS staff are looking forward to fostering and nurturing the development of this group of talented and lovely Year 7 students.



One of these "great" teachers is Mrs Ruangsri. Here we see Year 7 Science students conducting an experiment on filtration. Words such as "soluble" and "insoluble" were being thrown around as everyone's eyes were eagerly watching for results.

### COMING EVENTS

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

21 February	NC Zone Swimming at Maclean
24 February	Rugby League Lismore
1 March	School Social-Welcome Year 7
5 March	PSP Survey Week

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

A special thanks to "Growing Kyogle" who donated \$50.00 to our high school band. The costs for equipment, music, repairs and maintenance continue to rise and money such as this makes it easier for us to continue such an important activity in our school.

Last week we began the roll out of laptops to Year 9. Thanks to Trent Boyd and Jenny Kershaw for their organisation of this. The laptops are a great asset to learning. However, they also bring a degree of responsibility that students and parents sign for. We are obliged to send any repairs to a central base. If they are not covered by warranty, the parents/students need to cover the costs and this can be high. Students need to be reminded to be careful with their laptops and take responsibility for their laptops. The new laptops look great and will be soon be in the hands of Year 9 students.

Our new Captains; Lachlan Crawter and Lylian Kapsodistrias and Vice Captains; Hannah Judd and Michael Stevens, have been busy. They initiated the introduction of lockers for Year 12 and sourced a number of possibilities. Those lockers have been ordered. Students in Year 12 will pay a hire fee for the year and this will be used to pay for these lockers and allow more lockers to be purchased in the future. Our Captains and Vice Captains also visited Alstonville High School last week to meet their Captains and develop partnerships. In April, Lachlan and Lylian will be travelling to Sydney to meet the Governor General. Exciting times!

Our new Senior Leaders also took on responsible roles this week and have elected a number of leadership duties. All are keen and looking at ways to improve the school. Our new Senior Leaders are; Jeremy Clark, Trevor Vail, Finn Graham, Nicola Fletcher, Rebecca O'Reilly and Shyarnah Tryhorn. Congratulations to these young people. They are **here to learn, here to lead**.

At last...the new shorts have arrived. It has been a long process with a great deal of consultation and organisation but finally the new high school shorts are in the school. Thanks to our P and C, Jan Langfield and Rachel Rasborsk for their tenacity in ensuring we have a design suitable for our students.

We had a visitor to the school last week; Milly Hickey. Milly is the first daughter of Julia Curtis and Shane Hickey and we welcome her into our KHS family.

Have a great week  
**Mrs Janeen Silcock**  
**Principal**

## **SCHOOL SOCIAL—WELCOME YEAR 7**

1st March 2012  
Theme—Wearing White Clothes  
6.30 pm to 9.00 pm  
Tickets \$5.00 each or \$7.00 per family.  
Tickets must be pre-bought

Inappropriate costumes or behaviour will not be accepted.

## **From the Deputy's Desk** **Sport and Physical Activity**

Sport and physical activity is a valued and accepted part of our school's curriculum, contributing to the development of the whole child. It provides a vehicle for social, physical, emotional and moral learning and is an important expression of our culture.

The participation, enjoyment and skill development of our students is the corner-stone of the school sport/ physical activity program. Students from Year 7-10 take part in this program as well, Year 7-11 do sport on Thursday afternoons. It is important that parents do not let students go home instead of participating in sport on Thursday afternoon or make regular appointments in this time. If your student has an injury or a physical disability preventing them from doing sport, please contact the school so alternate arrangements can be made – there are a number of non-physical sports to choose from.

There are also opportunities to represent our school at inter-school sports competitions. As a NSW public school we benefit from the opportunities for shared activities and competitions with other schools, coordinated by school sport associations.

**Mrs Gae Masters**  
**Deputy Principal**

## **Giddy USA Tour**

During the Christmas holidays I was fortunate enough to travel to the West Coast of America with 7 very excited Kyogle High School students. This tour offered the amazing opportunity for us to visit Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle. Our first stopover in LA saw us visiting Knots Berry Farm, Disney Land and Universal Studios. We toured Hollywood where we convinced our bus driver to stop and let us off in Rodeo Drive for a 'bit of window shopping' (no tour buses are allowed to do this – so we sneakily parked in a side street). I got to get my 15 minutes of fame at Universal Studios where I was plucked from the crowd to have my arm 'cut off' (thank god for special effects!) and be rescued from a 64 story building by King Kong. We travelled into the Old City of San Diego where we got to meet some 'real' Mexican Nomad bikies. Next stop was San Francisco (oh how I loved this city!) shopping and riding the cable cars. We took the cable car up to Knob Hill and walked down the wiggliest street. We dined at the Hard Rock café and then spent the rest of the evening driving around in stretch Hummers on the most amazing tour of the city by night. We walked over the Golden Gate Bridge and visited Alcatraz. After all this excitement it was off to Seattle for some 'real' American schooling and the opportunity for us to stay with an American family for the rest of our stay. Next week I will fill you in on our adventures in Seattle.

**Ms Bobbie Sharpe**  
**English/Drama Teacher**

## **QuickSmart Literacy Program**

### **QuickSmart Literacy is commencing soon!**

Students are presently being assessed and identified. This program follows on from our success with QuickSmart Numeracy in 2011. The program is an educational intervention designed to support literacy skill development. It encourages students to become *quick* in their response speed and *smart* in their strategy use when using skills required in literacy. Year 8 students are the target group for this program.



These are our fantastic Quicksmart Literacy instructors—Mrs Jo Springer, Mrs Wendy Alcorn, Ms Robyn Chapman and Mrs Laura Green.



### **Welcome BBQ**

A successful Sausage Sizzle was held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at the pool to welcome and consult with parents and caregivers of Aboriginal students at the school. Parents met with Joe Landers (Maths Head Teacher), Bilyana (teacher) and the Community Liaison Officer. The parents agreed that meeting up and discussing their children's specific needs in relation to school was beneficial to all and are now in the process of forming an AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative group). Anybody who wishes to be included in this group please contact Joe Landers.

### **KHS IMMUNISATIONS 2012**

On Wednesday 21 March students in Year 7 and 10 will start receiving immunisations offered to schools by the North Coast Public health Unit. Information letter, kits and consent forms will be handed out to students this week to be filled out by their parent/guardians. Please have forms completed and returned to the front office by 12 March 2012. If your child has not received this information please contact me at the school and I will arrange for the kit to be sent home.

**Mrs Rachael Rasborsek**  
Immunisations Co-ordinator.

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 22/2: W Ferguson  
Thurs 23/2: K Crawter  
Fri 24/2: S Harrison, J O'Neile  
Mon 27/2: S Pederson  
Tues 28/2: J Graham, C Howes  
Wed 29/2: C Judd  
Thurs 1/3: "Help Needed"  
Fri 2/3: V Davis, S Harrison  
Mon 5/3: A Syre  
Tues 6/3: 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**

### **Sign On Dates for Kyogle Junior Rugby League**

\* 25<sup>th</sup> February

\* 10<sup>th</sup> March

#### **2012 Fees:**

\* Ages 7-9yrs \$65

\* Ages 10-16 \$80

\* Family of 3+ \$170

To be held at the Kyogle Football Grounds, New park. Starting at 9am until 12pm.

If you are a new player please bring a copy of your child's/children's birth certificate. If you don't have a copy of the certificate we are unable to sign your child/children up. Fee's to be paid on the day of sign on.

Danielle Doolan  
Secretary

### **Priority Schools Program (PSP) Survey**

Kyogle High School has nominated to be part of the Priority Schools Program which provides funding for schools in low-socio-economic areas. The funding spans over a 4 year period and provides resources to improve literacy and numeracy in our school. To qualify for the funding parents will be asked to complete a survey in Week 7 ( 5 March) which measures occupation, educational qualifications, aboriginality and income bracket. The survey is strictly confidential; not being opened by the school, Centrelink or Tax Department. It is beneficial to not overstate your circumstances. For example: If you have a high qualification but are not using that for your current employment, then do not record that qualification. It is essential we get 100% return of surveys. To achieve this aim, when students return their survey they will go into a daily draw for \$5 vouchers for the canteen.

**Mrs Sue Landers**

**Acting Community Liaison Officer**

## **My L<sup>i</sup>brary**

We have our own **eLibrary**. These electronic resources can be **accessed through the Library Catalogue at school & at home through your Student Portal. Find the link on the KHS Intranet on the "eLibrary" tab or on the front page of the Library Catalogue.**