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Tuesday 13 March 2012    Week 2 of Cycle    Term 1    Vol 6  
*Next P&C Meeting - Thursday 22 March 2012 starting at 5:30pm*

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## Kyogle Extension and Enrichment Program KEEP

The first lesson at Kyogle High School for the KEEP program was an afternoon of science with Ms Ruangsri. For these students science is about 'discovering', 'answering questions' and 'finding solutions'. Students were very keen to get their hands on all of the equipment to work out whether the liquid presented to them was an acid or a base. Students worked well in their mixed groups, which included both High School students and Primary School students.



Acid or Base??



Mmm?

## PEER SUPPORT

The Peer Support Program at Kyogle High School provides an opportunity for the senior students of the school community to pass on knowledge and give much needed support to the newest edition of our High School.

The seniors were trained in Peer Support techniques last year and are putting those skills to good use by assisting in such activities as the Year 7 Swim and Survive program during sport.

The Year 7's and peer mentors meet each Thursday morning to work on team building games, resilience activities and get to know you activities.



Lets Get Swimming!!



## COMING EVENTS

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

16 March— NR Soccer  
21 March— Year 7 and 10 Vaccinations  
23 March— School Photos  
26 March— Year 12 Half Yearly Examinations

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A big thank you to parents, carers, staff and students who participated in the PSP survey last week. It was a job well coordinated by our newly appointed Community Liaison Officer, Sue Landers and supported by Michael Donnelly and Nicole Peisto along with staff.

Congratulations to our swimmers who represented us at Coffs Harbour and to our footballers.

Lowana Davies has been selected to attend the UBS Young Women's leadership Academy at Sydney University in April this year. The objective is to introduce Year 11 students to a diverse group of contemporary women leaders, to inspire and provide leadership development.

Congratulations to Ebony Pratt who represented Kyogle High School, at the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition held in Ballina last weekend. Ebony spoke confidently and eloquently and demonstrated that students from Kyogle High School are competitive with the best of them.

**Congratulations...again and with the name correct...to Ethan Reilly on his progress in the X Factor competition. We are all waiting and enjoying his talents on this remarkable learning journey.**

A big thanks to Joe Landers who has supported music being filtered across the playground at lunch. It is difficult to please everyone but hopefully the SRC will give it a good try.

We welcomed Alstonville Captains to Kyogle High School last week and they were impressed by the smaller classes and facilities available.

Next Monday and Tuesday we will be welcoming six teachers from Vietnam who will be spending time at Kyogle High School and looking at how the school operates and the programs that are running.

Welcome to Christine Riesinger who is our new Careers Teacher. Thanks to Mark Chaseling who filled in as careers teacher for the past few weeks.

**Mrs Janeen Silcock**  
**Principal**

## P & C MEETING AGM 22 March 2012 5.30 pm

Next week we have our Annual General Meeting and we would love to see more parents/carers come along and be involved with this committee. There is also a proposal to form a uniform and a sport subcommittee, so if you are interested in these areas please come along and be part of this great committee.

Mr Michael Donnelly  
President

## From the Deputy's Desk

### Homework Club

In 2012 Kyogle High School will be providing academic assistance for all students. It operates Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and Thursday 1.30pm to 3.30pm for Year 12 only.

The Homework Club will be situated in the Library where a variety of resources are available to assist your child in the completion of homework and assessment tasks. Qualified staff are employed to supervise the Homework Club.

If you wish for your child to participate in the Homework Club, please fill out the Homework Club Consent form (available from START teachers or the Front Office) and return it to Mrs Masters or Mrs Peisto.

If you have any questions or comments about the Homework Club, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Masters on 6632 1300.

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

## CALCULATORS FOR LIFE

As part of the requirements for Mathematics, Year 7 to 10 at Kyogle High School, **ALL STUDENTS 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. All students will need a calculator for their 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.

**Mr J Landers**  
**Maths Department**

## PSP SURVEYS

Thank you to all parents who returned these surveys last week. It was great to see that our parents and students thought this was important enough to get back as soon as possible. A special thank you to Julie McBride, Sharon Pederson and Michael Donnelly for their assistance with this survey.

**Mrs Sue Landers**  
**Community Liaison Officer**

## **LAPTOPS**

**Year 9 Laptops are ready for hand out - Students will start receiving their laptops Monday of Week 8 through an introduction session. This will be a week long process.**



## **Sport News**

There are a number of individual students that have been training and working hard to gain selection in various representative teams in sports across the region. Jay Kapodistrias was successful last Friday in gaining selection for the Northern Rivers Zone basketball team. He will now travel down to Port Macquarie to compete for selection at the North Coast Regional Trials on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Additionally Marty Ferguson and Ben Studders have also continued their success in rugby league. They both competed for selection at Ballina last Thursday to gain a position in the regional team of their age divisions. Both have been successful and will now be required to travel to Grafton and contest for a position on the North Coast team.

Congratulations to all three athletes, we are very proud of your achievements and look forward to hearing about your continued success.

**B. Rasborsek**  
**Sports Organiser**

## **School Cross Country**

A big reminder to all students to get your permission notes along with your payment to the Front Office. We want as many people there as possible to enjoy the new challenging course and the fun activities that will also be happening on the day. Stay tuned for more information and fun events that will be happening on the day. If you have lost or misplaced your note, you can get a new one from the front office.

## **Term 2 & 3 Sport**

A reminder to all students that you need to hand your sport selection notes into the Front Office by 16<sup>th</sup> March. Students who fail to do so will be placed into a sport by Mr Rasborsek. Please be aware that places are limited in some sports so please get your notes in as soon as possible.

Northern Rivers district will compete against each other in an effort to be selected on the CHS representative team. The school wishes the boys all the best in their bid to take a place on the team.

## **KHS Uniform Co-ordinator**

Interesting and rewarding position available as a volunteer uniform coordinator. Duties include: ordering, and maintaining stock, banking and liaison with P&C and students for design. Only a few hours every week. Contact Sue Landers at the school.

**Mrs Sue Landers**  
**Community Liaison Officer**

## **Open Boys Soccer**

Last Friday our Open Boys Soccer team consisting of Jeremy Clarke, Trevor Vail, Dylan Keys, Sam Fardon, Joe Fardon, Oscar Hook, Arlo Hook, Kieren Clarke, Jaya Flower, Jared Flower, Rory Davis, Billy MsQueen and Josh Cox travelled to Kadina High School to play Richmond River High school in round one of the CHS knockout draw. Although the boys lost the match, they did demonstrate an outstanding display of effort and sportsmanship on the field and all should be very proud of their efforts. The boys are now concentrating on the Northern Rivers Football Trials which are to be held on Friday this week. At these trials players from all over the Northern Rivers district will compete against each other in an effort to be selected on the CHS representative team. The school wishes the boys all the best in their bid to take a place on the team.

**Mr B Rasborsek**  
**Sports Organiser**

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 14/3: K Cawter  
Thurs 15/3: L Reilly, J O'Reilly  
Fri 16/3: M Pedersen, J Ashton  
Mon 19/3: C Judd, S Harrison  
Tues 20/3: "Help Needed"  
Wed 21/3: S Chadburn  
Thurs 22/3: K Cawter  
Fri 23/3: J O'Neill, S Harrison  
Mon 26/3: S Pederson  
Tues 27/3: J Graham, C Howes



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

## **Science News**

Guest Presenter : Mr Bob Withey from 'Snaketails' will be at the school on Thursday 22 March 2012 to deliver a one hour presentation about snakes to Year 7 students and Senior biology students. The cost is \$4.00 and notes have gone out to students this week. Please pay at the Office.

## **ESSA 2011**

Current Year 9 students will receive their ESSA (Essential Secondary Science Assessment) results this week. Some excellent results were gained by many students—well done.

Thank you to all parents who got their up to date information forms in to the office—this is much appreciated.

We are endeavouring to compile an email list of parents so you can be kept up to date of school activities.

In the meantime you can check the website for the Newsletter if your child forgets to bring one home. Thanks again.

**Office Staff**