



# KYOGLE HIGH SCHOOL

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*Next P&C Meeting - Wednesday 16 May 2012 starting at 5:30pm*

## NEWSLETTER



Teaching Year 7 Science

### Ex-Kyogle High School Student Returns for Teaching Practicum

Billy Bevan is currently in the school as part of a four week teaching practicum in the Science department. Billy is taking up the opportunity to develop his teaching skills and knowledge in familiar territory.

After a conversation with Billy it is very clear that what happens in the classroom makes all the difference to the choices you make with regards to your own career. Billy was heavily influenced by his own science teachers, particularly Lindy Ruangsri and Jeff Marriott when making his decision to become a Science teacher. He believes it is in Year 9 and 10 when you get 'hooked' on a subject and continue the interest into adulthood.

Billy chose Kyogle High School for his first practicum for a number of reasons: he 'knows the system' and it's 'processes' and he has a 'great support network' from both inside of the school and out. 'Free accommodation, thanks Mum!'

Billy loves being back and it's only now that he realises the 'importance of school', and how being in front of the classroom gives him a 'different perspective'.

Billy's practicum advisor and Head Science Teacher, Mr Deszecsar describes him as having an excellent rapport with the students, something that confirms Billy's own comments on his ability to 'connect with the kids'.



Lesson planning with Ms Ruangsri

### KYOGLE HIGH SCHOOL'S GREEN TEAM

A Year 9/10 group of boys are supervised by Mr Harper who meet for approximately 4 hours per week by working both in the school grounds and 'off-site' on a variety of practical activities like building fences and maintaining gardens. The Green Team develop not only these necessary hands-on skills but also develop confidence within the group, making it a win-win situation for all involved.



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

14 May— Year 12 Report Interviews this week

15, 16, 17— NAPLAN for Years 7—9

23 May— Immunisations—Years 7 and 10

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week the days were filled with sunshine and I am reminded how often I begin a newsletter with thoughts of the weather. I am either becoming a farmer or getting older. As I don't have any farming ability beyond owning a dog, maintaining a herb garden and growing tomatoes...it is obvious that I am getting older.

The sunshine surrounded a Drama excursion last week, filtered into the hall as Year 11 bent their heads to exams and our sport choices for Term 2 began. On Thursday, Woollams managed to pour 150 cubic metres of concrete and so the first floor of our new TAS block grew out of the ground. Susan Tulloch spent time continuing to discuss furniture and items for the new classrooms.

On Thursday and Friday, Regional Representatives of Principals met with Peter Haigh in Coffs Harbour and discussed changes in the NSW schools and the impact on our students. Changes to funding for students, changes to procurement and changes to how schools function in technology driven resource management were discussed. It appears to be a whole new world...one with some sunshine...some storms and some unseasonal weather.

This week, Year 11 will complete exams, staff will complete Year 12 reports and our new building will continue to grow up in our school.

I hope we do continue with sunshine and warm weather before the crisp mornings are a daily occurrence.

Have a great week.

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

## National Assessment Program – Literacy And Numeracy 2012

In May 2012 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning program. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted from 15 -17 May with a 'catch-up' day on Friday 18 May.

<b>TUESDAY 15 MAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 16 MAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY 17 MAY</b>
<b>Language Conventions</b> (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) <b>Writing</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Numeracy</b> (Number; Algebra, function and pattern; chance and data; Measurement and

## From the Deputy's Desk Privacy Awareness Week 27 April – 5 May 2012

Privacy Awareness Week is a chance to remind your children to protect their personal details and information, especially online. Australians lead the world when it comes to average monthly social media use and we share many details of our lives online. Even though this week is past, it is important ANYTIME to remind our students about the dangers of online communication.

As a parent, you can help your child behave in safe and smart ways to minimise the risks of their online activity.

To ensure that your kids are protected from cyberbullying, unwanted attention or privacy breaches, you can:

- remind them not to share their usernames and passwords with anyone
- go through the privacy settings of social networking sites with them to make sure they are only sharing their personal information with their friends
- talk to them about the danger of identity theft and the permanence of online sharing.

For more information on how to educate your children about protecting their privacy online and how to avoid being a victim of identity theft or even how to stop junk mail, go to: <http://www.privacyawarenessweek.org/youth.html>

## Be Prepared for a new adventure – join Kyogle Scouts!!

Boys and Girls you're invited to come along. Members of the Kyogle community are invited to a meeting on Wednesday 23 May 2012 at 6pm at the Showground to discuss the idea of re-starting the Kyogle Scout Troop. For more information contact Mr Peter Fish on 66331335 or Mr Ian Judd on 66323987.

## FIND YOUR MUSIC

Kyogle Acoustic Music Society (KAMS) in partnership with Gugin Guddaba Land Council have developed an Aboriginal After School Music Program, which they recently secured funding to deliver. This great initiative CALLED 'Find Your Music' will provide mentoring and musical activities for Aboriginal students and their friends. To celebrate the launch of the project Sean Choolburra, Internationally renowned Aboriginal comedian and dancer, visited Gugin Guddaba and wowed us all with his performance. The students were captivated in awe and laughter with Sean's brilliant dancing and endless humour.

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

## NAPLAN 2012

NAPLAN Tests will be held in Week 4 with Language Conventions and Writing on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Reading Test on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, and Numeracy on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May, for all Year 7 and 9 students.

**ALL YEAR 7 AND 9 STUDENTS WILL REQUIRE THEIR OWN CALCULATOR FOR THE NUMERACY TEST. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE PHONE APPS AS THEIR CALCULATOR.**

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

### KHS Term 2 Immunisations

The second date for our school's immunisations is 23 May. On this day the following vaccinations will occur: Yr 7 Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> dose Gardasil, Year 7 Varicella, Year 7 Boostrix. We will also be doing catch ups for Year 10 Boostrix and Year 7 Gardasil and Hepatitis B. If there are any students in Year 7 or 10 that have not received or handed in their immunisations forms from last term please send completed forms into the school office or collect new forms from myself. If you have already handed in your child/wards immunisation information you do not need to do anything. Please contact me at the school for any further information.

**Rachael Rasborsek—Organising Teacher**

### Year 9 Parents

Year 9 students will need to return their laptops for laptop upgrades. Currently some students are having problems with Screens and Fans. In response to this Lenovo (the Laptop manufacturer) will be refitting the laptops with upgraded components to stop these issues.

Laptops will soon be collected from students. All laptops should be received by the TSO by 18<sup>th</sup> of May.

**The laptops will be returned to students by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.**

**Mr T Boyd**

**Technical Support Officer**

### Parents/Carers

We are endeavouring to update parent email details. Anyone who wishes to have the newsletter emailed to them, please advise us or if it has changed recently please let us know.

Thank— you

**KHS Office Staff**

### POSTPONED AGAIN!!!

#### Urbenville Village Festival & Bull Ride 2012

Due for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Urbenville Showground has been postponed due to wet grounds. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused and a new date will be announced as soon as possible.

Enquiries: 0266341339. NRA competitors 0754958668.

### AUCTION & PIG ON THE SPIT: SAT MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 6PM: GREVILLIA HALL

This fund raising event, run by the Grevillia Rural Fire Brigade and the Grevillia Hall is to raise funds for a local family in need of community support. Auction items include a dinghy and trailer, furniture, telescope & tripod, old cameras, tapestries, plants, collector's matchbox cars, toys, old china, books and all sorts of bric- a-brac. The auction will commence after dinner has been served.

Anyone wishing to donate further auction items can bring them on the night or contact:

Brett - 66364328: Stan - 66364295: Sandy - 66364326

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 9/5: K. Crawter

Thurs 10/5: N Anderson, K Little

Fri 11/5: S Harrison, V Ferris

Mon 14/5: J Bulmer

Tues 15/5: Penny M<sup>c</sup>Donald, V Barney

Wed 16/5: S Chadburn

Thurs 17/5: L Reilly, J O'Reilly

Fri 18/5: M Pederson, Julian, Ashton, S Harrison

Mon 21/5: C Judd, S Harrison

Tues 22/5: 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.



### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Giddy USA Tour Dec 2013/Jan 2014

An information evening will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May (Term 2 week 3) at 5.30pm in the Staff Common room. For interested parents and students this is an opportunity for you to come along and talk with a representative from Educational World Travel and myself (Bobbie Sharpe) about what this trip offers. I have just returned from the United States (January 2012) where I accompanied 8 Kyogle High School students on this amazing adventure of a life time. I will share with you some of our life Changing stories and will show some of our incredible photos. The teachers who will be escorting this next trip to America will be myself and Ms Janeen Silcock.

If you are unable to come along and are interested in this trip please phone me for more details on 66321300

**Bobbie Sharpe**

**Teacher English/Drama**

#### ABC Digital Story telling – Now and Then

There will be a free workshop on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Lismore Library to teach participants photographic and story telling techniques and how to share these stories on line with the ABC. Bookings Lismore Library or students see Sue Landers Community Liaison Officer.

### KYOGLE CINEMA

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Pirates

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Pirates

Carnage

My week with Marilyn

Carnage

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Pirates

Carnage

My Week with Marilyn

Carnage

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Pirates

Carnage

My week with Marilyn

Carnage

Adults \$10 Children/Concession Holders \$8.

Check Website for more details and times.

**[www.kyoglecinema.com.au](http://www.kyoglecinema.com.au)**