Welcome Year 7 2013
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**
Welcome back to Kyogle High School for 2013. I hope everyone had a great summer break despite the heat and rain, winds and unrepentant weather. This is Australia in all its wonder.

Firstly, I would like to welcome our new Year 7 students and their families. Having spoken to some of them last week, it is apparent they are settling in and already delighting in their new school.

Welcome also to Scott Taylor who has been appointed permanently to the Maths Faculty and to Jennifer Harper in the Science Faculty as a temporary teacher. Welcome back to Liz Rosten in Music and Neil Steele in TAS. We are currently in the process of advertising for permanent Science and Learning Support teachers.

Congratulations to Year 11 and 12 who have begun the year full of enthusiasm and commitment to their future.

On Wednesday last week, the final sign off occurred for the new Technology and Applied Science block. It is the newest facility of its kind in the state and over the next few weeks we will be having open afternoons to show the community what is available to Kyogle High School students. Building has commenced for our new canteen and toilets.

Congratulations to Year 12 student Jake Barlow in his state cricket selection.

Congratulations to Brad Razborsek on his terrific preparation and organisation of the school swimming carnival. It was a great end to the first week of school and it was celebrated with sunshine and enthusiastic participation.

The new uniform is drawing positive comments and is being worn with pride. We have had a terrific start to 2013 and I am sure it will continue.

Have a good week

*Mrs Janeen Silcock*

**Principal**

**Community Liaison Officer**
Welcome to all new and returning parents of student’s at Kyogle High School. At Kyogle High we believe that parents play an integral role in their child’s learning at school and endeavour to support parents in this role however we can.

As the Community Liaison Officer at the High School I am available to guide parents through school processes and to help build links between the wider community, parents and the school.

I can be contacted on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesdays until 5.30pm at the Staff Common Room. Everyone is welcome!

*Mrs Sue Landers– Community Liaison Officer*

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**From the Deputy’s Desk**

Already it is Week 2 Term 1 2013 – how the time flies. A special welcome to our Year 7 students and their parents as well as any other new students at Kyogle High School.

Last week I was so proud of Kyogle High School students when I stood in front of the whole school at an Assembly on Thursday and saw how wonderful the student body looked in their uniforms.

Thank you to Nicole Peisto and Karen Slater plus other parent helpers who worked tirelessly to have the uniforms available for the start of the year. A special thank you also to the P&C volunteers for the time they gave to running the uniform shop before school returned. Your time and efforts were rewarded with an overwhelming number of uniforms sold over the 4 days the ‘uniform shop’ was open.

This term will be a busy one, especially for our Year 12 students who will have ½ yearly exams weeks 5 and 6. It is important that our senior students remain focussed throughout the next 3 terms to ensure they achieve their goals. Effective study plans and routines will be essential to maintain a healthy school/home life balance and there are staff members such as Mrs Riesinger, our Careers Adviser, who are available to help you work out such a plan. Our Year 7 students have their Camp with the Peer Support leaders from the 13 to the 15 February at Camp Koinonia at Evans Head. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Rasborsek who have been busy ensuring the camp will be a huge success and planning activities designed to foster a feeling of belonging to KHS as well as uniting the Year 7 students. Our CAPA students, both art and drama, are in Sydney as I write this experiencing live theatre and visits to galleries under the expert guidance of Ms Sharpe and Ms Andrews. We thank these teachers for leaving their own families at home to provide this wonderful experience for our students.

This year I will be working one day a week on implementing the new Board of Studies syllabuses supporting the National Curriculum. Mrs Jenny Densley will fill in as DP on that day. Throughout the year I will provide information for parents in this newsletter to keep you informed about changes to our curriculum and what staff at KHS are doing to be prepared not only for the new syllabuses but also for the 21st century learner. It will be an exciting year and I am fortunate to be in the position to lead these changes.

*Mrs Gae Masters*

**Deputy Principal**

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**Congratulations to Jake Barlow for making the North Coast Cricket Team. Jake now heads to Sydney to play other teams in the State Carnival and to vie for possible selection for a State cricket team.**
COMING EVENTS

13-15 Feb Year 7 Camp
21 Feb Laptop Meeting 5pm—Hall
21 Feb P & C Meeting
4 March Open Afternoon—Welcome Year 7 2014 (tentative date)
7 March Year 7 Welcome Social

Casino Junior AFL Lions Sign on Days
Casino Junior AFL Lions sign on days are Sunday February 3rd and 10th at Queen Elizabeth Oval from 10am to 12 noon. The Club welcomes any prospective new players in the 6-14 years age group as it is planned to field an U8, U9, U10, U12 and a new U14 team in 2013. Financial assistance and transport to games can be arranged. Please contact Secretary, Di Donnelly on 0427 641 334 for further information. The League Website is www.afnorthernriversjuniors.com.au.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 6/2: “Help Needed”
Thurs 7/2: Carla Thomson
Fri 8/2: S Harrison
Mon 11/2: J Bulmer
Tues 12/2: S Chadburn
Wed 13/2: “Help Needed”
Thurs 14/2: K Little
Fri 15/2: M Pederson, V Barney
Mon 16/2: C Judd, S Harrison
Tues 17/2: P McDonald

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

KYOGLE JUNIOR CRICKET

The 2013 cricket season has re-commenced for Under 12’s, 14’s & 16’s.
Training is on each Wednesday starting at 4.30pm at the Rec grounds.

The “Milo Have a Go” program has also started at the Rec grounds at 4.30pm on Wednesdays.

Sport News

New Scattered Sports Program for Kyogle High School

Years 7-11 will be divided into year groups and then divided into classes. Two consecutive periods per week will be allocated for sport with a staff member being assigned to a class for the year. The program is flexible and the structure can accommodate variations to routine in terms of extra curricular activities and excursions. Students in Years 7-11 are required to attend sport on a weekly basis in order to meet the NSW DET mandatory policy on sport of 80-120 hours of organised sport each week over the full calendar year. Students are required to wear their sports uniform to school on the day that is allocated to them. Congratulations to Year 7 last Thursday who turned up on their sports day in full sports uniform. They looked amazing!!

Brad Razborsek
Sports Coordinator

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Uniform

The new skirt, shorts and sports uniform look amazing. It was exciting to walk into school last week and see our students wearing it with pride. Just a reminder that there is now available a tartan skirt and black shorts for everyday wear along with the already existing polo top and white shirt for our girls. Available for our boys is the existing polo with the newly available everyday black shorts with school logo. Our new sports uniform consisting of shorts and polo will now be an integral part of all sports classes. Prices have been kept incredibly cheap and are as follows:

- Existing everyday polo $20.00
- New everyday shorts $20.00
- Tartan skirts $25.00
- Sports polo $25.00
- Sports shorts $20.00
- White shirts $35.00

The new uniform has been so popular that we have been struggling to keep up with the demands of some sizes in our skirts and shorts. Please be patient as we courier more down from the warehouse. If you have any concerns or question, don’t hesitate to call the school.