EXCURSIONS APLENTY FOR KYOGLE HIGH STUDENTS

Year 7 Get to Know Each Other at Camp Koinonia, Evans Head

Last week over 50 Year 7 students and 11 leaders from Year 11’s Peer Support Team participated in an excursion to Camp Koinonia at Evans Head. Even though it was raining here in Kyogle, we enjoyed sunny beach weather in Evans Head. Over the three days we all had a go at canoeing, surfing and other water activities. A big favourite was the ‘Rock It’, which is a very large Saturn-shaped inflatable that was anchored in the river. On the last day we had lots of fun at the Evans Head Aquatic Centre, which had a water park and a heated pool. While we swam the Peer Support Leaders cooked us up a huge BBQ lunch. Thank you so much Mr Raszorbek, Mrs Raszorbek, Mr Landers and Mrs Mitchell. Thanks also to the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders. Oak Landers—Year 7 student.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Rain is continuing to fall as I write this. The weather left us in a position of no buses running on Friday last week and postponing the P & C and Laptop Roll Out Meetings. All except one teacher managed to come to school on Friday along with about forty students. Thank you to all the parents and carers who, despite interruptions to daily life; supported the changes to the school day. I would like to think we are through the worst of the weather but Ken Smith had different thoughts on that, hearing it may continue throughout this week. I thank Ken who continues to keep the school informed of any issues that may impact on the travel arrangements of students. As a community, we want to ensure their safety at all times.

Our thoughts go out to Jacob Walters and his family. We wish Jacob all the best and hope he is back at school soon.

The timetable team; Joe Landers, Adam Deszecsar and Jim Selwood have begun planning for a new timetable to be ready for implementation in Term 2, 2013. While we always hope to continue with the first mark, numbers and circumstances warrant a change. It gives us the opportunity to iron out any concerns and ensure we have the best possible learning environment for all students.

Congratulations to Lowana Davies who came first in Lions Youth of the Year last week. The Lion’s Club runs this event enthusiastically and this year was no different. Two students from Woodenbong also competed. The impromptu topics were on Strategies for Keeping Safe if attending Schoolies and How the World, Together, can support Anti Doping in Sport. Lowana spoke in her prepared speech on climate change. Lowana now progresses to the next level in Lismore in early March.

The P&C is a strong influential body within the school and has its say on major decisions. We value their input, especially on school activities. They are always keen to appeal for a new digital projection system.

Travel the USA!

Ms Sharpe along with Education World Travel will be travelling to the USA in January of 2014 and YOU are invited! The trip will see you visiting sites like Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knotts Berry Farm, San Francisco and Hollywood – you will get to spend a week with an American Family and you get to go to an American School. We travel for 3 weeks in the Christmas School holidays and we will be back for the start of the new school year.

If you are interested in joining this group please see Ms Sharpe for further information or alternatively you can call on 66321 300/ 0432811447.

SYDNEY DRAMA AND ART EXCURSION

What a start to the new school year we have had! Under the guidance of Ms Sharpe and Mrs Andrews, who kindly gave up their first weekend back this year, sixteen drama students and two art students travelled to Sydney for 4 days of some drama and art ‘culture’. Eighteen students spent a ‘sleepless’ night on the train (and two teachers!) and arrived in Sydney ready to immerse ourselves deep within the drama and art worlds of Sydney. The two groups split for the day with Drama heading off to ‘On Stage’ (the exemplary Year 12 performances of 2012) and the art students heading to The Brett Whiteley Studio in Surrey Hills.

We were all ‘blown away’ by what we saw. By viewing these performances and art works, we now know what we are all aiming to achieve in our own HSC. The drama students also got to see a monologue performance put on by the Sydney Theatre for Youth which has inspired our own thoughts into the types of monologues we would like to perform. We were also taken on a tour of NIDA and participated in a movement and devising workshop which again has lit the fire within us. While the drama students were dramatically exploring the theatre world of Sydney, the art students were exploring The White Rabbit Gallery and Museum of Contemporary Art and Art Gallery of New South Wales.

We want to thank Ms Sharpe and Ms Andrews for giving up their own time to share this experience with us. It is these types of experiences that broadens our horizons and let us realise what this huge world has to offer us.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!

Year 9/10/11/12 Drama and Art students

SCHOOL SIGN

Due to technical difficulties we are unable to “talk” to our new sign at present. This issue is being addressed and we hope to have our sign promoting our school activities as soon as possible.

Community Liaison Officer

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 1pm at the school by visiting, phone, or email on susan.landers@det.nsw.edu.au.

It would be great to hear from you.

The P&C is a strong influential body within the school and has a great impact on decisions made about your child’s education. Meetings are casual and commence with Open Forum, where parents are given the opportunity to give feedback, air concerns and ask questions to the Principal. This session runs for 10 minutes and is followed by General and Aising Business. The first P&C Meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 7 March at 5.30pm at the Staff Common Room. Everyone is welcome!

Mrs Sue Landers – Community Liaison Officer

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Kyogle Quota, Rotary and Lions clubs are organising a bric-a-brac/white elephant sale at the Kyogle Memorial Hall supper room from 9am on Saturday, 9th March. All proceeds from the day will go to the Kyogle Community Cinema fundraising appeal for a new digital projection system.
COMING EVENTS

28 Feb Laptop Meeting 6pm—Hall
7 Mar P & C Meeting
7 March Year 7 Welcome Social
11 March Open Afternoon-Welcome Year 7 2014
22 March School Photos

Game Training Roadshow flyers are included in this newsletter.
This show will be held on Saturday March 23rd in the Library from 10am-12pm.
Permission notes for the show are available from Mrs Kershaw in the Library.
Maximum of 45 students.

KYOGLE HIGH IS TOPs

Last year the students and staff at Kyogle High invested their time and money into raising $200 for The Orangutan Project (TOP). This money goes directly to help endangered orangutans in Borneo and Sumatra.

We have received a certificate of appreciation from the president of TOP thanking our school for its valuable time and effort to the cause of saving the orangutan. It is support like ours that has allowed The Orangutan Project to contribute significant funds to conservation, rehabilitation and habitat protection programs over the past year.

Again this year we will be attempting to raise the same amount of funds towards this important project. We hope to have an Orange Day in Term 2, where we will raffle a Toy Orangutan and have all things orange for sale.

Thanks again to all those who supported the fund raising and we hope you will help out again this year.

“A society is measured by the way it treats those at its mercy”

Mr Tony Page—Orangutan Coordinator

Kyogle Aged Care Course starts soon

TAFE Outreach has extended the start date of their free Introduction to Working in Aged Care course to Wednesday 6 March, to be able to take in more students.

This free course will suit unemployed people looking for work or career training in the aged care sector.

The course will be held in the Kyogle Community Centre, 8 Geneva Street, Kyogle, and will run for 16 weeks, on Wednesdays from 9.00 am to 3.30 pm.

Including three units from the Certificate III in Aged Care, this course will help students explore further study options in aged care and the community fields.

Places are limited, so anyone interested should contact TAFE straight away.

For more information, contact Sue Weingarth, Outreach Coordinator, Lismore Campus on (02) 6623 0326.

KYOGLE HIGH IS TOPs

The North Coast Public Health Unit will again be offering a vaccination service at our school in 2013.
Boys in NSW High Schools will be offered HPV vaccination from 2013 to provide protection against developing infections that can lead to cancer.
In 2013 the 3 dose HPV course will be offered to Year 7 boys as part of the routine school-based vaccination program and to Year 9 boys as part of the National Catchup Program in 2013 and 2014 only.

The schedule for this year is as follows:

**Year 7—boys and girls**
- HPV vaccine—3 doses: 19 March, 28 May, 15 October
- Hepatitis B—2 doses: 19 March, 15 October
- Chicken Pox Vaccine—1 dose: 28 May
- Boostrix—1 dose: 28 May

**Year 9—boys only**
- HPV vaccine—3 doses: 19 March, 28 May, 15 October

Parent information kits and consent forms along with a letter detailing the above information have been sent home with students last week.

If you did not receive this information or have any further enquiries please contact me at the school.

Please note that the consent forms need to be returned by 13 March 2013.

Mrs Rachael Rasborsek
KHS Immunisations Co-ordinator

FROM THE OFFICE

We are currently updating our records and it has come to our attention that many students have not completed/or returned the “Authority to Publish Form” which was issued to students in 2012. If your child brings a form home please complete it and ask your child to return it to school as soon as possible. This form allows the school to publish photos or images in the newsletter, website and other communications.

**ABSENTEE NOTES:** If your child has to be absent from school, you must advise the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. You can contact the school by phone, email or send a note with your child when they return. The Education Act 1990 requires you to explain your child’s absences within seven days of their occurrence. Failure to do so will result in an unjustified absence being recorded.

Thank you for your co-operation with these matters.