OPEN AFTERNOON WELL RECEIVED

Kyogle High School opened its doors last Monday afternoon to showcase to parents, students and members of the community what our school has on offer. Student leaders toured the school with our visitors, giving them the opportunity to participate in various activities, chat with teachers and view facilities such as the Library, Science Labs, Computer Rooms and of course the new Technology areas. A very big thanks must go to all the students and teachers involved with the smooth running of such an event. Visitors praised all aspects of our school making it very clear that Kyogle is blessed to have such a wonderful school in its midst.

Second Year Running for KEEP

The Kyogle Enrichment and Extension Program was created last year in response to the needs of the top 20% of students in Kyogle schools. KEEP offers activities and interactions for selected students with classes held at Kyogle Public School and Kyogle High School.

The first KEEP Class for the Year was with Mrs Sharpe and Ms Gray from the Drama and English department. This day was focussed on bringing this committed group of learners together and giving opportunities for relationship building for further activities included getting to know you drama games and script writing for performance.
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
This week I am attending the Regional Principal’s Conference in Coffs Harbour. Hopefully, we will hear more about the changes to the Department and I will be able to pass the information on at the next P & C. We have a P & C meeting this week on Thursday Night at 5.30pm in Staff Common Room. Everyone is most welcome.

It was terrific to be able to show parents, carers and members of the public some of the facilities and opportunities that Kyogle High School has to offer at last week’s Open Night. We welcomed future parents and students and look forward to getting to know them in preparation for their enrolment at our school.

On Assembly last week, we celebrated Marty Ferguson’s success, Nick Fish’s selection for State swimming and our basketball team moving into the next round.

At the Staff Meeting last week, Jay Kapodistrias and Emily Muirhead presented an idea to the staff on how as leaders, they would like to “lead and unite” students. This was an initiative they were proud and committed to. They epitomize our students being “Here to Learn, Here to Lead”.

This week we will be uploading our 2012 Annual School Report on our website. It gives an overview of how we went last year and sets the direction for 2013.

The sun is shining and the sun is gradually losing the sting. I am enjoying looking at and dreaming of all the chocolates on display for Easter and think I will succumb to hot cross buns very soon.

Have a great week.

Mrs Janeen Silcock
Principal

P&C Meeting
AGM
Thursday 21 March 2013
At 5.30pm
In the Staff Common Room

Everyone is welcome

Sue Landers
Community Liaison Officer

Casino Lions Junior AFL
The Casino Lions Junior AFL Club will be fielding U8, U9, U10, U12 and the new U14 team in 2013. There are still vacancies in all teams so contact the Club on 66641333 or come to the training sessions at Queen Elizabeth Park on Friday afternoons at 5pm. Games are on Sunday mornings with the first of 16 rounds commencing April 7th. Children from different grades all play at the same ground making it easy for family transport. Discount registration fees of $95 apply to any signings for 2013. The League Website is www.aflnorthernriversjuniors.com.au.

Sport News
The PDHPE Faculty would like to remind students that it is a DEC requirement that all students have a change of clothing for Physical Education and Sport lessons. This year we have a new PE/Sport uniform that is suitable to meet this requirement which can be purchased at the school. We strongly encourage all students to change prior to physical activity for hygiene reasons and hope that all students work with us in meeting this requirement.

PDHPE Faculty

From the Deputy’s Desk
Over the weekend I was interested to read an article entitled “Is your child a Bully?”. It talked about the belief that parents do understand the concept of what is bullying and suggested that parents can generally recognize when their child is possibly being bullied. There is an issue however, in that we as parents, recognise when our child is the bully. The article suggested that just 14 percent of parents can recognise bullying behaviour in their child. This caused interesting reflection for me both as a teacher and as a mother. As a teacher, I reflected on how we deal with the whole bullying issue and I realised that in many cases we all agree that bullying is an issue and are very good at providing skills and information for our students bullied but we are not so proactive in teaching kids how NOT to be bullies. That doesn’t mean I have the answers but I do think it is important that as parents we do need to be involved in our children's lives and have a good understanding of who their friends are and what their relationships and interactions are like so we are able to spot warning signs that our child may be exhibiting bullying behaviour.

Last Friday the Education Minister Peter Garrett launched a new website designed to provide audit tools for schools to gauge how well they are doing in relation to bullying called the ‘Safe Schools Hub’. This supports the national Safe Schools Framework. Here at Kyogle High School we use the existing resource “Bullying No Way” that Mr and Mrs Rasborsek deliver to Year 6 students plus through our ‘Here to Learn, Here to Lead’ Program run by Ms Peisto students are asked in START to reflect on issues such as bullying and positive relationships. As Mr Garrett said at his press release on Friday, that if we want to do something about workplace bullying, the best place to start is schools.

So I ask all our parents to have a conversation with your child. Talk to them about their friends, their relationships at school and importantly, their perception of bullying. Together we can make a difference not only at school but also for future workplaces.

School Photos
Students are required to wear fully school uniform NOT sports uniform on Friday 22 March for the School Photos. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform on the day.
Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mrs Gae Masters
Deputy Principal
COMING EVENTS

20 Mar  Year 7 & 9 Vaccinations
21 Mar  P&C Meeting 5.30pm
22 Mar  School Photos
29 Mar  Public Holiday
 1 Mar  Public Holiday

“Hi to all you Mathletes. Just a reminder to enter the Australian Mathematics Competition by Thursday 9 May. $5.50 to be paid to the Front Office to enter. See Mr Landers or Mr Johnsen for further information.”

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

- If you received a letter regarding publishing of your child's photo in our newsletter and other media—please return this as soon as possible.

- Photo Day on this Friday 22 March. Please place the correct money in the envelope and ask your child to bring the envelope on Friday. The office is unable to give change for the photo day.

- KHS vaccinations are on Wednesday 20 March for Year 7 and 9.

Quicksmart Literacy and Quicksmart Numeracy programs are running again in 2013 after a fantastic and successful 2012. Students who are participating in the Literacy or Numeracy programs should have received a letter home and will have already started work this term. We are also trialling Quicksmart Numeracy and Literacy within the classroom, and this is proving to be a winner with the students. We are already seeing more students improve their confidence and participation in classroom activities.

Jo Springer, Laura Green, Wendy Alcorn and Robyn Chapman are the Quicksmart Instructors and will be working with the students to improve speed and skills with some fun and fast activities, such as speed sheets and problem solving, flash cards, word lists, repeated reading of a selected passage and some related games.

If you have any questions regarding Quicksmart please contact the school.

Science—Essential Secondary Science Examination

Year 9 students will be receiving their results from the ESSA test. They sat the examination late last year. The results compare individuals achievement to other students in the state. The Science Faculty will be reviewing the results to guide programs and teaching activities to further improve student outcomes.

Mr Adam Deszecscar- Head Teacher Science

Open Boys Soccer

Congratulations to the Open Boys Soccer team who won their first round match against Bonalbo Central School. The playing field conditions were not favourable due to the several weeks of rain that we have experienced, however, Kyogle High School managed to win convincingly with a 5-0 victory. The team is now in preparation to play Richmond River High School on Thursday 21/03/13. Further details regarding this game are outlined in the student permission note.

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

Sport News

Kyogle Swimming Club

The final night of point scores for this season will be held this Friday 22nd March commencing at 6pm. It will be a sprint night with games and free sausage sizzle. The Annual Club Championship Carnival, for all swimmers, will be held on Sunday 24th March at Kyogle pool starting at 2pm, hope to see everyone there.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AMBER BRYANT!

Amber recently competed in the National Karate Championships in Adelaide. In these two days she represented the Northern Rivers and came third in two events; the Kumitae and Kata. She also had the opportunity to have three days of training with Japanese instructor Takahashion Shihan.

Well done Amber - what a wonderful experience for you.

Open Boys Soccer