**NEW SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2014**

Pictured are our new captains and vice captains for 2014. Austin Crawter and Tara Byrne will represent the school as our Captains and Emily Muirhead and Mitchell Reid are our Vice Captains.

A vast array of high quality speeches were given last term from our Year 11 leaders and through a voting process students were selected.

A team of leaders to support these four students will be selected in the coming weeks. The current Year 11 group has already proved to be of a high calibre when it comes to leadership and I look forward to seeing what they will bring to Kyogle High over the coming year.

**Miss Peisto**

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**RRISK TRAINING**

Six Year 11 students recently travelled to Casino Community Centre to complete their training to become Peer Facilitators for the RRISK seminar which all Kyogle High School Year 11 students will attend at Southern Cross University on Tuesday 26 November.

RRISK stands for Reduce Risk, Increase Student Knowledge and informs students about drug and alcohol issues, safe partying and buying and maintaining safe vehicles.

Congratulations to Austin Crawter, Jay Kapodistrias, Kimberley Langley, Rebecca Macrae, Libby McKee and Mitchell Reid for volunteering to take on this leadership role.

**Wendy Mitchell – RRISK Coordinator**

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**District SRC Meeting**

Last Wednesday Liesl Pederson, Rosie Dodge, Eli Harper and Mr McKee went to the North Coast District SRC Meeting in Ballina. The day was organised by two schools from Ballina for 13 other high school and primary school SRCs around the district. Guest speakers spoke on subjects such as leadership, goal setting, formal meeting arrangements, and school...
From the Deputy’s Desk

Term 4 is always a busy term for both teachers and staff especially as we start planning for 2014. The Higher School Certificate started last Monday and the students I have spoken to seemed happy with their exams so far. It is important however, that students do not lose focus and maintain a good study routine for the remaining exams.

Our Learning and Support Teacher, Sonya Soulsby, has started a transition program for targeted students in Year 6 who will be attending Kyogle High School next year. Mr Dave Stewart, Year 7 Advisor for 2014 will also start visiting primary schools to collate valuable information from Year 6 teachers on all student’s academic and social abilities to assist with planning for 2014. Our Year 6 Orientation Day will be held on Wednesday 4 December 2014—more information will be sent to primary schools in the coming weeks.

On Tuesday 12 November, all Kyogle High School students have the opportunity to participate in an Indigenous Hip Hop Workshop focussing on the promotion of healthy lifestyle choices through the medium of Hip Hop. Thank you to Ms Leila Gray for co-ordinating this fantastic opportunity for our students.

Twenty-five students from Year 7-11 will attend the GRIP Leadership Day at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre next Monday. This will be a great opportunity for students to learn new skills, gain a different perspective, as well as develop new ideas, on leadership. Thank you to Ms Peisto for co-ordinating this excursion.

Last week Mr Kelly and nine Year 10 and 11 students showed cattle at the North Coast National (Lismore Show), supported by Mr Peter Clark. This was a great opportunity for our students to complete a range of competencies relevant to their agricultural course outcomes as well as experience a show at national level.

Our students enrolled in the TAFE Indigenous Course completed the mandatory camp at Lake Ainsworth last Wednesday through to Friday. Although the wind and rain made Thursday night uncomfortable, students enjoyed the experience and were commended on their behaviour. Next week (Week 4) the students complete the final four days of the course.

I also wish to advise that NAPLAN results were posted to parents last week, if you do not receive them please contact the school for a copy.

Lastly, can parents please start reminding students that junior exams will be held in Week 6 of this term.

Mrs Gae Masters
Deputy Principal

BUDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS

Congratulations to Sophie Bulmer and Emmaline Clarke for their wins in the Kyogle Show photographic competition. Sophie took out a First in the Digitally Enhanced Rural Youth Section and a First and a Second in Portraits. Emmaline took out a First in the Digitally Altered Open Section for her work on Landscapes. These girls along with the rest of the students in the Year 9/10 photographic class should be really proud of their efforts. All students entered up to four photos of a very high quality. I will be posting an album of photographs on the website over the next week.

Miss Peisto

Up and Coming Talent!!!

On Friday the 13th of September, Bobbie Sharpe and I, had the honour of adjudicating the small schools public speaking competition called “Inter Speak” hosted by Barkers Vale Primary School. Five local schools were represented by absolutely outstanding speakers and the judges had a difficult time deciding on just one winner from each Stage. With topics ranging from ‘Do you know what's in your food?’ and ‘Country vs. city life’ the intelligent and articulate speeches had a massive impact on the very well-behaved audience! Many kids were groaning in disgust as they heard about some of the additives which are in our food and they listened attentively as our rural environment was celebrated as an ideal way of life. This event reinforced the fact that we have amazingly talented and ethical young people in our region.

Leila Gray-English Teacher
**COMING EVENTS**

22 Oct—6 Nov  HSC Exams continuing
25 Oct       Gold Coast 600
28 Oct       GRIP Leadership
11 Nov       Junior Exams begin
12 Nov       HIP HOP Workshop
13 Nov       Year 12 Formal
26 Nov       RRISK
4 Dec        Year 7 Orientation Day

**Talking to Young People about Alcohol and Drugs**

It is best for education about alcohol and drugs to begin before young people are exposed to personal decisions about their use. Young people who have accurate information, coping and decision making skills and understand the issues, will be in a good position to make responsible decisions about alcohol and drugs.

Parents provide a powerful role model when it comes to drinking and attitudes to alcohol and other drugs. Take time to talk. Sitting down with the young person in your care and mapping out a plan of action and what to say if they are offered drugs or alcohol can help equip them for the almost inevitable real event. Listen to what the young person in your family says about alcohol and drugs and follow up with a discussion. Take the opportunities when they come up during everyday activities, for example:

When you pour a glass of alcohol
When alcohol or other drugs are mentioned on TV or other media
When using or giving out medicines
When your young person has an assignment on alcohol, smoking, medicines or other drugs.

It is important to understand that in some situations young people may take risks. Sitting down afterwards and helping them identify where things started to go wrong enables them to consider what they could do differently the next time they are faced with a similar situation.

Australian Alcohol Guideline for Children and young people under 18

Not drinking alcohol is the safest option.

For children under 15
Parents and carers are advised that children under 15 years of age are at the greatest risk of harm from drinking and that for this age group, not drinking is especially important.

For Young people aged 15-18 years
The safest option is to delay the initiation of drinking for as long as possible.


Look for information about the RRISK Program and risk taking at our website [www.rrisk.com.au](http://www.rrisk.com.au)

**VACCINATIONS**

Thursday 7 November 2013 will be the last round of vaccinations for 2013 for all Year 7 students and Year 9 boys. If you have any questions about missed vaccinations or any further enquiries please contact me at school.

Ms Wendy Mitchell (Girls Advisor)

**KYOGLE JUNIOR CRICKET**

The 2013/14 season starts 11th October, 2013
Players needed for U13’s, U15’s & U17’s
Training now on Wednesday afternoon
at Rec Ground starting at 4pm
Sign on at training
Fee is $85.00 per player
For more information please contact
Karen Slater - 0428 322313
Tony Olive  - 0429 827256

Clarence Valley Interschool Equestrian Challenge
“Hawthorne Park” - Minden Street, South Grafton
23rd & 24th November 2013
Closing Date for entries: Friday 25th October, 2013
Entry forms are available from the Front Office or can be downloaded from the Zone 15 Facebook Page or Grafton Pony Club Website [http://www.grafton.pcansw.org.au/](http://www.grafton.pcansw.org.au/).

This event is run under Pony Club Rules and guidelines. Parents are advised to read the conditions of entry carefully and are asked to return the relevant paperwork and entry fees to Kyogle High School Office before October 25th.

**Year 10 Sydney Excursion 17-22 November 2013**
Final payments for this excursion are due by 1st November 2013.

**DISTRICT SRC MEETING Continued.............**

As a group, we also elected four possible North Coast SRC representatives from among the schools to move on to a larger SRC state conference we will be working towards. All of the Kyogle High Representatives gained rewarding leadership and confidence resources to help equip our school community. We loved the day and look forward to encouraging more students to attend the next meeting.

Rosie Dodge and Liesl Pederson

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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.