Indigenous Studies
Tourism & Events Camp

Last week a group of Year 10 and 11 students, including myself, attended a TAFE ‘Tourism and Events, Indigenous Studies’ camp at Lake Ainsworth. For an amazing 3 days, we learnt so much about this fascinating culture and heard stories from elders that helped us understand more about Indigenous people, and the Aboriginal culture. From bush walks led by an Aboriginal local ranger, to beach kayaking and damper on the stick at the fire; we really did get a taste of what Aboriginal culture has to offer. Thankyou so much to everyone who made this camp, including both the TAFE teachers that attended the camp, and Mrs Riesinger for helping to organise this camp so we could attend.

Holly Mitchell—Year 10 student

SHEKERE BEATS PERFORMANCE WOWS

Kyogle High School students were treated to a spectacular and very entertaining performance on Tuesday, at Kyogle Primary School hall. Jonas Tandoh presented a high energy demonstration of the instruments of his home, Ghana: talking drums, shakers, jembes and mirimbas. Students were invited to demonstrate their skill on the instruments, and some proved to be extremely proficient, with Maricar Martizano’s performance on the drums particularly outstanding. Students were also asked to demonstrate dance to the drumming, which was also performed well, with Harry Waddington presenting some spectacular moves. As well as the music, Jonas also talked about some of the similarities and differences between African and Australian cultures, and he did so in a very entertaining way.

Joe Landers-Music Teacher

Kyogle Presents well at Lismore Show

A group of Year 10 and 11 students attended the North Coast National on 17th to 19th of October. Students attended an educational day on the Thursday to learn many aspects of cattle preparation, how to judge cattle and how to parade them properly.

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
The rain was welcomed last week and we hope the land gains a little reprieve from the heat.

Last week students attended a number of events such as the Gold Coast 600 Excursion. This week saw students attend a leadership conference as well.

As the term begins to roll on we begin preparing for the new year. Timetabling is underway as are decisions regarding staffing, assets and budgeting. The P&C is a great forum for parents to have input into future directions and we would welcome your input. Our next P&C is on 20 November at 5.30pm in our staff common room.

Last week the DEC released new funding for schools and this will mean looking at ways to ensure our curriculum is diverse, meets the needs of all students and continues to deliver quality education.

Year 12 students continue with their HSC exams as Year 11 begin their entry into their HSC. Assessment schedules are out and also published on our website.

Over the next few weeks I will be discussing how we will continue to deliver 21st century learning without the rollout of laptops to Year 9 students. Please take the time to read this before making any purchasing decisions for students and their Christmas presents.

Have a great week
Mrs Janeen Silcock
Principal

Lismore Show continued....................
On Friday students led the Kyogle High School calves in the School Led Steer competition which included both schools from our region and interstate. Our calves presented very well and the students did a great job showing them off.

Saturday was an early start with students getting to the showgrounds at 5.30am. The cattle had to be washed and weighed for the Open Steer Competition at 8:30am. Again the leaders of the cattle did an excellent job and presented the cattle well.

I would like to thank Shania Carter, Nikita Steller, Jenna Watts, Nellane Smith and Tiarra Birkbeck for their commitment and presentation over these three days. These students represented Kyogle High School exceptionally well and did all they could to ensure a successful show in 2013.

I would also like to thank Donna Steller along with Mark and Karen Carter who transported students back and forth to Lismore each day. Without parental support, these excursions are much harder to organise successfully.

Jarrod Kelly—Agriculture Department

P&C Report
The P&C held a very informative meeting last week. The Principal kept us up to date with happenings in the school from NAPLAN results to student captain election processes. The P&C wish to congratulate all staff and students involved in the play, Bugsy Malone – it was a great night. Belinda Parker and Brenda Pratt will be representing the P&C at the Year 12 formal on Wednesday 13th November. Our next meeting, which is the last for the year will be held on Wednesday 20th November at 5.30pm. All welcome, bring a plate to share for Christmas celebration. It is never too late to come to a meeting and connect with what is happening at your school!

Sue Landers—Community Liaison Officer

Kyogle High helping out in the community
Over the past few years Northern Landcare Support Service have been running a trapping program to address the problem of Indian Myna birds that are a feral pest in our area. Indian Mynas destroy the eggs of native birds, take over their nests, yet only lays eggs in 1 of them. Kyogle High School constructed a number of traps for the program. Due to the large number of Indian Mynas being trapped Kyogle Council requested bigger traps to be used at their waste facility and provided the High School with the materials to complete the project. Bob Jarman from Northern Landcare commented it is “A real community effort with Landcare organising the traps built by Kyogle High School and Kyogle Council purchasing the wire. The dump is a hotspot for the Indian Mynas and the lads had caught 110 Indian Mynas prior to the delivery of the large trap.”

Thank you to Mr Ben Harper and his boys group for making the traps.

Sue Landers—Community Liaison Officer

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

Year 12 Formal Tickets—are to be finalised by this Friday 1 November 2013—to enable us to finalise tables and numbers with the club.

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