Work Experience
During November 25 Year 9 and 10 students as a part of their Work Education course, had the opportunity to participate in a week of Work Experience in and around Kyogle. The students chose a variety of professions including: retail, mechanics, nursing, preschool teaching, electrical repairs, lawn mower repairs, computer technician, pool attendant, veterinary assistant through to a farrier. All of the students had a wonderful time gaining skills and experiences to enable them to make informed decisions about their future pathways. I would like to thank all of the businesses who supported Kyogle High School in this worthwhile program.

C. Riesinger - Careers Advisor
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Kyogle High School students are given every opportunity to succeed and we take pride in celebrating their achievements. Congratulations to Mitchell Reid who has been named as the recipient of the Public Education Foundation’s Rural Scholarship. Judges were extremely impressed by Mitchell’s application. Mitchell will receive a payment of $2500.00 in 2014 to support his educational expenses. Lowana Davies has been offered a substantial scholarship from Bond University. Ashleigh Little has been given early entry to Southern Cross University.

This week we have a number of celebrations. Monday saw the KHS Sporting Awards and Quick Smart Certificates handed out. Congratulations specifically to Liesl Pederson for achieving recognition in sport.

On Wednesday this week we will be celebrating the official opening of the TAS Block, Canteen and quad. It has been a long time coming but we are so glad it is here.

On Friday we will be having our end of year Awards Assembly 7-10 at 12 noon. It is an opportunity to celebrate publically all that is great about Kyogle High School. We hope you can attend.

Activities Week is next week and all tickets and buses have been finalised. We hope that staff and students have a great time. Wednesday 18 December is the last day of school for students. Attendance is usually reduced on this day so it is anticipated that classes will be reorganised for this day. Thursday 19 and Friday 20 December are School Development Days.

As this is the last newsletter for 2013 I would like to thank all the staff here at Kyogle High School for their hard work this year. I would also like to wish all our staff, students and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

*Mrs Janeen Silcock*  
Principal

**SYDNEY EXCURSION 2013**

28 students left on Sunday on a 12hr train ride to Sydney for a packed week of fun and enlightenment. The students were greeted with the rain on the first morning but they still were able to have fun at Luna Park. We had great views of Sydney Harbour from our accommodation at The Rocks YHA. The weather cleared for the rest of the week and students had fun at the IMAX Theatre, Chinese’s Gardens, Aquarium and Madam Tussauds’ Wax Museum. The highlight of the day was having dinner watching the sun set and the lights appear over the city, at the revolving restaurant. The students enjoyed the visit to Taronga Zoo and attending the musical production “Grease” at the Lyric Theatre. I would like to thank Mrs Janet Andrews and Ms Sonya Soulsby for assisting me on this excursion.

*Mr Ben Harper—Year 10 Advisor*
Overview of a Proposal for a School Spirit Program (SSP) 2014.
The following is an outline of a proposal from the KHS SRC for the establishment of a School Spirit Program.

Rationale:
In 2013 KHS Captains Magnus Nicholson and Lowana Davies, identified the need to develop a program that developed a greater sense of school spirit. The Year 12 of 2013 supported this idea and purchased as their gift to the school an interactive electronic scoreboard dedicated to the School House system. This proposal will take these ideas to the next stage.
The KHS SRC has unanimously voted to make this program their main priority for 2014, dedicating their full resources to establishing the program and seeing the Yr 12 dreams to fruition. The SRC has selected the Grip Leadership slogan of “Our House Rules” as our theme for this program.
The KHS SRC has formed a committee dedicated to this program. Below is a brief outline for the program’s implementation.

KHS House Captains
The SRC recommends that in order to expand the role of the House competition beyond a purely sports orientation the school House Captains become part of the Student Leadership Group (SLG) under the direct supervision of the Principal. This would involve the House Captains being subjected to the same rigorous nomination and voting processes that oversee the selection of the SLG candidates.

The Scope of this Program
The central idea behind the program is to maximise student participation in school and community based activities in a fun and competitive arena. Currently the House system involves the participation in the school athletics, swimming and cross-country carnivals and their points are collated and the winner announced at the end of the year. The SSP wishes to maintain this system as it has some heritage behind it but also expand the roles of the houses to accommodate all aspects of the school experience. The SRC proposes that we include the following areas to contribute additionally to the House total for the year:

- **Citizenship** i.e. Student Volunteering and community activities.
- **Leadership** i.e. participation in the NLC, Grip, SLG and SRC.
- **Sportsmanship** i.e. participation in school, community and representative sports
- **Academia** i.e. participation in public speaking, subject competitions, art comps

Why is this important to KHS School Culture?
The SSP will allow students who do not normally participate in sports carnivals to contribute throughout the year to their School House.
The SSP will provide a basis of heritage and history of the school and the traditions long held here.
The SSP will help to promote the people whose Houses are named for and along with the ‘Hall of Fame’ will show students that success is possible for students of this school.
The SSP will develop further the ideals of leadership and community within the school.

When will this start?
The SSP will call for nominations for the position of House Captains in Week 9. Elections will be held this week, ready for the Swimming Carnival in Week 2 Term 1 2014.
The winning house would be announced at a special assembly Week 7 Term 4 2014 and the reward excursion could be held in Week 9 or 10 T4 2014.

*Mr Jason McKee*
*SRC Coordinator*

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8.30 am to 9.30am
For all your uniform needs

**Dates for 2014**
Uniform Shop will be open
Wednesday 22 January 2014
Thursday 23 January 2014
Friday 24 January 2014
8.30am to 2.00pm in the Common Room
Please note payment is by cash or cheque only.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
**Wed 11/12:** Leanne Walters, H Koturaj
**Thurs 12/12:** N Anderson, K Little
**Fri 13/12:** V Ferris, S Harrison, H Koturaj

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our volunteers and thank you for your help during the year.

*Faye*