Sister Speak Program Starts
Sister Speak is a 6 week program for young Aboriginal women which started here at Kyogle last week. The aim of the program is to increase self esteem, the capacity to make positive choices with regard to education, communicate effectively, think about career options and work with local and national Aboriginal women to provide diverse role models and mentors. Jodi Davies, the facilitator, believes that this course is highly important for our girls and has been planning it since the beginning of the year. Mentor Tracey Donnelly of Brighter Futures and local mother and role model, Hazel Davis will be among a wide range of Aboriginal women who will be facilitating the workshops. “The girls really loved it and I am very proud of them. We are already seeing positive results,” says Jodi.

SCHOOLS MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA
Last Thursday night, 25th July, students from our district primary schools joined with the High School Concert Band and Year 9 band “The Elementals” in a night of extraordinary music performances. Music workshops were led by Greg Sheehan and Steve Berry, two of Australia’s leading professional musicians and music educators. Over 50 students participated enthusiastically over the two days with the evening performance including unconventional and conventional percussion instruments such as tuned plastic coke bottles, Indonesian Gongs, Ukuleles, the kitchen stainless steel sink and a hilarious performance using soft squeaky toys! Cont pg.3
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

This week across public schools in NSW we celebrate Education Week. It is a time when we can be justifiably proud of the outstanding work being done in public schools to meet the needs of all students regardless of race, economic circumstance, religion or location. The week reflects our theme NSW Public Schools– Creating the Future.

Each week on assembly, through the newsletter, through photos, noticeboards, through sharing and talking, we 'celebrate the stories of our students at Kyogle High School'. Our website continues to develop and share our stories. We have a display down the street and last week we had displays in the hall as we met with parents and carers regarding subject choices in 2014.

This week Year 9 head over to Southern Cross University to begin a new story about their future.

We are very proud of the work we do at Kyogle High School and the legacy we bring to the community. Kyogle High School has a long history and the growing "Wall of Fame" celebrates this along with each person in the community who has their own history here. We celebrate and acknowledge the work of those who have gone before us and their love of our kids and community.

Parents and Carers have requested that Assessment Booklets are on our Internet Website. These are now up and we encourage everyone to check and support their child in completing all requirements for their continued success.

We have a number of important events coming up; Year 11 Snow Excursion, 2014 Captains and Leaders Nominations and Year 12 major works.

Let us create futures for our students together.

Have a good week.

Mrs Janeen Silcock
Principal

Year 10 Excursion—17-22 November 2013

Payment Plan

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Excursion must be fully paid for before students leave for Sydney.

Year 11 Snow Excursion—Payments must be finalised by this Friday 2 August 2013.

Excursion must be fully paid for before students leave for the snow trip.

From the Deputy’s Desk

Term 3 is one of those terms where there seems to be so much on and as a consequence it is a term that flies!

Years 8, 9, and 10 are currently selecting their subjects for 2014 which is the first part of the process of building a timetable. A big thank you to Jim Selwood and Adam Deszecesar who, under the expert guidance of Joe Landers, are working on the 2014 timetable.

For Year 12 it is the final countdown to their HSC exams. Many students are currently finalising their Major Works or preparing for Practical Presentations in Drama and Music. It is important that Year 12 remain focused on their studies and see their teachers if they are needing help. Mrs Riesinger is always available to help students formulate effective study plans/routines if needed.

Year 11 Snow Trip is in Week 5. All signed agreements/medical forms MUST be handed into the Front Office by the end of the week. Thank you to Mr Stewart for the coordination of this activity as it takes a lot of time and effort. Based on the numbers attending this excursion, there will be regular classes for Year 11 students not going on the excursion. This means if you are in Year 11 and NOT ON THE SNOW TRIP you must be at school.

Thank you to Nicole Peisto and Sue Landers for organising the ‘Back to School Trivia Night’ on Friday 6 September. Tickets go on sale this week, so please get together tables of 8 and join us for a fun filled night of laughter and good company.

Thank you to Jodie Davies for getting the Sista Speak program up and running at Kyogle High School. This program will be of great benefit to our Aboriginal students.

Lastly, for those who know me, I often do jobs ‘on the run’! I apologise for mis-spelling calendar the Term Planner that went out with last week’s newsletter...one of my busy moments.

Mrs Gae Masters
Deputy Principal

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For all your uniform needs

COMING EVENTS

29 July    Education Week
1 Aug      Byron Bay Writers Festival Excursion
9 Aug      EKKA Trip
12 Aug     Year 11 Snow Trip
21 Aug     P&C Meeting
5 Sept     Year 12 Farewell Social (tentative)
6 Sept     Trivia Night
19 Sept    Year 12 Farewell Assembly
SCHOOLS MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA cont.

Songs were written by the students, including one about our district, called “Kyogle Country”. Words included all of the schools that participated – Barkersvale, Rukenvale, Kyogle Public, Afterlee, The Risk, Coffee Camp, Wiangaree, Collins Creek and Kyogle High. It was truly an outstanding evening hosted brilliantly and most entertainingly by KHS’s Jay Kapodistrias and Kleon Toffetti with parents and principals requesting it to be repeated again the following night. All involved had a wonderful time. Without a doubt, students will not forget this amazing musical journey.

A big thank you to Joe Landers and Felicity Wooltorton who organised this project.

My Library

To celebrate National Literacy Week come up to the Library for our “Banned Books Reading Hour” on Friday August 2nd during lunch.

No computers, no games, just reading!!!

SCHOOLS MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA cont.

These students were great helpers with the senior exams last term. Here they are celebrating a lunch supplied by Ms Soulsby.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 31/7: W Ferguson
Thurs 01/8: Help Needed
Fri 02/8: V Ferris V Barney
Mon 05/8: C Campbell S Landers
Tues 06/2: K Carter K Crawter
Wed 07/8: V Scarrabelotti
Thurs 08/8: N Anderson K Little
Fri 09/8: S Harrison V Ferris
Mon 12/8: V Bulmer
Tues 13/8: R Moran S Chadburn

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

Community Liaison Officer

Back to School Trivia Night

This adult only event will be hosted by comedian Mandy Nolan and will be held on Friday September 6th at 6.00pm in the School Hall. Come dressed in ‘Back to School’ theme and don’t forget to bring your school bag with a lunch box filled with goodies to share and drink bottles with your favourite beverage. (alcohol is permitted).

Teams will be made up of 8 people at $20 ea.

Tickets will be available for sale at the Front Office from Thursday 1 August 2013.

Contact Sue or Nicole at the school for more details.

Mrs Sue Landers – Community Liaison Officer

Kyogle Community Cinema Programme – Cinema Week Commencing 2nd August

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SCRIPTURE for this term will now be held on Thursdays Period 3. If you do not want your child to participate in Scripture we must have a signed note from a parent stating this.