A Perfect Poetic Performance: Kyogle Student Recognized In National Award

RUNNER UP - ASSISTED LEARNING, SECONDARY
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The Silent Story
all dark and silent
not a thing in sight
trees with no leaves
sky with no clouds
all ground caved in
old dead leaves
nothing around me
I can’t hear anything or anyone
the town was destroyed by bombs from the war
houses burnt down
no people around
not a person to be found
dark and silent

Judge’s Comment
The careful selection of words to paint bleakness creates a haunting quality in this poem. The interruption of the two longer lines breaks the mood. They are unemotional and factual. By doing this, the sorrow and loss is made more poignant. Beautiful work.

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From the Principal’s desk…
Welcome back to Term 4. I hope all our staff and students had a refreshing break and also any parents who also managed time off.

Jungle Book
A huge thank you to Bobbie Sharpe and her helpers for the fantastic drama performance of the Jungle Book. The feedback from our partner primary schools and the audience on the night was outstanding and each and every student involved in the production should rightfully be proud of their achievements. Thank you also to Susan Tulloch and her students who produced delicious ‘jungle food’ for all to enjoy before the performance.

HSC
The HSC has started. It was a very nervous group of students who participated in the first English paper on Monday but I am confident that every student will strive to achieve their personal best. I encourage all students to study hard, get plenty of sleep and relax as best they can.

Trivia Night
Our Trivia Night is fast approaching and preparations are well under way. Please consider getting some friends together for a table or buying tickets and joining the ‘lucky dip’ for where you will sit! Already we have had an overwhelming response for donations for prizes/raffles on the night – there are over $2,000 worth so far. The major raffle is a black wine fridge worth over $750 donated by Dave and Tina Roberts – tickets for the raffle are available from the school front office at $5 per ticket.

Deputy Principal
I would like to officially welcome Mr David Hanley to the position of Deputy Principal. Dave is an experienced English/History teacher who comes from Richmond River High School in Lismore. I am sure the whole school community will make Dave feel welcome.

Gonski
The slogan for the Gonski campaign is ‘Our children are worth it’. Gonski funding is designed to ensure that funds will be received in every school so they have the right resources to meet the needs of every student. Leading up to Gonski Week, I encourage every parent and carer to log onto the ‘I give a Gonski’ website and register your details to join the 147,317 Australians who pledged their support to ensuring every student has access to a high education. In future newsletters I will be highlighting programs and resources Kyogle High School has been able to access because of Gonski money.

Gae Masters
Principal

Deputy Principal’s Report
I extend a warm welcome to all members of the KHS community returning to term 4. I am very excited to arrive as your new Deputy Principal and after many welcoming smiles and greetings, I look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with all of you. A special thanks to Mrs Masters, Mr Landers and many other staff for their support and assistance in my initial days.

Term 4 offers many opportunities for success, engagement in education and celebrating the great achievements made at KHS in 2015. I look forward to the Year 12 Formal on November 11, celebrating the achievements of our current Year 12.

Already I have witnessed the enthusiasm, commitment and united effort between student and teacher which no doubt places KHS above its peer schools. The recent production of the Jungle Book was a great success and a lot of fun. Congratulations to all involved in this spectacular. A special congratulations to Ms Sharpe.

I extend to all parents and care providers an invitation to contact myself at KHS with any matter concerning our very important students.

Thank you
David Hanley
Deputy Principal

Vaccinations
Friday 16th October will be the last round of vaccinations for 2015. Year 7 students will receive vaccinations on this day. If you have any questions about missed vaccinations or any other enquiries, please contact Wendy Mitchell on 6632 1300

Wendy Mitchell
Girls Advisor/Vaccination Coordinator

Trivia Night Tickets on sale NOW
$25/person Tables of 8 - 10
Available at KHS Office & Gateway Office Supplies
We would like to wish all year 12 students the best in their HSC exams.

Louise Petherbridge - President

P&C Meetings are held in the Common Room at 5:30pm

Next meeting WEDNESDAY 21st October

Who wants to feel good..?
Feel Good Wellbeing Morning on Sunday 25th October at the Kyogle Senior’s Centre (Bloore St) for all ages. 9.30-12.30, $15. Chill out with gentle movement, music, meditations and guided relaxation with Shakti Burke. All proceeds go to Kyogle New Horizons, a local DV support group.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR
Kyogle High School is again inviting students aged 15-19 (as of June 2016) to participate in the Lions Youth of the Year program. Any students interested in participating in the 50th year of this program should see Ms Gould for more information.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Fri 16/10: P Haydock
Mon 19/10: R Ederle
Tues 20/10: Help needed
Wed 21/10: J McBride
Thurs 22/10: B Harley
Fri 23/10: Help needed
Mon 26/10: Help needed
Tues 27/10: K Hoffman, K Crawter
Wed 28/10: Help needed
Thurs 29/10: Help needed
Friday: 30/10: Help needed

The canteen is always looking for more volunteers. If you can help out please phone Deb Skinner on 6632 1300 (w) or 6636 4261 (h).

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Our new Deputy Principal, Mr David Hanley started at KHS this term. He brings to our school an outstanding portfolio of teaching and leadership success and will certainly be an asset to our school community. Mr Hanley comes to us from Richmond River High School and we wish him all the best in his new position and look forward to his skills and experiences contributing to this wonderful school community in the years ahead.

Upcoming Events

YEAR 9 – SCU Year 9 UniBound Residential - 10-11 November – Approximately 11 student have been selected for this program. There will be a meeting in the next week to finalise the travelling arrangements.

YEAR 10: Work Experience - 19-23 October – Next week a number of Year 10 students will be attending an excursion in Sydney. All students not attending MUST do Work Experience. Information was sent home last term and all paperwork was due last week. Work Experience is a wonderful opportunity for students to ‘try out’ different career paths and many Kyogle High students have been offered full and casual employment through this program.

Barista Course – 25 & 27 November – Year 10 students have the opportunity to attend a day at Wollongbar TAFE and learn the ins and outs of the elusive coffee machines. The training is free but there will be a cost for the bus. Notes will be distributed later this month.

YEAR 11 – SCU Senior Schools Day – 29 October – Notes have been distributed to all Year 11. This day enables students to make informed decisions about their future.

Congratulations

Liesl Pederson (Year 11) has recently been successful in gaining selection for the State Water polo team. She attended a trial at Alstonville Pool during Term 3, where she was selected from a ‘pool’ of 18 students. She will be training in Alstonville every Sunday afternoon in the lead up to the State Competition in Sydney from the 2 - 6th of November. In order to help fund the trip she is selling raffle tickets, with great prizes, including $1500 worth of sporting equipment. Please see Liesl at school to purchase tickets.
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This year five of our talented students entered the Dorothea Mackellar National Poetry competition, showing the abundance of talent we have in our school! All students are promoting a love of language in our country, while also providing a voice for the youth, in many of the important to pics in our world. However, we did have some especially EXCITING NEWS recently (which we had to keep secret until the media moratorium was over on the 4th September!!!). We can now reveal the email that caused such a joyous reaction: ‘It is with great pleasure that I would like to confirm that Jessica CAMPBELL of Year 9 is the runner up in the Assisted Learning Secondary section of the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards, annual national poetry competition, with her poem ‘The Silent Story’. On behalf of the Society I would like to congratulate Jessica, her family and teachers for nurturing such a wonderful talent. Jessica will receive $300 in prize money, a collection of books and national promotion of her work. Her poem will feature in the National Presentation booklet sent out to all participating schools around the country, all our supporters and national/local media, and in the 2015 Anthology among the best poems for the year, as well as our website for the 2015 results.”

We will be having a representative of the Federal Government who will attend the school later in term 4, to present Jessica’s prize. This result proves that Kyogle students are up there with the nation’s top composers and Jessica should be immensely proud of her beautiful work. This is Jess’s poem, as presented in the Official Winners Magazine. Leila Gray

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Last week Kyogle High proudly presented their adaptation of ‘The Jungle Book’. I was incredibly proud of the cast and crew who worked tirelessly for the past 2 terms to bring this production to life. Without these amazing talented students I would never be able to do the things I do. So I would like to personally thank ALL the students involved for their commitment and enthusiasm. As we also know a ‘whole school’ production NEEDS lots of helpers. Therefore I would also like to thank the following for their support: Neil Steele who spent countless hours building our set platforms, Janet Andrews for her talented painting skills on our props, Jenny and Geoff Densley for their ‘creative movement’ workshop, Kendal Bryant, Sue Landers and Sakti for your remarkable sewing skills, Henry Nautu and Ajita Cannings for their musical talent and Pete Fowler for ‘being there every time I called for ladder support’. Thank you all for supporting and helping bring our dream to life. As customary, a night like this cannot be held without a serving of scrumptious food. A huge thank you must go to Susan Tulloch and her band of merry helpers for providing our ‘Jungle’ feastings on the night. My appreciation also goes to the unique expertise of Jess Mobbs. She has worked beside me offering the students support when necessary to keep this production strong. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Again a BIG BIG thank you to the following cast and crew:

**Mowgli:** Dahna O'Burn-Crocker  
**Bagheera:** Isabelle Slater  
**Balo:** Yael Adar  
**Kaa:** Oak Landers  
**King Louie:** Jasmine Carter  
**Shere Khan:** Angus Wallace  
**Colonel Hathi:** Paige Roberts  
**Hathi Jr.:** Neve Petherbridge  
**Winifred:** Samantha Brown  
**Elephant #2:** Amber Bedlington  
**Elephant #3:** Lauren Starr  
**Elephant # 4:** Katelyn Pryde  
**Elephant # 5:** Jessica Starr  
**Akela:** Stephanie Southey  
**Rama:** Lisa Price  
**Raksha:** Lilly Miles  
**Wolf #1:** Oliver Edwards  
**Wolf #2:** Byron Leck  
**Wolf #3:** Zoe Ellis –Lindley  
**Monkey #1:** Lilly Miles  
**Monkey #2:** Tanea Atwood  
**Monkey #3:** Ember Evans  
**Monkey #4:** Matteeka Gascoigne-Fisher  
**Monkey #5:** Jessie King  
**Monkey #6:** Zoe Ellis-Lindley  
**Buzzy:** Emmylou Cornell  
**Flaps:** Gemma Graham  
**Ziggy:** Karrie Rogers  
**Dizzy:** Estelle Hand  
**Lighting:** Misty Lee / Rosie Ochtman  
**Follow Spot:** Bodhi Karam-Wilcombe  
**Sound:** Kleon Toffetti  

Ms Bobbie Sharpe—Director