CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12
Congratulations must go to all our Year 12 students, parents, carers and friends for a wonderful night held recently at Kyogle Bowling Club. Special awards went to:
Reuben F. Scarf: Elizabeth Clark
Caltex All Rounder: Arlo Hook
Long Tan Award: Taleeha Harley
Principals Medal: Labelle Mayangi

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On Tuesday we had a wonderful Assembly acknowledging our sporting boys and girls as well as Year 11 students’ academic achievements. The Year 11 moving into their senior year received their Senior Badge and recited the oath – I was very, very proud. Special thank you to Mr Hanley, Mr Rasborsek, Ms Sharpe, Mr Nautu plus our wonderful SASS staff who worked hard to ensure the Assembly was a true celebration.

In my speech yesterday I told the assembly that:

“Coming together to recognize and celebrate accomplishment is an important part of living and working as a community. This assembly is not about winning. It is about taking time to recognize that the contributions of others enrich the quality of our learning. We take the time to recognize the students who made extra efforts in specific areas of their school lives. It is only right and fitting that in a learning community like ours that we take pride in what we accomplish and contribute individually and take pride in what others have done, as their accomplishments serve as both inspiration and motivation. Each of you has every right to be proud of all you have learned and accomplished. The feeling of satisfaction is the real reward today and every day. It is a privilege to be selected for an award, but you don’t need an award to prove who you are or what you have accomplished. Showing respect and appreciation means applauding the winners and congratulating them later. Let us be proud for the recipients of today’s awards and celebrate with them.”

Kyogle HS is fast becoming renowned for the quality of our Assemblies, the humility of the award winners but more importantly, the pride the whole school feels when we have students who excel. Well done Kyogle High School community!

Gae Masters

**Principal**

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Welcome to this issue of the KHS newsletter. In my comments today I appeal to all KHS community members to engage with the positive philosophy of the school – ‘Here to Learn, Here to Lead’.

In the short time I have been in the school of have been amazed at the positive energy and spirit of our community. I have witnessed this in productions such as the Junglebook. I was amazed when attending the formal for 34 Year 12 students, when over 300 guests, family, friends and staff attended what was a great evening of celebration. Our school extended an amazingly warm welcome, including family, to the arrival of 2016 Year 7 students, as an increased cohort attended our Year 6 into Year 7 transition activities. And this week I witnessed over 130 students receive sports awards in recognition of their achievement and excellence on the sporting field and lauded the depth of academic strength and character of our incoming Year 12 students. Our school, staff and community continue to amaze me.

However I have been equally amazed, at times, at some of the negativity that prevails within our school. I have witnessed too many incidences of harassing behaviour, of third parties escalating situations between peers, of threatening communication and lack of respect.

Our school is far too important to allow the negatives that we often see in our larger society: lack of respect, intolerance, aggression, isolation, hatred, to define who we are and how we act as a school. So, my fellow KHS community members, I appeal to you to assist KHS in maintaining the amazing and positive elements of our school and to eliminate the negatives that can challenge and cripple our school. Our positive actions help, our negative actions hurt!

David Hanley

**Deputy Principal**

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**Major Sporting Award Recipients:**

**NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge:**
Carleta Owen

**Indigenous Athlete of the Year:**
Blake Davies

**Female Sports Person of the Year:**
Mikailah Piggott & Liesl Pederson

**Male Sports Person of the Year:**
James McPaul

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Congratulations to all our students who received Sports Awards at this week's assembly. Year 12 students for 2016 were recognised as they received their Seniors badge. Wow! What a large group of seniors Kyogle High has next year. The P&C will be joining with canteen staff on Thursday 3rd December for their Christmas party. Anyone who wishes to attend should contact Deb Skinner in the canteen. The P&C met on Wednesday 25th November for their final meeting of the year. We look forward to regathering in 2016 and working together to support the staff and students at Kyogle High School.

Louise Petherbridge - President

Canteen/P&C Christmas Party
Thursday 3rd December
Kyogle Golf Club  6pm RSVP to Deb Skinner by Monday 30th November
On Thursday 12th November, Year 6 students from Kyogle Public School, Wiangaree, St Brigids, Rukenvale and The Risk schools visited Kyogle High School for the annual ‘Bullying No Way Day’. A group of Year 10 mentors were trained especially for this day to be able to run a range of anti-bullying and teamwork activities including ‘The Positivity Tree’, ‘Anti-Bullying Slogan Posters’ and ‘Paper Castles competition’. The environment of the day also helped students to make peer connections while giving the Year 10 mentors a chance to provide support and a friendly face to our future Year 7 students. The day finished off with a whole group hip hop dance to Bars & Melody's song ‘Hopeful’ which was choreographed by Nicole Martizano and Josie Ferguson. The Year 6 students were also lucky enough to experience a taste of the KHS competitive streak by being invited to compete in the House Rules tug of war competition! It was a great day had by all and we can’t wait to have the future Year 7’s join our school in 2016!

Brad and Rachael Rasborsek : Bully No Way Day Co-Ordinators

SISTASPEAK Every Wednesday during this semester a group of our Aboriginal students have been gathering together for the SISTASPEAK program. The girls have been involved in some constructive hands on projects such as creating pamper packs with homemade candles, lip balm and soaps using native ingredients from traditional Aboriginal country. Currently the girls are tuning into their artistic talents by handcrafting and painting library bags and Santa sacks for their younger family members. The SISTASPEAK program has provided the girls an opportunity to check in with Jodi and Mrs Raz on a weekly basis and to discuss their progress at school. We have also had Aboriginal elders and volunteers involved in the program which has given the girls a chance to think about and plan for their future. If you are interested in purchasing one of the pamper packs or soaps from SISTASPEAK please contact the school or visit the school office.

Jodi Davies & Mrs Rasborsek (Sistaspeak Co-ordinators)

NEW DIRECTION PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

After working all year collecting evidence for their portfolios and attending fortnightly 'hub sessions', the time has finally come for the Year 10’s to present their portfolios and schoolwork projects to panel members consisting of community members, KHS staff and students. Although some students are a little nervous about the presentations it will give them a chance to show off what they have been working on all year in their classes and to take pride in what their have achieved during 2015. Presentations will be taking place at the school on the 3rd and 10th of December. We wish the Year 10’s luck during presentations and all we ask is that they try their best!

Mrs Rasborsek - New Direction Co-Ordinator.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate the following students who have been voted by the school staff and students as our new Captains and Vice Captains for 2016:

Captains:

Boy: Matthew Cornell
Girl: Kirra Harrison

Vice Captains:

Boy: Daniel Williams
Girl: Rosie Dodge
The ‘My House Rules’ Inter-house Competition has recently wrapped up for 2015 with Fegan House backing their win from 2014, with another close fought victory.

The MHR competition requires students to nominate their participation in a variety of activities throughout the year in the areas of Academia, Sportsmanship, Citizenship and Leadership. This year over 6043 nominations were submitted by the four Houses and the House Captains from these Houses did a remarkable job in keeping the momentum going mid-year. Fegan will enjoy a reward excursion to the Air-factory Trampolining Centre in Burleigh on the Gold Coast Wednesday 2nd of December. Members of Fegan House are encouraged to submit their permission notes early as there are limits to the bus seats available.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the KHS Student Representative Council (SRC) throughout the entire year, distributing nomination forms, scrutinising and recording, as well as organising extras like the tug-or-war and reward venue. MHR would not happen without the support of the SRC, Teachers and Support Staff and the students themselves getting involved.

Got to go, organising bigger things for next year.

Jason McKee

Final House Scores for 2015:
Fegan: 1728
Larkin: 1550
Richmond: 1436
Lindesay: 1329

Congratulations Fegan!

Virtual School creates real friends..
Ayla Hausen, Year 7 has attended her second Residential School with Aurora College (a selective virtual school). Ayla spent five days, Week 3, at Hurlestone Agriculture College with her virtual friends from Aurora College. If you don’t already know Ayla studies English, Maths and Science with Aurora College (virtually) whilst attending Kyogle High School. At this Residential Ayla met her virtual friends from Aurora College, for the second time this year. Her friends attend home schools across the state, Dubbo, Cowra, Goulburn, Edin Marine, Macksville, to mention a few. Ayla also, met her virtual teachers. This Residential School included a visit to the University of Technology Sydney, having a Master Class in game coding and attending a mentoring session at Fuji North Sydney. Highlights of the Residential School included a Trivia Night, where both staff and students joined teams to have a lot of fun. Ayla was a member of the winning team. Other activities included the viewing of a 3D movie “Pan” and a “Drum Beats” whole school session. Mrs Densley, also attended the Residential School as she teaches Year 7 and Year 12 at Aurora College, as well as teaching her classes at Kyogle High School.

Want to find out more visit... www.aurora.nsw.edu.au

Trials in 3D printing at Kyogle High have been taking place over the last fortnight. Following a University Roadshow visit earlier in 2015 an Australian Made 3D printer, ME3D has been engaging students in an innovative new medium. The printer operates using a plastic filament that is extruded out at high temperatures. Small motors drive the printer head laying down layer after layer to build up the printed object. Students can use either online designs or draw up components using CAD software. Recently with the help of Brody Howie, Rylie Boon Seaton, Roger Harris and Scott Taylor an Xbox Kinnect camera has been modified to allow a computer to live scan an item and render it into a printable format. The printer has been known to malfunction and has produced some disappointment however some of the highlights have included a phone case by Software Design students, a soft plastic fishing lure mould by Year 8 Technology and a computer case by 9/10 Information Software Technology.

Mr O’Meara

3D Printing at Kyogle High

My House Rules

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