YEAR 12 INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

Year 12 was formally inducted into Kyogle High School last Wednesday 18th February. Our newly appointed Captains and Vice-Captains are as follows:

Captain (Girl): Karlie Harris
Captain (Boy): Kieren Clarke
Vice captain (Girl): Holly Mitchell
Vice Captain (Boy): Noah Winnel-Wallace

Congratulations to our new Captains, and the entire Year 12 and we wish you all the best for the coming year.

Pictured: Gae Masters (Relieving Principal); Karlie Harris; Holly Mitchell; Noah Winnel-Wallace; Kieren Clarke.

WELCOME YEAR 7

As a school community, we would like to formally welcome our new Year 7 students and their parents, carers and families. We have a large intake this year of 83 students enrolled we are looking forward to getting to know them as the weeks go by. There is always a time of adjustment at the start of the year, particularly with the change to High School. If parents and carers have any concerns about their students’ progress or transition to High School, please don’t hesitate to make contact with the school or myself as their Year Advisor.

We are proposing a Year 7 camp towards the end of March and there will be more information about this camp coming to you shortly.

Mrs Kendal Bryant
Year 7 Advisor

CALENDAR—2015

WEEK 5

Monday 23rd Feb  Rugby League Trials Kadina
Tuesday 24th Feb  Zone Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 24th Feb  Careers Roadshow
Friday 27th Feb  Robocap Junior Excursion

WEEK 6

Thursday 5th March  Welcome Year 7 SOCIAL
Thursday 5th March  Regional Swimming Carnival

WEEK 7

Friday 13th March  Year 7 Vaccinations

WEEK 8

Tuesday 17th March  Yr 11 Biology Field Trip
Thursday 19th March  Open Afternoon

WEEK 9

Friday 20th March  School Photographs
Wed-Fri 25, 26, 27th March Year 7 Excursion

WEEK 10

Tuesday 31st March  Parent Teacher Meeting
Thursday 2nd April  Cross Country Ballina
Friday 3rd April  GOOD FRIDAY

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Here to Lead
Principal's Report

Last Thursday I attended a meeting of all Richmond Valley area Public School Principals’, during which we were updated on the changing nature of school management and leadership. The overall theme was of ‘Local Schools, Local Decisions’, which basically means much more decision making and accountability being assigned to each and every school. I will be presenting information regarding this through P&C meetings.

At this meeting we also discussed the vital nature of engaging with our entire school community in terms of our strategic planning for school improvement. During this term we will be initiating an extensive process of parent, student and staff consultation, engaging with a range of data, including the survey response, to determine the three strategic directions for our planning for school improvement. These directions basically comprise the areas of teaching and learning, leadership and student achievement. I will outline these directions in future issues of this newsletter once consultation has been completed.

Thank you to the Year 7 parents who have taken the time to respond to the survey sent out to email addresses the transition process. Your responses and comments will be used to guide future activities, processes and direction of this important aspect of moving from Year 6 into 7.

Next Monday afternoon I am meeting with the Principals of our feeder primary schools with the aim of having quality conversations around transition, sharing of resources, shared training and development opportunities and promotion of public education. It is a wonderful opportunity to work together and I look forward to continuing to foster this partnership.

As I write this, 25 KEEP students are participating in a PDHPE day. A huge thank you to our PDHPE staff, especially Mr Rasborsek and Ms Perry, for the quality planning and execution of a day targeting talented students in Year 5 and 6. In week 6 the KEEP day will be focusing on English.

Have a good week.

Mrs Gae Masters
Relieving Principal

From the Deputy’s Desk

It’s been an impressive start to the year with our Induction Assembly in Week 3, introducing our new Year 12’s to their role as school leaders and student role model. They are all up to the task of accepting such responsibility and I’m sure we will see them shine in this role. We also inducted our SRC representatives for 2015, which were of numbers much more than previous years due to a change in process to self-nomination rather than voting, meaning we have a large contingent of motivated, enthusiastic representatives to shape the school community from the students’ perspective. In the same assembly, we also inducted the House Captains and Vice Captains for 2015. It was definitely a day for honouring the leaders of our student body.

Coming up in Week 6, we have our first social for 2015, and, as rumour has it, the theme is Hollywood. On this theme, as far as behaviour goes, I will be asking for a focus on Comedy, Adventure, Animation, Fantasy, Musical, Documentary even. But NO Drama and NO Crime please, and when it comes to Romance, I expect students to remember that this is an all ages event and a school event, and certain behaviours are therefore not appropriate. This also applies to choice of costume for the night. Keep it suitable for an all ages and the school community. This is a great opportunity to have some fun, and staff are happy to volunteer their time on the night. But I emphasise the word “volunteer”, meaning that I expect all students to respect the conditions for participation at school socials. Keep it fun for all, and see you there. To parents, I ask that you please drop off and pick up at the school to avoid issues in town. Thank You.

Mr Joe Landers
Relieving Deputy Principal

Photo from SYDNEY ART/DRAMA EXCURSION 2015—page 4
Year 12 – On Tuesday February 24 the annual University Showcase will be visiting Kyogle High School between 11.30am and 12.30 pm. This is an opportunity for all students to gather information and ask questions relating to their future options. Universities attending at this stage are Bond University, Griffith University, Southern Cross University, University of New England and University of Sunshine Coast. TAFE NSW North Coast Institute will be attending for those students looking at non university pathways. All Year 12 students will attend.

Year 11 – All students have settled into their classes and Board of Studies Confirmation of Entry sheets will be going home for signatures by Friday next week. There are still a few students who have not handed in their “HSC All My Own Work” booklets. This is a Department of Education mandatory requirement. All outstanding booklets must be handed in by Friday February 20.

All students attending TAFE have also settled into their courses with one course being run at school on a Wednesday afternoon. SCU Headstart students have completed their orientation and are looking forward to their first university lectures this week.

Year 10 – 2015 sees the start of the new Year 10 Careers program. All Year 10 students have timetabled Careers lessons in which they will investigate ‘Work Readiness’, create a Career Plan, do resumes and learn about a variety of pathways options.

Mrs Christine Riesinger—Careers Advisor

Fishing for school sport has begun. Adam Little proved to be the best of the day catching and safely releasing a number local fish. The herring pictured was caught on a grasshopper floated into one of our favourite fishing holes. In Fishing we learn about local ecosystems, animal care, basic first aid and most of all the Richmond River. We walk a lot and spend times sharing stories about fishing. You might see us around in the future on Wednesday afternoons as we plan to visit The Weir, Carp Hole, The Basin and other spots around town.

Blair O’Meara

VALENTINES DAY
Roses were red...guys were dressed as Angels, chocolates came in the shape of roses...
VALENTINES DAY was a success!
Year 12 2015 have begun fundraising for their Formal at the end of the year. They would like to thank all staff and students, along with the community for their support. THANK YOU!

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SYDNEY ART/DRAMA EXCURSION 2015
On Wednesday night fourteen Year 11 and 12 Art and Drama students boarded the XPT for the annual excursion to Sydney. This year like other years was busy and jam packed full of Art Exhibitions and Drama Performances.......in fact Mrs Andrew's pedometer recorded 26000 steps on Friday. On Thursday the Drama students attended the matinee performance of "Onstage" which is a performance of the exemplary individual and group performances by 2014 HSC students. During this time the Art students went to the Art Gallery of NSW to view ARTEXPRESS which are the exemplary 2014 Visual Arts Bodies of Work and wandered through the historical images taking in paintings from the 1500s through to more contemporary artworks. In the evening we were all able to attend the night performances of "Onstage". Some of the monologues were sad and deeply moving, whilst others were hilarious and highly active and entertaining. Friday the Drama students viewed the Sydney Theatre Company's "Stolen" and Art students visited the "Chuck Close" exhibition which was awesome. Friday evening was spent watching the Sydney Youth Theatres performances and then we strolled along the Circular Quay foreshore to the Opera House, taking in the Illuminated Warriors which were near the Sydney Opera House. Saturday morning was spent at the Brett Whiteley Studios, shopping time at the Paddington Markets and back to the AGNSW to view "Pop to Popism" which was an extensive exhibition of the POP Art from the 1950's to now. That evening we immersed ourselves in Asian culture, enjoying foods from Korea, China, Thailand and Vietnam at street stalls. On Sunday we hit the Paddy's Markets for some retail therapy before boarding the train and returning to Kyogle at 3am. It was an awesome adventure and we all had a great time. By being exposed to cultural events, exhibitions and performances we believe our own HSC works in Drama and Visual Arts will be extended by the influences. Many thanks to Ms Sharpe and Mr Page for accompanying me on this trip.

Mrs Janet Andrews—HT CAPA

James McPaul picked to represent Athletics NSW
The NSW Youth and Junior Championships hosted by Athletics NSW were held from Friday 6th February to Sunday 8th February at the Athletic Stadium in Sydney.

James McPaul, competing in both the Under 17 200m and 400m events had great success. On the Friday night his time in the 400m heats was by his standards disappointing but it was enough to make the final in the unpopular lane 8. I think he was just ‘blowing the cobwebs out’ after not racing since the NSW All Schools Championships in October 2014. In the final on Saturday he ran a scorching 50.8 seconds to win the event by some considerable distance.

On Sunday 8th February, James came 2nd in the 200m heat and ran a 22.8sec in the final to earn 3rd place.

The above performances has earned him a place in the Athletics NSW team to compete in the Australian Youth and Junior Championships in both the 200m and 400m in March, 2015.

Well done James! You are a credit to both yourself and your school.

LOVE BITES is a school-based Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault prevention program. Kyogle High School Year 10 students were lucky enough to have this program delivered to them last week. We would like to thank our Counsellor Alison Coote, the team of community workers for a great day and Kyogle QUOTA club for their continuing support of such a worthwhile program!
As the new school year begins it is a good time to remind students and parents of the appropriate footwear for students while at school. WHS requirements state that students attending lessons that create a significant hazard to their health and welfare need to wear sturdy, leather, fully covered footwear. Subjects such as Technology, Industrial Arts, Home Economics, Visual Art and Science are certainly areas that could present hazards to students. Sandals and thongs are not considered adequate. Dunlop volley style shoes and slip on canvas shoes with soft fabric uppers and girls wearing open style shoes are also inadequate. Teachers are left with no alternative but to remove students from the practical room and issue them with appropriate alternative theory work.

We ask parents to try and support the school in maintaining a safe working environment and speak to the school if you have concerns in this area.

Virtual Learning at Kyogle High

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Igniting new ways of learning. Mrs J. Densley

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