OPEN AFTERNOON for Past and Future Students
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS
Thursday 19th MARCH
3.30PM – 6.00PM

Kyogle High School will be opening its doors to parents and the local community to showcase the achievements of our students, teachers and staff through displays, performances and other special activities. *It is an excellent opportunity for perspective students and families to come and see what Kyogle High School has to offer and meet key people in the school.*

Come and experience our new ‘state of the art’ Technology classrooms and view the new Trade Training Centre in Hospitality. The bistro will be open with a menu available on the night.

We have a new canteen and grassed courtyard area that has been completed and is now in use for our staff and students.

This is also a perfect opportunity for past students and teachers to see how Kyogle High School has changed in the past 60 years.

**Important Dates**

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**P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday 19th March
Common Room - 6:00pm
New members welcome!
Principal's Report

Year 12
Another busy week at Kyogle High School, especially for our Year 12 students who are currently completing the 2nd week of their Assessment Period. I do congratulate the Year 12 students who for the most part are applying themselves to their final year with commitment and diligence. I am very impressed that the Year 12 students are well underway with their fund raising for their end of year formal and not leaving it all to term 3 – currently they are running an Easter raffle with first prize being a beautiful basket full of quality Easter eggs.

Year 7 Parent Feedback
Thank you to the parents who have completed the simple survey regarding transition from Year 6 into 7. This data will be analysed and guide future processes regarding this important process including our relationships with our partner primary schools.

Strategic Directions for Our Future
Executive are currently working on the School Plan for 2015-2017 that will be developed around our mantra “Here to Learn, Here to Lead”. Currently we have emailed a survey out to our parents/carers asking for feedback regarding the school. Thank you to the families who have already completed the survey. This data will be analysed and used to guide the processes articulated within the plan to achieve school improvement. If you do not have an email address registered with the school, please do not hesitate to contact the front office and have them record the address or request a paper copy of the survey be mailed. I will continue to keep the school community informed through this newsletter as staff and executive develop KHS Strategic Directions and invite feedback as the plan progresses.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. Schools can use this tool to track improvement over a three to five period.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the entirely voluntary.

Mrs Gae Masters—Relieving Principal

From the Deputy’s Desk

In my wanderings around the school in the last few weeks, I continue to come across some impressive student accomplishments. I was fortunate to happen upon a multi-course Asian Banquet at the TAS block one day, complete with full restaurant layout. Another day, I was surrounded by a Drama flash mob, randomly applauding passers-by. Very surreal. One morning I came across a KEEP group of primary school students in our library starting their day with one of the grooviest Acknowledgement of Country’s that I’ve ever seen. I sat with some science students who were discovering the difference between ionic and covalent compounds, and how to work out which was which from the periodic table. I was reminded, in one class, how to say “No Thanks” in Indonesian to ward of persistent hawkers in Bali. With another group, I joined in a chant of SohCahToa, SohCahToa, SohCahToa, SohCahToa. I stood in awe on the sideline of a very skillful game of basketball. Who needs Youtube? We’ve got a wonderful world of fun and learning happening every day at this school. With our Open Day coming up later this term, the community will have the opportunity to see some of this world. So mark the date on your calendar, 19 March 2015 at 3:30, and See You There.

Joe Landers
Relieving Deputy Principal

Reminder
School fees have been sent out to parents and carers. If you wish to pay by direct credit the details are below:

Kyogle High School
Westpac
BSB : 032001
Account No: 154403

Please make sure you include your students’ name on the details and either email or phone us to let us know you have made a payment. Thank you.

Office Staff
Jai Slater, Year 11, always loved his sport. However, a chronic knee injury has put him on the bench for at least 2 years. This bench has become his second passion in life. Music. Party Music. Jai has always loved ‘party music’ and now he is using this to keep himself occupied. Jai has researched, sold cattle, worked hard out west in order to purchase his very own DJ equipment. He will be ‘performing’ at our Year 7 Social TONIGHT. He is an extremely talented young man, with a passion for seeing people happy and dancing! You can hire Jai for your next party—whatever music genre you desire! Find him on Facebook!

Ms McDonough

P&C REPORT
Our first meeting of the year was well attended. We welcomed one new Year 7 parent but we hope to see more as the year continues. The school's SRC president - Marne Petherbridge spoke at the meeting and informed us of the role of the SRC in the school. She also outlined future SRC projects for 2015. These include organising the school social, providing new, fixed seating around school grounds and providing new bins in the play ground. We welcome visits from all student representatives as this keeps us informed of what is happening in the school from the students’ perspectives. The P&C were very impressed with the beautification of the High School grounds, and hope to see it continue.

We will be supporting Open Night on 19th March by setting up a Uniform Display and helping to staff the canteen. Our next meeting will be the AGM on the 19th March, starting at 6.00 pm to allow parents to enjoy Open night. Nibbles will be provided at the meeting. Following the AGM, we will have our monthly meeting. Please come along. As a parent body, we do not take ourselves too seriously, but enjoy working with the school to support our children. Meetings are usually informative and occasionally quite entertaining. Hope to see you on the 19th March.

Louise Petherbridge—P&C President

Seniors week in Kyogle
Seniors Week in Kyogle is an opportunity for all ages to try something new.
Titled ‘New Tricks’ the week of events organised by Northern Rivers Care Connections will run daily from 16th to 20th March. Details about classes will be displayed at the old IGA shopfront and on our website. www.careconnections.org.au

Learn from a skilled senior with the ‘Master class’ series. Master class opportunities include:
- Penny whistle lessons - small fee includes your very own Penny Whistle (google it)
- Basic macramé – learn to make a bracelet or barefoot sandals
- Paper bead making, and
- Rope splicing.

Anyone interested in social games like bridge, mah-jong, scrabble, euchre, or 500 can book in to teach or play. Why not try one of the fun ‘you won’t believe you are exercising’ classes such as laughter yoga, square dancing, or Latin danceercise.

WANTED: people who adapt well to different technologies to assist Seniors in getting to know, and make better use of, their digital devices. More ‘Master class’ instructors also wanted.

An exhibition of bridal and formal wear from the past will also be held in and around Kyogle during Seniors Week. If you know someone with a vintage dress that needs to be seen please contact us.

Contact Northern Rivers Care Connections on 6632 2194

Year 12 Fundraiser
RAFFLE!
Year 12 are selling raffle tickets to win this basket of chocolate Easter eggs! And it is chockablock!
- $2 each OR 3 for $5

Winning ticket will be drawn on the 1st of April, during assembly! GOOD LUCK!
Year 12
All Year 12 students attended the University Road Show on February 24. The students were able to gain information and have one-on-one talks from personnel from a variety of universities. The representatives spoke to the students about university life, HECS, accommodation and scholarships. There will be further opportunities for students to meet with other universities during the year.

UMAT 2015
The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at a number of universities in Australia and New Zealand. For Full details you must see UMAT 2015 Information Booklet which is downloadable from the website. Registrations are now open for this year’s UMAT exam and close at 5pm on Friday June 5, 2015. Exam is on Wednesday 29th July. Students wanting more information please see Mrs Riesinger.

ADF GAP YEAR
The 2016 Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year applications will be opening at 9am on Monday 2nd March 2015. Applications must be received online.
The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 24, to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year.
Gap Year opportunities are available in the Navy, Army and Air Force in jobs such as Administration Clerk, Artilleryman, Driver, Rifleman, Unit Quartermaster.
The life skills and job training that you will acquire during your Gap Year experience will be valuable regardless of what career you ultimately undertake.
The Gap Year program will commence in January/February 2016. For full details and to register your interest, see: http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/

Tax File Numbers for School Students
At the end of 2014, the ATO stopped allowing schools to process TFN applications for students. To apply for a TFN from 2015 students will need to apply online and participate in an interview at a post office, or complete a paper based application form.
How to apply
If you are an Australian resident for tax purposes and able to attend an interview at a participating Australia Post retail outlet, you can apply for a TFN on the web. See: https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/ for detailed information and links to the application form online.
Otherwise, you will need to complete a paper form Tax file number – application or enquiry for individuals (NAT 1432). You can get a copy of this form by phoning 1300 720 092 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
If you don’t have a TFN you could have more tax withheld from your pay, or be unable to receive the government benefits you are entitled to such as Youth Allowance or enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) at university.

LEARNING CENTRE OPENING HOURS AND ACTIVITIES

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7/8 Generalist Class
The purpose of the 7/8 G is to provide an accelerated learning environment for students to improve their literacy, numeracy and social skills. Through the use of exceptional teaching, incorporating dynamic tailored lessons, smaller class size allowing for individual attention and a positive learning environment, students are able to achieve their learning goals and meet the curriculum outcomes.
Students have already completed and started to achieve their personal learning goals as well as learning all the same concepts that their year group is covering. The students in the generalist class are also exposed to other learning opportunities. Currently they are carrying out a research project on chicken growth and development which will form part of their assessment for Science.
Vaccinations
Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.
In 2015 the following vaccinations will be offered:

**Year 7 Students—Friday 13th March:**
- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough))
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox)
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule

**Year 11 & 12 Students:**
- measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine as a single dose as part of a catch-up vaccination program for students who are not fully protected.

Parent information kits were sent home on Wednesday of week 4.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD EATS BREAKFAST ON THE DAY OF THE VACCINATION CLINIC.**

ALL (Years 7, 11 and 12) consent forms need to be returned to the Front Office by the 11th of March.

Anyone who did not receive consent forms please see Ms Mitchell.
Ms W Mitchell—Girls Advisor

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**Before School** | **8.30-9.00**
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**Recess (Closed Friday)** | **10.45-11.10**
**Lunch** | **1.10-1.44**
**Sport lunch** | **1.00-1.30**
**Friday lunch 1** | CLOSED

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**Grade 10 Girls Soccer Team**

Kyogle Football Club is trying to get a Girls 10s team happening this year. We need between 10 to 13 players for a team. We already have 8 interested players! So only a few more needed!

For girls born between 1st July 2004 & 31st December 2006

Season commences on May 2nd
Players should register online using the “My Football Club” Website
enquiries to kyoglefc@ffnc.net.au or call Glenn on 0418 264 968

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The canteen is always looking for more volunteers. If you can help out please phone Faye Rose on 66321300.

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Mr B Rasborsek—Sports Organiser