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### Principal's Report

#### Nepal
A magnitude 7.3 earthquake shook parts of Nepal on Tuesday, collapsing buildings and killing at least 79 in an area still struggling to recover from last month's destructive tremor. It brought fresh fears to a people that have been terrified since the initial quake, a 7.8-magnitude tremor on April 25, which killed over 8000 people and injured thousands.

Mr Peter Clark spoke to me about raising funds to help the families of Nepal especially those with children who are left without adequate shelter, cooking facilities and access to safe drinking water. He has ordered a relief package to show our students at a future assembly what the tent, cooking facilities and water purification unit will look like and we encourage our school community to support fund raising efforts to send as many of these essential items to Nepal as we can. If every student and staff member donated $2 we could send one package, with $4 donated we could help 2 families in desperate need.

I will keep our families up to date with our efforts for Nepal in following newsletters.

#### School Social
The SRC will be hosting the next school social on Thursday 4 June following the outstanding success of the Term 1 social. I congratulate Mr McKee and his wonderful team who I know will work hard to ensure it is a great night for everyone who will attend.

On Wednesday's assembly I spoke to the school community stating that the social is a privilege not a right. There are students who over the last couple of weeks have been persistently breaking the basic school expectations of attending all timetabled lessons, respectful behaviour to both staff and peers, and wearing of school uniform. Those students who continually truant (both individual classes and leaving the school grounds), swear, fight or threaten, or ignore the wearing of our uniform, will not be invited to attend the social. Each Wednesday at the Executive Meetings until the social, we will look at the data teachers’ record about student behaviour and make recommendations of students who have not earned the right to attend the social.

#### NAPLAN
The annual NAPLAN testing for Years 7 and 9 is taking place in all schools across Australia this week. The resulting data is used in faculty, school, regional and state strategic planning. NAPLAN testing will not affect results achieved by students which appear on their half yearly or annual reports. The information we get from NAPLAN allows the school and faculties to plan teaching and learning programs that accurately support individual and group learning needs, both extension as well as learning support. Thank you to Mrs Densley for coordinating these tests this week.

Both of these important documents have recently been posted on our school’s website. The Annual School Report covers achievements of staff and students during the 2014 school year, and provides a final progress report on our School Improvement Plan 2012 – 2014. Our School Improvement Plan 2015 – 2017 has also been posted on our website. Thank you to the staff, students and parents who were part of the consultation process which resulted in this plan.

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**YOUTH ROCK 2015**

During the holidays, a group of our Year 10 elective music students, known by their band name as Room21 travelled to Sydney to participate in the Youth Rock Semi Finals. Alana Toffetti, Reuben Flower, Sarah Chater, Justin Cox and Sophie Jones spent 12 exhausting hours on the train travelling to Sydney, arriving early in the morning. The band then travelled to Sutherland and spent Saturday participating in an Indent workshop provided free of charge by the Youth Rock organisers. In this workshop we learnt many new skills about song writing, organisation of gigs and how to go about dealing with some of the struggles connected with being part of a band.
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After a well-deserved rest, the band returned to the Sutherland Entertainment Centre for their performance. There were eight performers that night, with Room21 playing last. Each band had their own unique genre including Death Metal, Alternative Rock, Grunge and Indie Rock. Despite our nervousness, we performed incredibly well and managed to get at least half of the audience up and dancing. Although we didn’t get into the Finals Room 21 learnt a lot of new skills, met new bands, became better performers and had a lot of fun.

After a good night’s sleep, the band ventured to Sydney Central for the morning before boarding their train back to Kyogle. This was an incredible achievement for a newly formed group and the chance to work with industry professionals and perform to large audience was an exciting and rewarding opportunity. Room 21 have recovered from sleep deprivation and are now busily writing more songs and preparing themselves for future musical opportunities.

They’re hoping that all music students of Kyogle see how far their band got in the competition and use them as inspiration to build confidence in themselves. Room 21 have been a huge step up for this band and we are hopeful other bands within the school will take the opportunity to enter the competition in 2015.

Sophie Jones

VACCINATIONS
Friday May 22nd will be the second round of vaccinations in 2015 for all Year 7 students. Year 11 & Year 12 students who returned their consent forms last term will receive their Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) vaccination.

If you have ANY questions please contact me at school. Wendy Mitchell (Vaccination Coordinator/Girls Advisor)

Mothers Day Fundraiser

Last week Year 12 ran a Mothers Day fundraiser to raise money for the Year 12 Formal.

A gift pack with beauty products was kindly donated as the prize, by Soul Patterson Chemist Kyogle. The prize was drawn last Friday. Congratulations to Lindy Ruangsri who won the prize! Year 12 2015

REMINDER!

Athletics Carnival Wednesday 20th May. Don’t forget to wear your house colours!
**Yr 7 Peer Mentoring Camp**

In Week 9 of Term 1 almost 50 Year 7 students participated in the Peer Mentoring Camp at Camp Koinonia, Evans Head. We had a great time in activities such as surfing, beach games and walking, rock climbing and flying fox. It was great to see students challenging themselves with new and sometimes scary activities. Challenging our comfort zones is a great way to expand our worlds, and grow as individuals. Students also had a great time with their Year 11 mentors talking about how they have adjusted to High School, thinking positively and how to be resilient against all kinds of challenges.

The highlight was seeing students grow their friendships and develop new ones in this fun environment. All students were well behaved and should be commended for their cooperation.

*Mrs Kendal Bryant, Year Advisor.*

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**Year 10 Work Experience**

Congratulations to the Year 10 students for an amazing week! It was with great pleasure and pride that I visited students while they were on Work Experience. The feedback from employers and the opportunity to see the students in a totally different environment makes all of the planning well worthwhile.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the businesses who supported this worthwhile program.

*Christine Riesinger (Careers Advisor)*

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**COWS CREATE CAREERS**

Students from 7/8G and the MCC class are currently involved in Cows Create Careers. Cows Create Careers – Farm Module is a six-week program that aims to increase the awareness of dairy industry careers in a very hands-on way. Students are educated by rearing two three-week-old calves at school and the school is provided with dairy industry curriculum for Years 7 to 11, at no cost.

This year, eleven schools in the Lismore region will participate in the program including Kyogle High School. Students are working hard in their teams to create either a 3D model or a moo-vie on the dairy industry. At the conclusion of this program students are invited to a presentation day which will be held in Lismore.

*Kathy Doman (MCC Teacher)*
**From the SCIENCE Lab..**

Applications are open for the *National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)*. Year 11 students interested in a career in science, engineering and technology are encouraged to apply.

**Inspiring Futures**

The NYSF aims to nurture and encourage young Australians to be the next generation of leading scientists and engineers supporting a sustainable future for our nation. The NYSF helps students moving into Year 12, who wish to follow careers in science, engineering and technology by introducing them to research and researchers, by encouraging the achievement of excellence in all their undertakings, and by helping to develop their communication and interpersonal skills. The NYSF offers a growing suite of programs across Australia to develop the exposure of Year 12 science students to study, research and future employment opportunities. The NYSF is proudly in partnership with the Australian governments, major industry, national research institutes and universities.

*For information contact Adam Deszecsar.*

**Science and Engineering Challenge Week 7 June 2nd.**

Year 10 students are encouraged to join the KHS team in this fun day out. Students work in teams to design and build models to solve given problems. Past challenges include: building a catapult to throw a tennis ball for accuracy and distance, building a hovercraft for speed and agility, building a bridge to hold a weight carriage.

*Adam Deszecsar—Head Teacher Science*

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**Farewell Faye Rose**

Canteen Manager

Come and farewell Kyogle High Schools Canteen Manager on Friday 19th June, 6pm at The Sugar Bowl Café and Bar.

We would like to invite past and present canteen workers, staff or anyone who has been associated with Faye in her 25 years of service to our school.

*RSVP by June 1st to Wendy Ferguson 041 301 4359 or leave your name at the canteen.*

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**Closing the Achievement Gap**

Noticeable effects from 25 to 30 minutes of independent reading every day. The more time students spend independently reading, the greater the positive effect on student achievement.

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**Canteen Roster**

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