Welcome back to KPS for 2013
It has been wonderful to see the safe return of our students from what we hope was an enjoyable holiday. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students who are joining us this year. We trust that you will make friendships quickly and will enjoy everything that KPS has to offer. The students have returned looking excited and are ready for a fantastic year ahead.

Arrival Time
Just a reminder that teacher supervision does not start until 8.50am. We ask that students do not enter school grounds until this time as staff are not on duty and it is a safety issue. We thank you for your support in making KPS a safe place to be.

Class Structures
We have 12 classes this year at KPS. Students have been placed into classes this week based on their academic and social needs as well as being placed with the best teacher to meet these needs. We have a wonderful teaching staff at KPS who all have the best interests of the children at heart. If you would like to discuss your child’s class placement you can do so in writing or contact the office to arrange an appointment time.

KL | Mr Leon Ludwig
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KS | Mrs Jasmin Stuart
1C | Mrs Chiara Cole
1/2W | Mrs Meg Witcombe
1/2M | Mr Malcolm Wheeler (Stage 1 AP)
2S | Mr Shaun Butler
3/4M | Mrs Leanne McLaughlin (Stage 2 AP)
3/4R | Mrs Erin Reeves
3/4K | Mr Brad Kearns
5/6M | Mrs Rhiannon Davies
5/6B | Mrs Aoife Bryant
5/6O | Mrs Suse O’Bryan

What’s Happening in 2013
KPS is very fortunate to have a lot of talented teachers who dedicate their time to running many programs within the school in addition to the regular classroom curriculum.

Mrs Rankin will continue to be our library and technology teacher allowing students the benefit of having two teachers in the room for these lessons. Classroom teachers will also continue to utilise the interactive whiteboards in their classrooms to enable students to become more interactive and engaged in technology.

Miss Burns along with Joy and Licette will continue to run the QuickSmart program. This program will continue to deliver amazing results for our Stage 2 and 3 students in both literacy and numeracy.

Mrs Grace will continue the Reading Recovery program giving Year 1 students a boost in their reading. She will also continue on as the leader of the wonderful KPS choir.

Sport will again play an important role at KPS with teams entered into the PSSA knockout competitions in a variety of sports.

The band program will continue to run this year with one of the High School teachers coming across to teach the band group. Mr Kearns will lead the Youth Environment Council giving students the opportunity to learn more about the environment and also keeping up the great work in the school veggie garden.

The Kyogle Enrichment and Engagement Program (KEEP) will continue to run in collaboration with the Kyogle High School and some of the surrounding small schools. This program aims to extend and engage students in Stage 3.

Mrs Reeves will take on the school dance group and is looking forward to choreographing lots of great new routines this year.

The Breakfast Club will also continue to operate in the mornings outside of the canteen for those students who need an extra boost before class.

Staff Update for 2013
We would like to welcome Mrs Rhiannon Davies to the KPS team. Mrs Davies will be taking Miss McLaughlin’s class in Term 1 while she is relieving principal. Miss Donna Burns and Mrs Suse O’Bryan will be the Stage 3 AP’s during this time.
Kindergarten
This week the kindergarten children will be participating in Best Start Assessments with their teachers. They will formally start in their classes Monday next week. We are looking forward to seeing their excited faces and I am sure that the older students will look after them over the coming weeks. Kindergarten students are given the opportunity to have a rest day on Wednesdays during Term 1 to help with their successful transition to school. This has proven to be very successful in making the early stages of school more enjoyable while enabling the children to maintain their energy levels. Permission notes will be sent home and need to be returned to the school office to ensure that students are not inappropriately marked as absent.

Swimming Carnival
Preparations for the school swimming carnival on Wednesday 6/2 are well underway. Students met in their teams last year to elect their captains and nominate for events. If your child was absent or not enrolled at KPS last year they will have the opportunity to nominate for events this week. All students turning 8 or older this year need to bring their swimmers and $2.25 for pool entry on Tuesday next week. We will be swimming heats for 50m races on this day to determine our finalists for the carnival.

Congratulations to the 2013 team captains:
**Hunter:** Girls Captain - Emily Davis
Boys Captain - Keia Foy-Upton

**King:** Girls Captain - Alicia Simpson
Boys Captain - Matty Martin

**Phillip:** Girls Captain - Kaitlyn Murphy
Boys Captain - Khy Ord

**Macquarie:** Girls Captain - Ellora McKenzie
Boys Captain - Bryce Donovan

All students should come to school as normal on the day of the carnival to have rolls marked before we head to the pool.

Permission Notes
The 2013 permission notes have been sent home this week with each child. Could you please fill in both sides and return to your child’s teacher as soon as possible as we will need this information urgently in case of flooding and also for the swimming carnival.

Change of Routine
If your child has a change to their normal afternoon routine we ask that you please send a note to your child’s teacher to explain the changes. This ensures that every child goes to the correct location at the end of the school day. If you know about this change in advance please send it to the classroom teacher rather than ringing the school office. The office is always a very busy place and this will allow us to relieve some of the congestion.

How you can get involved this year
We are fortunate to have a wonderful and supportive parent community at KPS. We are always looking for enthusiastic people from our school community to volunteer in our school. If you have some spare time and are willing to lend a hand in the classroom, canteen, library or P&C please contact the school office or your child’s teacher.

Newsletter Emailed
The school newsletter is always full of useful and important information about what is happening at the school. Any parent, carer or community member wanting to receive the newsletter via email is most welcome (and encouraged) to do so. Just send an email to the school advising you would like this to happen. You can also access our newsletters anytime on our website: [http://www.kyogle-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.kyogle-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/)