Good Luck
We would like to wish the students from KPS the best of luck at the Zone Swimming Carnival tomorrow in Lismore. Students need to be at the pool by 8.15am to ensure they have enough time to enter the pool and prepare for their races. Don’t forget relays are the first event and you will also require $2.50 for pool entry on the day. Students should wear their school or sports uniform on the day.

Best Start
Tomorrow all Kindergarten students will receive their report from their Best Start assessment that was conducted at the beginning of the year. This report is aimed at giving parents an indication of where their child was working at the beginning of their schooling. This information also forms a basis for planning in the classroom for the teachers. Students are continually assessed throughout their early years of schooling in order to track and monitor performance. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the report please feel free to contact your child’s teacher and arrange a time to meet.

Kinder Photos
On Friday the photographer from the Northern Star will be coming to our school to take photos of our Kindergarten classes. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform and that you have returned the permission note summary to your child’s classroom teacher giving permission for them to be photographed. Make sure you keep a look out for the pictures in the Northern Star on Wednesday, 27 March.

Deadly Australians
Deadly Australians will be visiting Kyogle Public School on Wednesday, 13 March. Deadly Australians is a public awareness program educating children about the venomous wildlife that inhabit our country. The program uses live and preserved exhibits including snakes, spiders and marine life. The cost of the programme is $5.50 per student and is due to the office by Friday, 8 March. Notes going home today.

Rugby Union
Yesterday Stage 3 students participated in a Rugby Union workshop aimed at building interest and co-operation skills. Each class spent 30 minutes learning the strategies and skills used in the game and were encouraged to get involved in the sport. Students enjoyed working together and playing lots of fun and exciting games.

Fire Safety Visit
The students in Early Stage One and Stage One are learning about Fire Safety this week, and were treated to a visit by NSW Fire Brigade personnel on Tuesday. Special thanks to Fireman Bob, Rob and John from the Kyogle Fire Station for their informative and entertaining visit. Here is a recount by 1/2W about the visit:
Today 1/2W went down to the hall for a fire safety talk. First Fireman Rob showed us what to do if our clothes are on fire – STOP! DROP! ROLL!
Then the firemen showed us what to do if our bedroom was on fire - GET DOWN LOW, AND GO! GO! GO!
After that, Fireman John let us have a go of spraying the fire hose, and Fireman Rob let us sit in the fire engine and beep the horn. BEEP! BEEP!
Finally we came back to class. We thought that the safety talk was: wonderful, awesome, good, fun and fabulous.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Early this year, KPS school community were introduced to the PBL program. Since then, KPS have embraced the program, and are encouraged by student responses, evident in the quality of behaviour throughout the school. Students have been learning about ‘Doing the Five’ targeting one specified expectation each week. This week our focus is on ‘being responsible’. Parents may like to ask their children what ‘being responsible’ is, and what it ‘looks like’ at school, as a follow up conversation. PBL gives students an opportunity to feel supported in reaching expectations confidently, in a structured learning environment.

Social Skills update!
This week, our social skills groups are learning about positive affirmations. Affirmations are an example of positive ‘self-talk’, which are used to help you feel better, create positive attitudes and achieve desired goals. Parents can lift their child’s self-esteem simply by using affirmations, such as: “you are great at sport” or “you always have a go”. Positive self-talk can ‘shape’ a child’s day and influence their overall wellbeing!
**What's happening**

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**Band Helpers.** If you are musically minded and would like to help out with the band on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings please call the school on 66 321 200.

**Welcome to the Learning Support Room**

Our groups commenced last week. During the first two weeks the children settled into their new routine with one another and their teachers. We welcome the new students to our school this year, some of whom will also be given extra support with their reading. I have spent the first two weeks testing our new students with their reading skills and sorting out the groups of students who are to receive support in our program.

**Stage 1 and 2 Reading**

Each group of children requiring support will be withdrawn at the same time that their classroom has reading. In this way no children will be missing out on other curriculum activities while doing reading with me. Four groups of Year 1 and 2 children will be withdrawn from the Stage 1 classes before lunch and an additional two reading group will be withdrawn from Stage 2 after lunch.

In Stage 1 our focus will be on the foundations of reading, initial sounds and sounding out, building a sight word base, teaching strategies and skills that enhance the reading process. Comprehension will also be an important focus.

In Stage 2, we will focus more on the Comprehension and strategies that relate to this. Our reading groups will possibly change from Term to Term depending upon results and needs.

I welcome parents who would like to come and sit and observe a group or discuss how they can also support their child at home. If there is a sufficient expression interest, I would like to run a session after school that explains the reading process and the skills and strategies as we use them in our teaching.

Please ring the office if you are interested in either of the above activities.

I am looking forward to successful and enjoyable reading this year with your children.

Paula Ludlow
Learning Assistance Teacher

**Lost Nikon J1 Camera at KPS Swimming Carnival**, white with removable lens. I am offering $100 reward on its return. Please call 0488485197 or leave at school office. It could also be posted to Kyogle Post Office to Tamara Freer. Thank you.

**Canteen Roster**

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*This weeks special on Friday: Spaghetti Bolognaise $4.50*

**Youth Environment Council – YEC**

We are really excited this year to have around 40 children who want to be a part of the YEC. As we have such a large group of dedicated students, we have broken into four groups that have different focuses. Each term the groups will rotate so that all children have an opportunity to try each area. The YEC meets 1st half of lunch each Tuesday and then each group may also then be required to work together on projects at different lunchtimes, recesses, etc during the year.

The 4 activities or focuses are:

1. **Clean Up Australia and promotion of a clean/ green school.** This will involve publicity and being proactive in working with the cleaners and staff as well as communicating back to the kids/ their peers on the areas of the school that need addressing. Clean Up Australia Day will be held once a term and is on this Friday (Week 5) for this term.

2. **Vegetable garden committee.** We have a great fenced off vegetable garden that one group will be responsible for planting out and maintaining. The students will be taught the basics of growing food plants.

3. **Vegetable seed stock propagation** This will be a new project for KPS. We will be propagating vegetables (raising seedlings) for our garden as well as for selling to the public. Money raised from this will be put back into our YEC projects and in helping to make our great school even more beautiful.

4. **Bush Tucker/ Fruit tree/ tree planting committee.** We will be planting new bush Tucker trees, standard fruit trees as well as other Australian native plants and shrubs. We will also aim to label the trees around our school with their botanic and common names so that our children can learn as they walk around the school grounds.

We already have a few parents that would like to come and be a part of our awesome YEC. If you have an interest in any of the YEC areas and have time to come be a part, please contact me at school as we would love to have as many helpers as possible.

Cheers Brad

Before and After School Care

We regretfully wish to advise that we are ceasing our Before and After School Care Service at the end of Term 1. This has been a difficult decision brought on by low enrolments for some time now. Our Vacation Care Service will continue to operate as usual.

**Kyogle Preschool**