DATE: Wednesday, 27 November 2013
TERM 4 WEEK 8 NO. 37
Principal: Drew Green

Principals Message

As of today the kids only have three weeks to go with the last day for 2013 being Wednesday, 18 December. Staff have the following 2 days as Staff Development days. It’s going to be a very hectic end to the year with heaps of activities happening.

Year 6 had their Year 7 Advisor Mr Dave Stewart and High School Principal Mrs Janine Silcock visit with them last Monday morning with an introductory session on what to expect next year, some good questions were asked. Another KHS orientation day will be held next Wednesday, 4 December. The day will start with an Information Session 9.20am - 9.40am for parents and students regarding timetable, uniform and general information for 2014. Year 6 will then have a much closer look at the school environment with a guided tour, participation in a variety of mini lessons across the key learning areas and meet with their classmates for 2014. Students who will not be attending KHS next year will be expected to come to school as usual.

KPS staff have been meeting as often as we can possibly manage in such busy times with one of our focuses being the fine tuning of our current welfare system. If all goes to plan, (as it often doesn’t) we will be holding a parent information session on the last Wednesday, 18 December after school to share the plan we will be using next year. The plan will also be shared via newsletters so everyone will have the opportunity to understand what to expect for the 2014 school year.

I have a list of 95 children who will be up for the Gold Award Party this Friday. My first one, so I am looking forward to it.

The final school social will be this Thursday 5:30pm till 7:30pm. It is the first one that Year 2 can attend as part of their transition into the primary section of our school. $2 entry and drinks and chips can be purchased if you’d like.

This Friday also sees the conclusion to the KEEP program for 2013. Their presentation will be from 4pm-5pm in the KPS hall. The students will give a brief explanation of their project to family and friends, after which guests are invited to examine the projects on display and discuss them with the students. Join us to celebrate the fantastic work and creativity of our talented students.

Next Monday night, 2 December sees our Year 6 dinner, which is being coordinated by our P&C. Just a reminder that all people including students attending Year 6 graduation dinner need to pay the cost associated with the dinner of $18 per person. We need to receive your dinner orders no later than Thursday, 28 November for catering purposes.

During week 10, all Stages will be attending their excursions to Fraser Island, Midginbil Hill and Macadamia Castle.

The final Monday, 16 December will host our Formal Presentation assembly. This will be held at the Kyogle High School Hall starting promptly at 10am. We really appreciate people who can find the time to volunteer on a regular basis as consistency with kids is great and we do try for this although there are many other things that influence this at times and make it quite difficult, so regular volunteers in our school are a tremendous asset. To this end we will be holding a lunch for our valued volunteers as a thank you for your wonderful contribution on Tuesday, 17 December in Year 5-6 rooms from 11:20am till 12:20pm. This will be followed by Christmas carols in the hall.

Have a great week

Drew

P&C Happenings

Our P&C has recently purchased a fabulous new movie projector which now enhances the functionality of our beautiful new hall. Already the projector has been used for a movie night and many day activities. The cost was approximately $8000, and was paid for by the various fundraisers organised by the P&C. The most important fundraiser we have at KPS is our annual fete. Next year we are planning to hold the fete earlier in the year to avoid the cold weather. Put Friday, 28 March in your diaries for this great school and community event. We also have small fundraisers throughout the year, such as our street stall last month which raised over $400. Thank you everyone for making this happen. We always love to hear from people keen to bake or assist on the street stall, and of course anyone with other fundraising ideas. You can also contact us with ideas about how to spend the money we raise to most benefit our children. Our last P&C meeting for 2013 will be held in the staffroom on Thursday, 12 December.

Lost Property

Please come and check this ever growing pile before the end of the year before it is donated to charity.

Next P&C Meeting: Thursday, 12 December 2013 at 5.30pm
Term Ends Wednesday, 18 December 2013
Next School Assembly: Monday, 9 December 2013
### What's happening

#### Term 4 Week 8
- **Thur 28/11**: 1/2W Camp Excursion
- **Thur 28/11**: School Social  Yr 6 Farewell  Yr 2 welcome to attend
- **Fri 29/11**: Principals Gold Award Party

#### Term 4 Week 9
- **Mon 2/12**: Year 6 Dinner - Senior Centre
- **Wed 4/12**: Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day @ KHS 9.15am-3pm
- **Thur 5/12**: KHS Orientation Day 9am - 3pm

#### Term 4 Week 10
- **Mon 9/12**: Scripture Assembly in the Hall
- **Tue 10/12**: Fraser Island Excursion until Fri 13/12
- **Wed 11/12**: Midginbil Hill Excursion until Fri 13/12
- **Thur 12/12**: Kinder & Stage 1 Macadamia Castle Excursion
- **Wed 11/12**: P & C Meeting in Staffroom at 5.30pm

#### Term 4 Week 11
- **Mon 16/12**: School Presentation Ceremony  KHS Hall
- **Tue 17/12**: Parent and Community volunteers lunch
- **Wed 18/12**: School finishes for students

### School Social - Theme ‘Red Carpet’
So you can dress up as fancy as you like or come as a celebrity.
The social will be held in our school hall.
The social will start at 5.30pm and finish at 7.30pm.

### Jump Rope For Heart!
Please ensure all money raised for this great cause is returned to the school by tomorrow Thursday, 28 November.

### Macadamia Castle
Students and Parents hoping to attend the Stage 1 Excursion to Macadamia Castle will need to have money and notes to the office no later than Monday, 9 December.

### Nuffin like a Muffin
A couple of weeks ago KL was learning about the ‘ff’ sound. As part of their learning they were treated to a cooking session. Students all thoroughly enjoyed mixing and stirring ingredients with the help of both their resident SLSO Mrs Newton and Adele (parent helper). A big thank you to the other helpers in KL at the time who made this activity possible and the ladies working in the canteen, as the muffins were cooked to perfection and tasted scrumptious. Yum Yum!!!

### My Thought Catcher
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By Laike Pateriki.

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### Canteen Roster

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**Friday Special : Greek Salad $5.00**

*No more Christmas photo orders will be accepted. Thank you for your support.*  Mrs Witcombe.

### NRPSSA Cricket Selection Trials
Congratulations to the six boys who competed at the Cricket selections trials at Goonellabah on Tuesday. Once again the competition was of the highest standard and each student is to be congratulated on the way they both behaved and performed on the day. Two of our students Rocco Partridge and Jayden Ellis were successful in being selected to move to the next level of competition. The boys will now travel to Sawtell in February, 2014 for an overnight stay and enjoy even further competition.

### 5/6B Newsletter Feature
What's been happening in 5/6 B…
This term we have been exploring procedures in Literacy and many of the students have presented some delicious talking and listening presentations. We have been very fortunate to be able to introduce Samsung Tablets into our classroom to enhance our learning experiences. The students have had opportunities to use some spelling and grammar apps, as well as some challenging maths games. The camera and video features have also been used to capture some of our drama lessons.

Our COGS unit this term focuses on symbols systems how we use symbols to communicate in many ways including art, product design, different media and movement. Our class has been working hard on designing and creating thought catchers. The students have described how their thought catchers work.

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