21st Century Learning
As we move forward to support our students with 21st Century Learning and improve the quality learning environments that our students operate within, we have made some significant purchases recently. On talking to staff and discussing individual classroom needs, it became very evident that classrooms needed their own set of computers to support group work across all key learning areas. We researched the best technology to perform this task and ended up deciding on the Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 using Android Technology. There will be at least six of these tablets in each classroom in the near future which everyone is very excited about. We will also be accessing training to make sure these are used to their full potential.

We have also purchased two BENQ Interactive Flat Screen Panels that will be put to great use in the Library and Computer Room, this technology is a step ahead of the Interactive Whiteboards that are now a part of everyday life at school.

FANTASTIC FETE!
A huge congratulations to our P&C for a wonderful and successful night last Friday. The support by our whole school community including parents and teachers working well into the night was delightful to see. I’m a strong believer in AURA and I think our FETE had a great aura! Well done everyone you should feel very proud of yourselves and our wonderful school and students! A full round up will be included in next weeks newsletter. Raffle winners were:

1st Prize - Linda Ellis $300 open order
2nd Prize - Melissa Reid $150 open order
3rd Prize - Brett $50 voucher Expresso Edge
4th Prize - Lil Chiomey Kids bike

School Funding
Kyogle has been a very fortunate school over the past seven years and has accessed extra funding from projects such as the 47 schools project, National Partnership on Low SES School Communities and Empowering Local Schools. Our involvement with these programs however ends at the end of this year as the government concludes them.

A few of the many ways this funding has been used, has been to employ extra School Learning Support Staff for various identified needs across the whole school and to give our Assistant Principals Fridays off class, so that they have been more able to support classroom teachers and therefore your kids in the stages they supervise. The staff at our school (as we all do) often find themselves time poor as they manage the huge variety of tasks that involve teaching six key learning areas, extra-curricular activities and the wide range of welfare issues that arise with groups of children. This is why having the Assistant Principals off class one day a week in a supportive role has had many positive effects for all students and staff.

However with our extra funding leaving I’m not anticipating this will continue next year therefore Assistant Principals will return to class full time.

We remain a bit in the dark as to our schools funding next year, the up coming election this weekend will play a role in determining how things pan out…stay tuned!

Dark Side of Technology
KPS will be holding a seminar about Restoring Balance in the Digital Age. The guest speaker, Brad Huddleston from the USA, exposes the truth about technology, teaching you how it works, why it works, and how to apply techniques to keep your family safe. Topics included are internet safety, mobile phone safety, cyberbullying, excessive texting and excessive gaming.

A session will be held on Wednesday, 11 September at 9.30am in the School Hall. All Stage 2 and Stage 3 students will be attending. Parents are encouraged to attend and are welcome to stay on afterwards for question and answer time.

There are 2 Wakakirri tickets available that had been purchased which are no longer required. If you would like to purchase any tickets please contact the school office. Tickets are $30 each.

Casino/Kyogle Performing Arts Festival
Just a reminder that the Casino/Kyogle Performing Arts Festival is fast approaching (Monday, September 16). The Wakakirri dance group and the choir group will both be performing on the night. Please return your completed permission slip plus bus money for the rehearsal by Friday, 13 September. Please keep in mind that students involved are required to make their own travel arrangements for the concert on the Monday night. Tickets are limited and are to be ordered from the front office. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students not involved in the festival. Tickets will not be sold at the venue (Casino Civic Hall). Concert starts at 6.30pm.
What's happening

Term 3  |  Week 8
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Thur 5/09  |  P & C Meeting in Staffroom at 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Sat 7/09  |  Election Day - Voting in KPS Hall

Term 3  |  Week 9
Wed 11/09  |  The Dark Side of Technology 9.30am -10.30am Stage 2 & Stage 3
Thur 12/09  |  Wakakirri Finals in Logan

Canteen Roster

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Friday Special:
Pasta Bolognaise $5
Parent Helpers needed please call Jess

Regional PSSA Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to those students who travelled to Lismore last Friday to compete in the Regional PSSA Athletics Carnival. Once again the competition was of the highest standard and unfortunately, in spite of some outstanding personal best results, none of our students were selected to go on to the next level.

Well done to Lily Martin and Alicia Simpson who competed in Sydney last week with the North Coast Softball Team. The team won two games out of nine. It was an enjoyable experience getting to know other team members.

Wakakirri Grand Final Reminder
The Wakakirri dance group will be performing in the Grand Final at the Logan Entertainment Centre next Thursday, September 12. Please ensure permission notes and $15 is returned to the front office no later than this Friday, September 6.

Gold Awards Week 8
Bridgette Hoffman

Silver Awards Week 8

Bronze Awards Week 8
Alyssa Monte, Kalahni Spargo, Teykoar Harley, Indigo Heywood, Josh Norris, Mateeka Gascoigne, Damian Wilson

Election Day
On Saturday, 7 September KPS Hall will be open for voting. A sausage sizzle will be available. If you are able to help out at the sausage sizzle please contact Erin at KPS on 6632 1200.

Newsletter Feature KL
KL has once again been enjoying a very busy and highly informative Term 3. In KL we have been focussing on writing sentences that include all of the conventions such as, starting sentences with capitals, leaving spaces between words, using simple punctuation, trying hard to make our sentences sound more interesting and rereading to make sure that our sentences make sense. Our regularly home reading, in conjunction with the sight word and L3 programs has ensured the best reading development for all. It’s exciting to note that many have completed their M100 words and have now commenced on the new spelling program.

In maths we have devoted a lot of time to learning and deepening understandings related to our number system. We have learnt some counting on and back strategies, identifying a number before and after a given number and writing numbers correctly to at least 30. Recently we have been using an equal arm balance and made numerous weight comparisons by using a variety of materials. KL also had some tasty and delicious fun cutting up birthday cupcakes to model fractions such as halves and quarters.

In COGs we have just completed a unit entitled ‘Our Needs’ and we discussed and learnt more about how different people in the community help to meet our needs. One of the in class activities included some food tasting and more in depth investigations in relation to the origins and the processors involved in making these foods edible. We even walked over to the Kyogle High School and went on a tour of their farm. Not only did we look at their animals but even patted and held some of their animals. KL was also fortunate enough to have a community member, one of our mums, visit our classroom and teach us how to mould, design and paint our very own clay pots. We all learnt so much and really enjoyed the experience.