Principal's Message

Classes for 2015
It has come to my attention that there has been some discussion between parents in regards to classes, who’s in them and how they have been created.

Firstly IGNORE whatever the grape vine is telling you. Classes have yet to be formed the conversations between classroom teachers and executive have simply not taken place yet. Our focus has been on our concert and student reports which are still in the process of being finalised and absorb any extra time that teachers are able to find.

Apparently along with being told classes are formed, it is being suggested how children have been allocated to these classes that don’t exist yet. Some suggestions have apparently been that the children are being graded into top classes down to what could be considered by some, a low class. AGAIN IGNORE what the grape vine is saying.

All our classes (when they are formed) use a variety of information including peer group relationships and multi ability groupings. The only whole Stage grading of skill levels will happen within Stage 3 and only for Literacy and Numeracy, not general class groups. This will also help with extra orientation for High School.

Groups will be formed across the school within individual classes that will allow teachers to cater for all our students needs.

There is a very small group of students with extra needs who we have allotted to teachers for 2015 so they can have a longer transition time getting them ready for their 2015 teachers. These are individuals; they are not part of a class group yet.

I do realise that this topic is of great interest as we start to entertain ideas about next year, however if you’d like accurate information please feel free to give me a call.

KYOGLE’S GOT TALENT

School Performance
I can't thank the staff in particular enough and certainly our kids as well for the time, effort and dedication put towards our concert nights last week. I hope all the audience at our two booked out nights thoroughly enjoyed sharing the kid’s achievements in this field of the creative arts. There is so much behind the scenes work that makes these nights a success that it's very fortunate we have such an extraordinary team of staff, students and parents. Thank you all. I am very proud to be a member of such a team.

Platinum Medals
On Wednesday, 10 December we will be having our volunteer’s luncheon which will be followed by Christmas Carols in the KPS hall.

As we’ll all be in the hall we’ve decided to make this the final moment of celebration for our Platinum Award winners who will publically be presented with their medals. You will all know by then if your child is one of these children so if you’d like to share in this occasion then you might like to keep this date and time in mind.

Have a top week, Drew

Christmas Stall

Tuesday, 9th
Wednesday, 10th
Thursday, 11th December
Starts 9am Nothing over $5.00

KEEP Excursion

Hi we are KEEP students and on Monday, 24 November we went on an amazing excursion to the Brisbane Science Museum. The bus ride there went so fast because we were having so much fun. When we got to the museum we got split up into two groups, so we could see more of the museum. After exploring the museum we then went to an exhibition called Top Secret; Licence to Spy. We had so much fun at Spy World. We had to pretend that we were secret agents so we got a spy file so we find out who stole the powerful computer chip. We had to hack into a computer, look through different equipment, watch videos and go through lasers. When we had finished all of that we went into a hands on room which meant we could touch and play with everything!

We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Burns and Mr Green and all of the parents that allowed us to go on this amazing excursion!

Many thanks Hayley Butler
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P & C Fundraiser
The P & C are holding a ‘Dairy Drive for Dollars’ fundraiser. Information and raffle tickets are being sent home with the eldest child in the family today. Please return form and sold/unsold tickets by Friday, 12 December.

Changes to Student Banking
To ensure the future continuance of student school banking we need to secure a volunteer coordinator for 2015. The role is not onerous and can be shared with another volunteer. All relevant training and assistance will be provided. If you have a few hours spare during the school week we would like to hear from you. Please contact office staff if you would like to help.

Going forward student banking tokens will not be provided when deposits are made. We therefore ask that all school banking tokens (gold or silver) are returned to school via your child’s banking wallet. The rewards will still be available and the redemption form will be sent home as per normal upon reaching 10 ‘tokens’.

As the end of the school year is approaching we ask that any outstanding redemption forms are completed and returned no later than Tuesday, 9 December. This will allow enough time for the rewards to be processed and given to the student.

Sports House Meetings
Sports House Meetings will be held on Friday, 28 November to conduct the election of house captains for 2015. Nominations for the 2015 KPS Swimming Carnival events will also be taken. Entries for the carnival will be based on the age students are turning in 2015 and are only eligible for those students turning eight years of age and older. Relay events will be determined on the day.

Following is the list of swimming events:
- 100m Freestyle 8-13 years (Girls and Boys event)
- 200m IM 8-10 years (Girls and Boys event)
- 200m IM 11-13 years (Girls and Boys event)
- 50m Freestyle (age turning 2015- Boys and Girls events)
- 50m Backstroke 8-10 years (Girls and Boys event)
- 50m Backstroke 11 years (Girls and Boys event)
- 50 Backstroke 12-13 years (Girls and Boys event)
- 50m Breaststroke 8-10 years (Girls and Boys event)
- 50m Breaststroke 11 years (Girls and Boys event)
- 50 Breaststroke 12-13 years (Girls and Boys event)
- 50m Butterfly 8-10 years (Girls and Boys event)
- 50m Butterfly 11 years (Girls and Boys event)
- 50 Butterfly 12-13 years (Girls and Boys event)

More information over the coming weeks.

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Kyogle Public School will be holding a School Social for Years 2 - 6.

When: Week 9, Thursday, 4 December
Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

The theme is Movie Characters!!
Entry cost $2.
Food and drink available on the night:
Cans of drink $2     Water $2     Chips $1
A sausage sizzle will be available for $1.50 ea

Volunteers Luncheon
If you have volunteered at KPS during 2014 you are invited to attend a volunteer luncheon on Wednesday, 10 December at 11.30am in the 5/6 classrooms. We are sending out invitations so please check your child’s bag. If you don’t receive an invitation and you have volunteered during the year, you are most welcome to attend. Join us for Christmas Carols down in the Hall afterwards.

Stage 1 Excursion
To celebrate the end of the year, Stage 1 will be going on an excursion to the Kyogle Community Cinema on Thursday, 11 December. The movie is Paddington. The cost will be $9 per student. Treats are to be pre-ordered on the permission notes which were sent home last week. All notes and money are to be returned by Friday, 5 December.

County Fair
On Monday, 8 December in Week 10 the Year 6 students will be holding a County Fair. From 1pm the students from Kinder to Yr 5 will be able to participate in activities run by our Yr 6 students and try to earn a prize. Students are able to purchase tickets. 5 for $1 or 10 for $2(max). Tickets will be sold on the day. They will also be able to purchase an ice cream cone for 50c.

Energy Basics – free workshop
Sick of huge power bills? Wondering if there’s anything you can do about it that won’t cost you the earth?

This FREE workshop is a straight forward, practical look at your energy costs which will help you to:
learn ways to reduce your power bills
save yourself money as well as benefitting the environment

We will look at what is costing you the most and what you can do to improve your bill. Bring your latest bill – preferably one from summer (March bill) and one from winter (September bill)
Where: Conference Room, Grove House, Geneva Street, Kyogle
When: Session 1 Tuesday, 2 December 9am-12pm
Session 2 Thursday, 4 December 9am-12pm
For further information or to book your place, contact: Casino Campus ph: 02 6661 2000

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Awards: Week 8 Term 4
Bronze: 2
Silver: 21

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