Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2015 school year at Kyogle Public School. Today has been a very busy day with all the children excited, entering new classrooms, meeting their new class mates and new teacher.

We are very lucky to have terrific staff who work with each child catering for their individual needs. If you have any questions about your child’s school life don’t hesitate to arrange a non-teaching time with your child’s teacher that is convenient for both of you to meet. If you have any concerns at all please talk to us. It has been my experience that as long as we keep communication lines open there are very few things that can’t be resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

It’s that old saying about “Not letting a mole hill become a mountain” that springs to mind here.

2015 Classes

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Stage 1 sport will be moving to Fridays and Stage 2 sport will be starting next Tuesday.

I’m looking forward to a very productive and rewarding year for all our school community as we work together to help all our students reach their full potential.

A Term calendar will be sent out with next week’s newsletter.

Drew

Swimming Carnival

Preparations for the school swimming carnival on Wednesday, 4 February are well underway. Students met in their house teams last year to elect their 2015 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. Students will be reminded by their teacher if they are in heats for events that need to be swum prior to the carnival to determine our eight finalists. Non seasonal swimmers will also need to bring in $2.50 for pool entry.

Congratulations to the 2015 team captains: These House Captains will be presented with their badges at our whole school assembly Monday, 16 February.

Macquarie House

Girls Captain: Tanayah Harley
Vice: Charisma Morgan-McAninly

Boys Captain: Connor McCormick
Vice: Luke Meyers

Phillip House

Girls Captain: Chantel Olive
Vice: Jesse-Lee Ferris

Boys Captain: Luke Stephen
Vice: Faryn Johnston

King House

Girls Captain: Maddison Stephen
Vice: Chloe Bolliger

Boys Captain: Josh Parkyn
Vice: Tobias Boyle-Harris

Hunter House

Girls Captain: Maycee Deszecsar
Vice: Olivia Flower

Boys Captain: Jordan Clark
Vice: Aidan Gilmour

Next Wednesday, 4 February all students 8 years and older and those students turning 8 this year will be attending the swimming carnival at the Kyogle Memorial Swimming Pool and need to come to school as normal on the day to have their class rolls marked before we head to the pool in class lines. Children may come dressed in their sport’s house colours. They are also reminded to bring plenty of water and to wear sunscreen and a hat. The sausage sizzle will be operating on behalf of the School P & C during the day. The pool canteen will also be open and children will be able to purchase hot food and cold drinks from there during our lunch break.
**Values**: Integrity, Excellence, Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Participation, Care, Fairness, Belonging, Pride

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**What's happening**

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**STREET PARKING NEAR THE SCHOOL**

We have received notification from Kyogle Council regarding rules and regulations about parking near the school. Please take note of the following, as there may be demerit points deducted from your license:

- **Drop-off and pick up Zone**: Groom and George Street 8.30-9.30am & 3.00pm-4.00pm.
- You must drop-off or pick-up children within 2 minutes
- You cannot leave your vehicle
- No waiting in zone
- **Disobey No Parking sign** - $173 and 2 demerit points
- **Disobey No Stopping sign** - School Zone $311 and 2 demerit points
- **Stop near pedestrian crossing** - School Zone $415 and 2 demerit points
- **Stop on footpath** (e.g. under trees) $173 and 2 demerit points
- **Stop in a Bus Zone** - School Zone $311 and 2 demerit points
- **NO WARNINGS** will be given as this is a major safety issue for our precious children!

Council may assist you should you have any enquiries on 6632 0293.

**Pedestrian Safety**

Children need assistance dealing with the traffic environment until at least the age of 10 as they are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep them safe. Like learning to drive a car, children need practise and experience to walk in the traffic environment.

Although children may think they can handle crossing a road by themselves, remember that children are easily distracted and focus on only one aspect of what is happening, are smaller and harder for drivers to see, are less predictable than other pedestrians, cannot accurately judge the speed and distance of moving vehicles, cannot accurately predict the direction sounds are coming from, are unable to cope with sudden changes in traffic conditions, do not understand abstract ideas - such as road safety, are unable to identify safe places to cross the road and tend to act inconsistently in and around traffic.

Many children below the age of 10 years do not have the capability or judgement to handle many pedestrian situations. Children need to be accompanied and closely supervised by a parent or adult carer to keep them safer.

Parents and caregivers have a key role in educating their children about road safety. Children learn about road safety largely by experience. Parents and adult carers have opportunities in day-to-day routines to discuss road safety with children on the way to the newsagent, local shop or going to school. Whenever crossing roads, it is an idea to talk about when and why it is safe to cross the road with your children so they can gain a good understanding of road safety issues. **Kidsafe NSW Inc.**

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**Canteen News**

**KPS Canteen Under New Management**

This year Shane Runciman will be managing the canteen. Shane has a local catering business (Twisted Tucker) and is also a KPS parent who is passionate about providing kids with healthy and delicious food. Shane will be overhauling the canteen menu to maximise the nutritious quality of food by using fresh, local ingredients, and reducing processed foods and additives. Discussions have started to increase the output of the schools garden to assist with this goal. With so much research done recently about the negative impact that unhealthy food can have on a child’s learning ability and behaviour, Shane is helping to ensure that children can be given the fuel they need to excel at KPS. The canteen appreciates your support in this transition and in encouraging your child to try new, healthy foods.

Volunteers are welcome, and any parents who volunteer will get lunch for themselves and any children they have at school that day. Please contact Shane if you are able to help in the canteen on 66321200 or 0431544830.

A new canteen menu is being sent out today.

**Important note**: Hot Foods will **not be available** until next week, Monday 2 February. The weekly special will **not be available** for a few weeks.

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**Uniform Shop Opening Hours**

Tuesday and Thursday 8.50am - 10am
If these times are unsuitable contact krisharrison73@hotmail.com
Please understand that our staff are voluntary and at times are unable to attend. The uniform shop does not give credit although a layby system is in place. The P & C does not have EFTPOS facilities.

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**Office News**

School fees will be discussed at the next P & C Meeting and accounts will then be sent home. All payments can be made at the school office by paying in cash or by using EFTPOS facilities.

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**Giveaway**

One white female rabbit free to good home. Please phone 66 321 948.