Principal’s Message

Week 8 of our 11 week term has been hectic as seems to be the norm. The end of the year is always an extremely demanding time for all staff particularly with report writing let alone five full days of Kindy Orientation on top of the normal busy workload. To that end I’d like to publicly and very sincerely thank all staff as they regularly work above and beyond the call of duty.

There is also the administrative side of a school which is an area of no rest too, so to those ladies a big thanks as well.

Kyogle Public School was asked to be a pilot school for a new review system across the State called External Validation. Again this threw an extra work load on staff who responded with valuable input. On Monday, just gone this review was completed with two unknown Principals meeting with our school executive and myself over a five hour meeting timeframe. I am delighted to share that we stood up to the rigours of this review and were judged to be doing a terrific job. It also gave us an opportunity to start thinking about what next. This is a big pat on the back to our whole school community. If you’re reading this it probably includes you.

Also a quick reminder to parents to please use only the designated areas for parking. Canteen car space is for the canteen only.

Call for Tenders - School Canteen Licence

Tenders are called for the licence of the school canteen for the school year commencing 27/01/2016 and for the term of approximately 1 year. Annual school enrolments will be approximately 325. General enquiries and requests for a Tender Information Package should be referred to Drew Green (Principal) 66321200

Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “Confidential - School Canteen Tender” and sent to:
The Principal - Drew Green
Kyogle Public School
PO Box 192
Kyogle NSW 2474
Tenders close at 3pm Wednesday, 2 December 2015

Life Education Van

Earlier in the year the Life Education Van had to be postponed. The van will now be visiting the school in Weeks 9 and 10. Notes have gone home for any students who did not pay earlier in the year. The cost is $5 and is due to the office by Friday, 27 November.
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**Softball**

If your child was selected to play in the friendly game against St Brigids a permission note was sent home yesterday. A girls and a boys KPS softball team will be participating. It is on Thursday 26 November at the St Brigids school grounds. The Stage 3 girls’ team will commence playing at 12.40pm and the Stage 3 boys’ team will commence at 2.10pm. Parents are most welcome to attend. Please sign in at the St Brigid’s Office.

**Keep 2016**

(Kyogle Engagement and Enrichment Program)

Applications for 2016 KEEP have been sent out. Students in Year 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to complete the application with the help of parents/carers and their class teacher. Applications need to be submitted by: Friday, 27 November.

**For Sale:** Huntaway Cross Border Collies. 4 puppies available. $100 each. Not microchipped. Phone 66339142

### Some Information about KEEP

**Kyogle Engagement and Enrichment Program** has been operating at KPS and KHS since 2012. The program aims to cater to the needs of selected students in years 5 and 6 from Kyogle Public and surrounding small schools who have demonstrated advanced skills across a range of disciplines. 20 students were selected this year and have been undertaking some intense additional learning experiences throughout the year. They have enjoyed accessing the science labs at the high school and participating in some fantastic hands on learning experiences. The program runs for 6 full days over at Kyogle High School coordinated by Gae Masters in the first semester of school and 6 full days here at Kyogle Public School coordinated by Donna Burns. In the first semester KEEP students explored technology, art and science at the high school under the guidance of Mrs Masters and then embarked on a Personal Interest Project (PIP) with Miss Burns in the second semester.

For a position in KEEP for 2016 an application needs to be filled out by student, parent and teacher. Applications need to be back no later than this Friday 27 November.

“It gives you a taste of high school learning and you get to make friends with other students from different schools. We also get to go on excursions which are fun and you learn heaps” - Explains a past KEEP participant.

### P & C Cookbook

Our wonderful Kyogle Public School P & C cookbook is ready to purchase! They are $10 each and will be available from the office - cash only please. They would make a great Christmas present!

### Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Just a reminder, the 2015 Year 6 dinner will be held at the Kyogle High School on Monday 30 November at 5.30. Everyone is excited about the celebration of the end of their primary school years and we are looking forward to a lovely night.
Richmond-Upper Clarence Regional Library

Kyogle invites you to

**Xmas Fancy Dress Pizza & Pages**

+ a cool Xmas Craft to make n’ take home FREE!!

**Who:** Teens/Tweens + a Teen/Tween Friend(s)

(Teen/Tweens = 10 + year-olds)

**When:** Thursday, November 26th 2015

**Where:** Kyogle library YA area

**Time:** 4.00-5.00pm  
**Cost:** FREE!!!!

**PIZZA:** FREE!!!  
**Xmas Craft:** FREE!!!

**Essential:** Wear your fave Xmas T-shirt, antlers, Xmas tinsel etc,... & Have loads of Xmas fun!!!

**Further Info:** Contact Kyogle Library Staff @ Stratheden St. or Ph. 6632 1134

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**Young Carers Project**

Are you a student with a significant caring role? This project supports students 18 years and under who have a significant caring role to complete their secondary education.

What is a Young carer?

A Young Carer is someone who provides significant support for a parent, partner, child, relative or friend who has chronic illness, disability, mental illness, alcohol or other substance dependence or who is frail aged.

What can we do?

Support is based upon the individual needs of the young person but may include some of the following examples:

- **Respite** – a short break from your caring responsibilities to spend time on school work or other school activities.
- **Tuition support**
- **Material resources such as school books or uniforms**
- **Support to attend school activities**
- **Referral to appropriate services.**

What will happen if I call your service?

Young Carers or their advocates will complete a Young Carer eligibility assessment that will inform us of the scope of your caring role and help us understand the challenges that may be present.

We will then discuss what supports would best assist your situation and who may be available to help.

We can then provide assistance to bring these supports into place and help you stay at school. You can contact us whenever you need.

This is a free and confidential service. Contact the Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre Far North Coast on 1800 052 222

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**Well done Layla!!**

As a result of gaining 2nd place at zone competition for BJP physical culture, Layla Callander qualified to compete at the National championship which was held at the Olympic park sports centre last weekend. Girls from all over Australia came to compete and Layla did an amazing job.

Representing Summerland physical culture club in her very first year of phisie, she made it all the way through to the national finals. This means she is in the top 15 of all the girls in her age group in Australia.

Wow ! Congratulations Layla.
What's happening

Sport's House Meetings
Sport’s House Meetings will be held on Friday, 27 November to conduct the election of House Captains for 2016. The Sport’s House Captains will be announced and presented with their badges on Presentation Day. 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 2016 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 Breaststroke 11 years (Girls and Boys event)
- 50m Breaststroke 12-13 years (Girls and Boys event)
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Further information will be made available in the coming weeks.

Uniform Shop News
New sports shorts have arrived. Sizes 4 - 12.
$20 per pair. Cash or cheque accepted.
The shop will be operating some extra hours for the end of year & beginning of next year. Beat the rush by taking advantage of these extra few days this term as follows;
- Monday 14 December 9am - 11am.
- Tuesday 15 December 9am - 11am.
- Wednesday 16 December 9am - 11am.
- 2016
- Wednesday 27 January 9am - 3pm.
- Thursday 28 January 9am - 3pm.
- Friday 29 January 9am - 3pm.
- Monday 1 February 9am - 1pm.
- Tuesday 2 February 9am - 1pm.

Volunteers Christmas Lunch
Teachers and children at KPS are really appreciative of the time and help volunteers give to our school. There will be a volunteers lunch on Monday, 14 December at 11.30am to show our appreciation. Anyone who has helped out throughout the year is welcome to attend.

Stage 2 gold reward party
Will be held on Wednesday 9 December with a sausage sizzle, ice cream & a movie in our school hall.
All children reaching gold level in Term 4 will be attending. Please bring a pillow.

School Reports will be sent home during week 10

Christmas Stall
Mrs. Witcombe’s wonderful Christmas stall will be selling Christmas goodies before school next Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. There will be nothing over $5.00. Donations of shopping bags would be greatly appreciated for the stall.

Reminder!
The last day to order Christmas photos will be Friday, 27 November. Order forms are available at the office. Orders to go directly to Mrs. Witcombe.

Gold Awards
The end of term is coming quickly and most students will be reaching their gold award this week. We would like to encourage parents to talk to their children about how many stars they have and what award they will reach at the end of the term. This is an exciting time and all of the students enjoy participating in the Gold reward activities.

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