**Kyogle Public School Newsletter**

**Principal's Message**

**School Uniforms**

We have has just completed a two year school uniform transition period. The acceptable uniform is now;

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<th>2015 Uniforms</th>
<th>Girls</th>
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<tr>
<td>Summer</td>
<td>Green and gold shirt</td>
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<td>Black shorts, shorts or skirt</td>
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<td>Solid sandals</td>
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<td>Winter</td>
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<td>Sport</td>
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<td>Black shorts or school logo football</td>
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Our school community strongly encourages all our students to wear the approved school uniform at all times.

**FOOTWEAR:** Covered footwear is much preferred for safety reasons. "NO" thongs, slip on shoes with no heel strap or high platform shoes.

Brimmed green hats (minimum of 5cm brim) are the acceptable hat. A "No hat, play in the shade" policy is in place.

The P&C provides a uniform shop for your convenience. The shop is open between 8:50am to 10am on Tuesday and Thursday. All uniforms items are available at a reasonable cost. Second hand items, although very limited stock, are also available. For more information contact the uniform shop co-ordinator krisharrison73@hotmail.com or 66 321 200 during uniform shop opening hours.

**Scripture/Ethics/Non scripture**

I know there was a Religious Instruction section on the multi permission note which went out recently. This was not accurate as all students should have been given three options. I apologise for this and ask that you now fill in an accurate one and return it to your classroom teacher.

There will be 3 boxes with 3 options; those being, Scripture, Ethics or Non scripture. You need to number these 1, 2 and 3 in order of preference. The reason being that our Ethics Classes have a maximum of 22 students per group and children will be allocated to these groups based on "first in best dressed" so if your child has nominated Ethics as number 1 yet is the 25th note in, then they will be allocated to their second preference. Therefore the quicker you return this note the greater the chance your child will end up with their first option. See attached return slip.

**Newsletters via email**

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email please send an email, along with your child's name, to the school email address: kyogle-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the word 'newsletter' in the subject box. We would like to help the environment by sending out less paper copies.

**Northern Rivers Community Gateway**

Is opening

**Rainbow Region Kids After School Care and Vacation Care at Kyogle Public School**

Come along meet the team and have a look at the service. We will be meeting in the KPS Canteen area on Thursday, 5 February and Friday, 6 February at 3pm.

Ph. 66 217 397 or 0447 211 835

Email kids@lncl.org.au

**Wanted**

A kindergarten class at KPS is looking for a young budgie for their classroom. If anyone can help with this please contact Judy through the office.

**Kyogle Soccer – Season 2015**

Calling all soccer players young and old our season is about to start

Senior training has commenced, every Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm

Junior training will start on Thursday, 19 March.

Players should register online using the “My Football Club” Website

Any questions can be directed to kyoglefc@ffnc.net.au or to Glenn Rose on 0418 264 968.
Happy Kids Parenting Ideas

The following section entitled Happy Kids Parenting Ideas (for our new newsletter readers in particular) will be included (due to very positive feedback from our parent community) in every second newsletter. They are pieces that I’ve gathered through reading and researching experts in this field. Do with it what you will. And the answer is…positive parent participation!

If you want the best outcomes for your child or young person then it’s important that you become involved in as many aspects of your child’s education as practical. The involvement of parents helps break down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Taking part in school activities is one valuable way of participating in your children’s learning. But, participating as a parent can be much broader than helping out in the classroom. There is a range of simple things you can do at home that will assist teachers to maximise the learning of your child. These include: talking with your child about their day, hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and having had plenty of sleep.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

- Find out what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Discover what sets your child’s school apart from others.
- Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R’s.
- Direct conversations through the correct channels such as your child’s teacher, the assistant principal or the principal. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school's reputation.
- Become an advocate for your child’s school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.
- Attend school activities such as open days, concerts, sports events and celebrations. Invite other members of the community along as well.
- Consult with your child’s teacher about practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school.

Canteen News

The school year feels like it’s well and truly underway. The changes to the menu appear to have been received quite well. The most ordered foods being: sushi rolls, brown rice salad and surprisingly, quinoa salad. What has been a popular transition is changing from the tenders to roast chicken, which is prepared from scratch in the canteen oven.

This last week I have had a very limited hot food menu and although there have been a few requests for pies it was less than five. I will be leaving them off the menu for now and successfully suggested healthier options like chicken wraps, which saw the same kids re-ordering them. I will be sending an updated/revised menu to reflect the changes.

Other good news is that I have received a load of mangoes from a local organic grower and will be selling them to the kids for $1 each while they are fresh and will be freezing them for future items.

Thanks for the support from the kids who bought food from the canteen this week, and for the animated feedback that I received. I’d also like to thank the parents that helped out this week behind the counter.

Regards,
Shane