Principal's Message

Hi to everyone that is involved with our dynamic school and welcome to the 2016 school year.

Just to bring you up to speed there have been a few changes around the place which will lead to an even better environment for you and your children.

Firstly classes are:

KL    Leon Ludwig
KS    Mrs Jasmin Stuart
K/1M  Mrs Melinda McCormick
1/2C  Mrs Chiara Cole
1/2N  Miss Jess Nicholson
1/2W  Mrs Meg Witcombe
2/3R  Mrs Erin Reeves
3G    Mrs Luisa Grace
3/4S  Mr Matt Steel
4D    Mr Ben Davies

Stage 3 will have classes that are ability based for Literacy and Numeracy Miss Donna Burns will be teaching one of these classes. Notes will be handed to their first teacher of the day.

5/5B  Miss Donna Burns
5/6C  Mr Terry Cameron
5/6H  Mrs Nat Hoffman
5/6T  Miss Taryn Fields

Mrs Tami Chadderton will be on Reading Recovery this year and also working as a release teacher across the school.

Mrs Emma Rankin is our Librarian and release teacher.

As you read this you will know that Monday’s are now our newsletter day with assemblies moving to Wednesdays.

At the end of the tender process for our canteen last year, Belinda Smith was the successful applicant. She has experience in this area and we look forward to working with her this year. She will use the newsletter to communicate with our parent body and will be asking for your input. Please give her your support and say G’day when the opportunity arises.

As some of you know my youngest Son, Sam has been cast in the Brisbane production of The Sound of Music. A fantastic opportunity for him. Due to Kim’s ill health (much to her disappointment) she doesn’t have enough leave of any type to support him during rehearsals in February therefore I’ll be taking Long Service Leave from Friday, 5 February to Thursday, 25 February to move to Brisbane with him. He will be doing Distance Education over this time with me as his supervisor. We plan on having him back home for the performances as there are 3 casts of children so he won’t perform every night and with daylight savings working in our favour we should be able to commute for this period of time. (says he!). Leanne will be the relieving principal during this period.
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Uniform Shop
Opening hours for this week are:
Tuesday, 2 February 9am to 1pm
Thursday, 4 February 8.45am to 9.45am

The usual hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.45am to 9.45am.
Cash or cheque only. No eftpos available.
Find us on facebook:
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Sport Changes
Change of swimming for sport for Stages 2 and 3. It will now be the first 5 weeks of Term 1 and the last 5 weeks of Term 4.

Groom Street Walkers change of direction.
Due to a very crowded bus exit at the back of the school and trying to keep supervision as effective as possible our Groom Street walkers will be heading off with the High School walkers toward Summerland Way they will then head toward town using the footpath until they head off in whichever direction home is.

This might be an opportune moment to have a conversation with your children on their understanding about how to cross roads safely regardless as to how they travel home as they will all need this skill at some time.

Some good old proven advice. If you have something you’d like to ask about please come and ask your classroom teacher and get the correct information from the source. Don’t dwell on things….stop that mole hill before it develops a mountain like complex!

All our great staff are looking forward to a productive and rewarding year with their students (your children) and their families.

Thanks
Drew

Canteen
The canteen is now in full operation for 2016 with a fantastic menu with loads of good value healthy food. The new canteen manager, Belinda Smith is offering a set daily menu with two specials. This menu is now available to view on Kyogle Public School website and a hard copy was sent home last week. Belinda brings many years’ experience to this position is looking forward to supplying healthy affordable food to the KPS students. Belinda would love to hear from volunteers and can be contacted on 0421678435.

Please ring with any of your suggestions and feedback.

Breckie Club
We are calling for donations for our breckie club. Any donations can be left at the office.

Thanks for your support.

Kyogle Pony Club
Kyogle Pony Club sign on day is this Sunday, 7 February at Kyogle Showground.
8am start. Please bring your horse. Must be a financial member to ride.
Phone Jodie on 66 323 400 or Mobile 0415 857 690.
There will be a bbq lunch.
**DANCE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

KPS will participate in Wakakirri every second year (alternate to concert year) so we will next compete in that again in 2017.

This year we will once again audition for the Far North Coast Dance Festival. We will be holding auditions next week for this item. If successful we will be performing at the Gold Coast Arts Centre (Week 4 Term 2).

We will also be involved in the Casino and Kyogle Performing Arts Festival (Term 3).

Students will also have the opportunity to perform at school events including assemblies and the school concert.

For the first time, we have decided to audition students to be involved in the School Spectacular. It is a showcase of the performing arts talent in NSW public schools. It involves over 2000 dancers, a 1500 voice choir, an 80 piece symphony orchestra and 50 exceptional soloists.

We can only audition a **maximum of 16 students (Years 3 – 6)** and this will take place in March. These students have to show exceptional dance skills and excellent performing qualities to be considered to be part of the event. **As a result of this, we will be holding auditions for the school spectacular audition THIS WEEK on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.**

We will be filming our audition piece and sending it into the judging panel. Every year the school spectacular gets thousands of students applying to be involved; so we would be extremely lucky if we were selected. From our audition, the judging panel may choose none of the dancers, all of the dancers or any number in between.

If any students are lucky enough to be successful to make it to the school spectacular it will require a great deal of dedication from students and parents. Students will be required to spend a week in Sydney where they will have dress and technical rehearsals and performances. Please discuss the commitment required with your child if they are interested to be considered for selection.

All students who are involved with dance need to be committed and rehearse during allocated lunch times. **After school rehearsals will also take place.**

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact us.

**Erin Reeves and Taryn Fields**

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**Kindergarten 2016**

There will be 51 new Kindergarten students starting school on Tuesday. Nearly all of the students attended the 5 week orientation program and are very excited to be starting big school. Welcome to all of the families of Kindergarten students and please contact us if there is anything you are unsure of.

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**NSW Primary Rugby 7s Tournament 2016 in Lismore**

The Kyogle Cockies Rugby Club would like to develop rugby sevens in Kyogle for Term 1 in 2016. The NSW Rugby Union will be inviting primary schools to enter into a country tournament in Lismore. This is a one day event where the winner of the tournament will be invited to play in a semi final at a later date. The Grandfinal will be played at Sydney as a Super 15 halftime match.

As a local club we would like to send 2 to 3 qualified coaches to develop players who may be interested in playing 7s rugby. Australian teams playing at the Olympics in Rio this year could be appealing to our junior students.

We would like to conduct training on a Friday afternoon in the last period. We would do this over a 4 week period and then look to select the best 12 players to take away to the Primary School tournament in Lismore. There may also be a Year 3 - 4 grade as well as a Year 5 - 6 grade. The tournament will be held in Term 1 as not to clash with local club footy. We could train groups of 12 - 20 players in each 45 minute session.

**Buck Herron - Head Coach**  
Kyogle Cockies Rugby Union Football Club  
Mobile 0401896531  Email: john.heron@boral.com.au

If you are interested, please give your name to Mr Green by this Thursday, 4 February.
What's happening

KPS Band 2016 – Keen Kids Wanted

Mondays will be Band Days in Term 1

Dear Parents,

Greetings! My name is Greg Nolan and I will be teaching Band at Kyogle Public School this year. I am a music teacher with many years of experience, some of which have involved teaching KPS band in former years. I continue to teach music at North Coast schools including Clunes, Rous, Rukenvale, The Risk, Afterlee and Wyrallah.

I also have been a part of the “Strings and Things” team at the North Coast Junior Performing Arts Camp for many years and will utilise this model, endeavoring to cater to children and their instrument choices wherever possible. Choice of music will also be negotiated with children to keep it stimulating whilst achievable.

Our plan is to form a school band that will give KPS children the opportunity to learn, practice and have fun performing as part of a group. Numbers will be limited to 20-25 children initially and children will be selected by considering age, previous musical activity, access to tuition and instruments, and a record of good effort and self-control. Year 4 - 6 students is preferable. Year 3 students with own instruments will be considered.

Three different tuition sessions will be held on Mondays for approximately thirty minutes each week during class time. These groups will rotate weekly so children do not miss the same KLA session each Monday.

The instruments that students may be offered at the start of this year are being audited but may include: drums and untuned percussion; keyboards and tuned percussion, and guitar & bass. Students may apply to join playing on other instruments (e.g. brass & woodwind) but would need to be learning that instrument with a parent or tutor outside school. We will have some school instruments available to use for the year if you are not in a position to buy or rent an instrument of your own.

On Monday of Week 2 students will have been given an “introduction to Band” chat by Mr Nolan to build enthusiasm for Band and to remind them to discuss Band with your parents and caregivers.

Please endeavor to read and fill in the attached Expression of Interest form and return it by this Thursday, 4 February 2016 so your child can be considered for a position in the Band.

Sincerely,
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