Year 7 Adventures

Our Year 7 students enjoyed three days of hands on action adventure activities at Currimundi Active Recreation Centre last week.

This yearly camp provides a relaxed atmosphere where the year 7 students get to engage with their new classmates and participate in team building and resilience activities.

This year, our Junior Captains were also invited to attend which provided an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills.

Students are currently preparing a collation of their experiences on camp as a class activity, which will be published in the next newsletter.
From the Principal

The term is well and truly underway and we have seen some major events such as the swimming carnival and Year 7 camp already take place.

I have been very pleased with the level of the students’ commitment to these activities.

Our school framework for success PEPAR, “Prepared, Engaged, Performing, Aspiring and Successful” is well embedded in the school’s culture and I have taken the opportunity to unpack a number of the aspects of this framework with students.

On assemblies I have spoken about being prepared, that is, having a plan about your learning and executing that plan.

I have also spoken about levels of engagement. The danger as I see it is that some students just turn up and “let it happen” rather genuinely embracing the learning opportunities that are available to them.

I have also spoken about levels of performance and that critical to this is conversations between students and teachers about targeting their efforts towards those performance dimensions that will result in improved levels of achievement.

I would encourage parents and carers to also engage in these conversations about learning with students.

Next on my list is to talk about aspiration.

I would be interested to learn of all the great things that past Kilcoy High students have gone on to achieve and to share these with our current students.

There is a small project underway at school to compile a list of past students and their achievements. If you have information that would assist this project please feel free to contact the school and let us know.

Adam Colley, Principal

QCS Practice

Year 12 students have spent two days during the week experiencing practice testing in preparation for the Year 12 QCS Test that occurs later in the year.

Students completed writing tasks, multiple choice and short response answers whilst in a simulated test environment aimed to help prepare them for what to expect in the real event.
STUDENT ASSESSMENT PLANNERS

This week all students should have received their assessment planners for term 1 and 2. They have been asked to keep the planners in their diaries, however, if they lose them, new ones are available at the front counter, or can be downloaded from the website.

In order to keep all of our families up to date, I thought it would be useful to explain the planners to you.

We use a colour coded system:

If an item is in green, it means that the day the task sheet is handed to students. You should be able to ask your students to see individual tasks once the hand out date is passed.

If an item is in purple, it means that this is the day the written draft is due. If a draft due date is given, the draft is not optional – students are required to hand the draft in on this day.

If an item appears in blue, it means that this is the final due date for this piece of assessment. Students will be required to provide documentary evidence of their absence from school on the due date of assessment.

If an item is in pink, it means that it is a class test/exam. These are pieces of assessment that students don’t see in advance. Again, documentary evidence will need to be supplied if students are absent on the day of a test or exam.

In addition to the colour coding, we are using abbreviations to describe the types of assessment.

While this could make it more difficult to understand, it does allow us to fit a lot of information on to one page. The assessment types we use are:

**EW** – Extended Written – this refers to any long written piece of work. The length of the work will vary depending on the student’s age and is different in each subject, however usually EW pieces refer to a substantial task. Different genres will occur in different subjects and may include such things as essays, reports, EEI (Extended Experimental Investigation), or scripts.

**SR** – Short Response – this refers to any task looking for shorter type answers. These might be paragraph length, or even include such things as true/false or multiple choice questions.

**PR** – Product – is any item that the student needs to produce – it could include a poster, a powerpoint, a meal, an item made in a workshop or even an artefact created for history.

**PF** – Performance – is anything that students have to perform – for example a play in drama, a speech or multimodal presentation, demonstration of a sport.

If assessment dates need to be changed at any time, you will receive an email from the relevant Head of Department regarding this.

The school policy for assessment is laid out on pages 17 and 18 of the student diary and application for extension forms are available on pages 15 and 16. Any questions should be directed in the first instance to class teachers.

Here’s what a week might look like:

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Lindy Craddy, Deputy Principal
The School Based Youth Health Nurse Program

The Youth Health Nurse works with young people, school staff and parents to:

- Promote health and wellbeing
- Create a supportive, healthy school environment
- Connect people with other support services

The Youth Health Nurse can provide health and wellbeing information about:

- Health concerns
- Relationships
- Sexual health
- Mental health
- Puberty
- Risk taking
- Healthy eating, exercise, weight and eating problems
- Or anything that affects health and wellbeing

Confidentiality

Young people have a right to confidentiality when accessing health services.

As a health service provider, the Youth Health Nurse respects this, but there are some things which the nurse must refer, or act upon, such as information that puts a young person’s safety at risk.

Visiting Days are Alt Wednesday and Every Thursday. Appointments can be made at the school office.

Michelle Cooper
Youth Health Nurse.
A member of the Support Services team at Kilcoy State High School.
Email: michelle.cooper3@health.qld.gov.au

Bus Route Urgent Message

Villeneuve/Mt Archer route to Kilcoy State High and Primary Schools. If this is what happens then it will be cut off permanently by Qld Transport.

URGENTLY NEED STUDENTS FROM GLENMORE RD, NEURUM RD, KATEBRIDGE DRIVE AND DOYLES RD to keep that section of the route open.

At present we have a temporary deletion from Glenmore Rd to Doyles Rd Mt Archer, as the students using this section of this bus route have finished school.

The temporary deletion will only be for a couple of months then it will

If you live in this area we would greatly appreciate you allowing your students to catch the school bus as soon as possible.

For more information please call Christensen's Bus & Coach

Thanking You
John & Lenore
Kilcoy Kollection Success

Now that the Kilcoy Kollection art exhibition has come to a close, we would like to send our sincere appreciation to the Kilcoy Art Society Inc. (KASI) for their invitation and inclusion of the school in this event. It has been a highly valuable opportunity for KSHS art students and as a result, the school has received a resounding response from visitors with regards to the creativity and quality of student works (testimonials from gallery visitors pictured below).

We look forward to continuing this event in partnership with KASI and the Somerset Regional Art Gallery in the future.

NRL Justin Hodges Shield

Once again, our school has nominated 3 teams in the popular Justin Hodges Shield – a nine-a-side competition open to all schools on the Sunshine Coast. This is a popular competition for our students that provides teamwork and competition skills.

The teams are combinations of two year levels, those being 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12. We have nominated one team in each grade. Unfortunately the first round scheduled this week was cancelled.

At this point in time, we believe the second and third rounds, on 21 and 28 February, should also be at the same venue.
School Fees

2017 School Fee and Subject were DUE on 31 January.

Payments can be made in person, over the phone or online with QParents.

Eligible parents can also register for Centrepay deductions.

Centrepay involves having regular payments deducted from a Centrelink payment and forwarded directly to the school on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

For further information please contact the school office.

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Swimming Carnival Results

Last Friday 3 February, Kilcoy State High School held our annual Inter-house Swimming Carnival. The carnival opened with our traditional mass swim which saw Rafter house take the lead early, however Fraser started to close the gap.

On the day 28 records were broken by 9 students (Lonnie-Marie Beddow, Kaitlin Campbell, Joshua Harbridge, Alex Liggins-Miller, Malo Omeri, Sophie Wolff, Jade Keig, Brodie Trudgett and Uriah Wright).

The winning house for the 7th year in a row was Rafter with 3124 points. Fraser was only 176 points behind on 2948 points.

Highly anticipated was the Principal’s Cup race, where the 6 fastest females and the 6 fastest males raced each other. The overall fastest female was Sophie Wolff for a 2nd year in a row, closely followed by Maddeline Liggins-Miller.

The overall fastest male was Tom Goode, closely followed by Alex Liggins-Miller.

Age Champions are as follows.

12 years girl Champion, from Fraser is Lonnie-Marie Beddow
12 Years Boy Champion, from Fraser is Jett Keig
13 years girl Champion, from Fraser is Kaitlin Campbell
13 Years Boy Champion, from Rafter is Joshua Harbridge
14 Years Girl Champion, from Fraser is Libby Woodrow
14 years Boys Champion, from Rafter Alex Liggins-Miller
15 years girl Champion, from Rafter is Charleigh Dunn
15 Years Boy Champion, from Fraser is Malo Omeri
16 Years Girl Champion, from Fraser is Sophie Wolff
16 years Boys Champion, from Rafter Matthew Martin
Open girl Champion, from Rafter is Rachael Blake
Open Boy Champion, from Rafter is Tom Goode

District Swimming

Our Students have a very busy start to the year in the sporting arena. Following our successful swimming carnival, qualifying students will now attend the South Coast District Swimming Carnival at Morayfield Aquatic Centre Friday 17 February. Student who attend this carnival have the opportunity to qualify for the Sunshine Coast team which will participate in the Regional Swimming carnival later this term.

We wish good luck to the following students who are attending.
Lonnie Marie Beddow,
Kaitlin Campbell, Sophie Wolff
Xavier Gordon, Carlie Wagner,
Joshua Harbridge, Jada Keig,
Jett Keig, Alex Liggins-Miller, and
Thomas Webster.
Kilcoy State High School invites Parents and Family of Year 12 Students to attend the 2017 INVESTITURE

Presentation of Senior badges and Induction of School Leaders

Date: Monday 27 February 2017
Time: 9.00am – Ceremony
Venue: Covered Multi-Purpose Court, Kilcoy State High School
R.S.V.P. 20 February 2017
Telephone: 5422 4343

P&C News & AGM
The first P&C meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday February 22.
Meetings are held in the Administration building and start at 5pm.
Our AGM will be held next month on Wednesday 22 March at the same time and place. We encourage all parents to come to the meetings to learn how the P&C benefits our students and school.

2017 Uniform Shop
Uniform shop hours are Tuesday's 8.30-10.30am for Cash/Centrepay
Or order online at www.schoolshoponline.net.au/kilcoyshs
Uniform sizing guides and prices are on the site and our Facebook and Web page.
Online orders can be picked up on Wed & Fri between 12pm to 3.30pm
Kilcoy SHS uniforms can only be purchased new through the school

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