**ANZAC Ceremony**

The Centenary of Anzac 2014 to 2018 is Australia’s most important period of national commemoration. Marking 100 years since our involvement in the First World War, the Anzac Centenary is a time to honour the service and sacrifice of our original ANZACs, and the generations of Australian servicemen and women who have defended our values and freedoms, in wars, conflicts and peace operations throughout a Century of Service.

Kilcoy State High School students and staff commemorated ANZAC Day in our inaugural ANZAC Ceremony held on Monday 19 April. Year 12 students and Airforce Cadet Cody Rosevear and Navy Cadet Deon Rayson led the ceremony, with Kilcoy RSL Sub Branch President John Robinson, addressing the students and reciting the Ode. Following the ceremony, Junior and Senior Captains, in company with John Robinson, attended the schools ANZAC memorial and laid two wreaths.

The Kilcoy RSL writing competition “What ANZAC Day means to me” was held again and the winner will recite their work at the ANZAC day service and be presented with a limited edition Gallipoli Sands Centenary figurine donated by the RSL. This was a great opportunity for students to embrace and express their thoughts on this important day.

We encourage students to visit the ANZAC commemorative display in the resource centre. Students can sample ANZAC biscuits and browse through interesting facts and books and participate in ANZAC related activities.

Students from Kilcoy State High School are invited to march in the Anzac Day Parade in Kilcoy on Monday, 25th April. Students are to assemble outside the IGA on the corner of Mary and Royston Street, Kilcoy between 10.00 – 10.15 am for a 10.30 am start. This year will include a fly over by a F18 Hornet at approx. 10.38am. The march will finish at the RSL and is to be followed by the Wreath Laying Ceremony at 11.00 a.m. Students are required to be in full school uniform to participate in the march. It is anticipated that as many students as is possible march to represent the School. The School Captains will be leading the march, holding the School banner and laying a wreath on behalf of all staff and students.
Welcome back to all our families for Term 2, I look forward to working with the school community and the wonderful students and staff of Kilcoy State High School.

On Monday morning we held our inaugural Anzac Ceremony as a part of our whole school assembly. Thank you to Year 12 students and cadets Cody and Deon for leading the ceremony. It was also great to have John Robinson (Kilcoy RSL President) as our guest speaker and he delivered a moving speech about Anzac Day and how important it is to the Australian identity. Students have been invited to march in the Anzac Day street parade on Monday April 25. Students are to assemble at the corner of Royston and Mary streets between 10-10.15am in formal uniform. I anticipate that we will have a good turnout of students to represent the school as we always do.

Nominations for School Council positions close Friday April 29. Elected members play a pivotal role in assisting the development and guidance of plans and policies that will benefit the school. Two parent and two staff representatives are needed and one student member from years 10, 11 or 12. Parent elections will occur at the P&C meeting on May 11.

The annual school cross country event is being held this Friday afternoon. This is a normal school day and students are expected to attend and wear full and correct uniform on the day. Students can choose to change into house colours at lunchtime and I look forward to seeing all our students participate in this great event.

Our school was very successful at the Kilcoy show over the weekend. I would like to thank and recognise all students who represented the school in the show through entering their cooking, art, and photography. Thank you to all students and staff who gave their time to show our school cattle, poultry, produce and Art work.

Interim Report cards went out in the first week of term. This will be the last time we post out reports, in future they will be emailed or parents can access them online via QParents. I encourage all parents to update email contacts and to register for QParents prior to the end of term. Parent teacher interviews were held on Tuesday afternoon and the online booking system proved successful with most teachers fully booked.

The annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be held from 10 to 12 May 2016 for Years 7 and 9 students. NAPLAN is an important tool for parents, educators and the public to see if Australia’s children are meeting essential literacy and numeracy standards. It is a point-in-time snapshot assessment of students’ achievements in these important areas.

The great work continues at Kilcoy High.

Chris Dench—Principal
From the Deputy Principals

**QCS Preparation for Year 12 students**

All OP eligible students and students wishing to set the QCS test on the 30 and 31 of August have begun their workshops to focus on the rigours of the test and the organisational aspects of the two day testing program. It is mandatory for these students to attend these workshops and practice tests on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 June. The test results will be made available to students after the test, so that students can focus on particular areas of weakness and further strengthen their responses.

**Study Skills - Why Do We Have To Do Homework?**

Homework in secondary school serves many purposes. It could be to consolidate or check or extend the learning from the day or prepare for the learning to come in subsequent days. It could be to do with longer term work such as assignments or preparing for tests and examinations. Ultimately it comes back to what school is all about – learning. Learning not just content, but learning and developing skills. At times students feel that the work they are doing at school is not relevant to their lives, however sometimes we need to look beyond the content to the purpose of the learning exercise. At times the content will be a vehicle to teach particular skills. Much of what we learn in Mathematics develops the problem solving circuits in our brain.

When you are analysing Shakespeare you are learning not just about Shakespeare but to think critically and expand your point of view and broaden your experience of the world through examination of different lives, emotions and experiences.

The message is that everything you learn at school has purpose and value, even if you can’t quite see it at the time.

**So what can you do to manage your homework effectively? Try these top tips:**

1. As soon as you get home unpack your bag before you have a break and something to eat. Lay out all the work first. It is easier to get started if you have everything ready to go.

2. Before you start work, write a list of what needs to be done and decide what order you will do it. Focus on what is most important, not just what subject you like best! Also write down how long you think each task will take to do.

3. Keep in your mind that it is all about learning. Try and look beyond the actual content to what type of skill this homework might be developing in you – analysing, critical thinking, writing skills, or problem solving skills for example.

4. Do your work in 20-30 minute blocks with no distractions during that time. So switch off the TV, turn off your phone for that 20-30 minutes. When you just focus on the work that needs to be done you’ll be amazed at how much work you complete. Of course if you are on a roll, you can keep going past the 30 minutes.

5. If there is a task you really don’t want to do then alternate this with a task you enjoy doing. For example 15 minutes on the homework you like, 5 minutes on the homework you don’t like. When you chip away at it you will be surprised how quickly you get through the work.

*Liza Bingham - Deputy Principal*
Cross country this Friday

The race starts near Saleyard Rd, and the track includes various hills and different types of terrains, including a small creek crossing towards the end. No student is allowed on the track unless organised by the school. The finish point is Silky Oak Park on Seib St.

The event will start approximately 1:30pm. And conclude by 3:00pm, allowing students to be released as normal from the school grounds.

Students are required to wear full and correct school uniform to school and are encouraged to bring house colour clothing to change into during lunch. Rafter house colours are red and blue, while Fraser house colours are green and gold. If students choose to bring a change of clothing it must be suitable and represent sporting house colours only.

Due to the creek crossing, students are advised to bring an additional pair of appropriate footwear to complete the track in. Please be aware that it could be quite hot during this time frame. Sun smart clothing such as t-shirts, wide brim hats and the use of sunscreen is recommended.

KILCOY SHOW RESULTS 2016

AGRICULTURE

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SECTION
Beetroot- large Variety
1st & 2nd
Baby Beetroot-1st
Eggplant-large variety— 1st
Shallots— 1st & 2nd
Lettuce (any variety) 1st & 2nd
Beans (climbing or bush)-2nd
Silverbeet— 1st
Button Squash— 2nd
Collection of Vegetables—1st
Plate of Chillies (one variety) -1st

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR OVERALL

FARM PRODUCE SECTION
Honey (light) 1st & 2nd

CHAMPION HONEY

COOKERY SECTION
Rosella Jam 1st & 2nd

POULTRY SECTION
White Silkie Cock –1st
White Silkie Pullet– 1st & 2nd

CHAMPION WHITE SILKIE

We thank all the stewards and volunteers that organised the sections and show so that our students and school can showcase our produce and skills.
**CPR Training** Year 12 students learnt important skills in CPR on Monday as part of the CPR for Life in schools program. Local Ambulance officers gave instruction on basic first aid and provided student with hands on experience in CPR on adult and baby sized mannequins. All students in Years 10, 11 & 12 will be participating in the training.

**Parent Reminders**
Register now so that you can access your child’s reports, pay invoices, report absences, view behaviour reports and even view student timetables.

An informative video of how QParents works can be viewed at: https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about

**Connect to Your Creek**
A number of our students recently participated in the Connect to Your Creek program as part of National Youth Week and Healthy Waterways Connect to Your Creek Week, an event encouraging SEQueenslanders to enjoy their local waterways.

Thanks to ICYS (Ipswich Community Youth Service) for supplying sausages for the barbecue, and Patrick Estate resident, Anna McNally for supplying the bread! Students enjoyed canoeing, tree planting and investigative activities as part of the program.

**Calling For QCS Community Representatives**
The school requires four community members (paid positions) to assist the Chief Supervisor for the state wide Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test held at school on the 30th and 31st of August 2016. Appointment is by application to the Chief Supervisor and there are two positions for Chief Community Representative.

Interested persons should collect an application pack from the school office as soon as possible as applications close on 23rd May.