Mt Hotham Snow Camp

In the last week of the holidays, a select group of determined snowboarders ably assisted by Ms Ogg and Mr McMahon, travelled to Mt Hotham for a week of fun in the snow. Combining with Kawana High School from the Sunshine Coast, they experienced a range of conditions on the mountain from sun to rain to snow and occasionally a blizzard or two, but every single student enjoyed the experience immensely. They became experts on riding the lifts and exploring exotic locations while trying out a few of the infamous black runs available for experienced riders. We had a few bumps and bruises by the end of the trip but every student who went vowed to return to the snow and loved travelling to Mt Hotham as well as exploring the sights and sounds of Melbourne.

QUT Uni Camp

On the 17 and 18 of July a select group of senior year 11 and 12 students went on a two day camp to experience life after school. They attended information sessions for a variety of faculties at QUT Caboolture and Gardens Point campus and had the opportunity to socialise with other like-minded students from schools around the area. They spoke to a number of QUT student ambassadors who had come from schools in the area and discussed what challenges faced someone attempting further study and how they overcame these potential difficulties. Of special note was Rose Marie Gabejan who won a prize during the talent quest after putting on a really good dance performance for the group. On the Saturday the students also had the opportunity to go to the Tertiary studies expo at the RNA showgrounds and talk to various institutions regarding their post schooling options.
From the Junior Secondary Deputy Principal

Welcome back to Term 3. It’s terrific to see all our students back at school ready to work and ready to learn.

100% Attendance
On Monday’s assembly, Mr Dench and I did the draw for the 100% Club. To make it into this exclusive club, a student needs to have 100% attendance in Semester 1. One of these students is drawn from the hat to win a prize. This time round, the prize was a $30 movie gift card. Our lucky winner this term was Michael Houston from year 10. All students who made it into the 100% Club have also been given a 100 Vivo point reward.

Reports and Interviews
Hopefully you received your report cards via email late last week and have had the opportunity to read and discuss them with your students.

The next step is to sign up for Parent Teacher Interviews to discuss these results and opportunities for improvement with your teachers. Interviews will be held at school from 3pm—6pm on Tuesday, July 26. Interviews can be booked online by going to www.schoolinterviews.com.au using the event code puak5. If you need assistance to book interviews, please call the school office.

Assessment Calendars
Teachers have been very busy checking the semester assessment calendars so that these can be published and sent home. Individual Assessment Calendars will come home next week and Year Level Calendars will go up on our website.

Lindy Craddy, Deputy Principal

100% CLUB, SEMESTER ONE:
Hunter Eyre, Armstrong Gray
Josh Harbidge
Maddison Howell
Tommie Jensen
Alex Liggins-Miller
Oceana Bloxidge
Charleigh Dunn
Toiva Taofinuu
Madison Eyre
Maddison Ihle
Nathaniel Maddy
Leleiga Taofinuu
Michael Houston
Bea Pugal
Ebony Frisina
Bailey Gavin

100% Attendance Club Movie gift card winner: Michael Houston

School Diaries
It is very important that students are using their diaries to keep track of assessment and homework requirements. Students need to ensure they have their diary with them at school every day. If your student has lost their diary, new ones can be purchased from the school office.

Lindy Craddy, Deputy Principal
From the Senior Secondary Deputy Principal

Future Directions Day

What a great start to term 3 with all year levels participating in Future Direction Day on Tuesday 19 July. Year 10 students have begun to understand their future learning journey more clearly and now have some serious consideration to do regarding their chosen pathway after year 10. Year 11 students were engaged and entertained while learning about leadership and their leadership styles, by all accounts students learnt a lot about themselves. Year 12 students had a range of guest speakers discussing university options, digital security, rental responsibilities and Centrelink providing them a wide range of information related to transiting to life after school.

All year levels enjoyed a very moving and informative presentation from Motivation Media. Overall a great day was had by all participants. A huge thank you to all the staff who help organise and support the students.

QCS Practice. Year 12 QCS students completed their full two (2) day QCS practice test which has given them a real look at what the test will be like and the conditions they will work under. They did a wonderful job and put in a huge effort. They now wait for their feedback so they can focus on their individual areas for improvement leading up to the real deal on the 30th and 31st August.

SET Planning

Students have begun the SET Planning journey and are exploring all the options available to them suited to their interests and strengths. To allow students sufficient time to go through this process the SET Plan interview day has been pushed back to Thursday 25th August. Students will be receiving information shortly on how to book interviews.

2016 Early School Leavers survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 during 2015. The Early School Leavers survey is a short, confidential survey that collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school. The information from the survey helps our schools to understand the pathways young people follow after leaving school and to plan services to support transitions into study or employment for our students.

Between July and August 2016, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year, can expect to receive an invitation to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage early school leavers to take part.

For more information, visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

Liza Bingham, Deputy Principal

School Opinion Survey

Parents/Caregivers, school staff and a random sample of students are encouraged to have their say in this year’s School Opinion Survey by providing their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Each of the online surveys are currently open and will remain so until Friday, 29 July 2016.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey has been sent home with students, and parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers will be available via arrangement with the office.

If you haven’t received any survey access details, please contact the office on telephone 07 5422 4343 or email admin@kilcoyshs.eq.edu.au.
Experiencing University…

I had an amazing time during the winter holidays as I was privileged enough to be selected for two university camps. During the first week I attended the SID (Science and Infrastructure Development) winter school camp at QUT (Queensland University of Technology) in Brisbane. This was my second time going on this camp. Both experiences have been quite different. We did a wide range of activities some of which include visits to WSP Parsons Brinkerhoff, Department of Transport and Main roads, Gallipoli army barracks, Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary and we spent time at the Gardens point campus. I specifically enjoyed the presentation about engineering at WSP and the tour of DTMR Traffic Control room. I am interested in environmental and civil engineering, during this session I was able to talk two engineers who had studied each of these forms of engineering so the session was quite informative. I also enjoyed the DTMR tour because I got to see all of the cool equipment and technologies that are used on a daily basis to keep our roads and other modes of transport safe. In the second week of the holidays I was lucky enough to be selected for VIEWS (Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School). This camp involved a trip to Melbourne. During my time there I got to see 4 of Melbourne’s top universities which included RMIT (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology), Swinburne, Monash and the University of Melbourne. I found this camp to be very exciting as it offered me the opportunity to travel to Melbourne which was a state that I hadn’t been to before VIEWS.

By Sidney Ruthven
Our team of spellers competed in the Valley Schools’ Interschool Spelling Bee challenge at Mt Kilcoy on the last day of term 2. A hard-fought battle ensued, with our school placing second overall to Kilcoy State School by a few points. Our junior team, consisting of Sophie Wilkinson, Madelyn Lee, Sabina O’Keeffe and Bayley Carter were crowned the 2016 High School Champions. Jasmine Matai was awarded the best High School Speller overall. Congratulations to all students who participated.
In the last week of Term 2 as part of the Year 10 Humanities "Rights and Freedoms" unit currently being studied, we travelled to Cherbourg to see the old Ration Shed Museum which contains a history of indigenous settlement in the area and is the site of one of the many Missions in Queensland where aboriginal people were relocated. The experience was very eye opening for the students who attended but all the staff there were so helpful and knowledgeable and were really able to explain what life was like. The students got to design and throw a boomerang and just generally experience what life as an outsider in a community really felt like. A very worthwhile trip that I would strongly encourage students to go on if they get the opportunity in the future.

James McMahon. Teacher – Physical Education Department

Cherbourg Ration Shed

Pre-athletics Carnival Events Week 2 and 3

Over week 2 and 3 we are conducting a number of pre-athletics carnival events at second break. This week we had the Junior and Senior 800m and Senior Triple Jump. Next week's events are Senior 1500m, Junior 1500m and Junior Triple Jump. The full carnival is on Friday 29 July. A modified Tuckshop menu will be running on Carnival Day.
Enterprise Faculty News

Year 11 ITC students are studying robotics this term with Mr Harm. They are being challenged to program their robots to complete the Mexican wave movement and are excited to begin their assessment piece based on recreating a manned mission to Mars. Teams must build an outpost that can support human life and act as a base for future exploration.

Year 12 Hospitality Practices are preparing for a cocktail party at the end of term and are in the process of trialling techniques for canapés for this event.

Year 10 Food studies students are learning to design a food product, with versions of spaghetti bolognaise being one of their first dishes.

Year 9 Food Studies have been given their learners licence to begin cooking. They are studying fast versus convenience foods this term, with their first dish of burgers being cooked this week. They are now are working up through their provisional licence to their open cooking licence.

Year 11/12 Furnishing students are creating a coffee table this term. Most have finished the design process and are now in the active construction phase.

Agricultural Department

Our Agricultural section was again successful at the recent Woodford Show. Results were: 1st and 2nd place Honey, 1st place Bantam Eggs, 1st place White Silkie Rooster, 1st and 2nd place White Silkie Hens, Champion White Silkie, Champion School Exhibitor (Poultry Section). Assisting with the poultry were Trent Watson and Jacob Murphy. We had three students compete in the Cattle Handling: Alicia Traves, Shanae Pedersen and Joshua Reid, all of whom performed well.

Skateboard Hire

Skateboards and helmets are available for loan from Lowood and Kilcoy Libraries.

For more information visit your library or phone Somerset Regional Council.

QParents Registration

Download the QParents app on your phone, tablet or computer. (Android coming).

Visit: https://qparents.qld.edu.au

QSchools

Download the QSchools app to keep up to date with important school events.

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools.
We’ve listened to Queenslanders who said we’re on the right track. The refreshed Advancing education action plan emphasises partnerships with families, the community, industry and tertiary providers. The consultation report and supporting plans — A strategy for STEM and #codingcounts — are available, with additional plans to be released throughout 2016.


Every Day Counts

School absenteeism and truancy can impact significantly on students’ learning and wellbeing.

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless there is a reasonable excuse. Schools must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

If your child does not want to go to school, or is missing school without you knowing, contact your school immediately for assistance and support.

Schools will:

- monitor student attendance
- notice you if your child has an unexplained absence as soon as practicable on the day of your child’s absence and continue to follow-up with you as practicable
- use effective teaching strategies to engage your child in learning
- help you with strategies to encourage your child to go to school
- provide support for families.

Student Absence Hotline
54 22 4360
Parents/caregivers please note all student absences must be explained either by telephone or signed letter (This includes late arrivals & early departures)

Uniform Shop
Uniform shop is open Tuesday & Thursday mornings 8.30-10.30am
Kilcoy SHS uniforms can only be purchased new through the school

Parent Reminders

Refreshed Advancing Education Action Plan available

The Buy Smart Competition is back — become smarter consumers

Students can exercise their creativity, learn important tips and skills, and have a chance at winning a share of over $11,000 in prizes for themselves and their school in the Buy Smart Competition. The Buy Smart Competition is run by the Office of Fair Trading and helps students learn how to become informed consumers and avoid financial problems now and in adult life. To take part, students will have to identify and research a consumer issue before developing a creative project to explain the issue to a target audience of their choice. The more creative, the better! Students can enter on their own or as part of a group of up to six people. The competition is open to students across Queensland and has three categories: Years 4 to 6, Years 7 to 9 and Years 10 to 12.
Year 10 Drama Primary School Performance

On Monday 20th June, the year 10 Drama class from Kilcoy State High School went to the Primary School to perform a series of plays to the prep students including The Very Cranky Bear, Who Sank The Boat, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs and Lightning Larry.

The year 10 Drama class enjoyed the experience of getting to perform for the prep students. The younger children interacted with the actors and got to know the characters very well. Jemima Hooper said, “I enjoyed the unique learning experience for the public audience. As a class I believe we accomplished our goal of entertaining younger viewers.” Another classmate from the year 10 Drama class, Jaime Lindsay added, “This opportunity has shown many of us what we are truly capable of doing. Along with entertaining the audience we also got to know each other better and gained many more friendships.”

The year 10 Drama class would like to thank their teacher, Mr Shaun Norden for always believing in them, supporting them and making them gain the confidence needed for this class performance. They would also like to thank him for the effort he put in to make them work together and achieve the best results. They would like to thank the prep students, teachers and teacher-aids of Kilcoy State Primary School. Overall, the year 10 Drama class is very proud of what they accomplished in this outstanding performance.

2016 QUT Students with Potential Award Program

Congratulations to Jenny Nguyen, Irish Fradriqueila, Tyler Knapp and Terri Bramwell from Year 10 for receiving a special Student with Potential Award from QUT this week. The aim of these awards is to encourage students to continue to work hard so they can follow their career goals; whatever they are. The award winners were presented with a certificate, $100 gift voucher and an invitation to attend a function at QUT to celebrate their award. Well done to our students for their hard work and for being acknowledged with these awards. It was wonderful to see the 2015 KSHS School Captain James Harbidge present these awards as a QUT Ambassador.
Success @ KSHS

Blake Anderson to Compete at Nationals!
Congratulations to Blake Anderson who competed at the Queensland State Championships School Cross Country on 16/17 July. Blake placed first in his division and also competed in a relay team which placed third. Blake will now compete in the National Championships in Canberra next month.

Equestrian Events. Katelyn & Darcy Curran represented Kilcoy High School at St Joseph's School Horse Sports Day Millmerran on Friday 24th June where they both came first. They both took home the "Age Champion" trophy for their age groups. Katelyn & Darcy also competed at Millmerran's Gymkhana on the Sunday where they both took home the first place trophy for their age groups, plus Darcy was also the "Champion Boy Rider" for the highest points achieved for the 13 to 25 year old age group.

Rugby League. Joshua Harbidge of Year 7 was part of the Caboolture Snakes U12 team who played in the Grand Final of the Annual James Hetherington Cup in Gladstone last week. 7-10th July A total of 30 teams from Mackay, Townsville, Ipswich, Noosa, Caboolture Toowoomba, Rockhampton Sarina, and Bundaberg play in this competition. The Caboolture Snakes won their entire 11 games straight to get into the quarter and semi-finals and finally the Grand Final where they were runners up. Western Pride Lions took the Cup.

Success @ news welcome!
At Kilcoy State High School we are always happy to hear of students achieving outside of school. Please feel free to contact the school to share in any extra curricular achievements.

Bronco’s Small School Challenge
During Term 3, our Year 11 and 12 students will once again be playing in the Bronco’s Small School Challenge. Games are scheduled to be played on Monday afternoons. Home games are played at Hopetoun Sports field in Kilcoy.

So please come down on those afternoons and cheer on the students.

Our team were victorious in the first game against Burnside SHS 18-14. The next game is Monday evening at Hopetoun Fields pending confirmation.