Kilcoy Environmental Project Begins

Kilcoy State High School has begun an exciting new initiative for our Year 7 students in term 4.

The Kilcoy Environmental Project (KEP) combines the curriculum of science and humanities into one unit entitled “What’s in Our Water?” The unit is designed to provide opportunities for students to come together as a group to develop their collaboration skills, whilst still providing individual and class work. The focus is on developing their science data skills and the communication aspect of humanities.

The unit will raise awareness of the human and environmental impacts on freshwater catchments both locally and globally. Water is a vital resource and as humans we directly and indirectly impact the health of waterways, which has local and global ramifications.

By the end of the term, students will better understand human and geographical impacts on water as a resource and the connections that exist between people, places and environments.

The unit provides opportunities for students to interact with outside organisations locally such as SEQ Water and globally through virtual communication. There are several excursions planned to reinforce the in-class learning which include water quality testing of Kilcoy Creek and a visit to Wivenhoe Dam.

For their final assessment task, students will be working on a project that raises community awareness of what is in our water and the human impact on water both locally and globally.

The project will culminate in students’ communicating their findings by presenting to the local community at the Kilcoy Environmental Centre.
Year 7 Enrolment 2017

Year 7 enrolments for 2017 are now open. Those parents who attended the enrolment evening, please return forms ASAP. This reduces the workload in processing forms all at once. Enrolment forms can be handed to the office at any time. A reminder that a copy of birth certificates are required.

If you did not attend the information evening you need to book in for an enrolment interview with our Junior Deputy Lindy Craddy on Tuesday 8 November.

Please contact the school to make a booking.

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)

From the Principal

KILCOY HIGH ‘A GREAT SCHOOL, DOING A GREAT JOB’

Results of the School Review held between 12 – 14 September have confirmed that Kilcoy High is a great high school and continues to go from strength to strength. Comments from Reviewers at the time of the review and now supported by the official report include:-

• A great school, doing a great job – punching well above its weight, up there with the best in the state.
• Pathways opportunities provided for students’ academic and vocational is outstanding.
• Have not come across a school of this size providing the range of opportunities for students that it does.
• Very strong in all 9 domains of the National School Improvement Tool.

Highlights from the report are –

• Explicit improvement agenda - The leadership team is driving a strong improvement agenda focused on quality teaching and linked to the school’s Prepared, Engaged, Performing, Aspiring, Responsible (PEPAR) Framework for Success.

• Culture of the school - The school is driven by a belief that every student can learn and make progress, and a culture of high expectations is apparent across the school. The school presents as calm and orderly and is focused on learning. Relationships between staff members and students are positive and respectful. Students, staff members and parents speak well of the school and value its friendly and professional culture.

• Partnerships - The school is well-regarded within the community. A sense of pride is displayed in stakeholders. The school has a broad range of developed partnership arrangements with other education and training institutions and local businesses.

• The school has clear processes and expectations for behaviour which are understood by staff members, students and parents. The school’s PEPAR Framework for Success is clearly displayed across the school and staff members and students can describe how these values drive high behaviour expectations.

Some firsts for the reviewers were:

• passionate staff tearing up when talking about the school and their job. All staff able to talk to the improvement agenda of the school.
• The high standing of the school in the community, both with parents and strategic partners was especially noted.
• Communication was seen as very good and has improved greatly in last year or two.
• Strong leadership of the school – clear vision and good strategies and strongly supported by parents and community.
• A Committed and dedicated staff. Strength of Curriculum teams and curriculum planning process.

School Reviews are conducted every 4 years in line with the development of the schools next four year ‘Strategic Plan’.

The results of the Review are outstanding and we should all be very proud of what we are achieving for the students of our community.

The ‘Executive Summary’ from the School Review Report can be accessed on the schools website.

Kilcoy State High School — the obvious choice for Secondary Education.

Chris Dench, Principal
**From the Senior Secondary Deputy Principal**

**Free Webinar for Parents—How to support your child through high school.**

Thursday 27th October @ 8pm – Limited spaces available.

Do you find your student spends a lot of time on social media or games? Are you concerned with how your student manages technology?

In this free webinar Dr Prue Salter will show you how technology can help rather than hinder in high school and how to help your child find a balance between personal use of technology and technology use for school.

In addition to this Rocky Biasi will show you how to help your child establish a success mindset.

To register: [www.studysamurai.com/parent](http://www.studysamurai.com/parent)

**Upcoming Excursion dates**

- 22 November - Year 7&8 Immunisations
- 26 October Year 7 Wivenhoe Dam
- 28 October - Awards Ceremony
- 9 November - Year 12 Driver Education
- 11 November - Imagine IT Excursion Year 9/10 QUT
- 18 November - Year 12 Valedictory

**KSHS Facebook Page.**

The School’s Facebook page is a prominent area where we promote all that is great about Kilcoy State High School. Photos from excursions and sports days, as well as reminders for both students and parents along with other items of interest are published on our Facebook page.

To receive these posts, please “like” our page.

Notifications can be set to receive all posts, or only those you wish.

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**From the Junior Secondary Deputy Principal**

Term 4 is already ticking away, and very soon 2016 will be finished!

Before we make it to the end, however, we have a big term ahead of us.

**AWARDS CEREMONY** will be held on Friday 28 October, starting at 9am. All of our academic, sporting and service awards will be given on that day – and we will be announcing our 2017 school leaders.

The Awards Ceremony is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the “year that was” and we would love for you all to join us in the COLA for this event.

Junior Secondary Pastoral Care Days will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday 6 and 7 December (the last week of school).

These sessions provide a chance for students to hear some important well-being and personal health messages.

We are putting together an interesting program of speakers and activities – keep tuned for more information.

Subject Selection for year 8 (into 9) and 9 (into 10) students will begin very soon.

Students will be doing this on-line this year, and information about how to choose and what is available will be coming home very soon.

Keep an eye on your email and the school Facebook page for updates.

Immunisations were due to be held this week, but we have postponed them to 22 November.

Term 4 is a busy one, but students are reminded to keep up with studies to make it to the end – and don’t forget Mr Dench’s mantra “every day, every minute”!

*Mrs Lindy Craddy*

**Junior Secondary Deputy Principal**

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Driver Education

The Year 12 students have been working tirelessly to raise funds for their Driver Ed Experience in November. Each year, Kilcoy State High School students are given the opportunity to participate in a Driver Safety Program that is designed to enhance the active driving skills and road safety awareness of our students.

This year, they will spend a day at Willowbank Training Centre undergoing the Young Driver Safety Program. This one day driver awareness course is aimed at young and novice drivers and involves video presentations, demonstrations and numerous in-car driving experiences.

Our Year 12’s and teacher Miss Messenger have been proactively fundraising throughout the year for this event, giving up their weekends to hold BBQ’s, with the most recent at Yowie Park markets last weekend where they also had a cake stall.

On Tuesday, a representative of the Kilcoy Campdraft committee presented a cheque of $500 to the Driver Ed Committee, to put towards the Safe Driver program. It is wonderful to have this community support of our school and students.

Students who have helped to raise funds include: Tim Bell, Jesse Keen, Alex Urban, Jess Guy, Bailey Woodrow, Angus Walsh, Nathan Steinhardt, Tyler Hallinan.

Academic Scholarships

Applications for Kilcoy State High School Junior and Senior Secondary Scholarships for 2017 close on 31 October.

The Junior scholarships are offered to students enrolling in year 7 in 2017 and the Senior scholarships are for new and continuing students (currently in Year 10) completing their senior studies at Kilcoy SHS.

The scholarships will be awarded based on merit in form of an ‘Academic Scholarship’ and a ‘Service Scholarship’.

The scholarships valued at $500 ($250/year) each will be notionally awarded and credited to the successful student’s school account. The funds can be used to pay for or contribute to school fees and activities.

Application forms are available on our website.

State Track and Field Championships

Four of our students are attended the Queensland School Sport 13-19 years State Championships in Track and Field over the weekend of 20-23 October 2016.

Blake Anderson, came 2nd in the 800m with a PB, Kian Collins 2nd in Javelin, and Antonio Bonomo and Cooper Hine both competed very well.
Red Frogs Australia Presentation

The end of 12 years of schooling is fast approaching for our Year 12 students at KSHS. With only a month to go before they leave high school, there is still some hard work ahead of them.

As part of our school’s commitment to preparing our students for life after of school, there are a number of presentations scheduled that will assist them with negotiating the changes that are fast approaching.

On Monday October 10, Red Frogs Australia representatives travelled from the Sunshine Coast to provide an entertaining and informative presentation on Life After School.

Red Frogs Australia is a chaplaincy based volunteer group that began in 1997 at Schoolies Week on the Gold Coast. Since this time, the program has become renowned for the support it provides to school leavers through providing a positive presence and emotional support at events where young people congregate.

At Kilcoy State High School, we feel that it is important that students and parents are aware of the support network that is provided by organisations such as Red Frogs Australia at events such as Schoolies, as it provides peace of mind for both students and parents knowing that there is help available.

During the presentation, our students were given practical information that will help them with their transition from school to life outside, including university and living away from home.

Presenters Dan and Tom regaled the students with funny anecdotes of their experiences as Red Frog volunteers at events such as Schoolies, whilst countering these with positive messages to help them balance work, study, relationships and life after school.

Some of the messages they delivered were the importance of having convictions, to always be moving forward in life, and to surround yourself with positive influences.

The Red Frog crew will be back again soon to provide a final presentation on Schoolies & Party Safe to the students.

Madison Tough
Madison received the Pepar Star this week for her efforts in the field of softball
Madison has been coaching an Under 12 boys softball team this season who recently won their grand final. As a player herself, Madison has been selected into the Queensland Under 14 team is also the youngest ever to be selected to the Queensland Under 17 team.

Congratulations on your achievements Madison.
Centrepay
As we are heading into the second half of the year, this is a reminder that students are unable to attend excursions or extra curricular activities if school fees have not been paid. Payments can be made in person, online or over the phone.

Eligible parents can also register for Centrepay deductions.

This 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.

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

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**Year 12 Information**

**Year 12 Formal**
The Year 12 Formal at Aussie World is in the final stages of organisation. If you have not paid, please do so ASAP. See Miss Messenger for further details.

**Valedictory**
The Year 12 Valedictory will be held on Friday 18 November at 9am during School Assembly.

Seniors are asked to wear their formal Uniform.

Upon conclusion of the ceremony we invite you to join with graduates, representatives of the staff, P & C Association and other invited guests for the cutting of the cake.

Please RSVP to the office or call 5422 4343 by Monday 14 November.

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**RSL Scholarships**
If your parents or grandparents served with the Australian Defence Forces you may be eligible to apply for the RSL Queensland Scholarship for tertiary study in 2017. There are 35 scholarships available, worth $12,000 each! Applications close 31st October. Please see Guidance Officer for more information.

**Apprenticeship Opportunities**
*Ergon Energy have released their annual recruitment drive for Apprenticeships commencing in February 2017. Applications opened Friday 07/10 and will close Monday 24/10. Very important to check out the below link and submit your applications. Ergon Energy have noted variety of Trade Types and locations on offer: https://www.ergon.com.au/about-us/careers

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**Job Opportunities for Year 12 School Leavers**
BUSY At Work has advertised numerous positions available to Year 12 school leavers.

These include Traineeships and Apprenticeships in business, hospitality, engineering, air-conditioning, refrigeration, fabrication, tiling, carpentry, painting, hairdressing, glazing, pool & spa technician, boilermaker, roof plumbing, electrical, child care, plastering, automotive, floor installer, groundskeeper, retail, spray painting, print machinist and concreting. These positions are available in SE QLD.

Please go to this website www.apprenticeshipcentral.com.au for specific information relating to jobs and application.

It is strongly suggested applicants have their updated Résumé, licence and a car when applying for these positions.

Please indicate these details on your application.

Act now and start the process before these positions are filled.
If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call or email:
Nicole Wallace | Career and Placement Advisor on Mondays and Tuesdays,
**BUSY At Work Contacts:**
Ph: 0755854420
Nicole.Wallace@busyatwork.com.au
Science Teachers Association of Queensland Science Contest.

Year 9 students Mia Sheehan and Libby Woodrow recently entered investigations into the Science Teachers Association of Queensland Science Contest.

As part of the competition, students had to keep a science journal of ideas, experiences, research and results to support their projects.

Libby received a participation certificate for her project and Mia received a highly commended and an invitation to attend the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, 29 October at the University of Queensland, St Lucia. It is wonderful to see the effort that our students put into their work rewarded in this way.

Inter-house Tug-O-War Competition — Fraser Wins!

The Annual Inter-House Tug-O-War competition was held on Wednesday October 18. It was a hard fought event that came down to a War Cry, with Fraser House victorious.

English Competition

A number of students participated in the UNSW Global English competition in August. Receiving a Distinction were Mason Briscoe, Stuart Houstoun and Alex Walsh. Credits went to Michael Houstoun, Amy Higgins, Mia Sheehan and Merits to Madison Eyre and Khi Anderson. Congratulations to these students.
Kilcoy State High School Agricultural students attended the Wide Bay Inter-school Hoof and Hook Competition in Childers from 13-15 October.

Upon arrival, our three cattle were weighed and mouthed and this was followed by the Senior Experienced Leaders handling competition.

Thursday saw the judging of the “on-hoof” component of the competition covering light, medium and heavyweight divisions. In the afternoon the Junior Experienced and Senior/Junior inexperienced handling competition was held. The cattle then went on the truck to the abattoir for processing on Friday.

The Junior Judges competition was held on Friday. Students had to judge four pens of cattle, with talk through their judging on one pen. Congratulations to Amelia Amos who received a 3rd in Novice Judging Division. Final results of the hook division are still being decided.

We would like to thank Harvey Bay High School for providing extra cattle so that our students could all compete in the handling competitions. Thanks also to Amanda Mills for donating Zeus to the school. This has been a great learning experience for our students, who have been working towards this competition all year.
Indigenous Tree Planting at Yowie Park

As part of our Indigenous program at Kilcoy State High School, students participated in a tree planting activity at Yowie Park on Friday 14 October.

Trees were supplied by Somerset Regional Council and Stanley River Environmental Education Centre staff provided instruction and canoes for the students to access the island in the middle of lake where the planting occurred. This planting is part of the development of the Kilcoy Community Wetland project in Yowie Park and is intended to provide a safe island habitat for the wildlife in the area.

Year 12 Leadership Camp 2017—Deposits Due

Our school has planned a camp as part of the Senior Leadership Program, for all students to develop their leadership potential on Feb 22nd – 24th 2017 at Alexandra Park Conference Centre at Alexandra Headlands.

**The leadership camp is designed to:**

- Develop decision making skills.
- Foster team co-operation among all year 12’s.
- Identify and develop leadership qualities.
- Develop a sense of peer trust.
- Clarify the expectations of seniors at Kilcoy State High School.
- Encourage students to make a greater commitment to the school and wider community.

**Proposed activities for the camp include:**

- Motivational sessions.
- Group dynamic activities.
- Goal setting and Implementation activities for the seniors of 2017.
- Recreational activities eg: bowling, beach activities, swimming pool, sports.

**Depart:** 9am Wed Feb 22nd 2017

**Return:** 3pm Fri Feb 24th 2017

**Approx Final Cost:** $220-230

In order to confirm your place on next year’s leadership camp a deposit of $100 is payable to the school office by October 31st 2017.
**Awards Ceremony.**

Preparation of the annual end of year Awards Ceremony is well underway and will be held on **Friday 28 October.**

The morning starts at 8.50am in the undercover area and finishes approximately 12 noon. This event allows everyone to come together to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our students.

2017 School Leaders will also be announced.

This year we will also have a performance from the combined high school/primary school band who have been practicing weekly in preparation for this event.

We invite all school families to come along and share in the morning celebrations with students and staff.

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**Year 12 Parents, Families and Friends**

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Kilcoy State High School invites you to join in our Senior Valedictory Ceremony. This will be held at a School Assembly on Friday 18 November commencing at 9.00am.

Seniors are asked to wear their formal uniforms. Upon conclusion of the ceremony we invite you to join with graduates, representatives of the staff, P & C Association and other invited guests for the cutting of the cake.

Please RSVP to the office or call 5422 4543 by Monday 14 November.

We look forward to seeing you at this important event for our school and our 2016 Year 12 students.