As part of Kilcoy State High School’s commitment to provide our students with enriching, educational experiences, 30 students from years 8 to 12 attended the Somerset Celebration of Literature at Mudgeeraba from 9-11 March. Hosted by Somerset College, The Somerset Celebration of Literature festival is a significant cultural event held over three days on the Gold Coast each year.

Our students participated in interactive sessions and workshops that focussed on literature, reading and writing. It was a great opportunity to enjoy a festival dedicated to reading and writing and allowed our students meet and connect with over 30 authors, illustrators and the publishing community, as well as other like-minded students from all over Australia.

Students were excited to attend the night time Prologue Party festivities to celebrate the written word and the wonders it brings to both young and old. Activities and street performers enthralled in a fairground atmosphere, ending with a fireworks display.

Ms Tong, the organising teacher, said that the camp was extremely successful and was enjoyed by all the students. It was a great reflection upon our school that our students were also chosen to be interviewed by the College’s school sponsorship program because they were so keen and eloquent during the event.

The Somerset Philanthropic Fund generously sponsored the full cost of students to attend the festival, including accommodation at the Gold Coast Holiday Park at Helensvale as a way for rural students to access cultural events that they may not otherwise be able to attend.

KSHS also provided the full cost of the bus transport. Kilcoy State High School is proud to give our students the opportunity to attend this event at no cost to families.
Our first term at Kilcoy State High School has been extremely busy with many events enjoyed by students and staff. Our years 7’s have been on camp and an excursion to the museum, Year 8’s humanities students went to Happy Valley and Year 12’s have had their leadership camp and Senior Investiture Ceremony. The 11/12 Ancient history class enjoyed the dig at Abby Museum, and year 11s absorbed some culture during their theatre excursion. The whole school enjoyed the Swimming carnival followed by District swimming at Redcliffe. A great school effort was shown by those who played in the NRL Justin Hodges Shield and credit goes to the selected group of students who attended the Somerset Literacy Festival on the Gold Coast. A number of assessments have been occurring and our Senior Hospitality students skilfully catered a High Tea for staff as part of their assessment.

As part of our Independent Public School status we are required to form a School Council. A fact sheet and nomination form has been sent home regarding the formation of our School Council to be operational in Term 3. Two parent representatives are required, together with two staff representatives and a student representative. If you wish to become an elected member, please return your nomination by Friday April 29. Parent elections will be held on Wednesday May 11 at the P&C meeting.

Our P&C Association held their AGM on Wednesday 16 March and the existing P&C executive were re-elected. The committee is as follows President; Tony Martin, Secretary; Lisa Anderson and Treasurer Cami Dench. I look forward to continuing to work together with the P&C to further enhance our school. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank and recognise the great work done by our Tuckshop Convenor, Jenny Thompson and her assistant Gayle Kropp. Our tuckshop menu is of a very high standard and the funds raised by tuckshop sales are the main income of our P&C. I encourage you to continue to support our tuckshop.

Next term is shaping up to be as busy and exciting as this term has been. School report cards will be issued week one and we will follow this with parent teacher interviews in week two. Our parent teacher interview evening will also be a showcase of our student's work. We welcome all parents to come along and meet with your students teachers and see the great work that is happening in our school. Keep an eye out early next term for our on line bookings for interviews. Term 2 also sees events like the school and district cross country events, athletics and rugby league. This year we will also have our first ANZAC Ceremony at the school, in addition to our participation in the street march. We will continue to offer our students opportunities to participate in excursions and other educational and cultural activities.

In closing I would like to welcome our Deputy Principal Mrs Liza Bingham back from extended leave and thank Mrs Kathy Wager for her efforts and contributions to our school over the past 12 months.

I wish all of our school community a safe and happy Easter break and look forward to seeing you in Term 2.

Chris Dench—Principal
From the Deputy Principals

This week we welcome back Mrs Liza Bingham as our Senior Secondary DP. We thank Mrs Wager for filling in for over a year and wish her all the best as she takes leave for term 2.

SICK BAY

Please be aware of the following guidelines regarding the use of sick bay at school. Year 7 parents please take note as it may be different to primary school.

Generally when students are unwell and sent to sick bay the following happens:

* Parents are contacted immediately if symptoms show that the student is in pain/ unwell to the point of not returning to class; or

* Students are given a short period of time to rest, recover etc. before being sent back to class; or

* Parents are contacted to pick the student up.

Please do not send your child to school if it is likely they will be too sick to complete the first class. Whilst we do all we can to care appropriately for unwell students, we have limited space and staff. Our primary focus is to get students to parents if they are unwell, or return them to class if they are capable.

INTERIM REPORTS & PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interim progress reports will be issued to all students in the first week after holidays. These will be sent home in the mail. These reports should give you an overview of how your child is progressing to date in each subject. With the reports, you will be sent information about booking in for Parent/Teacher Interviews. These interviews will be held after school on 19 April. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet with teachers and discuss progress and future direction. Have a great Easter holiday and see you all in term 2.

Lindy Craddy - Deputy Principal

Senior Hospitality News

It has been a busy week for years 11 and 12 Hospitality Studies students. Tuesday saw them working on their buffet dishes as part of their assignment. Students had to plan a buffet function and this week they were assessed on their cooking. The assignment entails designing their own catering function, including budgets, menus, costing, ordering, shopping lists and designing and decorating a dining room. In term two they will hold a full buffet function

On Thursday, Senior Hospitality Practices students were hard at work all day preparing a High Tea for staff. Students carried out the roles of serving staff, chefs or cooks and decorated the dining room to reflect the elegance of a high tea event. They cooked and served sweet and savory snacks and served these to their guests. Congratulations to all students and Ms Plath for a well planned event.
Sporting News

The Annette Brander Shield is a nine-a-side rugby league competition open to girls. Our team will be playing at Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast on Wednesday 23 March. The teams consist of combinations of two year levels, those being 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12. The students will be playing in a competition format that will assist the growth and participation of rugby league, focussing on “strict” safe play code, behaviour, sportspersonship and strong team work ethic. Our students have been participating in lunch time training sessions on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to help them become familiar with the game prior to the gala day. As part of our commitment to ensuring students have access to these extra curricular activities, there is no cost to the students as the school is funding the cost of bus transport. Students will be required to wear a mouthguard for all training sessions and on the gala day.

Success@

Our school extends congratulations to two of our students who achieved Gold medals in their respective sports last weekend.

Year 12 student Antonio Bonomo competed at the McDonalds State Championships for Little Athletics Queensland in 5 events and came home with Gold medals in the 100m and 200m hurdles and Silver in the triple jump. He made the finals of the long jump and ran fourth in the 100m finals.

Year 9 student Ji Marshall was in New Zealand competing in Tae Kwon Do and won Gold in the red belt section. He also fought against a black belt opponent and won Bronze.

Congratulations to both students.

Parent Reminders

School Dental Procedures

Metro North Oral Health Services requires a parent/legal guardian or a nominated adult representative to attend dental appointments with all children under the age of 15 years. A parent/legal guardian must attend the examination appointment. This is so that you can be involved in making decisions about your child’s oral health care and discuss any issues that may be of concern. Please bring your child’s Medicare Card to every appointment. For queries telephone oral health services (ph:3646783) MNOHS_Directorate@health.qld.gov.au

Medication Forms

Parents of students who have medication administered at school will soon be receiving a letter and form to sign to update our database. Please return to the school as soon as possible.