Science Night 2016

Our Annual Science Fair on Wednesday was again a great evening.

Ms Matai had the crowd mesmerised with her science demonstrations, which involved the always popular fire, popping gas and fake snow.

The Robot Competition for the primary school students produced some amazing constructions and thought provoking usage.

The science projects by our own students involved a range of interesting scientific theories that they had to investigate.

Our Principal Mr Dench redeemed himself this year by winning the principals challenge.

This year, visitors were able to wander around the agricultural department and the science labs. Our art room was also set up as a gallery to display the amazing artwork that our students are producing in class. The two science labs were buzzing with activities, the most popular being Mr Blackburn's earthquake machine. Budding engineers had to design a building made from marshmallows and wooden skewers and put their structure to the test to see how far up the Richter scale their structure could withstand before collapsing.

Also unveiled in time for the event was our new science garden near the undercover area. This garden has been designed by Leanne Dunn and consists of a solar water feature complete with mosquito eating fish, purpose built sign boards and an array of interesting plants.

Thank you to students who volunteered their time to help out on the night and to staff who spent many hours setting it all up.

Science Fair Competition

Winners

Equal 1st: Libby Woodrow and Mia Sheehan
Equal 2nd: Breanna James and Chloe Morgan/Faith Cruzpero

(Chloe and Faith did a joint project)
From the Principal

Junior Secondary Scholarships 2017

2017 Scholarships
Kilcoy State High School is proudly offering Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary Scholarships for students who will be completing their Junior or Senior studies at Kilcoy State High School in 2017

Applications close on 31st October 2016 and must be submitted to the high school.

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 Yr 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 the following school fees and activities.
Scholarships cover
- SRS Fees
- Subject Fees
- Curriculum Excursions and camps
- Uniforms
- The Senior scholarship can also be used for Leadership Camp, Senior Jersey and Senior Formal (student ticket only)

Applications must be in writing, on the approved application form and address the criteria contained in the application package.

KSHS Junior Secondary Academic Scholarship for 2017 / 2018 Selection Criteria:
- Currently enrolled in Year 6
- intending to complete Secondary education at Kilcoy State High School
- school attendance of 90% or greater
- achieving B or better in English and Math and at least a C in all other subjects
- actively support school activities
- consistently follows school rules and
- demonstrated willingness to fully participate in the life of the school and be a worthy role model for other students.

KSHS Junior Secondary Service Scholarship for 2017 / 2018 Selection Criteria:
- Currently enrolled in Year 6
- intending to complete Secondary education at Kilcoy State High School
- school attendance of 90% or greater
- achieving C or better in all subjects
- actively support and engage in school and/or community activities
- consistently follows school rules and
- demonstrated willingness to fully participate in the life of the school and be a worthy role model for other students.

Chris Dench, Principal
KSHS Senior Secondary Academic Scholarship for 2017 / 2018

Selection Criteria:
- Currently enrolled in Year 10
- Intending to undertake and complete the Queensland Certificate of Education during the school years 2017-2018 at Kilcoy State High School
- School attendance of 90% or greater
- Achieving B or better in English and Math and at least a C in all other subjects
- Actively support school activities
- Consistently follows school rules and
- Demonstrated willingness to fully participate in the life of the school and be a worthy role model for other students.

Applications must be in writing, on the approved application form and address the criteria contained in the application package.

KSHS Senior Secondary Service Scholarship for 2017 / 2018

Selection Criteria:
- Currently enrolled in Year 10
- Intending to undertake and complete the Queensland Certificate of Education during the school years 2017-2018 at Kilcoy State High School
- School attendance of 90% or greater
- Achieving C or better in all subjects
- Actively support and engage in school and/or community activities
- Consistently follows school rules and
- Demonstrated willingness to fully participate in the life of the school and be a worthy role model for other students.

Forms will be available to download from our school website next week.

Chris Dench, Principal

Upcoming Excursion dates and Payment Due dates

- 25 August: Year 8 Yume Japanese Restaurant
- 25 August: Physics students Dreamworld
- 25 August: Enterprise Students Dreamworld
- 27 August: IGA BBQ Driver Ed (no cost)

Congratulations to Mr Dench for winning the Principal's Challenge at this year's Science Fair

Mia Sheehan and Alex Walsh received distinctions in the UNSW Science Competition

School Council Representatives
Amy Higgins and Michael Houston
Drama Excursion

On Thursday August 18 a small group of dramatic students headed to Brisbane to see Samuel Beckett’s Absurd masterpiece *Endgame* as part of the Year 11 Drama Studies program.

The play “Endgame” is a classic Theatre of the Absurd text, providing an excellent example of how a text can be staged in a simple, but highly effective way.

The performance unlocked elements of Absurdism, Ensemble Theatre and Postmodernism.

Here are some of the student’s thoughts…

*The play inspired me to think about life… how we choose to conclude it and how we choose to live it* – Emily Harris

*Not what I was expecting, but still a fantastic performance* – Sophie Edwick

*Extremely well performed and very thought provoking. I’m still trying to get my head around it* – Stuart Houstoun

*It was incredibly emotional to watch. It made me realise that sometimes darkness and silence can be worse than death itself* – Ebony Lee

*Pretty eye opening… how lonely life can be if you’re all alone* – Demi O’Connor

“**Hamm:** Yesterday! What does that mean? Yesterday!

**Clov:** That means that awful day long ago, before this awful day. I use the words you taught me. If they don’t mean anything anymore, teach me others or let me be silent.”

This is my favourite quote from the play. It makes you feel that you should live your life to the fullest and always keep learning – Iyesha Samson
Year 10 Humanities Sea Life

Year 10 students had a blast on Tuesday 16 August at Sea Life Mooloolaba.

We found Nemo, went looking for Dory and met with Flipper (that last one I made up but we did see an amazing live seal show).

The sheer number and variety of exhibits and organisms on display was truly astounding.

We also took a serious look at the role humans are having on the reef and coastal ecosystems.

We discovered that biodiversity is declining right across the reef and a number of species are now seriously threatened and human interference in these delicate ecosystems is the primary cause of this.

Pollution, habitat destruction and climate change are some of the biggest threats to our reefs here in Australia.

After seeing these coastal environments first hand, along with the huge variety of weird and wonderful creatures that inhabit them really brings home the message that these ecosystems are incredibly delicate and need our help in order to survive and continue to flourish.

James McMahon, Teacher.
Athletics News

We recently had a large number of students compete at the district Athletics carnival in Caboolture. This is very encouraging to see and emphasises the commitment to sport that students at KSHS have.

Antonio Bonomo and Joshua Harbidge were also Age Champions at the District event.

Seven students have been selected to represent the school at the Regional Athletics Carnival on Thursday and Friday.

Antonio Bonomo: 17 years Hurdles, Triple Jump and 200m
Kian Collins: 16 years Javelin
Joshua Harbidge: 12 years 100m and 800m
Cooper Hine: 16 years Triple Jump
Ebony Ngawhare: 14 years Shot Put
Sophie Wolff: 15 years 300m, 800m and 1500m
Blake Anderson: Multi Class

We wish all students good luck and hope they can continue their successes onto the State Carnival.
Gold For Blake Anderson in Canberra

Australian Cross Country Gold
KSHS Year 7 student Blake Anderson was amongst over 970 athletes from across the country and New Zealand that gathered in Canberra on Saturday 20 August ready to take on one of Australia’s best cross country courses at the picturesque Stromlo Forest Park, as part of the Australian Cross Country Championships.

Competing in very chilly conditions, Blake held off all opponents to complete the 3000m track in a time of 13:03.92 to take out the Gold Medal. Congratulations Blake for all your hard work, dedication and effort to conquer this event.

Success @
Year 9 student Matthew Martin has been selected into the Sunshine Coast Cricket Association’s Lord’s Taverners (U16) team.

The Lord’s Taverners (Qld) fosters younger players from junior to senior level by providing for an additional day competition for the Lord’s Taverners Shield.

Congratulations Matthew!

Library 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 on (07) 5424 4000.
2016 Science Fair

Science Fair Competition Winners
Secondary
Equal 1st: Libby Woodrow and Mia Sheehan
Equal 2nd: Breanna James and Chloe Morgan/Faith Cruzpero (Chloe and Faith did a joint project)
Equal 3rd place: Oceana Bloxidge and Leah Denning

Science Fair Winners
Robot Competition

Prep-2 (build a robot for a specific purpose, using recyclable materials)
1st: Gabriel
2nd: Rick
3rd: Kaylah

Year 3-6 (build a robot for a specific purpose using recyclable materials)
1st: Ryan
2nd: Kyle
3rd: Tigerlily
Year 12 Alerts

QTAC applications
QTAC applications are NOW OPEN until 30th September. Mrs Bingham will be meeting with all OP students over the coming weeks to discuss their application. Non-OP students need to make an appointment with Mrs Bingham to discuss their application.

USQ Head Start Program
Applications are open for USC's Head Start program entry into Semester 1 2017. Study at Uni whilst you are in year 11 and 12, and get credit towards study in a USC course after school!

Head Start is a FREE program. Information night Thursday 8th September 5pm-6pm at Sippy Downs Campus. See the Guidance Officer for more information.

Year 12 Driver's Ed deposit due
Reminder: Permission forms and deposits for Driver's Ed are due this Friday 26 August. Deposit is $30.

Year 12 Formal RSVP & Photos
Formal RSVP are due September 1. The $30 deposit per guest attending is also required before this date. Remember that the formal committee is chasing childhood photos. Scan to a USB or ask at the library to have photos scanned.

BBQ Kilcoy IGA
Our Year 12 students are raising funds for their Driver Education experience and will be holding a BBQ outside the IGA this Saturday 27 August. Please come along and support the students.

Parent Reminders

Year 7 Enrolments Open
Enrolments are now open for Year 7 students. If you did not attend the information evening you need to book in for an enrolment interview with our Junior Deputy Lindy Craddy. Dates for these bookings are 7 October and 8 November. Please contact the office to make a booking.

School Council Parent Representative Required
As an Independent Public School, Kilcoy State High School requires a parent representative to be on our School Council.

Elected members play a pivotal role in assisting the development and guidance of plans and policies that will benefit the school. The role includes liaising with other council members, school personnel and other decision making bodies for the benefit and betterment of all students and the community.

If you would like to nominate for the position, please contact the school for a nomination form on 54224343 or download from our website: https://kilcoyshs.eq.edu.au/supportandresources/formsanddocuments/Documents/parent-nomination-form.pdf
School to Work Transition Programs

Is your Year 11 son or daughter interested in participating in a school to work transition program in 2017?

Perhaps the GenR8 or AlleV8 programs may be of interest?

Some interesting data: 85% of 2015 GenR8 course participants gained full time employment upon completion of their schooling. This is an incredible statistic and defies the 48% Youth Employment figures for Somerset, Moreton and Sunshine Coast regions for the same period.

Please take some time to check out the information flyers.

Please contact Chris Tucker ctuck23@eq.edu.au or Liza Bingham lbing4@eq.edu.au for more information.

GenR8 – Employment Pathway for Youth
Program Overview for Parents and Teachers

GenR8 is a Department of Education and Training (DET) ‘school to work’ transition program which prepares students in all aspects of employment, whilst they are still at school.

The program is fully supported by the Queensland Trucking Association and the Supply Chain & Logistics Association of Queensland. Employers in this industry have identified GenR8 as their preferred recruitment model with GenR8 now winning numerous industry awards for workforce development.

A number of significant transport, logistics and supply chain (TL&SC) employers across the State are engaging in GenR8 as a workforce development and planning tool to attract and retain a younger workforce, skill for the future and access job-ready candidates to fill current and future job vacancies.

What is the GenR8 program?
GenR8 is an award winning school to work transition program for Year 12 students wanting to enter the TL&SC industry.

The program includes:
- industry awareness and connectivity
- a nationally recognised qualification
- industry work placements
- structured workplace learning program
- industry employment opportunities

The program runs over the full Year 12 school year. It combines 20 weeks of structured work placements (1 day per week) in Terms 2 and 3, with a nationally recognised qualification (Certificate II in Logistics), which students undertake with a Registered Training Organisation.

The program provides opportunities for Year 12 students to identify employment options and pathways within businesses, whilst gaining a nationally recognised qualification and essential employability skills.

At completion of the program, Year 12 students are securing a range of employment opportunities including apprenticeships, traineeships, permanent, part time and casual employment.
AllevE8 – Creating Pathways to Employment
Information for Schools, Parents and Students

What is AllevE8?
AllevE8 is a Department of Education and Training (DET) ‘school to work’ transition program which prepares students in all aspects of employment, whilst they are still at school. It includes a 20 week (1 day per week) work placement and completion of Certificate II in Health Support Services. The program is fully supported by local healthcare organisations who are actively addressing the combined symptoms of an ageing workforce and phenomenal growth of their industry, through this successful and proven school to work transition model.

AllevE8 is a partnership between the following stakeholders:
• Employers who provide the work placement experience and future employment opportunities for participants
• Registered training organisations (RTO) which provide the training and assessment services required for the delivery of the industry endorsed and nationally accredited qualification
• Secondary schools which supply and support the students undertaking the program
• School students who participate and commit to completion of the program whilst at school
• Parents/guardians who support the students to participate and complete the program
• DET which provides funding for the provision of the qualification through the VET in Schools (VETiS) program and regional offices who facilitate and co-ordinate the program.

Benefits for Students
• Development of employability skills, valued by employers, through legitimate and genuine work experience
• Undertaking ‘real life’ work experience provides a competitive edge when applying for jobs
• Achievement of a Certificate II qualification;
• Achievement of up to 6 QCE points
• Opportunity to perform satisfying and meaningful work, consistent with employment goals
• Opening up employment opportunities and career pathways

Benefits for Employers
• Establishment of an entry level pathway specifically designed to attract youth into the industry
• Recruitment of work ready employees
• Development of a training and workforce planning culture for the sector

How do I get more information?
If you require any additional information, please contact a North Coast Region School to Work Client Service Officer on 1300 369 935 or by emailing NCoasttraining@dete.qld.gov.au

For acceptance into and to ensure successful completion of the School to Work Transition Programs, we are looking for those students who are able to:
- complete Certificate II in Health Support;
- attend all training sessions and work placement days – minimum of 30 days;
- independently travel to both the training facility and work placement venue;
- work a minimum of 7 hours per day during work placement.

AllevE8 supports objectives of the Queensland Department of Education and Training’s training, skilling and youth employment policies.