4th Annual Gala Dinner

Year 12 Hospitality students presented their 4th Annual Gala Dinner on the evening of Thursday 9 June at the school.

This dinner provides students with an authentic hospitality experience in event planning that incorporates all the aspects involved in a professional event.

As part of their assessment, students had to complete a planning document for this meal, including costing the food to budget, and catering for food intolerances.

Preparations for the four course alternate drop menu for 40 guests began early, with the kitchen buzzing all day to prepare and cook 160 meals.

The student menu consisted of an entrée of Potato and Cauliflower Soup or Pasta Carbonara with freshly baked bread rolls, main of Beef Bourguignon or Spinach and Ricotta Stuffed Chicken and dessert was Sticky Date Pudding or Chocolate Mousse Bowls with Chocolate Truffles as the sweet treat of the night.

Students also had to professionally plate and serve meals and attend to their guests in a professional manner throughout the night.

The theme for the night was “The Great Gatsby” and guests were dressed in their 1920’s finest for the occasion. Those who attended the evening commented on the suburb quality of the meals and how professional the students were, likening it to a high quality wedding event.

Special thanks must go to Jenny Plath who organised the event and prepared the students throughout the term as well as to Kate Strong and Janelle Reddiex who helped out during the event. Thanks must also go to Chris Tucker (HOD – Enterprise) who helped in the redesigning of the dining room.

We would like to extend a big thank you to staff and parents who attended the Gala Night. It was wonderful to see so many guests dressed in the theme of “Great Gatsby”!
From the Principal

What a great semester! Everyone has been working really hard right up until the end and we have had some fantastic events along the way. Report cards will be emailed home during the first week of term 3 so please ensure your contact details are up to date.

Next semester, we will be starting with a number of key discussions between students and staff. It is important to have early conversations with students to support them towards a successful learning journey.

Our QCS students will be meeting with myself or Ms Coonan – Guidance Officer to clarify the current goals (OP or Selection Rank). We also have our Academic Review Conversations for students who have been challenged in subject areas this semester. This will enable them to work with their classroom teachers to set new goals and positive learning behaviours for a more successful outcome for next term.

As a school community that values knowledge and learning, our commitment remains the same: we work with our students to support them in achieving to their full potential - academically, socially and personally. In the meantime, we do wish our students and their families all the best for a safe and restful holiday and look forward to seeing them at the beginning of next term.

School Opinion Survey

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted 11 to 29 July 2016. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students early Term 3.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and school computers will be available for access to do the survey. When you arrive at school to do this survey, please let the office staff know that you would like to do the survey on the school’s computers.

Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to Liza Bingham on telephone 5422 4343.
Here we are finally at the end of a very long term 2. Before we head off on our break, I thought I’d share with you some of the exciting moments of this term that the juniors have experienced:

**ANZAC ceremony at school.** Our junior captains laid a wreath and all students participated in a moving ceremony. ANZAC Day in town where many of our junior students represented the school at the parade and at the Dawn Service.

**Indigenous camp:** Our indigenous students trekked through Stanley River Outdoor Ed Centre with Ms Tong. And by all accounts, while the first day was hard work, everyone was really pleased with themselves and their efforts by the end.

**Kilcoy Show.** A range of prizes came in and lots of work was displayed.

**Get To Know Your Creek.** A group of 7s, 8s and 9s mixed with students from other schools in the Somerset region to learn about our local creeks and planted vegetation to help with the growth of the area.

**Somerset Sports Cup.** Some wins; some losses – but every single one of our students put on a good show for Kilcoy High and did us proud.

**District Cross Country.** A number of our junior students headed off to Pine Rivers Park to represent Kilcoy SHS.

**Chappy breakfast.** To celebrate Chappy Week, the team did a cooked breakfast for everyone in Week 6. It was very well received, and goes alongside the weekly toast and fruit breakfast provided to any student who wants it. The Expressive Bikes Display was also arranged in celebration of Chappy Week.

**Science and Maths Competitions.** Our students also participated in academic competitions this term. We look forward to seeing their results next term.

**Maths Team Tournament.** We also had students represent Kilcoy SHS in maths. These students travelled over to Narangba Valley SHS to compete against teams from all over South East Queensland.

In this week, alone:

**Level Up.** 30 of our students travelled to Meridan State College to experience problem solving and life’s big questions.

**Spelling Bee** Our students are off to Mount Kilcoy to fly the flag in spelling & we wish them lots of luck.

**Spirit of ANZAC Centenary Experience** – this trip down to the Convention Centre to see exhibits about Australia’s involvement in World War 1 has been fully funded by a grant applied for and won by our Community Faculty.

And on the “not-so-much-fun front”: Year 7s and 9s had NAPLAN this term. That’s hard work and can be intimidating – but our students gave it their best and that’s all we ask of them.

Year 7s and 8s had their second round of immunisations – and the third round comes later in the year. Having a needle isn’t much fun, but the protection it offers is vital.

Whew!! Our students also came to school for 53 days! No wonder they’re tired!

Have a wonderful break, Juniors. I look forward to seeing you all back for more great learning in term 3.

*Lindy Craddy, Deputy Principal*
From the Deputy Principal - Senior Secondary

QCS Program

The Year 12 students have been involved in an in-depth program in preparation for the upcoming QCS test on 30th August and 1st September. The significance of this test is such that students are sitting a two day practice on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th July and receiving feedback in relation to their performance. The School is also engaging Mr Steven McCabe the director of a renowned educational agency that specifically addresses the QCS test to address our students on Monday 22nd August for a half day follow up conference to best prepare our students.

All OP eligible students must sit the QCS tests. There are strict procedures and processes around the conduct of the QCS test including venue, timings, student equipment for the test, student behaviour during the test and attendance. A medical certificate is required for an absence.

Year 10 SET Planning Preparations

It is an exciting time for year 10 students preparing to make decision about their futures and planning for success. Term 3 will see year 10 students engage in a range of activities to prepare them to make these valuable decisions including Future Directions Day, Beyond Schools Expo, QUT Open Day, SET Planning Meetings and Work Experience. So parents can begin assisting students with these decisions, a number of support documents are available on the school website Parent Resources page.

New free learner driver app

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has recently released an app which allows learner drivers to record their driving hours using a smartphone or tablet device.

The Queensland Learner Logbook app is the first of its kind, enabling learners to electronically submit their completed hours directly to TMR for processing. This instant submission not only saves learners time and money mailing their completed logbook to TMR for processing, but it also means that TMR will be able to start checking submitted logbooks sooner.

Learners can use the app to:
- view their progress against set target hours
- enter information for past journeys
- use the timer to record new trips
- save multiple vehicle and supervisor details
- seek approval for trips from their supervisor by email.

Those who have already recorded some trips in a paper logbook can still use the app by creating new entries to transfer their past trips across, or by submitting both logbooks for processing.

Download the app for free today from the App Store or Google Play for Android.

For more information, visit www.qld.gov.au/learnerlogbookapp.

Important cyber safety tips

The department has recently been alerted to random users contacting children using the social media app ‘Instagram’.

The following tips are provided to parents on how their children can avoid random contact on social media:
1. Know which social media your child uses.
2. Discuss with your child who their online friends and followers are.
3. Only be friends with people online who you know and trust in the real world.

Take a proactive approach and establish clear and agreed rules for your child’s internet use.

Somerset Sports Cup

Kilcoy State High School students brought home 3 trophies following the Somerset Sports Cup held at Toogoolawah on Friday June 10. The dedication of students to lunchtime practice sessions helped us secure the first placing in open and junior touch and junior netball. Our open netball team placed second and both our soccer teams played well but were unsuccessful in placing. We tied with Lowood for the overall win and currently hold the trophy. The full collection of photos can be viewed on our Facebook Page. Students who participate in the Somerset Sports Cup and were awarded Most Valuable or Most Improved in each sport were awarded certificates on Assembly.

Power Pole Project

The Year 11 and 12 Visual Art students are currently engaged in a community project to design and paint 6 power poles outside the school. Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) funding was sought by Somerset Regional Council for the three high schools in the region to participate in this project, with Kilcoy State High School as the first school to participate in the region. Toowoomba company Kontraband Studios were engaged to hold creative workshops with the students to assist them in designing and painting the poles.

The project aims to showcase the artistic abilities of students and provide the opportunity to experience working with a professional artist in an authentic project with tight deadlines and different technical approaches – such as working on a 3D canvas like a power pole.

Kilcoy students and their art teacher, Ms Katelyn McCulloch have taken to the project with enthusiasm and are also using it as part of their assessment.
Edible Art

Year 11 Hospitality Practices have been studying the fine art of cake decorating this term, with the aim to create an edible piece of art. As part of their assessment, students completed a planning document which involved having to research, analyse and design their cake based on their chosen theme.

The students spent a number of lessons practising their decorating techniques prior to completing their final cakes for assessment last week. In addition to decorating, the students also had to bake the underlying cake, with a few incorporating a “surprise” within.

Some wonderful and innovative creations have been made that include wedding cakes, baby shower cakes, and birthday cakes that even included a “star wars” theme.

Year 8 Manual Arts

Bridge construction was this term’s unit in Year 8 Industrial Technology. Students had to work in groups to design and build a bridge, with the aim being to make the strongest design. There was fierce competition between Mr Lake and Mr Stevens’ classes to find out who had designed the ultimate bridge. A controlled destruction of the bridges was completed to determine the winning team.

Virtual Business Studies

The Year 9 Business students have been learning the intricacies of how to run their own business this term.

The students created a number of virtual businesses such as cafes, aquariums, pet shops, electronics and exotic food operations, and carried out trading with each business.

As part of the learning process, students had to promote their business, sell their products and undertake record keeping. This included producing documents and processing the daily bills that were issued. Wildcards were thrown in with some businesses receiving cash bonuses for being “Business of the Week”, whilst others had events such as broken windows to attend to. We utilised the services of Mrs Nunn in the library who was our “tradie liaison” that students had to ring to arrange for tradespeople to come and carry out repairs.

This was a valuable learning experience for students that highlighted how much work is involved in running a successful business.
Reports & QParents Registration

Report cards will be issued in the first week of Term 3. Those who have registered with QParents will have first access to the reports as they are issued from our system. Visit: https://qparents.qld.edu.au

You need: invitation code and child’s Student ID number and your ID documents (If you don’t have all documents, contact the school).

Appointments with Senior Staff

In a school it is often not possible to see the Principal, a Deputy Principal, a Head of Department or the Guidance Officer unannounced.

All parents who wish to speak to the above staff are advised to phone and make an appointment. This will avoid disappointment.
Ph. 54 22 4343

Parent Reminders

Are Your Details Up to Date?

Please update your contact details if anything has changed, especially email addresses.

Parent Reminders

Centrepay
To assist parents with fees/excursions/uniform costs, Centrepay deductions can be arranged if needed. Please see the office.

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Update my details@kilcoyshs.eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop
Uniform shop is open Tuesday & Thursday mornings 8.30-10.30am

Kilcoy SHS uniforms can only be purchased new through the school

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)

Parent Reminders

‘BEYOND SCHOOL’ EXPO 2016

Careers and Employment Expo

Who Should Attend:
• All Parents and Caregivers
• Students from years 8 to 12
• Local Businesses
• Community Members

Who will be there?
Representatives from universities, TAFE, training organisations, Defence Force Recruiting, QPS, QFRS, local employers, support services and many more!

Date: 2nd August 2016
Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Place: Kilcoy Memorial Hall

Subject Selection information sessions:
Junior Secondary - 6.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Senior Secondary - 6:30pm to 7:00pm.
UQ Young Scholars Program

The 2016-2017 UQ Young Scholars Program involves a five-day (four night) Residential Camp at the St Lucia campus for Year 11 students who are OP eligible and intending to pursue university studies on completion of Year 12. Selection will be based on: Academic excellence, Leadership achievements, and/or Significant contribution to their school or community.

Entry into the UQ Young Scholars Program is by competitive selection and an application does not a guarantee of a place in the program. Fee waivers and travel bursaries will be available to assist students who would not otherwise be able to participate. Applications close Friday August 12. See the Guidance officer at school for more information https://young-scholars.uq.edu.au/

Medication at School

If your child requires staff to administer regular medication at school, please ensure that you have completed, signed and returned the Administration of Medication at School record sheet. If your child requires more than one medication, you will need to complete a form for each.

For those at risk of anaphylaxis, we require emergency medication and an ASCIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan completed by your doctor. For those students who have asthma, we require their emergency medication and an Asthma Action Plan.

Please note: School staff will not administer over the counter medication to students unless it has been prescribed by their health care practitioner.

QSchools

We have a number of excursions planned this year and by downloading the QSchools app you will be able to keep up to date with these and other important school events.

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools. The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools.

Winter Uniform

Long Pants

We have sample sizes of microfibre tracksuit pants available to try at the Uniform shop.

They can be ordered at the office by Thursday each week and will arrive the following week.

The pants cost $30 each.
A number of instrumental students from Kilcoy State High School participated in a Combined Schools Music Concert held at Kilcoy State School recently. The combined orchestra consisted of students of varying experience and instruments which provided a full sound and listening experience for the audience. Shanae Pedersen (tenor saxophone), Sophie Wilkinson (bass clarinet), Lilith Lane (clarinet) and Mia Sheehan (clarinet) also presented a variety of solo, and ensemble items at the evening event, which gave the audience the opportunity to see how far the students can advance in their music by continuing instrumental studies into high school.

The audience enjoyed listening to a range of different styles including traditional Irish tunes, rock and Baroque. Congratulations to all students involved.

Our Instrumental Music program was also recently presented with a $1400 donation by the Kilcoy Singers Group and will be used to provide assistance to expanding our music program. The funds will be used in part to provide sponsorship to students covering hire of instruments and levy fees. We thank the group for providing these funds.

Instrumental Music Program Semester 2

There are new places available in the program for students who are interested in learning brass or woodwind instruments in Semester 2.

Three students are also needed to play drums and percussion in the band.

Leave your name at the school office or see Mrs Killey Thursday morning at Junior Assembly.
Diverse Learning

Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear Parents/Carers,

Collecting data on school students with a disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with a disability in schooling on the same basis as students without a disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with a disability. All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide any data that can identify an individual student to another organisation. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets to help you make a decision are available from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Phuong Rebisz (HOD – Diverse Learners)

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Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need local communities looking out for our schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number on 13 17 88 and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service address the matter.

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