The Kilcoy State High School Athletics Carnival held last Friday was an outstanding day of competitive sporting achievements.

It was exciting to see a large number of records tumbling throughout the day across a variety of events. In total, 27 students broke 47 records which is an outstanding achievement.

Top record breakers were Josh Harbidge in year 7 with 8 new records and Chaseley Cavanagh of Year 8 who broke 6.

The Principal’s Cup was hotly contested at the end of the day, with Antonio Bonomo (9:26s) and Kate Hurley (11:26s) taking the wins. This is Kate’s 3rd Cup win, having won in 2012 and 2013.

Rafter House were victorious on 3200 points to Fraser’s 2765 on the day.

The District Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday August 15 (Senior) and Tuesday August 16 (Junior) at Apex Park Caboolture.
It was exciting to have such a large group of interested students and parents from Year 8 attend the Junior Secondary Subject Selection Talk at Beyond School Expo on Tuesday night. I was able to give families some updated information about how subjects are going to be selected for Year 9 and 10, and students and their parents asked some important questions.

My key messages about subject selection are:

In Year 9 students will study the four core subjects of
- English
- Maths
- Science
- Humanities

They will choose 2 electives per semester over Year 9 and 10 (a total of 7 elective units) from:
- Agriculture
- Business
- Drama
- Food Studies
- Graphics
- Health and Physical Education
- ICT
- Industrial Technology & Design
- LOTE (Japanese)
- Visual Art

Final offerings will depend on student numbers and the school’s ability to offer subjects.

Year 9 and 10 students will be operating in a “vertical structure” – with students being in multi-age classes and able to put together a program over the two years to meet their needs.

Information will be coming out via our website, Facebook, email and through notes home about dates and timelines so watch this space.

Parents and students are most welcome to come and chat to me and/or our Guidance Officer Megan Coonan about any questions or concerns so that you are ready to make an informed decision at the start of term 4 when subject selection opens.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Interviews on July 26. It was a smaller group this time, but that is often the case in Semester Two. Please remember that at any time you can contact your child’s teachers directly with questions and concerns about their progress. Email is generally the best way to do this. Our front desk staff can give you email addresses of staff if you don’t have them.

Lindy Craddy,
Junior Secondary Deputy Principal
Exemption from Schooling Policy and Process

An Exemption from Compulsory Schooling is required when a child or a young person cannot attend (or it would be unreasonable under the circumstances for them to attend school or participate in an eligible option during their compulsory participation phase) for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days.

If your child is in this situation an application for exemption must be made prior to the absence. Please contact the front office for an application or for more information.

Crucial Time for Senior Students to Focus on Studies

Term 3 of Year 12 is a crucial term for year twelve students. Our Year 12 students are being encouraged to work hard to move up some “rungs” within their level of achievement. All Year 12 students should be seeking the advice of their teachers as to how they can move up in the most efficient way.

Parents can assist by monitoring the number of hours students are working in part-time jobs or if students are engaging in too many social activities. The focus for the next ten weeks needs to be firmly fixed on study. This is the home straight for our Seniors and they need to have an “unrelenting focus on their improvement”.

Students in Year 12 who may not be on track to receive their QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education) have been meeting with Mrs Bingham to plan pathways to give them best opportunity to successfully complete their senior schooling.

All year 12 students are being closely monitored and will be asked to meet with administration to review their academic program if we feel they need additional support to ensure optimum success.

SET Planning

Students have begun the SET Planning journey and are exploring all the options available to them suited to their interests and strengths. Future Directions Day and the recent Beyond Schools Expo have given students to a range of experts to assist them in making decisions on their pathways and how to get there.

Now the time has come for them to put a plan in place to assist and remind them of their pathway and the commitment required to successfully make it happen.

Year 10 students will receive booking information and parent/carer support resources this week. While planning is an important step “The magic is in the doing”.

School Opinion Survey

A huge thank you to all the students, parents and staff for providing feedback on how we are performing.

We value the feedback of our major stakeholders and want to ensure we provide the best opportunities for our students to perform to their potential.

Liza Bingham,
Senior Secondary Deputy Principal
English Foundations Yr 9 Short Story

MAKING IT HOME ... JUST!

By Caitlyn Kunde

Finally, the first day of school is over. It was the worst day of my life. SPLAT! What was that? Yuck! Someone disgusting has hit me with a spit ball. As I walked into our new house, I saw that my dog had vomited everywhere. Mum walked in and yelled at me “Brooklyn, if you had put the dog outside as I said to you this morning, you would not have to clean up all this mess!”

I was sitting outside reading my book when Jackson my brother ran up of the back of me and stole my book from me. He ran into the rain with it when suddenly the book was getting bigger and bigger every second. He dropped it into a puddle of muddy water and it opened with stairs appearing. They went up into the sky then disappeared. As I nervously rushed, in confusion, up the steps, I could see another world. In this world everything looked the same but ……..different.

Instead of green grass there was brown dirt. Instead of painted houses there were destroyed shells of houses. Everything was opposite up here. I was so curious, I kept walking around. I ran into someone who looked like me. I excitedly approached her. I introduced myself. That’s when she swore at me. I thought ‘What the hell is going on?’ Brittany yelled, “Get off my turf you slithery, slimy, smelly snake!” What had I walked into?

Next thing, I know, is I’m waking up with a thumping headache. I see broken, smashed glass all around me. I am trapped. I am in a tiny room. It is smelly, rotten, and boiling hot. There is only one door in the room. No windows, no light, no anything. They only way to escape is to get over the smashed glass to the door. I hear nothing around me. There are no noises. I tried tip toeing to the door. I didn’t get far before my feet started cutting and bleeding. I went back to the middle crying in pain and worried about how to get out of here. I slid down on my hands and knees and started crawling my way to the door. I slowly move the glass out of my way with my arm. Before long I have cuts up both my arms and blood is pouring slowly everywhere. Joyfully, I reach the door, but then notice that the key is beyond my reach. It is stuck on a nail way above the door. I yell out in frustration and jump. I knock the key down.

Outside I see a bunch of trees. I run to the closest tree and sit while I get my breath back and think about what to do next. As I hear noises coming from behind me, I stand and run. I run for my life. As I run, I hear them getting closer. They are yelling and screaming at me. They just miss my hair. “How am I going to fit through the gap? It’s so small!” It will be harder with people pulling on me. With the last of my hope and energy, I jump through the small gap just in time. I arrive safely back at home. I grab the book. I rip it up. I shove the tiny pieces of the horrible book into the bag it came in. I run inside, open the fire place, and throw it in. Home! Safe! Finally! Just in time!

Art News

There is some exciting news emerging from the ‘Arts Cave’

Year 12 students Ebony Black and Kim Ador have had artwork entered into the Creative Generations; Excellence in Visual Art Awards.

This prestigious Arts competition has a series of stages that the artwork must go through and both students have made it to the Regional Exhibition on 27 August at the University of the Sunshine Coast Art Gallery.

There were 98 entries from 30 schools in our region alone, with 80 works being exhibited at the regional level.

Ultimately, we are aiming for top 40 in Qld where student work is exhibited in the Gallery of Modern Art.
Steam Puffs Science Extension

Full STEAM ahead
A select group of students from Mount Kilcoy and Kilcoy State School participated in a full day of rotational Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics (STEAM) extension activities on Wednesday 3 August.

The students were given an enthusiastic student-guided tour of the Agricultural Centre by Matthew Martin, Kobie Roberts and Gareth Friedrich and participated in challenging hands on activities relating to areas such as electrical conductivity and designing creatures.

Mr Tucker wowed the students with his display of 3D printing of a Pikachu and his operation of our recently purchased drone.

Thank you to Leanne our Scientific Assistant for helping staff set everything up the experiments and activities and to our enthusiastic teaching staff that provided instruction on the day.

This event demonstrated the great opportunities the Kilcoy State High School offers.

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.

Accessing the Youth Health Nurse
Our Youth Health Nurse Alex Miller is available on for appointments in the library on Mondays and alternate Wednesdays to see students, staff and parents.

Contact can be made with the nurse by placing your name in the book kept in the Administration Office along with your contact information and details.

Please do not indicate your reason for seeking support as this is confidential information.

The Youth Health Nurse can also be contacted on her mobile phone 0408 611 769 between the hours of 8.00am-3pm Monday to Wednesday.

The phone is unattended outside these hours.


**Science Night is on Wednesday August 17**

Our Annual Science night is on August 17 from 5pm to 7pm.

The science night is a community event where the primary schools and local community come along to enjoy an evening of interactive science displays.

Our students have been hard at work this term on their Science Passports and have planned some great displays.

Primary school students have received their project flyer and should be well on the way to creating their projects for the night.

There are great prizes on offer and each year the standard of entries gets better and more creative.

Our popular Principal’s Challenge is set to be one not to miss this year. Everyone is welcome to come along on the night and participate in the activities.
Enterprise Faculty News

Year 11/12 Engineering visit to Acacia Ridge TAFE

On July 28, 32 enthusiastic engineering students boarded a coach to attend the Acacia Ridge Open Day.

Students were able to do a self-guided tour of the campus to see the wide range of training facilities available for various trades.

Trades included Engineering, Metal Fabrication, Light and Heavy Automotive, Foundry work, Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Painting & Decorating, Plastering, Tiling, Brick laying and Stonemasonry.

There were a number of “hands on” activities to enable students to try their skill, with a couple of fairly embarrassing moments for the students concerned (they will remain nameless).

Instructors were available to speak with students and there was also a number of trade displays for students to browse through so the day proved to be interesting and informative.

Thank you to all students who participated, their behaviour was exemplary. The only complaint I have is about the very poor vocal skills on the way to TAFE as a number of students attempted to sing along to ‘Land Down Under’.

Thank you to Christensen’s for the cheerful efficient service.

John Stevens, Engineering Teacher

Winter Uniform Long Pants

We have sample sizes available to try at the Uniform shop and they can be ordered at the office by Thursday each week and will arrive the following week. Cost of the microfibre tracksuit pants are $30.

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.
Records Broken

12 yrs Joshua Harbidge
1500m 6:12.59
Triple Jump 7.74m
High Jump 1.23m
Discus 22.35m
100m 14.80
200m 31.92
400m 1:14.83
800m 2:56.90

12 yrs Tommie Jensen
1500m 8:26.60
100m 15.90
Discus 18.06m
Madelyn Lee
High Jump 1.16m
Katlyn James
Javelin 13.37m

13 yrs Alex Liggins Miller
1500m 6:14.82
800m 2:55.62

13 yrs Charvy Saberon
Javelin 24.30m
400m 1:09.40

14 yrs Ebony Ngawhare
Discus 22.48m
Chaseley Cavanagh
1500m 6:20.33
100m 13.98
200m 29.70
400m 1:11.84
800m 2:52.28
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Records Broken

15 Yrs  Gareth Friedrich
  800m 2:56:64

15 yrs  Jemima Hooper
  200m 30.18
  400m 1:13.64
  Sophie Wolf
  800m 3:01.06
  High Jump 1.30m
  Carlie Wagner
  Javelin 18.0m

16 yrs  Troi Timu
  1500m 10:13.39
  CK  Discus 22.71m
  16 yrs  Tom Goode
  Discus 31.27m
  Cooper Hine
  Triple Jump 12.57m
  Uriah Wright
  1500m 7:00.77
  Kian Collins
  Javelin 56.93m
  Cooper Hine
  Triple Jump 12.57m

Open  Antonio Bonomo
  Triple Jump 12.49m
  100m 11.75
  200m 25.53
  Jett Kraut
  400m 1:00.95

19 Yrs  Kate Hurley
  100m 13.37
Parent Reminders

Year 7 Enrolments Open

Thank you to all the parents and future students who attended the Year 7 Enrolment evening on Tuesday. Enrolments are now open for Year 7.

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 will be advised soon.

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 personal 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.

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

Are Your Details Up to Date?
Please update your contact details if anything has changed, especially email addresses.

parentdetails@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)

Beyond School Expo

Our annual Beyond School Expo and Subject selection evening provided students and parents with a one stop shop for employment and education opportunities last week. Thank you to all parents and students who attended and made the night a great success.
Senior Recreation Golf

Senior Recreation students completed their unit in Golf recently which culminated in a number of practical sessions on the Kilcoy Golf Course.

We would like to thank the Kilcoy Golf Club for allowing our students to access the course during school hours.

World Scouts Scarf Day

Woodford Scout representatives Steve Wills, along with two of our students and scout members Bree James and Amelia Amos, presented the school with a block mounted official Scout scarf to raise awareness of the Scouting movement for World Scouts Scarf Day.

The Scout scarf is an official piece of scouting uniform, prescribed by Scouts founder Baden-Powell in 1908. The scarf is used as a ceremonial item and is taught to be a practical wilderness item, such as being used as a triangular bandage for first aid. Scarf colours traditionally are used to represent different troops, however, in Queensland, the maroon scarf is universally used.
Kilcoy State High School
Athletics Carnival
Age Champions and Record Breakers

Congratulations to all students! Please view our FB page for many more photos!