Kilcoy State High School annual cross country race was held on Friday 22 April. Student participation was very high this year and despite the warm afternoon, students completed the rugged 5 km course in good time. First across the line was Chasely Cavanagh, closely followed by Sophie Wolff who was the overall fastest time holder. The first two boys across were Xavier Gordon and Jett Kraut. Rafter House won the event with 375 points to Fraser’s 275. Results are in the Sporing news section.

House Points after the cross country have put Rafter in the lead with 2748 points to Fraser 2405

Qualifying students will now attend the District Cross Country on May 13.

Our next whole school sporting event is the Athletics carnival on 29th July.
Term 2 has begun with many conversations: for a great many of you, there was the opportunity to speak with the teachers at our Parent Teacher evenings in Week 2. These evenings are a clear representation of the value that we place on learning. Where classroom teachers engage with parents and students to reflect on how students can take charge of their own learning. For some of our students who experienced a more challenging beginning to the year, they are undertaking formal Academic Review conversations with myself. These conversations are designed to provide students with focused areas and strategies for improvement; the classroom teacher assists with reflection on learning behaviour and specific goals for improvement within subject areas, and I work with students who need additional support across a number of subjects. As we know that early intervention is a strong foundation for success, we are heavily focused on seeing these academic review interviews completed by the end of Week 4 so that students are able to enact their revised strategies and learning behaviours towards a more successful outcome by the end of the semester.

“Every day counts” is a phrase used by the Department to highlight the importance of full attendance at school. Here at Kilcoy we have refined that to “every day, every minute” and in fact every minute counts. We have a belief as a school community that full attendance is absolutely critical for our students to “be the best they can be” and we know that every lesson lost is a lesson that is difficult to replace.

It is also worth mentioning students engaging in paid work during school hours unless employed as a School Based Trainee is against the law and employers can face heavy fines and possible jail time if they employ students during these hours.

At Kilcoy we fully support our students engaging in alternative pathways, however it must be done in a lawful way to protect not only our students but the business who support them. If you would like any further information regarding combining work and schooling please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss.

Nomination of community representatives for the 2016 Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test

To maintain the integrity, security and conduct of the QCS Test, the QCAA appoints community members to observe and report on its administration. The QCAA now invites community members to apply for the positions of chief community representatives (CCR) and community representatives (CR). Contact the school for an application form.

Parent Issues

If you are struggling with the amount of time your student is spending with screens the below article may be of interest to you.


Liza Bingham, Deputy Principal
From the Deputy Principals

Thank you to those parents who came up to Parent Teacher Interview Night. It was a very successful evening and we loved having so many of you come to see us. Please remember though, that you don’t have to wait for these formal times to chat to your child’s teacher. If you have questions, concerns or information we are happy to hear from you at any time. Of course, teachers are not always immediately available because of teaching commitments, so I would encourage you to email as a first point of conversation. The office staff will be able to give you each teacher’s email address if you don’t already have it.

Another good point of communication are the Year Level Co-ordinators. Our Junior Secondary Co-ordinators are Mr Matt Clegg and Mrs Cami Dench. They are a great link between families and school and can pass on information to all of your child’s teachers if you would like them to.

Key Contacts in the Junior School:
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lcrad1@eq.edu.au
Mr Matt Clegg Junior Secondary YLC
mcleg5@eq.edu.au
Mrs Cami Dench Junior Secondary YLC
cden4@eq.edu.au

A couple of key things are coming up for students in the Junior Secondary area of the school.

NAPLAN

Next week is NAPLAN week and all year 7 and 9 students will be participating. NAPLAN testing will be held on Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May. Reproduced below are some FAQs from the Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority who administer the tests in Queensland.

As part of our support for students undertaking NAPLAN, we will be offering a free light breakfast including toasties (Tuesday and Thursday), sausage sizzle (Wednesday) and fruit and water. These will be provided from the tuckshop.

NAPLAN testing will take place first thing in the morning on all three days, with regular classes resuming from period 2. If you have any other questions, please contact me through the main office.

NAPLAN FAQ

How can I help my child prepare for the tests? NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak to the teacher. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days? Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week.

Will I receive a report on my child’s performance? A NAPLAN report will be issued later in the year and you will be notified when they are being sent home. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

Lindy Craddy, Deputy Principal

The Teen Triple P Seminar Series

A series of presentations on positive parenting for parents of teenagers. The seminars are designed to provide an overview and introduction to the principles of positive parenting for any interested parent. Parents learn how to use positive parenting to encourage teenagers to learn the skills and competencies they need to develop independence and to promote their health, development and wellbeing. The series comprises three 90 minute presentations.

Dates will be:
Monday 23 May 9-10.30am
Seminar 1
Wednesday 22 June 1.15-2.45pm
Seminar 2
Friday July 22 9-10.30am
Seminar 3
Tea/coffee/cake/biscuits provided.
Contact Katrina
kmcl76@eq.edu.au
Enterprise Faculty News

Kilcoy State High School is pleased to be offering a Certificate II in Hospitality again this year. 11 students have enrolled in the course which will be run by Queensford College Australia on site at KSHS for 3 hours per week over a 14 week period beginning May 4th.

What are the benefits of undertaking this course?

* Gain a nationally recognised qualification
* Gain 4 additional QCE points
* Receive training by industry professionals
* Participate in valuable work experience sessions

The qualification provides the skills required to gain work in organisations such as restaurants, hotels, motels and cafes. Career pathways for this course include:

* espresso coffee machine operator
* food and beverage attendant
* front desk receptionist
* function attendant
* function host
* housekeeper
* restaurant host
* waiter

Students will also get the opportunity to gain work experience in real industry settings through vocational placement. All of this is organised by Queensford College. Good luck to the students undertaking this course.

Industrial Technology

Over the past few months, ITD staff have been working on a plan with DET to help improve resources and workspaces in this area. We are planning for an equipment upgrade in the Engineering area and the addition of a Construction Shed to expand our curriculum offerings in the Senior School. The project is currently out to tender with construction and refurbishment hoping to begin by June. Stay tuned!

In addition to this major news, the Kilcoy State High School Industrial Technology Department is excited to announce a new partnership with TAFE Queensland SkillsTech. This partnership will allow students undertaking our current Engineering Program, to now be enrolled in a Certificate 2 in Engineering Pathways as opposed to the previous Certificate 1 Engineering. This change will provide students not only with the opportunity to complete a higher level qualification but will also earn them 4 QCE points as opposed to the previous 3 points. Importantly, all work completed to date by students in Year 12 in the Cert 1 program will be credited towards the Certificate 2 program allowing them the opportunity to complete this qualification this year. Being new to the Engineering program this year, the year 11 students will complete the Certificate 2 course over Years 11 and 12.

If you would like more information regarding your son/daughter's VET program please feel free to contact me via email ctuck23@eq.edu.au or through the school office on 5422 4343.

Chris Tucker, HOD Enterprise
Making Camembert at Kilcoy

On Tuesday May 3 students were enthusiastically making cheese as part of the Agricultural Science and Agricultural Practices programme. In February this year staff attended a free RNA Teachers Cheese Making Workshops which gave them the skills and experience to teach students to make their own cheese. By tying in with the school curriculum, students gain knowledge and an appreciation of the importance of dairy produce practices.

The students will now have an opportunity to put their newly developed skills to the test by entering their cheese in the Student Made Cheese competition of the Royal Queensland Show on 22 & 23 June. They will compete against other students and more importantly, be able to compare themselves against “real world” industry standards. Making the cheese early allows for the maturation process to occur. In the competition, points are given for flavour and aroma, body and texture and presentation. After the judging of the cheese is completed and the results are announced the judges then conduct tutorials with students. This process is invaluable to both the teachers and students as they are striving to achieve an industry benchmark. The whole process allows unique opportunities for learning and reward that Kilcoy State High School is proud to provide students as part of their education. The workshop and awards presentation will be held at the RNA grounds on Friday 24 June.

QUT Parent Information Seminars

A note to any interested parents/guardians of senior high school students that QUT is hosting a series of Parent Information Seminars next week: Tuesday 10 May, 6pm–7.30pm, Caboolture campus

Wednesday 11 May, 6pm–7.30pm, Gardens Point campus;

Thursday 12 May, 6pm –7.30pm, North Lakes

For more information and to register see the event website Please also pass these details onto any family or friends who have children in senior high school and want to find out about studying at QUT and how they can support their children as they make course and career decisions. Parents and their children are invited to attend.

If you need any further info, please get in touch via
exploreevents@qut.edu.au
Sporting News

Cross country results
12 years girl Champion, (Fraser) is Kirra-Leigh Crouch – 25:23:00
12 Years Boy Champion, (Rafter) is Bannor Ludgate – 27:58:00
13 Years Girl Champion, (Rafter) is Lacey Shelton – 25:21:00
13 years Boys Champion, (Fraser) is Blake Anderson – 25:06:00
14 years girl Champion, (Fraser) is Chaseley Cavanagh – 21:55:00
14 Years Boy Champion, (Rafter) Xavier Gordon – 24:42:00
15 Years Girl Champion, (Rafter) is Sophie Wolff – 19:30:00
15 years Boys Champion, (Fraser) is Michael Houstoun – 29:31:00
16 years girl Champion, (Rafter) 31:47:00
16 Years Boy Champion, (Rafter) is Ryan Dunn – 24:57:00
Open Girl Champion, (Rafter) is Amelia Amos – 23:29:40
Open Boys Champion, (Rafter) is Jett Kraut – 21:47:50
Fastest female overall was Sophie Wolff & Fastest Male overall was Jett Kraut

Students Acknowledged

Students were acknowledged on both parades this week by the Kilcoy Show Society for their participation and assistance in helping with the show.

Thanks to Trevor Wessling, Gina Youles and Sarah Eaton for presenting the awards.
Student Sport Representation
Kilcoy State High School students are performing well in sport this year. In April, the school was represented by two Year 7 students at the Under 12's Glasshouse District School Sports Soccer at Maroochydore held on April 13 & 14. Students Kirra-Leigh and April excelled at the event, with both girls receiving Distinction Awards. Kirra-Leigh received the Coach’s Award for Player of the Carnival and April received Most Improved Player. We congratulate both girls on their sporting achievements. Matt Martin also received a Junior Sporting Award from Wyatt Roy recently for his selection in Under 15 Sunshine Coast cricket team.

Hospitality News
Catering for Visiting Principals
Our Year 12 hospitality students catered for a group of visiting principals last week. The three course meal was well received and many compliments were given to the students on their efforts.
We now have Natural Reader program installed on our CFTs as well as our student work stations and laptops. This program is a quick and easy way to have text to speech functionality with PDFs, webpages and Word.

Natural Reader allows students to hear the text in PDFs, webpages and Word. All you have to do is highlight the text you want to hear, then click on the green play button (on the Floating bar) and hear the text.

It is suitable for all of our learners, including those who might need support with reading.

http://www.naturalreaders.com/index.html

Success@

Kilcoy Show Hospitality Students Results

Our Hospitality students had over 55 entries in the cooking section and were successful with 19 entries. Students had a clean sweep in this section with their scones, Anzac biscuits, muffins and pikelets. Hospitality Students also catered for the judges and stewards on Friday in the Dining Hall

First Placings
Tamara Petrack - Anzac Biscuits
Jenny Nguyen - Muffins
Chloe Hosmer- Pikelets
CK—Plain Scones
Talithia Sayers - Pumpkin Scones
Deece Knight - Biscuits
Ebony Black - Chocolate Cake

Second Placings:
Sarah Dean - Pumpkin Scones
Nicole Bucal - Plain Scones
Kim Ador - Anzac Biscuits
Khalil Ausa - Muffins
Hayley Mitchell - Pikelets
Casey Floss - Biscuits
Tamara Petrack - Pumpkin

Third Placings:
Irish Fadriquela - Muffins
Jarred Nightingale - Pumpkin Scones
Troi Timu - Plain Scones
Kian Collins - Pikelets

Art Results
Senior Secondary Art
1st Prize: Rhiannon Field-Josephson (Yr 11)

Junior Secondary Art
1st Prize: Katelyn Curran (Yr 10)
Junior Secondary Art
3rd Prize: Tommie Jensen (Yr 7)

Champion Student on Show
Katelyn Curran.
**Field Trips**

**Year 11 Geography Field Trip**

9 May

As part of students’ study of catchments in Year 11 Geography, the class will be visiting various local sites to gather primary data about our local river, creek and dam areas. Our geography teacher has worked closely with Stanley River Environmental Centre and their staff who will assist us in the environmental analysis and collecting data from the Stanley catchment.

The aim of the activity is to allow students to observe the waterway health of numerous sites located in the catchment (Bellthorpe, Stoney Creek, Kilcoy Creek) while gathering primary data for the purpose of analysis and evaluation. Students will write up a field report for their assessment on their return to school.

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**Parent Reminders**

Register now so that you can access your child’s reports, pay invoices, report absences, view behaviour reports and even view student timetables. In informative video of how QParents works can be viewed at:

[https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about](https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about)

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**Science Project winners**

Year 7 Science projects were on display in the library the past two weeks. A competition was held over the three classes.

Class Winnders: Alexia Rustman, Joseph Bently, Tom Kidd

Most Creative: Tommie Jensen, Claudia Queale, Blake Anderson

Encouragement:: Kaitlyn James, April Fadriquela, Jayden Symonds

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**Calling For QCS Community Representatives**

The school requires four community members (paid positions) to assist the Chief Supervisor for the state wide Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test held at school on the 30th and 31st of August 2016. Appointment is by application to the Chief Supervisor and there are two positions for Chief Community Representative. Interested persons should collect an application pack from the school office as soon as possible as applications close on 23rd May.

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**Media Permission Forms**

Parents of students who have incomplete media permission forms have been mailed a new form to complete. It is important that when promoting the school via our web page, newspapers or Facebook that we have permission from parents to use the images.