From the Principal - Chris Dench

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all KSHS school families returning in 2016 and welcome to the school our New Year 7's and additional Year 11's from Woodford.

We have had a very busy start to the year already, with our swimming carnival and Year 7 welcome camp completed and our Year 12 leadership camp currently in progress. A number of excursions have also been held, and the school is pleased to be able to allocate funding towards the transport costs of excursions this year in the hope that that these subsidies will enable all students to participate fully in excursions.

Our Senior Investiture and badge presentation was held on parade Monday 29 February. This year we also incorporated the Junior Captains into the badge ceremony.

We are excited to continue on from our excellent academic results from 2015. We had one student obtain an OP 1 and 8 students received results between OP2-10. We are very proud to advise that all students in Year 12 received their QCE certificate, which is a fantastic result. We aim to improve upon these great results in 2016. Our Explicit Improvement Agenda that are a priority for the school in 2016 are Quality Teaching, Reading and Thinking Skills.

Of important note is that we are proud to announce we have been awarded the status of an Independent Public School, one of only 180 in the state. Becoming an Independent Public school has great benefits for students and staff, including the freedom to be responsive and open to the broader range of possibilities our community can offer. It also expands the opportunities for schools to collaborate and innovate in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for students and local communities. More information will be provided on this as the term progresses.

A reminder that QParents is now up and running and we encourage parents to register online. QParents allows you to access your child’s student information such as report cards and assessment, attendance records, invoice and payment details and timetables.

I am looking forward to another great year at Kilcoy State High School, we have a wonderful school community that we should all be proud of.

Chris Dench
**Insect Invasion**

We currently have an invasion of insects in the library at second break, with students getting up close and personal with our resident North Queensland Spiny Leaf insects. A competition to name the insects is still ongoing, with an additional 2 competitions to come.

First is a colouring competition, where the winner will have their art work displayed in the science night poster and an insect photo competition.

Both drawn at the end of this term with cool prizes to be won.

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**QParents is Here!**

Great news: Kilcoy State High School is proud to be one the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents.

This is a friendly reminder to register for QParents if you haven’t already! Visit [https://qparents.qld.edu.au](https://qparents.qld.edu.au) with your unique invitation code (sent with the information pack last year) and identification ready, so you can discover a more convenient and easier way to interact with us. QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. QParents won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at [https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about](https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about)
NRL Justin Hodges Shield

We had four teams playing in the Justin Hodges Shield in the nine-a-side rugby league games at Stanley Rivers RLFC, Woodford the past two Thursdays. First week the Year 7/8 team had 2 wins from 2 games. (Woodford and Caboolture) Year 9 team had 1 win and 1 loss. (Woodford and Caboolture) Year 10 team also had 1 win 1 loss. (Woodford and Caboolture) Our Year 11/12 team had a hard-fought loss against a team of monsters from Caboolture SHS. Last week had huge crowds supporting the teams, with some wins and losses, but no serious injuries on our side. The final game is this Friday at Maroochydore with 40 teams and 500 players set to hit the fields.

KSHS Facebook Page.

Our School Facebook page will be a prominent area whereby we will be promoting all that is great about Kilcoy State High School. Photos from excursions and sports days, as well as reminders for both students and parents along with other items of interest will be published on our Facebook page. To receive these posts, please “like” our page.

Notifications can be set to receive all posts, or only those you wish.

Immunisation Date for Years 7&8 is 16 March

Immunisations of Year 7 & 8 students will be carried out on Wednesday 16 March.

3 forms were sent home and each vaccination needs a separate signed and completed form.

Only students with completed and signed permission forms will be immunised. If you haven’t returned your forms, please return ASAP.

Chaplain News

Super Sunday

Kilcoy Youth is recommencing on Sunday’s. Every Sunday 4pm—6pm games followed by dinner (High school aged) 6pm—7pm Youth Service (youth, young adult and young at heart) Come for all or come for part. 30 McCauley Street, Kilcoy FB https://www.facebook.com/youthkilcoy Email—kilcoywmc@gmail.com Mobile—0427 281 758 (Jeanette)

KSHS PHOTO COMPETITION

Under 14yrs – Categories – Something Old Landscape Seascape / Water study e.g. River, Lake

Over 14yrs – Categories – Old Building Landscape Seascape / Water study

Staff categories same as over 14 yrs

(These categories and age groupings are in line with the Kilcoy Show so that photos can be entered into the show)

Submit photos on a USB stick to Mrs McCloskey by Friday 18th March. Any questions see Mrs McCloskey in the Resource Centre.
Absence from School

All absences must be explained by a note from a parent/guardian to be handed into the Administration Office, or by telephoning the absence line on 5422 4360.

If a student will be missing a test/exam or the due date for an assignment, please indicate this by telephone. Students in Senior Secondary are required to provide a medical certificate if they miss an assessment. This is a requirement of the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA).

The School Based Youth Health Program

The Youth Health Nurse at Kilcoy State High School for 2016 is Alex Miller and she will be available to see students, staff and presents on Mondays and alternate Wednesdays.

The Youth Health Nurse works with young people, school staff and parents to:

- Promote health and wellbeing
- Create a supportive healthy school environment
- Connect people with other services

The Youth Health Nurse can provide health and wellbeing information about:

- Health concerns
- Relationships
- Mental Health
- Puberty
- Risk taking behaviour
- Sexual Health
- Diet, nutrition and exercise advice
- Any other health issue that may affect health & wellbeing.

Confidentiality

Young people have a right to confidentiality when accessing health service. As a Queensland Health employee, the Youth Health Nurse respects this but there may be some situations whereby the Youth Health Nurse may be required to refer or act upon a situation by law. An example of this may be when information received constitutes that a young person has been harmed or is at risk of harm.

Availability

This year, the Youth Health Nurse will be situated in the library. 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 YHN can also be contacted on her mobile phone 0408 611 769 between the hours of 8-3 Monday –Wednesday. The phone is unattended outside these hours.

Kilcoy Community Share Meal

Would you like to meet new friends and learn more about the diverse experiences of those who have made Kilcoy their home? Following the popularity of similar events, Kilcoy and District Cultural Village Committee have partnered with Council’s Kilcoy Community Connection Point to start a regular community share meal at the Kilcoy Information Centre, 41 Hope St, Yowie Park, Kilcoy from 12.30pm-2.30pm. The first of these monthly events took place on Thursday 25 February. Community Share Meals will take place at the same time and place, alternating between the last Tuesday and the last Thursday of the month. Come along and bring your favourite dish to share.