Thank you to everyone who came to our 2014 Presentation Night. We had over 400 guests that night. A fantastic turnout for a small school. We were also honoured to have Councillor Jennifer Sanders of the Scenic Rim Regional Council, Mr Jon Krause MP, State Member for Beaudesert and Mr Scott Buchholz MP, Federal Member for Wright, join us in celebrating some of the achievements of our Kooralbyn students, and to wish a fond farewell and good luck to our Year 12s on their Graduation Night.

The Mayor of Scenic Rim, Councillor John Brent was unfortunately unable to join us as his mother had passed away that morning. Our condolences and thoughts are with him and his family.

Preps, Year Ones and Year Twos opened the night with “My Marvellous Toy” and together with the rest of Primary School and the Film and TV students, set a high standard of entertainment for the night. 198 awards were given out that night for best academic, sporting and various other achievements, and Altius were awarded House Champions for 2014. Mr Mills reminded all Kooralbyn students that even if they did not get an award that night, to survive in a school like Kooralbyn with its high standards and expectations, is an achievement in and of itself and they should be proud of themselves.

Mr Krause exhorted students to never lose the self-belief that Kooralbyn has instilled in them, and to further always give 100% in all their endeavours.

Mr Buchholz congratulated Mr Mills and his dedicated team of staff for the outstanding work they do at TKIS, and thanked them for their gift to the community through the pride and discipline they instil in the students – for it makes the community a better place to live. He thanked the families of the school for the sacrifices they make to ensure that their children have the best possible education, and reminded students that parents and staff at school do all this so that they can have the best opportunities in life.

Thank you to everyone who has made this such a great year for TKIS. See you all in 2015!

Reflecting back on the year for The Kooralbyn School, 2014 will probably be remembered by the outside world for the amazing range of accomplishments achieved by our students in the last 12 months including:

- 5% of our high school students represented QLD in their respective sports;
- Two national age champions in their respective school sports;
- 100% of our OP-eligible Year 12 students are predicted to achieve a better than 15 OP and 50-60% of our Year 12s are predicted to achieve a single-figure OP; and
- Our primary school students won 20% of the State awards for art at the Biks in Brisbane, leading our school to win the Open Section Award.

For me however, 2014 at TKIS will be remembered for all those ‘individual’ successes that every student has achieved… personal bests in academic results; improvements in literacy and comprehension testing results across our entire primary and middle school throughout the year; and the pride I feel when I hear parents and members of the community commend our students on their dress, respectful behaviour, self-discipline and attitude. These things only come from hard work and every student from Prep to Grade 12 buying into our collective belief: ‘That anything is possible when we’re the best that we can be’.

Enrolments for 2015 are very healthy and we look like beginning the Year 7 shift to high school by posting record enrolment numbers in both our primary and secondary school.

On behalf of the management of the school, I wish all students, staff, families, friends and members of the community a safe, happy and ‘love-filled’ Christmas.
Congratulations to all our 2014 Award Winners

Year 1 Award Winners
Encouragement: Julia & Jemal
Most Improved: Matthew W.
Most Improved & Maths: Chelsey
Sport: Lily-Rose & Charlotte
Art: Summer & Gabriel
Geography: Kobi & Thomas
History & Performing Arts: Jesse
Science: Liam
English: Matthew H.
Maths: Ruby-Jayne
English, Science, History, Performing Arts & Overall Academic: Stella

Year 2 Award Winners
Encouragement: Yasemin
Most Improved: Charlie
Sport: Ethan
Performing Arts: Daniel
Art: Alex
History: Annika
Geography: Anastasia
Science: Philip
English, Maths & Overall Academic: Isabella

Year 3 Award Winners
Most Improved: Beau
Sport: Lachlan
Performing Arts: Amara
Art: Matthew
History: Marietta
Science: Sahas & Serenity
Maths: Billie
English, Geography & Overall Academic: Annabelle

Year 4 Award Winners
Most Improved: Mathew
Sport: Noah
Art & Geography: Tayla

Year 4 Award Winners (continued)
Science & Performing Arts: Laa-Teisha
English: Emma
Maths, History, Performing Arts & Overall Academic: Lorna-May

Year 5 Award Winners
Most Improved: Connor & Zoe
Sport & Geography: Dakota
Geography & Performing Arts: Amy
English: Mitchell
Science, History & Overall Academic: Isis
History, Geography, Art, Sport, Science, English, Maths & Overall Academic: Abbey

Year 6 Award Winners
Most Improved: Khan
Sport: Claudia
Art: Dylan
Art & Performing Arts: Banka
English, Science & History: Anusnee
English, Science, History, Japanese, Geography, Maths & Overall Academic: Angela

Year 7 Award Winners
Most Improved: Adam
Art: Daniel
History, Japanese & Performing Arts: Rebecca
English, Science, Sport & Geography: Thomas
Maths & Overall Academic: Holly

Science Award Winners
Year 8: Zoe
Year 9: Katelyn & Olivia
Year 10: Kate and Emma
Year 11 Science 21: Skye
Year 11 Chemistry: Shanygne
Year 11 Chemistry, Biology & Physics: Tiana
Year 12 Science 21: Monique & Tyler

Year 8 Award Winners
Science: Thalia
Physics: Dimity

LOTE Award Winners
Year 8: Rebecca C.
Year 9: Marla
Year 10: Ryan
Year 11: Shanygne
Year 12: Tyler

ICT Award Winners
Year 8: Caleb
Year 9: Katelyn
Year 10: Jasmine

History Award Winners
Year 8: Lucie
Year 9: Nakta & Katelyn
Year 10: Kate & Connor

Drama Award Winners
Year 8: Dacie
Year 9: Nakta
Year 10: Emma
Year 11: Ryan
Year 12: Dimity

HPE Award Winners
Year 8: Riley A. & Jayda
Year 9: Katelyn
Year 10: Ryan
Year 11: Alec & Ashley
Year 12: Dimity

FTV Award Winners
Year 9: Liam
Year 10: Jasmine L.
Year 11: Calen
Year 12: Shelby

English Award Winners
Year 8: Zoe
Year 9: Marla
Year 10: Emma
Year 11: Tiana
Year 12: Thalia

Maths Award Winners
Year 8: Zoe & Rebecca C.
Year 9: Olivia & Marla
Year 10: Emma, Kate & Indira
Year 11 Maths A: Mackenzie
Year 11 Maths B: Tiana & Shanygne
Year 12 Maths A: Dimity
Year 12 Maths B: Thalia & Alexander

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... And Perpetual Trophy Winners

Our 2014 perpetual trophy winners (including Dimity and Thalia, pictured below left)

Dimity and Thalia, both Dux of School, 2014

Dux of Primary School 2014  Angela (Year 6) & Thomas (Year 7)  Thalia & Dimity (Year 12)

Dux of School 2014

Principal’s Award  Maddisson, Monique, Tyler & Aiden (Year 12)
Scott Buchholz Trophy  Aiden (Year 12)
Blunk Award for English  Thalia (Year 12)
Colbow Award for Science  Thalia (Year 12)
Dasdeb Award for Maths  Thalia (Year 12)
McGhee Award for Art  Skye (Year 11)
Long Tan ADF Leadership Award  Emma (Year 10) & Thalia (Year 12)

Henry Award for Drama  Dimity (Year 12)
McCarron Award for P.E.  Rene (Year 12)
Skelton Award for Film & Media  Jasmine L. (Year 10)
Daniel McCarron State Reps Award  Trae (Year 8), Indira (Year 10), Alec, Mackenzie & Colleen (Year 11) & Rene (Year 12)

Cathy Freeman Inspiration in Sports Award  Maddisson (Year 12)
McGregor Sports Excellence Award  Rene (Year 12)
Boarder of the Year Award  Rebecca (Year 7)

See page 4 for Mastery and other award winners

Year 3 students performing on Presentation Night 2014 under the direction of Mrs Forster-Crilly

Our 2014 perpetual trophy winners (including Dimity and Thalia, pictured below left)
Our 2014 Award Winners (continued)

Performing Arts (Music) Mastery Awards
Most Consistent: Tiana (Year 9)
Most Improved: Faith (Year 11)
Overall Achievement: Tyler (Year 12)

Performing Arts (Drama) Mastery Awards
Most Consistent: Lopambo (Year 9) & Olivia (Year 9)
Most Improved: Luke (Year 11)
Overall Achievement: Maria (Year 9)

Performing Arts (Media) Mastery Awards
Most Consistent: Jasmine L. (Year 10)
Most Improved: Caleb (Year 8)
Overall Achievement: Ryan (Year 10) & Shelby (Year 12)

Athletics Mastery Awards
Most Consistent: Gabrielle (Year 11) & Maddison (Year 12)
Most Improved: Alec (Year 11)
Overall Achievement: Rene (Year 12)

Tennis Mastery Awards
Most Consistent: Hannah (Year 9)
Most Improved: Riley B. (Year 8)
Overall Achievement: Riley A. (Year 8)

Golf Mastery Awards
Most Consistent: Darcie (Year 8)
Most Improved: Ryan (Year 10)
Overall Achievement: Alexander (Year 12)

Health & Fitness Mastery Awards
Most Consistent: Skye (Year 11)
Most Improved: Hope (Year 9)
Overall Achievement: Ashley (Year 11)

Equestrian Mastery Awards
Most Consistent: Shelby (Year 12) & Monique (Year 12)
Most Improved: Amy (Year 8) & Madison (Year 10)
Coach’s Award: Chelsea (Year 9)
Overall Achievement: Indira (Year 10) & Mackenzie (Year 11)

Other Award Winners
Bryn Epiha Memorial Award: Annika (Year 2)
Baldwin Award: Addis (Year 7)
Cr Jennifer Sanders Award: Sheridan (Year 12)
IDSS Swimming Championship Outstanding Female: Rebecca M. (Year 8)
IDSS Swimming Championship Outstanding Male: Trae (Year 8)
South Coast School Sport - Swimming: Blake (Year 9)
South Coast School Sport - Swimming: Trae (Year 8)
South Coast School Sport - Track & Field: Enna (Year 9)
South Coast School Sport - Track & Field: Alec (Year 11)
South Coast School Sport - Track & Field: Maddison (Year 12)
South Coast School Sport - Track & Field: Rene (Year 12)

Graduating Year 12s of 2014

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There are many traditions at TKIS that we hold dear. Amongst them are the Graduation Morning Tea and the Grand Farewell.

The morning tea is an opportunity for our graduates to talk about their plans for the future as well as enjoy a scrumptious treat. Mr Mills left very impressed with the quality and maturity of these young men and women, feeling very proud of what they had achieved.

The Grand Farewell happens the day after Presentation Night, when all the students of TKIS gather around the gates of the school to witness our freshly graduated Year 12s in all their formal finery, and wish them goodbye and good luck. Equestrian students are all lined up on their horses for the final send-off. Athletes march under the “arch of javelins”. Primary school students crowd round the gates, calling out to them for autographs. We’ll miss you.

We wish our Year 12 graduates a fond farewell & good luck as they embark on the next step of their lives.
TKIS Showcase Night 2014

This year’s Performing Arts Showcase Night, held on Friday, 31st October, was a great success, with students from Years 3 to 12 performing to a sold-out audience. Students from all the Performance Masteries (Drama, Media and Music) dazzled the audience with performances based around the theme of A Magical Musical Journey.

Drama Excellence students performed the *Alice in Wonderland Musical*, a difficult venture for them as many had never sung or danced on stage before. With the help of singing and dance coaches, everyone eagerly rose to the challenge.

Media students conceptualised, wrote, acted in, directed, edited and produced short movies that displayed skills learned over the past year.

Music Performance students performed vocally and instrumentally across several genres, highlighting strengths and abilities as well as turning their hand to elements in which they had not had much experience, enabling them to grow as young musicians.

Our primary choir, a group of 12 young vocalists from Years 3 to 7 presented a heart-warming and flawless rendition of *Let It Go* from the popular animated movie *Frozen*. They have been commendably committed to this task for their young years, giving up break times to come together and practise.

Everyone performed confidently and admirably to thunderous, appreciative and well-deserved applause from the audience. We couldn’t be more proud of them!

We would also like to congratulate the winners of the Showcase Night poster design competition, Isabella (Year 2) winner of the Junior section and Holly (Year 7) winner of the Senior section.

Mrs Lynham (Drama Teacher and Coordinator) and Mrs Forster-Crilly (Performing Arts Coach)
Year 10 students paint mural at new Kooralbyn RSL

The students were commissioned to create a mural design that would commemorate the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli, WWI, and all military and Australian service in the last century.

Competition was tight, but Kahlia’s design was selected. The class worked well as a team, completing the mural to a commendable standard and proving themselves to be accomplished artists.

We look forward to the official mural reveal evening on 9th December at the RSL, where their family members and TKIS staff can witness and celebrate their creative endeavours.

Ms Milwood (Art Teacher)

Student’s artwork on bookshelves throughout Australia in 2015

Many of us are familiar with the beloved children’s classic The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett, first published in 1911. Next year Scholastic Books will be publishing The Secret Garden (from their Junior Classics range) with a new cover designed and illustrated by a Year 3 TKIS student – Keala, who won the Redesign a Scholastic Classic Competition.

The competition was open to all students Australia-wide to submit a design for one of thirteen Scholastic Classic or Scholastic Junior Classic novels. Scholastic Books told her “All the judges loved your entry. The colouring and great illustrations will look fantastic as a cover to The Secret Garden.”

Congratulations to Keala! Keep an eye out for her cover on The Secret Garden next year in our school library, Book Club catalogues and bookstores across Australia.
Remembrance Day 2014

Every year, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, TKIS joins the Kooralbyn community to pause and remember those men and women who died or suffered in all wars and peacekeeping operations.

Lest We Forget

2 National Champions and 6 State Reps in TKIS

TKIS is proud to end 2014 with 2 national champions, Colleen (Year 11) and Rene (Year 12) and 6 athletes who represented Queensland in National competitions in Athletics, Equestrian and Swimming.

Colleen (Year 11) won the Junior Division of the Australian Championship Endurance Ride known as the Tom Quilty Gold Cup for the 2nd time in a row. She won the event in 2013 when it was held at Kilkivan, Queensland and again this year in Wagin, Western Australia. 102 riders mounted under the midnight sky that night, but only 36 successfully crossed the finish line within the 24hr time allowance.

Rene (Year 12) won the silver medal in hurdles and the gold medal in the 400m hurdles, silver in the 200m sprint and bronze in the 400m sprint in the State Competitions, Rene will compete in the All Schools Championships in Adelaide.

We would like to congratulate Rene and Colleen on their outstanding achievements, as well as Alec (Year 11 – represented QLD in Athletics), Trae (Year 8 – represented QLD in Swimming), Indira (Year 10 – represented QLD in Equestrian) and Mackenzie (Year 11 – represented QLD in Equestrian).

Congratulations also go to all students who have participated in sports carnivals, interschool competitions, district competitions, regional competitions and state competitions as well as national competitions. Your spirit of “being the best that you can be” and constantly striving to achieve personal bests has done TKIS proud.

Colleen riding Kalkadoon Viva at the 2014 Tom Quilty Cup in Wagin.
Year 6 & 7 Primary graduates celebrate

As we approach the end of the school year for 2014, we commend all students who have stayed on Merits, or have been able to work off all their Demerits and continued to maintain positive behaviour at school. You are all to be congratulated.

At the end of every term, we have an EKSTRA (End Kooralbyn School Term Reward Activity) for students in Merits. This term’s EKSTRA, a pool party, was a huge hit with the students. They played lots of games, including “What’s the time Mr Wolf?” and bobbing for apples in the pool. Form teachers jumped in the pool with them and Miss Val and Miss Reanne were dressed as Santas complete with beards.

Graduating from primary school to secondary school is a rite of passage that all children of today go through. As a Prep to 12 school, our primary students have a front row seat when it comes to observing what is expected of them in secondary school, and this makes the transition one to look forward to by removing the fear of the unknown.

This year is a unique one with 2 graduating grades. Grade 7 students chose to celebrate this rite with a formal dinner, while Grade 6 students were invited to a Principal’s Luncheon. Both events presented a prime opportunity for Mr Mills (Principal) to discuss with them the important transition and rite of passage they are about to undertake and in so doing, obtain their feedback and learn of their aspirations for the future.

Pool party a reward for students in merits

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Much laughter, splashing, music and more laughter was heard that Tuesday and Thursday.

Prep - Year 1 students playing “What’s the time Mr Wolf?” at their pool party
Students of the Week

Students of the Week for Week 5

Students of the Week: Bianka (inset), Julia and Avah (front row), Rebecca, Emma and Matthew (back row) with Mr Mills (Principal).

Holly (Year 3) was also student of the week in Week 5.

Students of the Week for Week 6

Students of the Week: Chelsey and Lorna-May (front row), Cheyvonne, Eva and Anastasia (back row) with Mr Mills (Principal).

Students of the Week for Week 7

Students of the Week: Serenity, Max, Lily-Rose and Gabriel (front row), Mackenzie, Tomy and Dylan (back row).

Students of the Week for Week 8

Students of the Week for Week 9

Students of the Week: Yasemin (front row), Dakota and Sahas (back row) with Mr Mills (Principal).

Dana (Prep) and Evie (Year 6) were also Student of the Week in Week 9.

ICAS award winners for Maths

As you know, 24 TKIS Primary School students had the opportunity to participate in the 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) this year. ICAS competitions, designed and delivered by the University of New South Wales, have taken place in schools for over 30 years and in 20 countries.

ICAS helps students to enrich and extend their learning, allows them to compete state-wide and challenges them to apply their skills and knowledge at a higher level.

Students participated in Maths, Science, English, Spelling and Writing competitions. We are proud to announce that in the Maths Competitions, Anastasia (Year 2), Holly (Year 3), Demiana (Year 3), Emma (Year 4), Lorna-May (Year 4), Aiden P. (Year 4) and Holly (Year 7) all received a Credit Award.

Please refer to the previous newsletters for other subjects.

Well done to all the students who participated in the ICAS competitions.
Prep - 1 with Ms Jefferson

The end of our school year has come around very quickly and it is time for Prep and Year 1 students to start celebrating their final few weeks of the school year. Students have been finishing off assessment tasks, including making their own scarecrow and writing a procedure explaining how they made it. They have enjoyed writing procedures throughout Term 4 and worked hard on their scarecrow task. There are lots of activities planned for Prep and Year 1 students for their final few weeks of the year, including a pool party, of which I’m proud of all of them for maintaining their merit status in order to attend this reward, an excursion, an end of term party and of course lots of Christmas fun!

Well done to Year 1 students, Chelsey, Charlotte, Matthew, Liam, Gabriel and Jesse, who received their Honour Badges this year for achieving and maintaining 10 merits. I look forward to seeing all our Prep students, and the rest of the Year 1 students who have not achieved 10 merits, work hard next year to receive their Honours Badge.

Congratulations to our Students of the Week, Matthew (Week 5), Avah (Week 6), Gabriel (Week 7), Chelsey (Week 8) and Dana (Week 9).

Prep and Year 1 would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and we hope you all have a safe and relaxing break.

Ms Jefferson
Prep - 1 Teacher

Year 1 - 2 with Mrs Baldwin

I can hardly believe that the end of the year is upon us already! I have had an amazing year with all of the students in the 1 – 2 class and I hope all of their parents are as proud of them as I am. They have shown their dedication and determination this year as we have developed a range of skills and had loads of fun doing so.

The students in 1 – 2 have refined how to be respectful to others, how to be a good friend and how to share and develop each other’s ideas. I’ve loved all of their little personalities and quirks, and I feel blessed that they have let me get close to them.

I wish each and every one of them all the best for the next year, and I hope you all have a fantastic, safe Christmas and New Year period. See you in 2015.

Mrs Baldwin
Year 1 - 2 Teacher

Year 3 with Mrs Johns

Term 1
At first we were known as Year 3 - 4
But by Week 2 the 4s were no more.
We wrote our holiday recounts
And when we were done we were all puffed out.
Some of us went to a swimming carnival,
But others were too small.
We finished our swimming lessons at the end of Term 1.
Thank you Miss Val and Miss Grace – we had lots of fun.
We designed packages and it was fun
But it wasn’t completely done
Until we took a photo – one by one.

Term 2
In Term 2
There were lots of things to do.
We started learning “Habits of Mind”
to leave our bad habits behind.
Mrs Johns was leading
The reciprocal reading
There’s still lots to do
In Term 2.

When we went to Beaudesert Park
We flicked off bark and read a plaque.
When Agib left we were very sad,
But when we finished Geography we were very, very glad.

Term 3
At the start of Term 3
We became “The Mighty 3s”.
Everyone designed a flag
– But no one made a bag.
On Friday afternoons
Some people went dancing.
When we went to the Beauy Show
At the big bull we kept glancing.

Term 4
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
We made sun dials.
There were lots of children
With big bright smiles.
We went on a Science trip
to the Planetarium.
We ate in the gardens
And thankfully no one tripped [into the pond!]

On Presentation Night
The lights were quite bright.
At the very end we all said “Goodnight”.
The Christmas party will be great.
Hope no one turns up late!

Written by The Mighty 3s

Prep - Year 1 class with their scarecrows

Year 1 - 2 class with Mrs Baldwin

Year 3 class at the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium
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Year 4 - 5 with Ms Close

This term has been full of fun and exciting activities. In Week 8 we went on a trip with the Year 3s to the planetarium at Toowong. We had a wonderful day and Year 4 - 5 can be very proud of themselves as their behaviour was exemplary. We learned about the phases of the moon and also looked at star constellations, along with many interesting scientific facts that helped us with our Science Assessment. We have just finished writing some exciting stories set in space for English and are gearing down for the end of term with lots of fun Christmas and other activities in Weeks 9 and 10.

Thank you Year 4 - 5 for a wonderful year. I am so proud of how you performed at Presentation Night and how you always work your hardest. You deserve a great break and I wish you all the best. Have lots of fun and have safe holidays.

Ms Close
Year 4 - 5 Teacher

Year 5 - 6 with Mrs Lamb

Thank you to everyone who came to Presentation Night to celebrate the successes of TKIS in 2014. Year 5 - 6 were buzzing with excitement about their class performance which they had worked on for a long time. Pre-performance nerves set in, but when finished they all wanted to go back on stage and do it again! Thank you especially to Miss Sue for choreographing the performance and to Miss Christine for putting the lyrics to music.

Congratulations also to the Year 5 - 6 award winners on that night; Year 5: Zoe, Amy and Abbey and Year 6: Khan, Claudia, Dylan, Bianka, Anusree and Angela. I’d like to acknowledge the hard work that all students in 5 - 6 have put in this semester and congratulate everyone on their efforts. It was a very tough task to decide the recipients of each award and I had to go back to Semester 1 reports to make final decisions.

I wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season and look forward to starting a new year at TKIS in 2015. Best wishes and Merry Christmas to all.

Mrs Lamb
Year 5 - 6 Teacher

Year 7 with Ms Cahill

Well done to all Year 7 students involved in Presentation Night; your hard work and effort paid off with an amazing dance performance. Congratulations to the students who received awards on the night; your hard work and diligence have reaped rewards.

The Year 7 students are eagerly awaiting the night of their graduation dinner, in which they will have the chance to share many memories from over the past year with their parents.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the Year 7 students and families for making my time with this grade enjoyable and interesting.

Thank you so much to everyone for such a wonderful year.

Ms Cahill, Year 7 Teacher
Year 11 Biology students explore UQ Gatton campus

Year 11 Biology students went to the University of Queensland (UQ) Gatton campus on Thursday 4th December, where they were given a tour of the campus, including their world class veterinary facilities for small and large domestic animals and wildlife.

Students had the opportunity to see the veterinary clinic where students complete 4th and 5th year clinical rotations. Here they saw a foal being x-rayed and a dog having a CT scan. After lunch, the students visited the vet anatomy room. This is a room that contains various anatomy specimens, and it gave the students a chance to try to identify some of the body organs they have been learning about this year.

Then students gowned up and had the opportunity to explore some real anatomical specimens. In the bone room they looked at entire skeletons and compared the vertebrae of a whale with one of a horse. Students held an elephant tooth and a calcified ‘stone’ from a horse’s stomach.

It had been an exciting day and the long drive home was a chance to catch up on some sleep.

Dr Tilley
Biology Teacher

Performance (Music) students visit Zengarra

The Performance (Musical) Mastery students visited the Zengarra Country House this term. Zengarra is a beautiful B&B located near Lake Moogerah, owned and operated by Mrs Leah, Performance (Music) Mastery coordinator, and her husband. Mrs Leah often entertains guests with musical performances from her music studio.

At Zengarra, our students had the opportunity to perform their Showcase Night presentation items to an audience of fellow performers, which included members of a community choir that Mrs Leah leads.

The other highlights of the day were a master class with Mrs Leah on her instrument of speciality, the marimba; enjoying an impromptu reciprocal vocal performance from some of the visitors; playing music on a grand piano and comparing the experience with playing a clavinova; and being treated to a performance by young singer/guitarist/songwriter Andy who shared some of his original songs and covers, which all added up to a highly educational and entertaining day.

Our excursion was a lovely way to reward the effort and hard work the students have put in to deliver an accomplished performance for Showcase Night.

Both Mrs Leah and I are immensely proud of our students and their commitment to the world of music we have shared, and we look forward to many more musical experiences together in times to come.

Mrs Forster-Crilly
Performing Arts Coach
**Drama Mastery @ Lion King and Star Gardens**

In Week 9 of Term 4, students in the Performance (Drama) Mastery were given the opportunity to conclude their studies of the genre of musical theatre by attending a matinee performance of the award-winning Disney musical *The Lion King*. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to watch a production of this calibre.

Top Honour students Alec (Year 11), Ryan (Year 10), Emma (Year 10) and Kate (Year 10) were also in attendance as they were given tickets as a reward for their achievement.

Later that week, students also had the privilege of bringing musical theatre to the elderly residents of the Scenic Rim when they performed their successful musical, *Alice in Wonderland*, to the residents of the Star Gardens Aged Care Facility.

A student’s perspective

By Emma (Year 10)

On the second last Wednesday of Term 4, the Drama Mastery students and the 4 students with the most Merits in high school were privileged to attend a performance of *The Lion King*.

After a ride on the bus, we had lunch at Southbank and then headed for the QPAC theatre where we got to see the amazing performance. It was an incredible combination of acting, dancing and singing which was enjoyed by all. The production consisted of many astonishing elements such as moving stage floors, elaborate costumes and a life-sized dancing elephant.

On behalf of all the students who attended, I would like to say a big thank you to the teachers and staff who helped to organise this excursion. I would definitely recommend that you see it if you get the chance, as it is truly amazing and will blow you away.

Highlights from Sports

Term 4 saw four representatives from TKIS competing in the State Athletics Competitions. Rene (Year 12) competed in the 400m hurdles, the 200m sprint and the 400m sprint. He won a gold, silver and bronze medal respectively from each of these events. Maddison (Year 12) and Erinna (Year 9) both competed in javelin and Alec (Year 11) competed in discus.

TKIS students also competed in the QLD All Schools Combined Events Championships. Gabrielle (Year 11) competed in the Heptathlon (7 events) and Jayda (Year 8) competed in the Pentathlon (5 events). They are pictured here training for the event.

In tennis, TKIS students competed in the regional Hotshots Tennis Tournament. Sam (Year 9) won the green level event while Sean (Year 7) was the runner-up. Young Philip (Year 2) came third in the red-level event.
Boarders enjoy panto at The Centre

Boarders at TKIS who are full time boarders go on trips and outings on the weekends. This October, they had the opportunity to attend a play by BAMS Theatre at The Centre in Beaudesert. Titled 'Cinders...The TRUE Story', it was a major musical production of a funny, fractured fairy tale pantomime. It also featured several TKIS staff and students in its cast and crew, amongst whom were Nakita, a Year 9 student, Mrs Leah, our Performance [Musical] Mastery coordinator, and Mr McNamara, our English teacher. Mrs Leah was the music director and Mr McNamara was one of the ugly stepsisters.

Mrs Leah and Mr McNamara both appear in the photograph on the right with our boarders. Can you tell which ugly stepsister is Mr McNamara?

Year 12 & Year 7 boarders celebrate graduation

It is a proud moment for parents and staff of a school to see the children that have been in your care bloom into mature, well-mannered and thoughtful young men and women. For us at TKIS, seeing our boarders graduate has been like being the parent/carer/teacher/counsellor/friend all rolled into one.

It was a privilege to be able to attend the Year 12 Formal in the Watermark Spa and Hotel, Surfers Paradise, as well as the graduation ceremony and dinner of the Year 7s in the Valley Kitchen, Kooralbyn, and be able to celebrate both events with their families.

It was wonderful to see our Year 12s in a stately and graceful waltz, and to hear the touching and insightful comments that they had of their time in Kooralbyn; just as it was fabulous to see our Year 7s in beautiful and elegant attire befitting of young men and women their age.

We could not be more proud of Rebecca and Arleena, our Year 7 boarding primary graduates, and of Monique and Jaydn, our Year 12 boarding graduates. We will miss Monique and Jaydn, and at the same time look forward to seeing the rest of the children in our care bloom into fine young men and women.
TKIS Honour Awards (continued on page 16)

Honour Badge recipients (back row) Ryan, Rebecca, Rebekah, Laa-Teisha, Arleena, (front row) Conrad, Alec, Cody, Beau, Liam and Summer. Jack was away when the picture was taken.

Our Gold Award recipients for Term 4 were Olivia (Year 9), Brieanna (Year 9), Ashley (Year 11), Gabrielle (Year 11) and Rene (Year 12).

Our Silver Award recipients were Abbey (Year 5), Dakota (Year 5), Adam (Year 7), Sean (Year 7), Rebecca (Year 7), Tom (Year 7), Brendan (Year 7), Jayda (Year 8), Zoe (Year 8), Trae (Year 8), Emiina (Year 9), Danielle (Year 10), Indira (Year 10), Anyl (Year 11) and Maddison (Year 12).

Our Honour Badge recipients were Liam (Year 1), Summer (Year 1), Cody (Year 3), Beau (Year 3), Laa-Teisha (Year 4), Jack (Year 5), Rebekah (Year 6), Conrad (Year 6), Arleena (Year 7), Alec (Year 7), Rebecca (Year 8) and Ryan (Year 11).

Congratulations to all our Gold and Silver Award and Honour Badge recipients!

Rebecca is Boarding Student of the Year

Hello, I am Rebecca.

I got “Boarder of the Year” this year and I would like to tell you why I chose TKIS as a school, and also a little about my second home - the dorms.

Well, I had better start from the beginning. Why did I want to board? The reason is I read a series of books called “The Naughtiest Girl in School” by Enid Blyton. When I read these books, I had an urge to go to boarding school.

My Grandma searched for an appropriately priced school and found TKIS. We came to Parent Information Night and I liked what I heard about the school, so my Grandma organised a meeting with Mr Mills and I was enrolled.

The dorms are a good place if you want your child to have an independent schooling because from 3.00pm to 5.30pm and 8.00pm to 9.30pm, we can do pretty much what we want, as long as it is allowed in the Boarders Handbook. We have dinner from 5.30pm to 6.00pm and homework or prep from 6.30pm to 8.00pm – 1.5 hours every day to do assessments and homework, which is plenty of time. Students who are full-time boarders go on a trip every Saturday or Sunday. I go home every weekend as I am a mid-week boarder.

I like my classmates here. It’s been a while since I felt that I fit in, and here in TKIS, I do.

Rebecca, Year 7 boarder

2014 top Honour students rewarded

Mr Mills (Principal) often reminds us that for a student to survive at TKIS, with its high standards and expectations is, in and of itself, an achievement. We are proud to say that many students not only survive, but are shining examples. This year, our top Honour students for 2014 are Alec (Year 11), Emma (Year 10), Kate (Year 10), Ryan (Year 10) and Maria (Year 9) and they were rewarded with tickets to attend Disney’s The Lion King at the Lyric Theatre, QPAC in Week 9 of Term 4.

Thanks to the efforts of Mrs Lynham (Drama Coordinator), our top Honour students and Drama Excellence students had the opportunity to attend a sold-out performance that has won over 70 major international awards and has played to an audience of over 75 million people.
TKIS Honour Awards (continued from page 15)

Gold Award recipients Gabrielle, Ashley, Brieanna, Olivia and Rene (pictured right) with Mr Mills

Silver Award recipients (inset) Maddisson (back row) Danielle, Indira, Erinna, Trae, Zoe, Sean, (front row) Aryll, Brendan, Rebecca, Thomas, Adam and Abbey. Dakota and Jayda were away when the picture was taken.

See page 15 for Honour Badge recipients and full list of Honour award winners.

Announcements & Notices

High School block timetable for Term 1, 2015

Block subjects for Week 1 Term 1, 2015 for the following classes are:

- Year 7 - 8  ICT / Geography
- Year 9  Science
- Year 10  Science
- Year 11  English
- Year 12  Maths

Admin and Uniform Shop opening hours

The Admin office will be closed from Monday, 22nd December to Friday, 9th January, and will reopen on Monday, 12th January.

Opening hours of Admin and the Uniform Shop over the school holiday period are Mondays to Fridays from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Uniforms are available for purchase during opening hours. We recommended that you make an appointment if you wish to purchase uniforms as it could get busy in the new year.

To all families of TKIS,
We wish you a Merry Christmas, a Wonderful New Year and safe and happy holidays.
See you in 2015.
From the Staff of TKIS