From the Principal
I would like to start our last newsletter by congratulating the Mount Kilcoy Staff and Community on such a successful 2014! The staff and community work tirelessly every day to ensure that students at Mount Kilcoy State School are given every possible opportunity to succeed. Congratulations Mount Kilcoy!

Staff Changes
There will be some staff changes for next year. I would like to thank the following teachers for their dedication to Mount Kilcoy School in 2015 – Mrs Somerville and Mr Dann. You have both been wonderful assets to our school and we wish you the very best in your future teaching and hope that you return to us in the near future. We would also like to thank Mr V for his hard work this year. Mr V will be taking up a position on the Sunshine Coast in 2015.

Classes for 2015
Attached is our class list for 2015. As the letter indicates, this will be highly dependent upon our enrolment numbers in 2015. If we do hold the 5 teacher model, we will welcome Miss Julie Nessa to our team to teach the 3/4 class.

Report Cards
Student Report Cards will be sent home on Thursday 11 December. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s report card, please contact their class teacher on Friday.

Library Books
There are still a large number of books that have not been returned. Could we please have all borrowed books returned to the library as soon as possible?

Thank You Students
I would like to finish by thanking the wonderful students of Mount Kilcoy State School. You make it an absolute pleasure to come to work each day. I would like to especially wish our Year 6 and Year 7 students the best of luck as they close the chapter of primary school and set off on their high school adventure. Remember – ‘you will always be a Mount Kilcoy kid’.

I would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Selina Barry
**Prep/1 News**

Well, I can’t believe it but we’ve come to the end of the school year for 2014. To say I have enjoyed my time with the Prep/One class would be an understatement! We have had so much fun over the year and will all finish the year with many fond memories I am sure!

Firstly, I need to say a very big thank you on behalf of the entire Prep/One class to our wonderful, amazing, super, Mrs Weber! She has been an awesome teaching partner this year and all of the students have benefited immensely by having her support in our room. Thanks Mrs Weber!

We have been madly practising our end of year performance and I can’t wait to see the final performance on Awards night.

I am incredibly proud of how far all of the children in Prep/One have grown and developed over the year. When I think back to where we started in January, I can’t quite believe that our little Preppies couldn’t hold their pencils correctly, didn’t know the letters of the alphabet, and were still learning numbers to 10! Now they write sentences independently, read books by themselves and can count to 100! Wow, they have made wonderful progress! The Grade Ones have also worked very hard and made progress in all learning areas. Some of the students in Grade One have gone up over 8 reading levels over the year which is fantastic! Please make sure all home readers and library books are returned to the school as soon as possible, as we want all books returned to begin 2015.

As I have already mentioned, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Mount Kilcoy State School and I am very sad as I pack up my room. Thank you to all of the wonderful staff and families of Mount Kilcoy who have made me feel so welcome. It has been a special year!

Have a safe Christmas break!

Mrs Paige Somerville

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**1/2 News**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation throughout the year in ensuring the children are reading, completing spelling tasks, and preparing their talks each week.

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**3/4 News**

The end of the year has rolled around so fast, its frightening! Our class has worked exceptionally hard to get through all of the content that we needed to cover. We’ve been focussing on revision activities including persuasive texts, descriptions, narratives, fractions, operations, time and problem solving. As their reward for their hard work, we’ve managed to squeeze in a number of Christmas crafts turning our room into a ‘Christmas Cave’ of sorts. We have also been working on our Awards Night presentation for the final week of school, and I hope that everyone will be able to make it.

To say that I’m blown away by the growth of the children over the last 12-24 months is an understatement, and I’m very grateful for the opportunity to have been their teacher. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their assistance throughout the year, be it homework, reading, or having pencils and books for school each week. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you in 2015!!!

Stacey Lambert

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**4/5 News**

As the end of the school year approaches, students have time to reflect on their achievements for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students in my class for their excellent efforts and behaviour throughout the year and wish them well for 2015. Thank you also to parents for supporting your child/children during the year, as it is much appreciated. Our Awards Night practice is coming along nicely and students are looking forward to the fun swimming carnival on Thursday afternoon.

Well done students and parents for a fantastic year and have a safe and happy holiday.

June Tones
6/7 News
Well, that’s it for another year in the 6/7 classroom. We have had a busy last few weeks, with our excursion to QUT in Brisbane, the Graduation Dinner at Kilcoy Memorial Hall and the National FLL Lego Robotics tournament in Sydney, just to name a few! Looking back, it has definitely been an action-packed 2014 at Mount Kilcoy!

This year’s 6/7 class has been a fantastic group with many diverse talents and personalities. The staff and I would like to thank you all for your hard-work and for the example you have set for our school’s younger students. We are sure you will go on to represent Mount Kilcoy and your families to the best of your abilities at your new high schools. So, thanks for the memories 6/7s- and all the very best for your fantastic futures ahead!

Thanks finally to all the parents/carers for your support and efforts during the year. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing those who will be re-joining us in Term 1, 2015!

Andrew Triggs

Best of luck to our Years 6 & 7 Graduates of 2014
We would like to wish our current Yr 6 & 7s the very best of luck on their journey into high school. Congratulations on completing Yr 6 & 7 at Mount Kilcoy State School.

Awards Night Raffle
The P&C will be holding their annual raffle at this year’s Awards Night tonight. Raffle tickets will be sold at the door. Awards Night starts at 6.30pm sharp.

Booklist for 2015
Booklists for 2015 were sent home several weeks ago. If you have not received next year’s booklist, please contact the school office immediately or download a copy from the school website.

Swimming Fun Day
Tomorrow we will be holding our end of year Swimming Fun Day. All students are to come to school as normal, and Christensens are providing a bus to take us to the pool at lunch time. Bus students will be catching afternoon buses from the Primary school and all other students are to be collected from the pool by 2.50pm. Parents are invited to come along to the pool and share in the fun.

Report Card
Report cards will be sent home with your children tomorrow. Please ensure you receive these. Please contact the school if you don’t receive them.

Thank you
We would like to extend a special thank you to all our parent volunteers who have supported our students over the events of 2014. Your help, enthusiasm and assistance throughout the year has been greatly appreciated.

A big special thank you to Christensens for their kind donation of transport for our choir last Tuesday and our Swimming Fun Day tomorrow.

Happy Holidays
The staff of Mt Kilcoy State School would like to wish all students and families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday. If travelling, please stay safe on the roads and we look forward to seeing you all back in 2015.

Last Day—Tidy Up Day
This Friday will be our last day of the school year for 2015. This is a normal school day, so children are expected to attend school as usual. Students will be helping tidy up classrooms in preparation for 2015.

A Special Goodbye
We would like to say a special goodbye to our families who will no longer be part of our school community as from Friday. We wish you all the very best and are very proud to have had you as part of the Mt Kilcoy State School community.
Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call Education Queensland's School Security Section on (07) 3237 0874.

P&C News

Uniform Shop

To purchase school uniforms, please contact Vicki Higgins. As our uniforms are purchased and paid for by our P&C, all purchases need to go through our uniform convenor. Vicki can be contacted on 0488 081 243. We have many unclaimed jumpers and hats at school. At the end of this term, we will be washing these up and donating them to the uniform shop. Please have your children check these items.

To the Mount Kilcoy School Community

Merry Christmas and happy and have a happy and safe holiday.

See you next year.

Terrie Beakey
School Chaplain