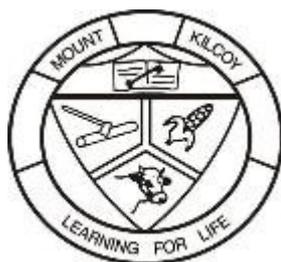


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Term 4 Calendar: Weeks 2-5 2016

2&3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 October	10 Parade 2.45-3.10pm	11	12 Newsletter Prep Information Evening 5-6pm	13	14 Breakfast Club Volunteers' Morning Tea 10.40am
Week 3	17 Student Free Day	18 P&C Meeting 3.30pm Staffroom	19 Prep Orientation Morning 9-11am	20	21 Breakfast Club Yrs 5 & 6 V8 Excursion
Week 4	24 Parade 2.45-3.10pm	25	26 Quick News	27	28 Breakfast Club World Teachers' Day
Week 5 Oct/Nov	31 No Parade Yowie Cup	1 Melbourne Cup	2 Prep Orientation Morning 9-11am	3	4 Breakfast Club

From the Principal

Welcome back to an action-packed Term 4!

Spring Fair

Well what a terrific day we had on Saturday at our Spring Fair and Oval Opening. It was just wonderful to see so many people attending and supporting our school. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, brother, sisters and friends who helped make it such a great day. I was incredibly proud to hear so many positive comments about our community, students and staff. We could not have put an event like this together without so many volunteers. Not only was our fair a financial success, it was also a great way to highlight to the wider community how wonderful our school is. Well done everyone!

Volunteer and Sponsors' Morning Tea.

Our school staff and students would like to take the opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers and sponsors for 2016. If you have volunteered your time or resources to our school this year, please come along this Friday at 10:40am for a special parade and morning tea, so that we can thank you for all your support!

Holt Bolt

The fun never stops at Mount Kilcoy State School. On Monday's parade, we had Ashley from Holt Bolt attend to talk with the students and parents about the Holt Bolt event which will be occurring on Thursday 17 November from 3:15 to 4:30pm. The obstacle course will be open to all Mount Kilcoy students and will involve a water-slide, laser-tag, foam pit and other exciting physical challenge activities. The cost is \$25 per child with \$5 going back to our school P&C. Make sure you come along. It should be a great afternoon!

Student Free Day

Next Monday 17 October, is a Student Free Day. Students do not attend school on this day. This is the only Student Free Day within the school calendar year and gives staff an opportunity to be involved in valuable professional development activities.

Playgroup

It has been fantastic to see so many parents and children attending the Playgroup at the Mount Kilcoy Community Hall each Thursday morning from 9am to 11am. This free playgroup is run by the 'Save the Children Foundation' and is a great opportunity for children to build friendships with their peers, develop skills to follow routines and experience a range of educational activities. It's also a great chance to meet new parents. We hope this service continues to be supported so well by the Kilcoy Community.

Selina Barry
Principal

Prep News

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 4, the final term of the year. Oh my goodness!! The year has flown and I can't believe we have only 8 1/2 weeks left. With one big event out of the way-Spring Fair, I would like to say a really big THANK YOU for your support and organisation of our stall. A huge success and lots of fun. Thank you!! None the less, it's going to be a very busy term again. Here is just a brief overview of some of the learning areas this term. In English, the students will be reading and exploring Narratives. They will learn about their structure, how to write to retell a story and write a letter to a book character. A big focus this term will also be on reading independently, developing reading strategies and learning tricky words.

In Science, we will be using our senses to observe and explore the properties and movement of objects. Students will engage in hands-on investigations and respond to questions about the factors that influence movement. They will share observations and ideas and represent what they observe. We require two, 1 metre polypipe and some yo-yo's to use this term. If you have any of these items that we may use, please bring them as soon as possible.

In Geography this term, we will be learning about special places and how to care for them. This also includes being able to describe the features and location of this special place.

Keep up the great effort of the daily reading practice and the writing and reading of Tricky words as this will be a big focus this term.

I am looking forward to another fun-filled and busy term ahead.

Kind regards

M. Burkett (Prep)

Year 1 News

Welcome Back to Term Four! What a fantastic way to start the term with our first Spring Fair. The students had fun preparing for the event and by the look on their little faces, they had a wonderful time.

This term is going to be an extremely busy one! In English, we are writing persuasive texts. We will be comparing different versions of the same story, and identifying which one we preferred and why. In Maths, we will continue to build on our understanding of number, place value and data collection. We will also be working on problem solving skills. In Geography, we will be investigating local places, the features of the place and how we care for these places. We will also be looking at how we are connected to these places within our community. In Science, we are exploring light and sound. The children will thoroughly enjoy the opportunities within this unit.

For homework this term, the students will continue to receive their homework sheet and readers each Monday. Sight words and spelling words will be tested Friday. So keep up the daily practice as there was significant progress last term. I am looking forward to another fun-filled and busy term ahead. If you wish to contact me, my email is kakeo1@eq.edu.au.

Kind regards

Kelly Keough

Year 2 News

Welcome back to our last term of Year 2! I cant believe how fast this year has gone! We have another busy term coming up with lots of fun and exciting activities and events.

This term Year 2 have welcomed Miss Libby Brown who is completing a 3 week professional experience with our class.

Thank you to everyone who came to support the Spring Fair on Saturday. It was such a fantastic day! Congratulations to Year 2 for another fantastic dance performance!

This term in English we are focusing on narratives and being able to add new events into an existing story.

In Maths we have started revising data collection and 2D shapes and 3D objects. We also will be exploring number, place value and units of measurement.

Our Science unit will see us exploring Earth's natural resources and looking at ways we can conserve these for the future.

In Geography, we are continuing our study on local, regional, national and global places and how we are connected to these.

I am looking forward to another fantastic term!

Thanks

Sarah Todd

Year 3 News

Welcome back to term 4! We hope everyone has had a lovely, relaxing break. This term is already proving to be a busy one with a successful spring fair on the weekend. It was wonderful to see so many of our year three families there having a great time, and, of course our brilliant dancers rocking the stage once again!

This semester we have welcomed two new students into our class and they are already fitting in wonderfully. In the classroom it is going to be heads down and hard work! In English we are looking at poetry, in particular Australian poetry and continuing our focus on reading comprehension skills. Maths will keep us busy as we increase our skills ready for year 4. We will continue our focus on times tables and looking at the related division facts. In science we are beginning our unit on solids and liquids, incorporating lots of exciting investigations and experiments.

This term in Geography studies, we will be exploring our country and comparing it to our neighbouring countries. We thank you for your continuing support with homework as we can really see the impact a bit of help at home makes. Before we know it, it will be the end of the year. Doesn't time fly when you're having fun!

Kind regards,

Kris Breen and Stacey Lambert

4/5 News

There are lots of interesting activities planned this term around our curriculum content. In English, we are examining persuasion in advertisements and product packaging. Students will be required to design and make a poster and write a persuasive text to promote an item of their own choosing. Science involves lots of investigations around the topics of solids, liquids and gases and later on, forces. In Geography studies, students will learn how resources are used and managed by different people. Some maths topics include problem solving, chance and data activities and consolidating basic concepts required for each year level.

Our reading and maths groups will continue throughout the term and Accelerated Reader targets are set, keeping in mind we are aiming for 100% accuracy when completing quizzes. Targets for Term 4 are 15 for Year 5 and 12 for Year 4.

We have an ongoing focus in maths of learning times tables and associated facts to become proficient in the recall of these facts. Practising them each week for homework too, is important, as this knowledge forms the basis of many areas of mathematics, particularly as the content of the curriculum becomes more challenging.

Thank you to all families who supported the Spring Fair and our 4/5 stall, which was very successful. Despite it being a very hot day, the students did a great job of demonstrating their dance. We are looking forward to an interesting and busy term indeed.

June Tones

5/6 News

Welcome Back to Term 4! Somehow we have now reached the final term of the year- everything will be rapidly downhill from here! (Well-hopefully not the quality of our work!) At this point, we have a variety of tasks underway, including finalising maths assessments, working on our geography assignments and completing our PAT diagnostic testing. I'm sure with all the events that are planned for the term that the year will have evaporated before we know it.

To make things easy, I will just use this opportunity to make sure that you are aware of the events that are occurring during this term which affect our classroom. If you have any specific questions or concerns regarding your child's progress that you need answered, please feel free to contact me on atrig3@eq.edu.au or call the school on 54981777 to arrange an appointment.

Term 4 events for 5/6 : Swimming, Year 5 Leadership interviews and speeches, V8 Excursion to the Gold Coast 600, Yowie Cup Football, Year 6 Graduation, Year 6 Excursion to QUT Kelvin Grove Campus Brisbane, FLL Lego Competition at QUT Caboolture, Year 6 Transition Day at Kilcoy SHS.

Andrew Triggs

Prep Enrolments for 2017

Mount Kilcoy is now taking Prep enrolments for 2017. If you would like an enrolment package or know of anyone who would, please contact the school office. We will be holding a Prep Information Evening tonight starting at 5pm at the school.

Volunteers' Morning Tea

Our annual Volunteers' Morning Tea will be held this Friday 14 October at 10.40am in the library. If you have volunteered at Mount Kilcoy State School or made any voluntary contributions, please come along and accept our appreciation for your help.

Swimming commences

Our summer program begins in week 6 on Tuesday 8 November. Please ensure your child has a sun safe shirt to wear over their togs. If your child is in prep, please ensure they come to school dressed in their swimming togs, as the bus leaves at 9am. Students in years 5/6 will need to be collected from the Kilcoy Aquatic Centre no later than 2.50pm, or they will return to the school on the school bus at a cost to parents (if not a regular bus student).

World Teachers' Day

On Friday 28 Oct, we will be celebrating World Teachers' Day. We would like to thank Mt Kilcoy's wonderful teachers for their hard work and professional efforts towards their students. Thank you to our teachers for your continuous commitment and dedication.

Year 6 Transition and Prep Orientation

During Term 4, special transition days will be held for our year 6 cohort and our 2016 pre-prep cohort. These days are planned to assist students to become familiar with their new educational setting and allow them time to start to develop relationships with teachers and their peers. The high school transition day has been scheduled for Monday 5 December for students enrolling in Kilcoy State High School for 2017. The Prep Orientation started last term, with three more this term. They have been scheduled for Wednesday 19 October, Wednesday 2nd November and Wednesday 16th November. There will also be a Prep Information Evening tonight (12 October) from 5 - 6pm in the Prep room at Mount Kilcoy SS. I am sure these days will provide some great learning experiences for our year 6 and pre-prep students.



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Administration

- Please ensure that when you visit the school grounds, you sign in at the office first. This is to ensure that we are complying with Education Queensland Policy and our Critical Incident Policy.
- As you are aware, schooling every day is most important. Please contact Kylie in the office to record your child's absence. If you are sending a note, please ask your child to take it to the office.
- Please remember when collecting children, they are not to cross the road unless accompanied by an adult. Students are to remain within school grounds until collected. Please do not walk behind the cars in the staff car park. Use the concrete path and personal gate on the lower side of the car park.
- Students are not to arrive at school before 8.15am, as no supervision is available before then.

P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 October in the school staffroom at 3.30pm. All welcome.

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