From the Principal

2016 has proven to be an incredible year for Mount Kilcoy State School. This year, we have seen our numbers explode to 130 students, creating a 6th classroom and welcomed several new families and staff to our small school community. We have participated in a vast range of events and achieved amazing accolades both academically and on the sporting field. This doesn’t happen by accident. It is a direct result of staff, parents and the community working tirelessly every day to ensure that students at Mount Kilcoy State School are given every possible opportunity to succeed. Congratulations on a terrific year Mount Kilcoy!

Awards Night
Mount Kilcoy School Awards night will be held this evening at the Mount Kilcoy Hall at 6:30pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the efforts of our students in 2016. Students must wear full school uniform. Thank you to our parents and community for donating some yummy goodies for the P&C Christmas hamper that will be raffled tonight.

Staff Changes
There will be some staff changes for next year. I would like to thank the following teachers and teacher aides for their dedication to Mount Kilcoy School in 2016 – Miss Leith Alexander, Miss Rachel Briscoe and Mr Beau Arnold. You have 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.

Classes for 2017
Attached is our class list for 2017. As the letter indicates, this will be highly dependent upon our enrolment numbers in 2017.

Report Cards
Student Report Cards will be sent home tomorrow, Thursday 8 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. Please check your bags, bedrooms and cars for any outstanding home reading books. Please return all borrowed books to the library so they can be catalogued for borrowing in 2017.

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 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
Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to “thank you” for your cooperation and support throughout the year. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you and have been very blessed to have such a positive and supportive group of parents. The year has gone incredibly fast and I can’t believe we are at the stage of saying “goodbye”.

I have enjoyed teaching the class and even though it has been very busy, we have managed to have fun learning and sharing our experiences. It has been great to get to know the children’s different personalities, little quirks, strengths and watch them grow. They have become confident in their learning journey whether it be reading, writing, maths, public speaking, organisation, building friendships or many other areas. I wish you all every success for the future years.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing, safe holiday season.

I am greatly appreciative of your support and thank you.

Mel Burkett

Wow, what a busy and enjoyable year we have had together. I am so incredibly proud of how much the children have grown and progressed over the year. I have loved getting to know each child and will greatly miss their little/big personalities! Thank you to all of the wonderful staff and families of Mount Kilcoy who have made me feel so welcome. It has been a truly amazing year!

Have a safe and very Merry Christmas!

Kelly Keough

What a fantastic year 2016 has been! I have been extremely proud of how hard the Year 2 students have worked and the progress they have made throughout the year. They are more than ready for the challenges of Year 3!

Thank you for all your support this year. It has been a privilege to teach your children and I wish them all the best for next year!

I would also like to wish you and your family a Happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday. I look forward to seeing you next year!

Sarah Todd

Can you believe it? We are at the end of year three! What a busy and exciting year we have had. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our students and parents for a wonderful 2016. We have thoroughly enjoyed our year with this class and wish them all the very best for Year Four. We hope everyone enjoys a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

Merry Christmas!

Kris Breen and Stacey Lambert

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 2016. 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 swimming fun day.

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

June Tones
5/6 News
Well, it’s hard to believe it, but there goes yet another year!!! The last few weeks here in the 5/6 Classroom have been action-packed to say the very least. From FLL Lego events, to the Year 6 Graduation, the QUT Excursion, dance practices and completing assessment tasks… You name it, and we’ve probably done it!
2016 has been another very successful year for our senior students and they should be congratulated on their awesome efforts throughout the entire year. I wish all our departing Year 6 students and their families all the very best for your futures ahead- it’s been great working with you all and I’m sure you’ll make everyone proud of your future achievements! (Don’t forget- you’re a Mount Kilcoy kid after all!)
Merry Christmas to everyone- have a safe and happy holiday period and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2017 at the best school ever- Mount Kilcoy!!!
Andrew Triggs

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.

Swimming Fun Day
Tomorrow we will be holding our end of year Swimming Fun Day. All students are to arrive at the pool between 8.30 and 8.45am and Christensens are providing a bus to take us back to school at lunch time. Bus students will be catching morning buses, which will drop students directly at the pool where a staff member will be there to meet them. Parents are invited to come along to the pool and share in the fun. All students are invited to wear free dress for the day.

Booklist for 2017
Booklists for 2017 were sent home last week. If you have not received next year’s booklist, please contact the school office immediately or download a copy from the school website.

Best of luck to our Years 6 Graduates of 2016
We would like to wish our current Yr 6s the very best of luck on their journey into high school. Congratulations on completing Yr 6 at Mount Kilcoy State School.

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 2016. Your help, enthusiasm and assistance throughout the year has been greatly appreciated.

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 2017.

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. Our families will be farewelling from Mt Kilcoy are the Booth, Colledge, Gladman, Jackson, Lowndes, Marshall, Retschlag, Steell, Steinhardt, Thomas, Weaver, Moore and Winship-Bryant families. We wish you all the very best and are very proud to have had you as part of the Mt Kilcoy State School community.

Publishing Photos/Videos on Social Media
To ensure we’re following media policy, when taking photo or video footage of school events or functions (e.g. parades, awards night), please note that this footage cannot be posted on social media sites (e.g. facebook, Instagram, snapchat, youtube) if it contains images of other children. You can only post footage of your own child. Although social media is a great tool to share student and school achievement, the safety of our students is our first priority. We thank you for respecting this policy.

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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

The Mt Kilcoy P&C would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday. Merry Christmas and see you in 2017.

To the Mount Kilcoy School Community

Merry Christmas and have a happy and safe holiday.

See you next year.

Terrie Beakey

School Chaplain