From the Principal

P&C Members and Volunteers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our terrific P&C members for their hard work so far this year. We have a very small, but very hard working P&C who attend meetings each month to organise great events, manage uniforms, and help raise money to support our school. We are also very lucky to have many parent helpers who may not be available to attend meetings, but always help out at school events and assist in the classrooms too. We appreciate all that our school community do to make Mount Kilcoy State School such a great school. Keep a look out for our Volunteers’ Morning Tea next term. On this morning, we stop to honour our volunteers for their support each year.

Pick up time

We are currently revising parking areas for our 3:10pm pick-up time. Currently, there is a lot of congestion at the bus zone and staff car park, which is causing safety concerns for children, staff and parents. We are currently in consultation with the council to improve the facilities and the process for pick-up. Until then, we are asking parents to pick students up at either the bottom parent car park, or at the Mount Kilcoy Hall. These areas are the safest places to pick up children during this busy time. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Term 4 Attendance Program – Every Day Counts

During term four, we will be running an attendance raffle each week at parade to reward students and their parents for high attendance percentages. Each child who has an attendance rate of 95% or higher for term 4, will go into the draw each week to win a $25 BP fuel card for their family. At the end of the term, all students who have an attendance rate of 95% or higher will be invited to the end of term attendance party. Currently our attendance rate is slightly below the state target of 92.7%. With the introduction of this program, we are aiming to beat the state target this year. So remember, ‘you have to be in it to win it’. Come along to our weekly parades. You just might win!

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Miss Selina Barry
Principal
**Prep/1 News**

I can’t believe it is nearly the end of term 3! We have been busy finishing off our assessment pieces and will continue to complete them this week.

The children will be busy constructing their future car designs in Technology this week. Their design drawings look amazing so I can’t wait to see the finished product. They will bring their creations home when they are completed.

In History, the children will be using the information they learned from their grandparent/parent interview to complete their History assessment. Well done to those students who brought back their completed History assignment interview sheet.

As mentioned in our class letter, the children achieved ‘Bingo’ last week and we are busily getting organised for our class Teddy Bears’ Picnic on Thursday. Please remind your children to bring their favourite teddy and a plate of food to share. It sure will be a fun day.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday and I will see you in term 4.

Mrs Paige Somerville

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**1/2 News**

Thank you for a very busy term and it was great to see many of you at the Fancy Dress last Friday night. It was lots of fun seeing the kids dressed up, (parents too) enjoying themselves with all the dances.

A note will be sent home requesting the children stock up on some supplies that they have run out of eg., glue sticks, pencils, coloured pencils and plain scrapbooks. Please purchase these over the holidays so that the children are ready to start the new term.

Congratulations to these students who have completed their reading and spelling each night consistently for this term; Jakob, Tigerlily, Joanna, Heidi, Summer-Lee, Dustin, Heidi, Egan and Cade.

I hope you all have a great relaxing and safe holiday. See you all next term for yet another busy term.

Yours in education,

M. Burkett

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**3/4 News**

As another term draws to a close, the children have worked exceptionally hard. Thanks to all parents that were able to bring their children to the Fancy Dress Ball. The consensus in our classroom is that a great night was had by all. All of the children have worked hard at their dance routine and I’m sure Mr Triggs will have an eye on a few of them as they get older, as their sense of rhythm and timing has been well and truly proven!

We have commenced next term’s English units early to ensure that we have sufficient time to complete all work prior to reporting time. In this unit we are reading Kumiko and the Dragon’s Secret. Our focus is on writing narratives.

As the term rolls to a close, we are consolidating our fractions in Maths with our cooking day this Thursday. The children will be cooking one of four recipes and they will receive a sample of each item being made.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. See you in term 4!

Stacey Lambert

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**4/5 News**

For the past three weeks, I have been looking after the 4/5 class while Mrs Tones has had some well earned long service leave. What has impressed me about this group of students is their enthusiasm towards working on the major English assessment project.

The task for the students was to create a multi-media presentation re-telling an Aboriginal story or legend. All of the students embraced this task with gusto and were introduced to many new skills in the area of technology, art, publishing, and story-telling. The keenness of the students was evident in their requests to be allowed to work on the task during their lunch breaks and before school. Well done great effort.

I look forward to working with the class next term on Thursdays. Have a safe and pleasant break.

Rod Dann

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**Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.**
Well there goes Term 3! It has been a very busy and successful term in the 6/7 Classroom. Students have committed themselves well to improving their learning and as a result have produced some excellent work for which they must be commended.

Our English unit, based on the Literary Text “Blake Snake”, has now concluded, with students completing the reading of the book, as well as the two assessment items. The first, an imaginative recount from the perspective of a character in an event in the life of Ned Kelly, was very well received, with students producing some fantastic pieces of creative writing. It was particularly pleasing to see the improved format of all students’ writing, with paragraphing and sentence structures developing nicely. The second task, a persuasive essay, based on the students’ opinions as to whether Ned Kelly was a villain, a victim or a hero, was also completed at a high standard across the class - we definitely all have a good grasp of a variety of persuasive techniques!

Students have also continued to make good progress in mathematics during this term. We have paid particular attention to the four basic algorithms of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication and as a result have noted some substantial improvements in students’ performances of these skills. Students have also completed two exams, as well as their own unit test/investigation based on their own year level unit of work (Year 7s with best buys and Year 6s with types of numbers and patterns). Some of this work has been quite detailed, with Year 7 in particular, having to complete an investigation-style assessment on planning a class BBQ, involving budgeting and best-value analysis skills! It has been a very busy maths program indeed!

Finally, we have been well and truly engaged with dance activities as a part of our Arts subject area this term. Students have learned a number of set steps for the waltz and as a part of their assessment have been asked to choreograph and perform their own short 2 minute routine. We are busily completing this task as I write, but I must say I have been very impressed by how well the students (yes- even the boys), have managed to learn and successfully perform the dance (it did take us all a little while to get over the boy and girl germ thing though!).

Well, that’s it for the term. I hope everyone has a fantastic two week break, and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and raring to go for our final run to the finish-line in term 4.

Andrew Triggs
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 next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 October at 3.30pm in the school staffroom. Please come along and support decisions that need to be made by the P&C. All welcome.

Uniform Shop

To purchase school uniforms, please contact Vicki Higgins (our uniform convenor). As our uniforms are purchased and paid for by our P&C, all purchases need to go through our uniform convenor.

Family Recipes

Mt Kilcoy Kids 2014

The P&C would like to produce a family cooking book next term, with the favourite recipes from every family at Mt Kilcoy School. It will be produced in full colour and can include pictures of your family or of the prepared food.

We would like to include several recipes from every family. Recipes should include your family name, children’s names, and why the children like them. It may be the quickest dinner, Grandma’s old recipe or one of the kid’s favourites called “Sammy favourite biscuits”. We can include sketches of the preparation, or photos of the meals, and even funny special jokes that occur because of the recipe.

The cookbook will then be published, and you will have the opportunity to purchase this book at the end of term 4. All proceeds will go to the P&C committee and help raise funds for school resources.

Please email recipes to joludgate@bigpond.com or bring all items to Mrs Fry at administration by Friday 17 October or ASAP.

Cheers

Mt Kilcoy P&C