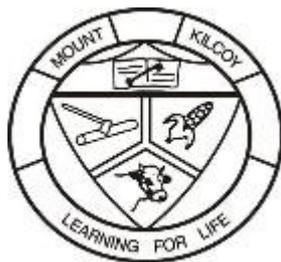


# Mount Kilcoy State School



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## Term 2 Calendar: Weeks 2-5 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 April/May	27 Parade 2.45-3.10pm	28	29 Newsletter	30	1 Breakfast Club
Week 3	4 Parade 2.45-3.10pm	5 Cross Country	6	7	8 Breakfast Club
Week 4	11 Parade 2.45-3.10pm	12 Naplan	13 Naplan Quick News	14 Naplan	15 Breakfast Club
Week 5	18 District Cross Country	19	20 NRL Gala Day	21	22 Science @ KSHS

### From the Principal

#### **ANZAC Day March**

It was great to see the huge turnout of students and staff at the ANZAC Day March on Saturday. The students looked terrific in full school uniform, marching through the main streets of Kilcoy. Well done to Mrs Close and the Mount Kilcoy Choir, who sang beautifully. I would also like to commend Shari Anderson on her presentation of what ANZAC Day means to her. It was delivered articulately and with confidence. Well done to the staff, students and parents.

#### **NAPLAN**

This term, students in years 3 and 5 will participate in National testing in Numeracy and Literacy. Across this semester, students have received additional support in individualised areas to help them achieve to their full potential. Students will also participate in practice tests this fortnight to ensure they are familiar with testing conditions. They may also receive practice questions for homework. The tests will be conducted on Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May. Please encourage your child to do their best. Extra sleep and a nutritious breakfast will be beneficial for your child during this week. If you have any questions regarding National Testing, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

#### **Holiday Painting**

Over the holidays, we had the concrete frontage, walkways and undercover area repainted. Last term we also had the palm trees removed from the administration block and the dead tree near the carpark removed. Thank you to Mrs Fry for organising this work to be completed. The school is looking great!

Ms Selina Barry

## Prep/1 News

I hope you all have had a lovely Easter break and it is great to see the children excited to come back to school.

Firstly, a couple of messages about upcoming events.

### **Under 8's Day**

This will be held on Friday, 1 May, at Kilcoy State School. It will be a fun day of activities followed by a disco to celebrate being Under 8. Please return the permission notes as soon as possible, and indicate whether you can help out.

### **Taking Leave**

I will be away this Friday and the following week to visit family in Northern Queensland. Mrs Paige Sommerville, whom the children know quite well, will be teaching the class. The following is a brief outline of our curriculum program for this term.

In **Science**, we will be learning about Materials and their Properties. We will be conducting experiments to explore materials and their usefulness and why we choose certain materials when making objects.

This term the children will be starting a **Geography** unit which will be about places including natural, managed and constructed features, and understanding simple maps.

In **English**, the children will be exploring books and learning about how to write character descriptions and retell a story.

### **HOMEWORK**

It is great to see the children bringing their folders in every day to receive new readers. This term would you please write the name of the book in the diary and sign when read. Preps will be given Sight Words this term to learn. The Sight Words are levelled and the students will progress through them only when they confidently know each level. Year 1s, keep up the good work learning your spelling words each night and reading.

I hope we have a successful term and I am looking forward to the learning journey.

Kind Regards

M. Burkett (class teacher)

## 1/2 News

Welcome back to Term Two! After having a very enjoyable term one off, I'm very pleased to be back at school and I'm extremely impressed with the effort our students are making in their learning!

This term in English, we are writing retells, ensuring that we write sequentially and looking at language that can create interest when writing. I'm very excited to be able to share with the class one of my all-time favourite books – Pippi Longstocking. Apart from being a funny story, it's rich in language that we will draw from in order to build our word wall, build our vocabulary and add to our writing.

In Maths, we are continuing our focus on number and place value, looking at 2 dimensional shapes, practising our spelling of numbers, counting and number facts. Being a competent counter is the foundation for number fact recall and is pivotal in developing number fact skills, with counting featuring heavily in our day to day class work.

This term we are studying Geography instead of History and of course Science and we get to explore Art this term.

One of the highlights for years one and two, is Under 8's Day. This is taking place on 1st May and the children will have this experience with Mrs Cox.

Mrs Lambert and Mrs Cox

## 3/4 News

This term we start studying Geography and explore similarities and differences in environments and places. Year 3 students will study Australia and neighbouring countries while Year 4 students will focus on Africa and South America. Through studying these continents, they will gain an understanding of how different climate types affect vegetation.

Accelerated Reader targets have been increased this term. The Grade 4 target is 2 points, with Grade 3's expected to work towards reaching 8 points. A **huge** congratulations to Joe and Ricky who have been reading regularly at lunchtimes and are determined to reach their targets.

The class has continued to learn about persuasive writing in English and are beginning to write persuasive arguments in class. They have learned about rhetorical questions and assessment for this unit will begin shortly.

In Mathematics, Grade 4 have been exploring 5 digit numbers and odd and even numbers. They will study maps and legends as the term progresses. Grade 3 have explored odd and even numbers and will complete guided enquiries relating to measurement, number and location.

Last term Mrs Bell, the teacher librarian, started working with Grade 3 students to hone their skills in literacy in preparation for NAPLAN. This will continue in the first part of Term 2.

Julie Nesa

## 4/5 News

This term includes events such as spelling bees, cross country, school photos, NAPLAN testing for Year 5s in week 4 and of course, Semester 1 report cards.

Our English unit involves examining the author's use of language in a variety of humorous poems. Students will choose a poem to perform for their peers. Activities will also include revising different types of persuasive texts and narratives in preparation for the Year 5 writing component of the NAPLAN Test. The Maths curriculum for each year level is determined by the Australian Curriculum and content is taught and assessed in five week units.

Geography and History units will continue on from Term 1, while our new Science unit for the term is called, ' Properties Matter ', which looks at the physical properties and uses of a range of materials..

Homework tasks will depend on curriculum content, but spelling, reading and tables practice should be daily. Thank you for monitoring and signing reading each night. Accelerated Reader point targets for Term 2 have been set at a minimum of 12 for Year 4 and 15 for Year 5. This means that over a 10 week period, students in Year 4 have only to earn 1.2 points per week and Year 5 to earn 1.5 points per week, which is an achievable goal.

Term 2 will prove to be a busy one indeed, with numerous tasks and projects to be completed before the end of term report cards are issued.

June Tones

## **Swimming Carnival Pictures**



## **Anzac Day March**



## **Naplan**

On the 12,13 and 14 May will be the NAPLAN testing for students in years 3 and 5. Please ensure that your child/children have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. Good luck Mount Kilcoy students.

## **School Photos**

School Photos are coming up this term on 10 June. Please ensure all students are dressed in full school uniform. Photo packs will be sent home soon. Orders can be made online or through the office.

## **Under 8s Day**

This Friday 1 May, our P-2 students will be visiting Kilcoy State School to celebrate Under 8s afternoon. A range of activities will be provided for our students, including a disco after lunch. Students will need to bring along their lunch for a picnic on the Kilcoy SS oval. Parents/Caregivers are invited to join us. Children will need to be picked up from Kilcoy Primary School by 3.00pm, unless they catch their usual school bus. Thank you to Lenore and John Christensen for their kind donation of the bus to transport the children into Kilcoy.

## **Cross Country**

Our annual Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 5 May around our school grounds, commencing at 1.20pm. Children are to ensure they have a drink bottle and a hat for this day. Parents/Caregivers are invited to come along and cheer their children on. The P&C will be providing an ice block for each child on the completion of their race. Please find attached a program for the afternoon. This is only a guide for times. Times may vary depending on the days events.

## **Uniforms**

The weather is starting to get cooler and students are wearing jumpers and track pants to school. Please remember that Mount Kilcoy School has a uniform dress code which has been endorsed by our P&C. All jumpers and track pants need to be royal blue in colour. Please make sure they are clearly marked with the child's name so that they can be readily returned if lost. In the event that a child needs to wear a non-school coloured jumper, please provide a note explaining the circumstance. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **Make Every Day Count in 2015**

Make 2015 the year when your child doesn't miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren't at school or don't stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the [Every Day Counts videos](#) live on DETE TV.

<http://www.youtube.com/DEQueensland>

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### Uniform Shop

Open Tuesday and Thursday  
afternoons  
3.00-3.30pm

### 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

#### Mother's Day Stall

The P&C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 5, 6 and 7 May. There will be items ranging from \$1—\$5 in price. It would be great to receive family support in helping the P&C to raise funds.

#### Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held in the school staffroom on Tuesday 19 May at 3.30pm. All welcome.

### School Sores

We have had several cases of school sores this semester and are asking that if your child is showing signs of them, please keep them at home. School sores are highly contagious and need to be treated by a GP. Symptoms of school sores are listed below.

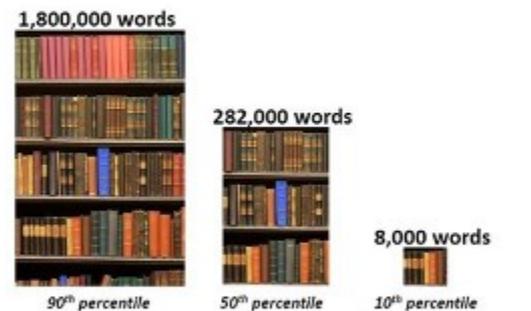
#### Signs and symptoms

People with skin infection may have redness, swelling, pain, heat, and/or pus-filled lesions such as boils or abscesses.

Symptoms of serious infection depend on where the infection is in body, but may include feeling generally unwell, high fever, controllable shakes, and/or shortness of breath.

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A" reads 20 minutes each day	Student "B" reads 5 minutes each day	Student "C" reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year



By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?  
(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

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