

Mount Kilcoy State School - Quick News

Wednesday 6 February, 2019

Welcome back 2019

Mr Payne and staff would like to welcome back all existing families to Mount Kilcoy School and we would like to welcome our new families who have joined our school community. We are looking forward to a very busy yet eventful year.

From the Principal

It has been a great start to the year for the students and staff at Mount Kilcoy State School. I would like to extend my thanks to the whole school community who have been so kind and welcoming. I am very excited to be a part of such a vibrant, successful school community as your school principal and I am looking forward to working with you all in the years to come. I believe that Small school learning environments are the best places for children to receive an excellent education. And with the calibre of staff that ply their trade at Mount Kilcoy, it's easy to see why our students enjoy their learning and love to be at school.

School Priorities

Following a two year cycle developing and implementing a successful reading framework that has resulted in improved reading outcomes for all students, Mount Kilcoy will now turn its attention to Writing. Over the course of the next year, while maintaining the great work in reading, our whole school priority is going to be writing.

“All students can achieve high standards given the right time and support”

Day Eight

Each year state school staffing across Queensland is confirmed based on enrolment numbers on the eighth day of school. This is to ensure that schools where students have not returned do not have too many teachers and schools where enrolments have increased have the appropriate number of teachers. It is important to ensure that all of your enrolment details are up to date and that any new enrolments are accounted for prior to the 7th February.

School Leaders

At Mount Kilcoy State School we believe that an effective 'Student Leadership' program should include a broad range of experiences for students in year 5 and 6. Our program aims to build the understandings and skills of leadership through the curriculum and the many, varied activities of school life. We are committed to investing and developing the capacity of our year 5 and 6 cohorts to lead and influence others responsibly. Earlier this week, our year 6 student leaders had the opportunity to run their first parade for 2019. Congratulations to our leaders and I am sure you will do an outstanding job this year.

Every Day Counts

I would like to congratulate our students and parents on a terrific start to the year. Our overall student attendance rate is 97%. We would love to see this continue throughout the year. Keep up the good work! It is also important that your child/children maintain healthy eating and sleeping habits and remember to get their homework and reading completed each week. Organising homework, developing a schedule and avoiding procrastination are life-long skills that will assist our students throughout their lives.

Pick Up and Drop Off

I would like to remind parents and caregivers that the Bus Zone in front of the school cannot be used to drop off or pick up students. We encourage parents to utilise the hall carpark or the carpark next to the school oval for drop off and pick up times. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Uniforms

There is an expectation that all students attending Mount Kilcoy State School will wear their school uniform to promote "School Identity", "School Pride" and "Student Safety". Our P & C Association endorses the wearing of a school uniform. Parent support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

M. Payne

Prep Buddy Parade

Prep Buddy Parade Monday 11 February 2.45pm all welcome.

Book Launch

A note was sent home on Monday regarding the Kilcoy Cares Book Launch on Friday 15 February. All Mount Kilcoy students will travel free by bus to Kilcoy State School to join in with Kilcoy State School students in various activities. From 3.00pm-4.00pm, the whole community is invited to participate in even more activities designed to provide a community afternoon. So please stay and join in.

Non bus students will need to be picked up from Kilcoy State School at 3.00pm. Normal bus students can travel home by bus as per usual. No students will be returning to Mount Kilcoy State School. Permission notes are due by Wednesday 13 February.

P&C Welcome BBQ

All families are invited to attend our Information Night and Welcome BBQ (free sausage sizzle) on Monday 11 February at 5pm.

Swimming Commences

School swimming commences for Mount Kilcoy students on Tuesday 5 March. Please ensure that your child/children have a sun safe shirt to wear over their togs. Due to recent EQ regulations, ALL students must wear a swim cap to enter the water. If your child is in prep or year 1, please ensure they come to school dressed in their swimming togs. Students in years 5/6 will need to be collected from the Kilcoy Aquatic Centre no later than 2.50pm. Bus students will be walked to Kilcoy State School to catch their regular bus home. A permission note and invoice will be sent home in the next week.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is continuing on Friday mornings. Thank you P & C volunteers and donors for organising this for our students.

Parents/Caregivers

Please be advised that if you are visiting the school grounds or classrooms during school time even if it is to deliver a book or lunchbox, you need to sign in at the office so we know you are on site. However, in the afternoon, if you arrive early to pick your students up, (after 2.30pm) you will not need to sign in, but please wait in the students eating area, then we know all adults on site. This is an Education Queensland policy and we would appreciate your diligence in this process.

Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is opened this year on Tuesday mornings between 8.30-9.00am and Friday afternoons between 3-3.30pm. Please ensure you come to purchase uniforms during allocated times, as this is when the uniform convenor is available. Cash only payments.

Parking during pick up times

A number of parents are parking in the bus zone whilst waiting to drop off and pick up their children. Parking in the bus zone is illegal and very dangerous, even for a short amount of time. The bus zone must be kept clear at all times. If you use the hall for dropping off and picking up your children, we recommend you turn left and travel down the hill towards the creek, to the Give Way sign before turning back onto Jenkinson's Road. Turning right coming out of the hall road during peak hours can be dangerous. Also, please be aware the speed limit in the school zone is 40km per hour. Police often patrol this area and will enforce the law by issuing tickets.

Newsletters emailed

If there are any families who would like the Newsletter or Quick News emailed to them, please email Claire Hill at chill91@eq.edu.au with the subject heading 'Newsletter'.

4/5/6 Camp

Our year 4/5/6 students will attend camp at Alexandra Headlands for their leadership camp. They will be away from Wednesday 20 February until Friday 22 February. The cost of the camp is \$225, permission notes need to be returned by Friday 8 and full payment is required by Wednesday 13 February. There will be plenty of stories to be told on their return.

Publishing Photos/Videos on Social Media

To ensure we're following media policy, when taking photo's 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, you tube) 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.

P & C News

Welcome to 2019. The P&C would like to welcome Mr Micah Payne to our school as the new Principal and wish him all the best for a successful year and future with our community.

Our first general meeting and AGM will be on Tuesday 19th February at 3.30pm in the staffroom. New executive committee members will be selected at this meeting, and all families new and old are welcome to join and re-join the P&C (New membership forms will have to be completed each year). If you or anyone you know anyone who would like to participate in the P&C meetings, events or be part of the executive committee in 2019, please invite them to the AGM, or alternatively you can use the P&C email address to get any other information (PandC@mtkilcoyss.eq.edu.au). Please know that even if you don't want to join the P&C officially, we welcome all parent helpers at each of our events, so feel free to stick your hand up if you're willing and able to help at any event Throughout the year.

We are yet to decide on specific dates for tuckshop this term, but will hold 2 x regular tuckshop dates, then the sausage sizzle BBQ for Swimming Carnival will be on Tuesday 26th March. As always, volunteers are welcome to each of these for food prep, cooking, serving, and bake stall sales. A letter will be sent with the order forms on the first tuckshop day primarily for the new families at our school. The letter will describe how our tuckshops are run and explain how each class takes turns providing food to sell at our bake stall. Term 1 means we will also be serving our ever popular smoothies. Yum!!

We have a couple of regular volunteer to kick off our brekky club each Friday, but if anyone would like to volunteer their time for breakfast club, please get in touch.

The Mount Kilcoy SS annual Welcome Information Night will be held on Monday 11th February. The information sessions will begin at 5pm, followed by a free BBQ sausage sizzle provided by the P&C at 6pm.

As always, we have lots of fun things planned for the year and look forward to meeting some new faces at our meetings or events. Feel free to email PandC@mtkilcoyss.eq.edu.au if you have any questions at all about the P&C.