From the Principal

I would like to start our last newsletter by congratulating the team at Mount Kilcoy State School for a wonderful year. The staff are heavily invested in ensuring all students achieve the best possible education at Mount Kilcoy State School. This makes it a very rewarding place to be! The development of each and every child is always the main focus and this brings the school community and staff together, creating wonderful opportunities for the students of Mount Kilcoy State School.

Staff Changes

There will be some staff changes for 2013. Mrs Katrina Burgess (nee Northcott) will be transferring to Chinchilla State School. She has developed many strong relationships with children, staff and parents over the past two years. We appreciated her dedication to Mount Kilcoy School and wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Stacey Allsopp will be transferring in from Burpengary State School as our new classroom teacher. Mrs Angela Ison (learning support) will be transferring to Kallangur State School. Mrs Ison has been a great asset to our school this year. Her knowledge in the area of learning support has assisted both students and staff greatly. We wish her all the best at Kallangur. Mrs Angela Burgess will return to Mount Kilcoy State School as our Learning support teacher (1 day per week). Mrs Margaret Dunning (Special Needs) will return to Kilcoy High School in 2013. We would like to thank Mrs Dunning for supporting students and teachers in 2012.

Classes for 2013

Currently, our enrolment numbers are high and we may move from 4 to 5 teachers in 2013. Please take note of the classes listed on the next page in this newsletter. Parents will be consulted prior to any changes in 2013. We appreciate your understanding and support with this process.

Report Cards

Student Report Cards will be send home on Thursday 13th 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 small number of books that have not been returned. Could we please have all borrowed books returned to the library as soon as possible?

P&C Committee

I would like to thank the dedicated and hardworking P&C Committee for their efforts in 2012. It has been an absolute pleasure working with them. The staff, parents and students value both the financial and physical support they have offered in 2012. I am looking forward to working with them again in 2013.

I would like to wish you a safe and happy holidays and look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

Ms Barry
**P/1 News**

We have had a wonderful year in the P/1 classroom. We have been engaged in a variety of learning experiences and enjoyed every moment. It has been a beautiful class to teach and both Mrs Hauritz and myself will be sad to say goodbye for the holiday break. We would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers that have helped in our classroom throughout the year. We have been fortunate enough to have lots of help! Your help has made the year a great success. We wish you a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you again in the new year. Merry Christmas.

Ms Barry Mrs Hauritz.

**2/3 News**

The end of the year has rushed up quickly and we are now preparing for the holidays. This is my last year at Mt Kilcoy State School and I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff, students and school community for making my time here so enjoyable. This is a fantastic little school that does big things and I wish you all the very best for the future. I would also like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very safe New Year.

Katrina Burgess

**4/5 News**

As the end of the year approaches, students have completed their main assessment items for the term. At present, they are sharing their art/technology story, first with each other and next week with other classrooms. This task involved using the grasshead creature from our science experiment and teaming it with a character constructed from art materials, to create a funny story. Scenes were planned and filmed in various locations around the school grounds. Then they were put together in sequence as a powerpoint and text added to finish the story. What a great job each student has done with this task and the stories are giving us a few laughs.

Our Awards Night presentation practice is well under way and students are looking forward to the fun swimming day next Thursday morning.

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 2013. Thank you also to parents for supporting your child/children during the year. Well done students and parents and have a safe and happy holiday.

June Tones

**6/7 News**

Well, here we are with only 2 days left in the school year! It’s nearly unbelievable! Tonight we will be celebrating our achievements from throughout the year with our Awards Night starting at 6.30pm. The 6/7 class have been busily preparing for this event, creating an amazing movie highlighting the 2012 school year in images. We have also prepared our class performance which involves a little bit of poetry - this should be highly entertaining!

Well that’s about it from me. I would like to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the year and in particular congratulate both students and parents for your combined commitment to education. Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2013!

Andrew Triggs
**Best of luck to our Year 7 Graduating Class of 2012**

We would like to wish our current Yr 7s the very best of luck on their journey into high school. Congratulations on completing Yr 7 at Mount Kilcoy State School.

Coen, Nellie, Cassady, Hannah, Jack, Josh, Ryan, Angus, Troi, Jimmy and Henry.

**Swimming Fun Day**

Tomorrow we will be holding our end of year Swimming Fun Day. All students are to come to the Kilcoy Aquatic Centre by 8.45am. Bus students will continue on their buses through to Kilcoy Aquatic Centre. All other students will need to be dropped at the pool by 8.45am. A bus will be collecting students at 11.00am to return to the school for the P&C end of year sausage sizzle. Parents are invited to come along to the pool and share in the fun with your children.

**Report Card**

Report cards have been sent home tomorrow with your children.

**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 2012. Your help, enthusiasm and assistance throughout the year has been greatly appreciated.

A big special thank you to Christensens for their kind donation of transport for our Swimming Fun Day tomorrow.

**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. We wish you all the very best and are very proud to have had you as part of the Mt Kilcoy State School community.

**Leaders for 2013**

Congratulations all of our Year 6 student applicants for your outstanding performance and excellence in the recent Leadership Selection Process.

We are pleased to announce that the following candidates were successful in securing a leadership position for 2013.

The official endorsed leadership positions for 2013 are as follows:

- **School Captains**: Amanda Mills, Alec Walsh
- **Omaroo Captains**: Hannah Bichel, Tyler Knapp
- **Yuranga Captains**: Angus Ludgate, Amanda Mills

**Student Council Representatives**

- **President**: Kim Gowans
- **Secretary**: Camille Timu
- **Treasurer**: Amy Higgins

Well done to those students and we look forward to a wonderful year in 2013 working with you as school leaders.

**2013 Class Compositions**

The class composition and teaching staff for 2012 will be:

- **Prep**: Cheryl Hauritz
- **1/2**: Stacey Allsopp
- **3/4**: June Tones
- **5/6/7**: Andrew Triggs

Our enrolments for 2013 are high and we are close to having 5 classes. There may be an opportunity to make an extra class after the first week of school next year. If so, our classes will change to Prep, 1/2, 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7.

**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 2013.
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

Merry Christmas and safe holidays to all staff, students and families from the P&C Committee of 2012. A big special thank you to all families who have donated financially and who have donated their time to the P&C this year. We will be holding our next meeting early in 2013. All positions will be open for 2013 and will be nominated at the AGM. Please think about taking on a position with the P&C to have input into your child’s education.

Mount Kilcoy Progress Association Community Christmas Night

15th December 3.00pm start

Santa arrives 5.00pm

(Please phone Kylie between 12.00pm-12.30pm on 54981777 regarding Santa’s visit)

$5 per adult $2 per child Sausage Sizzle provided

BYO drinks/plate of shared nibbles

All welcome