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 next year. Mrs Cheryl Hauritz has taken a permanent position at Tullawong State School from 2014. Mrs Hauritz has taught a variety of classes at Mount Kilcoy since 2006 and has developed many strong relationships with children, staff and parents during those years. We appreciated her dedication to Mount Kilcoy School and wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Paige Somerville will be taking the Prep/1 teaching position next year. Mrs Angela Burgess has been a great asset to our school as our Learning Support teacher in 2011 and 2013. Her knowledge in the area of learning support has assisted both students and staff greatly. We wish her all the best in her new teaching position at Woodford State School. We would also like to thank Mrs Andrea Hutchinson for her dedication in teaching the 1/2 class this year and Mr Dominic Ward for teaching LOTE this semester. We wish you all the best for 2014.

Classes for 2014
Next year, our numbers indicate that we will be working from a 4 class model. Our classes will be Prep/1, 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7. Please take note of the predicted classes attached to this newsletter.

Report Cards
Student Report Cards will be sent home on Thursday 12 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 2013. It has been an absolute pleasure working with them. The staff, parents and students value both the financial and physical support they have offered. I am looking forward to working with them again in 2014.

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

Selina Barry
**Prep News**

I will be very sad to leave Mount Kilcoy School and all the families and staff. It has been a privilege working here and I have enjoyed my time immensely. A very big thank you to all staff volunteers for your support. I have enjoyed your company and the professional manner that you work in.

Congratulations and good luck to the preps as they finish the year and prepare for Yr 1 in 2014. You have all worked hard and I am very proud of you.

Cheryl Hauritz

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**1/2 News**

What a fantastic year we have experienced in the 1/2 classroom! We have designed and created lunchboxes, discovered the changes in the day and night time sky, advanced our literacy and numeracy skills and discovered how changes in technology have shaped our daily lives. As well, we have participated in swimming lessons, swimming and sporting carnivals, community events such as Kilcoy Wine, Food and Art Festival, enjoyed visits from “Aka the Fire Ant Dog”, and a performance from ArtsLink to name a few.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff, students and school community of Mt Kilcoy State School for your tremendous support and making my time enjoyable. I wish you all a relaxing and safe Christmas break. Best wishes.

Andrea Hutchinson

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**2/3 News**

With 2013 rapidly coming to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and a happy new year! I look forward to seeing you all in 2014!

Stacey Lambert

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**4/5 News**

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 2014. 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 fun swimming carnival on Thursday afternoon.

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

June Tones

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**6/7 News**

Well, here we are! The end of 2013!

The last few weeks have been a great time in the 6/7 classroom. Students were involved in the excursion to the Gardens Point QUT Campus, the FLL Lego tournament in Sydney and the Year 7 Graduation Dinner, just to name a few of the more significant happenings! It sure was a great end to the year!

I would just like to keep this item short, so I would like to congratulate all of the 6/7 students for their hard work and dedication to learning throughout the year- they are a super bunch of kids! I would also like to thank all of the parents/carers for your support throughout this year and finally, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year- and I’ll see you in 2014!

Andrew Triggs
Best of luck to our Year 7 Graduating Class of 2013

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.

Cora, Camille, Erin, Alec, Kim, Amy, Tyler, Hannah, Gus and Amanda

Awards Night Raffle

The P&C will be holding their annual raffle at this year’s Awards Night tonight. Some raffle tickets have already been pre-sold but will also be sold at the door. Awards Night starts at 6.30pm sharp.

Booklist for 2014

Booklists for 2014 were sent home with the last newsletter. If you have not received next years booklist, please contact the school office immediately.

Swimming Fun Day

Tomorrow we will be holding our end of year Swimming Fun Day. All students are to come to school as normal, and Christensens are providing a bus to take us to the pool at lunch time. Bus students will be catching afternoon buses from the Primary school and all other students are to be collected from the pool by 2.50pm. Parents are invited to come along to the pool and share in the fun.

Report Card

Report cards will be sent home tomorrow with your children. Please ensure you receive these. Please contact the school if you don’t receive them.

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 2013. 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.

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 2014.

Uniforms for Kilcoy High School

For the year 7 students that will be attending Kilcoy High School next year, their uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 22 and Friday 24 January from 8.30am. Please contact the high school for further details.

Last Day—Tidy Up Day

This Friday will be our last day of the school year for 2014. This is a normal school day, so children are expected to attend school as usual. Students will be helping tidy up classrooms in preparation for 2014.
We're on the Web

www.mtkilcoyss.eq.edu.au

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

Uniform Shop

To purchase school uniforms, please contact Vicki Higgins. As our uniforms are purchased and paid for by our P&C, all purchases need to go through our uniform convenor. Vicki can be contacted on 0488 081 243. We have many unclaimed jumpers and hats at school. At the end of this term, we will be washing these up and donating them to the uniform shop. Please have your children check these items.

Mount Kilcoy Progress Association Community Christmas Night

14 December 3.00pm start

Santa arrives 5.00pm

(Please bring your child’s gift, wrapped and name clearly marked for Santa to hand out. Value $10.00. Give to Kylie on arrival.

Free jumping Castle

$5 per adult $2 per child Sausage Sizzle provided

Christmas Carols

BYO drinks/plate of shared nibbles

All welcome

If you have a hidden talent, please do not hesitate to entertain us during the evening.

eg singing, dancing, poetry recital, play a musical instrument etc. (see Kylie)