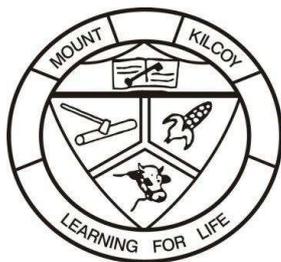


# Mount Kilcoy State School



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Issue 2

## Term 2 Calendar: Wks 2-5 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2	22	23 Parade 2.45-3.10 Camouflage Day	24 Breakfast Club	25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday	26
Week 3	29	30 Parade 2.45-3.10	1 Breakfast Club Book Club due Science Van	2	3 Bingo—Mt Kilcoy Hall Tuckshop
Week 4	6	7 Parade 2.45-3.10	8 Breakfast Club Quick News	9 Cross Country Mother's Day Stall	10 Mother's Day Stall
Week 5	13	14 Parade 2.45-3.10 NAPLAN	15 Breakfast Club NAPLAN	16 NAPLAN	17 Bingo—Mt Kilcoy Hall Tuckshop

### From the Principal

Welcome back to term 2. I trust everyone enjoyed the two week break over Easter. The calendar is already looking very full this term.

#### **Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to Yuranga for winning. I would like to thank our wonderful staff for running a very successful Inter-house Swimming Carnival on the last day of term 1. I was again impressed with the high standard of behaviour and sportsmanship displayed throughout the carnival. It can be a very long day, especially for our younger students, yet the children showed terrific sportsmanship right to the very end.

I would like to give special mention to Mrs Smith and Ms Pratten for working hard throughout the term to ensure our students were well prepared to compete in the carnival. Thank you also to our hard working P&C and volunteers for the delicious sausage sizzle.

#### **Kilcoy Show**

Well done to our students and teachers for providing some very talented work displayed at the Kilcoy Show this year. I would like to specially mention Mrs Hill and Miss Perry for working hard to set up our display. It looked terrific!

#### **NAPLAN**

This term, students in years 3, 5 and 7 will participate in National testing in Numeracy and Literacy. This semester, students have received additional support in individualised areas to them achieve their full potential. Students will also participate in practice tests during the next 3 weeks to ensure they are familiar with testing conditions. They may also receive practice questions for homework. Please encourage your child to do their best. If you have any questions regarding National Testing, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

#### **Attendance**

Attendance at school every day gives your child the best opportunity to do well. Attached is a table outlining how continuous absenteeism from school adds up throughout your child's schooling. An Education Queensland fact sheet for attendance is also attached to this month's newsletter.

#### **Special Thank You**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Darryl Higgins for mowing the school hill. Darryl maintained the hill for us throughout 2012 and has continued to keep it looking terrific this year. His assistance is most appreciated.

We would also like to thank Aland's Fruit and Vegies for their continuous donation of fruit for our breakfast club again in 2013. The students really enjoy their delicious breakfast. Mrs Bechly has been doing an amazing job every Wednesday morning, organising and preparing the breakfast meals for our students. Mount Kilcoy students are very lucky!!

Selina Barry

## **Prep News**

Welcome back to Term 2. This term is the first time Preps are studying History under the new C2C curriculum. Letters have been sent home concerning when each child will have their turn to present their family photos. Spelling Bee folders have also been sent home- please contact me if you have not received either.

The English unit this term is about recounting and telling stories. In our Maths unit, we are practising counting forwards and backwards from any number and creating repeating patterns as well as building a vocabulary of maths terms to describe and compare length, width and height.

The Science unit is based on using our senses to observe and explore different types of materials and their properties such as wood, plastic and rubber.

Thank you to all parents for assisting Preps to complete the Homework Grids. The activities are designed to share some quality time and practise skills with an adult. Although not compulsory, they are beneficial for your child and it really makes a difference.

## **1/2 News**

Term two introduces your child to History where we will be discovering words and terms describing past, present and future events. For assessment each child will be building a time capsule requiring the collection of sources and items of class work, items relating to key milestone in their life as well as an object of personal significance. Please remember to provide your child with a shoe box sized box to commence their time capsule.

For English this term, 1/2s are discovering poetry. There will be an opportunity for budding poets to perform a recital in front of the class using facial expressions and gestures. If your child is using their facial expressions and gestures to read to you during your nightly reading time, please encourage them, as this will be great practice when it comes time for their performance.

During Maths, the 1/2s will be building on key mathematical concepts as well as exploring location and following directions, interpreting simple maps, recognising shapes, and telling time. In Science we are looking at the changes that occur to the landscape and the difference between the day and night sky.

On another note, our school is conducting a Spelling Bee with each child in the class given one or more list words to learn. This is a good opportunity for your child to expand their vocabulary as these are separate to their usual weekly spelling words. On the last day of term, a formal Spelling Bee contest will see a number of students from local schools compete in an Interschool Spelling Bee.

You will notice the nightly homework routine has changed slightly with the provision of the first 5 week's spelling words, the introduction of a comprehension and a math activity. It is great to see how many students are completing their nightly homework – a big thank you to the parents and carers who assist and encourage their child/student to complete this task. For those students who attend morning reading sessions in the library, a big thank you and well done! Your time and effort has paid off with improvement in both your reading and spelling. As a parent/carers, please encourage your child/student to attend these mornings in the Library (Tuesdays and Thursdays.) Unfortunately, the school trial for Reading Eggs has expired and the possibility of subscribing is uncertain. Other programs are currently

being explored to support your child's learning in the area of phonics and vocabulary.

Lastly, I know family life is hectic at any time. (I know from experience...) However, please ensure your child gets a good night's sleep each night (at least 8 hours) and send them off to school after having a healthy breakfast.

## **2/3 News**

Welcome back to Term Two!!! I hope that everyone enjoyed their holidays. This term has started off quickly. In English we are continuing with Persuasive texts, which is great preparation for the year three NAPLAN tests.

In Maths we will continue our counting practice and revise our number fact recall. Testing your children in the car will assist their ability to recall these quickly and this in turn assists when completing mathematical operations. The year 2s will be looking at direction and 2 and 3 dimensional shapes. We will start looking at fractions and continue with our number work and 2 digit operations. The year 3s will be investigating 3 dimensional shapes, continuing place value activities, we will review fractions and begin using decimal places.

The class is really enjoying Science and History so far this term. In Science, we are looking at Solids and Liquids and how temperature affects different items. History is a journey back in time to look at how technology has changed over the years. Lots of interesting discussions have already taken place. Thanks to those parents who have allowed their children to bring in historical items. The kerosene lamp was a great talking point.

We look forward to a busy and productive term!

## **4/5 News**

This term includes the spelling bee, NAPLAN testing for Year 5s in mid May and numerous tasks and projects to be completed before the end of term report cards are issued. In English, Year 5 are revising all types of persuasive text in preparation for the Year 5 writing component of the NAPLAN Test. Our unit for the first five weeks is about making comparisons between a novel and the film version of the novel. Our Maths curriculum for each year level is determined by the Australian Curriculum, as is the Science, which is called 'Matter Matters' [solids, liquids, gases] This term, we are beginning to implement the History component of the Australian curriculum. Students will investigate the journeys of exploration leading up to the European settlement in Australia.

Homework tasks will depend on curriculum content, but tables, spelling, reading are nightly tasks. Accelerated Reader points targets for Term 2 have been set at a minimum of 10 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 point per week and Year 5 to earn 1.5 points per week, which is an achievable goal.

Later in the term, there'll be school photos, a visit from the Science van, Cross Country, Book Fair and Showcase. As usual, Term 2 will prove to be a busy one indeed.

## Cross Country

### 6/7 News

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone had a refreshing and invigorating break.

Here in the Year 6/7 Classroom we have started the new term in a flurry. Our big focus for the next few weeks will be on preparing our Year 7 students for NAPLAN testing. Students have been busily preparing by completing comprehension activities, spelling tasks and writing persuasive responses. Hopefully with all our hard work, we will produce some fantastic results in these tests!

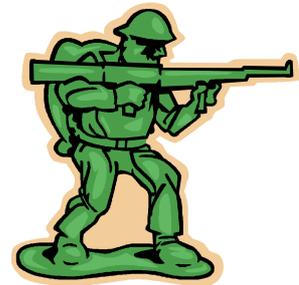
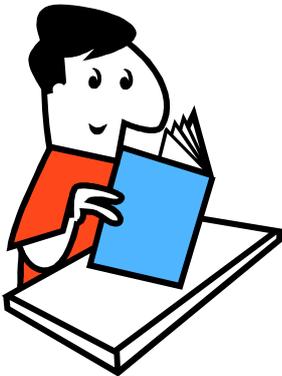
On the class work front, we continue our units in Maths, Science, English and History. These units have been highly engaging and along with our usual classroom activities of Mathletics, Fast Maths and Accelerated Reader, form the basis for the continual improvement of our students.

Please note that during our first week back, a number of students have not completed their homework tasks as required. Reading for 15 mins each night is imperative for students to make improvements in literacy development. Add to this our times tables practice, spelling and other activities as required, and students should complete about 30 mins of homework each night.

I look forward to catching up with everyone throughout the term– it's sure to be a busy one!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please feel free to contact me at school at any time on [atrig3@eq.edu.au](mailto:atrig3@eq.edu.au) or 54981777. Thanks and I look forward to a productive Term 2 in the 6/7 classroom!

Andrew Triggs



### Religious Education

Recently, a member of the Anglican Church has contacted our school and expressed interest in delivering a Religious Education program to our students. A survey is attached to this newsletter to establish parent interest in their child/ren accessing an **optional** religious education program at school. If this is a service you would like your child/ren to have access to, could you please fill out and return the attached survey to the school. This program will not be considered unless it is well supported by the school community.

### Camouflage Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in 'Camo Day' yesterday. Everyone had a great day in their camo gear. The Student Council raised a total of \$96 to donate to Legacy.

### Book Fair

A Scholastic Book Fair will be held from May 20 to 24 at our school. Competitions will be run where students can win vouchers to spend at the Book Fair and some wonderful books will also be awarded as prizes. Mt Kilcoy has not had a Book Fair for a few years now so we welcome your support. The more books and items we sell, the more we can earn for the school.

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### Administration

- Please ensure that when you visit the school grounds, you sign in at the office first. This is to ensure that we are complying with Education Queensland Policy and our Critical Incident Policy.
- As you are aware, schooling every day is most important. Please contact Kylie in the office to record your child's absence. If you are sending a note, please ask your child to take it to the office.
- Please remember when collecting children, they are not to cross the road unless accompanied by an adult. Students are to remain within school grounds until collected. Please do not walk behind the staff car park. Use the personal gate on the lower side of the car park.
- Students are not to arrive at school before 8.15am, as no supervision is available before then.

### P & C News

#### Tuckshop

The P&C will be holding fortnightly tuckshop this term beginning on Friday 3 May. Menu details will be sent home this week.

#### Mother's Day Stall

The P&C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall for students at MKSS on the mornings of Thursday 8 and Friday 9 of May. Items will be priced from \$1 to \$5. These items will be available for purchase from 8:30am to 8:55am, prior to school starting.

#### Uniform Shop

To purchase school uniforms, please contact Vicki Higgins (our new uniform convenor). 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

#### Next Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held in the School Staffroom on Wednesday 15 May at 3.30pm. All welcome.