### Term 4 Calendar: Weeks 6-9 2014

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### From the Principal

**Volunteers and Sponsors of 2014**
It was great to celebrate our volunteers and sponsors in 2014 with a special parade and morning tea last Wednesday. We realise that not all volunteers and sponsors could make it, but we would like to extend our thanks to everyone that has helped Mount Kilcoy State School in 2014. We certainly appreciate the support of the local community, parents and businesses.

**Graduation and Awards Nights**
Mount Kilcoy staff are busy preparing for our upcoming Graduation and Awards Nights. This year due to numbers, our Graduation for Year 6 and Year 7 students will be held at the Kilcoy Memorial Hall on Thursday 4 December. Our Annual Awards Night will be held at the Mount Kilcoy Hall on Wednesday 10 December. We are looking forward to celebrating these nights with the students, parents and community.

**FLL Lego Tournament**
With the success of our FLL Lego Team in 2013, this year Mount Kilcoy have nominated 2 teams to compete in the FLL Lego League competition this weekend at the Caboolture QUT. We wish them all the best!

**Attendance**
Did you know that students with 95% attendance this term will go into a weekly draw to win a $25 Wish Voucher (Woolsworths/Big W/ Caltex)? One voucher is given away each week on our school parade. Currently, Mount Kilcoy attendance data is 92%, just below the state target of 92.7%. Regular attendance is vital as students are currently participating in assessment which will be reported upon in the end of semester report cards. 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 new [Every Day Counts videos](http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland) live on DETE TV.

Selina Barry
Principal
In Prep/One we have been busy in Geography learning about special places and how they are cared for. Last week, the children created a model or painted a picture of their own special place and then labelled it with the main features. We have also been learning about the seasons and are discussing how our special places are affected by the changes in the seasons. Ask your child what their special place is and talk about how the different seasons might influence it. Here are some photos of our special places. Lots of our kids chose the pool as their special place. I think they are feeling the heat!

The children have all been set new reading goals on our class goal wall. They are working hard on their sight words and reading strategies to help achieve their goals. Please keep up the home reading and sight word practise!

Wow! This term is moving along very quickly, with so many things happening and still so many things still to achieve.

Last week we celebrated “Volunteers Week” with a lovely assembly followed by morning tea. I would like to say a “Big Thank You” to all the parents who have helped in and out of the classroom throughout the year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Earlier this term we had a very special visit from “Blazer the Koala” and the fire personnel from Kilcoy. We learnt very important messages about safe and unsafe fires, what to do in an emergency and the safest procedures in a fire. To conclude the information we were entertained with all of us having-a-go at holding the high pressure hose and firing it up in the air. Needless to say, I did get wet a few times from some very careful aiming. Please enjoy the photos.

Thank you to those student whom have been doing their homework tasks, especially the talks on their given day. We have had many delicious recipes (procedures) shared, olden day items discussed and now we are seeing some fabulous posters about the life stages of a plant or animal.

Lastly, the next two weeks are particularly crucial for the children to be at school as they are completing all their assessment tasks for their final reports. Please ensure they are here every day so they don’t miss any learning and can achieve their absolute best. Keep up the great reading and spelling activities each night at home.

Yours in education,
M. Burkett

We are very busy in our classroom at the moment finalising assessment tasks and projects. In our final English unit we will be looking at Aboriginal legends and focussing on comprehension skills. In Maths we will continue working with numbers and revising those tricky concepts of fractions, decimals and time.

In Science we have been studying the Earth’s movement around the sun, how shadows are formed and how shadows change over the day. In Geography we have focussed on the key concepts of Recycling, Reducing, Replacing and Reusing. The children have been very creative in designing a poster to relay that message to their classmates.

I’m very proud of the children’s attitudes towards meeting their targets for accelerated reader this term. Each student has a target of 10 (usually its in individualised target with the best readers having much higher targets). Many of our class are on track to meet that target with a number that have already met that target! Well done to those students. As a bonus incentive for each student that achieves 5 points over their set target they will receive an additional entry into our end of year class draw. The efforts that the children have put into their reading has been reflected in the leaps the children have made in their individual reading levels. And I have a feeling that every student is going to have at least one additional entry into the prize draw.

As our assessment wraps up we are busy rehearsing for our awards night performance which will be here before we know it. The children are doing an exceptional job on this project and I can’t wait for the children to show off their talents! Till next time!

Stacey Lambert

As the term progresses, students are working hard to complete the content for our last two Australian Curriculum units in Maths, English and Science, as well as various tasks in History, the Arts and Technology.

They are currently composing a newspaper article about an environmental issue, which they will present to the class. Some mathematics activities involve revising decimals, division, interpreting data, constructing graphs and tables and problem solving. Of course it goes without saying how important it is that students at this stage have quick recall of their multiplication tables and accompanying division facts. Many other areas of maths rely on the accurate application of this knowledge.

Well done to those children who have already reached their set Accelerated Reader target for the term, which is 18 for Year 5 and 14 for Year 4. Weekly targets are set and monitored to ensure students keep track of their progress.

This term, the Science content involves looking at plants, seeds, life cycles and a range of habitats. Our History research on important events in colonial Australia is almost complete. We have also been practising our plays with much enthusiasm.

As you can see, with many projects in various stages of completion, there’s quite a deal of work to do as the term unfolds. The final project will be working on our end of year presentation for Awards Night.

June Tones
6/7 News

Well, surprising as it is, we have nearly reached the completion of yet another school year! Here in the 6/7 classroom we have been ‘nose-to-the-grindstone’, with students busily working on a wide-range of learning experiences. Not only have we completed another English Unit based around comparing informative and literary texts, we have also completed assessments in mathematics, built paddle-pop towers in Technology and learnt a series of dances as a part of Arts activities. We have also been truly engrossed in our Lego Robotics tasks, with a number of our students preparing to represent the school at the FLL competition to be held this Saturday, 15 November, at QUT Caboolture.

During this term, we have also been lucky enough to participate in a number of Science excursions to Kilcoy State High School as an entire class. This has been a great opportunity for our students to get a further idea of what Kilcoy State High can offer them in 2015. (Just a quick reminder also to make sure that any outstanding enrolment forms for the high school are returned ASAP!) This week, we will be aiming to produce and test Oxygen gas by way of chemical reaction in the laboratory. This should be great fun—nearly as much fun as ‘The Pop-Test’ for Hydrogen gas in last week’s session.

Outside of our regular classroom activities, we also have an enormous number of extracurricular activities coming-up over the next few weeks. On Friday 21 November, our students will be involved in the Yowie Cup football carnival versus Kilcoy State School to be held at Kilcoy Hopetoun fields from 9.15-12.00pm. On completion of these activities, our students will then attend Kilcoy Pool for some afternoon swimming activities. On the following Friday, 28 November, all students in 6/7 will attend our ‘Explore Uni’ excursion to QUT’s Gardens Point campus in Brisbane. Please be aware that this will be an early morning for everyone—students needing to be at school at 6.45am in order to catch the bus. Finally, just a reminder that the Graduation Dinner for our entire class is fast approaching on Thursday 4 December at the Kilcoy Memorial Hall. Formal invitations and details will go home shortly—so stay tuned!

Well, that’s about it for this edition. I would just like to remind our students of the importance of maintaining effort in homework, spelling and reading tasks up until the end of the year. Students are aware of the fact that if these tasks are not completed, that they may have to miss some of the extracurricular activities in order to catch-up on required work. Finally, I would also like to thank parents for your support throughout the year. It has been another very busy year and I look forward to the final few weeks of fun in the 6/7 room! If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s progress, please feel free to contact me at school on 54981777 or email me at atrig3@eq.edu.au.

Andrew Triggs

Prep Enrolments for 2015

Mt Kilcoy State School is now taking enrolments for Prep in 2015. Enrolment packages can be collected from the school office.

Leadership Speeches

On Monday 24 November, our current year 5 students will be presenting their leadership speeches to the school community as part of the process towards obtaining a leadership position for 2015. The speeches will begin at 9.00am in the library.

Awards Night Raffle

The P&C will be holding the annual raffle at this year’s Awards Night. Parents and caregivers are asked for donations towards the Christmas raffle. There will be a basket in the school office for your donations. Raffle tickets will be pre-sold as well as sold at the door on the night.

Booklist for 2015

Booklists for 2015 are attached to this newsletter. If you do not have these booklists, please contact Mrs Fry in the school office.

Spellathon Spending Spree

This year, Mount Kilcoy students raised over $3600 in the Spellathon competition held in term 2. These funds have gone towards purchasing new reading resources for our school library. Mrs Hill has been working hard to get all of the new books covered and catalogued so that students can enjoy them before the end of the year. This is also a wonderful legacy for our year 6 and 7 students to leave behind, as children will enjoy reading these books for years to come. Before we add them to our collection, we will be displaying them for parents and students to view. They will be on display this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the library for anyone that would like to have a browse. They will then be available to borrow in weeks 7 and 8. Well done Mr Triggs, Mrs Hill and the Mount Kilcoy community!

Weeds out of Control Seminar

On Monday 24 November, Bruce Lord will be holding a ‘Weeds out of Control’ seminar at the Mt Kilcoy hall. Please see attached flyer for details of this event.
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 cars in the staff car park. Use the concrete path and 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

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 November at 3.30pm in the school staffroom. Please come along and support decisions that need to be made by the P&C. All welcome.

P&C Christmas Hamper
The P&C would like to ask for donations for this year’s Christmas Hamper Raffle. Tickets will be available at the Awards Night and it will be drawn at the end of the Awards Night program. It would be great to get as many donations as possible to make the hamper as big as we can!

Christmas Movie Night
The P&C will be holding a Christmas Movie Night at the Mount Kilcoy Hall on Friday 21 November, starting at 6:30pm. Tickets are $5 per child and can be purchased at the door and include a popper and popcorn. Parent supervision is required. The movie title will be communicated closer to the event.

A Message from the Chaplain

Online Safety—THINKUKNOW

This is a great resource to help kids and parents understand cyber safety and to make positive choices. Visit www.thinkuknow.org.au/kids. There are great YouTube clips and up to date technical activities on this site.

Can you believe we are now counting down the days to the end of school? Christmas will be here before we know it. I’m sure your children are getting their Christmas wish lists ready to send to Santa or give to parents. To get into the Christmas spirit, the Caboolture Full Gospel Church will be having a Christmas Carnival on Saturday 6 December, from 4pm. There will be lots of fun things to see and do including jumping castles, petting zoo, face painting and a Santa visit just to name a few. If you would like more information, look on the notice board outside the school office or see me at school Tuesdays or Fridays.

Your Chaplain

Terrie Beakey