Welcome back to Term 3. Miss Barry is absent for several weeks due to illness, so I would like to wish her a speedy recovery on behalf of the staff, students and Mt Kilcoy School community. I will be Acting Principal during her absence. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Burkett to our staff. She is replacing Miss Krystyna in the Year 1/2 classroom. There have also been 5 new enrolments this term, bringing our total number of students to 110. Mt Kilcoy School would like to welcome these families.

Term events
Starting with the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 21 July, there are quite a few events already scheduled for this term. Students may qualify for district and regional competitions, depending on their performance at our Athletics carnival. Week 6 is Book Week with the Book Character Dress-up Parade on Tuesday 19 August, which is the day Mrs Bell, our librarian, teaches at Mt Kilcoy. During the afternoon on this day also, is our annual Ball Games Carnival.

We have arranged for a visiting Science show in week 7. Valley Champions Netball/Football Day is week 8 and Years 6 and 7 have separate orientation days at Kilcoy High School in week 9.

Fancy Dress Ball
The P&C Fancy Dress Ball, which is traditionally held last term, has been rescheduled to take place on Friday 12th September, which is at the end of week 9. The last term of the year is always extremely busy, so this should free up the calendar a little for term 4.

Athletics Carnival
Thank you everyone for a very successful Athletics Carnival on Tuesday. It was great to see so many parents/spectators to cheer on the students. Special thanks to staff and the P&C for all your effort and organisation to make this a successful day. Congratulations to Yuranga for being the winning team on the day.

Absences
Remember 'Every Day Counts', and each school day is important to your child’s learning. If students are absent, please phone the office or write a note to explain.

June Tones
Acting Principal
**Prep/1 News**

Welcome back. I can't believe that it's term 3 already.

I want to start by saying a big thank you to all of the parents who came to watch our Prep/One Poetry Recital. It was great to see such a large turn out. I'm sure you were all as proud as I was of their performances. Excellent work Prep/One students!! We are already busy getting into our new units for the term. In Science, we are learning about the changes that happen around us as day turns to night. In English, the children are learning how to create characters for a familiar story. The Prep students have nearly learned all of the basic sounds in the alphabet and are making progress with using this knowledge in their daily writing.

We had a great day at the Athletics Carnival yesterday. It was wonderful to see you there cheering the kids on.

Paige Somerville

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**1/2 News**

Hi! My name is Mel Burkett and I am very excited about being your child's teacher of the 1/2 class.

I am an experienced teacher, having taught in a few schools all around Queensland and London at all year levels from Year 1 to Year 6. The last couple of years I have taught Year 1 and a Year 1/2 class in Brisbane. This year I moved to the Sunshine Coast and just finished a Year 2 contract at a lovely school community. I am Reading Recovery trained and very passionate about helping children to learn to read and enjoy books which I hope we can continue to encourage in your children.

My other interests include bush walking, yoga, tennis, gardening and basically anything to do with getting out in nature. I am really enjoying living in this part of the world and I am looking forward to being part of your community.

Enjoy the rest of your school holidays and please don't hesitate to introduce yourselves next term when you have a chance. I am excited to meet your children, and be working with them and yourselves.

Mel Burkett

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**3/4 News**

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays.

Already we are well underway with our units for this term. We are looking at Asian Stories in English. This will be a great opportunity to build up our word wall and get some creativity happening in our writing.

In Maths, we are working with money, continuing with fractions and of course place value. The children are loving our number facts races that we complete each day. It's a fun activity to reinforce our recall of number facts. Even if a child is stuck on a strip for a few days, they are able to see their progress each day as they work their way through the activity.

This term in History we are looking at the influence of settlement in Australia and how that changed the lives of the Aboriginal people that were living here at the time. We will be completing a research project during class time. In Science, we are looking at the environment and erosion in a unit called Beneath Our Feet.

Our homework tasks will continue to be spelling, number facts and reading with the addition of marking syllables in their spelling words on a Wednesday night and arranging their spelling words alphabetically on a Thursday night.

We are looking forward to another very busy term!!!!

Stacey Lambert

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**4/5 News**

For the first few weeks of term, Mr Dann will be teaching Year 4/5 on Mondays and Tuesdays. Miss Barry is absent due to illness and I will be Acting Principal during this time. Mr Dann will continue with the Australian Curriculum units scheduled for this term. The first five week English unit is a novel study of ‘Rowan of Rin’ by Emily Rodda. Our Science unit is called ‘Here Today, Gone Tomorrow’, and involves looking at weathering, erosion, rocks, soils and characteristics of the Earth’s surface. The History content will continue on from first term, studying the significant events and people who shaped the Australian continent in the colonial period after 1800.

Students have a few sporting events to look forward to this term. They include our School Athletics Day, Ball Games, Valley Champions Netball and Football Day and Football Gala Day. [day to be confirmed] Later in the term, we have Book Week and Book Fair, a visiting Science show and dance practice, as the Fancy Dress ball will be held at the end of Term 3.

Accelerated Reader targets for the term have been set at 12 points for Year 4 and 17 points for Year 5 and already many readers are on target by completing quizzes in the first week. Well done to these students! Also, learning times tables each week for homework remains a focus, as this knowledge forms the basis of most areas of mathematics. As you can see, we’re looking forward to a busy and productive Term 3.

June Tones
6/7 News

Congratulations Blake

Congratulations to Blake Anderson for his successful running at State Cross Country last Friday and Saturday at Daisy Hill in Brisbane. Blake did extremely well on Friday in his individual race of 2km coming first. Also, on Saturday, his team came third in the team relay. Blake now travels to Albany in WA in August, for the National Titles. Good luck Blake.

Athletics Carnival

Yesterday we held our annual Athletics Carnival at the high school oval. Thank you to staff and students for a successful day of sports and also special thanks to the P&C for the tuckshop and to the parents for baking goods and your ongoing support. Thank you to Mr V. for organising the day. Students who have been successful in making the district team will be advised very soon.

District Athletics

The Small Schools District Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 August at Glasshouse Mountains Sports Fields. Students will be selected after yesterdays results and will be advised within the coming weeks. Notes will be sent home to those students involved shortly.

Ballgames

Our annual Ballgames Carnival will be held on Tuesday 19 August. More details of this will be advised in later weeks.

School’s Opinion Survey

Please be advised that the School Opinion Survey details have been sent home with selected families this week. This year, the surveys are to be done online. If you don’t have access to a computer at home, you can contact the school office.

News from the Library

We will be running an Extreme Reading Competition to tie in with our Book Character Parade in Term 3. This is a great opportunity to take reading to a whole new level. Students are encouraged to take a photograph of themselves or a friend reading a book in an odd or unusual situation. It could be reading a book in a cubby house, up a hill or curled up like a koala on Mum’s back. We’ll be looking for the most creative and inventive ideas. All entrants must take into consideration, the health and safety of themselves and people around them. Only appropriate, and honest images will be accepted and used in a montage for the library. On the back of the entry, please write student’s name and year level. There will be prizes of $20 and $10 book vouchers (for the coming book fair).

Wilma Bell

Public Holiday

On Monday 11 August, the school will be closed for the Exhibition holiday. School will resume on Tuesday 12 August.
We’re on the Web
www.mtkiloys.eq.edu.au

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 in the school staffroom on Wednesday 20 August, at 3.30pm. All welcome.

BINGO!!!!!!!!!
Mt Kilcoy Hall
Friday 1 August
Doors Open—6.30pm
Start—7.00pm sharp
Please come along and enjoy the fun

Exclusive competition for Somerset Library members! (closes 31 July)

WIN $200 worth of books from Good Reading!

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Simply go to Somerset Library's webpage
click on
-> online resources
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What is the title and author of the first book reviewed in the Word of Mouth - General Fiction section?

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