



# THE KILCOY CACKLE

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## PRINCIPAL'S POINT OF VIEW

### Welcome

Welcome families to the 2015 school year. I hope you have all had a relaxing, safe and enjoyable break. As we commence the new school year, I have listed a few key topics that will assist the school.

### School Start Times

The first school bell rings at 8:45am with classes beginning at 8:50am. It is vital that students arrive at school in time for this first bell. Students arriving before 8:30am are to wait in the supervised area at the hall. If your child arrives at school after 9:00am or you intend to pick your child up early, a parent is required to sign the student in or out of school at the office. Joy or Cherry will issue you with a late arrival or early departure slip, that is then given to your child's class teacher.

### Healthy Lunchboxes

The school promotes students bringing a healthy lunch to school each day. The food in our student's lunchboxes provide the fuel for their learning. Students have the opportunity during first session to have fruit break. This a short 5 minute break in learning, to enable students to eat a piece of fruit and recharge, as we know some students eat extremely early in the mornings. Please visit <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/healthy-start/snacks-lunches.html> or collect a guide from the office. Please remember that we have some students with severe allergies and we ask parents to not place nut products in student's lunchboxes.

### Before School Reading Program

The school offers a before school reading program to students. For the program to be successful, it requires some parent helpers. Please find attached information on how you can help support this valuable program.

### Uniforms

Kilcoy State School has a uniform policy, supported by the P&C. The school will notify parents through the use of a pink slip if your child is in the incorrect uniform. Please speak to Mrs Lawrence or Mr Persini, if there are any concerns relating to your child's uniform. If your child is out of uniform for a day, please send a note to the classroom teacher.

### Out Of School Representation

If your child has participated in activities outside of school, please share their efforts and achievements with us.

### Stop Drop Go

The Stop Drop Go area is active after 8:30am and 2:30pm. The area on Royston Street includes the 2 white marked car parking bays linked to the yellow marked area. Parents are asked to drive around the block to allow other parents to collect children, if their child has not arrived. **Please do not park and wait or get out of the car and look for your child.**

### P & C

The P & C Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. The first meeting will be Tuesday, February 10. Please come along and have a say in what happens at our great school. A huge thank you to the P & C for the new play equipment that was installed over the school holidays. Thank you to parents who removed the old playground equipment. The new playgrounds are definitely an exciting talking point amongst the students.

### Payments

The office has EFTPOS available for parents to make school based payments. If parents believe they may have difficulty paying for an excursion or camp, the school does provide a progressive payment option. This option is required to be actioned before the camp and preferably as soon as notification of cost has been advised. Payments for the P & C (Uniform Shop and Tuckshop) are required in cash unless purchases are completed online.

### Communication

The Kilcoy State School website will contain a large amount of information this year. The website can be accessed from computers or mobile devices through the Q Schools app, <https://kilcoyss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>. The newsletter will continue to be published and sent home in paper form. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email please advise the office.

### Student Safety

The play equipment and school facilities are out of bounds to all students and parents before 8:30am and after 3:00pm. Please keep children off the equipment before and after these times. Please remember, if you or your child is having an issue or trouble at school, please speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Lawrence or Mr Persini. We can only help or resolve an issue if we know about it.

### **IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION**

Welcome back and best wishes for 2015.  
*Chaplain Kate*

**P & C Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 10  
3:30pm Staffroom

**Multi Instrumental Music Program**  
Students accepted into the Multi Instrumental Music Program, please return your completed form immediately.

**Uniform Shop**  
**Opening Times**  
Tuesdays between  
8:30am-9:00am

**No Parking In The School Grounds**  
Parents please remember you are not permitted to drive into the school grounds.

**Newsletter**  
Please advise the office if you would like to receive the newsletter via email.

